

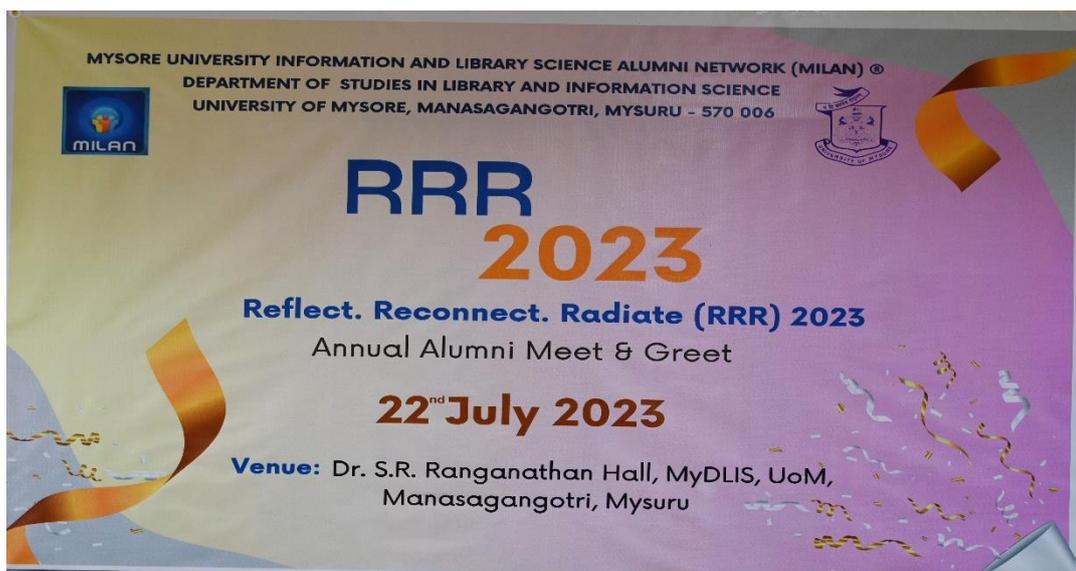
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**A report on the annual alumni meet “Reflect. Reconnect. Radiate (RRR)”
(July 22nd 2023)**



Invitation for the alumni meet



Dr. S.R. Ranganathan Hall of the Department of Studies in Library and Information Science at the University of Mysore witnessed the first-ever annual alumni meet “Reflect. Reconnect. Radiate (RRR)” on July 22nd 2023 organized by the Mysore University Information and Library Science Alumni Network (MILAN) and the Department of Library and Information Science, University of Mysore. This event was attended by alumni of the department, faculty members, researchers and students. The event commenced with an invocation by the rendition of the song “Omkaara nadapriya hae ganapa” by Ms. Priya G. N., a first-year MLISc student of MyDLIS.



Dr. B. M. Meera, secretary MILAN, extended a warm welcome to all the alumni and students. She briefly explained the programme schedule of the annual convention meet. The alumni who have completed 50 years, 25 years and 10 years will share their experiences and memories about the department and faculty, followed by the presidential address by Prof. Shalini R. Urs and a group photo.

Dr. P. Y. Rajendra Kumar, former Director General of the National Library in Kolkata, retired Director of the Department of Public Libraries of Karnataka and an alumnus of MyDLIS was present on the occasion. He welcomed the alumni, faculty members and students to celebrate MILAN’s annual alumni meet. He said the presence of the alumni here not only signifies their success but also serves as an inspiration to the current students. He reminds the strong bond between the department and its graduates and said that this meet is to honour MyDLIS alumni who graduated before 50, 25 and 10 years ago. He feels proud and honoured of being a student of MyDLIS during 1971-72 exactly 51 years back. He welcomed Prof. Raghavan who was his teacher, Prof. Shalini R. Urs and Mr. N. V. Satyanarayana who were his classmates. He acknowledged the support and guidance provided by the dedicated faculty members, their commitment to excellence and passion by imparting knowledge. He was grateful for their dedication and commitment to the growth and development of every student. He specified that the meet would be a celebration of the past, present and future and also a celebration of the commitment through nurturing young

minds. He encouraged all to embrace the occasion with classmates, faculty and friends and have everlasting memories. He thanked everyone for coming and making this event a success.



