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I INTRODUCTION

The year 2023-24 has been yet another year of fulfilment and accomplishments for DELNET with the progress witnessed uniformly across many horizons of library networking, content networking, resource sharing, empowering the libraries, capacity building of Library Professionals, infrastructure strengthening of Coordination Units of DELNET, etc. There has been a steady growth in expanding the network of libraries complemented with the introduction of new resources and services and enhancement of the network facilities. It is a proud privilege to inform you that DELNET has received the golden words of appreciation from the Hon'ble Prime Minister of India Shri Narendra Modi who gave a message for NACLIN 2023 very graciously. Also, DELNET received visibility at a global level through IFLA by organising its virtual programmes for Asia Oceania Region during IFLA WLIC 2023 conference held at Rotterdam, The Netherlands. The upskilling and reskilling of library professionals remained a priority area for DELNET to prepare the library manpower for the future. A number of Webinars and training programmes were held throughout the year with national and international speakers.

II MEMBERSHIP

On the membership front, the year 2023-24 was a fruitful year which has brought 823 new members to DELNET's networked family of institutional libraries, further widening its coverage of institutions. These new members joined from across the country. The states from where the maximum number of members joined included Maharashtra, Tamil Nadu, Uttar Pradesh, Kerala, etc.

DELNET continued with its persistent efforts to increase its membership base by approaching various universities, colleges and specialised institutions in India. It is worth mentioning that besides the New Delhi office, the Coordination Units were also helping in the membership drive by approaching the Institutions in their respective States/Region. The detailed breakup of DELNET Membership is mentioned in Appendix I.

III FINANCE

DELNET is setting up best examples of self-sustainability and providing affordable and equitable access to information resources to its member-institutions by running its operations from the meagre finances generated from the membership fees and investing wholeheartedly its financial resources and dedicated efforts in empowering libraries and building strong library networking facilities for its esteemed member institutions and their users.

IV DELNET BUILDING

4.1 DELNET Hostel Block

During the year 2023-24, DELNET hostel block/ guest house facilities at New Delhi were regularly used by the institutions from across the country for accommodation, organizing Meetings, Interviews, Seminars, Workshops, etc. These facilities, services and support offered by DELNET were greatly appreciated by the Institutions. Many prestigious institutions availed themselves of the facilities at DELNET.

The property tax for 2023 for DELNET, New Delhi was paid to the MCD. Also the property tax for DELNET Bangalore, Lucknow and Pune office was paid.

4.2 DELNET Bangalore Coordination Unit Office – Completion of Interior Work and Inauguration of the New Office

With immense pleasure we may wish to inform the members about the successful completion of the interior work and inauguration of DELNET Bangalore Office Unit A-905, 9th Floor, at Brigade Signature Tower, OMR (Old Madras Road), Bengaluru-560049 on November 3, 2023. It was a proud and momentous occasion for DELNET to have also organised its Governing Board Meeting at DELNET's own office space.

Shri K. Jayakumar, President, DELNET in his opening address said that “Today is a special day for DELNET when the new office at Bangalore started functioning. We had the governing board meeting in the new office. It is a moment of joy and pride. Also a day we remember the visionary leadership of Dr. Kaul, who planted a sapling which is being nurtured into a healthy plant. May Divine Grace always guide and protect DELNET”.

Dr. S. S. Murthy, Vice President, and Founder Member, DELNET said that “It has been a pleasure for me to have participated in the governing board meeting of DELNET today in the excellently designed and tastefully and functionally organised DELNET new office at Bangalore. It is a memorable occasion for me. I wish this DELNET Bengaluru office will flourish excellently in its functions and reputation in the coming days and years”.

Dr. P. R. Goswami, Treasurer, DELNET said that “I am delighted to see the premises acquired and developed by DELNET as its regional office at Bengaluru. DELNET is the only organization which has made a sustained effort to serve the libraries of India and abroad. Its efforts towards resource sharing activities, manpower development, development of new technology-based solutions, etc. is really praiseworthy”.

The other Board Members also appreciated the opening of DELNET's own office in Bangalore.

4.3 DELNET Pune Coordination Unit Office – Interior Work

I am pleased to inform the members that the interior work at DELNET's Pune office has started. The electrical, networking, airconditioning and false ceiling works are in progress. It is hoped that it will be functional and operational by the end of the year.

4.4 DELNET Lucknow Coordination Unit Office – Interior Work

The interior work at DELNET's Lucknow office at Shalimar Iridium, Lucknow will soon start off as the layout plan has been prepared. It is hoped that by next year the office will become functional.

V NETWORK OPERATIONS

5.1 DELNET Online Services

During the year, the DELNET online services continue to garner popularity among the users of the member-institutions. The initiatives including DELNET Best Practices-Data Sharing and Accessibility and Vision Portal of Video Lectures are well appreciated by

the member-libraries and it has significantly been contributing in enriching the networked content. Also the visibility and discoverability of resources of member institutions has increased manifold through the initiatives of DELNET.

5.2 Internet Leased-Line with NIC

The DELNET-NIC 2 Mbps MTNL leased line connectivity is working effectively.

5.3 Airtel RF Internet Link

DELNET also has an Airtel 20 Mbps RF link for organising Webinars, backup data servers operations, etc. The link is working smoothly.

VI DELNET DISCOVERY PORTAL

6.1 The Member Institutions are greatly utilising the DELNET discovery portal for accessing around 3.9 crore resources of various member-libraries. The services are of great help for faculty, researchers and scholars. The sophisticated features available in the portal leads to its effective utilisation. The feature to access the own library records are also available and institutions are coming forward to contribute their records which helps in resource discovery and anytime/anywhere access and act as a WebOPAC for their users. DELNET provides special certificates to Member-Institutions for participating in 'Data Sharing and Accessibility' activities. The Interlibrary Loan and Document Delivery remained the most popular and reliable services of DELNET valued immensely by members.

6.2 Knowledge Gainer Portal

The Knowledge Gainer Portal remained as the highly resourceful portal with an access to more than 1.6 crore full-text E-books, E-journals, E-articles, etc. The users of Member-Institutions use these E-resources extensively.

6.3 DELNET also provides access to the following online resources which are regularly updated and greatly used by members:

1. E-BOOKS
 - a. Autobiographies and Biographies
 - b. E-books: Read and Download them online
 - c. Full-Text Medical Books
2. E-JOURNALS (Full-Text)
 - a. Aerospace Sciences
 - b. Agriculture and Horticulture Science
 - c. Architecture
 - d. Arts and Commerce
 - e. Ayurveda
 - f. Dental
 - g. Divyangjan (Persons with Special Needs)

- h. Education
 - i. Engineering and Technology
 - j. Fashion Technology
 - k. Food Technology
 - l. Homoeopathy
 - m. Hotel Management
 - n. Law
 - o. Library and Information Technology
 - p. Management
 - q. Mass Media
 - r. Medical Sciences
 - s. Nursing
 - t. Paramedical Sciences
 - u. Pharmacy
 - v. Physiotherapy
 - w. Police Research
 - x. Science
 - y. Skill and Entrepreneurship
 - z. Startups, Innovation and Entrepreneurship
 - aa. Social Sciences
 - bb. Yoga
3. THESES/DISSERTATIONS
- EBSCO Open Dissertation
 - Global Full-Text Theses and Dissertations
 - Networked Digital Library of Theses and Dissertations
 - Yale Medicine Theses Digital Library
4. OTHER ONLINE DATABASES
- a. Directory of Open Access Repositories
 - b. india.gov.in-National Portal of India
 - c. MEDLINE and other databases of NLM
 - d. US Patents : Full-Text
 - e. Cambridge Dictionary Online
 - f. ODLIS : Online Dictionary for Lib & Inf. Science
 - g. Hobbies
 - h. Sanskrit E-resources

5. LANGUAGE LEARNING PORTAL

The portal is used for the English and other foreign languages, both for improving spoken and writing skills. The students from Member-Institutions use it extensively to hone their English writing and speaking skills.

6. MANUSCRIPTS AND RARE BOOKS

DELNET provided access to full-text manuscripts and rare books.

7. E-newspapers

The DELNET “E-newspapers” section in the Online Portal provided access to a sizeable number of E-newspapers published in Hindi, English and other regional languages including Assamese, Bengali, Gujarati, Kannada, Malayalam, Marathi, Odia, Punjabi, Tamil, Telugu, etc. which are greatly used by the Member-Institutions.

VII NETWORK OPERATIONS

Online Services and Digital Network Infrastructure

The DELNET online services remained operational 24/7 to ensure smooth access to its resources by the users of its member-institutions. The access was made through static IPs as well as through Login/Password. In order to provide the high availability of its services, the servers mirroring has also been done, connected with two different Internet ISP connections, i.e. DELNET- NIC Leased line and RF link through Airtel. The automated online Backup System also functions satisfactorily.

VIII INTER-LIBRARY LOAN (ILL) AND DOCUMENT DELIVERY SERVICES (DDS)

DELNET continues to play a pivotal role in furthering the cause of resource sharing, the major aspect of a functional library network, by providing the most proactive and proficient Inter Library Loan and Document Delivery Services, a dedicated service which remains as the most popular service of DELNET. The services remain in great demand and also the member-libraries greatly appreciate the DELNET support in helping them to reach out to the vast resources of other institutions.

IX SOFTWARE SUPPORT

9.1 DELNET during the year 2023-24 continued to offer Delplus software free of charge for library automation to the members and is gaining wider popularity. A number of member-institutions who have not yet automated their libraries are coming forward to adopt Delplus. DELNET undertakes remote installation of the software and also helps in migrating the existing records (from Access/Excel) in addition to generating Barcodes. The software features and its user-friendly interfaces, adhering to library standards are appreciated by the institutions and library professionals. The records thus created in Delplus are also merged in DELNET’s discovery portal for Resource Sharing and Resource Discovery.

9.2 Support for Open Source Software for Member-Institutions

DELNET receives requests for installations of Koha and DSpace periodically from the Member-Institutions and it offers the necessary consultancy for their remote installation.

X DELNET CONSORTIUM

DELNET continues to offer the following E-journals/E-books packages through the DELNET Consortium.

10.1 DELNET Cengage Consortium

DELNET offered the following E-journals packages through DELNET Gale Cengage Consortium. Some of the DELNET member-institutions subscribe to them.

1. InfoTrac Engineering, Science & Technology Collection (IESTC)
2. InfoTrac Medical Collection (IMedC)
3. InfoTrac Business & Management Collection (IBMC)
4. InfoTrac Pharmacy Collection (IPC)
5. InfoTrac Dental Collection (IDC)
6. InfoTrac Architecture Collection (IAC)
7. InfoTrac Arts, Humanities & Social Sciences Collection
8. Gale Onefile Nursing & Allied Health
9. Business Insights: Global (BIG)
10. Gale OneFile: News
11. Gale in Context: Environmental Studies (GREENR)
12. Gale One: Hospitality and Tourism (HTC) and Gale One: Culinary Arts (CAC)

10.2 DELNET ProQuest E-journals Consortium

1. DELNET ProQuest Engineering/Technology Collection
2. DELNET ProQuest Management Collection

10.3 DELNET Consortium for eBooks

1. World eBooks Library through IGroup

XI NEW INITIATIVES/UPDATION OF PORTALS

11.1 DELNET'S ViSiOn Portal of Video Lectures

The users of member-institutions use ViSiOn (Video Sites Online) Portal extensively which contains numerous enriching video lectures delivered by the Subject Matter Experts (SMEs), Faculty Members, etc. in varied fields of knowledge. Nearly 24,000 video lectures are currently available through the ViSiOn portal.

11.2 DELNET Online Courses Portal

DELNET has launched a new COnCour Portal (COnCour - Continue with Online Courses to Conquer Your Future Now) which provides details of more than 4800 Online Courses in various disciplines provided through various institutions (both national and international). The students can search the courses through Subject, Certificate Granting Institutions, Title of the Course, Country, etc. The portal is effectively used by students and other users of member-libraries and generates interest among the students' community.

