

## My Ever Lasting Memories with MyDLIS

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I have pleasant memories of my student days at the department of Library and Information Science, which is now acronymed as MyDLIS. After a brief work experience, I joined the department as part time research scholar. I enjoyed more as a PG student, because then we were all a nice bunch of students. I got admitted to MLISc without any future aspiration but just to do a PG. We were a total strength of 24 students, mostly coming from in and around Mysore; few of them from other districts including me and one from Tamil Nadu.

During the first week, I came to know that majority of the classmates had opted library science by chance not by choice. After hearing from them, I too realized the same. I presumed that throughout my two years of PG, I was not serious at studies. Mostly I would be in and out of the class, engaged in chatting with friends; roaming in the library premises; posing like studying hard. But I was sincere at collecting and photocopying notes from my classmates. Mr. Vinay was real store of study materials/notes. Everyone used to be after him to collect and xerox notes.

How can I forget the days I spent with Sathya, Ronald and Umesh. Sathya was my roommate in the new PG in second year. He was an excellent cook and bibliophile. The times spent with Ronald were unforgettable. He was inspiration for me. I can still recall the melodious songs of Rangaswamy & Sivamadaiah who were regular singers on all occasions of the department. For me Sunil and Anil

used to appear as visitors. I think I was too shy to make friends with female classmates. They seemed to be a bit serious. Mohan was a serious student, unfortunately he is no more.

We had amazing teachers. For instance Prof. Nagappa was down to earth; Prof. Khaiser Nikam was intellectual and motivating;

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Prof. Talawar was simple and well conversant with library management; Prof. Shalini Urs used to deliver expert IT classes; Prof. Pangannayya Information Storage & Retrieval was exemplary; Prof. Chandrashekar was master in DDC; Dr. Venkatesh was good in Information, Communication & Society.

My five years of PhD time in the department was really fantastic and splendid. After enrolling myself for a PhD, I repented as to why I missed doing dissertation at PG. My guide Prof. Khiaser Nikam was meticulous at work and a perfectionist; she took all the pain to transform me as a doctorate in Library Science. I can proudly mention that because my PhD work was done under the supervision of Prof. Khaiser, Currently, I am working at IIT Roopar. Now I am trying to bridge the gap between the theoretical aspects of library science and the current requirement of academic libraries.

My heartfelt thanks to all at MyDLIS who have contributed for my success. I take this opportunity

to wish my department, the very best in this mile stone event. I hope and wish all the alumnus support the Alma Mater untiringly.

*“I had found my religion: nothing seemed more important to me than a book. I saw the library as a temple.”*

*Jean-Paul Sartre,*

*“A public library is the most democratic thing in the world. What can be found there has undone dictators and tyrants: demagogues can persecute writers and tell them what to write as much as they like, but they cannot vanish what has been written in the past, though they try often enough...People who love literature have at least part of their minds immune from indoctrination. If you read, you can learn to think for yourself.”*

*Doris Lessing*

*“Few pleasures, for the true reader, rival the pleasure of browsing unhurriedly among books: old books, new books, library books, other people’s books, one’s own books - it does not matter whose or where. Simply to be among books, glancing at one here, reading a page from one over there, enjoying them all as objects to be touched, looked at, even smelt, is a deep satisfaction. And often, very often, while browsing haphazardly, looking for nothing in particular, you pick up a volume that suddenly excites you, and you know that this one of all the others you must read. Those are great moments - and the books we come across like that are often the most memorable.”*

*Aidan Chambers*