The first session was with the students of 1973-74. The moderator of the session was Prof. Raghavan. Prof. Raghavan graduated in 1969 and it was the fourth batch of MyDLIS. Soon after he graduated, he went to Delhi to do his Masters. He joined MyDLIS as a faculty member and worked in the department for 6 years. Later, he moved to Chennai and was a faculty member at the University of Madras. In 2005, he voluntarily retired from the University of Madras. He joined Documentation Research and Training Centre (DRTC) in Bengaluru as a professor and worked there till 2013. From 2013 to 2017 he worked as a visiting scientist at the Centre for Knowledge Analytics and Ontological Engineering, PES University, Bengaluru. He is also the editor of the Journal of Information and Knowledge. As the moderator, he introduced the speakers of the first session.



Mr. Mohamed Khasim was a student from the 1965-66 batch. He thanked the executive committee members of MILAN for inviting him to be part of this and giving him an excellent opportunity to interact with people from different generations of library science. He said he was part of the first batch of students of the Library and Information Science course in 1965. He had the opportunity to learn from eminent gurus of library science, such as, Prof. P. K. Patil, Prof. K. S. Deshpande and Sri. T.V. Subramanyam. The great learning from the department got him the opportunity to get a fellowship from the University of Hawaii, USA. He took the opportunity to express his deep sense of gratitude to MyDLIS. He wished that this department grow and prosper in all aspects.



Dr. Suman Kumari R., a student of the 1973-74 batch tried to recall and reflect on her student days and career. She said that all are here to celebrate this alumni meet with their classmates and mentors who showed them the path of success to shape their careers. She stated that

MILAN has pretty appropriately called the meet Reflect, Reconnect and Radiate (RRR), where they are meeting each other after 50 years in this department and although their outer look has changed, but at heart, they are still young, energetic and grown up through experience. She remembered her good old golden hours spent in this department. After completing BSc in Food and Nutrition, she looked forward to a postgraduate degree in the same course, but destiny landed her somewhere else. Her brother who was aware of the importance of Library Science course asked her to take up the course. Further, Prof. Khan and Prof. Patil convinced her to take up the course. The course was new, but with the progress of the syllabus her interest grew. The teachers were very young and energetic and helpful in teaching one-to-one in a well-organized and systematic manner. She recalled the library classification and cataloguing classes. She said that Prof. Raghavan's classes were admired by one and all for his clarity in teaching. She thanked his painful efforts taken during the course.

Her career started with good practical training in Mysore University Library and CFTRI. She got her first job placement in 1976 at the Central Institute of Indian Languages, Mysuru. The CIIL library was a very specialized library with a collection of linguistics, Indian languages and tribal languages with three professionals only. Her classmates, Sharada was working as an assistant librarian and Geetha Venkatraman, had just quit the post which she later occupied. Her career journey was adventurous and she had always something new to learn. She mentioned that all directors of CIIL, especially founder director, D.P. Pattanayak, gave more importance to building library collections, designing user-friendly services, organizing exhibitions, meetings, workshops, and preparing specialized bibliographies for linguists. In 2005, the conventional Central Institute of Indian Languages library was transformed into a digital library and was renamed the Center for Information on Language Sciences. Prof. Udaya Narayana Singh, the then director took the initiative for this transformation. He was responsible for the computerization of the available collection of different resources, print, non-print, and library-related websites on the internet and intranet. She served CIIL for 37 years from 1976 to 2013.

Talking about her higher studies, she mentioned that in 1994 she completed M.Lib.Sc. from Annamalai University through correspondence. She got registered for Ph.D. from University of Mysore under the guidance of Prof. Shalini R. Urs. She stated that Prof. Shalini R. Urs was down-to-earth, always encouraging and inspiring with positive thoughts. She was her mentor, teacher, and philosopher.

Recalling her 50 years and looking into her reflections, beginning with standing confused at crossroads in 1973 and accepting with reluctance the Library Science course. She said that Library and Information Science not only introduced her to the universe of languages but also to a good team of teachers, gave her a respectful quality career, radiated self-confidence, motivated her for higher studies and gave space to other professionals to move towards the new era of digitization. She thanked Prof. Shalini for all her academic help provided for her research and also her brother for introducing her to the course, which has made her land safely with satisfaction.

