

Editorial

Now days, the library & information professionals are very much familiar with terms like digital resources, digital repositories, e-learning, information literacy due to ever increasing applications ICT in libraries. The transformation of library into knowledge centers is the result of pressure created by information explosion. The shift from controlling tools to processed information is visible in Indian libraries. But still there are considerable developmental gaps in different kinds of libraries in India. The development is highly uneven. The technology triggered paradigm shift is not uniform in Indian libraries. The problems of networking, storage, automation , standardization, institutional repositories, metadata standards, copyright etc are not properly addressed.

The world scenario has been changing very fast but the pace of adaptation by Indian libraries is certainly very slow. When we try to explore the reasons, then the professionals always complain about administrative and financial hurdles. We agree that to some extent the professionals are correct but that is not the only reason for slow adaptation. There is lack of initiative, lack of knowledge and skill on the part of professionals as well. With proper pursuance, the administrative and financial problems can be solved. Further the professional guidance and support which is expected from professional bodies like ILA and IASLIC etc is not being extended to the library professionals. With no encouragement, the people are losing interest towards modernizing the library system and services.

There is need to ensure radical changes in the outlook and attitude of the librarians through continuous motivation and, self- learning. Their knowledge level has to be improved. The professional bodies should come forward and through dialogue and discussion the mindset of the professional people can be changed. The Library & Information Science schools can also come forward to play a significant role in inspiring and motivating the people to unite together for a greater professional cause.

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