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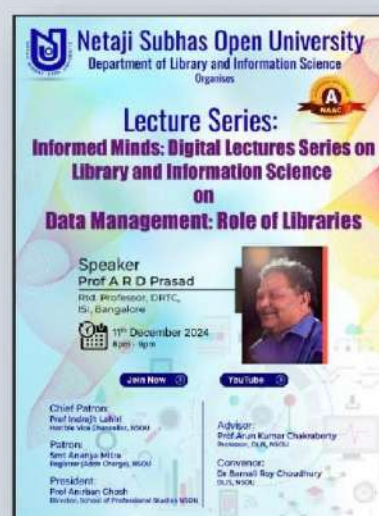
Report on

"Informed Minds: Digital Lecture Series on Library and Information Science"

The "Informed Minds" lecture series is organized by the Department of Library and Information Science at Netaji Subhas Open University (NSOU) in Kolkata. This event aims to explore the evolving role of libraries in data management and highlight their significance in the digital age.

Event Details

- 📄 Title: Informed Minds: Digital Lecture Series on Library and Information Science
- 📄 Date: 11th December 2024
- 📄 Time: 8:00 PM IST
- 📄 Speaker: Prof. A. R. D. Prasad, Retired Professor, Documentation Research and Training Centre (DRTC), Bangalore
- 📄 Topic: Data Management: Role of Libraries
- 📄 Participants joined: Zoom Platform: 75 ; Youtube: 20; Total: 95



The online lecture series commenced with an engaging welcome address delivered by Dr. Barnali Roy Choudhury, an Assistant Professor in the Department of Library and Information Science and the Convener of the "Informed Minds: Digital Lecture Series on Library and Information Science." With warmth and enthusiasm, Dr. Roy Choudhury set the tone for the event, emphasizing the importance of gathering minds in the digital age to share knowledge and insights. She had the honour of inviting Prof. Anirban Ghosh, the esteemed Director of the School of Professional Studies, to take the time for the presidential address. In his thought-provoking remarks, Prof. Ghosh underscored the vital role that such lectures play in shaping a more informed and innovative knowledge society. He passionately encouraged faculty members to spearhead similar initiatives that promote the free exchange of ideas and enhance knowledge transmission across various disciplines.

Following the presidential address, the slot was set for an enlightening lecture by the distinguished Prof. A. R. D. Prasad, a Retired Professor from the Documentation Research and Training Centre (DRTC) in Bangalore. With a wealth of experience and expertise, Prof. Prasad captivated the audience as he delved into the intricate topic of "Data Management: The Role of Libraries." His insights provided a comprehensive understanding of how libraries are integral to effective data management and the dissemination of information in today's digital landscape.

Key Points from the Lecture

1. **Introduction to Data Management:** Prof. Prasad began by defining data management as the systematic process of collecting, storing, organizing, and utilising data to meet organisational objectives. He emphasized the importance of data accuracy, consistency, and Page | 2 security throughout its lifecycle.
2. **Role of Libraries in Data Management:** Libraries have traditionally been custodians of knowledge, and their role has expanded to include managing extensive digital collections, databases, and user data. Prof. Prasad highlighted the importance of acquisition, cataloguing, metadata management, digital preservation, and licensing electronic resources.
3. **Challenges and Opportunities:** The lecture addressed the challenges libraries face in managing large volumes of data, including ensuring data integrity, accessibility, and usability. Prof. Prasad also discussed the opportunities for libraries to innovate and collaborate within their communities by embracing evolving technologies and standards.
4. **Case Studies and Best Practices:** Prof. Prasad shared examples of successful data management practices in libraries, such as the creation of research data repositories and the adoption of open-source software for data management.
5. **Future Directions:** The lecture concluded with a discussion on the future directions of data management in libraries, emphasizing the need for libraries to adapt to the dynamic nature of data and to continue playing a key role in the data management landscape.

Conclusion

The lecture provided valuable insights into the critical role of libraries in data management and highlighted the need for libraries to evolve and adapt to the digital age. Prof. Prasad's expertise and experience in the field made the session informative and engaging for all attendees.

The lecture series came to a fitting conclusion with a thought-provoking address from Prof. Arun Chakraborty, the esteemed Professor and Head of the Department of Library and Information Science at Netaji Subhas Open University. In his concluding remarks, he eloquently highlighted the intrinsic values and guiding principles associated with the topic, drawing connections to the latest advancements and challenges within the Library and Information Science community. His words not only inspired the audience but also underscored the importance of adaptability in a rapidly evolving field. To end the event on a warm note, Prof. Chakraborty expressed heartfelt gratitude, offering a sincere vote of thanks to all the participants, speakers, and organizers whose contributions played a pivotal role in making the event a resounding success.

The report is prepared and submitted by Dr Barnali Roy Choudhury, Assistant Professor, Department of Library and Information Science and Convenor "Informed Minds: Digital Lecture Series on Library and Information Science".