

11th Prof K A Isaac Commemoration Lecture 2016, 3 November 2016, 3pm

It has been just over a decade since we lost Prof K A Isaac and Kerala Library Association has been organizing lectures in his memory since then. The 11th in the series was held at DLIS Hall, Thiruvananthapuram, on 3 November 2016, in a befitting manner. Dr K P Vijayakumar, President, KLA, presided and Dr S Ravi, Professor & Head, DDE – Library & Science Wing, Annamalai University, delivered the keynote address on ‘**Relevance of Ranganathan’s Seminal Contributions in the Digital Era**’. Dr A Gopikuttan shared his reminiscences of Prof Isaac with the audience. Dr M Lalitha, General Secretary, KLA, welcomed the gathering and Sri G S Harikumar, Vice President, KLA, proposed the vote of thanks. Prof. Isaac's wife, Mrs Chechamma Isaac & son, Prof Kurien Isaac, were also present on the occasion.

In his presidential address, Dr K P Vijayakumar, paying tributes to Prof Isaac, remembered that work chastity was something very dear to him. In the keynote address that followed, Dr S Ravi succeeded in drawing a parallel between two great minds of our times, Dr S R Ranganathan & Prof K A Isaac. He also touched upon Dr S R Ranganathan’s struggles and the challenges he had to face in establishing university libraries.

An endearing segment of this series has been the ‘Reminiscences’, which lends a personal touch to the function. This time it was Dr A Gopikuttan’s turn to take the audience on a trip down his memory lane. He highlighted the organizing skills exhibited by Prof Isaac, especially while conducting international seminars and also his ability to take the lead while handling difficult situations. Dr Gopikuttan concluded that the void is still felt long after his demise.

Mementos were presented to the speakers and the programme came to an end at 5 pm.