11.3 New Portals – Work in Progress

GRIP (Global Research and Innovation Portal)

I am pleased to inform members that DELNET is creating a state-of-the-art “Global Research and Innovation Portal (GRIP)” which will contain the details of different Research Projects being undertaken by various Research Institutions in India and many other countries. DELNET may wish to develop it as a major global resource which will be a great boon for researchers and scholars. The portal will highlight the major research output of the top ranking institutions (NIRF and other global ranking) in India and other countries. It will also lead to establishing better research collaborations and help in fostering a culture of innovation and research in member-institutions. It is envisaged that the GRIP Portal will make significant contributions to the Hon’ble PM’s mission of making India a Global Centre of Research and Innovation. India ranks 40th position in Global Innovation Index 2023. It is hoped that by mid-2024, the portal will be made live.

11.4 Portal for Differently-Abled Users (Divyangjan) with Special Needs

DELNET is working on developing a major Portal for Differently-Abled Users (Divyangjan) with Special Needs which is in progress. The work on selecting and compiling the Global Resources is being done. It is a step towards making the library resources and services ‘Inclusive’.

11.5 DrillBit: Plagiarism Detection Software for Academic Integrity

DELNET in collaboration with Balani Infotech Pvt Ltd. is offering web-based DrillBit Software to its member-libraries for plagiarism detection for an annual subscription of Rs 48,000 (inclusive of GST) for checking of 300 documents. Some of the Member-Institutions subscribed to it during 2023-24.

XII COORDINATION UNITS

DELNET’s Coordination Units at Bangalore, Hyderabad and Pune are functioning well and have coordinated for Inter Library Loan, conducting training sessions, the data collection, follow-up for membership renewals, new membership, etc. from the respective regions during 2023-24.

XIII NATIONAL INITIATIVES

NACLIN 2023

The 26th National Convention on Knowledge, Library and Information Networking – NACLIN 2023 on the theme “Reinventing and Revitalising Libraries: From Striving to Thriving” was organised by DELNET, New Delhi in collaboration with Goa University,

Goa from November 22-24, 2023 at the Auditorium of the School of Chemical Sciences, Goa University, Goa. Nearly 250 delegates from different parts of India including library experts, librarians, LIS Professionals, Exhibitors and Product Demonstrators actively participated in the three-days Conference.

The Inaugural function began with an invocation of Saraswati Vandana. It was followed by the lighting of the lamp marking the inauguration of NACLIN 2023 by Prof. Harilal B. Menon, Vice-Chancellor, Goa University, Goa; Shri K. Jayakumar, President, DELNET (former Chief Secretary, Kerala and Jt Secretary, Ministry of Culture, Government of India) ; Dr Sangeeta Kaul, Director, DELNET & Organising Secretary, NACLIN 2023 and Dr Sandesh B. Dessai, University Librarian, Goa University, Goa & Co-Organising Secretary, NACLIN 2023. The welcome address was jointly delivered by Dr. Sangeeta Kaul and Dr. Sandesh B. Dessai.

Dr. Sangeeta Kaul read the gracious and inspiring message sent by the Hon'ble Prime Minister of India Shri Narendra Modi for NACLIN 2023 delegates which is placed below. DELNET expresses its sincere gratitude to His Excellency for his blessings and wishes.

“It is most heartening to note about the 26th National Convention on Knowledge, Library and Information Networking (NACLIN 2023) being organised jointly by Developing Library Network (DELNET) and the University of Goa. Heartiest congratulations and best wishes to every delegate for being present on the occasion. The theme of the Convention, ‘Reinventing and Revitalising Libraries: From Striving to Thriving’ is timely and commendable. The optimism in the theme clearly shows an attitude of working on solutions than merely dwelling upon challenges.

Knowledge and wisdom are the driving force of societies and nations. Reading broadens our horizons of thinking, enhances knowledge and expression and nurtures imagination.

DELNET has been doing laudable work in expanding the network of libraries and sharing knowledge for over three decades. Such efforts have strengthened the collective resolve to build an inclusive knowledge society and meet the growing demands on our information landscape.

May the deliberations at the Convention help expand knowledge through the interconnected network of libraries. I am confident that this Convention will help nurture reading into a people-led movement and contribute towards making India a global knowledge hub.

The participation of experts, as well as library and information science professionals will certainly lead to interactive discussions, sharing experiences and new learnings. The Kartavya Kaal till the year 2047 is a period to fulfil our vision of building a strong, inclusive and developed nation, reinforcing its position as a thought leader in the domains of wisdom and intellect.

Best wishes for successful deliberations at the NACLIN 2023.

I am sure the Souvenir being brought out to mark the occasion will embody the true essence and spirit of the occasion, leaving behind a lasting impression on its readers.”

Dr. Sangeeta Kaul paid tributes to the great visionary the Late Dr. H.K. Kaul, Founder Director, DELNET for his extraordinary vision, unparalleled leadership and incessant zeal to transform the Libraries and empower the LIS professionals which has resulted in institutionalising NACLIN. The NACLIN pre-conference publication containing 31 papers and NACLIN souvenir were released by Prof. Harilal B. Menon and Shri K. Jayakumar respectively. It was followed by the Inaugural address which was delivered by Prof. Menon. He proudly informed the delegates that NEP 2020 has been fully implemented in Goa University at all levels. He further opined that library has an immensely significant role to play in academics and research. He further added that the library should be dynamic, not static and facilitate easy access to resources, augmenting the knowledge base of researchers and scholars. He further expressed that the librarian is a teacher of the teachers. Prof. Menon further affirmed that updating the resources is very important and that developing a dynamic ecosystem for resources is needed. He felt that the emerging technologies including AI, Robotics, IoT (Internet of things) and Drones are the four inventions which have transformed the world of knowledge. He said that AI-based algorithms are replacing human workforce, and that we have to walk in tandem with the speedily evolving technology. Prof. Menon said that librarians are the information carriers. He further said that we need to develop libraries for differently-abled population and make it inclusive in scope and coverage. He said we have to work towards making the world differently-abled friendly and he wished all a very successful conference which would help in implementing better methods of knowledge dissemination. Dr. Sangeeta Kaul informed the Chief Guest that DELNET is in the process of developing a global information portal for people with special needs. It was followed by the Presidential Address by Shri K. Jayakumar. He welcomed everyone to the great assembly of information professionals and said that it is heartening that experts from libraries have put in so much intellectual energy. He said that DELNET is playing a pivotal role in offering two major services i.e. Library Networking and also to act as a catalyst, facilitator for intellectual exchange by organising numerous programmes, conferences, Webinars, etc. Shri K. Jayakumar paid his humble tributes to Dr. H. K. Kaul for his benevolence, his quiet unimposing presence and said that he was prophetic, a great visionary. He mentioned that life is changing at an unprecedented pace, unless one adapts to the tidal force and ubiquitous change, one will be washed away. He said that change is permanent and everything has changed drastically. He said that resilience and sharing have been the catch words at DELNET. He observed that cooperative competition/ collaborative competition should be the way of the world now. As librarians, we need to be aware of how the world is changing in terms of the role of a librarian which is to work as a Meta-teacher to be globally aware. He further felt that with the changing times the syllabus of the Departments of Library and Information Sciences needs to adapt with the changing requirements. Shri K. Jayakumar said that DELNET will be happy to equip the professionals in coping with this ever-evolving world and will be their support system in staying relevant. The inaugural function ended with the Vote of Thanks by Dr Sangeeta Kaul.

It was followed by the Inauguration of the NACLIN 2023 Exhibition wherein a number of leading companies exhibited their products and services. It included Balani

Group, Tracxn Technologies Limited, Daphne Systems Private Limited, Spacious Book House, ACCUCOMS, eGalactic, Pune and Coherent Digital USA.

The first tutorial on “Developing Toolkit for Cyber Security-Management and Preparedness” was held wherein a video tutorial by Major Vineet Kumar, Founder & Global President, Cyber Peace Foundation, Ranchi was highlighted. It was followed with elaboration, explanation and discussions in-person by Mr Parasar Sikdar of CPF. It was followed by a product demonstration by Balani Group (presentations by officials including Mr Arjun B. J, Head Product & Sales Strategy, Mr. Raghavendra of DrillBit and Mr Sateesh Hegde of LANQUILL); Tracxn Technologies Limited by Mr Harish Kalgundi, Senior AVP, University Partnerships and by eGalactic, Pune on eAarjav represented by Mr Prakash Sarda, Co-Founder. The second tutorial on “Content Management System - WordPress” was conducted by Mr. Venkatesh P. Prabhu, Senior Consultant, ThyWay Creations, Goa.

A cultural evening supported by the Directorate of Art & Culture, Government of Goa, Goa was held at the auditorium, showcasing the rich cultural diversity of the beautiful state of Goa and it elated the mood of the delegates. It was followed by a networking dinner and a musical evening at the International Centre Goa which was enjoyed by everyone.

On the second day of NACLIN 2023, the first Technical Session was devoted to “Emerging 3Ts: Tools, Technologies and Trends”. The session was chaired by Dr. M. Krishnamurthy, Associate Professor, DRTC, Indian Statistical Institute, Bangalore, Karnataka. The first paper entitled ‘Digital Humanities: An Overall Perspective’ written by Dr. M. Krishnamurthy, Associate Professor, DRTC, Indian Statistical Institute, Bangalore, Karnataka and Ms. Sneha Bharti, Senior Research Fellow, DRTC, Indian Statistical Institute, Bangalore, Karnataka was presented. The second paper entitled ‘ANUVADINI: AICTE Artificial Intelligence Application for Indian Languages’ was delivered by Mr. A. Muthuraj, Assistant Librarian, Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham, Amravati Campus, Mangalagiri, Andhra Pradesh and Dr. M. Kumaran, Assistant Librarian, Tamil Nadu National Law University, Tiruchirappalli, Tamil Nadu. The third paper entitled ‘Google Lens: A Technology to Enhance the Information Seeking Process’ was presented by Ms. Anju Pai Bhale, Librarian, Goa College of Music, Altinho, Goa. The Paper entitled ‘Study on Awareness, Usage and Operational Aspect of DISHTAVO-Online Learning Platform Among Prospective Teachers of Goa’ was presented by Mr. Sunil Gauns, Librarian Grade I (Research Scholar), GVM’s Dr. Dada Vaidya College of Education, Farmagudi, Ponda, Goa co-authored with Ms. Pratiksha Kudalkar, Teacher Grade I, DM’s PVS SM Kushe Higher Secondary School, Assagao, Goa and Mr. Diptej D. S. Vernekar, Assistant Professor, GVM’s Dr. Dada Vaidya College of Education, Farmagudi, Ponda, Goa. Another paper entitled ‘Perception of Research Data Management (RDM) by LIS Professionals in College Libraries of Goa in Pursuit of Academic Research: A Study’ was delivered by Mrs. Shambhavi Nikhil Joshi, Assistant Librarian co-authored with Dr. Sandesh B. Dessai, University Librarian, Goa University, Taleigao, Goa and Mr. Nikhil Arvind Joshi, Librarian, V.S. Laad Higher Secondary School, Piliem, Dharbandora, Goa. The paper entitled ‘Conducting Effective Research Using SciSpace: A Practical Approach’ was presented by Mr. Sanmati Jinendran Jain, Junior Library Information Superintendent, Central Library co-authored with Mr. Kush

Sibbu, Library Officer, Central Library, Indian Institute of Technology Goa, Ponda, Goa and Dr. Ramesh Kuri, Assistant Professor, Department of Library & Information Science, Rani Channamma University, Vidyasangama, Belagavi, Karnataka. The paper entitled 'Remote Access Service and Challenges for its Implementation with Special Reference to MIT Central Library, Manipal' was presented by Ms. Pooja, Assistant Librarian, MIT Central Library, Manipal Academy of Higher Education, Manipal, Karnataka and Dr. Rekha D. Pai, Associate Professor, Department of Library and Information Sciences, Chief Librarian, Manipal Academy of Higher Education, Manipal, Karnataka.

