

## **Workshop on Strategies for Transforming Libraries : Growing Trends & Technologies**

In order familiarize the library professionals to the latest Library & Information Science tools and technologies, National College, Tiruchi held a one day Workshop on “Strategies for Transforming Libraries :Growing Trends & Technologies” in collaboration with DELNET, New Delhi,- a prominent player and pioneer in generation and distribution of E- learning resources.The workshop also focused on academic integrity and ways to stop plagiarism

The workshop organized by the Department of Library on 20<sup>th</sup> November 2019 was inaugurated by **Dr. VaidehiVijayakumar, Vice Chancellor, Mother Teresa University Kodaikanal**. In her inaugural address, the VC noted that libraries are no longer mere storehouses of books. With the rapid and tectonic changes in technology, the functions of libraries have changed radically. Digitalization and computerization have enabled access to trillions of academic resources in a nano second. Libraries have before them, the challenging task of harnessing technology to provide access to these mind-blowing volumes of resources available across the cyber space. She appreciated the efforts taken by the college to highlight the strategies for transformation of libraries in the emerging scenario.

Shrimathi. Sangeetha Kaul, Network Manager, DELNET, (Developing Library Network) an organization devoted to developing Library Network explained the theme of the workshop and how DELNET is expanding and enriching Library Network across the country. DELNET connects more than 6700 libraries in 33 states and Union Territories. It is a major resource sharing Network in South Asia and provides access to more than 3 crore records of books, E- journals , E-books etc.

Shri O.N.Safapuri, Consultant DELNET highlighted how Libraries can make optimal utilization of various resources such as DELNET Discovery Services and Knowledge gainer portal , Open source software, DELPLUS software for library automation. He explained how

the menace of plagiarism can be stopped by appropriate application technology and suggested steps to enhance user satisfaction in libraries.

More than 100 LIS professionals from colleges and universities across the state participated in the workshop.

The workshop was presided over by the principal Dr. R. Sundararaman. He noted that the workshop structured to update the knowledge and skills of the library professionals will be of immense practical utility. Dr.Sureshkumar, Librarian and Organising Secretary of the workshop, welcomed the gathering and made a presentation on National College and its resource centre.