

Re-Imaging Libraries

(ReIL-2025)

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BALANCING TRADITION & INNOVATION IN A DIGITAL ERA

Rapporteur General Report
by
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National Conference on “Re-Imaging Libraries”

Rapporteur General Report

The National Conference on” Re-Imaging Libraries” was organized by Tata Memorial Hospital and BOSLA (Bombay Science Library Association) on 10th January 2025 at Tata Memorial Hospital, Mumbai. Dr. Deepali Kuberkar organizing Secretary and her team have successfully conducted this conference. About 123 participants joined the conference, not only from Research Institutes but also from academic libraries.

Inauguration Ceremony

The Ceremony began with lighting the lamp & offering flowers to Dr. S. R. Ranganathan Sir.



Dr. Depali Kuberkar introduced the theme of the National Conference on ”Re-Imaging Libraries” to the participants. Through her address, she set the tone for the event by highlighting the significance of the theme and its relevance in the evolving landscape of libraries.



Dr. Subhash Chavan, the esteemed Chairperson of BOSLA, formally welcomed all participants to the session. In his opening remarks, he reflected on BOSLA's significant achievements, emphasizing the organization's impactful contributions and milestones.



Dr. Sudeep Gupta delivered an insightful talk by emphasizing the transformative power of information and knowledge sharing. He highlighted the shifting paradigms of the modern era, urging libraries to evolve in step with the times. Dr. Gupta advocated for empowering users by providing access to high-quality, critically appraised resource materials, ensuring that libraries remain vital hubs for learning and informed decision-making.

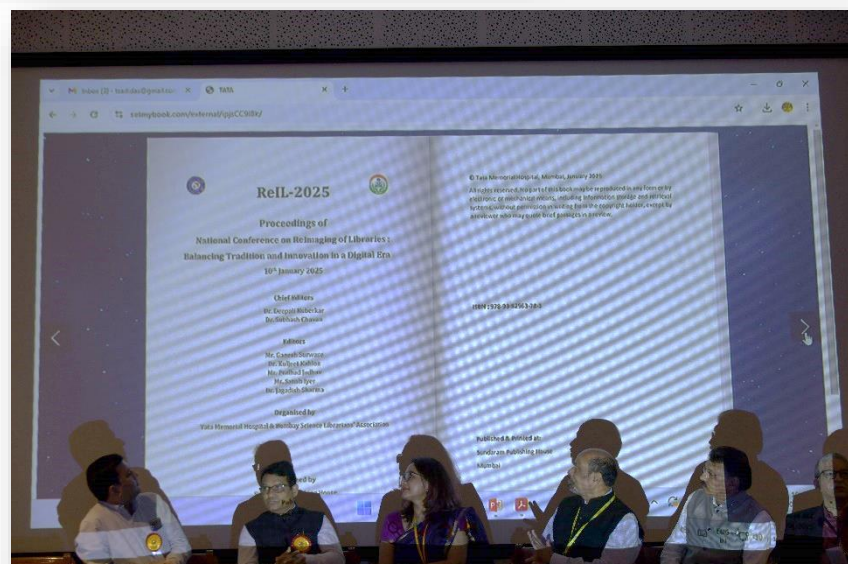


Release of Conference Proceeding

Following to the speech of Dr. Gupta, the official proceedings were released, showcasing the contributions of participants and the editorial team. The chief editors of the proceedings were Dr. Deepali Kuberkar and Dr. Subhash Chavan, with support from additional editors: Dr. Ganesh Survase, Dr. Kuljeet Kahlon, Mr. Prahlad Jadhav, Mr. Satish Iyer, and Dr. Jagdish Sharma.

A total of 75 submissions were received, out of which 57 research papers and 12 posters were selected for inclusion in the proceedings. These contributions were categorized under diverse themes, as detailed below:

1. **Resources and User Studies:** 12 papers
2. **Library Education and Services:** 12 papers
3. **Information and Communication Technology:** 12 papers
4. **Libraries and Artificial Intelligence:** 8 papers
5. **Metric Studies:** 13 papers and 12 posters



The proceedings reflect the vibrant discussions and scholarly exchanges held during the conference, providing valuable insights into the themes explored.

Address by the Chief Guest

Dr. A.K. Nayak, Head of the Nuclear Planning Wing, Department of Atomic Energy, set a positive tone for the event with his encouraging remarks for librarians. He emphasized that the **One Nation One Subscription (ONOS)** initiative has the potential to benefit 1.4 billion people, signifying a transformative step for access to knowledge. Dr. Nayak highlighted pressing global issues such as **cancer** and **climate change**, stating that libraries can act as crucial information resources to address these challenges. He appreciated the vital role libraries will play in facilitating access to critical information under the ONOS initiative.

