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BRIEF RESUME

Academic Background:

Dr. I.R.N. Goudar after completing his B.Sc in Physics and M.Sc. in Human Physiology did his Bachelors Degree in Library and Information Science from Karnataka University. He also obtained Associateship in Documentation and Information Science from DRTC/Indian Statistical Institute and his PhD in 'Library and Information Science' from Karnataka University.

Experience (about 42 years at Different Institutions):

He started his career as a Scientific Assistant at CFTRI, Mysore during 1977. Then he moved to L&T, Bombay for a short period of one year as Supervisor-Documentation. He served Indian Institute of Chemical Technology, Hyderabad, one of the CSIR organization for nearly 12 years as Scientist-Information. He was on deputation as Deputy Librarian at IIT, Chennai for a period of one year. Since 1992 he served as Head of Information Centre (ICAST) and retired as Scientist 'G' at NAL, Bangalore. He has been responsible in making ICAST as one of the best Aerospace Information Centre in the world second only to NASA.

After retirement from NAL, Bangalore he served University of Mysore for nearly four years (on the invitation of VC) as Visiting Professor and Library Adviser at University of Mysore with the responsibility of rejuvenating the University Library System. At UoM he was been responsible in successfully automating all activities of Library. UoM OPAC at <http://libcatmysore-koha.informindia.co.in/> is one of the biggest of its kind in the world with > 6 Lac records. Apart from setting up of E-Resources Portal, he took lead in starting the heavily used Career Information Resource Centre and also the Career Information Resource Portal. A Learning Resource Centre for Differently Abled has been set up under his guidance. He has set up Knowledge Repository of UoM, probably with highest number of records among its kind of institutions in the country (<http://eprints.uni-mysore.ac.in/>). He helped and guided research scholars, faculty and scientists in preparing Research Output Reports of individuals, departments and the institutes. He was successful in changing the image of Mysore University Library, which now is one of the best in the country. The drastic increase in the usage statistics of different UGC Infonet e-resources by Mysore University, to the extent of 200 to 850 % in just 2-3 years from is an indicator of his contributions.

Again on the invitation of VC, Bangalore University he served initially as Visiting Professor and Library Adviser for two years and as Library consultant for one year. He repeated all developmental activities done at UoM for the benefit of patrons of BU Library including Library Automation (<http://publib-koha.informindia.co.in/>), E-Resources Portal (<http://bangaloreuniversity.ac.in/campuswide-access/>) and Remote access to E-Resources (<http://14.139.155.5:2048/login>), Digital Institutional Repository of BU Publications and Uploading of >1100 BU Theses to Shodhganga. He has setup Digital Archive of BU Question Papers giving access to >900 records covering UG, PG and PhD (<http://14.139.155.12:8080/jspui/>). He has conducted more than 100 departmental level workshops at BU covering topics like E-resources, search techniques, etc.

Presently he is working as an Adjunct Professor at Mangalore University on the invitation of its VC (<https://www.mangaloreuniversity.ac.in/adjunct-professor>). Apart from serving as a Member of Library Advisory Committee at MU, he has conducted number of Workshops for the benefit of not only Research Scholars, but Faculty members including newly recognised Research Guides. He took the initiative in setting up of an E-Resources Portal and remote access to E-Resources of MU.

In addition to above mentioned designated responsibilities and activities, he gets number of invitations to conduct Workshops, Seminars and Library Service advisory inquiries from number of institutions.

An Extra Mile / Firsts in India / Distinctive Contributions:

- 1. > 250 half/full day Workshops/Orientation/Awareness programs for the benefit of > 8000 faculty members and research scholars** of different disciplines, Anatomy to Zoology of 10 Universities, 40 Engineering/ Commerce/ Management/Law/ Degree Colleges. Topics covered include Research Methodology, Literature Review, Scientometrics (especially Research quantity/quality indices like Publications, Citations, h-Index,), E-Resources – both Commercial and Open Access, etc. This activity has given him the biggest professional satisfaction.
- 2. He has taught Searching Chemical Information especially Chemical Abstracts and Beilstein at one of the World's top institution, The University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, which led for direct offer of the Post of Chemistry Librarian, UMICH during 1997. But he could not accept the offer as he was there as a Fulbrighter.**
- 3. First ever Indian Library Consortia CoMSAC (Consortia of Materials and Aerospace Collections was setup at NAL by him for subscribing 14 CAB Indexing and Abstracting Services.**
- 4. He took the lead for setting up of CSIR E-Journals Consortia, the present NKRC. First informal negotiation in the presence of 30 Heads of CSIR LICs was**

held at NAL. Then a formal group was formed giving scope for first successful Consortia.

