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DEPARTMENT OF STUDIES IN LIBRARY AND INFORMATION SCIENCE

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Genesis

The Department of Library Science, now officially called the Department of Studies in Library and Information Science, was started on 24th June 1965 with 20 students for Bachelor's Degree in Library Science. Prof. P.K. Patil, who later served as the Director of Public Libraries in Karnataka, collaborated with the stalwart Prof. K.S. Deshpande and laid the foundation for developing the Department.

The Department has led the library science education in Karnataka from the frontline by starting the Masters (1971), PhD (1976), and Integrated Masters (1992) programmes before other institutions could do so. The metamorphosis from the Department of Library Science to the Department of Library and Information Science in the year 1976 changed the complexion of teaching in the discipline. The major focus was on information. Further, introducing a two-year integrated MLISc in 1992, in the place of a one-year BLISc and a one-year MLISc, was a bold decision that enhanced the intensity and quality of imparting education in the discipline.

The Department has had significant teaching and research contributions from former faculty members, including Prof. H.A. Khan, Sri. T.V. Subramanyam, Prof. B. Nagappa, Prof. K.S. Raghavan, Prof. N.B. Pangannaya, Prof. V.G. Talawar, Prof. Shalini R. Urs, Prof. B.S. Maheswarappa, Prof. Khaizer Jahan Begum, Prof. Y. Venkatesha and Smt. B.C. Indira.

The faculty and alumni of the Department have occupied much-coveted posts such as the Director General of National Library of India, and have been Vice-Chancellors and Professors at various universities. They have become Information Entrepreneurs, Head/Chief Librarians at central and state government libraries and important research institutes. Prof. V.G. Talawar served as the first Vice-Chancellor from the field of library and information science in India.

Vision : Be a leader in LIS education research landscape in Asia and always maintain and sustain our leadership position in India.

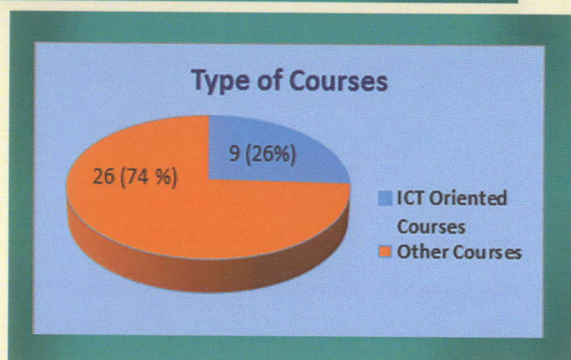
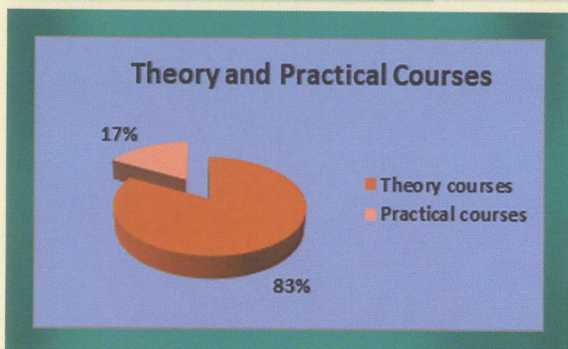
Mission : To meet the quality LIS human resource requirements of emerging information society through our educational programs that are based on a cutting-edge curriculum and the presence of an extremely competent faculty.

Aim : Excellence in LIS education and research.

Academic Programmes

- Master of Library and Information Science (M.L.I.Sc.)
 - A two-year programme under CBCS scheme.
 - Eligibility: A bachelor's degree in any subject.

M.L.I.Sc. Programme Overview



Ph.D. (with coursework) :

- **Selection** : Qualified in NET/KSET or through university entrance exam.
- **Eligibility** : Master's degree in library and information science

Gold Medals/Cash Prize instituted for achievers in master's programme

- Prof. K. S. Deshpande Endowment Gold Medal
- Dr. S. R. Ranganathan Memorial Gold Medal
- Sri. B. N. Raju Memorial Gold Medal
- Librarian C. Nagappa Memorial Gold Medal
- Prof. V. G. Talwar Sixtieth (60th) Birth Anniversary Memorial Gold Medal
- Prof. P. K. Patil Gold Medal
- Prof. Khaiser Jahan Begum Felicitation Gold medal
- Prof. H. A. Khan Felicitation Cash Prize
- Prof. B. Nagappa Felicitation Cash Prize

Research Output since 2014

PhDs (from 1980 onwards)	129
Publications in Journals	154
Conference Papers	96
Books	09
Research Projects	02

Infrastructure

The Department has well-equipped ICT infrastructure facilities. There are two ICT laboratories for students with multi-media projectors. All the teachers use ICT for teaching and practicals. There is also Internet access with LAN and Wi-fi facility.