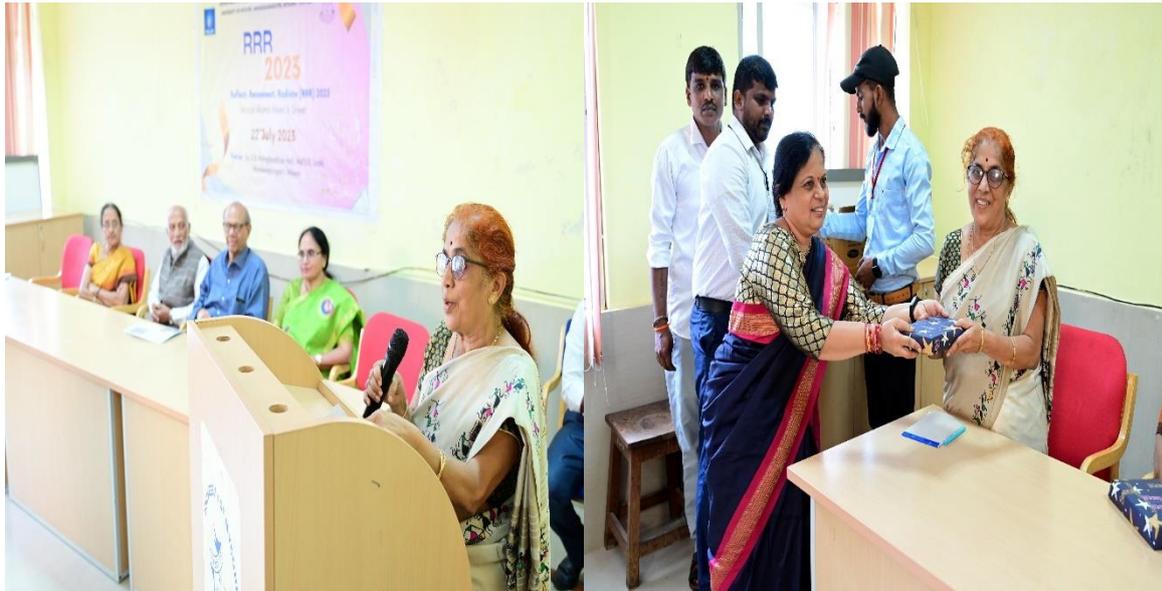


Ms. Geetha Venkatraman, also a student of the 1973-74 batch expressed her pleasure to be back in the department after 50 years. She had worked in CIIL, CFTRI, Smith Kline & French India Limited, Bangalore, Central Institute of Plastics Engineering and Technology, Chennai, and Tata Consultancy Services which she joined in 1985, where she had her longest stay of 28 plus years. Her career was split across so many organizations. She enjoyed learning in all these organisations about languages, science, plastic technology and of course computer science. Every job was challenging which made her learn new technologies. The demand from the library was more and it became important to assert her importance in the organization. She felt it more so in Tata Consultancy Services. As it was computer oriented, as were the demands from the organisation. It was important to be part of their business to live and survive in the industry. Otherwise, she says that they can be left out and go unnoticed. She emphasized that it was very important to be assertive and say what you can do and how best you can help them in their business and their requirements. It is sad to know that corporate libraries are shrinking because everything has gone online. Dependency on the library has come down very badly despite their efforts. She advised the students that it is important to make their presence felt and see how best they can be part of the business or the organization. The organisation must develop confidence in them that they can deliver what they want. So that is the challenge now.

It is up to the students, the younger generation, to take this call.



The next speaker, Ms. Adilakshmi, a student of the 1975-76 batch mentioned that they were the first batch of students who had a semester scheme and she joined the course unexpectedly. After completing her B.Ed., she preferred to join M.Ed. which she missed. At that time, it was difficult to get a seat in MLISc as it was very limited to 6 to 7 seats compared to BLISc where the intake was 30 students. She recalled her teachers, Prof. Raghavan, Prof. Shalini R. Urs, Prof. Nagappa and Prof. Khan. She mentioned that all the subjects were new and most of her batch mates were master degree holders in Botany, Physics, etc. She remembered her classmates, Nandakumar, Sandhya, Janaki, and Aruna. In the second semester, they used to have work experience in institutions like CFTRI, CIIL and in public libraries. They had to work in each institution's library for a month in the mornings. They used to come back to the department in the afternoon. They enjoyed a lot working in special and public libraries. They also had special lectures from other department professors, which they used to get insights into other subjects. This was done for gaining more knowledge in library classification. She recalled her days in the library where they used to refer books and collect information. Prof. Shalini R. Urs also would accompany them. They had gone for educational tours to Hyderabad, Mumbai, and Chennai, which was compulsory. She emphasized that service is important in any library and it should be improved with the advancement of technology in libraries.



