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Press Release

2nd International Conference of Asian Libraries inaugurated at JMI

A three-day international conference on “Expanding Digital Footprints: Role of Libraries and Information Centres” jointly organized by Jamia Millia Islamia and Asian Library Association was today inaugurated at Dr Zakir Husain Library by Vice Chancellor JMI, Prof Talat Ahmad.

The 2nd International Conference of Asian Libraries, ASIALA-2017 attended by nearly 300 delegates from all parts of the country and abroad includes 6 invited talks by eminent experts, 8 technical sessions, 3 policy dialogues and 85 paper presentations.

Inaugurating the conference ‘Expanding Digital Footprints: Role of Libraries & Information Centres’, JMI Vice Chancellor, Prof. Talat Ahmad said that the university library has been digitalized and students can now access their study material even from home.

Students should make use of the digital access facility so that they perform well in their studies; Prof. Ahmad said adding that libraries of several universities including JMI were making extra efforts to simplify the process of accessing books through digital means for their benefit.

Dr Arun Kumar Chakraborty, Director General, Raja Rammohan Roy Library Foundation, Kolkatta in his keynote address, said that earlier students had to visit libraries but now because of digitalization they can access study materials from anywhere and they should take full advantage of this.

Dismissing the view that readership is declining, he said that on the contrary, it was rising as more and more people are reading digital books which are available easily and free of cost anywhere, anytime.

Vice Chancellor of Jamia Hamdard, Prof. Seyed Ehtesham Hasnain said that students should take advantage of digitalization to collect data as has been a practice by scholars in the West.

The objectives of the conference are to discuss how libraries can play a key role in realizing the government’s mission of “Digital India” both by providing intellectual and social spaces and access. The conference hopes to leverage libraries towards building a just, inclusive and equal society through e-governance. The conference proposes to upfront the issues of libraries with a focus to support not only information seeking and discovery but also community interaction and collaboration.

The special attraction of the conference is its two important workshops---a workshop on “Digitisation Standards and workflows at the British Library” for which a special team of experts from the British Library, London, UK are visiting JMI to take part in the conference tomorrow.

A second workshop would be conducted by UNESCO on the theme “Media and Information Literacy” on 28th Oct. 2017.

The conference would also include other aspects of LIS such as Social Media, Cloud Computing, Content Management Systems, Discovery & Remote Access, Plagiarism, Open Access, E-Learning, Library Outreach, Digital Repositories, Skill Development, etc.

Among others who spoke today were JMI’s University Librarian Dr Hasan Jamal Abidi, who is also the organizing secretary of the conference, Librarian of Stephen’s College, Delhi University Dr Raj Kumar Bhardwaj and Dr Tariq Ashraf of University of Delhi (South Campus).

