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Dr. Harish Chandra is the Librarian since January 1995 of Indian Institute of Technology Madras. Prior to this, he has also worked in IIT Delhi, Geological Survey of India and Indian Institute of Foreign Trade. He has M.A. Economics, Public Administration, M.L.I.Sc, Ph.D, (Topic: Rural Information System: Design and Development) Library Automation Training from University of Cambridge, UK and Digital Library from University of Tilburg, The Netherlands. His major contribution areas are, creating patents information support services, ISO-9001 application in the Central Library of IIT Madras (**First ISO-9001 Certified Major Research Library of India**), digital library initiatives, implementation of total bar-coding, RFID, Smart Card, Auto Book Drop, Self Check in and Check out Systems, establishment of automatic bindery, website creation, new library building planning, shifting, implementing information literacy, funds raising through projects, implementation of INDEST Consortium at IIT Madras. Dr. Chandra is the member-of the Senate of IIT Madras since January 1995, Member Secretary, Digital Library Committee, Library Advisory Committee and Member-Degree Preparation Committee of IIT Madras. He has also been the member of the Task Force for higher education library system, Department of Education, Ministry of Human Resources Development, Government of India, Member, National Review Committee of INDEST Consortia, Ministry of Human Resources Development, Government of India, Member Editorial Board of The Review of Information Networking – an International Journal published by Routledge Taylor & Francis Group, August 2004- Dr. Chandra is the Member advisory editorial board of OCLC Systems and Services- an International refereed International Journal now changed to OCLC Systems and Services: International Digital Library Perspectives, published by Emerald Group Publishing Ltd (2002), Member-Review Committee of ICDL 2004 International Conference on Digital Libraries, New Delhi, 24-27 February 2004, Member–Editorial board– Journal of Digital Information Management. ISSN 0972 7272. w.e.f. 16-12-2003. Since 1<sup>st</sup> September 1995 till date working as the Secretary- Editorial Board, Journal of Mathematical & Physical Sciences (An International Journal in existence over 30 years & published by IIT Madras), member Editorial Board-Journal of Digital Information Management (The Peer Reviewed International Journal in Digital Information Science and Technology), Editor-in-Chief, SALIS Journal of Library and Information Science, Reviewer : Journal of Community Informatics (<http://www.cj-journal.net>) published by Georgia Institute of Technology and Webology ISSN **1735-188X** <http://www.webology.ir/> Reviewer: Proceedings of the First IEEE International Conference on Digital Information Management (ICDIM2006) 6-8 December 2006



Dr. Harish Chandra has organized various professional events including National Convention on Library & Information Networking (NACLIN 2000), Recent Advances in Information Technology (READIT 2001), SIS2004 22<sup>nd</sup> National Convention and

Conference during 21-23 January 2004 on Digital Information Exchange, XXV IASLIC National Conference during 26<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> December 2005, National Workshop on building digital library using DSpace software during 16-17<sup>th</sup> December 2004 in association with SALIS and National Workshop on LIS Teacher and Digital Future during 17<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> January 2007 in association with IATLIS and INDEST-AICTE CONSORTIUM National Workshop on E-Resources Management for Excellence during 16<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> July 2007. Dr. Chandra has been National Consultant (Library Management) for World Bank project on forestry research education and extension for setting up a modern National Forest Library and Information Center for Indian Council of Forestry Research Education and Extension, Ministry of Environment and Forest, Government of India at Dehra Dun and also the Consultant of National Bibliographic Database Project of DELNET, New Delhi during May 1998 to May 1999. He is also an elected Member: Governing Board of Developing Library Network (DELNET), 2004-2006, 2006-2008, 2008-2009 and 2009-2010, Advisor of Union Public Service Commission, New Delhi, □ Member: National Steering Committee for [INDEST-AICTE Consortium](#), Government of India, MHRD, Department of Higher Education, New Delhi w.e.f. 27-09-2007 for two years, Member: Advisory Committee on "e-Granthalaya" Ministry of Communications and Information Technology, Department of Information Technology, [Natioanl Informatics Center](#), New Delhi w.e.f. 29th October, 2007.

He has received several national and international honors and awards including SIS Fellowship 2008, Punjab Librarian Award 2008, Silver Rolling Trophy for being selected as Best Maintained Library in Colleges for the year 2007, Best Technology Librarian Award 2004, Dr. S.R.Ranganathan Award for best library services, SALIS 2005 Life Time Achievement Award and Gold Medal. He has contributed more than 90 papers in international and national journals, festschrift volumes and conferences proceedings and also guided and handled various projects. He has chaired number of technical sessions, presentations and delivered number of invited talks, keynote and inaugural addresses in India and abroad. He has five edited books to his credit. Dr. Chandra is also member of Board of Research Studies of the Department of Library and Information Science of various universities including Board of Business School of KSR Business. He has been listed in various international and national biographical sources including Dictionary of International Biography, Indo European Who's Who, Indio-Asian Who's who. He was also awarded an International Fellowship for attending RSIS at CERN, Geneva and during Feb 2004 he has also visited World Maritime University, Sweden. He has actively engaged in the development of networked collaborations, digital initiatives, electronic security, e-commerce application, information literacy and integration of new information technologies into library and information services. He has visited 20 countries including UK, Australia, Germany, France, Norway, Italy, Switzerland, Sweden, Netherlands, Thailand, Poland, Dubai, Sharjah, Hong Kong, Malaysia, Singapore, and Sri Lanka. More details about him are posted on his personal website <http://www.harishchandra.com>