Prof. Raghavan, who was the moderator of the session thanked the speakers for sharing their experiences. He joined this department as a faculty member in 1971 and mentioned that Dr. Rajendra Kumar and Mr. Satyanarayana were his first batch of students. Dr. Rajendra Kumar rose to a very high position. He became the director of the National Library of India. He also headed the Department of Public Libraries, Karnataka for several years and he is still very active. He is presently doing his D.Litt. on rural panchayat libraries. He wished him all the best. Another very distinguished student of his, Mr. N. V. Satyanarayana, Satya, as he fondly calls him was one of his very best students. In more recent years the role has changed. He has become a kind of tutor and he is learning from Mr. Satyanarayana. Speaking about Mr. Satyanarayana's career, he said he worked in a college for a couple of years in South Canara as a librarian after graduating from this department in 1972. Later on, he joined as an information support assistant for a research project at the Indian Institute of Science. He worked also for a pharma company, Smith Klein. Later on, he took a very bold decision in 1975 to start a company of his own. Prof. Raghavan was a little hesitant, but Mr. Satyanarayana took that initiative, a very bold step in fact, and today he is the Eugene Garfield of India. He has now a company which is worth more than a hundred crores and has employed more than 150-200 employees. His love for the profession remains the same when he joined this particular department as a student. He complimented and congratulated one of the brightest stars of this particular department. He also spoke about Prof. Shalini R. Urs. He mentioned that she was a student of his in the 1973-74 batch, and she has done exceptionally well both in the national and international arena. He complimented and congratulated her also and wished many students like this will emerge from this department, and wished everyone the very best.

He highlighted that the basic objectives of librarianship and information work have not changed. They continue to remain what they were and are and they are very substantially stated in the five laws of library science. They continue to be the objectives. What has changed is the technology in providing services, but the fundamental objective that is to

provide information services has not changed. The core of the library profession was and continues to be organizing knowledge so that it becomes searchable and accessible. Knowledge organization was the core, and it continues to remain the core of this particular profession. The purpose is information service, and everyone in their enthusiasm to embrace technology, should not forget this fundamental thing that we are here to support someone to do their job in a better and more efficient manner. That is the basic objective of librarianship and information work. He congratulated everyone who has entered this profession and thanked Dr. Meera for giving him this opportunity to moderate this brief session.



The next group was the batch that completed 25 years, the silver jubilee group. Mr. Ronald Prakash Cutinha was the moderator for the session.



Mr. Ronald Prakash Cutinha started by thanking the faculty members who taught them from 1996 to 1998, Prof. N.B. Pangannaya, Prof. B. Nagappa, Prof. Shalini R. Urs, Prof. Khaiser Jahan Begum, Prof. Y. Venkatesha, Prof. M. Chandrashekara, guest faculty Dr. Mamata and another professor from statistics department who taught them research methodology. He said that the Department of Library Science was changed to the Department of Library and Information Science one or two years before this batch and MLISc became an integrated programme. There were around 24 students in the batch. He said that the course helped them to build up their character. He continued to say that if wealth is lost nothing is lost, health is

lost maybe something is lost, but when a character is lost everything is lost. The department has given that kind of experience to build that character.

Mr. Ronald works at St. Philomena's College, which became an autonomous college and is on the verge of becoming a university. He stands before the audience as the Vice Principal of that college and he gives all that credit, the learning, everything to the department. He said that by attending workshops and interacting with the faculty, the association with the department never ends. Today, outcome-based education talks about experiential learning and it has to meet the mapping. That is what is required in the new NEP or the Karnataka State Higher Education Council. The department offered experiential learning by taking them almost 10 to 12 days to different institutions across India. This instilled a supreme confidence that they got, coming back over here. The department was just not stand-alone, but it was integrated with the library, where every day they could access many resources and interact with the resources. He agrees with the earlier panellist, who mentioned the challenges in the corporate area. He tells the audience that one needs to constantly learn and update themselves. The department has curricula like the marketing curriculum, management curriculum, and information science curriculum. Expert systems were taught 25 years back by Prof. Shalini R. Urs. So they feel that this department has the best of the curriculum. The only thing is that the students should change their attitude a little bit and come out and, look at the objectives of the organizations. He mentions one of T. S. Eliot's quote, "Where is the data which is lost in information and where is the information which is lost in knowledge? But if we take it further, where is that knowledge which we have lost in our wisdom?" In any college or any university, nobody can underestimate a library science professional or a librarian.

