#### 11th Documentation Centres Meet

15-17 March 2010, Yuva Drishti, Kharghar, Mumbai

Organised by Akshara, Aalochana and CED, March 15-17<sup>th</sup>, 2010, Yuva Centre, Kharghar, New Mumbai

(Miinutes is incomplete, Aalochana is working on it)

## Summary of the points Dissussed

Documentation or Resource Centre Related:

- Exploring and using Open Source Options for the Net like Jhoomla, Browsers and catalogues management
- The growing importance of keywords for finding info over classification systems
- Users do not want to pay for info as it is freely available on the Net.
- Avinash Jha spoke about 'alternative' and 'traditional' knowledge as versus mainstream knowledge
- Sunil Abrahams appealed to piracy as a challenge to intellectual property rights and copyrights issues.

### **Internet Related:**

- Going beyond the regular use of the Website. Loading video as links on YouTube. If viewers want the CD then they can ask for it on e mail.
- The use of Facebook for disseminating info and events
- Software like Constant Contact for mass e mails

### **Publications Related:**

- Some organizations were putting up all their publications on the Net and giving off their hard copies free of cost to groups or individuals
- Some were using mainstream distributors and bookstores
- Most sell them during conferences and meetings
- Suggestion: of forming a NGOAmazon or selling on the Net
- Another suggestion was to collectively hire a person to market our publications for us.
- It was said that we need visibility in order to sell or circulate our books.

# **Agenda for DCM 11**

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15th Monday, 2010

**Noon Session**: Introductions of participating organisations

**Post Tea Session**: Listing of Discussion Topics

**Planning Sessions** 

16<sup>th</sup> Tuesday, 2010

**Morning Session**: Changing Context: info environment and technologies

Presentations by Geeta Seshu: print media [confirmed]
Stalin K: documentary films [confirmed]
John D'souza: pre and post Internet [confirmed]
Unconfirmed: alternative publishing

Discussions

Noon Session: Experiences of Resource Centres using Old and New Media

17<sup>th</sup> Wednesday, 2010

Morning Session: exercise: visioning new strategies

The Way Forward: sharing work/in house/outsourcing