

DESIDOC CELEBRATES DRDO SILVER JUBILEE

DESIDOC celebrated DRDO Silver Jubilee on 30 March 1984 with great enthusiasm. The function was graced by the presence of the three Chief Controllers of Research and Development. Inaugurating the function Shri Vivek R Sinha, CCR&D said that DESIDOC was the nerve centre of DRDO. He congratulated DESIDOC for having succeeded in becoming a full fledged self-accounting unit, which is serving its users.

A souvenir named 'DESIDOC - A Central Resource for Scientific Information' was released by Dr M Krishnamurthi, CCR&D. This souvenir brought to light some of the fields and multi-phasic activities of DESIDOC.

It is a pleasure to note that a good number of the staff of DESIDOC were honoured with awards for sports events and Hindi competition, which were presented by Vice Admiral BG Mudholkar, CCR&D.

Welcoming the guests, Shri SS Murthy, Director, DESIDOC said that DESIDOC has always strived hard to provide scientific information services to the users since its inception. With the revised charter of duties of DESIDOC, there is enhanced scope to cover additional activities like training, computerization, research in documentation, and scientific and technical translations, etc.

The highlight of the day was an Exposition which aimed at projecting products and services rendered by DESIDOC over the years. It was an occasion for

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Looking through the contents of souvenir are (from left) : Vice Adm BG Mudholkar, AVSM, Dr M Krishnamurthi and Shri Vivek R Sinha, Chief Controllers R&D; and Shri SS Murthy, Director, DESIDOC

PARTICIPATION IN CONVENTION/ SEMINAR

- o Shri SS Murthy, Director, DESIDOC attended 19th Annual Convention of the Computer Society of India at Hyderabad on 14-17 March 1984.
- o Shri VK, Rangra, Sci 'D', Ambrish Kumar and RK Srivastava, Sci 'B' attended the Seminar organised by Centre for Development of Instructional Technology (CENDIT) on 2 May 1984 at New Delhi.

SPECIAL ISSUE OF DSJ

A special issue of Defence Science Journal on 'Defence Food Research' will be published in April 1984. The papers invited for publication in this issue give a comprehensive view of the various developments in area of food research. Most of the papers are contributed by the scientists from Defence Food Research Laboratory (DFRL), Mysore, Central Food Technological Research Institute (CFTRI), Mysore and Agricultural Research Unit (ARU), Almora.

Shri CP Natarajan, former Director, CFTRI and Dr TR Sharma, Director, DFRL, Mysore are the 'Guest Editors' for this special issue.

LIBRARY ACTIVITIES

112 books and 230 reports in the field of Information Science, Electronics, Chemical Engineering, Naval Science, Military Science, Satellite Communication, Spectroscopy, Computers, Polymers, Remote Sensing, Material Science and Aerodynamics, etc. were received and accessioned.

About 514 books, 341 periodicals and 40 reports were issued on loan to R&D HQs and Labs/Estts. 4837 photo copies of documents were also supplied to different Labs/Estts.

PRINTING ACTIVITIES

Besides routine printing and binding jobs of Defence R&D HQs and Metcalfe House Complex 25,000 impressions were taken out by offset process. Multicolour brochures on the occasion of Silver Jubilee Celebrations were also printed.

APPRECIATIONS FOR DESIDOC

Maj Gen RS Chawla, Director, Dte. of Combat Vehicles, in his letter dated 31 March 1984 writes, "..... on the occasion of Silver Jubilee Celebrations The function marked and reconfirmed to all of us the able leadership which the DESIDOC has and in which the organisation has advanced tremendously.....".

In his another letter dated 16 April 1984, Maj Gen RS Chawla writes, "..... the efficiency by which the task has been done, is really stimulating.....".

BOOK PUBLISHED

A book entitled "Mental Retardation and Learning" has been written by Dr SK Goel, JSO of DESIDOC.

The book aims at making complete psychological assessment of mental retardates by administering standard psychological tests suitable for Indian conditions, and facilitating the learning capacity of mental retardates by using isolation and programming devices.

The book has been published by National Psychological Corporation, Agra.

AWARD OF Ph D DEGREE

Shri SP Rawal, JSO of DESIDOC has been awarded the Degree of Doctor of Philosophy by the University of Delhi in the annual convocation held in March 1984. The topic of the dissertation is, "Participative Science in the People's Republic of China: A study of open-door scientific research".

Our hearty congratulations to Dr SP Rawal on the honour conferred on him.

NEW EQUIPMENT PROCURED

DESIDOC has acquired a new machine for use by the draughtsman called Rotring NC-Scriber. It is a programme-controlled lettering and drawing machine which reduces 80 percent of the time of the draughtsman from tedious routine work. NC-Scriber offers lettering, numbering, dimensioning, symbols, etc with provision of spacing with absolute precision and in exact proportion. The lettering could be in capital or

small, inclined, horizontal or vertical. Letter sizes vary from 1 mm to 30 mm in increments of 0.1 mm. Different cassettes can be used covering different types of letters and symbols.

