

KLA – UNESCO Sensitization
Workshop on
INFORMATION LITERACY
23rd January 2007
Priyadarsini Auditorium,
Science and Technology Museum, PMG Jn., Trivandrum

Report

The first sensitization workshop on Information Literacy organized by Kerala Library Association and financially supported by UNESCO was held at Priyadarsini Auditorium, Science and Technology Museum, PMG Jn, Trivandrum on 23rd January 2007. The Registration of participants started at 9 am and 116 Library Professionals including students completed the registration formalities by 9.40 AM. One Executive bag containing writing pad, pen, food coupon, Reading material and one CD containing the course material was given to the participants. At 9.45 a m the inaugural session was held. The meeting started with a prayer. Prof. (Dr) G. Devarajan, Head, Dept. of Library and Information Science, University of Kerala Presided. Sri. N. Parameswaran, President, Kerala Library Association welcomed the dignitaries and the participants. Sri. V.V. Giri, Right to Information Act, Kerala inaugurated the workshop. In his inaugural address Sri.V.V. Giri emphasized the need for making the common man aware of the Information Act and the need for popularizing Information Literacy Programmes among the masses. In his Presidential address Prof. (Dr) G. Devarajan briefly explained the various programmes undertaken by UNESCO all over the world in popularizing Information Literacy. Dr. A Gopikuttan, General Secretary, Kerala Library Association proposed the vote of thanks.

The first Technical Session 'Information Literacy : An overview' was conducted by Prof. (Dr) G. Devarajan from 10 am to 11 am. He gave a detailed overview of the various aspects of Information Literacy. After tea break the second technical session was handled by Dr.C.G. Sukumaran Nair, Faculty member, Sarabhai Institute of Technology, Vellanad, Trivandrum, who retired as

Senior Scientist Engineer, Vikram Sarabhai Space Centre, Trivandrum. He handled the subject 'ICT application and Internet in the IL perspective'. The last session before lunch was taken by Sri.K. Ravindran Asari former University Librarian, Mahatma Gandhi University Library, Kottayam and who is presently the SOUL Co-ordinator of INFLIBNET Centre, Ahmedabad. He handled the subject 'e-resources in the IL perspective'.

After lunch the workshop proceeding, started at 2.15 pm. The IV session 'Information Literacy and Life skill development' was taken by Sri.N. Sukumaran Nair, former State Librarian, State Central Library, Trivandrum and who is presently an executive member of Kerala State Library Council, Trivandrum. The fifth session was handled by Sri.K.P. Vijayakumar, Selection Grade Lecturer, Dept. of Library and Information Science, University of Kerala, Trivandrum on the subject 'IL Competency Standards'. The sixth and last session, the practical session was handled by Dr.A. Gopikuttan, Lecturer, Dept. of Library and Information Science, University of Kerala and Sri. Vimal kumar, Asst. Librarian, Asian School of Business, Technopark, Trivandrum. The workshop participants were given participation certificates.

Library Professionals from South and Central Kerala, LIS Teachers and Students of the Dept. of Library and Information Science, University of Kerala, UC College, Alwaye, Ettumanoorappan College, Kottayam participated in the workshop. Though there was restriction as to the number of participants as 75, due to heavy rush we had to accommodate 116 participants. Six resource persons engaged various sessions. There was active discussion at the end of the sessions. N. Parameswaran, President, Kerala Library Association proposed vote of thanks to the Participants and Resource Persons. Workshop came to a close at 5.45 p m.