

# KLA Newsletter

Vol. 41

Number 1-2

July – December 2011

The official Newsletter of Kerala Library Association, Thiruvananthapuram

## From the President's Desk

Librarianship as a profession is concerned with storage, organize and maintenance of books, papers, journals and other non-book materials. The rapid developments in Information Technology brought revolutionary changes in information processing, storage, dissemination and distribution and became a key ingredient in bringing-up great changes in over all aspects of society. The advent of Internet has brought a paradigm shift in information usage from the need to know basis – information available when and where you need it. The information professionals are forced to adopt technologies like computing, networks, Internet, digital data etc and getting adapted to the changing environment. An incredible fast progress in information and communication technologies are transforming the information handling and seeking habits of both librarians and users.

The developments such as Networking, electronic publishing, open access, online services, interoperability, web 2.0 and cloud computing etc have again created new and advanced environment in library and information services. The present system is not sufficient to provide proper training to the ever growing number of budding librarians. Therefore many librarians are not able to satisfy the users properly. Ironically many more agencies are ready to take up the task of giving training in librarianship without much infrastructural facilities. But the students those coming out without proper training in the profession are another burden in the field. New self-financing institutions are providing employment to the librarians but very often under paid.

In spite of the initiatives taken by INFLIBNET, NISCAIR, NIC and Refreshers courses provided by universities, more such kind of training programmes are to be conducted both to the library and information professionals as well as to the user.

Hence the main issue before the association is to professionally equip the librarians.. KLA should become a platform to impart training to such areas where the members need assistance. Association is planning to conduct a series of programmes to justify the existing need. As a beginning a national level workshop is organized during the first week of September this year. We expect full cooperation from the members to conduct these programmes successfully.

Warm Regards,  
**Dr A.Gopikuttan**  
 President i/c, KLA

### Report of the KLA National Seminar on CONTENT MANAGEMENT AND LIBRARIES: *New Vistas for Harnessing Information*

The National Seminar on **Content Management and Libraries: New vistas for Harnessing Information** was organized by Kerala Library Association and co-sponsored / supported by Raja Rammohun Roy Foundation, Kolkata, Kerala State Council for Science, Technology & Environment, Govt of Kerala and Information and Public Relation Department, Govt of Kerala.

## IN THIS ISSUE

<b>Report of the KLA National Seminar on Content Management and Libraries: New vistas for Harnessing Information.1</b>	
<b>Minutes of the 40<sup>th</sup> Annual General Body Meeting held on 28 August 2011.....</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>New Office Bearers of the Association for 2011-2013.....</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>Annual General Body Meetings and Formation of New Regional Committees for 2011-2013.....</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>Prof. K. A. Isaac Commemoration Lecture 2011.....</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>Awardee of Doctorate Degree in LIS.....</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>Forthcoming Programmes: January-June 2012.....</b>	<b>8</b>

Published by Shri S. L. Faisal, General Secretary, Kerala Library Association, Thiruvananthapuram.

Printed at S.R. Offset, Thiruvananthapuram

Editor: Dr. Vijayakumar K. P.

It was aimed at reviewing the current scenario of content management and working out new development strategies for better management of information, be it traditional or digital, ensuring best practices to capture, manage, store, preserve, and deliver. The Three-Day National Seminar was held at Padmam, Auditorium, Institute of Management in Government (IMG), Trivandrum during 14-16 July 2011.



Altogether 152 professionals working in academic libraries, R & D establishments, corporate libraries, public libraries as well as academicians across the country participated in the national seminar. In addition to the inaugural session there were six technical sessions in all, spread over three days. Each session was chaired by an eminent personality in the library & information science field and had a lead paper presented by an expert. A total of 48 papers were presented and at the end of all, there was a panel discussion on repositioning of libraries moderated by Dr. Achuthsankar S. Nair with Prof. C. A. Augustine, Dr. Tapaswi, Dr. M.G. Sreekumar and Dr. Ajayaghosh as eminent panellists.

### **Inauguration**

The Seminar was inaugurated by Dr. Shashi Tharoor, Former Under-Secretary General, United Nations and presently, Member of Parliament, representing Trivandrum constituency. The meeting was presided over by Shri K.M. Chandrasekhar IAS, Vice-Chairman, State Planning Board, Government of Kerala and Former Cabinet Secretary, Govt. of India. Other Invited speakers included Adv. K. Chandrika, the Worshipful Mayor, Trivandrum Corporation and Shri P. Jayarajan, Member, RRRLF Kolkata & Former Country Head, British Council Libraries in India. Shri K. P. Sadasivan, President, KLA, welcomed the distinguished guests and the gathering.