The Technical Session II was devoted to the 'Digital Resources, Open Access and Institutional Repositories'. The session was chaired by Dr. Sandesh B. Dessai, University Librarian, Goa University, Goa. The keynote paper entitled "E-resource Management in Libraries" was delivered by Dr. K. Rama Patnaik, Librarian, Indian Institute of Management Bangalore. The paper entitled 'Awareness and Utilisation of Digital Resources by Faculty Members Affiliated to Sri Venkateswara Veterinary University, Tirupati: A Survey' was presented by Dr. B. R. Doraswamy Naick, Professor, University Library, Jawaharlal Nehru Technological University, Kakinada, Andhra Pradesh, co-authored with Mrs. Srinija Bathinapatla, PhD (FT) Research Scholar, Department of Library and Information Science, Dravidian University, Kuppam, Chittoor District, Andhra Pradesh and Dr. M. Doraswamy, Professor, Department of Library and Information Science, Dravidian University, Kuppam, Chittoor District, Andhra Pradesh. The paper entitled 'Books (Print/E-books) Collection in Engineering College Libraries of Hyderabad and Ranga Reddy Districts: A Study' was presented by Dr. Kumara Swamy Reddy Kothapati, Librarian, Sri Venkateswara College of Engineering (Autonomous), Tirupati, Andhra Pradesh, co-authored with Dr. M. Srinivasa Rao, Assistant Librarian, Knowledge Resource Centre, GITAM (Deemed to be University), Vishakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh and Dr. Narala Ravishankar Reddy, Librarian, St. Peter's Engineering College (Autonomous), Hyderabad, Telangana. The another paper entitled 'Digital Resources and Their Use Through Open Athens in Health Science Library: A Study of KMC Mangalore Library' was delivered by Dr. Pooja, Chief Librarian, Kasturba Medical College, Mangalore, Karnataka. The paper entitled 'Utilisation of Library Resources and Services by the Research Scholars of Dr. Harisingh Gour Vishwavidyalaya, Sagar, Madhya Pradesh' was presented by Ms. Ruchi Chourasia, Research Scholar, Department of Library & Information Sciences, Dr. Harisingh Gour Vishwavidyalaya, Sagar, Madhya Pradesh, co-authored with Mr. Rohit Kushwaha, Research Scholar; Ms. Ankita Jana, Research Scholar and Mr. Abhinay Shrotri, Research Scholar. The paper entitled 'Users' Perception of E-resources: A Case Study of Indian Council of World Affairs (ICWA), Sapru House Library, New Delhi' was presented by Dr. Shashi Rawat, Semi-Professional (Library), Indian Council of World Affairs, Sapru House, New Delhi. The second last paper entitled 'Open Access and Creative Commons Licenses in Research Publishing: Mapping the Indian Open Access Journals Landscape in DOAJ' was presented by Dr. Faizul Nisha, Technical Officer 'B', Defence Scientific Information & Documentation Centre (DESIDOC), Delhi. The last paper of Technical Session II entitled 'Shodhganga – National Repository for Theses Data: What, Why and How?' was presented by Dr. Nirupma Chohda, Assistant Librarian, co-authored with Dr. Neeru Bhatia, Deputy Librarian; Ms. Neeru Gupta, Assistant Librarian and Ms. Parminder Kaur, Library Assistant, Panjab University, Chandigarh. It was followed by product demonstrations by ACCUCOMS

represented by Mr Yogesh Zope, Commercial Manager, South Asia and presentation on ProQuest (part of Clarivate) by Mr Prathap Das, Director Sales, South Asia.

The post lunch session, Technical Session III was devoted to the ‘Public Libraries/ School Libraries’. The session was chaired by Dr. P. R. Goswami, Former Director (Libraries), Ministry of Culture, Government of India, New Delhi. The keynote paper entitled ‘Is There a Need for Setting Up Public Library Infrastructure in India’s Semi-Urban and Rural Areas?’ was presented by Dr. P. R. Goswami, Former Director (Libraries), Ministry of Culture, Government of India, New Delhi. The paper entitled ‘Transgender Inclusivity in Public Libraries’ was presented by Ms. Hasbi Alikunju, Research Scholar, Department of Library and Information Science, Central University of Tamil Nadu, Thiruvavur, Tamil Nadu, co-authored with Dr. Anila Sulochana, Assistant Professor, Department of Library and Information Science, Central University of Tamil Nadu, Thiruvavur, Tamil Nadu. The second paper of the session entitled ‘Role of Public Libraries in Dissemination of Agricultural Information to Livestock Farmers in Sikkim Through Mobile Applications: Bridging the Knowledge Gap’ was presented by Ms. Dina Subba, Research Scholar, Department of Library & Information Science, Mahatma Gandhi Central University, Motihari, District East Champaran, Bihar, co-authored with Dr. R.K. Choudhary, Head, Dean and Supervisor, Department of Library & Information Science, Mahatma Gandhi Central University, Motihari, District East Champaran, Bihar. The last paper of Technical Session IV entitled ‘A Study on Reading Habits Among School Students of Southern Rajasthan and its Effect on Academic Performance’ was presented by Dr. Krishna Ranawat, Assistant Librarian, Faculty of Law, Bhupal Nobles’ University, Udaipur, Rajasthan, co-authored with Mr. Raghuvir Singh Deora, Librarian, Vidya Bhawan Polytechnic College, Udaipur, Rajasthan.

The Technical Session IV was devoted to the “Library Networking and Knowledge Sharing”. A presentation on “DELNET – Networking Libraries, Spreading and Sharing Knowledge” was made by Dr. Sangeeta Kaul, Director, DELNET. The paper entitled ‘Role of DELNET in Promoting National Education Policy 2020’ was presented by Dr. Milind B. Anasane, Librarian, HVPM’s College of Engineering & Technology, Amravati, Maharashtra.

The evening of the second day was made more memorable with the cruise trip as all the delegates enjoyed being on the cruise, dancing to Goan music and enjoying the Goan delicacies with the beautiful and captivating backdrop of illuminating ships and enchanting waves of the sea.

On the last day of the conference the Technical Session V was devoted to the ‘Engaging Users and Enhancing User Experience’. The session was chaired by Dr. Suresh Jange, University Librarian, Gulbarga University, Kalaburagi, Karnataka. The invited keynote paper entitled ‘Design Thinking and User Experience in Libraries: Pivoting Decisions Around Users’ was presented by Dr. Dhanashree A. Date, Global Head - Information Resource Centre (IRC), Tata Consultancy Services (TCS), Mumbai, Maharashtra. The paper entitled ‘Enhancing User Engagement: A Comprehensive Survey of Approaches and Best Practices in Academic College Libraries in Goa’ was presented by Mrs. Manali Acharya, Librarian, St. Joseph Vaz College, South Goa, Goa co-authored with Mrs. Poonam M. Joshi, Librarian, Parvatibai Chowgule College of Arts and Science, Margao, Goa and Dr. Sandesh B. Dessai,

University Librarian, Goa University, Taleigao, Goa. The last paper entitled 'User Expectations Towards Library Collections and Information-Seeking Pattern of Postgraduate Students in the State of Goa' was presented by Ms. Manasi Dattatraya Rege, College Librarian, VVM's Shree Damodar College of Commerce & Economics, Margao, Goa, co-authored with Mr. Sunil Madhukar Gauns, Librarian Grade I, GVM's Dr. Dada Vaidya College of Education, Ponda, Goa, Ms. Padmavati S. Tubachi, College Librarian, DPM's Shree Mallikarjun & Shri Chetan Manju Desai College of Arts, Commerce, Science, Canacona, Goa and Mr. Sudhir Baburav Halvegar, College Librarian, Vasant Joshi College of Arts and Commerce, Zuarinagar, Vasco, Goa.

It was followed by Poster Paper Presentations. The session was Chaired by Dr. Vivek Patkar, Independent Researcher, Mumbai. The poster papers entitled 'National Medical Library: A Boon to the Medical Fraternity' by Syed Shuaib Ahmad, ALIO, National Medical Library, New Delhi; 'Preservation and Conservation of Rare Collection in College Libraries' by Mrs. Sonia Mukesh Desai, Librarian, Swami Vivekanand Vidyaprasarak Mandal's College of Commerce, Shirshire Bori, Goa and Dr. Vaijanath Ramchandra Kamble, Research Guide, Kavayitri Bahinabai Chaudhari North Maharashtra, Jalgaon, Maharashtra; 'Disaster Management in Libraries of Goa' by Mr. Kishan Gaonkar, Librarian, Agnel Institute of Technology & Design, Bardez, Goa and Mr. Atmaram Joshi, Librarian, Agnel Institute of Technology & Design, Agnel Technical Education Complex, Assagao, Bardez, Goa; 'Mastering Communication and Presentation Skills: Your Path to Success' by Dr. Praful Namdeorao Kadu, Librarian, Bhagwantrao Shivaji Patil Mahavidyalaya Paratwada, District Amravati, Maharashtra; 'Digital Reference Services and User Satisfaction: A Case Study of Dnyanprassarak Mandal's College and Research Centre' by Ms. Alisha Tilu Naik, School Librarian, Assagao Union High School, Assagao, Goa and Ms. Novelty Volvaikar e Morjekar, Assistant Professor, LIS Programme, DDKSSBS, Goa University and Research Scholar, LIS, Rani Channamma University, Belagavi, Karnataka; 'Academic Libraries in Purview of Artificial Intelligence: Prospects and Challenges' by Dr. Bipin B. Nargide, University Librarian, D.Y. Patil International University, Akurdi, Pune, Maharashtra; 'Study of Chat GPT Influence on Academic Libraries in the Perspective of Learning and Research Activities' by Dr. Raghavaiah P., Librarian, VNR Vignana Jyothi Institute of Engineering & Technology, Hyderabad, Telangana and Dr. Karnati Srikanth, Librarian, Mahindra University, Hyderabad, Telangana; 'Use of Digital Marketing Techniques in Libraries' by Dr. Deepak Sharma, Assistant Professor & Librarian, Indian School of Hospitality, Gurugram and 'Libraries in the Digital Age: The Impact and Integration of ICT' by Dr. Rahul R. Viswe, Librarian, Tolani Maritime Institute, Pune, Maharashtra were made. The poster presenters exhibited their posters in the Poster Area at the conference.

The last Technical Session VI of the day was devoted to the 'Human Resource Development in Libraries'. The session was chaired by Dr. M. Doraswamy, Professor, Department of Library and Information Science, Dravidian University, Kuppam, Chittoor District, Andhra Pradesh. The keynote paper entitled 'Trends in Human Resource Management in Academic Libraries' was presented by Dr. Sumeer Gul, Professor, Department of Library & Information Science and Librarian, Allama Iqbal Library, University of Kashmir, Srinagar, Jammu & Kashmir. The second keynote paper entitled 'Perspectives on Furthering the Library and Information Science Profession' was presented by Dr. Vivek Patkar, Independent Researcher, Mumbai. The last paper of the day entitled

‘Assessment of Digital Literacy Skills Among Students of Shri V. S. Naik College, Raver: A Study’ was presented by Dr. Mukhyadal B. G., Librarian, Shri V. S. Naik Arts, Commerce and Science College, Raver, District Jalgaon, Maharashtra, co-authored with Mr. Tupe R. K., Librarian, Shri D.H. Agrawal Arts, Shrirang Avadhoot Commerce and Shri C.C. Shah and Shri M.G. Agrawal Science College, District Nandurbar, Maharashtra and Mr. Gajbe S. S., Librarian, G.E.I’s Mahila Mahavidyalaya, Mumbai, Maharashtra.

The panel discussion on the theme of the Conference ‘Reinventing and Revitalising Libraries: From Striving to Thriving’ was organised after the technical sessions. It was moderated by Dr. Sangeeta Kaul. The panelists were Dr. P.R. Goswami; Dr. Sumeer Gul; Dr. Suresh Jange and Dr. Rekha D. Pai. The panel deliberated on a series of important aspects concerning the theme of the Conference. Dr. Goswami deliberated on how to build up libraries and reading habits among the rural youth and children.

