

Book Review

SINGH (KP), 75 Glorious Years: Department of Library and Information Science: Pioneer in LIS Teaching, Research & Innovation. New Delhi: AKS Publishing House, 2021, Rs. 2500, P228

The book “75 Glorious Years: Department of Library and Information Science: Pioneer in LIS teaching, Research & Innovation” written with the objective about the journey of the Department of Library and Information Science, University of Delhi of last 75 glorious years. The book focuses on the historical glimpses of academic, research and innovations of the Department.

The book contains five chapters and two valuable annexures. The author has made the book very extraordinary by giving images in addition to the text in the book. Two indexes are also provided, one is the image index and the other is text index.

Chapter One deals with the growth and development of the department from beginning, 1946. This chapter sheds light on the various academic, research, professional and other major landmarks and milestones of the department.

Chapter Two highlights academic and professional contributions of the top brass alumni of the department who played a very significant role in the development of LIS education, research and service.

Chapter Three presents a relationship of the alumni with the department and profession. With very incredible facts the chapter explores various contextual relationships among the alumni such as father and son, father and daughter, mother and daughter, brother and brother, sister and sister, twin and twin, nephew and niece and one of the beautiful alliances, the alumni has chosen their life partners and later on married. The relationship has been described in a very extraordinary way through images.

Chapter Four deals with the research, research publications, innovation and research projects done by the faculty members of the Department.

Chapter Five summarized incredible benchmarks and milestones of the department such as first department setup in the country to start formal post graduate LIS education, first department among commonwealth countries to start Ph.D. degree and many more.

Annexures share the memories of old alumni and memories, experiences and emotions of super-senior alumni of the Department.

The book also provides indexes of images and text separately.

The book is well written on the glorious history of the Department with beautiful illustrations gives the historical glimpses. Hope readers will find it a unique piece of information about the department and its history.

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