In his presidential address, Shri Chandrasekhar pointed out that one of the biggest casualties of TV is reading. He added that it is very important for the state to expand not merely the physical horizon but also its mental horizon. It was his

first public function in Kerala after joining the Kerala State Planning Board. He hoped that the Seminar would lead to significant changes in the approach to libraries.

Dr Shashi Tharoor formally inaugurated the Seminar by lighting the traditional lamp. In his inaugural address, Dr Shashi Tharoor opined that libraries have to expand the range of their resources for knowledge content in various forms to be made accessible. According to him, the library system in the country should be re-designed to cater to the needs of new generation users, considering the impact of internet and other social media technologies on learning and life.

The Souvenir brought out in connection with the Seminar was later released by Adv. K. Chandrika, the Worshipful Mayor of Trivandrum Corporation, and the first copy was received by Shri P Jayarajan. The latter, in his speech expressed his concern over the state of libraries at present but was optimistic that libraries would survive in India. Shri. Jayarajan briefly touched upon the National Knowledge Commission's recommendations with regard to libraries.

### **Technical Sessions**

There were six Technical Sessions in all, spread over three days. These were grouped as:

- i. Content Management and ICT: The Technology Interface;*
- ii. e-Resources Management – I*
- iii. e-Resources Management – II*
- iv. Content Management and Public Libraries*
- v. Capacity Building for Excellence and*
- vi. Content Management and Web Technology.*

Each session was chaired by an eminent personality in Library & Information Science and/or ICT discipline and had a Lead Paper too presented by an expert. A total of 48 papers were presented. The first session was chaired by Shri Satish Babu, Director, International Centre for Free & Open Source Software (IC-FOSS), Govt. of Kerala and National President-Elect, Computer Society of India. The second session was chaired by Dr. T. A. Abdul Azeez, University Librarian-in-charge, Calicut University Library and the Lead Paper was presented by Mrs. P. Nishy, Scientist and Head, National Knowledge Resource Consortium, NISCAIR, New Delhi. Dr. V. Gopakumar, University Librarian, Goa University, chaired the third session and Mrs. Padmaja Muralidhar, Senior Librarian, Nanyang Technological University, Singapore, presented the Lead Paper. Dr. R. Ramasamy, Regional Head, RRRLF, Southern Zone, Chennai, who is very much associated with public libraries chaired the fourth session and the Lead Paper on Public Libraries in India with special reference to Tamil Nadu was presented by Ms. Kamakshi, Library and Information Officer, Anna Centenary Library, Chennai. The fifth session was chaired by Shri. P. Jayarajan, Former Country

Head, British Council Libraries in India & Member, RRRLF Kolkata and Dr. Anandakuttan B. Unnithan, Professor and Head, Postgraduate Programmes, IIM Kozhikode presented the Lead Paper. The last session was chaired by Shri. Ravindran Asari, Former University Librarian, M. G. University, Kottayam and the Lead Paper was presented by Dr. M G Sreekumar, Head, Library & Information Centre, IIM, Kozhikode.

### **Panel Discussion**

The Technical Sessions were followed by a Panel Discussion with the Theme **“Repositioning of Libraries”**. The Session was moderated by Dr. Achuthsankar S. Nair, Director, State Inter-University Centre of Excellence in Bioinformatics, University of Kerala. The panelists representing Content Creators, Content Managers and Content Users included academicians, research scientists and LIS professionals of high repute. They were Prof. C. A. Augustine (YMCA e-Resource Centre, Trivandrum), Dr. M P Tapaswi (NIO, Goa), Dr. M G. Sreekumar (IIM Kozhikode) and Dr. A. Ajayaghosh (Director-Grade Scientist, CSIR & Bhatnagar Prize-Winner).



There were Corporate presentations by three companies of their Products & Services, namely M/s Libsoft, Trivandrum, M/s. Elsevier Publishers New Delhi and M/s. Informatics (India) Ltd., Bangalore. There was an Exhibition of the flagship products & services of a few national and international agencies too to benefit the Seminar delegates.