He congratulated all the organizers for this type of meet. They can go from golden jubilee to diamond jubilee and into platinum jubilee. All youngsters have a path. He said he still remembers a portrait that they contributed here. It talks about a continuous flow of the river going down and learning is a continuous flow like the river. He thanked everyone for giving him this opportunity and introduced his classmates, Mr. Sivaraj, working in gram panchayath as a librarian, Mr. Vinay working as a librarian at the SJB Institution of Technology, and Ms. Sarvamangala working as a librarian at the Manipal Institute in Udupi.



Mr. Vinay C., a student from the 1996-1998 batch in MyDLIS, mentioned that he joined the course by chance. He highlighted that these days, the usage of libraries by students is coming down though they have an independent block in his institution for the library. He has been working at SJB Institution of Technology for the past 22 years. For the past 5 or 6 years, the usage of libraries by students is coming down. The students get the information on the internet and are also using artificial intelligence tools to complete their assignments. He stressed that librarians should think about how to increase the utilization of resources in the library.



Mr. Shivaraju D. expressed his happiness over the event. He says that the library science course is unique where anyone from arts, humanities and science can join this particular course. He also mentions that none of the subjects taught in library science were previously studied and they have learnt a lot from this course. He thanked everyone who gave him the opportunity to speak on the occasion.



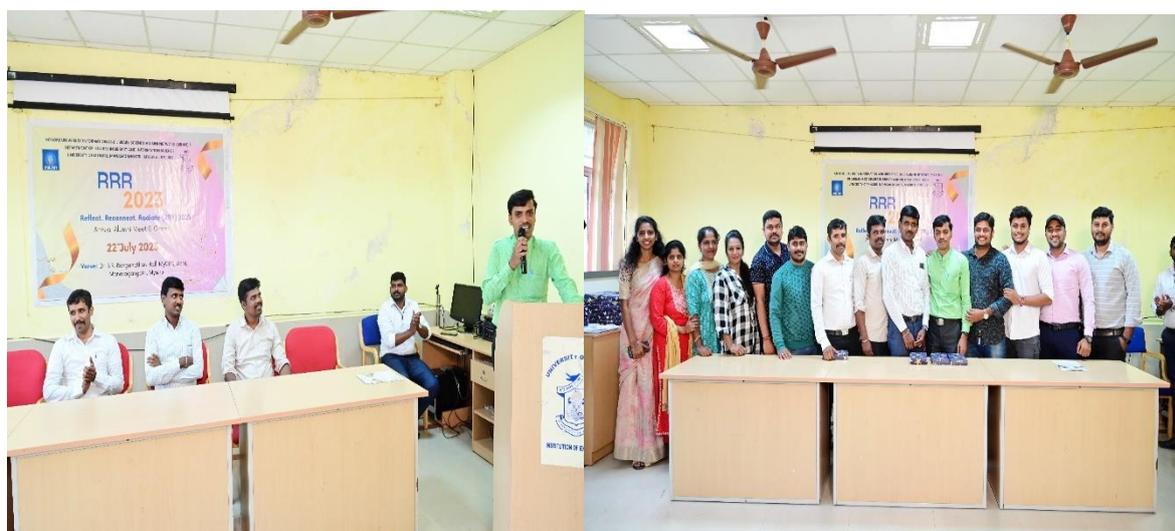
Ms. Sarvamangala P. mentioned that they were taught by very good teachers. She and her classmates all were from different backgrounds. They joined the course knowingly or unknowingly and had the feeling of whether they will survive in this field, but during the course, they gained enthusiasm by seeing their gurus. She advised the students to be confident and update themselves. She asks them to love and respect their profession. She encouraged the students that the alumni will support them and provide guidance at every stage.



Mr. Ronald who was the moderator for the session thanked his classmates for the input. He mentioned about another classmate of his, Dr. Sunil M. V., Librarian, at SDM Institute for Management Development who was also present at the event. Though it was only five from the batch, he said that they were connected with almost 23 members out of the 24. He felt his batch want to radiate one way or the other to the department. They can give worthy kind of attempts to ignite the minds of the students. He felt that the responsibility of alumni is to

make contributions that can have a radiative impact on the students. He mentioned that some of his juniors as well as seniors are also present and remembered the welcome and farewell party that builds a kind of family environment. He suggested that this type of meet should happen year after year so that they can come back. He assured that they will contribute to the lecture series and new initiatives for the department. On behalf of the silver jubilee batch, he congratulated all the members, students and organizers for giving them the wonderful opportunity.

