i-KOAL 2022 witnesses a grand opening at Tumkur University

'Smart libraries have turned world into global village'

Tumkur: Prominent educationists and gallant members of academia flock in great numbers at the decorated avenues of Tumkur University.

On the 22nd April, Department of Research and Studies in Library and Information Sciences of Tumkur University played the gracious host to the reputed i-KOAL 2022, the two-day International Conference on Knowledge Organisation in Academic Libraries, a much appreciated initiative by the Library Professionals Association(LPA), New Delhi.

Post pandemic, offline events are making a slow but steady return. It feels nice to witness normal physical interactions again. Dignitaries from diverse cultural backdrops attending the conference have really turned the University into a melting pot of culture.

Registration began at the wee hours on Friday, over 250 delegates and students across the

Dignitaries during the inaugural ceremony of i-KOAL 2022 at Tumkur University. (From left) Dr. Hemavathi B. N., Dr. Rupesh Kumar A., Dr Anand A. Jha, Prof. B. T. Sampath Kumar, Dr Muttayya Koganuramath, Dr. R.N. Malviya, Prof. K. Shivachithappa, Prof. Keshava and Sri Salek Chand are seen.
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nation and borders attended the convention.

A formal inauguration marked the beginning of the two -day international conference. Dr Muttayya Koganuramath, Director of Basava International Information Center, Bengaluru, inaugurated the formal event. In his inaugural address he said, "Knowledge is the power which leads to wisdom. This can be achieved by translating the received information into wisdom through comprehension and experience. We are living in a society where information is constantly moving. It is available everywhere. Thus inferred information must be qualitative and clear."

Emergence of global village

"The information blossoms

in the morning, shine in the afternoon, and fades by evening. Nowadays libraries are becoming smart, we have to move along with them with equal smartness. These smart libraries have made the entire world into a global village by making transfer of information easy," he added.

Dr R. N. Malviya, President, LPA, said, "Globally the digital convergence is evolving day by day, we at the LPA believe in conducting education fairs, educational programs and orientation programs where in we anticipate a possible dialogue on importance of the library. In this digital library era, E-discovery tools and social networking tools are available freely. Students must make the most use of it."

Increase in digital reach

In his presidential remarks, Professor Keshava, the acting Vice-chancellor of Tumkur University said, "The main purpose of conducting these conferences is to emphasize on the importance of library. World has seen the explosive growth in the digital connectivity, adapting to the new technology has become the biggest challenge today. In this digital world, users are increasing very rapidly."

He also emphasized that E-books have modified the Ecosystem for the readers. At the same time, these digital platforms are creating obstacles for the marginalized people as well. People are finding it difficult to adjust with it, but these issues will be resolved in future."

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The VC concluded his address by quoting Albert Einstein as he said, "People who never made mistakes never tried anything new."

Speaking on this occasion Prof. K. Shivachithappa, Registrar of Tumkur University said, "The library is the heart of any educational system. Knowledge plays a very important role in sustaining the education system. Information Technology has led us into a digital world," he said.

Libraries are no different. The Library is usually defined as the store house for books, periodicals, journals, study materials, magazines, newspapers, etc. In today's era the library has a digitalized by which information can be passed quickly, he stressed.

Prof. B. T. Sampath Kumar, Chairman, Department of Studies and Research in Library and Information Science, Mr. Salek Chand, Dr. Anand A. Jha, Dr Rupesh Kumar A. among others were present on the occasion.

■ **Vishal Mayur, I MCJ**

Cultural extravaganza adds colours to i-KOAL 2022

Tumkur: As the sun glides into the west, the international conference gets groovy and tinted with rainbow colours. Dr Sree Shivakumara Mahaswamiji Auditorium is all set to witness an enchanting exuberance of culture and talent. Tumkur University being the good host had plans to enthrall, entertain and engage it's guests by showcasing our traditional art forms through this glittering event .

The cultural marathon began in gusto. The delegates got to relish an Indian classical dance performance by Vidushi Sindhu J Achar. Her mesmerizing moves for the song 'Mahadeva Shiva Shambho' were applauded and the artiste was facilitated by the University and the LPA.

Ms Rachana B, a trained classical singer rendered two songs- *Mohe rang do lal and tunturu…..*the background music supported the singer and her efforts were appreciated. The program became more vibrant when the delegates turned out to be great performers. Manjula Katti one

of the delegates sang a popular kannada folk song *yake badidadti tamma* while another delegate Ms Arpan from Chandigarh sang an old Hindi melody *Aaj jaane ki zid na karo*. The Infinity Dance Academy of Tumkur performed on a mashup of songs from many languages. They paid a tribute to Puneeth Rajkumar through their dance. The act was choreographed by Master Shashi.

Yakshagana , the ultimate performance of the night presented the grandeur of Karnataka's traditional art. Yakshadeevige, a Tumkur-based cultural organisation promoting Yakshagana, performed 'Veera Vrushasena' a tale from the epic Mahabharata. Arjun Kordel, Avinash Baipadithaya, Shikhin Sharma Sharavoor and Gopalakrishna Bhat performed as *himmela* while Arathi Patrame (Arjuna), Sibanthi Padmanabha K V (Krishna) and Pruthvichandra Peruvadi (Vrushasena) performed on *mummela*.

