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Prof. K.A. Isaac Commemoration Lecture



Prof. (Dr.) C.R.Karisiddappa, Professor, DLIS and Director, Academic Staff College, Karnatak University, Dharwad delivering Prof. K.A.Isaac Commemoration Lecture organised by Kerala Library Association on 4th October 2007 at DLIS University of Kerala. Sri. N. Sukumaran Nair, President, KLA and Sri. M. Varghese, Head, DLIS, University of Kerala are also seen.

From the President

Dear Friends,

After a lapse of eight years, I am once again addressing you from the President's seat. This position, I feel, is a honour bestowed upon me and a gesture of confidence and love shown towards me by my professional colleagues. Even though the election was held almost a year back, in July 2007, I could reach out to you only after a long gap as our Newsletter could be brought out only now. I take this opportunity to extend my thanks to all of you.

There is a good news to the librarians working in aided colleges regarding U.G.C. scale and grades which came out as Government order, G.O. (MS) No. 50/08/H.Ed. dt. 09.05.2008. According to the G.O., librarians working in all grades of colleges, possessing UGC qualification are eligible to get UGC scale with effect from 17/9/2004, the date on which the G.O. prescribing staff pattern of Aided Colleges was issued by the Government. Those librarians who possess BLISc. with eight years of service also will be eligible to get salary in UGC scale on condition that they must acquire either the UGC qualification within four years or attend four refresher courses. This government order is in line with the representations made by KLA to the Education Minister, Higher Education Secretary and Director of Collegiate Education and the timely follow-up activities. The memorandum submitted by KLA in this regard was published in KLA Newsletter Vol. 36 Nos. 1-2, January – June 2007. The untiring efforts of the office bearers of KLA and some members have been materialized at the end through the G.O. mentioned earlier. We are immensely thankful to the Government in this regard. It may be pointed out in this

connection that there are a few other issues still pending with the government which we hope, would be settled in the near future.

We have already initiated steps to organize a National Seminar focusing the public library sector. While academic libraries and special libraries are taken care of by the concerned stakeholders and are being modernized with the state-of-the-art facilities, public library sector is seen neglected in many parts of the country. Proposal of the National Knowledge Commission to set up a central library fund, to modernize library management, to promote information communication technology applications in all libraries, to re-assess staffing of libraries and so on, mainly focusing the public library sector in the country, can be noted as a welcome sign. It is in this context that KLA is organizing the seminar on 'Re-designing the role of public libraries in India; The knowledge society imperatives, in Trivandrum during 6-8 August 2008. Details of the Seminar are given elsewhere in this Newsletter. I take this opportunity to request all of you to involve in the activities of the seminar by conveying the news to others, discussing about the different facets mentioned in the brochure with your friends, preparing articles, registering as delegates, conveying your valid opinions regarding the conduct of the seminar and so on. Active participation in the seminar is earnestly solicited. We are hopeful that the deliberations in the three – day seminar and the recommendations formulated thereby would give a fillip to the development of public libraries, especially in Kerala, on modern lines.

Regards,

N. Sukumaran Nair
President, KLA

General Secretary Speaks...

According to Lin Yutang, the Chinese writer and philologist, the ideal mind has three grains of reality, two grains of dreams and two grains of sensitivity. In this age when almost all governments are trying their level best to transform their countries into information societies, librarians as custodians and purveyors of information for centuries, have to play a major role to bring about the transformation. For this, we have to think of the ways and means of playing our decisive roles, the dreams to be cherished and listen to the rumblings of change with sensitivity. There are a number of factors which call for change in the role and style of functioning of library professionals. A few of them are:

- a. Increasing pervasiveness of the internet and other digital sources of information;
- b. Emergence of new sectors of information like Competitive Intelligence, Health Informatics, Corporate Information and the specific users of this information;
- c. Changes in the reasons for information seeking; and information seeking pattern;
- d. Increased access to documents;
- e. Increasing faculty-LIS collaboration in the teaching-learning process;
- f. Increasing instructional role for librarians in the context of rapid changes in the information environment;
- g. Need for providing services to distant learners; and
- h. Thrust on customer relations.

In order to cope up with these trends, LIS professionals need to possess not only necessary **skills** and **knowledge**, but also **understanding** of one's role and the **motivation** to fulfill it. A skill, as we all know, is the ability to translate knowledge into action that results in an outcome at the desired level of performance. This leads to the question as to what is the desired level of performance and what are the competencies required for achieving these outcomes. As a keen observer of the performance of the LIS professionals in the state, I have found that we are yet to think in these lines with the result that we, in general, are quite complacent with what we have been doing to serve the users quite unaware of what is taking elsewhere.

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It is a matter of solace that the younger generation is more enthusiastic about acquiring more and more degrees which are helpful only to make them eligible for applying for jobs at different levels. Along with this, concerted efforts have to be made to make themselves competent to work better in the new environment. For this purpose, not only professional competencies but personal competencies also have to be developed. Personal competencies include;

Commitment to service excellence

Capacity to seek out challenges and new opportunities

Effective communication skills

Team work

Penchant for partnerships and alliances

Effective leadership

Commitment to lifelong learning and personal career planning

Flexibility and positive disposition in a time of continuous change.

The list can be extended to any extent. The most effective means of achieving these competencies are attending continuing education programmes like Seminars, Workshops, Training Sessions, Management development programmes, just to list a few. Any programme that helps in enhancing the skills in communication (both oral and written), IT, learning and research, numeracy (data management), problem solving, self development (time management, career planning), team building etc. should be welcomed by the professionals. Only by equipping ourselves to face the challenges posed by the times, we can retain and consolidate our foothold in the society. New times bring new avenues to our profession. To cite an example, I request

my friends to go through the National Knowledge Commission Recommendations on Portals which is available in the Net.

With immense pleasure, I invite all of you to participate in the National Seminar on **Redefining the Role of Public Libraries in India: Knowledge Society Imperatives**, organized by KLA from 6 – 8 August 2008 at Priyadarshini Auditorium, Science and Technology Museum, Thiruvananthapuram. I am quite sure that all of you have received the first circular at least a month back. Though the focus is on public libraries, the Seminar is sure to give a sense of direction to the roles to be performed by all types of libraries and the necessary strategies to be adopted in future. I welcome one and all to the Seminar.

Vijayakmar.K.P,
General Secretary

Presentation on NKC Recommendations

National Knowledge Commission (NKC) has made path-breaking recommendations for the development of the Library system in the country. But they have not been effectively deliberated on among the LIS professionals. With a view to introduce the recommendations, KLA organized a presentation by Dr.M.Lalitha, Librarian, State Council of Educational Research and Training, Thiruvananthapuram on 20 February 2008 at 3.30 p. m. at Department of Library and Information Science, University of Kerala. The topic of the talk was **Recommendations of the National Knowledge Commission: What is in it for us?**

Dr. Lalitha dealt with the recommendations on libraries and their implications on the LIS sector in India at length. This was the first talk under the *Know the Inside Out Series* planned by KLA.

The New Central Committee 2007-09

KLA Annual General Body Meeting & Election of Office Bearers

The 36th Annual General Body Meeting of the Kerala Library Association was held at 3pm on 15th July 2007 at the Head Office of the Association. Sri.N. Parameswaran, President presided. Dr.A.Gopikuttan, General Secretary presented the Annual Report of the Association for the year 2006-07 Sri.P.K. Suresh Kumar, Treasurer presented the audited statement of accounts and the audited statement of accounts relating to CA Augustine Holy Cross Endowment for the year 2006-07 and the Assets and Liabilities of the Association as on 30.06.2007. The budget for 2007-08 was also presented by the Treasurer. The Annual Report, Accounts and Budget were approved by the General Body. President nominated Dr.A. Paslithil as the Returning Officer for the conduct of election of Office Bearers of the Association for 2007-09. The following members were unanimously elected as Office Bearers of the Association for 2007-09.

