

My Reminiscence of MyDLIS Days

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When I was doing my graduation at Maharaja College, Mysore, I used to come to Manasagangotri campus occasionally with my seniors. Those visits attracted me to study at Gangotri Campus after seeing that beautiful campus greenery with various plants/trees, cool weather surrounding academic departments and Downs Canteen etc. During school days my ambition was to become a teacher but due to some reasons I could not get admission to any teacher training courses. Since library science is related to the education sector, after my graduation in commerce I joined MLISc programme at MyDLIS in 2001. MyDLIS introduced the first new semester scheme of MLISc with revised curriculum based on industrial needs in 2001. My first few days at MyDLIS were horrible as all library science papers were completely new subjects not only to me, but also to many of my classmates as well. We did not have any basic knowledge of Library Science prior to joining this course. In the beginning I was irregular to the classes as well. In each semester we had to submit five assignments; prepare for five tests, submit some homework assignments and take final exams for five papers during four months period. Not able to cope with this tough semester schedule I was toying with the idea of quitting the course!

MyDLIS used to organize Friday Talk and some special invited talks on other days given by guests. One of my most favorite events was to attend the Friday Talk which inspired the

students to think out of the box and look at things from a different angle. Students are students, whether they are KG students or PG students. That is the age we do not know what is right

and wrong and enjoyed the thrill of breaking class rules and regulations. I still remember how a few of us used to bunk the classes, submitted photo copies as assignments, and switch off the main power supply to the classrooms in order to stop power point presentation of student seminars. My most memorable days at MyDLIS were my seminar days where I received best compliments from my classmates, seniors and teachers for my best presentation. Another most memorable day for all our classmates was a day in 4th semester when Prof. Shalini hosted high-tea party for our entire



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perfection in whatever we did. Our entire class received complements for this from our seniors and teachers for the honour of getting a tea party hosted by such a teacher. That day we realized that it seems to be at 4th semester we have reached a certain standard which Prof. Shalini expected from us.

Prof. V G Talwar, Chairman and Professor who is a very simple and down to earth person, soft-spoken was my beloved teacher and mentor. His advice, lecture and his reference made tremendous positive impact on my life. I am very proud about the fact that personality like Prof. V G Talwar and Prof. Shalini R Urs were my teachers. Teaching methods of Prof. Harinarayana, and Prof. Indira B C were excellent who were teaching Information Technology and Knowledge Organization papers in a very simple way. I also remember the discussions and classes of Prof. Mallinath Kumbhar, Prof. M Chandrashekar, Prof. Kaiser Nikam, and Prof. Venkatesh who were very friendly with all of us. Two supporting Staff, Mr. Purushotham and Mr. Allam were really helpful and supportive of students.

After MLISc from MyDLIS I worked in Central Institute of Indian Languages, Mysore as a Resource Person, and then served as an Assistant Officer at VTLS software Pvt Ltd. Currently I am working as Assistant Librarian at Indian Institute of Technology, Bombay.

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I treasure every moment I have spent at MyDLIS, and remember my teachers and friends who made MyDLIS days memorable.

"We can imagine the books we'd like to read, even if they have not yet been written, and we can imagine libraries full of books we would like to possess, even if they are well beyond our reach, because we enjoy dreaming up a library that reflects every one of our interests and every one of our foibles--a library that, in its variety and complexity, fully reflects the reader we are."

Alberto Manguel