

NATIONAL CONFERENCE
ON
"LIBRARIANSHIP IN DIGITAL ERA"
January 20-21, 2012



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Bhai Gurdas Central Library
Guru Nanak Dev University
Amritsar (Punjab)-143001
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Guru Nanak Bhawan Auditorium,
Guru Nanak Dev University Amritsar-143 005
Punjab (India)

INVITATION

Dear Sir/Madam,

I deem it a matter of honour and privilege that a National Conference on “Librarianship in Digital Era” is being held by University Library (also known as Bhai Gurdas Central Library), Guru Nanak Dev University, Amritsar (Pb).

Therefore, on behalf of the Vice-Chancellor, Dean Academic Affairs, Director Research, other members of the Local Organising Committee and the Staff of Bhai Gurdas Central Library, I extend you a warm invitation to attend and participate in the National Conference in which renowned personalities from library profession will deliberate. I am sure that the discussions and interaction during the Conference will promote wider understanding of various aspects of Librarianship.

I look forward to your participation in the conference to make it a success and assure you a comfortable, fruitful and memorable stay at Amritsar.

About Guru Nanak Dev University

Guru Nanak Dev University was established on November 24, 1969 on the eve of 500th birth tercentenary of Sri Guru Nanak Dev Ji at Amritsar, with an objective of imparting education and promoting research in social sciences, humanities, professional/job-oriented courses, theoretical & applied sciences and technology. The motto of the University as engraved on its emblem ‘*Guru’s wisdom illumines all*’ speaks of the vision and idealism for which the University stands. Spread over a stretch of 500 acres towards the west of the city, Guru Nanak Dev University presents a picture of modern architecture. Traditional red brick geometrical blocks represent its regard for time-honoured values and commitment to scientific advancement. The University today boasts of 37 academic departments, four regional centres, five colleges and a score of support service departments. Presently University is having 158 affiliated colleges and 75 colleges under distance education. In recent years, the University has diversified in a big way by introducing new programmes in Applied Sciences, thereby, making it one of the distinguished centres of industry related job-oriented courses.

At present, there are more than 5000 students and nearly 531 teachers on the campus. Besides excellence in academics/research & training, the University has won laurels in the field of sports by receiving the prestigious Maulana Abul Kalam Azad sports trophy as many as 21 times and Inter-varsity Youth Festival Championship seven times as winner and nine times as runner – up consecutively. The University takes pride in the fact that National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC) has accredited the University at the highest Five Star level.

About Bhai Gurdas Central Library

The University Library which was established in March 1970, has been named after the great Sikh Scholar Bhai Gurdas, who had the privilege of taking dictation from the fifth Sikh Guru, Guru Arjan Dev Ji for the compilation of the Adi Granth the holy scripture of the Sikhs. The building that houses the library is a marvel and a masterpiece of architecture. It is a five storeyed, inverted pyramid shaped magnificent building directly visible from the main gate of the university on the Grand Trunk Road. It is centrally located with teaching departments all around. The library has total collection of 4,21,480 books related to different disciplines. Besides that, Library is subscribing to 115 foreign and 165 Indian printed Journals; is a member of INFLIBNET UGC-Infonet e-journals Consortium Programme which is providing access to 7500+ e-journals and

some databases; a member of INDEST Consortium which is providing 233 e-journals related to computer science and electronics; and also a member of DELNET. Various awareness/orientation programmes are arranged from time to time to generate awareness among faculty/researchers/students of the university and affiliated colleges.

About Punjab and City of Amritsar

Punjab is one of the leading states and is known to be the 'Food Basket' of the country. The State with a geographical area of less than two percent of the country, contributes more than 50 percent of wheat and 40 percent of rice to the central pool. Industrially, the State is dominated by the small sector.