### **Best Paper Award**

There was a contest for the Best Paper Award from among the Technical Papers presented in the Seminar, excluding the Invited Papers. The Award carried a Certificate and a Cash of Rs.2000/- (Rupees Two Thousand only). The paper presented by Smt. Lovely Susan Varghese, HSP, VSSC, Trivandrum, titled **“Documentation and data archival activities using open source software in Human spaceflight programme”** was adjudged as the Best Paper.

### **Valedictory Session**



The Valedictory Session held on 16<sup>th</sup> afternoon was chaired by Shri. Palode Ravi, MLA and Member, RRRLF Kolkata. Dr. K P Vijayakumar, Convener (Seminar Committee) welcomed the gathering. Shri. V. S Sivakumar, Minister for Transport and Devaswom, Govt..of Kerala, inaugurated the Valedictory Session. He stressed the need for improvement of the library system in Kerala in tune with the developments in the Information Technology domain. He offered support from the Govt. of Kerala to KLA for such initiatives.

The Best Paper award was given away by Shri. V. P. Joy, IAS, Secretary, Department of Taxation, Govt. of Kerala and Chairman, Expert Committee on College Libraries (1993) and Expert Committee on School Libraries (2001) , Govt. of Kerala. to Smt. Lovely Susan Varghese, the winner.

Dr. M. Lalitha, the Rapporteur General of the Seminar, presented the Report of the Seminar. Dr. A. Gopikuttan, Head of the Department of Library and Information Science, University of Kerala and Vice President, KLA also spoke. Shri. N. Sukumaran Nair, Convener (Event Management), offered the Vote of Thanks.

Detailed report of the National Seminar and the presented papers and a Photo gallery of the event have been posted in the KLA Seminar Blog, which can be accessed at <http://www.klanationalseminar2011.wordpress.com>

## **Minutes of the 40<sup>th</sup> Annual General Body Meeting held on 28August 2011**

### **1. The Meeting**

The 40th Annual General Body Meeting of KLA was held on 28<sup>th</sup> August 2011 at the KLA Hq. Kairalie plaza, Karamana. P.O, Trivandrum at 3.30 pm. A total number of 43 members attended the meeting. The meeting was presided over by Shri. K.P Sadasivan, President, Kerala Library Association.

## **2. Welcome**

The meeting started with a silent prayer followed by welcome by Dr. A. Gopikuttan, Vice-President, KLA. He congratulated the Association for the continued professional activities of last four decades. According to him, some of the facets in LIS domain are now handled by professionals in other fields and it is mainly due to the reluctance and the inability of the library professionals in managing modern Information Communication Technology applications. This needs to be seriously considered in the future activities of KLA. He highlighted the major activities carried out by KLA during 2010-11 and opined that the recent initiatives showed that KLA is well equipped and capable of conducting any type of capacity building programmes for strengthening library professionals. This shall include skill development, Workshops, Coaching programmes, Training to ensure Best Practices, etc.

## **3. Presidential Address**

**3.1** In his presidential address Shri. K.P Sadasivan highlighted the activities of KLA under three categories, viz. (i) Achievements, (ii) Partial Achievements and (iii) Failures. The achievements included increase in membership, enhancement of fiscal position, improvement of the quality of programmes, higher visibility of KLA at the national/global level, etc. The partial achievements were related to the various representations given by KLA to the Government and other institutions and organizations on matters related to School Librarians, Issues on direct recruitment of Gr. III Librarians at the Common Pool sector, Appointment of University Librarians in Kerala, Recommendations to the 9<sup>th</sup> State Pay Revision Commission and rectification of anomalies thereof. He observed that the gap between the top political managers and the bureaucracy on issues related to libraries is widening. Strangely enough, a kind of hide and seek approach is visible in the decision making process of the Government, which is the main hindrance for the achievement of certain goals. The proposal for the preparation of a Manual on Standard Practices, Procedures and Policies for the Management of College Libraries in Kerala and the delay in the publication of KLA Newsletter are the failures.

**3.2** According to him, the decision-making process – be it on major or minor issues - taken by KLA was fully democratic in nature. This was all the more important on representations submitted to the Government or other agencies. He urged the professionals to avoid undesirable and unhealthy practices of criticizing the activities of KLA without knowing the real facts. He added that the professionals should not indulge in unhealthy intolerance on career matters – be it inter-institutional or intra-institutional.

**4. Presentation of 39th AGBM Minutes & the Report of the Year 2010-'11** Then Dr. P. K Suresh Kumar, General Secretary, presented the Minutes of the 39<sup>th</sup> Annual General Body Meeting held on 25<sup>th</sup> July 2010, which was followed by the Report of the Activities during the year 2010-11.

