Central Library of Sikkim University organized 3 days National Webinar on *Management Issues in Libraries of 21st Century: Problems and Opportunities* from 22-24 January, 2021 in collaboration with ICSSR-NERC. The main objective of this webinar was to explore new methods, principles, tools and techniques of management of sources and services of modern libraries of 21st century those are being driven and impacted by IT revolution from time to time. Information sources are available in abundance but to make them serviceable is a challenge which requires professional competence and special skills and abilities to meet the challenges and avail the opportunities given by the new technology.

The Chief Guest of the inaugural session was Prof J. P. Singh Joorel, Director INFLIBNET. The session was chaired by the Vice-Chancellor of Sikkim University, Prof Avinash Khare. The keynote speakers were Prof N. Laxman Rao the former Prof of Osmania University and Prof H N Prasad of BHU. The keynote speakers discussed the problems of knowledge management, digital resource management, procurement, organizations and access of all resources, etc. The theme of the seminar was presented by Pro A S Chandel of Sikkim University.

The Chief Guest Prof Joorel highlighted the progress made in higher education during the recent past and role of INFLIBNET in promoting higher education by providing access to e-resources. He pointed out that underutilization of resources is one of the managerial issue which needs to be promoted. INFLIBNET is offering almost free services to the colleges merely at the subsidized annual subscription of only Rs. 5000 only Which is not being availed by most of the colleges in the country. It is pathetic that public libraries in the country are most neglected, he further said. He also pointed out that most of the libraries in India are without the post of Librarians which have been lying vacant since many years.

There were 12 eminent invited speakers from all over the country including one from Bangladesh who discussed various issues relating to the topic like licensing policies of e-resources, copyright issues, quality

library services, role of artificial intelligence, manpower development, organization and work culture, staffing pattern, e-books procurement, requirement of employability, case studies of some libraries with their problems, library and Information education, etc.

The seminar was concluded on the 3rd day by panel discussion again attended by well-known library professionals from all over the country followed by a valedictory function. The valedictory function was chaired by the Registrar of Sikkim University Shri T K Kaul. The chief guest and guest of honour were Prof Bhagirathi Panda, Hony. Director ICSSR-NERC and Prof of Economics in the Department of Economics, NEHU, Shillong and Prof Jyoti Pradesh Tamang, Department of Microbiology, Sikkim University respectively.

Prof Tamang emphasized the need of introducing artificial intelligence in libraries and facility of machine learning and teaching, institutional membership of some quality journals, high speed Internet connectivity, coordinating resources for easy access.

The Chief Guest Prof Panda talked about importance of overall development of the country which mainly depends upon creative destruction, individual competency, ability, capability and innovation. This was the message to the library professionals. He also emphasized the need to bridge the digital divide, overcoming information overload, integration of libraries.

The seminar was coordinated and directed by Prof A S Chandel, Librarian of Sikkim University.