Keynote Address by Dr. Mohan Kherde

In his keynote address, Dr. Mohan Kherde reminded the audience of the importance of staying connected to the roots of traditional librarianship while transitioning to digital platforms. Among his notable recommendations were:

- **Standardized Nomenclature:** He proposed renaming all types of libraries as "Knowledge Resource Centers" to create uniformity across the sector.
- **Periodic Reassessment:** Dr. Kherde stressed the need to reimagine libraries every five years by studying the evolving landscape.
- **ICT-Focused Initiatives:** He suggested that the Library Science Department of SNDT University should introduce Information and Communication Technology (ICT)-based specialized courses.
- **Embedded Librarianship:** He underscored embedded librarianship as the cornerstone of the field, integrating librarians more deeply into research and institutional workflows.



Plenary Talk by Ms. Ramya Haridasan

Ms. Ramya Haridasan provided a comprehensive overview of the **One Nation One Subscription (ONOS)** initiative, explaining its three distinct phases:

1. **Open Subscriptions:** Providing free and immediate access to knowledge.
2. **Private Institutions as Contributors:** Encouraging private institutions to support the initiative.
3. **Universal Access:** Ensuring unrestricted access to information for all citizens.

She emphasized that **free, immediate, and open access to knowledge** is a key driver of societal progress and aligns with the ambitious vision of a **Viksit Bharat** (Developed India) under the **National Education Policy (NEP) 2020**. The Government has committed a substantial budget of ₹1,000 crores for ONOS, with an additional ₹6,000 crores planned over the next three years. Her presentation highlighted that colleges stand to benefit the most from this initiative.



Ms. Haridasan also applauded the decision to establish **dedicated ONOS access points in public libraries**, calling it a crucial step toward revitalizing public libraries across India. She noted that incorporating Indian publications and repositories into the ONOS framework will be essential for achieving successful outcomes in line with NEP 2020, the **Advanced National Research Foundation (ANRF)**, and the vision of a developed India.

Dr. Dattatray Kalbande, in his capacity as Secretary of BOSLA, presented the vote of thanks by extending heartfelt thanks to the dignitaries and guests whose presence added immense value to the event. He expressed his gratitude to the chief guest, keynote speakers, and special invitees for their inspiring speeches and valuable insights that enriched the session. Special acknowledgment was given to the organizing committee for their meticulous planning and seamless execution, ensuring the success of the inaugural session



Technical Session -1

The first technical session was chaired by Dr. Nandakishor Motewar, with Dr. Manju Kalita serving as the session rapporteur. The session featured insightful discussions and presentations, followed by product demonstrations and interactive engagements.



Key Highlights of the Session

Presentation by Dr. Sham Prasad Pujar: "Research Integrity in the Age of AI"

Dr. Pujar explored the implications of artificial intelligence (AI) on research integrity. He emphasized that while AI serves as a valuable tool for brainstorming and simplifying literature reviews, human critical thinking remains indispensable.



Dr. Pujar highlighted the following key points:

- **AI as a Boon:** Generative AI can facilitate idea generation and expedite research processes.
- **Challenges:** Issues like data bias and authenticity require immediate attention.
- **Ethical Concerns:** Researchers must avoid over-reliance on AI, advising against treating AI as a co-author.
- **Institutional Policies:** Dr. Pujar proposed the formulation of institutional policies to foster a culture of academic integrity.
- **Role of Stakeholders:** He outlined the responsibilities of researchers, publishers, and library science departments in promoting awareness, training, and compliance with ethical standards.

Dr. Pujar provided illustrative examples of both the advantages and pitfalls of AI in research, leaving participants with actionable insights to improve research practices.

Presentation by Mrs. Vasumati Sriganesh: "Prompt Engineering – Traditional to Modern Searching"

Mrs. Sriganesh delivered an engaging session on the evolution of search methodologies, capturing the attention of the audience with her personal anecdotes and practical demonstrations. Her interactive approach resonated with the participants, who found her examples practical and relevant to their encounters with AI.



- Key takeaways from her session included:
- **Effective Communication Skills:** The importance of crafting precise prompts to extract meaningful insights from AI tools.
 - **Dealing with AI Output:** Strategies for interpreting and refining results generated by AI systems.
 - **Real-World Experiences:** She shared relatable examples, including interactions with platforms like Meta, demonstrating how users can optimize AI's potential in their workflows.