## **5. Presentation of Statements of Accounts & Budget Estimate for 2011-'12**

Shri G. S. Harikumar, the Treasurer, then presented the (i) Audited Statement of Accounts for the Year 2010-'11, (ii) Assets and Liabilities of the Association (iii) Audited Accounts of C. A. Augustine-Holy Cross Endowment for the year 2010 - 11 (iv) Budget Estimate for the year 2011-'12 and (v) Provisional Statement of Accounts of KLA National Seminar 2011. The Treasurer stated that a profit of Rupees Two Lakh is expected from the Seminar. (The Full text of the Report of the year 2010 -11 can be downloaded from [www.keralalibraryassociation.org/annualreport.htm](http://www.keralalibraryassociation.org/annualreport.htm))

## **6. Discussion**

This was followed by open discussion on the Report of the General Secretary and the Statements of Accounts presented by the Treasurer.

**6.1** Shri. K. Balachandran, Regional President of KLA, Ernakulam Region, started the discussion by congratulating KLA for conducting the UGC NET Coaching programme. He said he qualified the UGC-NET only through the efforts of the eminent faculties of KLA. He is now getting UGC scale of pay in CUSAT and he expressed his gratitude to KLA Central Committee for the same. He also asked other UGC-NET aspirants to make use of the facility offered by KLA.

**6.2** Shri. Sugumaran, Scientist (Documentation), LPSC, Trivandrum stated that if KLA provides the e-mail addresses of LIS professionals, he can take the responsibility of a moderator in a Social Network Forum like Yahoo group for intimating the current updates and opportunities in LIS domain.

**6.3** Dr. P. K Suresh Kumar, General Secretary, KLA pointed out the widening gap between the income and expenditure of CA Augustine Holy Cross Endowment Account. Since the Expenditure exceeds the income, full amount accrued out of the funds deposited for the Endowment would not be sufficient for the distribution of the Award consisting of a Cash Prize of Rs.1000/-, Memento and Certificate. The General Body entrusted the President KLA to discuss the matter with the CA Augustine Holy Cross Accounts Management Committee consisting of one of the members of

the Endowment Fund, Head of the Department of Library and Information Science, University of Kerala, President, KLA and two others nominated by the Executive Committee of KLA for a permanent solution.

**6.4** The General Body then unanimously ratified the decision of the Executive Committee held on 16<sup>th</sup> June 2011 to defer the date of the 40<sup>th</sup> Annual General Body meeting from the end of July as normally practiced, to 28th August 2011, owing to the KLA National Seminar scheduled for July 14-16, 2011.

## **7. Resolutions**

7.1 Shri. K. P. Sadasivan, President, presented four official resolutions on the following:

- i. *Appointment of Professionally Qualified Librarians in Govt. and Aided Higher Secondary Schools in Kerala;*
- ii. *Appointment of University Librarians in all the University Libraries in Kerala, including the Medical University Library;*
- iii. *Organization of Training Programmes for Working Librarian in Kerala by KLA with the support and approval by the Government of Kerala; and*
- iv. *Recognizing KLA as an accreditation agency by the Government.*

**7.2** After detailed discussion, the Minutes of the 39<sup>th</sup> AGBM, the Annual Report, the Audited Statement of Accounts, Assets and Liabilities, the Budget Estimate for 2011-12, the Provisional Statement of Accounts of the National Seminar-2011 and three resolutions listed as (i)-(iii) above, were unanimously approved by the General Body. The last resolution was accepted in principle, but was decided that it needed a thorough feasibility study on the modalities of its structure and implementation.

## **8. Election of Office Bearers for the Period 2011-13**

**8.1** Dr. A. Paslithil, Regional Director, Sree Sankaracharya University, Trivandrum and former General Secretary, KLA was nominated as the Returning Officer for conducting the Election of the new office bearers. He invited nominations for the various posts.

**8.2** Shri. Sriram, Chief Librarian, Centre for Development Studies, Trivandrum presented a Panel containing names for all the posts of office bearers. Since there was no other panels, the one presented by Shri. Sriram was unanimously accepted.

## **9. Vote of Thanks**

Dr. P.K Suresh Kumar offered Vote of Thanks. The meeting came to a close at 5.45 p.m.

