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## **Dear Members,**

Welcome back to *Bosla Infoline* after a long break.

Nevertheless, BOSLA has picked up the momentum again and organized two very informative and highly state of the art programs in the past six months. As seen from the past efforts, BOSLA had always tried to give its members the latest knowledge, tools and technology useful for the profession by way of organizing Conferences, workshops etc.

We are pleased to inform that BOSLA memberships have significantly increased during the last one year. We thank the members for joining us and actively participating in our programs.

In this issue, we have a detailed report on the activities of BOSLA followed by an article by Janice Fernandes who succeeded in developing a small children's library thereby inculcating reading habits among children. It is an important stepping stone towards learning.

We also feature an article on Smt. Indira Gandhi College of Engineering which gives information on its collection and services.

The focus of this issue was on “Ease and Problems of E-books” as mentioned in our last newsletter. Unfortunately, we have not received any contributions from the members.

The basic objective of this newsletter is to use this as a medium to share our experiences etc. with other members. We look forward for more contributions to the newsletter.

We take this opportunity to wish you all a very Happy New Year.

*Truptee Shah*  
**Editor, BOSLA**

**Annual Lecture on  
“Knowledge Society and Life Long  
Learning: Role of Librarians”  
organized by BOSLA, June 16, 2007**

**Highlights by Dr. Satish Kanamadi, TISS**

A special Lecture on the topic of “Knowledge Society and Life Long Learning: Role of Librarians” was organized by BOSLA on Saturday 16th June 2007. This annual lecture was delivered by **Prof.C.R.Karisiddappa, Dean**, Faculty of Social Sciences and Professor, Dept of Library and Information Sciences, Karnatak University, Dharwad. He is also the President of Indian Association of Teachers in Library Science (IATLIS) and Former President of Indian Library Association.

Dr.Vijai Kumar, Outstanding Scientist, Associate Director, Knowledge Management Group and Head, Scientific Information Resources Division, BARC, Mumbai, presided over the function.

Dr. Muttayya Koganuramath, Chairman, BOSLA welcomed the guests and the audience. Ms. Savita Rao, Joint Secretary, BOSLA proposed Vote of Thanks. Ms. Devyani Pothare, TISS conducted the programme.

The venue was the conference Hall of Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Mumbai. The programme was well attended by over 80 participants.

After this, the BOSLA Committee meeting was also held to visualize the future activities of BOSLA.

**Children’s Library - a Keystone in  
the Arch of Learning**

**By  
Janice Fernandes, Xavier Inst.of Engg.**

“You are the bows from which your children as  
living arrows are sent forth.”

*- Kahlil Gibran*

As a parent of two lively little boys , a resident of a housing society with over 100 children and a professional librarian by nature, I was worried by the growing tendency of children to veer towards the ‘Cartoon Network’ at all times – whenever there were no power cuts due to load shedding !

The television had become a temporary baby sitter; an escape into the world of Pokemon and Power Puff girls! There was also a marked shift in the content and style of language used by the children – something I could gauge just by standing at my bedroom window. The situation and its future prospects alarmed me.

“The greatest gift one can give a child is a  
passion for reading. It is cheap, it consoles, it  
distracts, it excites, it gives you knowledge of the  
world and experience of a wide kind. It is a moral  
illumination”.

What could I do? I thought of introducing the children to the world of books and developing reading as a hobby so as to draw them away from the Television.

Putting my professional qualifications and personal abilities to the forefront, I initiated the idea of a Children’s Library to the residents of my building during the Annual Dinner. I explained

that books stir the senses, inspire the imagination, and spark a love of reading that can last a lifetime. Surprisingly the idea appealed to parents and children alike.

The library would be set up purely by donation of books by the residents. Children divided themselves into groups and went from house to house collecting books. The managing committee of the Society donated Rs. 1000/- A kind hearted philanthropist donated the entire collection of World books – 22 volumes of information needed to feed the minds of growing children. I picked up books from the odd Book Sale and the local *raddi walla*.

