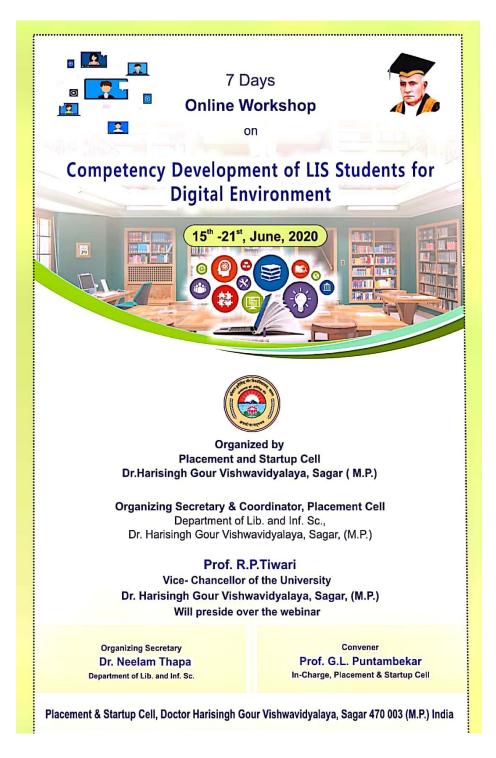
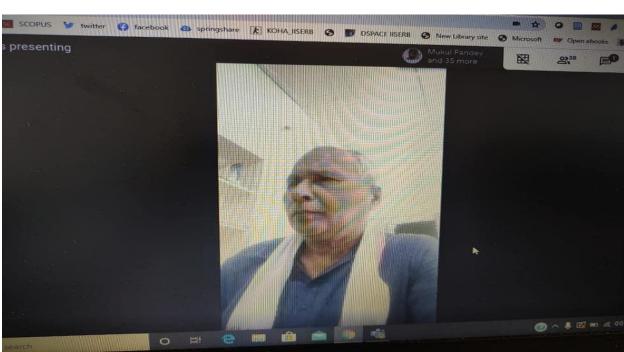
# Online Workshop on Competency Development of LIS Students for Digital Environment

15<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> June, 2020











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# **Final Report**

A seven(07) days Online Workshop on Competency Development of LIS Students for Digital Environment was organized by the Placement and Startup Cell, Dr. Harisingh Gour Vishwavidyalaya, Sagar, M.P. from 15th to 21st June, 2020. The objective of this workshop was to develop awareness in students of the Department of Library and Information Science about nascent technology and their practical applications in libraries. It was also an initiative to motivate students to develop technical competencies and soft skills that are now prerequisites for securing placement in good institutions. Librarians were invited as resource persons so that practical insights on the functioning of the libraries could be provided by them. Also, four resource persons were alumni of the Department of the Library and Information Science and it is expected that this will strengthen the bond between alumni and Department; and also the resource persons would be able to mentor and motivate the students of the Department towards excellence.

Inaugural Session: The Inaugural Session was conducted on 15th June at 9 a.m. Dr. Neelam Thapa, Organizing Secretary explained about the objectives and expected outcomes of the Workshop and introduced the Keynote Speaker and the Resource Persons. Prof. G.L. Puntambekar, Incharge Placement and Startup Cell and the Convener of the Workshop, welcomed the guests. Prof. R.C. Gaur, Dean & Director (Library & Information) & Head-Kala Nidhi Division at Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts (IGNCA), New Delhi, Ministry of Culture, Government of India delivered the Keynote Address. He explained the working of modern libraries and the importance of developing technical competencies. He also laid emphasis on developing good communication skills. Prof. Gaur said that this workshop is a very innovative initiative by the Placement and Startup Cell and would be very beneficial for the students. Honourable Vice Chancellor of the University, Prof. R.P. Tiwari presided over the session. In his presidential address, honourable Vice Chancellor said that B.Lib.I.Sc. and M.Lib.I.Sc. are professional courses which like any other professional course require many competencies and through this workshop the university has taken an initiative to prepare the students for their professional roles. He also suggested that the resource persons should interact with the students and guide them on how to prepare themselves to face competition, so that they can secure good jobs. The resource persons also gave an insight on the topics they would be discussing in the workshop and how it would be beneficial for the students. The session was attended by the faculty and large number of students of the Department of Library and Information Science.

#### Technical Session I (15th June, 2020; 11:30 to 1:00 pm)

**Dr. Sandeep Pathak**, Deputy Librarian, IISER, Bhopal was the Resource Person for this session. His topic was "**Academic Libraries: Innovative Services with examples**". He explained about the functioning of academic libraries in today's context. He talked about the new technologies and innovative services in modern academic libraries. He illustrated by showing pictures of technology being used and services being provided at the Central Library, IISER, Bhopal. It was a very informative lecture followed by question and answer session and ended at 1:45 p.m.

#### Technical Session II (16th June, 2020; 11:30 to 1:00 pm)

**Dr. Neeraj Chourasia**, Deputy Librarian, IIT Delhi was the Resource Person for this session. His topic was "Licensing and Management of E-resource". He spoke about the changing scenario and how the libraries are now developing e-collection. He explained the E-Resource Management Life Cycle, E-collection Development Policy and the important role of licensing. He discussed the practical problems encountered in developing e-collection and he explained how e-collection is developed at IIT Delhi. The lecture was followed by an interactive session where students asked many questions and the session extended upto 1:35 p.m.

#### Technical Session III (17th June, 2020; 11:30 to 1:00 pm)

*Dr Kshema Prakash*, Deputy Librarian, IIT Jodhpur was the Resource Person for the session. Her topic was "*What the Industry Expects from You? Personality Development for Library Professionals*". It was a very interactive session where Dr. Prakash explained what is "Personality" and "How to develop it". She told the students what kind of personality they need to develop for the profession. She also talked of her own experiences in the profession. She also discussed about different job opportunities. It was a very interesting session which extended up to 2:00 p.m.