## **New Office Bearers of the Association for 2011-2013**

### **President: Shri K. P. Sadasivan**

KVRA-40, Vadayakkad, Vanchiyoor. P.O, Trivandrum -35 [Formerly: Head, Library & Informatics NIIST (CSIR), Trivandrum – 695 019]

### **Vice-President: Dr A. Gopikuttan**

Reader & Head, Dept. of Library & Information Science, University of Kerala, Trivandrum – 695 034

### **General Secretary: Shri S. L. Faisal**

Librarian, Kendriya Vidyalaya (Shift-I), Pattom, Trivandrum-04

### **Treasurer: Shri E. Hashim**

Assistant Librarian Gr. II, Kerala University Library, Palayam, Trivandrum-695 034

### **Office Secretary : Shri M. Mohammed Shanavaz Khan**

Librarian, Kerala Legislature Secretariat Library, Trivandrum – 695 033

### **Organizing Secretary: Shri M. Chandrakumaran Nair**

Programme Coordinator & In Charge, Library Child Development Centre Medical College Campus, Trivandrum -695011, [Formerly: Library and Information Officer, Regional Cancer Centre, Trivandrum]

### **Public Relations Secretary: Shri. G. S. Hari Kumar, Librarian**

Gr. I, Govt. Ayurveda College, Trivandrum -1

### **Executive Committee Members:**

**1. Shri A. Abdunnasar**, Librarian, Indian Institute of Space Science & Technology, Trivandrum

**2. Shri Binu K. John**, Asst. Librarian, Mar Baselios College of Engineering, Nalanchira, Trivandrum

**3. Dr M. Lalitha**, Librarian, SCERT, Poojappura, Trivandrum – 695 012

**4. Shri N. Parameswaran**, Librarian, Asian School of Business, Technopark Campus, Trivandrum – 695 581 (Formerly: Deputy Librarian-in-Charge, Kerala University Library)

**5. Shri Sudhi S. Vijayan**, Technical Assistant, Kerala University Library, Palayam, Trivandrum-695 034

**6. Shri N. Sukumaran Nair**, Deepanjali, T. C. 9/1796, Sasthamangalam, Thiruvananthapuram – 695 010 [Formerly: State Librarian, Kerala & Deputy Librarian, University of Kerala]

**7. Dr P.K. Suresh Kumar**, Assistant Librarian. Kerala University Library, Palayam, Trivandrum - 695 034

**8. Dr K.P. Vijayakumar**, Associate Professor & Hon. Director Centre for Information Literacy Studies Dept. of Library & Information Science University of Kerala, Trivandrum -695 034

**Auditor: Dr T. Ajikumari**, Assistant Librarian , Kerala University Library, Palayam, Trivandrum-695 034

## **Annual General Body Meetings and Formation of New Regional Committees for 2011-2013**

### **1. Kottayam**

#### **1.1 Annual General Body Meeting**

The Annual General Body Meeting of the Kerala Library Association, Kottayam Region was held on 10<sup>th</sup> November, 2011 at 3 pm in the Seminar Hall of Mahatma Gandhi University Library. The President and the General Secretary represented the Central Committee. The meeting was presided over by Fr. Jose Viruppel, the Regional President of KLA. Shri. Unnikrishnan, Secretary, KLA Kottayam Region presented the annual report which was approved by the General Body. The discussions were mainly revolved around the drawbacks of Kerala State Pay Revision Report 2010 and its implementation in university libraries in Kerala. Shri K.P. Sadasivan, President, KLA Central Committee gave clarifications to the questions raised during the discussion. He detailed about various initiatives taken by KLA to tackle the issues related by Pay the Revision Report 2010.

#### **1.2 New Office Bearers**

**President: Fr. Jose Viruppel**, Librarian, S B College, Changanacherry

**Secretary: Sri. Vimal Kumar V.** Library Assistant, Mahatma Gandhi University, Kottayam.

#### **Executive Committee Members**

- 1) Sri. Unnikrishnan S., Assistant Librarian, M G University, Kottayam
- 2) Sri. J. Suku, Deputy Librarian, M G University, Kottayam
- 3) Sr. Mercy, Librarian, Assumption College, Changanacherry
- 4) Sri. Justin Thomas, Librarian, St Joseph's College of Engineering, Pala
- 5) Sri. Biju V.V., Library Assistant, Mahatma Gandhi University, Kottayam.