Product Demonstrations

Following the technical presentations, participants attended product demonstrations from leading publishers and service providers:

These demonstrations provided insights into cutting-edge tools and resources to support academic and research activities.



1. Springer Nature – Presented by Mr. Neeraj Karandikar
3. Elsevier – Demonstration by Ms. Aishwarya



2. MyLoft – Presented by Mr. Vaibhav Mali
4. Wiley – Presented by Mr. Bipin Daniel



Technical session – 2

The second technical session, held at the auditorium, was chaired by **Ms. Vrunda Pathare**, with **Ms. Sampada Jadhav** serving as the session rapporteur. The session featured insightful presentations and discussions on various aspects of libraries, open-access publishing, and innovative user engagement strategies.



Highlights of the Session

1. **Dr. Sumita Barve: "Gateway to Open Access Publishing"**

Dr. Barve's presentation focused on the transformative role of preprint repositories in open-access publishing. She emphasized how these repositories are accelerating knowledge sharing and democratizing research access, despite their limited popularity in the research community. She highlighted the need to explore subject-specific, geographical, and publishing-specific repositories to address diverse academic needs.

Key points included:

- **Functionality and Benefits:** Tools and benefits of using preprint repositories.
- **Library's Role:** The critical role of libraries in encouraging authors to contribute to these repositories, particularly in adding articles alongside these.
- **Institutional Repository (IR) Initiatives:** IR records indicate significant scope for improvement in repository contributions.



2. **Mr. Saraj Das: "Balancing the Shrink and Surge: Challenges for Libraries"**

Mr. Das discussed the dynamic challenges that libraries face in adapting to evolving user demands and technological advancements while preserving their traditional roles. He highlighted the delicate balance libraries must maintain to remain relevant in the modern era.



3. **Dr. Sarika Sawant: "Strategies to Engage Library Users"**

Dr. Sawant presented strategies for engaging users from diverse generational backgrounds, each with distinct behaviors and preferences. She showcased innovative examples from various libraries worldwide, including:



Dr. Sawant showcased innovative examples from various libraries worldwide, including:

- **Technological Tools:** Laser cutters, 3D printers, sewing machines, and other creative tools.
- **Unique Services:** Art kits, blind book dates, LibGuides, and microwaves for user convenience.
- **Key Takeaways:** Collaboration, connection, and consistency are essential for creating user-centered library experiences.

Parallel Paper Presentations

- **Lecture Hall:** Total 14 papers were presented, covering themes such as Library Resources and User Studies, Information and Communication Technology, Library Education and Services, and Libraries and AI.
- **Board Room:** Ten poster presentations were done with the focus on themes like open access, AI, and metrics. Also, five papers on Metric Studies were presented



Dr. Railkar shared his thoughts on the future of the library profession and extended his best wishes for reimagining and reshaping the field.



Product Demonstrations

- **Sams Digital** by Ms. Bagwe
- **Drill Bit** by Ms. Swara Maduskara
- **The Week Magazine** by Ms. Shreeja Nair



Valedictory Session

The valedictory session was hosted by **Dr. Iyer**.



Presentation of Report by Rapporteur General

Dr. Bhabal presented a detailed overview of the conference, summarizing the key discussions, sessions, and activities that took place throughout the day. She highlighted the central themes addressed by the speakers, the interactive engagements during panel discussions, and the valuable insights shared by participants. Dr. Bhabal also acknowledged the contributions of various stakeholders, emphasizing the significance of the day's events in achieving the conference's overall objectives.



Address by The Chief Guest -Dr. S. Banavali



Dr. Banavali apprised the success of the conference. In his talk he highlighted once again that the unifying subscriptions across institutions, would ensure equitable access to high-quality resources for every scholar, researcher, and student. This initiative fosters innovation, bridges knowledge gaps, and strengthens our nation's foundation in education and research.





Best Paper Presentation Award

1. Mr. Pawan Agarwal
2. Mr. Akshay Patil
3. Mr. Vishwas Hase
4. Mr. Amogh Lokhande



Best Poster Presentation Award

Ms. Manisha Tike & Ms. Anuja Suryvanshi
Mr. Udyan Ghosh
Ms. Kiran Sharma

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Winners of Lucky Draw



Happy Moments







Conclusion

The conference was a resounding success, addressing a wide variety of pertinent issues in the field. The organizing team's efforts were commendable, ensuring a seamless and enriching experience for all participants.

Acknowledgment

I, Dr. Jyoti Bhabal extend my gratitude to the managing committee of BOSLA, the organizing committee of the conference, and all participants for their contributions and to the audience.