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ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR 2005-06
Presented by Dr.A. Gopikuttan, General Secretary

Dear Friends,

It is with great pleasure that I present this 35th Annual Report of the Kerala Library Association for the period 17.7.2005 to 30.6.2006 for discussion and approval of this Annual General Body Meeting.

34th Annual General Body Meeting

The 34th Annual General Body Meeting of KLA was held on 17th July 2005 at MLISc Lecture Hall, Dept. of Library and Information Science, University of Kerala, Trivandrum. The meeting started at 3.30 PM with President Sri.N. Parameswaran in the Chair. 30 members attended the meeting. The meeting started with the welcome and Presidential address by Sri.N. Parameswaran. This was followed by the presentation of the Minutes of the 33rd Annual General Body Meeting and 34th Annual Report of the Association by Sri.K.P. Sadasivan, General Secretary, KLA. Sri. S. Arumugam, Treasurer, KLA then presented the audited statement of accounts of KLA for the period 22.6.04 to 30.6.05. He also presented the budget of the Association for the year 2005-06. Discussions were held and the Annual Report, Audited Statement of Accounts and Budget were accepted by the AGM.

This was followed by the Election Process to elect the new office bearers of the Association for the period 2005-07. Dr.A. Pasilithil was nominated as the Returning Officer for the conduct of the Elections by the President. Dr.A. Pasilithil performed as Returning Officer. A panel of names were presented by Sri. N. Sukumaran Nair. Since no other panel or names was received, the panel of names presented by Sri.N. Sukumaran Nair was approved by the General Body and they were declared elected unanimously. Dr.A. Paslithil was thanked for the smooth conduct of the election.

The New Office Bearers of the Central Committee

President	:	N. Parameswaran Deputy Librarian – in – Charge (Retd) Kerala University Library Trivandrum.
Vice- President	:	K.P. Sadasivan Head, Library & Informatics, R R L, C S I R, Trivandrum.
General Secretary	:	Dr.A. Gopikuttan Lecturer, D L I S University of Kerala, Trivandrum
Treasurer	:	P.K. Suresh Kumar Tech.Asst. Kerala University Library, Trivandrum
Organising Secretary	:	K.G. Sudhier Librarian, Dept. of Communication & Journalism University of Kerala Kariavattom, Trivandrum
Public Relations Secretary	:	E.Hashim Ref. Asst. Kerala University Library, Trivandrum
Office Secretary	:	S.Arumugam Librarian MAET Trg. College Nettayam, Trivandrum

Executive Committee Members

1. N. Sukumaran Nair
Deepanjali, T.C. 9/1796,
Sasthamangalam P.O., Trivandrum -10
2. K.P. Vijayakumar
Lecturer, D L I S
University of Kerala, Trivandrum

3. M. Chandrakumaran Nair
Sr. Librarian, RCC, Medical College P.O.,
Trivandrum.
4. M. Lalitha
Librarian, SCERT, Poojappura, Trivandrum
5. Mohammed Shanavaskhan
Deputy Librarian, Legislature Library, Trivandrum.
6. Sajan Varghese
Librarian, Mar Thomas College, Thiruvalla
7. G.S. Hari Kumar
Sr. Librarian, Govt. Medical College Library, Trivandrum.
8. P.H. Suja
Librarian Gr.III,
Trivandrum Public Library, Trivandrum.

Auditor

V. Ramakrishnan
65, Jai Prakash Nagar
West Fort, Trivandrum -8

Resolution adopted

A resolution was adopted at the AGM to request the Minister for Education, Govt. of Kerala to take urgent steps to activate school libraries by appointing professional librarians. General Secretary Sri.K.P. Sadasivan, thanked the Executive Committee members for the co-operation extended to him during his tenure as General Secretary. Dr.A. Gopikuttan new General Secretary requested co-operation and more involvement from the members for the smooth conduct of the activities of the Association. The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks to the Chair.