#### **Special Invitees**

- 1) Dr. K.P. Somanathan Nair, Head, DLIS, M G University, Kottayam
- 2) Smt. Laila T. Abraham, Deputy Librarian, M G University, Kottayam
- 3) Sri. A. J. Philip, Former Librarian, St. Stephens College, Uzhavoor
- 4) Sri. Johny John Nidhiri, Librarian, Deva Matha College, Kuravilangad

### **2. Ernakulam**

#### **2.1 Annual General Body Meeting**

The Annual General Body Meeting of KLA, Ernakulam Region was held on 20 December 2011, at 2.00 P.M., at the Department of Electronics Auditorium, CUSAT. The meeting was presided over by Shri K. P. Sadasivan. Due to the absence of Regional President Shri K. Balachandran, Executive Committee Member of the KLA Ernakulam Region Shri P.J. Manuel welcomed the members. Mr. K. P. Sadasivan spoke about the sweeping changes that are taking place in libraries and stressed on the need for librarians to learn the ways to cope with it so that they can serve the user community in a more fruitful manner. He also pointed out that the KLA is playing a stellar role in strengthening our profession in Kerala. Smt. Baby Valsala, University Librarian i/c, CUSAT, felicitated the gathering. Shri S.L. Faisal, General Secretary, KLA shared his views regarding the functioning of the Ernakulam Regional Committee. Mr. Anoop Varma G., Regional Secretary, KLA Ernakulam Region presented the report and the statement of accounts of the Region for the period. The report and the Accounts statement were approved by the General Body.

This was followed by a talk by Mr S.L. Faisal, General Secretary, KLA on "**Library 2.0: Exploring opportunities on Web**", which was jointly organized by KLA, Ernakulam Region and the University Library, CUSAT in connection with the National Library Week.

#### **2.2 New Office Bearers**

**President: Shri. P.J. Manuel**, Asst. Librarian, School of Marine Sciences, CUSAT

**Secretary: Sr. MariyaD'Silva** (Sr. Ashritha ) Librarian, St. Teresa's College, Ernakulam

#### **Executive Committe Members**

- 1) Shri. Shibu Ray S., Asst. Librarian, School of Management Studies, CUSAT
- 2) Shri K. Balachandran, Balachandran, Asst. Librarian, Dept. Applied Econoimics, CUSAT
- 3) Shri V.S. Kunjumuhammad, Asst. Librarian, Kerala University of Fisheries and Ocean Studies, Kochi
- 4) Shri. Anoop Varma G, Junior Librarian, University Library, CUSAT
- 5) Shri Joe Joseph, Junior Librarian, Dept. of Computer Science, CUSAT

#### **Special Invitees**

- 1) Smt. Baby Valsala, University Librarian i/c, CUSAT
- 2) Shri Wels P. J. , Librarian, Govt. Ayurveda College , Tripunithura

- 3) ShriRamachandran, Librarian, Ernakulam Public Library, Kochi

### **Sectional Committee Members**

- 1) Shri. Abhilash, Professioanl Asst. CUSAT
- 2) Shri Sivan Kutty, Prof. Asst. CUSAT
- 3) Smt. Sailaja T., Librarian, CIFT, Kochi
- 4) Shri. Shaji, S. N. M. Training College, Moothakunnam

## **3. Thrissur**

### **3.1 Annual General Body Meeting**

The Annual General Body Meeting of KLA Thrissur Region was held on 30 December 2011 at 3 pm at the Govt. IASE Thrissur. The President and the General Secretary represented the Central Committee. Shri. E. K. Mohanlal, Secretary presented the Annual Report and the Statements of the Audited Accounts and the meeting approved the same. During the discussions the members pointed out the issues related to the pathetic conditions of college libraries, denial of UGC scale to Govt. College librarians, Anomalies in in the 9<sup>th</sup> PRC report, Errors in the library gradation report submitted to the govt. etc and KLA's shortcomings in raising issues before the govt. and get them rectified. Shri K. P. Sadasivan, President and Shri. S. L. Faisal, General Secretary, KLA replied to the queries on all issues and detailed KLA's stand and interventions did on various matters including pay revision and UGC scales to librarians. They stated that KLA would take all the steps for the career development of the professionals. It was pointed out that KLA Thrissur region has gone backward in its activities over the past few years and the new Committee was asked to rejuvenate the Association.