Thrust Areas of Research

- Library Automation and Digital Libraries
- User Studies and Use Studies
- Information Retrieval and Metadata
- Bibliometrics, Webometrics, Scientometrics, Altmetrics
- Open courseware
- Information Literacy

Our Strengths

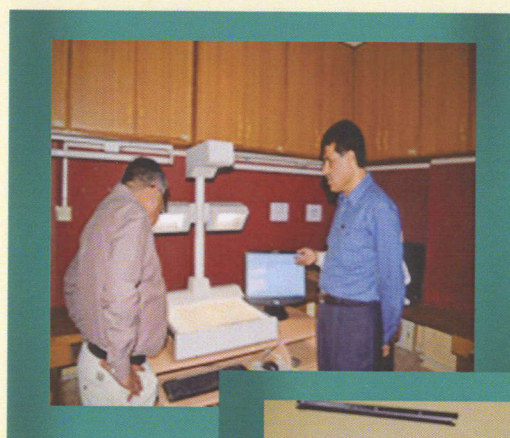
- Curriculum innovations
- Projects
- Organizing Conferences/Seminars/Workshops/Webinars

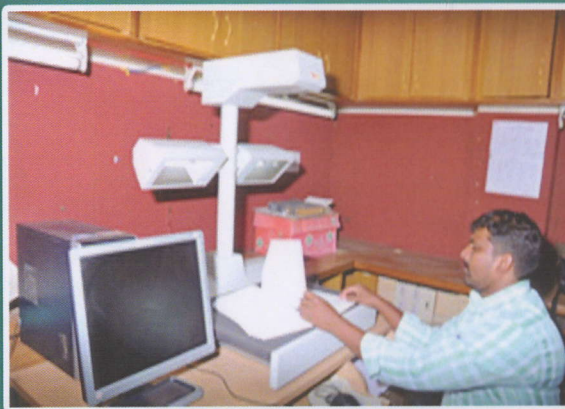
Research Projects

The e-thesis repository movement in India started at the Department with the launching of the Vidyanidhi Project with a munificent grant from the Ford Foundation and the Department of Science and Technology, Government of India under NISSAT Project. Prof. Shalini R. Urs's Project Vidyanidhi is the first-ever digital library initiative in the field in India. Vidyanidhi project developed a prototype for digitizing the thesis and developing a repository. The database had more than one lakh metadata records and ten thousand full-texts of theses. The project was terminated when the INFLIBNET started Shodhganga.

The Department was the first among the universities in Karnataka to be recognized as UGC-SAP department in Library and Information Science. The UGC supported the Department under SAP in two phases with 24 lakhs and 35.50 lakhs between 2017 and 2020. The Department's infrastructure and research profiles witnessed significant progress during this period.

The Department has established itself as a consulting resource for the libraries venturing in library automation and digital library projects.





- Organising the visits to libraries in and around Mysuru
- Out-reach and extension activities in collaboration with professional/alumni associations – MyLISA and MILAN

Conferences/workshops



Endowment Lectures

The Informatics Endowment Lectures on Digital Libraries (IELDL) series was instituted by Sri N. V. Sathyanarayana, Chairman & Managing Director of Informatics India Ltd, Bengaluru. He is an alumnus of our Department.



Best Practices

- The 'Friday Talk' on every Fridays by 'Mysore University Library and Information Science Students Association' (MULLISA)



Placement

The students are absorbed in corporate sectors such as Infosys, TCS, IBM, L&T, GE and in public, academic, and special libraries and teaching departments of Library and Information Science in several academic institutions.

Future Goals

- oTo evolve into an Advanced Centre for Research and Training in Digital Libraries
- oTo evolve as Consultancy Centre for Library Automation

Faculty Profile



Dr. MallinathKumbar, MA, M.L.I.Sc., Ph.D.

Professor

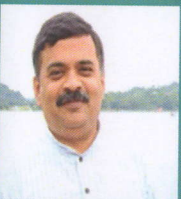
Specialization : Library Management, Academic Library System, Metadata, User Study,



Dr. Chandrashekara M., M.B.A, M.L.I.Sc., P.G.D.L.A.N., P.G.D.H.R.M., Ph.D. (LIS)

Professor

Specialization : Library Automation and Networking, Library Cataloguing & Metadata, Information Sources, Research Methodology



Dr. N. S. Harinarayana., M.L.I.Sc. PGDCA., Ph.D.

Professor

Specialization : Library Automation, Metadata, Information Retrieval, Digital Libraries & E-Publishing



Dr. AdithyaKumari H., M.L.I.Sc., Ph.D.

Associate Professor

Specialization : Digital Libraries & E-Publishing, Academic Library System, Knowledge Organisation, User Studies



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