Activities during 2005-06

Sad demise of Prof. K.A. Isaac and conduct of condolence meeting

The most important event during the report year was the sad demise of Prof. K.A. Isaac, Patron of the Association on 12th September 2005 at Uthradom Thirunal Hospital, Trivandrum due to cerebral hemorrhage. A true librarian and a

great teacher, Prof. Isaac was an inspiring guide to the Association. As the Patron of the Association, he always guided us in all our activities. He was a towering personality whose presence itself was enough to lead us in the right path. His sudden demise is a great loss to the library community as a whole and especially to the Kerala Library Association. We consider it with great pride that we could organize jointly with Raja Rammohun Roy Library Foundation, Kolkata the felicitation meeting at V J T Hall, Trivandrum to honour Prof. K.A. Isaac for the conferment of the prestigious Raja Rammohun Roy Library Foundation (R R R L F) Fellowship – 2003 on 10th March 2005.

A condolence meeting was organized by KLA on 17.9.2005 at the Lecture Hall, D L I S, University of Kerala, Trivandrum to pay homage to Prof. K.A. Isaac. N. Parameswaran, President presided. Prof. C.A. Augustine, Sri. K.C. John, Sri.S. Parthasarathy. Prof. C.V. Rajan Pillai, Dr.G. Devarajan, Sri.N. Sukumaran Nair, Sri.K.P. Sadasivan, Smt. Elizabeth Mathew and others and others spoke on the occasion. The meeting was well attended by professionals from various parts of the state.

Prof. K.A. Isaac Memorial Talk and presentation of KLA Gold Medals

KLA organized Prof. K.A. Isaac Memorial Talk on 15th November 2005 at Lecture Hall, DLIS, University of Kerala, Trivandrum. The first memorial talk was delivered by Prof. (Dr) George Onakkoor, Member, Raja Rammohun Roy Library Foundation, Kolkata. N. Parameswaran, President presided. KLA Gold Medals for the first rank holders of BLISc/MLISc Degree courses of the Universities in Kerala was presented by Smt. Lida Jacob IAS, Secretary, General Education and Social Welfare in the meeting arranged along with Prof. K.A. Isaac Memorial Talk. KLA Gold Medals were awarded to (1) Smt. Rajna.K., BLISc, I Rank, University of Calicut (2003-04) (2) Smt. Jyothilekshmi A. BLISc, I Rank, MG University (2003-04) and Smt. Chippimole MT, MLISc, I Rank, University of Kerala (2005-05). Dr.G. Devarajan, Prof. & Head, DLIS, University of Kerala, Dr.C.V. Rajan Pillai, Prof. & Head, DLIS, M.G. University and Smt. Elizabeth Mathew, Deputy Librarian – in – Charge, Kerala University Library, Trivandrum spoke on the occasion and remembered the valuable services rendered by Prof. K.A. Isaac to the library community. They also felicitated the Gold Medal Winners. Recipients of the Gold Medals replied and thanked KLA for awarding them the KLA Gold Medals. Sri. N. Sukumaran Nair proposed the vote of thanks.

KLA News letter

We could publish only one issue of KLA News letter (Vol. 34 Nos. 1-3) (Jan – Sept. 2005) during the report year which was published as a special issue on

Prof. K.A.Isaac. I sincerely thank M/s Modern Book Centre, Trivandrum for releasing one full page advertisement for publication in the KLA News letter.

Purchase of Office for KLA

The purchase of office space for Kerala Library Association was completed by the Sale Deed executed at Sub Registrar Office, Chalai, Trivandrum on 11th November 2005, for a total value of Rs.5,43,000/= (Rupees Five lakhs and forty three thousand only) The room with a space of 365 sq.ft. is situated at II Floor, Kairalie Plaza Annexe, Karamana – Killippalam National Highway, Karamana P.O., Trivandrum which is about 2 KM from Trivandrum Railway Station and Central Bus Stand, Thampanoor, Trivandrum and very next to the Sales Tax Office Complex, Govt. of Kerala (which is under construction). The sale Deed was registered as No.4089/05 of Book I, Vol. 1446, pages 339 to 347 at Sub Registrar Office, Chalai, Trivandrum on 11th November 2005. The total expenditure for the purchase of Office Space is given below.

Land value & purchase value of the room	:	Rs.5,43,000.00
Cost of stamp paper	:	Rs.73,360.00
Registration fee	:	Rs.10,968.00

Rs.6,27,328.00
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Cost for Electrification, Plumbing, Flooring etc. are to be settled shortly. The property is situated in survey No.2009 in Thycaud Village, Trivandrum in a newly constructed commercial complex having a high market value. KLA office is functioning in the room from 14.7.2005.

