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Day 1: 13 December 2016, Tuesday

Special Event I- National Digital Library (NDL)

Timing (04:00 – 05:30 pm)
Venue: Stein Auditorium

Background

The Ministry of Human Resource Development, Government of India, has initiated the National Digital Library (NDL) project to develop a framework of a 24x7 facility for hosting a virtual repository of knowledge with a single-window search facility. NDL aims to bridge the existing gaps for advanced knowledge discovery and development of knowledge. The vision is to build NDL as a National Knowledge Asset that should become the key driving force for education, research, innovation and technology economy in India.

Tentative Agenda

- **Overview of NDL**
Partha Pratim Das, IIT Kharagpur
- **Address**
Al-Amin Yusuph, Advisor for Communication and Information, UNESCO New Delhi Cluster Office for Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Maldives, Nepal and Sri Lanka
- **Panel Discussion**
Chair: Jagdish Arora, Director, Information and Library Network (INFLIBNET) Centre
Co-Chair: Nanda Gopal Chattopadhyay, CTO – NDL Project, IIT Kharagpur
- **Panelists:**
John Akeroyd, Senior Consultant, CIBER Research, Honorary Research Fellow, UK
Maria Gaede, Lecturer, Berlin School of Library and Information Science, Humboldt-Universitat zu Berlin
Kristian Jensen, Head of Collections & Curation, British Library, UK
Uma Kanjilal, Professor, Library and Information Science, IGNOU, New Delhi, India
Ramesh Gaur, University Librarian, Jawaharlal Nehru University, India
Partha Pratim Das, Joint Principal Investigator, National Digital Library Project, IIT Kharagpur, India
- **Closing remarks**
Bablu Sutradhar, Librarian, IIT Kharagpur