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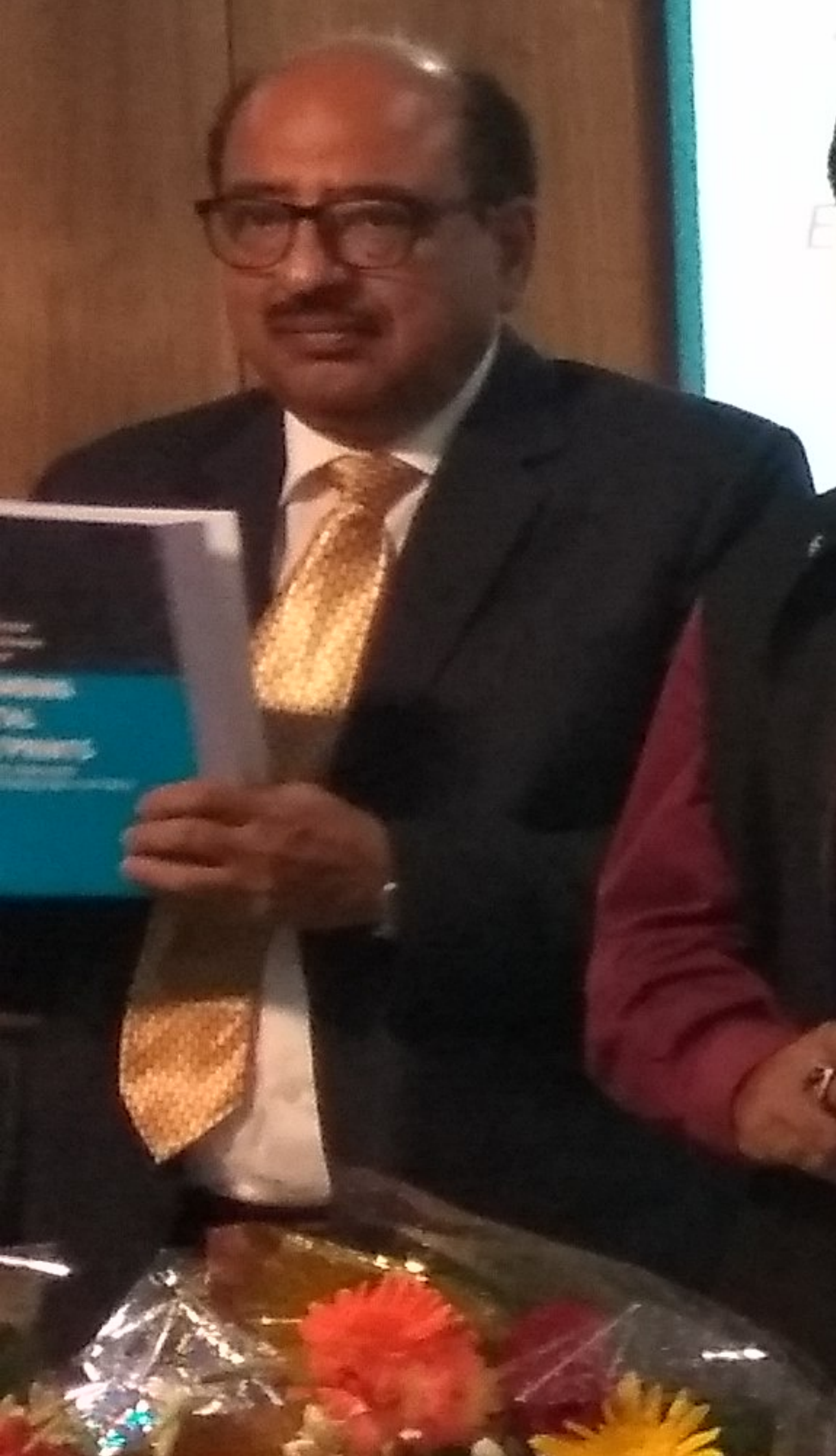