5. **First ever Online Information Searching Workshop** in the country was conducted by him during 1984. This program was repeated in number cities and institutions.
6. **First ever Workshop in the country on CD-ROM Technology** was conducted by him in 1993 and was repeated in few cities and institutions.
7. **First Indian Conference (organized) on Knowledge Management** “The Millenium ITT 2000: Media Convergence and Knowledge Management”, National Aerospace Laboratories, Bangalore, 22-24 November 2000.
8. **First Indian “National Seminar on Patents System”** (organized), Regional Research Laboratory, Hyderabad, 1981.
9. Single Platform/ Installation for multi-library (15 Libraries) automation on Cloud using Koha OS Software not just OPAC but housekeeping activities. Probably UoM OPAC biggest in the country with >6,16,000 records.
10. Mysore University Library Koha Implementation was **Awarded as the Best in the Country** along with IIMA during National Koha Conclave held at TCS, Pune, 2016. This automation was conceived, planned and implemented by Dr. Goudar.
11. Setting up of Digital Institutional Repositories in 3 Institutions (NAL, UoM and BU).
12. Lead the Group of Library and Information Centres of 30 CSIR Laboratories for almost 16 years for improving their Services, HRD, Resources, etc. As the Convener of the Committee appointed by DG-CSIR brought out a “**Manual of Procedures and Practices for CSIR Knowledge Resource Centres**”. The manual was approved by GB-CSIR and there by got the approval PM, India as President of CSIR. This has given a strong tool for all CSIR LIC activities, without giving scope for audit questions by authorities like Directors and Account/Audit Officers.
13. **Trained >300 LIS Trainees** with all necessary skills for one year in depth covering traditional and IT enabled services (As a part of Trainee Scheme at NAL, UoM, BU).

14. He had set up Web Based “News Clipping Service”, as back as 1997 covering *Aero News* world over at NAL. Even now the service is very active through ICAST Website at <http://www.icast.org.in>
15. Developed web based ‘Union Catalogue of Journals Holdings of CSIR LICs’ (<http://www.icast.org.in/UnionCatalogue/csirHoldings.htm>).
16. The first CSIR Knowledge Harvester (Metadata Harvesting Facility for Research Output) was set by him. Presently new one is setup by URDIP, Pune.
17. He was responsible for **earning External Cash Flow of about 20 Lacs** per annum at NAL by providing State of the art services to Corporate Institutions like GE, GM, INFOSYS, TI, WIPRO, BEML, BEL, Motorola, Honeywel, etc.
18. He served as **Coordinator of Information Panel of Aeronautical Development Board of DRDO** for sanctioning funds for Information Related Projects.
19. He has served as Principal Investigator of number of Projects sanctioned by DRDO, DSIR, etc.
20. He has helped few Universities and institutions for their **NAAC assessment**, especially in providing Research Output Reports with details of Publications, Citations and h-Index. In case of Bangalore University, as a Member of NAAC Steering Committee, he compiled Report on Criteria IV and improved Criteria III.

Honours and Awards:

1. Fulbright Fellowship (June 1995 to Feb. 1996): In L&IS- 6 months at University of Michigan, Ann Arbor and 2 months at Columbia University, New York.
2. British Council Scholar (1983) : Visited over 60 institutions / libraries in England and Scotland.
3. Govt. of Karnataka Award for Contributions for LIS in Special Library Category, 2007.

Few Media Credentials:

1. Gangothri library opens windows to the world.
Deccan Herald, Jan 20, 2012.

<http://www.deccanherald.com/content/220833/gangothri-library-opens-windows-world.html>

2. Hi-tech UoM library attracts students like never before.
The Times of India, March 25, 2013.
<http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/mysuru/Hi-tech-UoM-library-attracts-students-like-never-before/articleshow/19197590.cms>
3. University Libraru goes high-tech.
Deccan Herald, May 4, 2012.
<http://www.deccanherald.com/content/246976/university-library-goes-hi-tech.html>
4. Interview with Dr. Ishwar Goudar.
Taylor and Francis Ignite, The Librarian's News Letter for South Asia, Oct-Dec 2014, Issue 4.
<http://www.tandf.co.uk/journals/explore/ignite-issue4-oct-dec-2014.pdf>
5. Mysore Varsity's Vision for the Visually Challenged.
Star of Mysore, 1st Aug 2013.
<http://www.bangalorefirst.in/?m=201308&paged=6>
6. A Government bid to connect libraries across the State.
The Hindu, 27 October 2015.
<http://www.thehindu.com/news/cities/bangalore/a-government-bid-to-connect-libraries-across-the-state/article7807716.ece>
7. Libraries in the Tech Age.
The New Indian Express (In Focus), 29 December, 2014.
8. Books, journals only a click away for UG, PG Students.
Deccan Herald, October 27, 2015.
<http://www.deccanherald.com/content/508491/books-journals-only-click-away.html>

Invited Lectures:

Mr. Goudar has delivered more than 700 invited lectures in various Conferences / Workshops / Refresher Courses / Departments of Library and Information Science at various universities including:

DRTC Alumni Lecture (2001)
Prof. M.R. Kumbar Memorial Lecture (2002)
Karnataka University, L&IS Silver Jubilee Lecture (2004)
Dr. T.B. Rajashekar Memorial Lecture (2014)

Conference / Seminars:

Mr. Goudar has attended a number of International and National Seminars / Conferences. Apart from presenting papers, he has chaired a good number of sessions and delivered keynote, inaugural addresses during these events. He has worked as Organising Secretary / Director / Rapporteur General for more >100 events.

Fields of Specialization:

Library Automation, On-line Information Retrieval, Web / Portal Design, CD-ROM Technology, Content Creation, Digital Library, Electronic Publishing, E-Journals Consortia, E-Resources, Research Literacy, etc.

Professional Associations:

Life Member of many Professional Associations Like ILA, IASLIC, SIS, ALSD, KALA, MyLISA, etc. Served as President of KALA for 3 years.

Member of Selection/Assessment Committees:

CSIR Labs, Few Universities, DRDO, ISRO, IISc, ISI, CPRI and few private organizations.