■ **Kiran Kumar P. & Madevi S., I MCJ**

Team Yakshadeevige receiving memento from Sri Salek Chand following their performance during the cultural evening on Friday. Photo: Abhishek M. V., II MCJ

i-KOAL 2022 has brought eminent scholars under one roof: Prof. Keshava

In this era of millennials, being informed is a virtue. Only an informed citizen can form opinions rationally. Here at Tumkur University, we groom the young minds and bring out the best in them. The i-KOAL-2022 is one such opportunity of global exposure and intellect expansion for our students. Prior to the international conference on Knowledge Organization in Academic Libraries , *Kalpataru Times* had a brief interaction with the acting Vice Chancellor of Tumkur University Prof. Keshava. Here is an excerpt:

■ **What is i- KOAL?**

It's International Knowledge Organization in Academic Libraries. In 2010, a small group of likeminded people got together and formed Library Professionals Association in New Delhi. Their main motive was to organize international conventions across the nation and form a forum for relevant discourse on library sciences and information designing. They called it 'i-KOAL'. We from the Department of Research and Studies in Library and Information Sciences, had attended one such international conference held at Ahmedabad in 2019. During one of our interactions , we had requested the association to carry out the next session of i-KOAL at Tumkur University. They had happily agreed. Due to the pandemic the conference

could only happen now.

■ **i-KOAL 2022 is an exemplary opportunity with a sneak peek into the global research arena. How is the experience of hosting the international conference?**

As the process initiated, we began talking with the Library Professionals Association. Once the idea of hosting their next conference at Tumkur University was approved by the Association and the University

as well. Post permissions and approvals, it was sheer commitment and will of our faculty that has made this conference possible today. They have been in constant touch with the association and have contributed invaluably. Moreover post pandemic, Tumkur University has been extremely vigilant and has followed the covid protocol strictly all through the organization. Resource persons are the

next big thing in any conference, we have been fortunate enough to get eminent scholars under one roof. We hope students can make most of it.

■ **You have got transitioned from academics to administration. Being the acting VC, what plans do you have for the TU?**

I have been a part of academics for 23 years now…. In 2021, I was appointed as the Dean for the faculty of Science and Technology. I am sure the valuable experience I have gained in the academics will guide my instinct in the administration. The acting VC gets to work for a limited tenure. Tumkur University needs only minor fix ups here and there. I want to concentrate on them. Providing adequate parking amenities will be my priority and we plan to get the tall buildings of Tumkur University painted as well.

■ **Do you agree that having a personal library, helps in grooming personality?**

Eminent personalities around the globe are believed to have personal libraries. Being in a teaching profession, knowledge is our asset. The more you read, the wiser you become. Books help a man to grow intellectually. Hence I endorseE having a personal library is essential.

■ **Gopala Y. R., I MCJ**

'Machine learning is key in information management'

Dr. H. T. Sathish Kumar, Dr. C. Krishnamurthy and Ms. Mamta Amarpuri during one of the technical sessions.
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Tumkur: Machine learning has a strategic role in information management and diffusion, said Dr. Jean–Charles Francois Lamirel from University Of Starsbourg, France.

Delivering the keynote address during the first session of the i-KOAL 2022 at Sir M. Visvesvaraya Auditorium, machine learning has been defined as prior research orientation area by the French government for the next decade.

Dr.K.Vinitha presented paper on Marketing of Library and Information Services, and she stated, "Today students have transitioned from Gurukul learning to Online Learning, in the same way marketing had grown online. Earlier it was pick and read, today it is click and read. A single click can give you details about the overall sources which is available in library, by sitting in the comfort of your home."

The session was chaired by Prof Mallinatha Kumbar of Mysore University. Prof. Keshava, the acting Vice Chancellor, Prof. K. Shivachithappa, the Registrar, Prof. P. Paramashivaiah, Finance Officer, Prof B.T. Sam-

path Kumar, Mr. Salek Chand, Anand Jha were present.

The second and third technical sessions were headed by Dr Sudhir Mandalia, University Librarian, SPU Anand, Gujrat and Prof Krishnamurthy C, Karnataka University, Dharwad respectively.

Ms Sunitha and PG Tadasad jointly presented a paper on rise of OER by PG students in a university environEment.

Dr Sarika Chaudhari elaborated about introducing MOOCs. Ms Mamatha Amarpuri's paper was a case study on the selected Libraries of Delhi.

Praveena Naik, Dr. Keshava and Balaraju N jointly carried a research on role of smart libraries in internet-based education in India: a conceptual framework.

'Smart libraries: New pattern of future libraries' was presented by Srinivasa Naik, Mallinath Kambar , Surendra C S and Harish S. N.

The best papers and presenters were facilitated and appreciated by the end of each session.

■ **Babu D. & Darshan D. S., I MA-MCJ**

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(Above) Sukhdev Singh Award for outstanding specially-abled LIS professional being conferred on Sri H. Nagaraja, Librarian, GFGC for Women, Pavagada. (Below) Dr. Shishir Mandalia, Dr. M. Doraswamy, Ms Gunjan Jain during the technical session. A group dance by Infinity Dance Academy of Tumkur. (Right) Bharatanatyam performance by Vidushi Sindhu J. Achar.
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