

## DR. JAGDISH ARORA

Dr. Jagdish Arora (born 15th January, 1956), B Sc., (University of Rajasthan), MLIS (University of Delhi), Ph.D. (University of Rajasthan) is the Director of Information and Library Network (INFLIBNET) Centre from August 2007 onwards. Prior to his present assignment, Dr. Arora has worked as the Librarian and Deputy Librarian at the Indian Institute of Technology Delhi from September 2003 to August 2007 and from March 1991 to June 2002



respectively. He was also the National Coordinator of the INDEST-AICTE Consortium, one of the most successful consortia initiatives in India, since its inception in 2002. He was Librarian at IIT Bombay from June 2002 to August 2003 and was Documentation Officer at the National Institute of Immunology, Delhi (1983 - 1991) and Assistant Documentation Officer, ICRISAT, Patancheru, Andhra Pradesh (1980 - 1983).

Dr. Arora has been the recipient of Fulbright Professional Fellowship in Library and Information Science (1997- 98), SIS Fellow (1999), Young Librarian of the Year (2001, SATKAL), Librarian of the Year (IASLIC, 1999); ILA-Kaula Best Librarian Award (2004); and Master Motilal Sanghi Best Librarian Award (2009). He was awarded "SATKAL Life Time Achievement Award" for the year 2011 by SATKAL, a Punjab-based Organization.

Dr. Arora was the Principal Investigator for several projects sponsored by agencies like AICTE, Department of Biotechnology (DBT), Ministry of Information Technology (MIT), Ministry of Human Resource Development (MHRD), the National Highway Authority of India and University Grants Commission. He is the Principal Investigator of the Project entitled "National Library and Information Infrastructure for Scholarly Content (N-LIST)" funded by the Ministry of Human Resource Development (MHRD) under the National Mission of Education through ICT.

He was a member of the delegation that visited selected libraries and library science schools in Germany in 2002. He was a member of the delegation to Jakarta, Indonesia and Bangkok, Thailand deputed by the Ministry of External Affairs and Ministry of Science and Technology to discuss development of INDO-ASEAN S & T Digital Library in November 2003 and May 2007 respectively. Dr. Arora was a member of the International Library Advisory Boards of IEEE and IEE.

Dr. Arora has more than 70 research articles to his credit that were published in learned research journals and as chapters in books and conference proceedings. He has presented research papers in several national and international conferences and symposia in India and abroad.

He is the founder National Coordinator of National e-Resource consortium, known as e-Shodh Sindhu, Ministry of Human Resources Development, Govt. of India

His current research interests include consortia-based subscription to e-resources, digital libraries, digitization of old and fragile documents and their storage, database-driven Web interfaces and Web-based library services, Web-based learning and education, access management technologies, scientometric analysis, etc.

In recognition of his outstanding contributions in the field of Library & Information Science, the Delhi Library Association conferred "DLA Professional Excellence Award-2015" on Dr Jagdish Arora on 10<sup>th</sup> March 2016 on the occasion of 78<sup>th</sup> Foundation Day of the Association.