President	:	Sri.N. Sukumaran Nair, Former State Librarian, Deepanjali, Sasthamangalam, Tvm 10
Vice President	:	Dr.A.Gopikuttan, Lecturer DLIS, Tvm
General Secretary	:	Sri.K.P. Vijayakumar, Lecturer, DLIS, Tvm
Treasurer	:	Sri.P.K. SureshKumar, Tech. Asst., University Library, Tvm
Office Secretary	:	Sri.M. Mohammed Shanavaskhan Deputy Librarian, Legislature Library, Tvm
Organizing Secretary	:	Smt. P.K. Sheena Kumari, Tech Asst. University Library, Tvm
Public Relations Secretary	:	Sri.G.S. Harikumar, Librarian, Govt. Ayurveda College, Tvm
Executive Committee Members		
	1.	Sri.M. Chandrakumaran Nair, Librarian, RCC, Tvm
	2.	Sri.K.P. Sadasivan, IT Consultant, NIIST, Tvm
	3.	Sri.N. Parameswaran, Librarian, Asian School of Business, Tvm
	4.	Sri. Sainul Abideen, Librarian, IIITMK, Technopark, Tvm
	5.	Sri. Sriram.V., Asst. Librarian, British Library, Tvm
	6.	Sri.E. Hashim, Reference Asst., University Library, Tvm
	7.	Sri.K.G. Sudhier, Librarian, Dept., of Journalism, University of Kerala, Kariavattom
	8.	Sri. Cherian K. George, Librarian, UC College, Aluva
Auditor	:	Dr. M. Lalitha, Librarian, SCERT, Poojappura, Tvm

Activities of the Regional Committees

Kozhikode Region

General Body Meeting

The General Body meeting of KLA Kozhikode Regional Committee was held on 1.10.2007 in the Library and Information Science Hall, University of Calicut mainly with the agenda of electing new office bearers for the period 2007-2009. The members present at the meeting actively participated in the discussion. Dr. K.P.Vijayakumar, General Secretary, KLA, who participated in the meeting as Central Committee Observer explained the activities of KLA especially on the appointment of Librarians in Higher Secondary Schools. He congratulated the Regional Committee for the active functioning during 2005-2007.

Dr. Jalaja V. (Head, DLIS) presided over the function. Dr. Dineshan Koovakkai, Secretary, Regional Committee presented the report.

Prof. M. Parameswaran and Sri. T.M. Vasudevan also spoke on the occasion.

The General Body unanimously elected the following persons as the office bearers of the Regional Committee for the period 2007-2009.

President

Sri. T.M.Vasudevan, Lecturer, DLIS,
University of Calicut

Secretary

Dr.Dineshan Koovakai, Professional Asst.
Gr.I, Calicut University Study Centre,
Kozhikode.

Executive Committee

1. Sri. Habeeb Koya Thangal, Professional Assistant Gr. I, CHMK Library, University of Calicut
2. Ms. Joselyn Thomas, Professional Assistant Gr.I, Dept. of Chemistry, University of Calicut.
3. Sri. Mustafa, K.M., Librarian, AWH Engineering College, Kozhikode.
4. Ms. Sajna, M.N., Professional Assistant Gr.I, CHMK Library, University of Calicut
5. Sri. Santhakumar M.V., Professional Assistant Gr.I. CHMK Library, University of Calicut.
6. Ms. Shyni.K.G, Professional Assistant Gr.I., CHMK Library, University of Calicut.

Working Committee

A working committee was also constituted with the following members in addition to the Executive Committee Members.

1. Ms. Minimol, K, Professional Assistant Gr.I., CHMK Library, University of Calicut.
2. Shri. Prakashan, P.M., Professional Assistant Gr.I, CHMK Library, University of Calicut.
3. Sri. Shaji.V., Professional Assistant Gr.I., Dept. of Malayalam, University of Calicut.
4. Sri. Sasi, P.K., Research Scholar, DLIS, University of Calicut.

Special Invitees

1. Prof. M. Parameswaran, Former Head, DLIS, University of Calicut

2. Dr. Jalaja V., Head, DLIS, University of Calicut.
3. Dr. M.G. Sreekumar, Librarian, IIMK, Kozhikode
4. University Librarian, CHMK Library, University of Calicut.
5. Dr. T.P.O. Nazirudeen, Head, DLIS, Farook College, Feroke,

National Library Week Celebration

In connection with National Library Week Celebration 2007, KLA Kozhikode Region in association with DLIS, University of Calicut organised an open discussion on **User Perception of Library and Information Services**. The motto of the programme was Know thy customer. Eminent librarians, teachers, non-teaching staff of the University, Research scholars and students actively participated in the discussion. Dr. Lalitha M. (Librarian, SCERT, Trivandrum), Sri. Thomson A.J. (Librarian, St. Joseph's College, Devagiri), Sri Surendran Cherukodan (Librarian, School of Engineering, CUSAT) and Dr. Vinod V.M. (Librarian Teacher Education Centre, Malappuram) presented their views about the users and library services on the librarian's perspective. Dr. Muhammed Shafi (Professor, Dept. of Chemistry, University of Calicut), Dr. Naseema.C. (Head, Dept., of Education, University of Calicut), Sri. T.M.A. Jaleel (Head, Dept of English, University of Calicut), Sri. Ramdas K.(Assistant Registrar, University of Calicut) Sri Abdul Kareem (Section Officer, CHMK Library, University of Calicut), Sri. Abdul Salam (Chairman, DSU), Sri.Hashim Kallingal (MLISc Student) and Sri. Sukul P.V. (President, AKRSA, CU Unit) spoke on the various aspects and shortcomings of library and information services in the user perspective.

Dr. M.G. Sreekumar (Visiting Professor, University of Malay) was the moderator. Dr. Jalaja.V. (Head, DLIS) presided over the function and Prof. M. Parameswaran (Former Head, DLIS) inaugurated the discussion.

Dr. Dineshan Koovakkai (Secretary, KLA Kozhikode Region) welcomed the gathering.

KOHA Training

Kerala Library Association, Kozhikode Region is conducting a one-day training programme on KOHA software on 12th July 2008. The aim of the programme is to train the library professionals to download and use KOHA both in Windows and Linux environments. The maximum intake will be 25. Dr. Dineshan Koovakkai, Secretary, KLA Regional Committee will be the Organising secretary of the programme and Sri. Musthafa K.M., Librarian, AWH Engineering College, Kozhikode and executive member of KLA Regional Committee will be the Co-ordinator.

Ernakulam Region

General Body Meeting

The Annual General Body Meeting held on 16th November 2007 at University Library, CUSAT started at 2.30 pm. KLA President Sri. N. Sukumaran Nair presided over the function. Dr. Vijayakumar K.P., General Secretary, KLA also attended the meeting. 38 professionals from the various research organizations, universities and colleges attended the function. The meeting started with a silent prayer. It was followed by a condolence prayer to mourn the death of Prof. A.B. George, former president of KLA Mr. Manuel, Secretary, Ernakulam region welcomed the gathering followed by the presidential address. Mrs. Santhadevi Antharjanam, University Librarian in-charge

felicitated Dr. Veerankutty Chelatyakkot and Dr. Sheeja N.K. for attaining Ph.D and handed over the memento to them. Mr. Joe Joseph, Regional Secretary presented the annual report and statement of accounts for discussion and approval. The members raised a discussion on the various issues faced by the professionals and the KLA President gave the reply which was followed by the election of new office bearers. The following persons were elected unanimously.

