

Two-day User Awareness Programme on Access to E-Resources under UGC-INFONET Consortium, University of Mumbai, Mumbai, on 22nd and 23rd September, 2009.

The University Library and Department of Library & Information Science, University of Mumbai, organized two-day "User Awareness Programme on Access to E-Resources under UGC INFONET Digital Library Consortium" on 22nd & 23rd September, 2009 at the Professor D.N. Marshall Auditorium, Jawaharlal Nehru Library, Vidyanagari Campus, University of Mumbai, Mumbai, 400 098.

Dr. Vijay Khole, Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor inaugurated the programme by lighting the traditional lamp. Dr. Khole in his inaugural address appreciated the efforts of INFLIBNET to sponsor this need-based programme, which made the faculty, research scholars & students of the University aware of several e-resources from different publishers on a single platform. Dr. Arun D. Sawant, Hon'ble Pro-Vice-Chancellor appreciated the saving of University funds due to the facility of access to e-resources extended by INFLIBNET free of charge. Dr. V.N. Magare, Director, BCUD expressed the feeling that this facility has enhanced the inner strength of the Library as a learning resource centre in the University environment. The retiring team of authorities ie. The Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, Pro-Vice-Chancellor and Director, BCUD, was felicitated on behalf of the University Library and Department of Library & Information Science on this occasion. Prof. Vijaya Rajhansa and Head, Department of Library & Information Science introduced the chief features and mutual benefits of the UGC-INFONET Digital Library Consortium for the academicians.

The first technical session started with a presentation on the topic 'Exploring e-resources: the Role of Aggregators' by Dr. P.A. Gokhale, Reader, Department of Library & Information Science.

In the subsequent session Mr. Yatrik Patel, Scientist 'C', INFLIBNET, further explained the consortium incept dwelling upon the need to enhance the usage of e-resources by the academic community, which can boost their research activities. Later during the day, four publishers associated with the consortium made presentations on their e-resources available to the University. They were Academic Press (ISI and Web of Science), Blackwell and Wiley (GIST, Taylor and Francis), Book Marketing Services (IOP, RSC).

Next day on 23rd September, 2009, the following four publishers gave their product presentations. The first was Cambridge University Press followed by Globe (AIP, APS, Math Sci Net), Balani Infotech & I Group Infotech India (ACS, SIAM, Project Muse), Elsevier (Science Direct) and Springer Links.

The concluding session of the programme was chaired by Dr. (Mrs.) Savitsmita B. Chawan, Reader, Department of Geography in the University. The programme was attended by 150 participants, who were given attendance certificates at her hands.

The programme ended with a vote of thanks proposed by Prof. (Mrs.) Vijaya Rajhansa, Programme Coordinator, who profusely thanked INFLIBNET for sponsoring the conduct of the programme and also expressed the wish that the programme would fruitfully result into enhanced usage of the e-resources by the academic community.



Prof. (Mrs.) Vijaya Rajhansa
Programme Coordinator