#### Technical Session IV (18th June, 2020; 11:30 to 1:00 pm)

**Dr Sanjiv Saraf**, Deputy Librarian, BHU was the Resource Person for the session. His topic was "**Useful Trends for Library Professionals at a Glance**". He explained the new trends in the library profession to the students in a very simple language giving examples. He then discussed the questions which are usually asked about these trends in the job interviews. He guided the students on the sources to refer to and how to frame their answers related to these new trends. The session continued till 1:30 p.m. and would be very helpful for the students in preparing for job interviews.

#### Technical Session V (19th June, 2020; 11:30 to 1:00 pm)

Dr Neeraj Kumar Chaurasia, Deputy Librarian, IIT Delhi was the Resource Person for the session. His topic was "Use of Citation/Bibliographic Databases – Live Demo". He talked about Citation and Bibliographic Databases and their utility. He explained the use of Web of Science and Scopus giving live demonstration. He taught how to search for information using different kinds of search techniques and filters and how to analyze the retrieved data. He explained how these tools are important for librarians in providing services and preparing reports for usage statistics, NIRF ranking, etc. It was a very beneficial session of two hours for

students as it was well understood by students due to live demonstration and it also provided an insight on new roles for librarians in digital environment.

#### **Technical Session VI (20th June, 2020; 11:30 to 1:00 pm)**

**Dr. Sandeep Pathak**, Deputy Librarian, IISER, Bhopal was the Resource Person for this session. His topic for the session was "**Hands on Session on Research Support Tools**". He gave live demonstration on Reference Management Software Mendeley and Zotero. He also demonstrated the use of plagiarism checking software Turnitin and Urkund. He explained the importance of these tools for researchers. He emphasized that, especially in libraries of higher education institution, the library profession should be well versed with research support tools so as to support researchers in their research pursuits. This session helped the students to understand the role of librarians in modern libraries and importance of developing technical competencies in using different software being used in libraries.

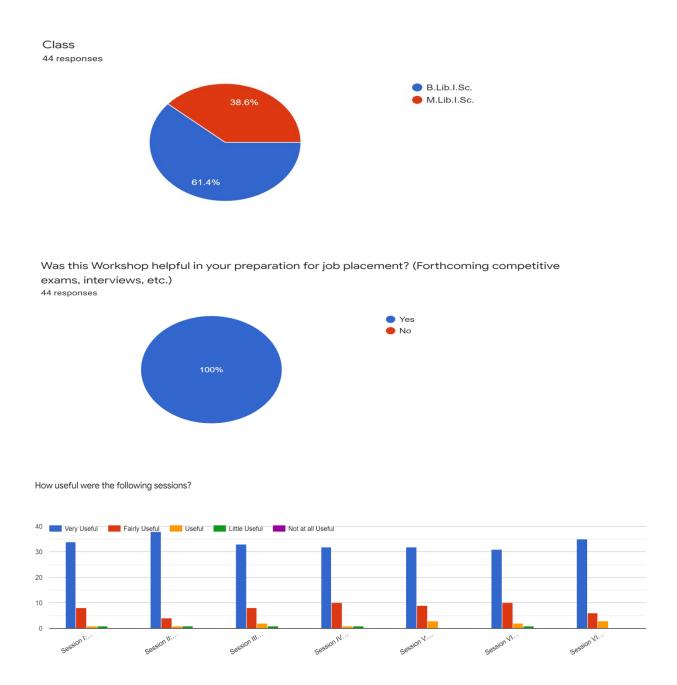
#### Technical Session VII (21st June, 2020; 11:30 to 1:00 pm)

**Dr. Santosh Gupta**, Assistant Professor, University of Rajasthan, Jaipur was the Resource Person for this session. His topic was "**QR Code Technology and its implication in Libraries**". QR codes are now being extensively used in libraries today and so this session was very beneficial for the students. He taught about the QR code structure and different types of QR code. He discussed about the application of QR code in libraries. He gave information on various open access QR code scanners and generators and also gave a live demonstration on how to create QR code and use it. It was an interactive session of two hours where students asked many questions. As he has many years of experience as KV librarian, he also guided the students on how to prepare for KV librarian's interview and answered student's queries regarding the same.

Out of 48 students of the Department of Library and Information Science, 45 students registered for the Workshop. A Google Classroom was created and all the students who registered for the Workshop were enrolled as students. All information was posted on the Google Classroom and also provided through WhatsApp. The entire workshop was conducted on Google Meet. The recordings and the presentations of the Inaugural Session and seven Technical Sessions of the Workshop where shared with the students through Google Drive.

## **Analysis of Feedback from Students**

Feedback about the Workshop was taken by the use of Google Form and 44 students responded to the feedback form.



As is evident from the above graphs, the students found the Workshop and all the seven technical sessions very useful. They have suggested that more workshops of this kind should be conducted especially on Library Management Software.

### Result of Quiz

The students were given time to study the material related to Workshop and an online quiz, with MCQs and short answer questions, based on the technical sessions of the workshop was conducted on 9<sup>th</sup> July, 2020. The quiz was of total 100 marks having 50 questions of 2 marks each. Out of 43 who registered 38 students attempted the quiz; and 35 students qualified by securing a minimum of 45 marks out of 100. Out of 38 students, 26 students( 68.42%) got above 60% marks. The certificate for the Workshop was sent to the students who qualified by email.

#### **Suggestion for Future Workshops**

As per the feedback from students and need of the industry, Workshops/Training on Library Management Software like SOUL, KOHA, DSPACE would be very beneficial for the students.