Regional President

Mr. Shibu Ray, Asst. Librarian, University Library, CUSAT

Regional Secretary

Sri. Joe Joseph, Prof. Asst. Gr.I, School of Legal Studies, CUSAT

Executive members

1. Manuel P J, Asst. Librarian, School of Marine Sciences, CUSAT
2. Sajeev Kumar, Librarian, Hindustan Organic Chemicals, Cochin
3. Sr. Asritha, Librarian, St. Teresa's College, Ernakulam
4. Mr. Shaji.B.S., Librarian, S.N.M. Training College, Moothakunnam
5. Mr. Cherian K. George, Librarian, UC College, Aluva
6. Anoop Varma, Junior Librarian, University Library, CUSAT

Special Invitees

1. Mrs. Santhadevi Antharjanam, University Librarian in -Charge, CUSAT
2. Dr. Abdul Azeez T A, Deputy Librarian, Sanskrit University, Kalady

In connection with the National Library Week Celebration KLA General Secretary Dr.K.P. Vijayakumar delivered an informative talk on 'Librarians in the 21st Century: the future of the profession, Newly elected Regional President Shibu Ray gave the vote of thanks to the gathering. The meeting ended at 4.45 pm.

Felicitations

Ernakulam Region of the Kerala Library Association organised a send off meeting to Smt. Santha Devi Antharjanam, University Librarian (In-Charge) of Cochin University of Science and Technology on 26th February 2008 at CUSAT. The meeting was presided over by Adv. M. Mohanachandran, Syndicate Member, CUSAT. On this occasion Dr. Abdul Azeez. T.A. Deputy Librarian, Sree Sankara University of Sanskrit, Kalady was honoured for achieving Ph.D.

Kottayam Region.

Annual General Body

The Annual General Body Meeting of the Kerala Library Association – Kottayam Region was held on 16th January, 2008 at 3 PM in the Seminar Hall of M G University Library. The main agenda of the meeting was reporting and reconstitution of the Kottayam Regional Committee. Dr. K.P. Vijayakumar, General Secretary, KLA was present. 14 members from the Kottayam Region attended the meeting.

The meeting commenced with a silent prayer following which Sri. A.J. Philip presented the condolence message on the sad demise of Prof. K.A. Isaac and Prof. A.B. George. Dr. R.Raman Nair, University Librarian, M.G. University, who is also an active member of KLA, welcomed the gathering.

This was followed by self introduction by the members present after which Sri.A.J. Philip, Regional President delivered the presidential address. In his address, he recollected the golden days of KLA with colleagues like late Sri. E.J. Mathew and Sri. Mathew Varghese. He called forth the young generation to actively participate and make the activities of KLA lively and fruitful. Sri. Philip highlighted the KLA project undertaken at the MG University. He also expressed concern over the non- appointment of Librarians in Higher Secondary Schools in Kerala. He urged the members to take initiative to increase the membership of KLA.

Sri. Suku J, Regional Secretary presented the Report and Audited Statement of Accounts of the Region for the years 2003-2007. The Report was then put forth for discussion and approval. Fr. Jose Viruppel, Librarian, SB College, Changanacherry viewed the lack of sufficient activities during the report years as a collective responsibility and expressed that each member should take initiative to make regional activities alive. Sri. Johny John Nidhiri, Librarian, Deva Matha College, Kuravilangad and Sr. Mercy, Librarian, Assumption College, Changanassery expressed the need to honour the retired librarians of the Region by conducting formal send off.

Dr. Raman Nair insisted that demonstration on SOUL software may be conducted by KLA to attract college Librarians. He also was of the opinion that regular programmes conducted by the Region will attract Librarians to the Association and enhance the membership. Sri. Unnikrishnan S opined the need for strengthening the Association by conducting a membership campaign. To enhance the communication between the members, he also suggested the

compilation of a Regional Directory of the Members. After the discussions and comments, the General Body approved the Reports and Statement of Accounts presented by the Regional Secretary.

Addressing the gathering, Dr.K.P. Vijayakumar, General Secretary, KLA elaborated the activities of the Association. He congratulated the Kottayam Region on the successful completion of the KLA project undertaken at the MG University. He said the project has financially uplifted the Association.

Differentiating professional association from Trade Union, he said the former is meant for the upliftment of the professionals and profession. He also stressed the need for a get together of the different professional organizations in this field for the betterment of the profession. He suggested that the University Library in coordination with the Dept. of Library and Information Science may chalk out programmes for the Region. He stressed the need for a platform for KLA Members like the LIS forum for exchanging professional ideas.

In view of the huge expense incurred to send the Newsletter of KLA by post to all its members, Dr. Vijayakumar suggested that it would be cost-effective if the Newsletter is sent to the members by Email. In this connection he hoped that the Regional Committees would take the initiative to collect the e-mail address of members and sent it to the General Secretary for compilation of a directory.

Election of office bearers of the Region for the years 2007-09 was conducted with Dr.K.P. Vijayakumar as the Presiding Officer and the following members were unanimously elected to the Kottayam Regional Committee.

Regional President

Fr. Jose Virupel (*Librarian, S B College, Changanacherry*)

Regional Secretary

Sri. Suku J (*Assistant Librarian, M G University*)

Executive Committee members

1. Sri. Johny John Nidhiri (*Librarian, Deva Matha College, Kuravilangad*)
2. Sr. Mercy (*Librarian, Assumption College, Changanacherry*)
3. Sri. Sabu, K (*Library Assistant, MG University*)
4. Sri. Unnikrishnan S (*Assistant Librarian, MG University*)
5. Sri. K.G Karthikeyan (*Rtd. Asst. Librarian In-Charge, Calicut University Library*)

Special Invitees

1. Dr. R.Raman Nair, University Librarian, MG University
2. Dr. K P Somanathan Nair, Head, DLIS, MG University
3. Sri.AJ Philip (Rtd. Librarian, St. Stephen's College, Uzhavoor)

The meeting concluded with tea at 5.30 PM

Training Programme on KOHA

The Regional Committee proposes to organize a training programme on KOHA, the open source Library management software in August 2008.

Thrissur Region

The General Body Meeting of the Thrissur Region was held on 5 November 2007 at Institute of Advanced Studies in

Education, Thrissur. The Meeting was presided over by Sri.N.Sukumaran Nair, President, KLA. Sri.Anto, Librarian, Prajyothi Nikethan College, Pudukkad, Secretary of the Regional Committee presented the Report. Dr. Vijayakmar K.P., General Secretary of KLA presented the keynote paper on "Librarianship in the Changing Library Scenario". The Meeting was noted for its overall participation by the members. In the Election that followed, the following Office Bearers were selected for the Regional Committee.