The Society office provided the space and a new rack to store the books. One Accession Register and one Circulation Register was all that was needed. On the auspicious day of 'Makar Sankranti' the children's library was inaugurated. The library operates twice a week; this frequency will be increased as we get more volunteers. What is remarkable is that the library is managed purely by the children - Accession, Circulation, Shelving, Discipline ... they handle it all!

Our clients range from the age group of 3 – 20 years. Our collection includes a number of classics, novels, fiction, the ever popular Champak, *Tinkle* and *Chandamama* along with Navneet Newhouse, Reader's Digest and a host of illustrated story books for mothers to read to their little children. We decided on a monthly fee of Rs. 5/- per month to help us buy more books.

It is the motivation of the children along with the support of their parents which has made this dream of mine into a reality. Sunday evening is the time when we see all children proudly walk down to return library books and issue new ones.

"There is more treasure in books than in all the pirate's loot on Treasure Island."

Yet we have a long way to go. We anxiously await donations in cash and kind to help us build our collection and introduce books like 'Visual Encyclopedia' and 'Childcraft' Series. But as we all experience a tremendous sense of fulfillment.

We would like to see many more such libraries spring up. Our inspiring mission statement to all would be this -

"Stop thinking in terms of limitations and start thinking in terms of possibilities."

- Terry Josephson

**Report on Librarian's Day  
Celebration and Workshop on  
Creating Digital Library Using  
DSpace, 11-12 August 2007  
organized by BOSLA  
by  
Dr. Satish Kannamdi, TISS**

The Workshop was inaugurated by lighting of the lamp by the Chief Guest Prof. Usha Nayyar, Dy. Director on the occasion of Dr. S.R. Ranganathan's birth anniversary. In her inaugural address, she lauded the role of librarians in dissemination of information to the information seekers. She called upon the librarians for the need to update and keep a breast the recent developments in the period of information storage and retrieval. She also talked about the importance of establishing Institutional Repository (IR) where one can find the required information by click of a button.

Ms Medha Joshi, Librarian of Tata Memorial Centre (TMC) spoke on the relevance of Dr. S.R. Ranganathan's philosophy and 5 laws in electronic era.

Mr. B.S. Kademani, Scientist 'F': Scientific Information Resource Centre, Bhabha Atomic Research Centre gave a detailed talk on life and works of Dr. S.R. Ranganathan. He excellently narrated the influence of Hindu Sacred Works like Ramayana and Mahabharata in Ranganathan's writings. He also stressed upon the application of his five laws of library science to various spheres of human activity, be it library, software, WWW, internet, etc., Finally, he also said that Ranganathan's vision of Universal Library is being realized by Open Archives Initiatives (OAI) and Institutional Repository (IR's) being set up in various subjects where one

can place his or her publications for the benefit of the users.

He finally concluded his talk saying that it will be a great tribute to Ranganathan if all of us try to emulate his ideals and principles in serving the user community.

Dr. A.R.D. Prasad, Associate Professor, DRTC, Bangalore and one of the main Resource Person of the Workshop also spoke on Ranganathan's Philosophy. In his talk he explained the importance of establishing the Institutional Repository and the role of librarians. He also called upon the Librarians to seize the opportunity and equip themselves to handle modern technology. He dispelled the apprehension of knowledge of mathematics to handle the computer. Dr. Prasad then gave the overview of DSpace and its applications and digital libraries. The total no. of participants who attended the workshop was 43.

Mr. Mallikarjun Angadi, Information Scientist TISS and Mr. Mahendra Jadhav, Asst. Librarian IIT, Mumbai handled the practical sessions & demonstrated how to install DSpace on Linux Installation on Linux.

Some of the participants expressed their appreciation and thanked the Librarian of TISS for giving them an opportunity to participate in the workshop and would certainly look forward for more such workshops to be conducted in future for the benefit librarians.

After the final session, Dr.Satish Kanmadi, Assistant Librarian thanked the Resource Persons, participants and the members of BOSLA and TISS Library staff for making the event a grand success.

Since participants demanded for additional hands on experience, it was decided to have additional practical sessions on two subsequent Saturdays afterwards. These were attended by participants and found to very useful to them.