Dr. Rekha D. Pai who spoke during the panel discussion mentioned that we are moving from paper society to paper-less society. The same is expected in the case of libraries as well. The electronic resources would enable to reach a large number of people at a time anywhere which will help to reduce the physical infrastructure requirements as were required earlier. Dr. Suresh Jange, another panelist, urged the need for going to the readers with an empathetic approach and criticised the approach of some teachers who do not even properly guide the students in the teaching-learning process. Dr. Sumeer Gul who spoke during the course of discussion urged the need to reinvent and revisit the present role of information dissemination of libraries.

All of them expressed their view that sooner rather than later the role of libraries would go to the shape of digital information-dissemination centres. Dr. Goswami opined that the government has to set up libraries in the villages and he highlighted the role of BALA and NITI Ayog in ensuring the presence of libraries or E-libraries within the reach of everyone in the country. He said that librarians should come out of the four walls of the library and extend to the reach of readers. How effectively the librarian can communicate and deliver to the users and live up to the level and beyond is the role of the librarians today, was opined by him. Dr. Suresh Jange urged the need for constituting a consortium comprising the librarians under the auspices of the Higher Education Council of the respective states. Dr. Sumeer Gul emphasised the need for better affordability of and accessibility to higher education. The session ended with the concluding remarks by the Moderator of the Session.

In the Valedictory Session, the welcome address was given by Prof. (Dr.) V. S. Nadkarni, Registrar, Goa University, Goa. He expressed his concern over ensuring the presence of students in the libraries and also to see they use the library resources usefully. Shri K. Jayakumar, President, DELNET expressed his gratitude to the organisers and participants who made this conference a grand success. He said that various presentations have taken us to different landscapes both inspiring and intimidating and NACLIN has succeeded in highlighting the issues confronted by the present-day education system. He affirmed that technology is a game changer, it is not the answer for all woes. He warned that we have failed to instil the thirst for knowledge and the reading habits among our youth. He concluded his words by thanking all the officials of Goa University.

Mr. Govind Gaude, Hon'ble Minister of Art & Culture, Government of Goa graced the Valedictory function as a Chief Guest. In his address he said that the growth of DELNET has resulted in the spread of library resources and knowledge across the nation. He added that the library plays a pivotal role in knowledge dissemination among the students and the public at large. He cited the example of Abraham Lincoln and said that anyone can reach greater heights in life by reading good books. The valedictory address was highly inspiring and enriching.

The participants of NACLIN 2023 shared their valuable feedback, appreciating the organisation of the most enriching and memorable conference.

The vote of thanks was placed by Dr. Sangeeta Kaul, Organising Secretary, NACLIN 2023 and Dr. Sandesh B. Dessai, Co-Organising Secretary, NACLIN 2023.

The certificates of participation were distributed to all the delegates.

NACLIN 2023 was supported by the Balani Group, CyberPeace Foundation, Directorate of Art & Culture, Government of Goa and Vidya Prabodhini College of Commerce, Education, Computer & Management, Goa.

XIV INTERNATIONAL COLLABORATIONS AND INITIATIVES

In order to expand the visibility of DELNET outside India, DELNET is keen to establish and build strong international cooperation and collaborations with various national networks, associations and institutions outside India.

14.1 Visit of IFLA President to DELNET

I am pleased to inform you that Dr. Barbara Lison, President, IFLA visited DELNET, New Delhi on April 17, 2023 and a programme (in hybrid mode) was organised in her honour by DELNET. Ms. Seema Rampersad, President, SLA (Special Libraries Association, USA) and Senior Business Research and Service Manager, the British Library, UK also visited DELNET and delivered a talk.

14.2 Participation in IFLA 2023 Conference

Dr. Sangeeta Kaul, Director and Mr. Deepak Yadav, Senior Network Assistant, DELNET participated in the 88th IFLA General Conference and Assembly from August 21-25, 2023 at Rotterdam, The Netherlands. The conference was on the theme "Let's Work Together, Let's Library". More than 3000 delegates from 150 countries attended the conference. They also presented their Poster Paper entitled "Realising SDGs through Library Networking in India: Empowering Libraries, Inspiring Users Through Pioneering Work of DELNET" which was appreciated by the participants of IFLA 2023.

14.3 DELNET Chosen as a "Regional Virtual Hub (Asia Oceania)" of IFLA 2023

I am glad to inform you that DELNET was chosen as a "Regional Virtual Hub (Asia Oceania)" of IFLA 2023 to organise 4 virtual sessions during the IFLA 2023 Conference days held from August 21-25, 2023 at Rotterdam, The Netherlands. It was a privilege and honour for DELNET to organise these virtual sessions during the conference days for the registered participants of IFLA 2023 Conference (including one Open Session). Dr. Sangeeta Kaul, Director, DELNET moderated these online sessions from Rotterdam. It gave

considerable publicity and visibility to DELNET as the details of DELNET were also listed on the IFLA Conference website. The following sessions were organised:

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| August 21, 2023 | “Cyber Security : Best Practices to Safeguard Digital Assets in Libraries” by Major Vineet Kumar, Founder & President, Cyber Peace Foundation (CPF), Ranchi, India. |
| August 22, 2023 | “Physical and Digital Preservation and Disaster Management in Libraries” by Dr Heather Brown, Librarian, Sector Standards and Education, Australian Library and Information Association (ALIA), Australia (Open Session). |
| August 23, 2023 | “Reaching the Unreachable : Inclusive Library Services for People with Special Needs” by Mr Dipendra Manocha, Director, Developing Countries Programme, DAISY Consortium and Dr Rajesh Singh, University Librarian, University of Delhi. |
| August 24, 2023 | “Strengthening Library Networking and Resource Sharing for Global Users : Role of DELNET” by Dr Sangeeta Kaul, Director, DELNET-Developing Library Network, New Delhi, India. |

14.4 Director, DELNET as IFLA Hubs Ambassador

Dr. Sangeeta Kaul, Director, DELNET was chosen by IFLA as IFLA Hubs Ambassador for IFLA 2023, reporting daily from Rotterdam, The Netherlands through the video recorded sessions, the deliberations at IFLA 2023. These are available on the IFLA Website.

14.5 Funding Grant from IFLA for Conference Participation

It should be mentioned that IFLA had waived the participation fee of Euros 580 of Dr. Sangeeta Kaul who acted as Hub Ambassador at IFLA 2023 and refunded the paid amount. Also, Euros 1500 was paid to DELNET by IFLA towards the travel grant for Dr. Sangeeta Kaul, IFLA WLIC 2023 Hubs Ambassador. Moreover, Euros 500 was also remitted to DELNET by IFLA as Hubs Fund Support for coordinating four online sessions for Asia Oceania.

14.6 National Library of the Republic of Kazakhstan, Almaty, Kazakhstan Joined DELNET

I am pleased to inform you that the National Library of the Republic of Kazakhstan, Almaty, Kazakhstan has joined as a member of DELNET. DELNET remained grateful to the Indian Embassy, Noor Sultan (Almaty), Kazakhstan which facilitated the Membership and also paid the membership fee. This will strengthen the ties between the libraries of the two countries.

14.7 Participation in G20 Library Summit

The Director, DELNET participated in the G20 Library Summit held at Pondicherry University, Pondicherry from February 7-9, 2024 and delivered the invited keynote presentation on “Connecting G20 Nations Through the Power of Library Cooperation and Networking”.

XV WEBINARS AND WORKSHOPS

The following online programmes were organised by DELNET during 2023-24. DELNET uses the Goto Webinar platform for conducting online sessions which functions very well.

15.1 Dr. H. K. Kaul Memorial Lecture

July 1, 2023 DELNET organised online the Third Dr. H.K. Kaul Memorial Lecture. The lecture entitled “IFLA Supporting Libraries to be Ready for the Future” was delivered by Mrs. Barbara Lison, President, IFLA. It was attended by 536 participants from India and abroad.

15.2 Programmes/Workshops (in-person)

April 11, 2023 DELNET and British Council Lecture on ‘Library Partnerships in an Age of Openness’ by Liz Jolly, Chief Librarian, British Library, UK held at DELNET, New Delhi. It was attended by 1010 participants from India and abroad online and also by others in-person (Hybrid).

April 17, 2023 DELNET and Galgotias University, Greater Noida programme on “Celebrating Global Librarianship: Strengthening Connections, Collaborations and Competencies” by Ms. Barbara Lison, President International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA) & Ms. Seema Rampersad, President Special Libraries Association, USA and Senior Business Research and Service Manager, British Library, London, UK held at DELNET, New Delhi. It was attended by 1071 participants from India and abroad Online and also by participants in-person (Hybrid).

April 28-30, 2023 DELNET has participated and exhibited at Tech4Ed Expo and Conference organised by ICT Academy, KC Global Edutech Pvt. Ltd. and supported by AICTE and MeitY, Government of India at Greater Noida, U.P.

September 1, 2023 DELNET supported the Cyber Peace Summit 2023 organised by Cyber Peace Foundation under G20 initiatives, held at USII, New Delhi.

October 12, 2023 Launch Function of DELNET Services at Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Gorakhpur University, Gorakhpur, inaugurated by Prof. Poonam Tandan, Vice-Chancellor, DDUGU, Gorakhpur.

January 6, 2024 DELNET One-Day Workshop on “Transforming and Empowering Libraries, LIS Professional and Users: Emerging Trends”, held in collaboration with COEP Technological University, Pune at COEP Technological University, Pune, Maharashtra.

- January 9, 2024 DELNET One-Day Workshop on “Transforming and Empowering Libraries, LIS Professional and Users: Emerging Trends”, held in collaboration with MGM University, Chhatrapati Sambhaji Nagar at MGM University, Chhatrapati Sambhaji Nagar, Maharashtra.
- January 11, 2024 DELNET One-Day Workshop on “Transforming and Empowering Libraries, LIS Professional and Users: Emerging Trends”, held in collaboration with HVPM’s College of Engineering & Technology, Amravati at HVPM COET, Amravati, Maharashtra.
- January 13, 2024 DELNET One-Day Workshop on “Transforming and Empowering Libraries, LIS Professionals and Users: Emerging Trends”, held in collaboration with Dayanand Science College, Latur at DSC, Latur, Maharashtra.
- January 22, 2024 DELNET One-Day Workshop on “Transforming and Empowering Libraries, LIS Professionals and Users: Emerging Trends”, held in collaboration with Navrachna University, Vadodara at Navrachna University, Vadodara, Gujarat.

15.3 Webinars on Special Professional Topics

- April 27, 2023 DELNET Webinar on “Libraries and Research Support Services: Emerging Opportunities” by Dr Sanjay Kataria, University Librarian, Bennett University. It was attended by 694 participants from India and abroad.
- May 11, 2023 DELNET Online Programme “Celebrating National Technology Day - Emerging AR/VR Technology for Immersive and Interactive Learning Environment” by Mr. Vincent Selvakumar., Head, RuahXR and Mr. Giftson Selladurai, CEO, RuahXR. It was attended by 854 participants from India and abroad.
- May 31, 2023 DELNET-LIRC, NIIT University,Neemrana Webinar on “Create Educational Videos Using Open Broadcaster Software (OBS)” by Dr. Yogendra Pal, Assistant Professor, Educational Technology, NIIT University, Neemrana. It was attended by 778 participants from India and abroad.
- June 16, 2023 DELNET and CISCO Webinar on “Best Practices to Protect Against Ransomware Attacks” by Ms. Ravina Mangilal, Technical Solutions Specialist, CISCO Systems, Inc. and Mr. Ayush Kunwar, Sales Acceleration Manager, North, SMB-India, CISCO Systems, Inc. It was attended by 971 participants from India and abroad.
- July 28, 2023 DELNET Webinar on “Natural Language Processing (NLP): Humanizing Information Retrieval” by Dr Sobha L, Programme Director, AU-KBC Research Centre for Emerging Technologies, Anna University, Chennai. It was attended by 637 participants from India and abroad.