Regional President:

Sri.S. Azhagiri, Librarian Gr.I, Govt. Sanskrit College, Pattambi,

Regional Secretary:

Sri.Mohanlal, Kerala Agricultural University, Thrissur

Executive Committee members:

1. Sri. Humayoon Kabir, p., Librarian Gr.I, Govt. Medical College, Thrissur.
2. Smt. Vijayalakshmi, Librarian Gr.iI, Govt. Engineering College, Thrissur.
3. Sri. Rajendran, Librarian, Gr.I, Kerala Sahitya Academy, Thrissur.
4. Sri.V.C. John, Librarian Gr. IV, St. Thomas College, Thrissur.
5. Sri. Anto, Librarian, Prajyothi Nikethan College, Pudukkad, Thrissur.

Hot discussions on various issues of library professionals in the state and the profession as a whole took place in the meeting. Sri.N.Sukumaran Nair explained the viewpoint of KLA on the various issues raised. The meeting which started at 3.30 pm came to a close at 6.30 p.m.

New Members**Life Members**

1. Sujithakumari.T.K. (1029)
Asst. Librarian Gr.I
Kerala University Library
Thiruvananthapuram - 34
2. Beena A. Sarasam (1030)
Library Asst.
Kerala University Library
Thiruvananthapuram - 34
3. Saiga V.S. (1031)
Tech. Asst.
Dept. of Library and Inf. Science
Thiruvananthapuram -34
4. Eldho Joy E. (1032)
Library Asst.
Kerala University Library
Thiruvananthapuram
5. Simi Sivadas L (1033)
Tech. Asst.
Dept. of Futures Studies
University of Kerala
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6. Suma P.S. (1034)
Library Asst.
Kerala University Library
Thiruvananthapuram - 34
7. Suresh Kumar C. (1035)
Library Asst.
Kerala University Library
Thiruvananthapuram - 34
8. Jayasree V. (1036)
Library Asst.
Kerala University Library
Thiruvananthapuram - 34
9. Rajesh Kumar K. (1037)
Library Asst., Campus Library
University of Kerala
Kariavattom - 695 581
10. Preetha Sathyan (1038)
Library Asst.
Dept. of Political Science
University of Kerala
Kariavattom - 695 581
11. Jemmy Thomas (1039)
Library Asst., Dept. of Demography
University of Kerala
Kariavattom - 695 581
12. Saloni.N (1040)
Library Asst., Dept. of Botany
University of Kerala
Kariavattom - 695 581
13. Anil Kumar R (1041)
Reference Asst.
Institute of Distance Education
University of Kerala
Kariavattom- 695 581
14. Nair Remadevi Appukuttan (1042)
Tech. Asst.
Kerala University Library
Thiruvananthapuram - 34
15. Arun kumar.V.R (1043)
Library Asst.
Kerala University Library
Thiruvananthapuram - 34
16. Dr. Mohammed Haneefa K.(1044)
Chief Librarian
TKM College of Engineering
Kollam
17. Abdunnasar A (1045)
Scientist -B (Librarian)
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Thiruvananthapuram -11
18. Thara Krishnan (1049)
Tech.Asst.
Kerala University Library
Thiruvananthapuram - 34
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State Central Library,
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Chankoor House,
Pallarimangalam P.O.
Mavelikkara, Alappuzha
21. Santhosh Kumar R. (1052)
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Kerala Legislature Secretariat
Thiruvananthapuram - 33

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| 22. Harilal.G. (1053)
Asst. Librarian
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Thiruvananthapuram-33 | 34. Nisha Roseline Gerald (1066)
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Thiruvananthapuram |
| 23. Kalliani J (1054)
Lalitha Mandiram, A5,
Ganga Nagar,
Kudappanakunnu P.O.
Thiruvananthapuram | 35. Sasi P.K. (1067)
Peedikakandi -H
Calicut University - 673635 |
| 24. Binu. K.John (1056)
Asst. Librarian
Mar Baselios Engineering College
Nalanchira, Trivandrum | 36. Renjith V.R. (1077)
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Kerala University Library
Thiruvananthapuram |
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Ernakulam | 37. Ullas Jose (1078)
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University of Kerala
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| 27. Gokularaj P.K. (1059)
Professional Asst.
Dept. of Psychology
University of Calicut, Malappuram | 39. Faisal. S.L. (1080)
Librarian, Kendriya Vidyalaya
Pattom, Thiruvananthapuram |
| 28. Nanda Kumar S.V. (1060)
Sreevihar, Kovila P.O., Kollam | 40. Siju.V.G. (1081)
Librarian
IES College of Engineering
Chittipilly P.O., Thrissur |
| 29. Nisha V.P. (1061)
Valiya Parambil House
Elenthikara P.O., Ernakulam | 41. Minimol.K. (1082)
Professional Asst.
CHMK Library, University of Calicut
Malappuram |
| 30. Rajna K. (1062)
Kettil House, Farook College P.O.
Kozhikode | 42. Shancy Joseph (1083)
Aree parampil (H)
Pizhaku P.O., Pala, Kottayam |
| 31. Anil Kumar K. (1063)
Librarian, N.S.S. College
Nilamel, Kollam | 43. Om Shashi Shekhar Singh (1085)
MM 14,
Sanjay Gandhi Nagar Colony
Varanasi, U.P. 221001 |
| 32. Jayaprakash P. (1064)
Librarian Gr. II
State Central Library,
Thiruvananthapuram | 44. Leena.K. (1084)
46, GEM, Jayanthi Nagar Colony
Calicut - 673032 |
| 33. Asokan P.V. (1065)
Librarian Gr.II
State Central Library,
Thiruvananthapuram | 45. Ravindra M. Menthe (1086)
3, Vishnu Nagar,
Near Ashok Bakery, Ganesh
Colony, Jargaon- 425001. |

Ordinary Members

1. Divya Latha N. (1046)
CIFNET, Fine Arts Avenue
Ernakulam - 682 016
2. Nithin Das (1047)
Professional Asst.
CUSAT, School of Ocean
Sciences & Technology,
Lakeside Campus, Ernakulam
3. Indukala.K.B. (1048)
Asst. Librarian
KMEA Engineering College
Kuzhuvilipady
Edathamala, Aluva - 683 561
4. Lojini.K. (1055)
Librarian Gr. II, State Central
Library
Thiruvananthapuram-33
5. Anzar.A. (1068)
Salamath Bhavan,
Deva Nagar -13
Kazhakkuttom P.O.
Thiruvananthapuram - 695 582
6. Satheesh.K.M. (1069)
Kodungottuparambil House
Kodikuthumak
Asokapuram P.O., Aluva -01
7. Aswani.S. (1070)
Professional Asst.
Central Library, CUSAT,
Cochin -22
8. Thanooja M.K. (1071)
Asst. Librarian
School of Legal Studies
CUSAT, Cochin 22
9. Renjumol P.S. (1072)
Professional Asst., Central Library
CUSAT, Cochin -22
10. Remya Ramachandran (1073)
Professional Asst., Central Library
CUSAT, Cochin -22
11. Manjusha K. (1074)
Koodathingal (H)
U.C. College P.O., Aluva - 2
12. Viji M.K. (1075)
Madappady (H)
Kavilnada, Koonammavu P.O.
PIN - 683518
13. Ullas K.G. (1076)
Kanjankat House
Marathencode P.O., Vellithiruthy
Kunnamkulam, Thrissur - 680604

**Centre for Information
Literacy Studies**

University of Kerala has started a Centre for Information Literacy Studies as part of Dept. of Library and Information Science. The major mission of the Centre is to carry out regular programmes in schools, colleges and universities in Kerala to enable students and teachers to be proficient in information literacy skills. The centre proposes to offer regular and on-line courses and continuing education programmes in information literacy. Dr. Vijayakumar, K.P., Reader, DLIS University of Kerala and General Secretary, KLA has been designated as Honorary Director of the Centre.