### **3.2 New Office Bearers**

**President: Dr. A.T. Francis**, Library Head, College of Horticulture, KAU, Mannuthi, Thrissur

**Secretary: Mr. Humayoon Kabeer P.**, Librarian Gr. I, Govt. Medical College, Thrissur

### **Executive Committee Members**

1. Mr. Azhagiri, Govt. Sanskrit College, Pattambi, Palakkad
2. Mr E.K. Mohanlal, Librarian, College of Diary Sc. Technology, Thrissur
3. Mrs. Vijayalekshmi, Librarian Gr. II, Govt. College of Nursing, MG Kavu, Thrissur
4. Mr. Nagarajan K.R., Librarian Gr. IV, Govt. College of Engineering, Thrissur
5. Mr Sunny Joseph, Librarian Gr.I, Govt. IASE, Palace Road, Thrissur

### **Special Invitee**

Mrs K. K. Lalitha Bai: Former Head and Reader, DLIS, University of Kerala

## **4. Kozhikkode**

### **4.1 Annual General Body Meeting**

The Annual General Body Meeting of the Kerala Library Association, Kozhikkode Region held on the 31December 2011at the Seminar Hall of the Department of Library and Information Science, University of Calicut. Dr. M.G. Sreekumar, President, Regional Committee welcomed the gathering. Shri . K. P. Sadasivan, President KLA, presided over the function and Shri. S. L. Faizal, General Secretary, KLA also attended the meeting. It was followed by the presidential address by Shri K.P. Sadasivan. In his talk he evaluated the programmes organized by the KLA Kozhikkode Region during the last two years and presented his vision for the next two years. Dr. Dineshan Koovakkai, Regional Secretary, KLA, presented the Annual Report and the Statement of Accounts for discussion which were approved by the General Body. It was followed by election of office-bearers for the coming two years. Dr. Jalaja V., Former Head, Department of Library and Information Science, University of Calicut felicitated the new committee.

### **4.2 New Office Bearers**

**President: Dr. Abdul Azeez T.A.**, Deputy Librarian i/c of University Librarian, C.H.M.K. Library, University of Calicut

**Secretary: Shri. T. M. Vasudevan**, Associate Professor & Head, DLIS, University of Calicut

### **Executive Committee Members**

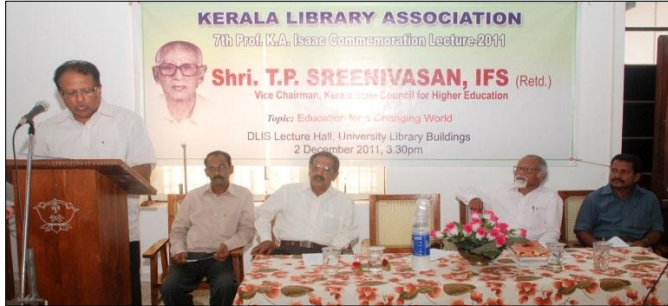
- 1) Dr. Dineshan Koovakkai, Assistant Librarian, Central University of Kerala, Kasaragod
- 2) Dr. Abdul Salam M.P. , Assistant Librarian, C.H.M.K. Library, University of Calicut
- 3) Dr. Nasirudheen T.P.O., Associate Professor & Head, DLIS, Farook College, Kozhikkode
- 4) Prakasan P.M., Professional Assistant Gr.I, Dept of Botany, University of Calicut
- 5) Minimol K., Professional Assistant Gr.I, Dept of Philosophy, University of Calicut

### **Special Invitees**

- 1) Dr. Jalaja V., Associate Professor & Head (Rtd.), DLIS, University of Calicut
- 2) Parameswaran M., Professor & Head (Rtd.), DLIS, University of Calicut
- 3) Dr. M. G. Sreekumar, Librarian & Head, Centre for Development of Digital Libraries, Indian Institute of Management, Kozhikkode
- 4) P. Jayarajan, Member at Raja Rammohun Roy Library Foundation and Vice Chairman, Delhi Library Board

**KLA Blog:** <http://klaweblog.wordpress.com>

## Prof. K. A. Isaac Commemoration Lecture 2011



Kerala Library Association organized the Professor K A Isaac Commemoration Lecture-2011 on 02.12.2011 at 3.30 pm at the Lecture Hall, Department of Library and Information Science, University of Kerala. The Seventh lecture in the series was delivered by **Shri T. P. Sreenivasn, IFS (Rtd)**, Vice Chairman, Kerala State Council for Higher Education and Former Ambassador of India and Governor for India of the IAEA, Vienna) on the topic "*Education for a Changing World*". He remembered Prof. Isaac as not just a great librarian but also a great teacher; who transformed Library Science and the LIS profession into a noble and sought after vocation.