C R Jayakumar Fund

An amount of Rs.17,000/- collected from members by the Central Committee and Regional Committees as one time gesture in support of the educational expenses of the daughter of the late C R Jayakumar was handed over to the widow of C R Jayakumar by President Sri.N. Parameswaran at Ernakulam on 28.10.2005. Sri. N. Sukumaran Nair, Member, Executive Committee, Smt. Juliat Daniel, Regional President, Sri. P.J. Manuel, Regional Secretary, Ernakulam Regional Committee were also present on the occasion. The details of the contributions received from the five regions are given below.

Trivandrum	6700.00
Kozhikode	2300.00
Kottayam	1000.00
Trichur	1000.00
Ernakulam	6000.00

Total Rs. 17,000.00
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KLA Representations

1. Before the Pay Commission

KLA submitted a detailed memoranda for the consideration of the Pay Commission on 15.7.2005. This was followed by our letters on 5.12.2005 and 4.1.2006. Subsequently KLA President Sri.N. Parameswaran and Sri.N. Sukumaran Nair met the Pay Commission Chairman and Secretary and apprised them the need for revising the scale of pay of various posts of librarians working in various departments under the Govt. including College Libraries, State Central Library, Legislature Library etc. Subsequently after the Pay Commission Report was submitted to the Govt. we again met the Pay Commission and requested to rectify the anomalies that were visibly seen in the recommendations. KLA pointed out that the observation made by the Pay Commission in equating Catalogue Assistants with Gr.IV Librarians was equal to degrading the status of the catalogue Assistants of the Legislature Library, and the observation may be removed from the Pay Commission Report. Though we had represented and personally apprised the Commission, nothing favourable could be obtained.

2. Appointment of School Librarians

KLA represented to the Govt. a number of times for the appointment of Professional Librarians in School Libraries. The resolution adopted at the Annual General Body Meeting held on 17th July 2005 regarding the need for activating School Libraries by the appointment of Professional Librarians was forwarded to the Govt. for necessary action. This was followed by another representation requesting the Govt. to create Librarian posts in Higher Secondary Schools and to appoint qualified librarians in a phased manner and requested the Govt. to take urgent steps for revitalizing the School Libraries. Office bearers of the Association met the Hon. Minister for Education and Secretary, General Education and requested them to take urgent steps to modernize school libraries. On the basis of our

representations, Govt. took the initiative to modernize the school libraries. A Committee was appointed to study the situations of the school libraries. Dr.G. Devarajan, Smt. K.K. Lalitha Bai, Sri.T.K. Subramoni functioned as members of the Committee and Govt. initiated some steps in modernizing school libraries. But the appointment of school librarians is still under the consideration of the Govt. KLA office bearers are trying to apprise the new LDF Govt. in this issue and has already submitted a detailed memoranda to the Education Minister also.

3. Staff Patron in Aided College Libraries

No favourable action has so far been taken by the Govt. in the issue. The minutes of the meeting held on 15.12.2004 at Govt. Guest House, Thycaud, Trivandrum with the Hon. Minister for Education with the representatives of the Association is still pending action from the Govt. The Govt. order on the staff pattern on Non-Teaching Staff in the Aided Colleges has created a very bad situation for the smooth functioning of college libraries. Most of the libraries have to be managed with one Librarian for longer hours. We are trying to rectify the anomalies by appraising the new Govt. in this regard.

Activities of Regional Committees

1. Kozhikode Region

The Annual General Body Meeting of the Kozhikode Region was held on 27.8.2005 for reconstituting the Regional Committee. The following members were elected as office bearers of the KLA Kozhikode Regional Committee for 2005-07. Sri. N. Parameswaran, President and Dr.A.Gopikuttan, General Secretary, KLA were the Central Committee observers.