**Attempts to salvage British
Library, Trivandrum**

As soon as the decision of the British council to close the Library came out, KLA started efforts to stop the process. We approached the Director of British Council, India, British High Commissioner in India, Director General, ICCR, Chief Minister of Kerala, Mayor of Trivandrum and many others. When it was found that the decision was irrevocable, we placed an alternative proposal before the Government of Kerala. In spite of our repeated reminders the issue is still pending with the Government of Kerala.

Role Played by Kerala Library Association on the Issuance of the G.O. on Staff pattern of Non-teaching staff in Private Aided Colleges

Kerala Library Association played an instrumental role in bringing out the Government Order regarding the staff pattern of non-teaching staff in Private aided colleges. We have been constantly trying to rectify the anomalies that has crept in the GO (Ms) No.119/04.

Even before the issuing of the order, KLA office bearers had a serious discussion with the Hon. Minister for Education in his Chamber on 06.06.02 and in continuation of that discussion we could submit a detailed representation to the Hon. Minister for Education on 21.06.2002 regarding the implementation of the Expert Committee Report on College libraries (VP Joy Committee Report) and the need for the grading of colleges. We had represented on the granting of UGC scales to Librarians based on the recommendations of the Expert Committee and the need to consider granting of UGC scales to the existing librarians in colleges.

Again we had a detailed discussion with Mrs. Sarada Muraleedhran IAS, then Director of Collegiate Education and N. Sukumaran Nair, President, KLA could arrange a separate discussion with her on the issue. After the issue of the order on 17.09.2004 we represented once again to the Hon. Minister for Education vide our letter No. KLA/05/05-06 dtd 11.10.2004 requesting to rectify the anomalies that were noticed in the above government order. It was a very detailed representation touching all the

important issues like the need for reconsidering the number of courses for grading of colleges and the necessity to grant exemption in UGC qualification. On the basis of our representation, we could arrange a separate discussion with Hon. Minister for Education on 15.12.2004 at Government Guest House, Thycaud, Trivandrum and the minutes of the meeting was sent to Director of Collegiate Education for his remarks.

As a follow up to the above, a meeting was convened by the Deputy Director, Collegiate Education on 29.05.2007 and KLA President. N. Parameswaran and General Secretary Dr.A.Gopikuttan participated in the discussion and they were able to convince the authorities regarding the various issues faced by College Librarians. In the discussion the need to consider librarian as a separate category was emphasized by KLA Office bearers. These attempts have always been brought to the notice of the professionals through our News- letter.

All through these years KLA has been vigourosuly pursuing the issue and we are glad that the professional fraternity could get the orders passed by the Government rectifying most of the anomalies that had crept in the GO dtd. 17/09/2004. Some of the issues like posting of two qualified librarians in all the colleges, considering the extra work put in by the librarians, considering self-financing courses for grading of colleges etc. are pending before the Government. We hope these issues can also be rectified in the near future.

GOVERNMENT OF KERALA**ABSTRACT**

Higher Education Department – Aided Colleges – Staff pattern of non-teaching staff in private aided colleges – Amendments in G.O (M.S) No. 119/04/H.Edn. dated 17/9/2004 – orders issued.

HIGHER EDUCATION (D) DEPARTMENT

G.O. (M.S) No. 50/08/H.Edn.Dated, Thiruvananthapuram 09.05.2008

Read:

1. G.O. (MS) No. 119/04/H.Edn dated 17/9/04
2. Letter No. E1.23705/07/Coll.Edn. dated 08.06.2007

ORDER

Consequent on delinking of Pre degree from Colleges, students strength in each College had reduced considerably. This had necessitated issue of orders in G.O. (MS) No. 119/04/H/.Edn. dated 17/9/2004, revising the staff pattern of non-teaching staff in Private Aided Colleges in the State. Various organizations of non-teaching staff of Private Colleges have pointed out anomalies in the Government Order and requested to rectify and issue necessary orders. Government have examined the matter in detail and are pleased to make the following amendments in G.O. (MS) No. 119/04/H.Edn. dated 17/9/2004.

2. The number of courses in 'A' grade colleges shall be refixed from 20 to 18. The courses which were started after 1997 without additional financial commitment to Government would not be considered for this.

3. In order to avoid the situation that no fresh recruitment has to be made against any existing supernumerary posts, the posts having same nature, inter transferable and those promoted from the lower cadre should be considered as criteria for staff fixation. Even then, if there exists vacancies, such vacancies shall be filled with the prior sanction of Government. The total non-teaching posts in aided colleges are classified into following groups for this purpose.

Group :1

Peon, Sweeper, Sanitation Worker, Night Watchman (Pay scale Rs.4300-5930) Specimen Collector, Library Assistant, Lab Assistant (4400-6680) Gasman, Gardener (4510-7480).

Group 2

Herbarium Keeper (Rs. 4990 – 7990)

Group 3

Mechanic (Rs. 4990 – 7990)

Group 4

Technical Assistant (Rs.7990 – 12930) Education Qualifications required:
(Diploma in Electronics/Computer Science)

Group 5

LD Clerk, U D Clerk, Head Accountant, Junior Superintendent, Senior Superintendent, Administrative Assistant

Group 6

Librarians.

The above said grouping shall be considered for the filling up of posts and for the gradual cancellation of supernumerary posts.

4. The Herbarium Keeper post will be sanctioned in colleges having B.Sc/ MSc. Botany course. The qualification and method of appointment for the post will be restored as mentioned in the University statutes.

5. (i) The Librarians who had UGC qualification on 17/9/04 would be eligible to get salary in the UGC scale. Those who have BLISc qualification as per the Statute and a minimum of 8 years service will also be eligible to get salary in UGC scale w.e.f. 17.9.2004 giving relaxation to UGC qualification, on condition that they must acquire either UGC qualification within four years or qualify (pass) 4 refresher courses. They should execute a bond permitting to recover the extra salary and benefits received, if they fail to acquire the prescribed qualifications. In no case the managements shall be allowed to recruit new unqualified hands and claim this relaxation.

(ii) 'E' grade colleges getting UGC grant will also be allowed these benefits envisaged in para 5 (i) above.

(iii) The training colleges are also allowed to fill up posts of librarians as in the case of 'D' grade colleges and Librarians on such appointments are also eligible for the benefits envisaged in Para 5 (i) above.

6. To fix the number of Lab Assistants in Private aided colleges the subsidiary subjects shall also be considered and the procedure laid down prior to GO dated 17/9/04 shall be restored.

7. Two additional clerical posts are sanctioned for every 5 courses exceeding five instead of one strictly following the criteria regarding promotion vide the Government Order dated 17/9/04.

(BY ORDER OF THE GOVERNOR)

K.M. ABRAHAM

Principal Secretary to Government

To

1. The Director of Collegiate Education, Thiruvananthapuram
2. The Registrar, Kerala/M.G/Calicut/Kannur University
3. The Principal Accountant General (Audit), Kerala,
Thiruvananthapuram
4. The Accountant General (A&E), Kerala, Thiruvananthapuram
5. The Deputy Director of Collegiate Education, Kollam/ Kottayam/
Ernakulam/ Thrissur/Kozhikode
6. The Finance Department (Vide 77374/Edn B3/07/Fin dated 12.2.2008)
7. The Higher Education (B) Department
8. The Director of public Relations, Thiruvananthapuram
9. Stock file/Office copy.