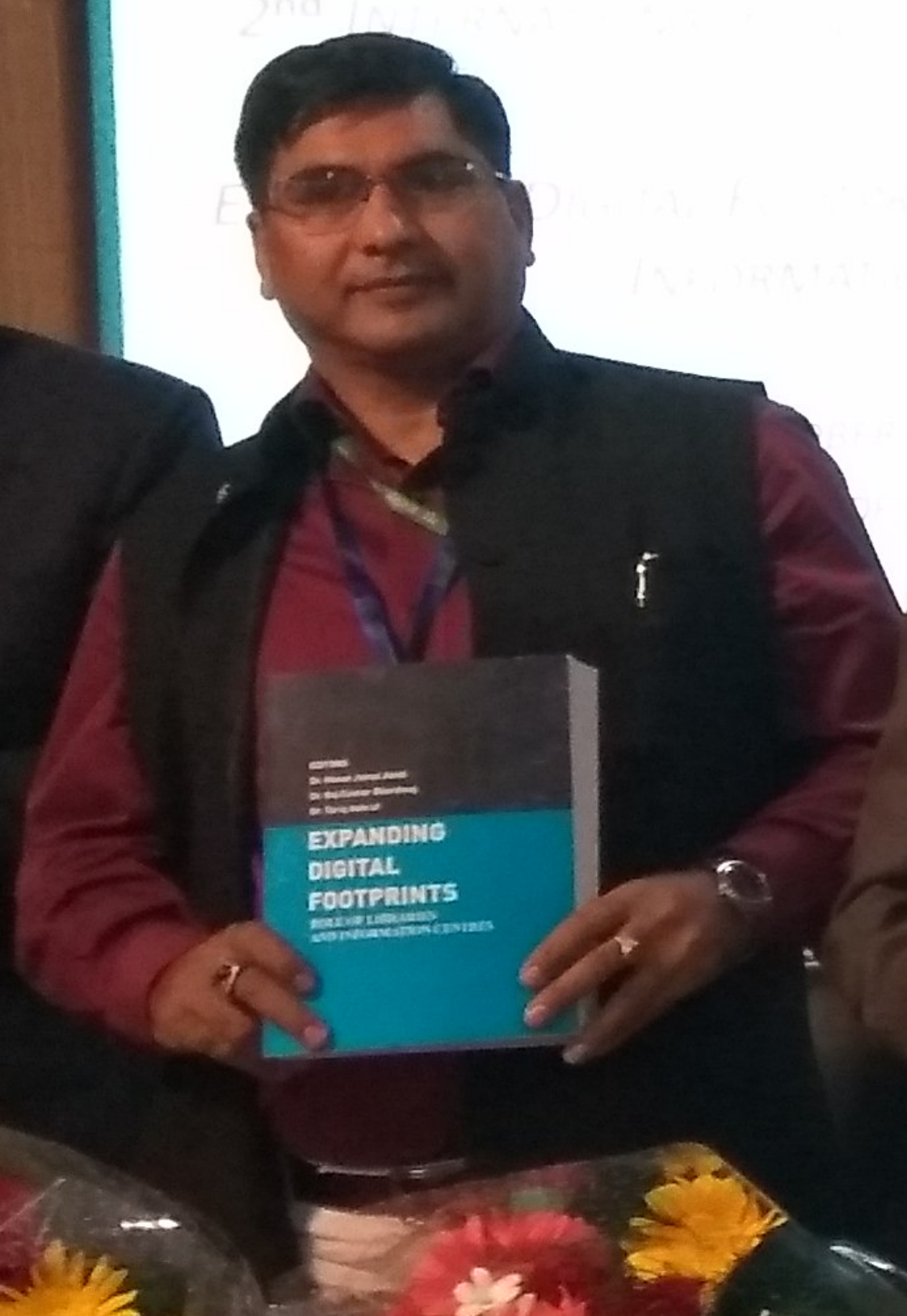
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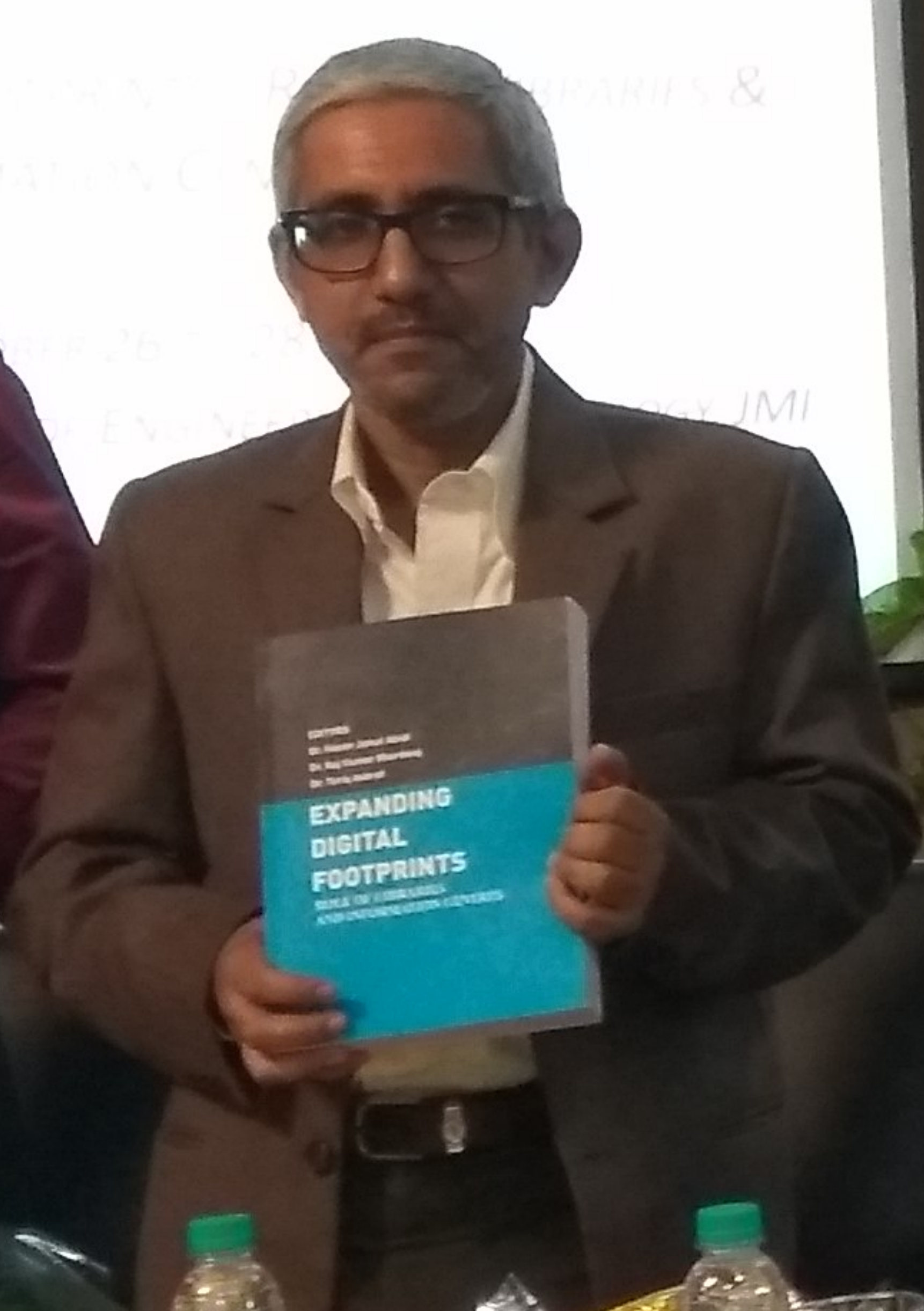