The Holy city of AMRITSAR, famous for the historic and serene shrine of SRI HARMANDAR SAHIB (also known as GOLDEN TEMPLE), is recognized as the Mecca of Sikhs and a revered place for all faiths. The city was founded by Guru Ram Das, the fourth Guru of the Sikhs more than four hundred years ago. The Amrit Sarovar (The pool of Nectar) was subsequently got built by Guru Arjan Dev, the fifth Guru of the Sikhs. The foundation stone of the Golden Temple was laid by Saint Mian Mir, a Muslim saint. DURGIANA TEMPLE, a famous Hindu shrine, was founded by Pandit Madan Mohan Malviya. JALIANWALA BAGH MEMORIAL marks the tragedy of 1919 with a memorial built in the shape of eternal flame. A section of the wall marked with bullets has been preserved, as also the well into which many people jumped to escape the firing by the British army.

The city, located on the Grand Trunk road, is merely 27 km from the International Border with Pakistan. The retreat ceremony at Wagah border (every evening) is an event worth watching. After partition in 1947, Amritsar became the 'Gateway of India' for land route from Central Asia, Afghanistan, Pakistan, etc. The city is famous for various delicacies, for woolen blankets/shawls and pappar/warian. The city is also famous for its educational institutions.

Location

Guru Nanak Dev University, Amritsar is at a distance of 8 kilometers from Bus Stand; 6 kilometers from Railway Station and 15 Kilometers from Air Port. Amritsar is well connected with others cities by trains as well as by air.

Climate

During the last week of January, Amritsar generally experiences cold weather conditions and the temperature generally hovers around 08-22° C.

Conference Theme

Librarianship in Digital Era

Sub themes

- a. Digital libraries ,tools and techniques
- b. Web 2.0 and library services
- c. Digital preservation / Digitization
- d. Status of manuscripts in changing Scenario
- e. Open access to knowledge
- f. E resources and role of consortias

- g. User's expectations in digital environment
- h. Intellectual property rights in digital era
- i. Library profession and its future
- j. Information seeking behaviour of users
- k. Role of library associations
- l. Information Management
- m. Trends of research in Library and Information Science
- n. Academic plagiarism
- o. Role of public libraries in digital age
- p. Information marketing

Call for Papers

Interested librarians, library professionals, information scientists, computer professionals, social scientists etc. are invited to submit the abstracts and papers through e-mail to the organizing secretary at the earliest. In case of acceptance of your paper, it is requested that your oral/power point presentation should be over between 7 to 10 minutes only.

- ✓ Papers should reach before January 10, 2012. (Not more than 3000 words)
- ✓ Papers will be accepted only in CD/DVD form.
- ✓ Participants can send their papers through e-mail on the following address:-

chopra_gndu@yahoo.com or
gndu_librarian@yahoo.com
- ✓ It will be appreciated if the papers are original, thought provoking, innovative, precise and deal with latest aspects of Library & Information Science.
- ✓ The three best papers will be given prizes.

Accommodation

Limited accommodation will be available at University Campus. Arrangements at other places will be made. Those who want to stay at hotels kindly see the site www.cleartrip.com.

** Accommodation charges are separate.*

****Registration Fee:**

Fee for registration will be as under:

For Delegates	:	Rs. 600/- per head
*For Students and Retired Persons	:	Rs. 400/- per head
*For Research Scholars	:	Rs. 400/- per head

***(Subject to the production of a duly certified documentary proof from the competent authorities)**

**** (Registration fee will include kit, one breakfast, two lunch, one dinner, one high tea and two teas with snacks)**

Fee for registration may please be sent at the earliest (but not later than January 12, 2012) by duly crossed Demand Draft in the name of the Registrar, Guru Nanak Dev University, Amritsar (payable at Amritsar).

The Registration form alongwith the demand draft should be addressed to: Dr. H.S. Chopra, University Librarian, Bhai Gurdas Central Library (cum-Organising Secretary), National Conference on “Librarianship in Digital Era”.

All correspondence and enquiries about the conference may please be addressed to the Organising Secretary or members of Helpdesk.

Looking forward to meet you

Yours sincerely

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Date _____

(Draft of Rs. 600/- should be in the name of 'The Registrar' Guru Nanak Dev University, Amritsar (Pb.). It includes only Kit, High Tea, Lunch, Evening Tea, Dinner on 20/01/2012, Breakfast, Tea and Lunch (21/01/2012). Accommodation charges will be separate. Please send the draft and form to Dr. H.S. Chopra, University Librarian, Guru Nanak Dev University, Amritsar (Pb.).

Signature