## Smt. Indira Gandhi College of Engineering Library: A Profile

by  
Mr.Umeshreddy Kacherki



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### ABOUT

Smt. Indira Gandhi College of Engineering Library started along with the establishment of the College in the year 1993 in order to participate actively in the educational mission of the institute through collection and dissemination of information to meet the curricular and general needs of the students, faculty and staff members. Since then, the college library has gone from strength to strength to live-up to the expectations of its users.

The library supports the teaching-learning program of the institute with an excellent collection of text books, reference books, book bank books, general books, journals and magazines, encyclopedia, handbooks, data sheets, bound volumes of journals, CD-ROMs, floppies and other reading material. It has adequate infrastructure to meet its requirements, has computerized all its operations and provides access to the collection through OPAC. Library has got the institutional membership of IIT Bombay Central Library through which our students and faculty members access the

resources available in IIT Bombay Central Library.

The carpet area of the library is 4000 sq. ft. and the reading hall accommodates 100 students at a time. There are two reading rooms for students and one for staff to make their reading. There is a separate internet and multimedia center and reprographic center in the library which provides unlimited internet access and reprographic facilities respectively to the students, faculty and staff members. The library remains open on all working days from 10am to 8pm.

### **COLLECTION**

- Books – 14500
- Titles - 3200
- Journals – 62
  - National – 32
  - International – 30
- Bound Volumes of Journals – 500
- Popular Magazines -5
- CD ROM – 500, Floppy Disc – 100

### **SERVICES**

- Inter-Library Loan Service
- Bibliographic Service
- User Orientation
- Reference Service
- Current Awareness Service
- News Paper Clipping Service
- Photocopy Service

### **AUTOMATION**

Library uses an integrated Library Software, SOUL for managing its collection. The database of books and journals available in library is being updated on day to day basis with details of recently procured books. Barcode technology has been implemented for circulation.

### **E-JOURNALS**

Library is subscribing to IEL online journals through INDEST-AICTE consortium. The IEEE/IEE Electronic Library (IEL) covers more

than 950,000 documents from over 12,000 publications, including 219 journals, transactions, magazines, conference proceedings, IEEE Standards covering almost one third of the world's current electrical engineering and computer science literature. More than 25,000 new pages are added per month. It provides access to more than two million full-page PDF images, including all original charts, graphs, diagrams, photographs, and illustrative material.

### **WEB OPAC**

It enables database search facility of books and journals available in the library. The Web-OPAC is also being used to access question papers and syllabus in digital form, photo gallery of current events like workshops, seminars and annual gathering organized by the institute.

### **MEMBERSHIP**

All students, faculty members and employees of the institute are entitled for the membership of the library. Their entitlements, in terms of number of books that they can borrow and the permissible loan period are as follows.

S.No.	Category	No. of Books	Loan Period
01	Faculty	06	One semester
02	Visiting Faculty	02	One semester
03	Non-Teaching Staff	02	One month
04	Students	03	15 days

### **OUR TEAM**

S.No.	Name	Designation	Qualification
01	Umeshareddy Kacherki	Librarian	B.Sc, M.Lib.I.Sc
02	Chandrakant V Jadhav	Asst. Librarian	B.Sc, M.Lib.I.Sc
03	Shahaji V Pawar	Clerk	B.Sc
04	Dattatray B	Attendant	S.S.C, L.T.C

## News on Open Source Initiatives in Mumbai.

**CDAC Mumbai** organized its first workshop in India on *Open Source Software ILS Koha* during November 29-30, 2006 for the library science professionals in Mumbai. Koha is a popular Open Source Integrated Library Software being used globally. It was limited to twenty participants.

On demand from the Librarians, a second workshop on *Koha and Content Management System, Drupal* was organized during November 29-30, 2007. It was attended by 48 participants from Mumbai and Pune.

CDAC Library and its Technical staff have been helping a few librarians in setting up their Library systems using Koha. Interested Librarians can join our Open Source Software users group and be a part of the Open Source movement. They can contact us at [library@cdacmumbai.in](mailto:library@cdacmumbai.in). Our website for Open Source is [www.ossrc.org.in](http://www.ossrc.org.in)

**IGIDR Library**, Mumbai has introduced a new online service called '*Open Index Initiative (OII)*' which intends to develop an exhaustive online database with index and abstract to articles, book reviews and conference papers published in Indian Social Science Journals.

