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Dear Colleague,

We, the Professional Colleagues, Friends and Scholars, take the pleasure to inform you that we would like to bring out a **Festschrift volume** in honour of **Prof. S. Sudarshan Rao** for his immense contribution and service to the field of Library and Information Science.

Prof.S.Sudarshan Rao is one of the best LIS Teachers and Academic Administrators in the country having about 25 years of Teaching, Research, Administration and vast experience as a professional Librarian.

Prof. Rao is superannuating in the month of August 2012 as Professor and Head, Department of Library and Information Science, Osmania University. He holds a Master Degree in Sociology and Master Degree and Ph.D. in LIS from Osmania University. Prof. Rao is the Coordinator, Post Graduate Diploma in Digital Information Management (PGDDIM). He served the OU as Additional Controller of Examinations (Confidential) and Principal, University College of Arts and Social Sciences, OU. He also served as Chairman, Board of Studies in LIS, OU for three terms. He served as Librarian/LIS Professional in various libraries such as The British Library, Hyderabad, Centre for Economic and Social Sciences (CESS), Hyderabad, MVSR Engineering College and College of Social Work, Hyderabad.

Prof. Rao has edited 12 Monographs and published about 60 Research papers in various Professional Journals, Conferences and Seminar Volumes. He has guided 5 Ph.Ds, 14 M.Phil Scholars in LIS and organised several National Seminars, Workshops for the benefit of LIS Professionals. He is a Resource Person for various Universities and also delivered extension lectures.

Prof. Rao has served as General Secretary, IATLIS for two terms. He was also the President of ALSD, he is the recipient of **Parvathaneni Gangadhar Rao Memorial Award 2009** and **IATLIS Motiwale Best LIS Teacher Award 2010**. He is a Life Member of Professional bodies such as, ILA, IASLIC, IATLIS, ALSD, APLA and OGA.

To highlight his contributions and special interest in Information Retrieval theory /Techniques, the theme of the festschrift volume has been chosen as **"Future Directions in Information Management"** with the following sub-themes.

*Issues in Information Management*  
*Management of Electronic Resources*  
*Information storage and retrieval*  
*Bibliographic Organisation and Control*  
*ICT Skills for LIS Professionals*  
*Information Literacy*

*Digital Libraries/ Institutional Repositories*  
*Preservation and Conservation*  
*Issues relating to Collection Development*  
*Trends in Library Classification/Cataloguing*  
*Semantic Web Technologies*

We request you to contribute an original Article on any of the above themes or related themes on or before **15<sup>th</sup> July 2012**. The length of the paper may be around 5000 words in Word document following the MLA style for citations. The paper should be sent to Dr.S.Yadagiri, DLIS, OU, Hyderabad – 7, by post along with a soft copy (MS-Word) via e-mail to [ssraofest@gmail.com](mailto:ssraofest@gmail.com). The volume will be published with ISBN number and one copy of the Festschrift volume will be sent to the first author of the accepted paper.

We look forward for your positive response in this regard.  
With best wishes

  
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