Late Prof. K. S Deshpande Former Librarian
Karnatak University, Dharwad: A Profile

Name: Krishna Shripadrao Deshpande
Place and Date of Birth : Dharwad, 5th May 1924
Place and Date of Death: Dharwad, 4th Aug 2017

Educational Career:

- Matriculation (University of Bombay) in First Class (1941)
- M A (English Major and Kannada Subsidiary (University of Bombay), 1947
- Diploma in Librarianship (University of Bombay), 1950
- Hon. Diploma in Librarianship (American Library Association, Chicago), 1957

Professional Career:

- Teacher, RLS High School, Dharwad (1947-48)
- Translator, Oriental Translators Office, Govt. of Bombay, Bombay (1948-1951)
- Hon. Services in the Bombay University Library under the guidance of Prof. D N Marshal (1950-51)
- Assistant Librarian, Karnatak University, Dharwad (1951-52)
- Librarian, Karnatak University, Dharwad (May 1952 to May 1984 till retirement with occasional deputations for setting up several other libraries in the State)

Academic Achievements:

- Institution of School of Library Science and the starting of Post-GraduateDiploma Course in Library Science in the Karnataka University, Dharwad
- Deputed to the Mysore University as Librarian and Hon. Professor of Library Science (1965-67): Establishment of the Dept. of Library Science.
- Deputed to the Bangalore University for setting up new University Library
- Commencement of Bachelor of Library Science Course in the Bangalore University, Bangalore.
- Shifting of the Library in the functionally planned independent

building in Bangalore

- Deputed to Gulbarga University as University Librarian and Hon. Professor of Library Science (June to Dec. 1986)
- Deputed as Librarian in the University of Agricultural Sciences, Dharwad (1987-88)

In all these assignments, planning new buildings, setting up of libraries, renewing and rejuvenating library services for the benefit of the academic community formed the main goals.

Several other universities like the American Studies Research Centre, Hyderabad, North-Eastern Hill University, Shillong, Mangalore University, Mangalore, Manipur University Imphal, Goa University, Goa. Kuvempu University, Shivamoggaand the Department of Public Libraries, Government of Karnataka sought the services of Prof. Deshpande in the process ofmodernsingtheir libraries and in enhancing their utilitarian value.

Library Consultant

Several institutions and Governments like the Marathawada University, Aurangabad. Government of Karnataka Bangalore. Government of Goa, Daman, Diu,Centre for Development studies, Trivandrum, Indian Institute of Management, Bangalore. Central University, Pondicherry, sought the help of Prof. Deshpande and obtained reports on the vitalization of their libraries.

Study Tours to Foreign Countries

1. As an Expert in the Library Profession, went on a study tour of the USA sponsored by the Government of India and USA under the Wheat Loan Educational Exchange Programme, India-USA, for 5 months, from 1-10-1956 to 28-2-1957.
2. Also visited (from 1-3-1957 to 17-3-1957) important Libraries in London, Cambridge and Oxford (by the courtesy of the British Council), Paris, Zurich and Rome.On return submitted a Report with recommendations on 'Vitalizing Library Services in India' to the Government of India, Wheat Loan Office, and Karnatak University.
3. Visited USA September 2001 – January, 2002: paid a visit to three University Libraries and three public libraries.

Participation in Seminars and Conferences

Prof. Deshpande has chaired many sessions in different conferences and seminars by the institutions like Karnataka, Calicut and Bangalore Universities, University Grants Commission, Indian Libraries Academic Association, Unesco Meeting of Supervisors of Library and Documentation Schools and many others.

Prof. Deshpande has also served several institutions outside the field of Library Science such as CSIR, New Delhi, Indian Standards Institutions, New Delhi, Bharat Scouts and Guides, Dharwad District Association, Gandhi Peace Foundation Dharwad, FamilyPlanning Association of India, Karnataka VidyavardhakaSanghaDharwad. Karnataka Education Board Dharwad and BharatiyaVidyaBhavanDharwad, Karnataka State Library Authority.

Responsibility in State and National Level Committees

1. UGC Library Advisory Committee, Member
2. UGC Library Building Committee,Member
3. Chairman,the Revision of Karnataka State Public Library Act-1965 -Amendment Committee, Karnataka State Library Authority.

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Publications:

Books

1. Land of Libraries (Outcome of the study tour) of USA (Forward by Dr. D.C.Pavate)
2. Library Movement in India (In Karnataka) 1958
3. Granthalaya a Study (In Karnataka) 1979
4. University Library System in India (Forward by V.K.R.V. Rao Sterling Publishers, New Delhi , 1985)
5. Report of the expert committee on the problems and prospectus of Central Libraries, Government of Goa, 1980 (Forward by the Lient, Governor K.T.Satarvala)
6. KannadadaGudi (The Story of Karnataka VidyavardhakaSangha) 1994 (Forward by Dr. G.S.Amur)
7. Jnanadegula (The Story of the Growth of Karnataka

University) 1999.

