

Future Plan

The paradigm shift in the fundamentals of LIS profession due to the changes in the information environment of the country - that is , the information needs and demands of the society, which, in turn are affected by the social, political, educational, cultural and technological developments in the country along with the impact of global information systems and programmes possess certain challenges to the LISc education. The future plan of the department centres around the development of well-qualified information professionals equipped with optimal combination of technical skills and attributes for survival in the new information society. For this, the department has identified the following agenda to meet the challenges of new information environment :

- i) With the proposed revision of the curricula (to be implemented from the academic session 2008 – 2009), the emphasis on information science would further increase by keeping the training programme in harmony with the changing needs of the job market in the library and information sectors. Also a few seminars to discuss various matters concerning the training programme are being planned.
- ii) The department would be in a position to organise short term courses in emerging areas like Building Digital Repositories, Community Information Services, Local Studies Librarianship, Multimedia in LIS, Expert System, Artificial Intelligence in LIS, TQM in LIS, Web page Designing, WINISIS, WWWISIS, etc.
- iii) The department intends to develop a Community Information Research Centre (CIRC). The CIRC will become the focus for the interdisciplinary research on the local problems with the help of other University departments like Anthropology, History, and Economics with Rural Development. The department will identify the areas in which investigation is required and to establish research programmes encompassing both group and individual projects.
- iv) The department plans to start one year Post-MLISc Diploma in the areas like Information Management / Library Automation, and one and half year M. Phil. degree in Library and Information Science on self financing basis.
- v) The department intends to promote, prepare, and publish monographs, text books, occasional papers, etc, useful in the LISc programme.
- vi) The department would provide advisory and consultancy services by
 - a) establishing pilot projects, where local library and information services are inadequate, thereby bringing the community into contact with effective library service;

- b) planning the library, information systems and services at the local level;
 - c) developing information tools and techniques as well as information repackaging products, particularly suited to the local environment .
- vii) The department would maintain continuous professional contact with alumni and to offer them guidance even after they have left the department, both in research as well as practice of library and information work.