Forwarded/By order

Sd/-

Section officer

Retirements

University of Kerala

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| 1. | Rajendran Pillai.R. | Deputy Librarian | 31.07.2007 |
| 2. | Mosses Addison.S. | Asst. Librarian Grade 1 | 31.05.2008 |
| 3. | Usha J | Deputy Librarian-in-charge | 30.06.2008 |

University of Calicut

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|----|--------------|-----------------------------|------------|
| 1. | Lalitha K.P. | Asst. Librarian (Sr. Scale) | 30.11.2007 |
| 2. | Suhshama.N. | Asst. Librarian-in-charge | 29.02.2008 |

Cochin University of Science & Technology

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| 1. | Santhadevi Antharjanam | Asst. Librarian-in-charge | 29.02.2008 |
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Agricultural University

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| 1. | Sanjeev.P. | Deputy Librarian | 31.5.2008 |
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State Departments

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| 1. | Daiva Dattan.B. | State Librarian
State Central Library, Trivandrum | 30.11.2007 |
| 2. | Jayasree Thankom P | Senior Grade Librarian
State Planning Board, Trivandrum | 31.3.2008 |
| 3. | Rema Panicker | Librarian Grade I
Medical College, Trivandrum | 30.09.2007 |

Other Libraries

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|----|----------------------|---|------------|
| 1. | Abraham M.A. | Scientist E, VSSC Library
Trivandrum | 31.5.2007 |
| 2. | Chidambaram Pillai M | Librarian, Center for Development
Studies, Ulloor, Trivandrum, | 31.12.2007 |
| 3. | Dr.T.K. Subramony | Manager, British Library,
Trivandrum | 31.3.2008 |

Appointments



Smt. P. Suprabha assumed charge as State Librarian, State Central Library on 1 December 2007. She was serving as Deputy Librarian in State Central library.

Dr. Humayoon Kabir, S. joined as Reader in the Department of Library and Information Science, University of Kerala, Thiruvananthapuram in June 2008. He was working as Lecturer at the Dept. of Library and Information Science, Pondicherry University, Pondicherry on deputation from CUSAT.



Dr. G. Sudhier joined as Lecturer in the Dept. of Library and Information Science, University of Kerala in May 2008. He was serving as Technical Assistant in the Dept. of Communication and Journalism, University of Kerala.

Ph.D. Degrees Awarded



Sri. Abdul Azeez, T.A., Deputy Librarian, Sree Sankaracharya University of Sanskrit, Kalady has been awarded Ph.D. Degree by the University of Calicut for the thesis entitled '**Development of a Library Consortium for Engineering Colleges in Kerala**' under the supervision of Dr. M. Bavakutty.

Smt. Beena, S., Assistant Librarian, Kerala University Library has been awarded Ph.D. degree for the research work in **Social Science Books in Malayalam: A Survey and Bibliometric Study** by the University of Kerala. Dr. G. Devarajan was the research guide.



Sri. T. Mohana Kumar, Assistant Librarian Grade I, Dept. of Malayalam, University of Kerala was awarded Ph.D. by University of Kerala for the research work carried out under the supervision of Dr.C. V. Rajan Pillai. The topic of research was **Professional Library Manpower Development for College Librarians in Kerala in the IT Environment**.

Sri. Rajendran, Scientist, VSSC Library obtained Ph.D. degree from University of Kerala for the research work on the topic **Publication patterns of Space Technologists of VSSC : A Bibliometric Analysis**. Dr.S. Humayoon Kabir was the research guide.



Sri. Vijayakumar, K.P., Lecturer (Selection Grade) DLIS, University of Kerala was awarded Ph.D. Degree by the University of Kerala for the research work entitled **Manpower Utilization in the University Libraries of Kerala: An Evaluation** carried out under the supervision of Dr.G. Devarajan.

KLA WEB SITE

Members are requested to visit the Web Site of Kerala Library Association www.keralalibraryassociation.org and offer their comments/suggestions for improvement. Any correction, addition in the name and address of the members may be brought to the notice of the General Secretary. All members are requested to send their e-mail address also for inclusion in the web-site.

**36th Annual Report of the Kerala Library Association for
the year 2006-2007, presented by the General Secretary
of the Association at the Annual General Body Meeting held
on 15th July 2007.**

Dear Colleagues,

It gives me great pleasure and privilege to exercise my responsibility as the General Secretary of the KLA to present its Annual Report for the period from 10.06.2006 to 14.07.2007.

The 35th Annual General body meeting of the KLA was held on 17.07.2006 at K.L.A. Head Office, Kairalie Plaza, Karamana, Trivandrum. The meeting was started at 2.45 p.m. Sri.N.Parameswaran, President of KLA presided. Sri.K.G.Sudhier, Organizing Secretary, on behalf of the General Secretary, presented the annual report of KLA for the year 2005 – 2006 and Sri. P.K. Suresh Kumar, Treasurer presented the audited statement of accounts of KLA for the year 2005 – 2006. The annual report and accounts were approved by the General body. The budget for 2006 – 2007 presented by the Treasurer was also approved by the general body.

Activities during 2006 – 2007

1. Prof. Isaac Memorial Lecture

KLA, jointly with the Department of Library & Information Science, University of Kerala and Alumni Association of Department of Library and Information Science (AADLIS) organized the commemoration of the first Death Anniversary of Prof. K.A. Isaac with the Prof. Isaac Memorial Lecture at the DLIS Lecture Hall on 12th September 2006.

The Memorial Lecture on 'Implications of Right to Information Act' was delivered by Prof. (Dr.) G.Balamohanan Thampi, President, Kerala State Library Council and former Vice Chancellor, University of Kerala. Prof. C.A. Augustine, former faculty member, DLIS, University of Kerala spoke on the occasion. Dr.G.Devarajan the then Prof. &

Head DLIS presided over the function. Sri. N.Parameswaran, President, KLA welcomed the audience and Smt. S.P.Usha Devi (Secretary, AADLIS) proposed vote of thanks.

2.Felicitation to Dr.G.Devarajan & Family get-together of KLA Members

Dr.G. Devarajan, Professor and Head, Dept. of Library and Information Science, University of Kerala was nominated to the Syndicate of the University of Kerala by the Government. KLA considered it as a recognition to our profession. With a view to felicitate him, KLA organized a family get-together of members on 09.12.2006 at Hotel Geeth, Thiruvananthapuram.

Sri.N.Parameswaran, President, Kerala Library Association, Smt. K.K.Lalitha Bai, Former Head, DLIS, University of Kerala, Sri.N.Sukumaran Nair, Sri. K.P.Sadasivan, Dr.R.Raman Nair, Dr.T.K.Subramoni, and Sri. Sathikumar. C.S. delivered felicitation speeches Dr.A.Gopikuttan, General Secretary welcomed the participants. Eighty four members participated in the function.

3.KLA – UNESCO Workshop on Information Literacy

KLA Organized with the financial assistance of UNESCO two workshops on Information Literacy one in Trivandrum and the other in Kozhikode on 23rd and 27th of January 2007 respectively.

a) KLA-UNESCO Workshop on Information Literacy in Trivandrum

The first sensitization workshop on Information Literacy organized by KLA with the financial support of UNESCO was held at Priyadarshini Auditorium, Science and Technology Museum, PMG Jn. Trivandrum on 23rd Jan. 2007. The program was started with

an inaugural function which was presided by Prof. (Dr).G. Devarajan, the then Professor & Head of DLIS, University of Kerala. Sri. N.Parameswaran, President, Kerala Library Association, welcomed the dignitaries and the participants. Sri.V.V.Giri, Information Commissioner, State Information Commission, Kerala, inaugurated the workshop. Dr.A.Gopikuttan General Secretary, Kerala Library Association proposed the vote of thanks.

