

WORKSHOP ON SHARING OF E-RESOURCES, DIGITAL DATA AND THEIR SECURITY – TECHNOLOGICAL ASPECTS

Promoting and creating awareness about the UGC-Infonet e-journal and digital library consortium, two days national workshop on “sharing of e-Resources, Digital and their security – technology aspects” was jointly organized by the Vidyasagar University, Midnapore and the INFLIBNET Centre, Ahmedabad on 24th and 25th January 2008 at B.C.Mukherjee Hall, Vidyasagar University. The workshop was inaugurated by Prof. D. Acharya, Director, Indian Institution of Technology, Kharagpur. The inaugural programme was presided by Prof. S.K.Pramanick, Vice Chancellor, Vidyasagar University. Other dignitaries present on the dias included Sh. Manoj Kumar, Scientist – D, INFLIBNET, Ahmedabad, Dr. Amardeep Singh, ERNET, New Delhi, Prof. S.K.Chakraborty and Prof. S.P.Singha, Deans of Faculties of Science and Arts, Vidyasagar University.

Welcome address was given by Sh. A.K.Sarkar, Deputy Librarian, Vidyasagar University. Prof. Acharya in his inaugural speech highlighted the importance of electronic journals in the field of modern research mainly in the field of S & T. He mentioned that the users in our country are not in a position to subscribe the international journals for their research. The Government should thus take this matter sympathetically and provide subsidy to encourage the users to consult more journals. He also mentioned that Republic of China had made remarkable progress in this aspect.

In his presidential address Prof. S.K.Pramanick, Vice Chancellor, Vidyasagar University paid thanks to the organizers for conducting such a workshop which will be useful to the users attending from various universities and colleges. He also requested the INFLIBNET Centre to give access to more on-line e-journals to meet up the growing demands of such valuable and essential journals for their researches. Sh. Manoj Kumar in his short speech clearly explained the need of such types of workshops to increase the usage of e-journals.

About 33 participants including library professionals, faculty members, research scholars from different universities and colleges in West Bengal registered for the programme.

In the technical sessions of the 1st day, Sh. Manoj Kumar K spoke on “UGC-Infonet : Infrastructure and future planning of INFLIBNET / UGC” and Dr.

Amardeep Singh from ERNET spoke on "Role of ERNET and its activities" Another lecture on "LAN-WAN integration under UGC-Infonet : its implementation - a case study" was delivered by Sh. S.Mallick, Director, Computer Centre Vidyasagar University. The technical sessions were followed by Demonstration sessions where the representatives from 'Cambridge Journals Online', 'Emerald', 'Oxford Journals', 'Global Information Technology' and 'Globe Publications' had presented their demonstrations.

In the 2nd day, Sh. Manoj Kumar K spoke another topics on "e-resource development and sharing at university level and UGC-Infonet e-journal consortium" Among other speakers Prof. A. Paul, Sr. professor, Computer Science, IIT, Kharagpur spoke on "Network and Network Security", Dr. B.Sutradhar, Librarian, IIT, Kharagpur spoke on "Building digital collection in higher education : a technical approach" and a practical demonstration oriented lecture on 'SOUL and 'Digital Library was delivered by Sh. B.Chakraborty, Information Scientist, Vidyasagar University. The technical sessions were followed by demonstrations on e-journals by the representatives of 'Springer Online' and 'Informatics India'.