Regional President : Sri.K.G.Karthikeyan
Asst. Librarian (Sel.Gr)
CHMK Library, Calicut

Regional Secretary : Dr. Dineshan Koovakkai
Prof. Asst. CHMK
Library, Calcut

Members

1. Dr.M.G. Sreekumar, Librarian, IIMK, Calicut
2. Dr. T.P.O. Nazirudeen, Lecturer, Farook College
3. Sri.T.M. Vasudevan, Lecturer, DLIS, University of Calicut
4. Dr. Muhammed Salih.T.K., Information Scientist, CHMK Library, Calicut.
5. Smt. Sabira.M., Librarian, Farook Trg College
6. Sri. Santhakumar M.V. Prof. Asst., CHMK Library
7. Miss. Shyni K.G., Prof. Asst., CHMK Library

Special invitees

1. Prof. M. Parameswaran, Former Head, DLIS, University of Calicut.
2. Dr. Jalaja, Head, DLIS, University of Calicut
3. Dr.MCK Veeran, University Librarian, CHMK Library

Activities

a. National Library Week Seminar 2005

KLA Kozhikode Regional Committee in association with DLIS, University of Calicut organized a one day seminar on 'Modern trends in IT application in Library and Information Services' on 16th November 2005 in the Seminar Hall, Dept. of Education, University of Calicut. Prof. Gopinathan Pillai, Pro – Vice – Chancellor inaugurated the Seminar. The Key note address was delivered by renowned novelist Sri.C. Radhakrishnan. Papers were presented by Dr.M.G. Sreekumar (IIMK) Sri. K. Rajasekhar (KILA), Dr.K. Muhammed Haneefa (DLIS, Calicut) Dr. Muhammed Salih (CHMK Library) and Sri. Vimal Kumar (Asian School of Business). Sri. K.G. Karthikeyan, Dr.V. Jalaja, Dr.A. Gopikuttan, Dr.T.P.O. Nazirudeen, Sri. T.M. Vasudevan and Dr.K.N. Soman spoke on the occasion. Regional Secretary Dr. Dineshan Koovakkai functioned as the Organizing Secretary of the seminar.

b. Quiz Competition

A Quiz competition was also organized in connection with the National Library week Celebration. Sri.K.G. Karthikeyan, Regional President was the Quiz Master. Sri. Rajeevan E.P. and Sri. Rajesh K.V. of the Dept. of Mass Communication won the first prize and Sri. Sudev.K, and Miss. Harifa Menakath of DLIS won the second prize. Registrar, University of Calicut distributed the prizes.

c. Lectures

1. A lecture on 'Communication Skills' was organized on 29.11.2005. The lecture was delivered by Sri.K.P. Vijayakumar, Lecturer, DLIS, University of Kerala.
2. Lecture on 'Knowledge Creation and Management' was organized on 1st March 2006. The lecture was delivered by Dr.T.P. Sasikumar, Director, Academic Staff College, University of Calicut.

D Continuous Professional Development Programme

KLA Kozhikode Regional Committee in association with DLIS, University of Calicut organized the CPD Programme in the Dept. of Lib & Inf Sc, University of Calicut. The first phase of training programme was on 'Library Automation and Digitization'. The programme was inaugurated by Prof. M. Prameswaran, former Head, DLIS. The first phase consisted of 4 modules.

1. Fundamentals of computers and library automation
2. Library software packages
3. Internet and web designing.
4. Digitization and knowledge management.

Prof. C. Gopinathan Pillai, Pro. Vice-Chancellor distributed the certificates to the participants. Dr. V. Jalaja and Dr. Dineshan Koovakai functioned as Chief Co-ordinator and participating Co-ordinator respectively. Sri. K.G. Karthikeyan, Regional President and Asst. Librarian-in-charge, CHMK Library also actively participated in the programme.

II Ernakulam Regional Committee

1. The Ernakulam Regional Committee was reconstituted at the Annual General Body Meeting of the Regional Committee held on 28.10.2005 with the following members.

Regional President : Sri.P.J. Manuel
Asst. Librarian
School of Marine Sciences
CUSAT, Cochin

Regional Secretary : Sri. Joe Joseph
Prof. Asst. Gr.I
School of Legal Studies
CUSAT, Cochin

Members

1. Cherian K. George, Librarian, UC College, Alwaye
2. Shobana Devi.A.K., Asst. Librarian, CUSAT, Cochin
3. Sajeev Kumar, Librarian, Hindustan Organic Chemicals, Cochin
4. K.G. Rajmohan, Chief Librarian, High Court of Kerala, Ernakulam
5. Baby Joseph, Librarian, Bharath Matha College, Cochin
6. P.K. Padmakumar, Prof. Asst., CUSAT, Cochin
7. Sr. Asritha, Librarianm, St. Teresa's College, Ernakulam
8. Juliat Danial, Librarian (Retd). St. Teresas College, Ernakulam
9. Anil Radhakrishnan, Asst. Librarian, CUSAT, Cochin

A condolence meeting was held on 28.10.2005 at St. Teresas College, Ernakulam to mourn the sad demise of Prof. K.A. Isaac. Dr.M.D.Baby, University Librarian CUSAT spoke on the contributions of Prof. K.A. Isaac. KLA President N. Parameswaran, and Committee Member N. Sukumaran Nair also spoke on the occasion. Professionals from various departments participated.