The next batch were students who completed 10 years, the 2012-2014 batch students. Mr. Nagendra Kumar S. was the moderator for the session.



He thanked the organizers of the event, the chairperson of MyDLIS, and the faculty members. He said that his career started with training at the Indian Institute of Management, Ahmedabad. He had the experience of working in every section of the IIM library for 13 months. He later moved to St. John's National Academy of Health Sciences and he worked there as an assistant librarian for two years. Presently, he is working as a librarian at NIMHANS, Bengaluru. He stated that the NIRF ranking of the University of Mysore is for its excellence in academics and also for faculty members' commitment and passion towards their work, teaching, and services. He paid his respect to the faculty members of the department.

He introduced his classmates, Mr. Durgappa working as a deputy librarian, at Presidency University, Bengaluru, Mr. Ankamurthy, working in the Police Department, and Mr. Manu Kumar K. M., working as a librarian at JSS Academy of Higher Education, Mysuru.

Mr. Durgappa said that when he was in his undergraduate degree course he was confused as to what to do next and approached his senior who instructed him to meet the librarian of the college. The librarian instructed him to join MLISc which had good job opportunities. He said he was a bit hesitant to take this course as in MLISc he had to study different/new subjects. But according to the librarian's suggestion, he joined the course. He completed the

course in 2014 and today he has almost 8 years of experience. He can provide orientations to all the faculty members, newly joined students, and research scholars. He said that he is also good at computers and can install library-related software. Library science has given him all the things that he was supposed to get within 10 years. If he had happened to study postgraduate in Economics or History, he would have learned only that subject, but now he has an idea about all the subjects. He thanked all the teachers who taught him.



Mr. Ankamurthy, who is in the police department said that he has learnt a lot from this department. He said that many people from library science have become vice-chancellors and are in higher positions. The next speaker was Mr. Manu Kumar K. M., librarian, at JSS Academy of Higher Education. He said that he is happy to see people from old batches and also the present students. During his time, the library science department was attached to the library, but now he is happy that the department has its own separate building. He said that the students who passed out from the University of Mysore had special recognition. He is happy to be a part of this department.



The moderator of the session, Mr. Nagendra Kumar, said that everyone should be passionate about their work and be passionate to learn. He stated that if one is not passionate about the job or profession, one cannot give the best. This profession is about giving service and one should give the best service to their users. He said he will share his experience with the present-year students. He thanked the organizers for this event.

The next batch was students of the 1997-1999 batch.



Ms. Savita H. D. shared her experience. She mentioned that it was a blessing to be in this department and owes her success to the department. Prof. Shalini was their inspiration and were always fascinated by her speech. Ms. Divya M. N. told even she joined the department accidentally. She did not regret having joined the department. The department had taught them everything. She said that librarian is the only job where they report to the higher-ups. She told the current batch of students that they are on the right path. She highlighted that as the library has become digital everyone has to cope up with the developments, and what is happening at present and have to adapt to the new technology. She also emphasized that one should have a passion for advancing in their career. Learning and connecting with co-professionals will lead to the ultimate goal.



The next speaker, Mr. Ravikumar R., Senior Technical Officer, CSIR – National Aerospace Laboratories told that he is grateful for having graduated from this great university. He thanked all his teachers and executive members of MILAN for giving him this opportunity. Dr. Ningaraja E. C. thanked the MILAN members for organizing this event. He mentioned about all his teachers and what he has learnt from them. Though he is not in the library science profession, he is in continuous contact with the department.



Prof. Harinarayana gave a warm and enthusiastic welcome to everyone to Reflect, Reconnect and Radiate, the first-ever annual alumni meet. He as the chairman of the Department of Studies in Library and Information Science felt thrilled to see the gathering and said that the people present have made the event truly sensational. He read out the message from a distinguished teacher of his, Prof. H.A. Khan who is now in the USA. The message goes out like this “Thanks for your kind invitation to attend the professional get-together on Reflect, Reconnect and Radiate. I congratulate you all for such an event. It is indeed the most appropriate event to initiate this annual meet. This also reflects that the department is in good hands and is progressing well. I wish I could be a part of this unique celebration. Under the

present circumstances, I can only wish you all the very best and great success. With best wishes to your alumni members.”