- August 21-24, 2023 DELNET Coordinated the IFLA Regional Virtual Hubs Four online Sessions during the IFLA 2023 Conference at Rotterdam, The Netherlands.
- August 21, 2023 Session on “Cyber Security : Best Practices to Safeguard Digital Assets in Libraries” by Major Vineet Kumar, Founder and President, Cyber Peace Foundation (CPF), Ranchi, India.
- August 22, 2023 IFLA-DELNET Regional Virtual Hub (Asia Oceania) Session on “Physical and Digital Preservation and Disaster Management in Libraries” by Dr. Heather Brown, Librarian, Sector Standards and Education, Australian Library and Information Association (ALIA), Australia held on August 22, 2023, organised as an open session of IFLA 2023 held at Rotterdam, the Netherlands. It was attended by 411 participants from India and abroad.
- August 23, 2023 Session on “Reaching the Unreachable : Inclusive Library Services for People with Special Needs” by Mr Dipendra Manocha, Director, Developing Countries Program, DAISY Consortium and Dr. Rajesh Singh, University Librarian, University of Delhi .
- August 24, 2023 Session on “Strengthening Library Networking and Resource Sharing for Global Users : Role of DELNET” by Dr. Sangeeta Kaul, Director, DELNET-Developing Library Network, New Delhi, India.
- September 28, 2023 DELNET-IIT Delhi Webinar on “Best Practices for Improving NIRF Ranking” by Dr. Kalyan Bhattacharjee, Joint Registrar, IIT Delhi. It was attended by 664 participants from India and abroad.
- October 31, 2023 DELNET-AISSMS College of Engineering, Pune, Webinar on “Open Access and Scholarly Communication” by Dr Vrushali Dandawate, Librarian, AISSMS College of Engineering, Pune. It was attended by 518 participants from India and abroad.
- February 17, 2024 DELNET and Navrachana University, Vadodara Webinar on “Art of Leadership” by Dr. Sandeep Vasant, Registrar, Navrachana University, Vadodara. It was attended by 354 participants from India and abroad.
- March 7, 2024 DELNET-IIT Delhi Webinar on “CORAL: An Open Source Electronic Resource Management System” by Dr. Vijay Kumar Verma, Assistant Librarian (SG), Central Library, Indian Institute of Technology Delhi, New Delhi. It was attended by 1004 participants from India and abroad.
- March 28, 2024 DELNET-Jansons Institute of Technology, Coimbatore Webinar on ‘Unleashing the Power of Data Analytics: Shaping the Future of an Innovative Research Ecosystem’ by Dr. E. S. Shamila, Professor, Dept. of Computer Science and Engineering, Jansons Institute of Technology, Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu. It was attended by 480 participants from India and abroad.

15.4 Webinars on “DELNET Resource and Services” for Member-Institutions

April 20, 2023	DELNET Webinar Session on “DELNET Resources and Services” organised for the Centre for Multi-Disciplinary Development Research (CMDR), Dharwad, Karnataka. It was attended by 25 participants.
April 21, 2023	DELNET Webinar Session on “DELNET Resources and Services” organised for MET’s Institute of D. Pharmacy, Nashik, Maharashtra. It was attended by 175 participants.
May 6, 2023	DELNET Webinar Session on “DELNET Resources and Services” organised for Seth Anandram Jaipuria School, Kanpur, Uttar Pradesh. It was attended by 76 participants.
May 16, 2023	DELNET Webinar Session on “DELNET Resources and Services” organised for Symbiosis School for Liberal Arts, Pune, Maharashtra. It was attended by 10 participants.
June 13, 2023	DELNET Webinar Session on “DELNET Resources and Services” organised for Ashok Goel Library, Rishihood University, Sonapat, Haryana. It was attended by 64 participants.
June 15, 2023	DELNET Webinar Session on “DELNET Resources and Services” organised for Shri Vaishnav Vidyapeeth Vishwavidyalaya, Indore, Madhya Pradesh. It was attended by 52 participants.
July 11, 2023	DELNET Webinar Session on “DELNET Resources and Services” organised for Jio Institute, Ulwe, Maharashtra. It was attended by 6 participants.
July 14, 2023	DELNET Webinar Session on “DELNET Resources and Services” organised for Daulat Ram College, Delhi University, Delhi. It was attended by 150 participants.
July 18, 2023	DELNET Webinar Session on “DELNET Resources and Services” organised for Rajarambapu Institute of Technology, Sangli, Maharashtra. It was attended by 112 participants.
July 20, 2023	DELNET Webinar Session on “DELNET Resources and Services” organised for National Institute for Empowerment of Persons with Intellectual Disabilities (Divyangjan), Secunderabad, Telangana. It was attended by 87 participants.
July 26, 2023	DELNET Webinar Session on “DELNET Resources and Services” organised for N. K. P. Salve Institute of Medical Sciences & Research Centre & Lata Mangeshkar Hospital, Nagpur, Maharashtra. It was attended by 115 participants.
July 31, 2023	DELNET Webinar Session on “DELNET Resources and Services” organised for University of Science & Technology, Meghalaya. It was attended by 104 participants.

August 2, 2023	DELNET Webinar Session on “DELNET Resources and Services” organised for Girijananda Chowdhury University, Guwahati, Assam. It was attended by 81 participants.
August 4, 2023	DELNET Webinar Session on “DELNET Resources and Services” organised for Sarojini College of Pharmacy, Kolhapur, Maharashtra. It was attended by 66 participants.
August 16, 2023	DELNET Webinar Session on “DELNET Resources and Services” organised for Pt. Sundarlal Sharma (Open) University Chhattisgarh, Bilaspur. It was attended by 106 participants.
September 2, 2023	DELNET Webinar Session on “DELNET Resources and Services” organised for Achievers College of Commerce and Management (Night) College, Kalyan, Maharashtra. It was attended by 119 participants.
September 4, 2023	DELNET Webinar Session on “DELNET Resources and Services” organised for Mahayogi Gorakhnath University Gorakhpur, Uttar Pradesh. It was attended by 838 participants.
October 5, 2023	DELNET Webinar Session on “DELNET Resources and Services” organised for D. S. Mandal’s College of Arts, Commerce & Science, Parbhani, Maharashtra. It was attended by 391 participants.
October 11, 2023	DELNET Webinar Session on “DELNET Resources and Services” organised for Navjeevan Institute of Management, Nashik, Maharashtra. It was attended by 54 participants.
October 27, 2023	DELNET Webinar Session on “DELNET Resources and Services” organised for Shri Pancham Khemraj Mahavidyalaya, Sawantwadi, Maharashtra. It was attended by 41 participants.
November 3, 2023	DELNET Webinar Session on “DELNET Resources and Services” organised for National Academy of Defence Production, Nagpur, Maharashtra. It was attended by 33 participants.
November 9, 2023	DELNET Webinar Session on “DELNET Resources and Services” organised for READ India, Gurugram, Haryana. It was attended by 4 participants.
January 17, 2024	Webinar on “DELNET: Resources and Services” organised for Institute of Management and Research, MGM University, Chhatrapati Sambhaji Nagar, Maharashtra. It was attended by 240 participants.
January 18, 2024	Webinar on “DELNET: Resources and Services” organised for Annai Vailankanni Arts and Science College, Thanjavur, Tamil Nadu. It was attended by 97 participants.
February 1, 2024	DELNET Webinar Session on “DELNET Resources and Services”

- organised for Government College of Engineering & Research, Awasari, Pune, Maharashtra. It was attended by 180 participants.
- February 8, 2024 DELNET Webinar Session on “DELNET Resources and Services” organised for The Adoni Arts and Science College, Adoni, Andhra Pradesh. It was attended by 16 participants.
- February 15, 2024 DELNET Webinar Session on “DELNET Resources and Services” organised for Good Shepherd International School, Ooty, Tamil Nadu. It was attended by 155 participants.
- March 1, 2024 DELNET Webinar Session on “DELNET Resources and Services” organised for the Pune Institute of Business Management, Pune, Maharashtra. It was attended by 399 participants.
- March 5, 2024 DELNET Webinar Session on “DELNET Resources and Services” organised for Lady Doak College, Madurai, Tamil Nadu. It was attended by 2 participants.
- March 14, 2024 DELNET Webinar Session on “DELNET Resources and Services” organised for St. Ann’s College, Kokrajhar, Assam. It was attended by 111 participants.
- March 18, 2024 DELNET Webinar Session on “DELNET Resources and Services” organised for Panchavati College of Management & Computer Science, Nashik, Maharashtra. It was attended by 60 participants.
- March 23, 2024 DELNET Webinar Session on “DELNET Resources and Services” organised for Annasaheb Dange College of Engineering & Technology, Ashta, Maharashtra. It was attended by 55 participants.

15.5 Celebrating Library Networking Day: Commemorating the 82nd Birth Anniversary of Dr. H. K. Kaul, Founder Director, DELNET

- December 21, 2023 DELNET Online Session on “Celebrating Library Networking Day: Commemorating the 82nd Birth Anniversary of Dr. H. K. Kaul” held on December 21, 2023. It was attended by 538 participants from India and abroad.

XVI DELNET’s Youtube Channel

The Video Recordings of all the Webinars/selective in-person sessions of DELNET are uploaded on DELNET’s Youtube channel “Webview” at <https://www.youtube.com/@delnetwebview6284> and are viewed by professionals from time to time. It also helps in digitally archiving the session deliberations for future use.

XVII VISIT TO DELNET

Study Tour visit of students of MLISc, Dept. of Library & Information Science, Mizoram University, Aizawl was made to DELNET on February 22, 2024.

XVIII DELNET ANNUAL LECTURE 2023

I am pleased to inform the members that the DELNET Annual Lecture of 2023 was delivered online on “Navigating Challenges : Public Libraries and the New Manifesto Toolkit for Professionals” by Dr. Ester Omella i Claparols, Head, Library Territorial Planning and Quality, Diputacio de Barcelona, Barcelona Provincial Council, Gerencia de Services de Biblioteques, Barcelona, Spain and Member, IFLA Public Libraries Section on March 26, 2024. It was attended by 250 participants from various parts of India and outside.

XIX PARTICIPATION OF DELNET IN TECH4Ed EXPO

DELNET participated and exhibited in the 3 days Tech4Ed Expo and Conference which was held from April 28-30 at Greater Noida, organised by ICT Academy, KC Global Edutech Pvt Ltd and supported by AICTE & MeitY, Government of India. DELNET was also among the supporters. It received an overwhelming response at the Expo.

XX DELNET MEMBERSHIP FOR INDUSTRIES

DELNET has been approached periodically by certain Industrial organisations (including those running R&D Units), wanting to avail of DELNET Membership. These usually don't have a physical library and subscribe only to limited digital resources. DELNET is offering “Associate Institutional Membership” to Industries/R&D organisations with the following Membership charges:

Admission Fee (One time)	Rs. 5,000
Annual Institutional Fee	Rs. 25,000
	Rs. 30,000 + 18% GST

XXI PUBLICATIONS

1. Proceedings of 26th National Convention on Knowledge, Library and Information Networking : NACLIN 2023 / edited by Dr Sangeeta Kaul and Dr Sandesh B. Desai. New Delhi : DELNET, 2023. pp. 336
2. DELNET Newsletter 2023.

XXII STAFF CONTRIBUTIONS

22.1 Membership of Panels/Committee, etc.

Dr. Sangeeta Kaul, Director

Member, Board of Studies, Central University of Himachal Pradesh, Dharamshala, Himachal Pradesh.

Special Invitee, Board of Studies, Department of Library and Information Sciences, Guru Ghasidas Vishwavidyalaya, Bilaspur, Chhattisgarh.

Member, Editorial Committee, *DESIDOC Journal of Library & Information Technology* (DJLIT).

Member, Editorial Board, *International Quarterly Journal*, Department of Library and Information Science, Rajagiri College of Social Sciences, Kalamassery, Kerala.

Member, G20 Library Summit Advisory Committee. The G20 Library Summit was organised by Ananda Rangapillai Library, Pondicherry University, Pondicherry from February 7-9, 2024.

Member, National Advisory Committee, International Conference on Academic Libraries (ICAL 2023), organised by University of Delhi.

Member, Library Advisory Committee, The Coforge Public Library, Noida.

