NATIONAL CONFERENCE OF AGRICULTURAL LIBRARIANS ORGANIZED AT BASU

Bihar Animal Sciences University, Patna in collaboration with Association of Agricultural Librarians and Documentalists of India (AALDI) organized two days (4-5th September, 2018) National Conference of Agricultural Librarians & Users Community (NCALUC – 2018) on the topic “**Re-Engineering of Agricultural Libraries and Emerging Technologies : Challenges and Opportunities**”.

The programme was inaugurated by Chief Guest, Vice-Chancellor of Central University of South Bihar Prof. H.C.S. Rathore, Vice-Chancellor Bihar Animal Sciences University, Patna Dr. Rameshwar Singh and other guests by Lightening the lamp at the Conference Hall of Bihar Animal Sciences University, Patna.

Welcome address was delivered by General Secretary AALDI, Dr. Rakesh Mani Sharma. He welcomed all the participants in National Conference. President AALDI, Dr. K. Veeranjaneyulu in his report presentation discussed about the purpose of Conference, about AALDI, theme of conference, various sessions and sub-sessions, publication of new volume etc. He said the National Conference is a platform for exchange of knowledge among the researchers and end users. In modern days library is information center rather than place for reading books, he added.

In the presidential address Vice-Chancellor, BASU Dr. Rameshwar Singh discussed about history of Library Science. With the development in Information Technology the cost of online services is declining. In a modern agricultural library there should be facility of e-book, consortium, e-resources etc. The smartphones has replaced many old devices and is a good medium for connecting with digital library and various sources of information. In the modern era of Information Technology pattern of accessing data has been changed and accordingly libraries have to change their structure. He congratulated the organizers and hoped the outcome of the National Conference would be useful for making policies as per the opportunities available.

Chief Guest, Vice-Chancellor of Central University of South Bihar Prof. H.C.S. Rathore in his speech told that in the last 15-20 years major breakthrough in the Information and Communication Technology has taken place. Agricultural library has to keep pace with the changing scenario. He told librarian is the most educated person in his opinion. Role of library is changing continuously and now a days library has become information centers will all sorts of information available in digital form. conference will be of immense useful for the faculties, students, scientists, research scholars and book lovers.

At this occasion Books, Souvenir, Websites of AALDI, Book CD was released by the guests and hosts. Three eminent persons form Library Science was felicitated at this occasion.

Vote of thanks was given by Organizing Secretary Dr. Hans Raj. The inaugural session was followed by Technical Sessions.