As the chairman of the department, he gets questions from his students and alumni. The students ask him what MILAN can do for them and the alumni ask him what they can do for the department. He tried to address these questions briefly. He took this opportunity to address the current batch of students of MyDLIS. He said the students that this alumni meet will have a profound impact on their academic and professional journey. Firstly, the meet is an excellent occasion for networking and learning from the experiences of those who have been in their shoes. The interaction with the alumni can provide insights into potential career paths, opportunities for internship and practical advice for personal and professional growth. Secondly, witnessing the achievements of the accomplished alumni during this event can serve as a powerful source of inspiration for all of them. The meet shows the achievements of the alumni were possible with determination, hard work and the knowledge gained from their time at MyDLIS. He said the students are the torchbearers of the department's legacy and this alumni meet can empower them to dream big and strive for excellence. Thirdly, the meet has opened the door to mentorship and opportunities where they can be guided by experienced professionals who genuinely care about their success. Lastly, Reflect, Reconnect, Radiate is a celebration of belonging. It can reinforce a sense of belonging that they can feel as a part of the MyDLIS and MILAN network. Building strong connections and friendships with their seniors can create a supportive ecosystem that extends far beyond their academic years.



Next, he addressed the esteemed alumni group. The secret that makes MILAN and MyDLIS a dynamic duo, is the enduring bond between the alma mater and the beloved alumni. He mentioned the expectations that MyDLIS has from MILAN. The expectation one was the need for support in the form of internships for the students of MyDLIS. This can prepare them for a real-world than providing hands-on experience. Various alumni have established themselves in various professional spheres. The next generation can get the golden opportunity to shine. Expectation two was some generous backing for the maintenance of the

department's infrastructure to keep the beloved department in tip-top shape. MILAN can be the guiding light when it comes to developing the academic infrastructure. The Web Dewey and the RDA toolkit have now become indispensable tools in the field of Library and Information Science. He believes that expertise and support from the alumni to make these resources available to the students can enrich their academic journey. The next expectation is about mentoring the students. With the remarkable experiences thronging their careers, the alumni can adopt a student academically and share their wisdom. This helps in a fulfilling experience and the alumni will be shaping bright minds for a lifetime. MILAN should network with the students and there is a treasure trove of talent in MyDLIS waiting to be tapped into alumni's interactions, guidance and experience. It can create valuable connections for the students, opening doors to exciting opportunities. Next, he mentions the daunting task of syllabus revision and expects constructive inputs and expertise to keep the curriculum relevant and up-to-date. These insights can help to shape the future of Library Information Science education. Taking a walk down memory lane, he tells the alumni to remember the beloved teachers who dedicated their lives to shaping the students and asks them to celebrate their birthdays together, keeping their legacy alive and creating a meaningful tradition. He also asks the alumni to step up and conduct some insightful sessions, shaping human experiences and knowledge with the current students during Friday Talks held in the department. The heart of MILAN lies in actively participating in the department's activities and the alumni's presence shows their commitment. He hopes that this spirit of involvement will continue to grow. One more expectation is about assisting students in the preparation to successfully clear the National Eligibility Test (NET) that is being conducted by the UGC and serves as the eligibility criteria for college librarians and assistant librarian positions at universities and colleges. As soft skills are becoming increasingly important in today's world, nurturing students beyond academics is important. Alumni support in organizing regular offline and online programs can do wonders in helping students develop essential life skills. He mentions that MyDLIS and MILAN are a match made in academic heaven. He concluded by telling that together all can create an everlasting impact, not just on the department, but on the lives of countless students. So, let all the alumni reflect on the past, recollect those cherished memories, and create positivity and support for the future.



Prof. Shalini R. Urs, in her presidential address, said that she wears many hats, in the sense that she is an alumna of the department, faculty member of the department and also president of MILAN. She shared the journey of MILAN that eventually started in 2005 when the department was completing its 40th year. She happened to be the chairperson and during the 40th year celebrations, they had their first alumni meet. There was a good response and the celebrations were great. The alumni association was not strengthened further, but in the year 2015, the golden jubilee year of the department, the formal MILAN took birth under the chairmanship of Prof. Chandrashekara M. She mentioned that Mr. Khasim who was the first alumnus of this department is here and this has made this event the first ever kind of an annual meet with the first ever alumnus of this department.