The first technical session was conducted by Prof. (Dr.) G.Devarajan and the second session was handled by Dr.C.G. Sukumaran Nair, Faculty Member, Sarabhai Institute of Technology, Vellanad, Trivandrum on 'ICT Application and Internet in the Information Literacy perspective'. The third session was taken by Sri.K.Ravindran Asari former University Librarian, MG University, Kottayam on the topic, 'E-resources in the IL prespective' The fourth session 'Information Literacy and Life Skill Development' was taken by Sri.N.Sukumaran Nair former State Librarian. The fifth session was handled by Sri.K.P. Vijayakumar, Dept. of Library & Information Science, University of Kerala, Trivandrum which was on 'IL' competency standards'. The practical session was handled by Sri. Vimal Kumar, Asst. Librarian, Asian School of Business, Technopark Trivandrum. Though the number of delegates was proposed to be limited to 75, due to heavy rush we had to accommodate 116 participants. The participants were given participation certificates.

4.KLA Gold Medal Awards

KLA organized a function on 16th May 2007 at the Lecture Hall, Dept. of Library and Information Science, University Library Buildings, Trivandrum in connection with the presentation of KLA Gold Medals to the First Rank holders of BLISc/MLISc Degree courses of the Universities of Kerala, the distribution of C.A. Augustine Holy Cross Endowment Awards and mementos and the launch of Website of the Association.

Sri. M.A. Baby, Hon. Minister for Education and Culture, Govt. of Kerala inaugurated the function and presented the Awards. Prof. (Dr.) M.K. Ramachandran Nair, Hon. Vice Chancellor, University of Kerala presided. Prof. (Dr) K.S.Raghavan, Professor DRTC, Bangalore launched the Website of KLA. Sri.C.Bhaskaran, Member of Syndicate, University of Kerala, Prof. (Dr) G.Devarajan Member of Syndicate, University of Kerala and the former Prof. and Head of the Department of Library and Information Science, Smt.J.Usha, Deputy Librarian-in-charge, Kerala University Library also offered felicitations on the occasion. Sri.N.Parameswaran President, KLA welcomed the gathering and Dr.A.Gopikuttan, General Secretary proposed the vote of thanks. Mr.Sanjo Jose and Miss Suby G.Nair the recipients of the awards replied and thanked KLA.

The Award winners are:

University of Calicut

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| 1. Febin Haroon | BLISc 2004-05 |
| 2. Remya KP. | BLISc 2005-06 |

M.G.University, Kottayam

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| 1. Suby G Nair | BLISc 2005-06 |
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University of Kerala

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| 1. Sanjo Jose | MLISc 2005-06 |
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The Minister also distributed the Cash awards and Mementoes instituted by 'CA Augustine Holy Cross Endowment for Information Science'. The awards were given to the students who scored top marks in the Paper 'Information, knowledge and Communication of the MLISc Examination of the University of Kerala. The award winners are Viji Mathew MLISc 2003-05 and Sanjo Jose and Chithra.S MLISc 2004-06.

5. KLA Representations

KLA President and General Secretary represented the Association and participated in the discussion held on 29.05.2007 at the chamber of Deputy

Director, Office of the Director of Collegiate Education, Vikas Bhavan Trivandrum regarding the various issues faced by College Libraries in Aided Colleges. In connection with this, a detailed representation was submitted by the Association on 31.05.2007. In the memorandum we have requested that the present criteria fixed for grading of colleges have to be revised according to the recommendation of the Sarada Muraleedharan Committee with necessary modification to include research departments, vocational courses and self financing courses. It was also requested that one post of College Librarian (UGC) may be created in all colleges coming under 2 (f) category getting (UGC) grants including E' Grade Colleges as recommended by VP Joy Committee and the present incumbent (Chief Librarian) may be placed in UGC scale if he has the requisite qualification.

6. Workshop on Library Automation at Kochi

A Workshop on Library automation was organized by Softlink Asia. Pvt Ltd. on 4.2.2007 at the International Hotel, Kochi. It provided an opportunity to the Library and Information Science professionals to engage in the evaluation of the library software package Alice for Windows. President and the General Secretary of KLA attended the function.

7. School library

KLA was very conscious and vociferous regarding the establishment of full-fledged libraries in the higher secondary schools from the very beginning of the introduction of higher secondary education in Kerala. Separate Memorandums were given to the Hon. Education Minister and Finance Minister on this issue. President and the General Secretary of KLA have participated in an interview conducted by Amritha TV, through which we have emphasized our strong demand of implementing school libraries in higher secondary schools. The reports of Sri. N. Sukumaran Nair and Dr.A. Gopikuttan on the

topic of school libraries were published through the peoples speak column of the Hindu daily.

8. Activities of the Calicut Regional Committee

a. National Library Week Celebration

As part of the National Library Week celebration, the Calicut region of KLA organized one day programme on 16.11.2006 at Silver Jubilee Complex, University of Calicut consisting of Sudha Commemoration Session and a symposium on Right to Information. The memorial lecture was conducted by Dr.M.G. Sreekumar, Librarian, IIMK on the topic 'Library profession at Crossroads'. Professor M.Parameswaran, Former Head, DLIS, Dr. Raju M Mathew, Former Head, DLIS, Smt. Mini Sukumaran, Lecturer, Women studies, Sri. Shammiraj L, Asst. Librarian, Dept. of Malayalam and Dr. K.N. Soman, Asst. Librarian CHMK Library spoke on the occasion. Sri.K.G. Karthikeyan, President of KLA, Kozhikode region welcomed the gathering and Smt. Sushama N, Asst. Librarian in charge, CHMK Library presided.

The symposium on 'Right to Information' was inaugurated by Dr.P.P. Muhammad, Registrar of University of Calicut. The introduction of the topic was made by Dr.R. Raman Nair, Librarian, MG University. Sri. Vijayaraju P.C. Former Deputy Labour Commissioner and Executive Director Skill zone, Kannur was the moderator. Sri. Velayudhan T., Chief Information Officer, Kozhikode, Sri Sasibhooshanan Nair, Head, Dept. of Journalism, Calicut University, Dr. T.P. Sasikumar Former Director ASC, Calicut University, and Adv. Smitha Velayudhan spoke on the occasion. Dr. Jalaja.V., Reader and Head, DLIS presided and Sri. T.M. Vasudevan proposed vote of thanks.

b. KLA – UNESCO workshop on Information Literacy in Kozhikode.

The second Workshop on Information Literacy sponsored by UNESCO and organized by KLA was held on 27th January 2007 at Hotel Alakapuri, Kozhikode.

The workshop was formally inaugurated by Dr. B.R.S. Babu, Professor, Department of Physics, University of Calicut at 9.30 am. The inaugural session was presided over by Sri.N. Sukumaran Nair, former President, KLA. Prof. M. Parameswaran (Former Head, DLIS, University of Calicut) Dr. Jalaja V. (Reader, DLIS, University of Calicut) and Sri.K.G. Karthikeyan (President, KLA Kozhikode Region) delivered felicitation speeches. Dr. M.G. Sreekumar (Librarian, IIM, Kozhikode) welcomed the gathering and Dr. Dineshan Koovakkai (Secretary, KLA Kozhikode Region) proposed the vote of thanks.