Shri K. P. Sadasivan, President, KLA, presided over the function and Dr A. Gopikuttan, Vice President, KLA welcomed the gathering. Dr. C.V. Rajan Pillai, Former University Librarian, CUSAT & Head, DLIS, M G University reminisced about his association with Prof. K.A. Isaac. A book titled "Information access, tools, systems and services", co-authored by Dr. G. Devarajan and Sri. Joseph Kurian was released on the occasion by Shri T. P. Sreenivasn by handing over a copy of the same to Mrs. K. A. Isaac. More than 75 participants including the family members of Prof. Isaac, faculty members, working professionals and students participated. Shri E. Hashim, Treasurer, KLA offered vote of thanks.

## Awardee of Doctorate Degree in LIS

**Smt. Susan Mathew**, Assistant Librarian (Sr. Gr.), CUSAT, was awarded the Ph. D. Degree by the Cochin University of Science and Technology for her research work entitled ***Impact of Information and communication technology (ICT) on the professional development and educational needs of library professionals in the universities of Kerala.***

## Forthcoming Programmes : January-June 2012

1. Seminar on "**Knowledge Economy and Library Professionals**", 21 April 2012, Govt. Institute of Advanced Studies in Education, Thrissur (KLA Thrissur Region)
2. Three Day **Workshop on KOHA**, 26-29 April 2012, Calicut University Library (KLA Kozhikkode Region)
3. **Career orientation Programme** for Library and Information Science (LIS) Students, 12 May 2012, KE College, Mannanam (KLA Kottayam Region)
4. **Three Day Workshop on KOHA** (Batch II) , 24-26 May 2012, Calicut University Library (KLA Kozhikkode Region)
5. Seminar on "**Library and Web Tools for E-Learning and Teaching**", 25 June 2012, College of Horticulture, Vellanikkara, Thrissur (KLA Thrissur Region)
6. Reading Day 2012: **Talk on "Reading, Madness and Culture"** by Dr P. K. Rajasekharan, Literary Critic and Media Person, 3 pm, 19 June 2012, DLIS Hall, University Library Building, Thiruvananthapuram(State Committee)

**For the List of New Members and other updates**

**Visit: [www.keralalibraryassociation.org](http://www.keralalibraryassociation.org)**

**Kerala Library Association (Reg. No. 89/71)**

36, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Kairalie Plaza Annexe, Karamana,  
Thiruvananthapuram-695 002 , E-mail: [kla.org@gmail.com](mailto:kla.org@gmail.com)

**President (I/C): Dr A. Gopikuttan**

Mob: 09446428163 / [agopikuttan@yahoo.co.in](mailto:agopikuttan@yahoo.co.in)

**General Secretary: Shri S.L.Faisal**

Mob: 09447699724/ [slfaisal@gmail.com](mailto:slfaisal@gmail.com)

*Whenever you think of books* **Think of D C Books**

**DC Books- the first ISO certified Book publishing house in India, represents the literature of the Indian sub-continent ranging from authors in major regional languages like Malayalam, Hindi, Bengali, Tamil and Marathi, to Indian authors in English.**

For a wide variety of titles on various Engineering, Medical, Nursing & Pharmacy, Arts & Science, Standard text books from authors of authority, Self learning kits, Interactive CD ROMs, Project handbooks, Encyclopedias, Dictionaries and for anything and everything including Self help books, Science Fiction and well chosen collection of contemporary literature and arts.

**Our Main Academic Showroom at** • Trivandrum 0471-2470927 • Kollam 0474-2749055

• Kottayam 0481-2560599 • Ernakulam 0484-2351590 • Thrissur 0487-2442252

• Kozhikode 0495-2720572 • Kannur 0497-2706994 • Manglore 0824 2449090

**2009,  
2010**



ശ്രീകൃഷ്ണൻ്റെ പൊതുമേഖലാ മാനദണ്ഡങ്ങൾ  
പരിപാടിക്കാൻ്റെ പുരസ്കാരം ലഭിച്ച  
മി സി ബുക്സ് ലൈബ്രറി പാഠശാല



**D C BOOKS, D C Kizhakemuri Edam Good Shepherd Street, Kottayam**

☎ 0481-2563114, 2301614 ☎ 0481-2564758 ✉ [info@dcbooks.com](mailto:info@dcbooks.com) web: [www.dcbooks.com](http://www.dcbooks.com)  
Visit our online bookstore at [www.dcbookshop.net](http://www.dcbookshop.net)