



3. Reader's Feedback

- "..... I liked the INSROT scheme proposed in your newsletter VishwaBharat@tdil January 2002 issue received recently. It is very nice. Make effective use of 'h' as an operator. It is also reversible. My congratulations..."

-Prof. Rajeev Sangal, Director IIIT, Hyderabad
E-mail : sangal@iiit.net

- "..... Thankyou for sending me a copy of the 5th issue of the newsletter "VishwaBharat@tdil". I received the previous 4th issue also some months ago. These issues are excellently produced and carry a lot of useful information. I congratulate you & your colleagues engaged in this project for coming out with these issues.

-Prof. R. Narasimhan, E-mail : rn@ncb.ernet.in

- "..... It is very informative and may be useful for developing our programme Initiative B@bel. This programme is foreseen to start in 2002 and we hope it will contribute to the implementation of the Recommendation on the promotion and use of multilingualism in cyberspace, which will be submitted for approval to the forthcoming session of our General Conference."

-Victor Montviloff, UNESCO, Paris
E-mail : VMontViloff@unesco.org

- ".....We read with interest about your initiatives in India, especially the TDIL (Technology Development for Indian Language) and 'Digital Unite and knowledge for All' projects and the possibility of setting up a Technological Interchange mechanism. We in ILCA (Instituto de Lengua Cultura Aymara) are very interested in the advances in language technology that you are making, and wish to know more about them, to see how we can apply similar measures here."

- Juan de Dios Yapita,
Instituto de Lengua Cultura Aymara,
Bolivia, Sudamerica E-mail : ilca@mail.megalink.com

- ".....You brought so much useful and important information it was a great pleasure to me to find out that so much had been achieved over the two years since my previous visit to India. I would particularly appreciate something that described and catalogued the technologies now available, as described in the excellent booklet that was distributed."

-Prof. Pat Hall, Open University, Milton Keynes
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- ".....Thanks for the fourth issue of the TDIL Newsletter. Nowadays there is so much work under way on various aspects of the computerisation of Indian languages that no one person can hope to keep up to date with it all. Your Newsletter acts as a very valuable clearing house for this information — it lets users know what software is under production, and it gives producers a chance to give advance publicity to the projects they are working on. This is a very valuable service : no more duplicated effort, no more multiple "standards", no more working in the dark. Keep up the good work!"

-Dr. J.D. Smith, Faculty of Oriental Studies, Sidgwick Avenue, Cambridge CB3 9DA
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4. Universal Digital Library

Workshop on Universal Digital Library (UDL)
at Carnegie Mellon University, Pittsburgh, USA
on 26 - 31 May 2002

Universal Digital Library (UDL)

Vision

- Digitally preserve literary, artistic and scientific information.
- Make the works of man permanently accessible to the billions of people all over the world.
- A Library through free access on the Internet, will improve the global society in ways beyond measurement.
- The Internet will house a Universal Library that is free to the people.

Mission

- Create the Universal Library with a free-to-read, searchable collection of one million books.
 - Make available 10 million books in 10 years accessible to everyone
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| High School Library | < 30,000 Books. |
| Most Libraries in world | < 1 Millions Books |
| Total no. of Books indexed in OCLC database | 48 Million. |

One Million books on web will be bigger than what first rank university Libraries hold.

- One Million books gives us an excellent tested material for language processing research in
 - Machine translation
 - Summarization
 - Intelligent indexing
 - Information Retrieval

Goals

Primary Objective

- Digitizing 1 million books (less than 1% of all books in all languages ever published) by 2005.

Secondary Objective

- A test bed for other researchers working on improved optical character recognition, and improved indexing.