The technical session started with the lecture of Sri. K.P. Vijayakumar, DLIS, University of Kerala on various aspects of 'Information Literacy'. Dr. M.G. Sreekumar spoke on 'ICT application and Internet in the IL perspective'. Sri.K. Rajasekaran (KILA, Trissur) presented the topic 'e-resources in the IL perspective'. Dr. Dineshan Koovakkai spoke on 'IL competency standards' and Prof. Saji Gopinath discussed the concept of 'Information Literacy from the User perspective'. Senior professionals and teachers like Prof. M Parameswaran, Sri. K.M.Govi and many others also actively participated in the workshop. Even though the registration was restricted to 75 we were forced to accommodate 115 participants. There was live discussion on various topics.

In the Valedictory Function Prof. Saji Gopinath was the chief guest, Sri.N.Sukumaran Nair, Sri. K.P. Vijayakumar, Dr. M.G. Sreekumar, Dr. T.P.O. Nasirudheen and Sri. Abdul Gafoor Manningachali spoke on the occasion. The certificate to the participants were distributed by Prof. Saji Gopinath.

9. Official Website for KLA

Prof. (Dr.) K.S. Raghavan, Professor, Documentation Research and Training Centre, Bangalore launched the official website of KLA on 16th May 2007 in the same function organized for the presentation of KLA Gold Medals. The Hon. Minister Sri. M.A. Baby and Prof. (Dr.) M.K. Ramachandran Nair, Hon. Vice

Chancellor of Kerala University attended the function. Sri. C. Bhaskaran, Member of Syndicate, Prof. (Dr.) G. Devarajan, Member of Syndicate and former Prof. & Head DLIS and Smt. J. Usha Deputy Librarian-in-charge Kerala University Library spoke on the occasion.

10. Executive Committee Meetings

Eight Meetings of the Executive Committee were held during the report period. All the meetings were well attended.

11. KLA Newsletter

During the report year two issues of the KLA Newsletter were published.

12. Membership

A total number of 33 members (Life 30, ordinary 3) have joined the Association during the year.

Conclusion

The major achievement during this period was the launching of KLA Website. Web sites have thrown open immense opportunities for the internationalization of the Association which enable them to successfully co-operate with each other. I request all the members to make use of the web facilities through which KLA publish all its activities.

I take this opportunity to express our deep felt gratitude to M/s. Modern Book Centre, M/s Southern Book Star, M/s DELNET for giving their advertisement in our publication KLA News letter. I also express our sincere thanks to UNESCO for extending financial support for conducting the workshops on Information Literacy programme.

I extend our sincere thanks to all members of the Association for the service rendered by them for the successful functioning of the Association.

I submit this annual report for your detailed discussion and approval.

Dr.A. Gopikuttan
General Secretary,
Kerala Library Association

Audited Statement of Receipts and Payments of Kerala Library Association for the period 01.07.2006 to 30.06.2007

RECEIPTS				PAYMENTS			
I	Opening Balance			I	Capital Investments		
a.	Canara Bank, Cantonment SB A/C 9131	1946.71		a.	Electrification of KLA Office	18000.00	
b.	KSFE, Kesavadasapuram Sugama 646	6287.00		b.	Flooring KLA Office	5766.00	23766.00
c.	SBT, Kariavattom SB A/C C2236	1061.50	9295.21	II	Seminar/Workshop/Lectures		
	Cash in Hand	1909.00	1909.00	a.	KLA-UNESCO Inf. literacy Workshops	89742.00	
	Bank Interest	534.00	534.00	b.	Prof. KA Isaac Memorial Lecture	3160.00	92902.00
	Income from projects (MG University)	3213.00	3213.00	c.	KLA Gold Medal Award	9907.00	9907.00
II	Membership			III	Security Deposits		
a.	Life membership	6000.00			Security Deposit Science &Tech.Museum	5000.00	5000.00
b.	Annual Membership	150.00		IV	Felicitation to Dr.G.Devarajan and		
c.	Admission Fee	160.00	6310.00		Family get together	3200.00	3200.00
III	KLA Publication			V	KLA Website	4055.00	4055.00
	Balance from RRLF, Kolkata	3422.00	3422.00	VI	CA Augustine holy Cross Endowment		
IV	Seminars/Workshops/Lectures				Award: Cash Award and Momentos	2550.00	2550.00
	KLA-UNESCO Workshop	96029.40	96029.40	VII	Working fund to Regional Committee		
	Transfer from National Seminar fund	5000.00	5000.00		Working fund to Kottayam Reg.Committee	1000.00	1000.00
	Prof. KA Isaac Memorial Lecture-share from AADLIS and DLIS	2106.00	2106.00	VIII	Bank Commission	1413.00	1413.00
IV.	Advertisements			IX	Others		
a.	KLA News letter Vol.35 Nos. 1-3 (Jan-Sept.06)	8500.00		a.	DTP, Photocopying	1282.00	
b.	KLA News letter Vo.. 36 Nos. 1-2 (Jan - June 07)	10000.00	18500.00	b.	General Body Expense	244.00	
V.	Advance Refund			c.	Postage	3941.00	
	Security deposit refund from Director, Kerala State Science & Tech.Museum	5000.00	5000.00	d.	Printing	4540.00	
VI	Furniture			e.	Refreshment	427.00	
	Donation from Exe-Committee Members	3120.00	3120.00	f.	Miscellaneous	350.00	10784.00
VII	KA Gold medal/CA Augustine Holy Cross Endowment Award Function				TOTAL	154577.00	154577.00
	Share from CA Augustine Holy Cross Endowment Account	5500.00	5500.00	X	Closing Balance		
VIII	Temporary Advance	10000.00	10000.00	a.	Canara bank, Cantonment, SB A/C 9131	8924.11	
	TOTAL	169938.61	169938.61	b.	Sugama 646, KSFE, Kesavadasapuram	3636.00	
				c.	SBT, Kariavattom SB A/C C2236	1061.50	13621.61
				d.	Cash in Hand	1740.00	1740.00
					TOTAL	169938.00	169938.00

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Audited Statement of Receipts and Payments of C.A. Augustine Holy Cross Endowment Account
(01.07.2006 to 30.06.2007)

Opening Balance				Payments			
a.	Fixed Deposit KSFE, Kesavadasapuram	10000.00		a.	Cash Award 500*3	1500.00	
b.	Fixed Deposit, Federal Bank, Palayam	7000.00		b.	Memento 350*3	1050.00	
c.	Sugama A/C 1647, KSFE, Kesavadasapuam	3407.00		c.	Share to KLA for conducting		
d.	S.B. A/C 18774, Federal bank, Palayam	2139.31	22546.31		KLA Gold medal/CA Augustine Holy Cross Endowment Award function	2950.00	5500.00
Receipts				Closing Balance			
a.	Interest on FD, KSFE	727.00		a.	Fixed Deposit KSFE, Kesavadasapuram	10000.00	
b.	Bank Interest, Sugama 1647, KSFE	194.00		b.	Fixed Deposit, Federal Bank, Palayam	7000.00	
c.	Interest on FD, Federal Bank	423.00		c.	Sugama A/C 1647, KSFE, Kesavadasapuram	1139.31	
d.	Bank Interest, SB A/C 18774, Federal Bank	77.00	1421.00	d.	S.B. A/C 18774, Federal Bank, Palayam	328.00	18467.31
TOTAL		23967.31	23967.31	TOTAL		23967.31	23967.31

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