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the workers to exhibit their good work in various fields. The exposition included display of hardware, such as, Computer Terminal, Word Processor, Electronic Typewriters (Network machines), IBM Composing Machine, Microfilm/Microfiche Reader, Automatic High-Speed Copier, Rotring NC-Scriber, and some display charts. A demonstration of computer-based information system developed by DESIDOC was displayed on the computer terminal, which was witnessed by officers from Defence R&D HQrs; Dept. of Library & Information Science, Delhi University; INSDOC; members of the Govt. of India Librarians Association; Indian Library Association, and Delhi Library Association.

The evening was devoted to a cultural programme which presented a high class concert of music and dance and was witnessed by over 300 guests. It featured devotional songs, ghazals, flute recital, vocal and classical music and Kuchipudi dance by celebrated artists.



Km Ramaa Krishnamurthi (guest artist) performing kuchipudi dance.*

Dr M Krishnamurthi, CCR&D complimented DESIDOC for arranging such a good show, which was first of its kind so far held in the Metcalfe House Complex.



A section of the audience at Silver Jubilee Celebrations.

DESIDOC also organised a series of programmes from Dec-1983 to Mar-1984 for the occasion which was for all of us to rejoice and take pride of.

Special Lectures

A number of lectures were delivered by the specialists from various institutions in the area of Library and Information Science to acquaint DESIDOC officers and staff with the latest developments in the field.

Hindi Workshop

For encouraging the use of official language in day-to-day work, a Hindi Workshop was organised from 27 Feb – 15 March 1984. In all 25 trainees, both from Hindi and non-Hindi speaking regions and working in five Establishments viz. DESIDOC, DSC, DTRL, ISSA and SAG, located in the Metcalfe House complex, participated in the Workshop.

The faculty comprised: Dr Pandu Ranga Rao, Director (Hindi), UPSC, S/Shri Narayana Kumar, Hindi Officer, Ministry of External Affairs; VK Jaiswal, Senior Hindi Officer, Deptt. of Atomic Energy; Hari Babu Kansal, Retd. Hindi Officer, SS Sharma, Editor, Vigyan Pragati, PID, CSIR; Turshan Pal Pathak, Editor, Bharat Ki Sampada, PID, CSIR; Sachida Nand Sharma, Asst. Director, Official Language, Ministry of Defence; MML Sharma, Chief Translation Officer, Army HQrs.

During the course of study emphasis was laid on Hindi letter writing, noting, drafting, scientific vocabulary and technical reporting, etc. Special lectures were also delivered on topics of general interest. Competitions were also arranged for essay writing, noting, drafting, declamation and poetry recitation. Evaluation was made by a panel of judges comprising mostly outside experts.

Sports

Various indoor and outdoor competitive events in which workers of DESIDOC took part with zeal and enthusiasm were arranged. The events were:

- * Volley-ball championship (Team event)
- * Carrom doubles championship (Team event)
- * Carrom singles championship
- * Chess championship
- * Musical chair (for ladies)
- * Ball and spoon race (for ladies)

Thirty prizes for the winners of the various events were distributed.

DESIDOC also participated in the inter-establishments Volley-ball championship organised by INMAS, and Carrom singles and doubles championship organised by SPL.

The officers and staff were entertained with packed lunch as a part of festivity, which was appreciated by all. The workers were also presented with a steel lunch box as memento.

HONOURS

On completion of 25 years of service in DRDO the following officers and staff were honoured with salvers on the occasion of DRDO Silver Jubilee Celebrations:

1. Shri RK Paul, Sci 'D'
2. " VK Rangra, Sci 'D'
3. " SN Mehta, Sci 'D'
4. " BS Sharma, Sci 'D'
5. " Ram Kishore, Sci 'D'
6. " RL Mukhi, Sci 'C'
7. " ML Kakar, Sci 'B'
8. " DS Negi, JSO
9. " OP Paliwal, VTO
10. " Jagpal Singh, UDC

PERSONNEL NEWS

Appointments

Shri BC Sharma – Store Officer	wef	15.9.83
Smt Shashi Tyagi – Sci. 'B'	wef	9.2.84
Shri Devraj Sharma – Civ MT Driver	wef	15.3.84
Shri Devinder Singh – Civ MT Driver	wef	31.3.84
Miss Rita Sukla – Sci. 'B'	wef	26.4.84
Miss Chandra Kala – LDC	wef	7.4.84
Miss Rita Nagpal – LDC	wef	9.4.84
Miss Vanita Suri – LDC	wef	9.4.84

DESIDOC extends them a warm welcome.

Promotions

	from	to	
Shri K Sukul	Sci 'B'	Sci 'C'	1.7.83
Shri BK Nigam	Sci 'B'	Sci 'C'	1.7.83
Smt KK Mittal	Sci 'A'	Sci 'B'	1.7.83
Shri SK Tyagi	JSA	SSA	21.3.84

Hearty Congratulations to them.

Transfers

	from	to	
Shri OP Uppal, Steno	DESIDOC	SSPL	27.2.84
Shri SC Singhal, SSA	DESIDOC	ISSA	3.4.84
Shri Dal Chand, JSA	DESIDOC	SAG	16.5.84

DESIDOC wishes them success in the new establishments.

VISITS

Maj Gen C Sundaram, Retd. DGI, Min. of Defence on 25 April 1984.

Shri M Gopal Rao, Director, SSPL on 25 April 1984.