22.2 Lectures Delivered/Panelist (In-Person)

Dr. Sangeeta Kaul, Director

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| April 8, 2023 | ICAL Gold Speaker and delivered an invited talk on “Transforming Users’ Satisfaction to Delight: Innovation Ways for Enhancing User Experience in Libraries” at International Conference on Academic Libraries (ICAL-2023) organised by Delhi University Library System at University of Delhi, Delhi from April 5-8, 2023. |
| April 14, 2023 | Delivered an invited talk on “Strengthening Library Networking and Resource Sharing for Global Users: The Role of DELNET” at 11 th International Library and Information Summit (I-LIPs 2023) organised by Galgotias University Library & SOLE, Greater Noida in association with RRRLF, Ministry of Culture, Government of India, DRDO and CSIR. |
| April 29, 2023 | Moderated a panel discussion on “Digital Education Resources and Steps to Build a Sustainable Government Academic Partnership” at Tech4Ed Expo and Conference organised by ICT Academy and KC Global Edutech Pvt Ltd and supported by AICTE & MietY organised from April 28-30, 2023 at Greater Noida. |

August 14, 2023	Delivered an Invited Chief Guest Talk on “Innovative Ways to Enhance Effectiveness of Library Services for Next-Gen Library Users” during the National Seminar on “Revamping of Library Spaces and Services in the light of Prof. S. R. Ranganathan’s Laws” organised to celebrate Librarians Day at IIT Delhi Library.
August 21-24, 2023	Chosen by IFLA as IFLA Hubs Ambassador for IFLA 2023, reporting daily from Rotterdam, The Netherlands through the Video recorded sessions, the celebrations at IFLA 2023. These are available at IFLA website.
September 1, 2023	Moderated a panel discussion at Cyber Peace Summit 2023 organised by Cyber Peace Foundation (CPF) at New Delhi on the topic “Cyber Cultures Dialogues: Empowering the Digital Netizens: Rights, Responsibilities and Resilience”.
October 12, 2023	Delivered a talk on “DELNET Resources and Services” during the launch Function of DELNET Services at Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Gorakhpur University, Gorakhpur, inaugurated by Prof. Poonam Tandan, Vice-Chancellor, DDUGU, Gorakhpur.
October 20, 2023	Delivered a talk on “DELNET Resources and Services” at NDC, NIHF, New Delhi during a training programme on “Emerging Trends and Technologies in Health Science Libraries” held from October 16-20, 2023.
November 22-24, 2023	Organising Secretary, 26 th National Convention on Knowledge, Library and Information Networking (NACLIN 2023) held at Goa University, Goa from November 22-24, 2023
December 18, 2023	Panelist at a Panel Discussion on “Influence of Artificial Intelligence (AI), ChatGPT and Machine Learning Technologies on Health Science Publishing” organised by National Medical Library, New Delhi at NML.
January 6, 2024	Coordinated DELNET Workshop held at COEP Technological University, Pune and conducted sessions on “DELNET” and “Enhancing User Satisfaction in Libraries”.
January 9, 2024	Coordinated DELNET Workshop held at MGM University, Chhatrapati Sambhaji Nagar and conducted sessions on “DELNET” and “Enhancing User Satisfaction in Libraries”.
January 11, 2024	Coordinated DELNET Workshop held at H. V. P. M’s College of Engineering & Technology, Amravati and conducted sessions on “DELNET” and “Enhancing User Satisfaction in Libraries”.
January 13, 2024	Coordinated DELNET Workshop held at Dayanand Science College, Latur at DSC, Latur and conducted sessions on “DELNET and Enhancing User Satisfaction in Libraries”.

January 20, 2024	Panelist at panel discussion on “Managing HEIs Libraries in Contemporary Digital Environment: Challenges and Opportunities” organised on the occasion of a Conclave on “Changing Landscape of University Governance” organised from January 20-21, 2024 at Navrachana University, Vadodara, Gujarat.
January 22, 2024	Coordinated DELNET Workshop held at Navrachana University, Vadodara and conducted sessions on “DELNET” and “Enhancing User Satisfaction in Libraries”.
January 29, 2024	Delivered a Keynote address at the Inaugural function of a National Conference on “Digital Transformation for Sustainable Libraries” organised by Chozha Central Library, Central University of Tamil Nadu, Thiruvavur, Tamil Nadu supported by RRRLF.
February 7, 2024	Delivered a Plenary Talk on “Connecting G20 Nations Through the Power of Library Cooperation and Networking” during G20 Library Summit (Connecting the Nations for Knowledge and Cultural Heritage), organised by Ananda Rangapillai Library, Pondicherry University, Pondicherry from February 7-9, 2024.
February 22, 2024	Delivered a lecture on “DELNET Resources and Services” to the Study Tour Students of MLISc, DLISc, Mizoram University, Aizawl at DELNET, New Delhi

22.3 Webinar Sessions Conducted/Invited Lectures Delivered Online

Dr. Sangeeta Kaul, Director

April 20, 2023	DELNET Webinar Session on “DELNET Resources and Services” organised for Centre for Multi-Disciplinary Development Research (CMDR), Dharwad.
April 21, 2023	DELNET Webinar Session on “DELNET Resources and Services” organised for MET’s Institute of D. Pharmacy, Nashik.
June 13, 2023	DELNET Webinar Session on “DELNET Resources and Services” organised for Ashok Goel Library, Rishihood University, Sonapat.
June 15, 2023	DELNET Webinar Session on “DELNET Resources and Services” organised for Shri Vaishnav Vidyapeeth Vishwavidyalaya, Indore.
July 10, 2023	Delivered the Inaugural Address online at the Shri Vaishnav Vidyapeeth Vishwavidyalaya, Indore PDP organised under the aegis of AIV-AADC on the theme “ICT Applications in Library and Information Science”.
July 14, 2023	DELNET Webinar Session on “DELNET Resources and Services” organised for Daulat Ram College, University of Delhi.

July 18, 2023	DELNET Webinar Session on “DELNET Resources and Services” organised for Rajarambapu Institute of Technology, Sangli, Maharashtra.
July 20, 2023	DELNET Webinar Session on “DELNET Resources and Services” organised for National Institute for Empowerment of Persons with Intellectual Disabilities (Divyangjan), Secunderabad.
July 31, 2023	DELNET Webinar Session on “DELNET Resources and Services” organised for University of Science & Technology, Meghalaya.
August 2, 2023	DELNET Webinar Session on “DELNET Resources and Services” organised for Girijananda Chowdhury University, Guwahati, Assam.
August 16, 2023	DELNET Webinar Session on “DELNET Resources and Services” organised for Pt. Sundarlal Sharma (Open) University Chattisgarh, Bilaspur.
August 21-24, 2023	Coordinated as Hubs Ambassador the IFLA Regional Virtual Hubs Four Sessions during IFLA 2023 Conference at Rotterdam, The Netherlands.
August 21, 2023	Coordinated the online IFLA session on “Cyber Security : Best Practices to Safeguard Digital Assets in Libraries” by Major Vineet Kumar, Founder & President, Cyber Peace Foundation (CPF), Ranchi, India
August 22, 2023	Coordinated the online IFLA session on “Physical and Digital Preservation and Disaster Management in Libraries” by Dr Heather Brown, Librarian, Sector Standards and Education Australian Library and Information Association (ALIA), Australia.
August 23, 2023	Coordinated the IFLA online session on “Reaching the Unreachable : Inclusive Library Services for People with Special Needs” by Mr Dipendra Manocha, Director, Developing Countries Programme, DAISY Consortium and Dr. Rajesh Singh, University Librarian, University of Delhi.
August 24, 2023	Delivered an online talk on “Strengthening Library Networking and Resource Sharing for Global Users : Role of DELNET” for IFLA 2023 conference delegates as Regional Hub Program.
September 6, 2023	Delivered online a Valedictory Address at a two-week Refresher Course in Library and Information Science entitled “Recent Trends and Technology in LIS Education and Services” organised by UGC-HRDC, Dr. Harising Gour Vishwavidyalaya, Sagar, Madhya Pradesh.

October 9, 2023	Chief Guest, Inaugural Function and Delivered online the Inaugural address at UGC-HRDC Refresher Course in Library and Information Science online mode of Sardar Patel University, Vallabh Vidyanagar, Gujarat.
January 17, 2024	Webinar on “DELNET: Resources and Services” organised for “Institute of Management and Research, MGM University, Chhatrapati Sambhaji Nagar.
February 19, 2024	Delivered online an inaugural Keynote presentation entitled “Adopting Open Mantra in Libraries for Harnessing Knowledge” during the six-day National Level Workshop on “Unlocking Knowledge: Open Access Solutions (UKOAS-2024) held from February 19-24, 2024 by Visva-Bharati Library Network (VBLN), Visva-Bharati, Santinikan, West Bengal.
February 28, 2024	Chief Guest and delivered Online the Inaugural Address at two weeks International Programme (physical mode) on “Total Solution for Integrated Library System” organised by National Institute of Technical Teachers Training and Research (NITTTR), Chennai, Ministry of Education, Government of India.
March 1, 2024	DELNET Webinar Session on “DELNET Resources and Services” organised for Pune Institute of Business Management, Pune.
March 11, 2024	Delivered an online lecture on “DELNET Resources and Services” at International Programme (physical mode) on “Total Solution for Integrated Library System” organised by National Institute of Technical Teachers Training and Research (NITTTR), Chennai, Ministry of Education, Government of India.

22.4 Conference Poster Paper Presented

A poster paper entitled “Realising SDGs Through Library Networking in India: Empowering Libraries, Inspiring Users Through Pioneering Work of DELNET” by Dr. Sangeeta Kaul, Director and Mr. Deepak Yadav, Senior Network Assistant, DELNET was presented in-person at IFLA 2023 Conference held from August 21-25, 2023 at Rotterdam, The Netherlands.

22.5 Mr. Deepak Yadav, Senior Network Assistant, DELNET

Conference Poster Paper Presented

A poster paper entitled “Realising SDGs Through Library Networking in India: Empowering Libraries, Inspiring Users Through Pioneering Work of DELNET” by Dr. Sangeeta Kaul, Director, DELNET and Mr. Deepak Yadav, Senior Network Assistant, DELNET was presented in-person at IFLA 2023 Conference held from August 21-25, 2023 at Rotterdam, The Netherlands.

22.6 Lectures Delivered (Online)

Dr. Neela J. Deshpande, Consultant, DELNET Coordination Unit, Pune

April 21, 2023 DELNET Webinar Session on “DELNET Resources and Services” organised for MET’s Institute of D. Pharmacy, Nashik.

227 Lectures Delivered In-Person (Orientation)

Mr. Rohidas B. Rathod, Network Assistant, DELNET Coordination Unit, Pune

July 22, 2023 DELNET Orientation Session on “DELNET Resources and Services” organised for Tilak Maharashtra Vidyapeeth, Near Swargat, Pune.

August 12, 2023 DELNET Orientation Session on “DELNET Resources and Services” organised for Prof. Ramkrishna More Arts, Commerce & Science College, Akhurdi, Pune.

August 25, 2023 DELNET Orientation Session on “DELNET Resources and Services” organised for G. H. Raisonni Law School, Nagpur.

August 25, 2023 DELNET Orientation Session on “DELNET Resources and Services” organised for Sadabai Raisonni Women’s College, Nagpur.

August 25, 2023 DELNET Orientation Session on “DELNET Resources and Services” organised for G. H. Raisonni Institute of Management & Research, Nagpur.

August 25, 2023 DELNET Orientation Session on “DELNET Resources and Services” organised for G. H. Raisonni School of Business Management, Nagpur.

August 25, 2023 DELNET Orientation Session on “DELNET Resources and Services” organised for G. H. Raisonni College of Commerce, Science and Technology, Nagpur.

August 25, 2023 DELNET Orientation Session on “DELNET Resources and Services” organised for Anjuman College of Engineering & Technology, Nagpur.

August 26, 2023 DELNET Orientation Session on “DELNET Resources and Services” organised for Karmavir Dadasaheb Kannamwar College of Engineering, Nagpur

August 26, 2023 DELNET Orientation Session on “DELNET Resources and Services” organised for B.C.Y.R.C’s Institute of Diploma in Pharmacy, Nagpur.

