

My Experience at MyDLIS

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Way back in 1979 I was waiting all through the summer to enter the 'Manasa Gangotri', University of Mysore. I felt excited and at the same time I was very nervous because for the first time I was going away from my parents and staying in a hostel.

I was selected for Chemistry M.Sc., as well as Bachelors in Library Science (B.Lib.Sc). Because a professional course will have more job opportunities and I wanted to be a career woman, I decided to join B.Lib.Sc and till date I have no regrets on my decision.

I joined the Gangotri ladies hostel first and met my room mate. Next day I walked to the library building, where the department was also located. I went to the classroom and Prof.H A Khan, then head of the department took the first class. He gave an overview of the course and we introduced ourselves. I liked the classroom very much because it had a very good view of the famous 'Kukkarahalli Kere'. It took some days for me to get adjusted to the classes which were too different from the subjects I studied in my Bachelor of Science course.

The classes were taken by Prof. H A Khan. (course: Library and Society), Prof. Nagappa.B. (course: Cataloguing Theory and Practice), Prof. Ponganayya.N B (Late) (course: Classification Theory and Practice), Dr. Shalini Urs. R (course: Information Sources and

Reference Service), Mr. T V Subramanyam (Late) (Reprographic services).

Though I stayed only for 10 months in the department and on campus, it was very memorable. As the university name coined by Rashtrakavi Kuvempu indicates, it was 'Manasagangotri'!! Later in 1998 I registered for PhD as an external candidate under the guidance of Dr. Shalini Urs. By this time everything had changed. The University campus and the department looked totally different. Doing PhD was a totally different experience, that too after about 16 years of work experience (teaching, providing e-information service and carrying out funded projects), two years of studies (for my master degree) at Documentation Research and Training Centre, Indian Statistical Institute, Bangalore and one year Fulbright fellowship at the US. The changes that had taken place in Computer and Telecommunication media made my work to be comprehensive and exhaustive. I enjoyed every bit of my stay and work in the Department.