OII developed on participatory approach, welcomes library professionals working in Indian social science and management libraries to join the OII movement by contributing data. OII facilitate direct data entry by the registered members, through an online interface.

Recently, it signed MOU with Social Science Information Center (IZ), Bonn, Germany [<http://www.social-sciencegenesis.de/en/iz/index.htm>] to use their thesaurus for OII activities. Subsequently, the thesaurus provided by IZ, Bonn has been interfaced with the OII online data entry modules.

The scope is now extended to identify resources available in Indian Social Science Libraries by developing resource sharing tool such as online

union catalogue of journals, serial statistical publications, working papers, thesis and dissertations, to promote the Resource Sharing Activities.

The initiative also attempts to identify experts in open source software and to facilitate training programs and workshops for library professionals working in such libraries.

OII services can be accessed at <http://oii.igidr.ac.in> Librarians interested in joining the OII movement may please contact Mr. G. K. Manjunath, Chief Librarian on his email id: [gkm@igidr.ac.in](mailto:gkm@igidr.ac.in)

## New Life Members

BOSLA welcomes the following New Life members

1. Ms. Smita Chandra from Indian Institute of Geomagnetism.
2. Ms. Anita Pujari, Archives General Manager from DNA
3. Mr. Prashant Kumbhar, Officer, Research in Archives from DNA
4. Ms. Prema Kanchikan, Asst. Librarian from ICFA, Mumbai.
5. Ms.. Sampada Mahale, Library Asstt. from ICFAI, Mumbai.
6. Ms. Leena Dani, Information Scientist from RIL., Patalaganga.
7. Ms. Kanchan Juikar, Information Scientist from RIL, Patalaganga.
8. Mrs. Sushma K. Karnik, Manager from RIL, Patalaganga.

## Achievements of BOSLA Members

**Dr. Muttayya Kognurmth**, University Librarian, TISS Mumbai and Chairman BOSLA has been awarded ILA-KAULA Best Librarian Award for the year 2007 for his contributions to the library and Information Science Profession. This award has been conferred on him on December 13, 2007 at the All India Library Conference held in Osmania University, Hyderabad.



All the Committee members and BOSLA members extend their hearty congratulations to Dr. Muttayya for his great achievement.



**Dr. Muttayya Koganuramath being conferred the prestigious National ILA-KAULA Best Librarian Award on 13<sup>th</sup> December 2007 at All India Conference held at Osmania University, Hyderabad**

**Ms. Dhanashree Date**, Manager Overseas Information Services, Tata Consultancy Services, Mumbai has been awarded a Ph.D in Library and Information Science on April 24, 2007 from University of Mumbai. Her research topic was on Web Content Management in LIS: A Study. She was guided by Dr. Pratibha Gokhale for her research.

Chairman Bosla, all committee members and BOSIA members congratulate Dr. Dhanashree Date for her successful academic achievement.

### Photographs of BOSLA Events



Annual Lecture on “Knowledge Society and Life Long Learning: Role of Librarians” Prof. C.R .Karisiddappa receiving a welcome bouquet from Ms. Savita Rao.



Annual Lecture on “Knowledge Society and Life Long Learning: Role of Librarians” Vote of thanks by Ms. Savita Rao. From left: Ms. Savita Rao, Dr. M M Koganuramath, Prof. C.R .Karisiddappa, Dr. Vijai Kumar



Librarian's Day Celebration and Workshop on DSpace. Welcome by Dr. M M Koganuramath. From left: Dr. Koganuramath, Dr. Medha Joshi, Prof. Usha Nayyar, Dr. ARD Prasad and Mr. B S Kademani



Librarian's Day Celebration and Workshop on DSpace. Overview on DSpace by Dr. A R D Prasad. From left: Dr. A R D Prasad Dr. Koganuramath, Dr. Medha Joshi, and Mr. B S Kademani