August 27, 2023 DELNET Orientation Session on “DELNET Resources and Services” organised for N.K.P. Salve Institute of Medical Sciences & Research Centre & Lata Mangeshkar Hospital, Nagpur.

September 7, 2023 DELNET Orientation Session on “DELNET Resources and Services” organised for Sinhgad Institute of Technology and Science, Narhe, Pune.

September 8, 2023	DELNET Orientation Session on “DELNET Resources and Services” organised for Dr. D.Y. Patil Institute of Pharmaceutical Sciences & Research, Pimpri, Pune.
October 16, 2023	DELNET Orientation Session on “DELNET Resources and Services” organised for PDEA’s Seth Govind Raghunath Sable College of Pharmacy, Saswad, Pune.
October 16, 2023	DELNET Orientation Session on “DELNET Resources and Services” organised for Waghire College, Saswad, Pune.
October 25, 2023	DELNET Orientation Session on “DELNET Resources and Services” organised for Indira Institution of Aircraft Engineering Pune, Pune.
December 1, 2023	DELNET Orientation Session on “DELNET Resources and Services” organised for Ramachandran International Institute of Management, Bavdhan, Pune.
February 2, 2024	DELNET Orientation Session on “DELNET Resources and Services” organised for Abhinav Education Society’s College of Computer Science and Management, Pune, Ambegaon Bk, Pune.
February 5, 2024	DELNET Orientation Session on “DELNET Resources and Services” organised for Dr. D. Y. Patil B-School, Pune.
February 5, 2024	DELNET Orientation Session on “DELNET Resources and Services” organised for Balaji Institute of International Business (BIIB), Pune.
February 5, 2024	DELNET Orientation Session on “DELNET Resources and Services” organised for Balaji Institute of Technology & Management (BITM) (formerly Balaji Institute of Telecom & Management), Pune.
February 5, 2024	DELNET Orientation Session on “DELNET Resources and Services” organised for Balaji Institute of Modern Management (BIMM), Pune.
February 5, 2024	DELNET Orientation Session on “DELNET Resources and Services” organised for Balaji Institute of Management & Human Resource Development (BIMHRD), Pune.
February 5, 2024	DELNET Orientation Session on “DELNET Resources and Services” organised for Balaji School of Law, Pune.
February 5, 2024	DELNET Orientation Session on “DELNET Resources and Services” organised for Sri Balaji University, Pune.
February 8, 2024	DELNET Orientation Session on “DELNET Resources and Services” organised for New Arts, Commerce & Science College, Parner, Dist. Ahmednagar.
February 9, 2024	DELNET Orientation Session on “DELNET Resources and Services” organised for Arts, Science and Commerce College, Kolhar, Dist. Ahmednagar.

February 9, 2024	DELNET Orientation Session on “DELNET Resources and Services” organised for Arts, Commerce and Science College, Satral , Dist. Ahmednagar.
February 10, 2024	DELNET Orientation Session on “DELNET Resources and Services” organised for Pravara Rural Engineering College, Ahmednagar.
February 12, 2024	DELNET Orientation Session on “DELNET Resources and Services” organised for Balaji College of Arts, Commerce & Science (BCACS), Pune.
February 28, 2024	DELNET Orientation Session on “DELNET Resources and Services” organised for Yashwantrao Mohite College of Arts, Science & Commerce, Kothrud, Pune.
February 28, 2024	DELNET Orientation Session on “DELNET Resources and Services” organised for Bharati Vidyapeeth Deemed University New Law College, Pune.
March 14, 2024	DELNET Orientation Session on “DELNET Resources and Services” organised for Shri Sant Gajanan Maharaj College of Engineering, Shegaon, Buldana Dist.
March 15, 2024	DELNET Orientation Session on “DELNET Resources and Services” organised for Siddhivinayak Technical Campus, School of Engineering & Research Technology, Dist Buldana.
March 15, 2024	DELNET Orientation Session on “DELNET Resources and Services” organised for G. S. Science, Arts & Commerce College, Khamgaon, Buldana Dist.
March 15, 2024	DELNET Orientation Session on “DELNET Resources and Services” organised for Saraswati College, Shegaon.

22.8 Lectures Delivered (Webinar)

Mr. Rohidas B. Rathod, Network Assistant, DELNET Coordination Unit, Pune

April 21, 2023	DELNET Webinar Session on “DELNET Resources and Services” organised for MET’s Institute of D. Pharmacy, Nashik.
May 16, 2023	DELNET Webinar Session on “DELNET Resources and Services” organised for Symbiosis School for Liberal Arts, Pune.
July 26, 2023	DELNET Webinar Session on “DELNET Resources and Services” organised for N.K.P. Salve Institute of Medical Sciences & Research Centre and Lata Mangeshkar Hospital, Digdoh Hills, Hingna Road, Nagpur.
August 4, 2023	DELNET Webinar Session on “DELNET Resources and Services” organised for Sarojini College of Pharmacy, Kolhapur.

September 2, 2023	DELNET Webinar Session on “DELNET Resources and Services” organised for Achievers College of Commerce and Management (Night) College, Kalyan.
October 5, 2023	DELNET Webinar Session on “DELNET Resources and Services” organised for D. S. Mandal’s College of Arts, Commerce and Science, Parbhani.
October 11, 2023	DELNET Webinar Session on “DELNET Resources and Services” organised for Navjeevan Institute of Management, Nashik.
October 27, 2023	DELNET Webinar Session on “DELNET Resources and Services” organised for Shri Pancham Khemraj Mahavidyalaya, Sawantwadi, Dist. Sindhudurg.
November 3, 2023	DELNET Webinar Session on “DELNET Resources and Services” organised for National Academy of Defence Production, Nagpur.
February 1, 2024	DELNET Webinar Session on “DELNET Resources and Services” organised for Government College of Engineering & Research, Awasari, Pune.
March 18, 2024	DELNET Webinar Session on “DELNET Resources and Services” organised for Panchavati College of Management& Computer Science, Nashik.
March 23, 2024	DELNET Webinar Session on “DELNET Resources and Services” organised for Annasaheb Dange College of Engg. & Tech., Ashta.

22.9 Lectures Delivered (Demonstration)

Mr. Rohidas B. Rathod, Network Assistant, DELNET Coordination Unit, Pune

September 6, 2023	DELNET demonstration remotely from DCUP office (through AnyDesk software) to the Librarian of K. J. Somaiya College of Arts, Commerce and Science, Dist. Ahmednagar.
September 7, 2023	DELNET demonstration remotely from DCUP office (through AnyDesk software) to the Librarian of S. N. J. B’s Late Sau. K. B. College of Engineering, Dist. Nashik.
September 11, 2023	DELNET demonstration remotely from DCUP office (through Google Meet) to the Bajaj Polytechnic, Chandrapur (M.S.).
September 12, 2023	DELNET demonstration remotely from DCUP office (through AnyDesk software) to the Librarian of Nagarjuna Institute of Engineering, Technology & Management, Nagpur, Maharashtra.
September 13, 2023	DELNET demonstration remotely from DCUP office (through AnyDesk software) to the Librarian of Latur College of Pharmacy, Dist. Latur.

September 21, 2023	DELNET demonstration remotely from DCUP office (through AnyDesk software) to the Librarian of S. N. J. B's Late Sau. K. B. College of Engineering, Dist. Nashik.
October 7, 2023	DELNET demonstration remotely from DCUP office (through AnyDesk software) to the Librarian of Ambrosia Institute of Hotel Management, Pune.
October 10, 2023	DELNET demonstration remotely from DCUP office (through AnyDesk software) to the Librarian of Datta Meghe Medical College, Nagpur.
October 11, 2023	DELNET demonstration remotely from DCUP office (through AnyDesk software) to the Librarian of Shree Warana Vibhag Shikshan Mandal's Tatyasaheb Kore College of Pharmacy, Kolhapur.
October 11, 2023	DELNET demonstration remotely from DCUP office (through AnyDesk software) to the Librarian of Datta Meghe Medical College, Nagpur.
October 12, 2023	DELNET demonstration remotely from DCUP office (through AnyDesk software) to the Librarian of Genba Sopanrao Moze Arts, Commerce & Science College, Pune.
October 13, 2023	DELNET demonstration remotely from DCUP office (through AnyDesk software) to the Librarian of Genba Sopanrao B.Ed College, Pune.
October 14, 2023	DELNET demonstration remotely from DCUP office (through AnyDesk software) to the Librarian of Vilasrao Deshmukh Foundation Group of Institutions, VDF school of Engg. & Tech., Latur (M.S.).
October 27, 2023	DELNET demonstration remotely from DCUP office (through AnyDesk software) to the Librarian of Sinhgad Institute of Business Management, Mumbai (M.S.).
October 28, 2023	DELNET demonstration remotely from DCUP office (through AnyDesk software) to the Librarian of S.B.S.P.M's Shri Bhimashankar B.Ed College, Landewade (Chinchodi), Pune (M.S.).
November 1, 2023	DELNET demonstration remotely from DCUP office (through AnyDesk software) to the Librarian of Keystone School of Engineering, Pune.
November 2, 2023	DELNET demonstration remotely from DCUP office (through AnyDesk software) to the Librarian & library staff of Keystone School of Engineering, Pune.
November 2, 2023	DELNET demonstration remotely from DCUP office (through

	AnyDesk software) to the Librarian of Alard College of Pharmacy, Pune.
November 3, 2023	DELNET demonstration remotely from DCUP office (through AnyDesk software) to the Librarian of Saraswati Institute of Pharmacy, Tq. & Dist. Nanded.
November 4, 2023	DELNET demonstration remotely from DCUP office (through AnyDesk software) to the Librarian of Ashokrav Mane Polytechnic, Vathar At. Vathar tarf vadgaon tal. Hatkanangle Dist. Kolhapur.
November 6, 2023	DELNET demonstration remotely from DCUP office (through AnyDesk software) to the Librarian of P.T.V.A's Sathaye College, Mumbai.
November 8, 2023	DELNET demonstration remotely from DCUP office (through AnyDesk software) to the Librarian of Saket Gyanpeeth's Promod Ram Ujagar Tiwari Saket Institute of Management, Dist. Thane.
November 13, 2023	DELNET demonstration remotely from DCUP office (through AnyDesk software) to the Librarian of Lal Bahadur Shastri College of Arts, Science & Commerce, Satara.
December 5, 2023	DELNET demonstration remotely from DCUP office (through AnyDesk software) to the Librarian of PCET's Pimpri Chinchwad University, Pune.
December 6, 2023	DELNET demonstration remotely from DCUP office (through AnyDesk software) to the Librarian of Jhulelal Institute of Technology, Nagpur.
December 7, 2023	DELNET demonstration remotely from DCUP office (through AnyDesk software) to the Librarian of Mahila Shikshanshastra Mahavidyalaya, Kolhapur.
December 9, 2023	DELNET demonstration remotely from DCUP office (through AnyDesk software) to the Librarian of Trinity College of Pharmacy, Pune.
December 9, 2023	DELNET demonstration remotely from DCUP office (through AnyDesk software) to the Librarian of Shri Santaji Shikshan Vikas Sanstha's Santaji Mahavidyalaya (formerly Santaji College), Nagpur.
December 12, 2023	DELNET demonstration remotely from DCUP office (through AnyDesk software) to the Librarian of PCET's Pimpri Chinchwad University, Pune.
December 13, 2023	DELNET demonstration remotely from DCUP office (through AnyDesk software) to the Librarian of Madanbhai Sura Institute of Business Management, Dist. Ratnagiri.