8. Ra. Ha Deshpande, A Biography of the Founder of Karnataka VidyavardhakaSangha,Dharwad. Kannada University, Hampi, 2000
9. Citadel of Kannada and Karnataka (The story of Karnataka VidyavardhakaSangha, Dharwad)
10. Ever Relevant Gandhiji 2004
11. Chaladankamalla (In Karnataka, A Biography of the late Dr. N.B. Kabbur of Dharwad),2008
12. DesaKosa

Edited Works

i. GranthalayaRajataDeepti, published on the occasion the silver jubilee of Public Library Department, Bangalore, 1994 (Forward by the then Chief Minister ShriVeerappaMoily)
ii. Timeless Fellowship – A periodical of the Karnatak University Library Science Association (KULSA), Karnataka University, Dharwad
iii. Journal of Library Development, Indian Council for Library Development, New Delhi
iv. KrushiMunnade (Relating to Agricultural Sciences), University of Agricultural Sciences, Dharwad,1988
v. Vagbhushana, an organ of KarntakaVidyavardhakaSangha , Dharwad 1973

(The list does not include several other souvenirs and other publications published in different occasions; also numerous lectures in Seminars and public meetings and radio talks)

Honours and Awards

1. UGC National Lecturer in Library and Information Science,1985
2. ILA, IASLIC, IATLIS and GILA scroll of honour presented on the occasion of the Library Education Centenary Celebration, Nagpur University, 1987
3. Scroll of honour presentedat the ShriVenkateshwara University, 1987
4. Lifetime Achievement Award presented by Karnataka Libraries Association, 2012

5. Felicitation at the Osmania University, Hyderabad by dedicating a volume of proceedings of the Seminar on National Policy for University Libraries in India, 1989
6. Karnataka RajyotsavaPrashasti presented by the then Chief Minister ShriVeerappaMoily, 1993
7. Ranganathan-Kaula Award for the year 2000
8. Felicitation by unveiling the portrait at the Mysore University, 1994
9. Indian Library Association, New Delhi - Best Academic Librarian Award annual – in the names of K.S.Deshpandeand Prof. Gidwani(Donation by Prof. M.K.Navalani)
10. Gold Medals in MLibSc at Karnataka and Mysore Universities.
11. Endowment lectures annually in his name by eminent educationists.
12. Hon Doctorate of Karnataka University awarded on 15-2-2013

Felicitation Volumes

a. A Festschrift of papers on current trends in Library and Information Science presented by the students and admirers, 1990
b. Prabuddha, Felicitation volume in Kannada containing appreciative articles by dignitaries.

This is only a bird's eye view of the work, achievements and contributions of Prof. Deshpande, a veteran librarian, litterateur and social activist.

Family History

Grandfather : Late RaoSahebRa.Ha.Deshpande
(Retired School Head-Master
First M.A in the then Mumbai Karnataka Region
Founder of Karnataka VidyavardhakaSangha, Dharwad)

Grand Mother: Late Smt. BhimaBai

Father : Late ShriShripadDeshpande
(Propriter, Shankara Karnataka PustakaBhandar, Dharwad)

Mother: Late SmtSumitraBai

Wife : KusumDeshpande
(Retired Headmistress, Sharada Girls HighSchool, Dharwad)

Son : Sameer Deshpande

(Account Manager, IBM India Limited, Bangalore)
Daughter-in-law : JyotiKulkarni
(Agile Coach, Shell India Pvt Limited, Bangalore)
Grand Children : Shubham and Vibhas
(Both Studying in School)

Daughter : Jaya Hangal
(CTO, Amuse Labs, Bangalore)
Son-in-Law : Dr.SudheendraHangal
(Professor, Asoka University, Sonipat, Haryana)
Grand Children : Rishabh and Basant
(Both Studying in school)

Brother's Family
Brother : Satish (Shashikant) Deshpande
Sister-in-Law: LeelaDeshpande
Son : Deepak Deshpande
(Accountant, Tavarageri Nursing Home,
Daughter : AditiDeshpande
Son-in-law : PradeepKalpataru
(Sr.Project Manager, United Health Care, Bangalore)
Grand Children : Ojas, Neel
(Both Studying in school)

Other Siblings
1.Late Dr.M.S.Deshpande
2.Late YashodabaiHuilgol
(Wife of ShriPralhadraoHuilgol, Huilgol, Gadag)3.VimalaDeshpande
4.AmbikaDeshpande
(Wife of Late Dr.S.H.Ritti, Prof, Ancient Indian History, KUD, Dharwad).

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