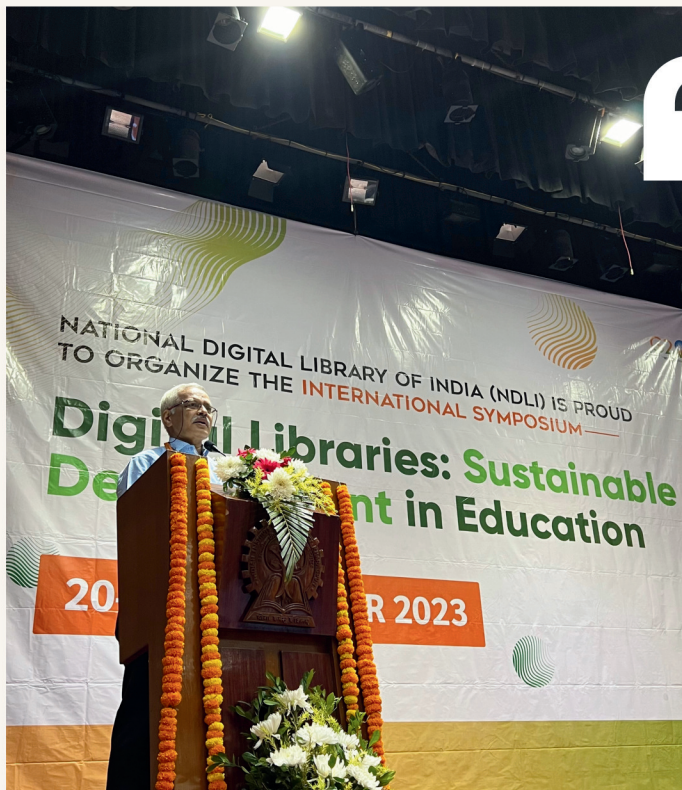


DIGITAL LIBRARIES: SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT IN EDUCATION

DAY ONE RECAP



SPOT LIGHT

It is education that liberates us

PROF. V R DESAI
DIRECTOR, IIT DHARWAD

A GRAND OPENING

The Kalidas Auditorium at IIT Kharagpur was witness to a memorable ceremony that marked the opening of the International Symposium on *Digital Libraries: Sustainable Development in Education*.

Chief Guest Prof. V R Desai, Director, IIT Dharwad, Dr. B Sutradhar, JPI, NDLI, Prof. K P Sinhamahapatra, JPI, NDLI and Prof. M Ramgopal, Dean, Faculty of Engineering and Architecture presided over the ceremony. A stunning rendition of *Saraswati Vandana* followed up by an inspiring speech from the Chief Guest that reminded all that for our nation to achieve its destiny- the light of knowledge needs to reach all corners of the country.

KEYNOTES: PAST, PRESENT, FUTURE

The Keynote Speech was delivered by Prof. Partha Pratim Chakrabarti, Former Director IITKGP, and Former PI, NDLI. Fondly remembering the initial days of NDLI almost a decade back, Prof. Chakrabarti spoke

extensively about his vision for the future- where AI will form an efficient and awesome force problem solving tool in the back end. However, he mentioned that the face needs to be human, for it is humans that inspire us and help us to learn, share and grow.

TECHNICAL SESSIONS

The Technical Sessions for Day One took place across three auditoriums- Kalidas, Gargi and Maitreyi.

The sessions kicked off with a wide range of topics that touched upon almost all of the issues around Digital Libraries, Digital Education and Information Sciences, while adhering to the theme of this symposium- *Sustainable Development in Education*.

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GARGI AND MAITREYI

Named after two of Ancient India's prominent female philosophers, these two smaller auditoriums were fully packed as participants thronged to the split sessions. The more intimate setting of these two auditoriums provided for an intense and invigorating exchange of ideas between the participants.

Tech. Sessions

The topics and presentations of the Tech. Sessions varied from the visionary to the here and now. From harnessing the power of AI, to Open Access to Academic Journals. From Community Library projects to the Visually Impaired.



A MUSICAL EVENING



After an intense day of interaction, speeches and discourse, Dr. B Sutradhar, JPI, NDLI and Prof. Amit Patra, Deputy Director, IITKGP, mesmerised the audience with their singing.

DAY TWO SCHEDULE

- 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM - Technical Session: Digital Literacy and Skills Development
- 11:00 AM - 11:30 AM - Tea
- 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM - Technical Session: Open Educational Resources (OER) and Open Access
- 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM - Lunch
- 2:00 PM - 3:30 PM - Technical Session: Technology and Innovation in Digital Libraries
- 3:30 PM - 4:00 PM - Tea
- 4:00 PM - 5:30 PM - Technical Session: Technology and Innovation in Digital Libraries
- 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM - Cultural Programme
- 8:00 PM - 9:30 PM - Dinner

