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Presently working as Deputy Librarian (Incharge-Librarian) at Indian Institute of Science Education and Research (IISER) Mohali on-lien with Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR), Dept. of Agricultural Research and Education, Min. of Agriculture, New Delhi.



Poses around 20 years of experience in various capacities in the field of Library and Information Science at different Institutes of ICAR across India.

Before joining IISER Mohali in 2011, was handling two libraries of ICAR (H.Qs Library at Krishi Bhavan and Indian Agricultural Statistical Research Institute (IASRI), PUSA campus, New Delhi) as Chief Librarian and Head of Library Information System respectively and also handling two World Bank, National , Multicore, Mega Projects simultaneously.

Having PhD in Library and Information Science with dual post graduate Degrees in Computer Science as well as in Library & Information Science, published 32 Papers , edited 7 Books and 02 Journals in LIS. Compiled **Bibliography on " Indian Ocean" : 1970-1995 , Compendium on IASRI Publications 1990-2000, and Annotated Bibliography on IISER Mohali Research publication 2007-12 .** Guided 01 PhD, 07 M.L.I.Sc., 06 MSc Computer Science and 02 PGDLAN of IGNOU, IARI, New Delhi, Global Open University, Nagaland . Evaluated the thesis of two years postgraduate Programme in Library Information Science being conducted by NISCAIR, CSIR. Delivered many talks at various Institutes in workshops and training programmes to the professionals as well as user Community. Organized two national conference, presented papers in many National and International Conferences, organized and attended many workshops, seminars and training to both Library professionals and as well as to user community. Successfully discharged duties as Chairman as well as an Expert in many selection and promotion Committees in various Institutes across India.

Received one of the most Prestigious awards "**Young Information Scientist - 2006**" by **Society for Information Science (SIS)**, "**The Best Citizen of India - 2011**" award by **The International Publishing House : The world's most leading biographical Specialists** and Selected for "**Glory of India Award- 2013**" by India International Friendship Society.

Handled successfully three national, multi Crore, mega library projects under National Agricultural Technological project (NATP) and National Agricultural Innovative Project (NAIP) under aegis of World bank. Prepared concept notes for these two projects and submitted to the ICAR authorities, which turned into two national mega Project proposals, 1. **Strengthening of Digital Library and Information Management under NARS (e-Grant ") (2009-12 extended upto 2014)** with objective to develop " WorldCat", Union catalogue of Agricultural libraries in association with OCLC and also to have repository of digital content of Agricultural literature' across India with capacity building of Ag.Library professionals. , 2. **consortium of e-Journals in Agriculture (CeRA) (2008-2011, extended upto 2014) e-resources** covering to 150 ICAR Libraries and 45 SAUs under National Agricultural Research System (NARS) submitted to the world Bank by ICAR. I am fortunate to be associated with these projects as the CPI & Institute administrator (Consortium Project investigator) under above two projects successfully.

Got an opportunity to prepare a concept note / project proposal for library component entitled "**Library Resources reflecting National Perspective under AKI - agriculture knowledge Innovation Programme**" under **Agricultural innovative Project (AKI) (2005)** in partnership between National Agricultural Library(NAL) , USA and National Agricultural Library (IARI) , India and it turned out into very fruitful project and ICAR has completed the project successfully.

Keeping in view the emerging technologies in library science, made a National study in the year 2001 on "Status of 150 ICAR Institutes and 38 State Agricultural Universities (SAUs) and prepared a project proposal based on findings of the study entitled "**Strengthening of Libraries and Networking under NARS**" (2002-2005) is one of the sub-Projects under ISD Subcomponent of O & M, the component of NATP funded by World Bank. After completion of the project again made a national study to know the on "**Impact of NATP on Indian Agricultural Libraries**" submitted the report to the ICAR and worldbank as an output of the project.

During the 20 years of experience apart from regular jobs of library, acquired knowledge in handling internal administration and management of library, Preparing budget Proposals for both Annual and Five year plans, Preparing QRT Reports on Library, Presentation to Accreditation Committee, Institute Research Advisory Committee, Foreign delegates Convene the meeting of different Committees.

Being a Chief Librarian at ICAR and Head, LIS of IASRI, got an opportunity to revamp the entire system of Library (both Physical as well as electronic) at both ICAR and IASRI into fully redesigned, refurbished, automated and computerized system. Presently working in the similar line with IISER Mohali library also.

As a part of the World bank project and worked very closely with "Online Computer Library Center, Inc. (OCLC), USA. Visited OCLC, Ohio; Library of Congress, Washington, D.C; National Agricultural Library, Beltsville, USDA, Maryland, USA; , Ohio University library, Ohio; Stanford university library, California; John Hopkins University Library, Baltimore; De La Salle University library, Manila, Phillipines; Hong Kong Central library, Hong Kong; Singapore Public library Singapore etc.,

Having knowledge on various Library management Softwares extensively worked on "**Alice for Windows**" (Commercial) "**e-Granthalay**" (Free) and "**Koha**" (open Source) developed online catalogues for IASRI (75,000 records) ICAR H.Q (One lakh records) and IISER Mohali(8,000 records). Applied Lib2.0 technologies, MARC-21, standards, Z35.50 protocols, barcoding in all above libraries.

Digitized and developed "Institutional Repository" of IASRI (Customized Software), ICAR (Dspace-through HCL) and IISER Mohali (Dspace) where we deposited Dissertation, Thesis, Research articles, Reports, PPTS, Press Clippings, Agriculture New clippings, Photo gallery, Videos, and many more.

Presently Working on furnishing, Implementing RFID technologies, Biometrics and CCTV Surveillance in IISER Mohali library and closely associated with INDEST-AICTE and IISER Consortium as a core Institutional member. Working as a member of National Advisory committee of Royal Society of Chemistry (RSC) in India.

Being a General Secretary of "**Association of Agricultural Librarians and Documentalists of Indian (AALDI)**" from 2008-11, made the society, revive, vibrant from dormancy since 1973 and made as a strong platform for Agricultural Librarians to discuss on Professional issues for improvement of services in Agricultural Libraries. Taken lead and put in hard work to enable the AALDI to organized three conferences within three years and also worked as Organizing Secretary of two National Conference on Theme "**Knowledge management in Globalized era**" -held in 2010 Delhi and "**National Conference of Agricultural Librarians and User Community- 2011**" under Theme "**Agricultural Librarians in the Knowledge Web**" during 24-25 Feb 2011 in memorable way bringing the users also into the fold. Prepared and submitted a report on the status of Ag. libraries in India to the Deputy Director General (DDG), Div. of Education, ICAR and sought additional funds to the libraries of NARS for the improvement of e-resources as well as infrastructure. To keep pace with the changing scenario and concept of librarianship, played a role as a part of the team to revive and bring out the 'Indian Journal of Agricultural library and Information service' regularly. Provided consultations to many libraries in ICAR in automation and digitization.