2. **National Library week Celebration and Talk on (R) Evolutionary (e) Books**

KLA Ernakulam Regional Committee and University Library, CUSAT jointly organized a talk on '(R) evolutionary (e) books' by Mrs. Mini.U., Fulbright Scholar and Professor, Dept. of Computer Science, Rajagiri College of Social Sciences. Ernakulam as part of the National Library Week Celebration at CUSAT Library Hall on 29.11.2005 at 2.30 P.M. P.J. Manual, Regional President welcomed and Joe Joseph, Regional Secretary proposed the vote of thanks. Dr. M.D. Baby, University Librarian presided.

3. **Workshop on 'Building Institutional repositories using D Space'**

Ernakulam Regional Committee and Union Christian College, Alwaye jointly organized a one day workshop on 'Building Institutional repositories using D Space' as part of the continuous educational program. The workshop was held at T.B. Ninan Hall, UC College, Alwaye on 24th June 2006. Dr. M.G Sreekumar, Chief Librarian, Indian Institute of Management Kozhikode was the Resource Person. The inaugural meeting was presided over by N. Parameswaran President, KLA. Prof. Mathew Koshy, Manager UC College, Alwaye inaugurated. Felicitations were offered by Dr. M.G. Sreekumar, Dr. Varghese John, Principal, U.C. College and Sr. Asritha, Librarian, St. Teresas College, Ernakulam. P.J. Manual, Regional President welcomed and Cherian K.George, Librarian, U.C. College proposed the vote of thanks. Cherian K. George also functioned as the Course Coordinator. Workshop was divided into two sessions. Theoretical session was held from 10.30 am to 1p.m and Hands on Session from 2 pm to 4.30 pm. 54 professionals from various institutions of Kerala and 3 professionals from Bangalore participated. Dr.M.G. Sreekumar was ably assisted by Mr.Prajesh of IIMK, Calicut. Certificates were issued to the participants by Dr.M.G. Sreekumar. Joe Joseph, Regional Secretary proposed the vote of thanks to the participants. Participants could successfully install D Space software during the Hands on session and could gain sufficient knowledge on D Space from the theoretical session.

Kottayam Region

A sum of Rs.46670/- was received as final payment from MG University for the Project undertaken by KLA. Regional Secretary Sri.J.Suku is to be specially thanked for his sincere efforts in supervising and completing the project in time. Report on further activities was not received.

Trichur Region

Report was not received

Executive Committee Meetings

Five Committee Meetings were held during the period.

Membership

16 Professionals were admitted as members of the Association during the year.

Life Membership	-	14
Ordinary Membership	-	2

Total		16

National Seminar Account

A sum of Rs.80,000/- has been transferred from the National Seminar Account to KLA account during the year.

Refund of Temporary Advance

A sum of Rs.95,000/- was received as temporary advance from 19 members @ Rs.5,000/- for the purchase of Office Room for the Association. Out of this we have repayed Rs.85,000/- during the year to 17 members @ Rs.5,000/- each.

Building Fund

A sum of Rs.8,101/- has been received as donation to building fund from KLA Members during the year. The response to our call from members to donate for the building fund was not encouraging. I request the members to donate generously to the building fund so that the outstanding advance could be repaid and expenses towards electrification, plumbing etc. could be managed without taking further loan from members.

Furniture

15 new plastic chairs were purchased during the year. The expenditure on this account will be refunded by Executive Committee Members by donating the cost of one chair by each Committee Member.

Financial help to Regional Committees

Payment of Rs.2000/- to Kozhikode Regional Committee and Rs.1000/- to Ernakulam Regional Committee was made on 14.12.2005 from KLA funds for Regional Committee activities during the year.

I sincerely thank all the members of the Association for the co-operation extended to the Association. I further request the continued patronage and co-operation in the coming years also.

Trivandrum,
01.07.06

Dr.A.Gopikuttan
General Secretary