December 14, 2023	DELNET demonstration remotely from DCUP office (through AnyDesk software) to the Librarian of Smt. Hiraben Nanavati Institute of Management & Research for Women, Pune.
December 18, 2023	DELNET demonstration remotely from DCUP office (through AnyDesk software) to the Librarian & library staff of Smt. Hiraben Nanavati Institute of Management & Research for Women, Pune.
December 21, 2023	DELNET demonstration remotely from DCUP office (through AnyDesk software) to the Librarian of Ashokrao Mane Group of Institutions, College of Engineering, Dist. Kolhapur.
December 22, 2023	DELNET demonstration remotely from DCUP office (through AnyDesk software) to the Librarian of Jagadambha College of Engineering & Technology, Yavatmal Dist. and Shri Shivaji Science College, Amravati.
December 23, 2023	DELNET demonstration remotely from DCUP office (through AnyDesk software) to the Librarian of Ms. Pushpa K. Khadke, librarian of SES's Arunamai College of Pharmacy, Jalgaon.
December 27, 2023	DELNET demonstration remotely from DCUP office (through AnyDesk software) to the Librarian of Government College of Engineering & Research, Pune.
December 28, 2023	DELNET demonstration remotely from DCUP office (through AnyDesk software) to the Librarian of Balaji Institute of International Business (BIIB), Pune.
January 3, 2024	DELNET demonstration remotely from DCUP office (through AnyDesk software) to the Librarian of Madanbhai Sura Institute of Business Management, Dist. Ratnagiri.
January 16, 2024	DELNET demonstration remotely from DCUP office (through AnyDesk software) to the Librarian of S.P.M. Polytechnic, Solapur, Maharashtra.
January 17, 2024	DELNET demonstration remotely from DCUP office (through AnyDesk software) to the Librarian of Lok Sewa Shikshan Bahuudheshiya Mandal Padmashri Dr. V.B. Kolte College of Engineering, Malkapur.
January 18, 2024	DELNET demonstration remotely from DCUP office (through AnyDesk software) to the Librarian of Chetan Dattaji Gaikwad Institute of Management Studies, Pune.
January 19, 2024	DELNET demonstration remotely from DCUP office (through AnyDesk software) to the Prof. Mulani U.D., librarian of S.N.D. Polytechnic, Babhulgaon-Yeola, Nashik.

January 19, 2024	DELNET demonstration remotely from DCUP office (through AnyDesk software) to the Brahmdevdada Mane Polytechnic, Belati, Dist. Solapur.
January 20, 2024	DELNET demonstration remotely from DCUP office (through AnyDesk software) to the Librarian of S. P. M. Polytechnic, Solapur.
February 1, 2024	DELNET demonstration remotely from DCUP office (through AnyDesk software) to the Librarian of Mother Teresa Public School, Bengaluru, Karnataka.
February 6, 2024	DELNET demonstration remotely from DCUP office (through AnyDesk software) to the Ishwar Deshmukh Institute of Pharmacy, Dist. Yavatmal.
February 17, 2024	DELNET demonstration remotely from DCUP office (through AnyDesk software) to the librarian of Datta Meghe Institute of Management Studies (formerly N. Y. S. S. Institute of Management & Research), Nagpur.
February 21, 2024	DELNET demonstration remotely from DCUP office (through AnyDesk software) to the Librarian of Genba Sopanrao Moze Adhyapak Mahavidhayalaya, Pune.
February 22, 2024	DELNET demonstration remotely from DCUP office (through AnyDesk software) to the Librarian of Datta Meghe Institute of Management Studies (formerly N. Y. S. S. Institute of Management & Research), Nagpur.
March 16, 2024	DELNET demonstration remotely from DCUP office (through AnyDesk software) to the Librarian of Mathoshri Aasarabai Polytechnic, Nashik.
March 18, 2024	DELNET demonstration remotely from DCUP office (through AnyDesk software) to the Librarian of Dr. Rajendra Gode Institute of Technology & Research, Amravati.
March 19, 2024	DELNET demonstration remotely from DCUP office (through AnyDesk software) to the Librarian of Yashoda Shikshan Prasarak Mandal's Yashoda Technical Campus, Satara Dist.
March 21, 2024	DELNET demonstration remotely from DCUP office (through AnyDesk software) to the Librarian of Shri Martand Bhairav Adhyapak Mahavidyalaya, Balewadi, Pune.
March 22, 2024	DELNET demonstration remotely from DCUP office (through AnyDesk software) to the Librarian of Sir Parashuram College, Tilak Road, Pune.

March 23, 2024	DELNET demonstration remotely from DCUP office (through AnyDesk software) to the Librarian of A. C. Patil College of Engineering, Navi Mumbai.
March 26, 2024	DELNET demonstration remotely from DCUP office (through AnyDesk software) to the Librarian of S.T. Co-Op Educational Society's Science Senior College, Dist. Nandurbar.
March 27, 2024	DELNET demonstration remotely from DCUP office (through AnyDesk software) to the Librarian of S. P. M. Polytechnic, Solapur.

22.10 Lectures Delivered (In-Person)

Mrs. Ranjana, Network Assistant, DELNET, New Delhi

July 6, 2023	DELNET Orientation Session on "DELNET Resources and Services" organised at Kamal Model Sr. Sec Schol, New Delhi.
November 11, 2023	DELNET Orientation Session on "DELNET Resources and Services" organised at Sanskriti School, New Delhi.

22.11 Lectures Delivered (Online)

Mrs. Ranjana, Network Assistant, DELNET, New Delhi

May 6, 2023	DELNET Webinar Session on "DELNET Resources and Services" organised for Seth Anandram Jaipuria School, Kanpur.
May 16, 2023	DELNET Webinar Session on "DELNET Resources and Services" organised for Symbiosis School for Liberal Arts, Pune.
July 11, 2023	DELNET Webinar Session on "DELNET Resources and Services" organised for Jio Institute, Ulwe, Maharashtra.
July 26, 2023	DELNET Webinar Session on "DELNET Resources and Services" organised for N.K.P. Salve Institute of Medical Sciences & Research Centre and Lata Mangeshkar Hospital, Dighdoh Hills, Hingna Road, Nagpur.
August 4, 2023	DELNET Webinar Session on "DELNET Resources and Services" organised for Sarojini College of Pharmacy, Kolhapur.
September 2, 2023	DELNET Webinar Session on "DELNET Resources and Services" organised for Achievers College of Commerce and Management (Night) College, Kalyan.
September 4, 2023	DELNET Webinar Session on "DELNET Resources and Services" organised for Mahayogi Gorakhnath University Gorakhpur, Uttar Pradesh.

October 5, 2023	DELNET Webinar Session on “DELNET Resources and Services” organised for D. S. Mandal’s College of Arts, Commerce and Science, Parbhani.
November 9, 2023	DELNET Webinar Session on “DELNET Resources and Services” organised for READ India, Gurugram.
January 18, 2024	Webinar on “DELNET: Resources & Services” organised for Annai Vailankanni Arts and Science College, Thanjavur, Tamil Nadu.
February 8, 2024	DELNET Webinar Session on “DELNET Resources and Services” organised for The Adoni Arts and Science College, Adoni, Andhra Pradesh.
February 15, 2024	DELNET Webinar Session on “DELNET Resources and Services” organised for Good Shepherd International School, Ooty.
March 5, 2024	DELNET Webinar Session on “DELNET Resources and Services” organised for Lady Doak College, Madurai.
March 14, 2024	DELNET Webinar Session on “DELNET Resources and Services” organised for St. Ann’s College, Kokrajhar, Assam.
March 18, 2024	DELNET Webinar Session on “DELNET Resources and Services” organised for Panchavati College of Management & Computer Science, Nashik.
March 23, 2024	DELNET Webinar Session on “DELNET Resources and Services” organised for Annasaheb Dange College of Engg. & Tech., Ashta.

XXIII GST REGISTRATION FOR DELNET OFFICES OUTSIDE DELHI

DELNET has applied/applying for GST Registrations for its offices in Bangalore and Pune as per the regulatory requirements and compliances.

XXIV ONLINE PAYMENT GATEWAY

DELNET has launched an Online Payment Gateway through SBI, the link is available on DELNET Website www.delnet.in, which allows the Institutions to directly pay to DELNET Bank Account using Credit Card/Debit Card/NEFT/Netbanking/UPI, etc. The UPI Id has already been created of DELNET through SBI.

XXV AUDITING OF DELNET ACCOUNTS

The DELNET audit for the financial year 2022-23 has been completed. The Income Tax Return for the AY 2023-24 has also been filed.

XXVI GST ANNUAL RETURN

The annual GST return for the financial 2022-23 has been filed.

XXVII DELNET ELECTIONS FOR THE BIENNIAL TERM 2024-2026

DELNET Elections for the biennial term 2024-25 and 2025-26 was completed successfully for three seats to the Governing Board out of the Institutional Members. The following are the three elected members from the Institutional members.

1. **Mr. Pavan Shrikishan Sharma** *Member*
Librarian (Elected by Member-Institutions)
Yashaswi Education Society's International
Institute of Management Science
Pune
Maharashtra
2. **Dr. Gopakumar V.** *Member*
Head, Knowledge Centre (Elected by Member-Institutions)
Kerala University of Digital Sciences,
Innovation & Technology
Technocity Campus, Mangalapuram, Thonnakkal P.O.
Trivandrum
Kerala
3. **Dr. Dattatraya S. Bormane** *Member*
Principal (Elected by Member-Institutions)
All India Shri Shivaji Memorial Society's
College of Engineering
Pune
Maharashtra

XXVIII ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

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I would also like to thank members of the Research Advisory Committee including Dr. A.R.D. Prasad, Former Professor and Head, DRTC, Bangalore; Dr. Jagtar Singh, Former Professor Incharge Library, Punjabi University, Patiala; Dr.Vivek Patkar, Independent Researcher, Mumbai and Dr. (Mrs.) P. Visakhi, Librarian, IISER, Mohali.

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I would like to thank the expert speakers from India and outside of various Webinars of DELNET who have been very gracious in sharing their vast knowledge with professionals.

I would like to convey our sincere thanks and appreciation to the Heads, Librarians, library staff, faculty, students, researchers and scholars of member-institutions for their splendid support to DELNET. We would also like to thank them for using DELNET resources and services and also for their kind support for ILL and Document Delivery Services. For organising Webinars for the member-institutions, we had received support from Heads, Librarians, Library staff and other officials of various institutions, I would like to thank all of them for their support. We would also like to thank the collaborating Institutions with whom DELNET organised joint Webinars.

I would like to specially thank and appreciate the sincere work of the the highly dedicated staff of DELNET, New Delhi and its Coordination Units for their tireless efforts in successfully managing the work. I remain greatly appreciative of their high level of commitment and dedication for strengthening the library networking and resource sharing activities of DELNET and for contributing to the progress of DELNET in a highly meaningful manner.

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I would like to extend our thanks and gratitude to everyone who has been instrumental in strengthening the networking of libraries through DELNET. The role played by each and every individual professional, esteemed member-libraries, the users' community is remarkable. We feel truly humbled to receive a very cordial, stupendous and an unwavering support from the entire fraternity of our member-institutions who remain as a strong pillar of strength to DELNET. We look forward to receiving their continued support and cooperation. We assure you that DELNET remains committed to provide our best services and support and for meeting the demands of the users' community and to surpass their expectations.

Let us continue our journey of library networking, moving together, marching ahead with our pioneering knowledge sharing work through DELNET, with a strong purpose of illuminating the lives of the users with our collaborative efforts and contributing towards making the society a “Knowledge Society” !

March 31, 2024

Dr. Sangeeta Kaul
Director
DELNET, New Delhi

DELNET Members as on March 31, 2024 - 8591

Andaman and Nicobar Islands	2
Andhra Pradesh	548
Arunachal Pradesh	7
Assam	57
Bihar	63
Chandigarh	21
Chhattisgarh	128
Dadra & Nagar Haveli	1
Daman and Diu	2
Delhi	337
Goa	33
Gujarat	329
Haryana	405
Himachal Pradesh	71
Jammu & Kashmir	33
Jharkhand	55
Karnataka	363
Kerala	361
Madhya Pradesh	550
Maharashtra	1268
Manipur	9
Meghalaya	9
Mizoram	4
Nagaland	3
Odisha	177
Puducherry	31
Punjab	283
Rajasthan	376
Sikkim	10
Tamil Nadu	1095
Telangana	687
Tripura	10
Uttar Pradesh	983
Uttarakhand	107
West Bengal	148
Outside India	25

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