She explained the purpose of this event was to reflect, reconnect and radiate. The speakers in the meet very nicely reflected, reconnected also and radiated a lot. Reconnections have

happened by at least four or five from each batch coming together and reconnecting with their classmates and also reconnecting with the earlier older or younger classmates. The alumni meet can help in reconnecting and this reconnection helps in other things that Prof. Harinarayana mentioned like what one can give another academically, internships, etc. The journeys of the alumni have been successful and some have a different journey. She mentioned her classmate Dr. Rajendra Kumar who has reached the highest position in India. She also mentioned about Mr. Satyanarayana who became a successful entrepreneur and Prof. Raghavan who was also a faculty of this department.

She mentioned the changes in the field and the current talk of the town is Artificial Intelligence. Expert systems have now become AI. She highlights that the librarian's primary role is in the archive and technology will help in archiving. The archive is the past, present and future and Artificial Intelligence helps in this. Current AI technology helps to dig deeper and get better nuggets from the past only if it is archived and then used again. So AI for archiving is one big topic that one can think of. With all the available technologies, preserving the past is important. Access to information is no longer so important because access is almost ubiquitous. Technology has made it possible for everyone to access easily, conveniently and much better than what library and information professionals can do. So in this changed scenario where access is much easier, much better, and more effective, the focus should be on archiving. The future role of information professionals is that of being the curator. So to curate, to be better than AI, the natural intelligence too should be improved. She said that many of the speakers spoke about learning and updating. So if one is up to date, then they can always choose the path that they want, whether to be a business person or continue as a library professional or in the corporate world. She had mentioned 30 years back that library science is a secondary profession. It is the strength as well as weakness. The weakness is that the visibility of the profession is less, as the library professional supports a teacher, a business person, a doctor, or a researcher. So as the role is that of supporting other professionals in doing their job better, the visibility might be less. So, it is important to not only provide service but also to be visible in different ways. The visibility may be less, but the strength lies in the fact that as the library professional support other different professions, they can always actually navigate their journey or career journey to different professions. It is easy to navigate from one path to another, from one career to a slightly other one, because the library professional have information, which is omnipresent, which is needed by every profession

She ended the presidential remarks by saying that in the information life cycle, traditionally and even today, the library professional continues to focus on one aspect of the information service that is the end user because they are here to serve the user, people who come to the library or the information centre, etc. She suggested that the focus should be on every stage of this information life cycle. Through the open access movement, the focus could be on the greater side of the information life cycle. The open access movement is to help an author, a researcher, or anyone, who needs information support, so the alumni can help the user in doing better, in their writing, and also with reading. The US government has declared 2023 as the year of open science. In India, there is an open science policy as well, which gives

enormous scope for library and information professionals to switch from not just information but to data. There are many courses available for data librarians, and data curators, some of them are freely available, so she asked to choose from them. She ended by saying that since information is needed by everyone, and the information lifecycle, that is from its creation to its end use, is a continuous one, and one can step in at any point, any stage of this information cycle, so therefore there are lots of opportunities. She tells that today's event has given two things, confidence and connections. Confidence in seeing so many people here succeeding in their careers, and it has given confidence that one can do wonders. It has given some connections, and the connection can be strengthened over time. She asked everyone to join and strengthen each other and strengthen the connections.

The event witnessed many group photos after the meet and greet session.





The annual convention was followed by the Annual General Body (AGM) meeting for MILANers followed by the election of office bearers for the 2023-2025 MILAN executive committee. The various activities, events and meetings organized by MILAN during the year 2021-2023 were read out by Dr. Meera. Mr. Nandeesh presented the financial report. The executive committee members for the year 2023-2025 were the following:

1. Dr. Kannikaparameshwari G., Librarian, SLN College of Arts and Commerce
2. Dr. Jagadish M. V., Librarian Selection Grade, Sri. D. Devaraja Urs Government First Grade College, Hunsur
3. Dr. K. S. Ali, Deputy Librarian and Assistant Professor, Yenepoya Deemed to be University
4. Mr. Ashoka R., Librarian, Maharaja Institute of Technology, Mysuru
5. Mr. Varadaraju N., Librarian Selection Grade, Government First Grade College, K. R. Nagar

6. Mr. Muruli N., Assistant Professor, Central University of Himachal Pradesh
7. Dr. Vasantha Raju, Principal (Incharge) and Librarian Selection Grade, Government First Grade College, Talakadu
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