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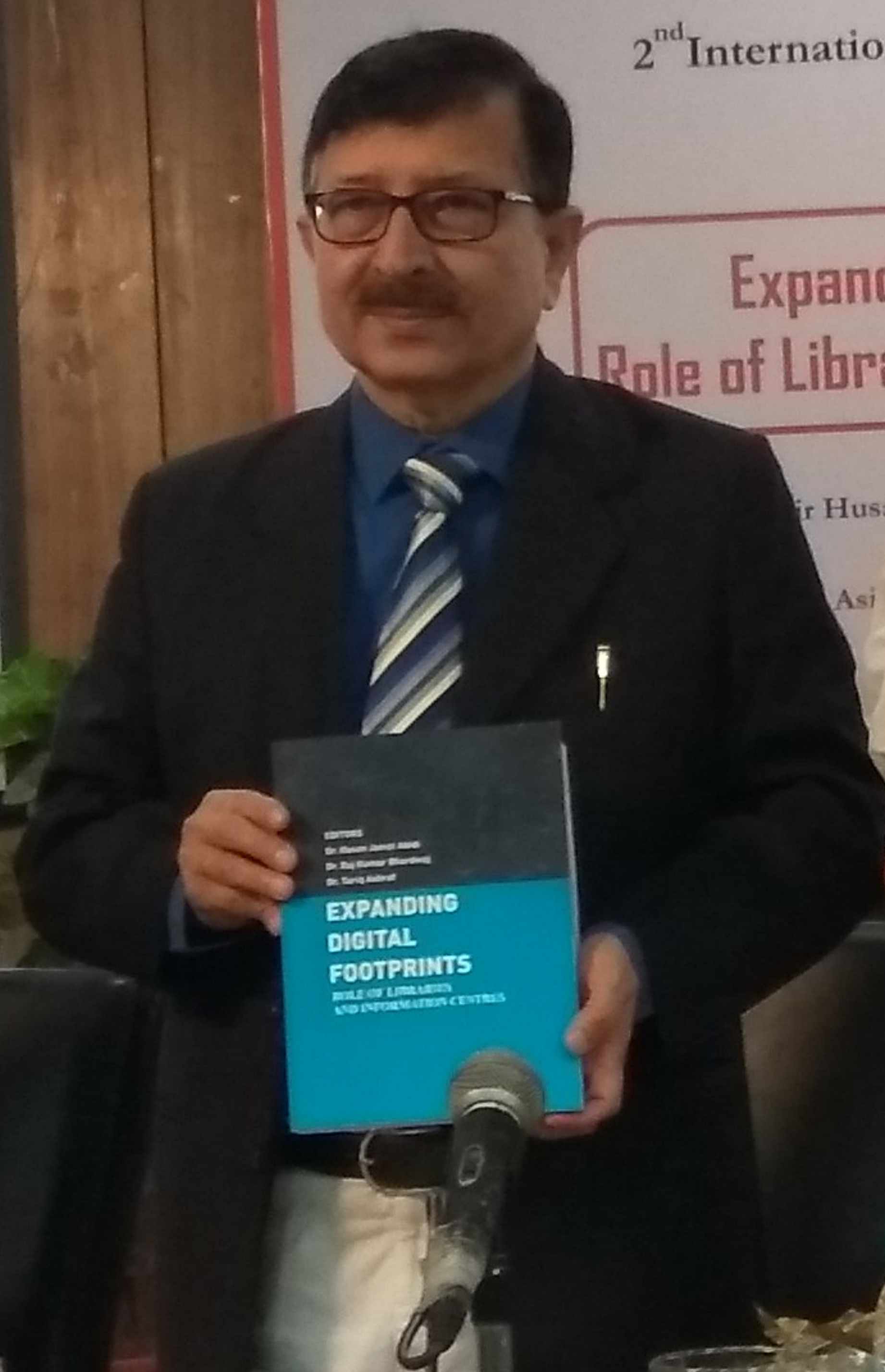
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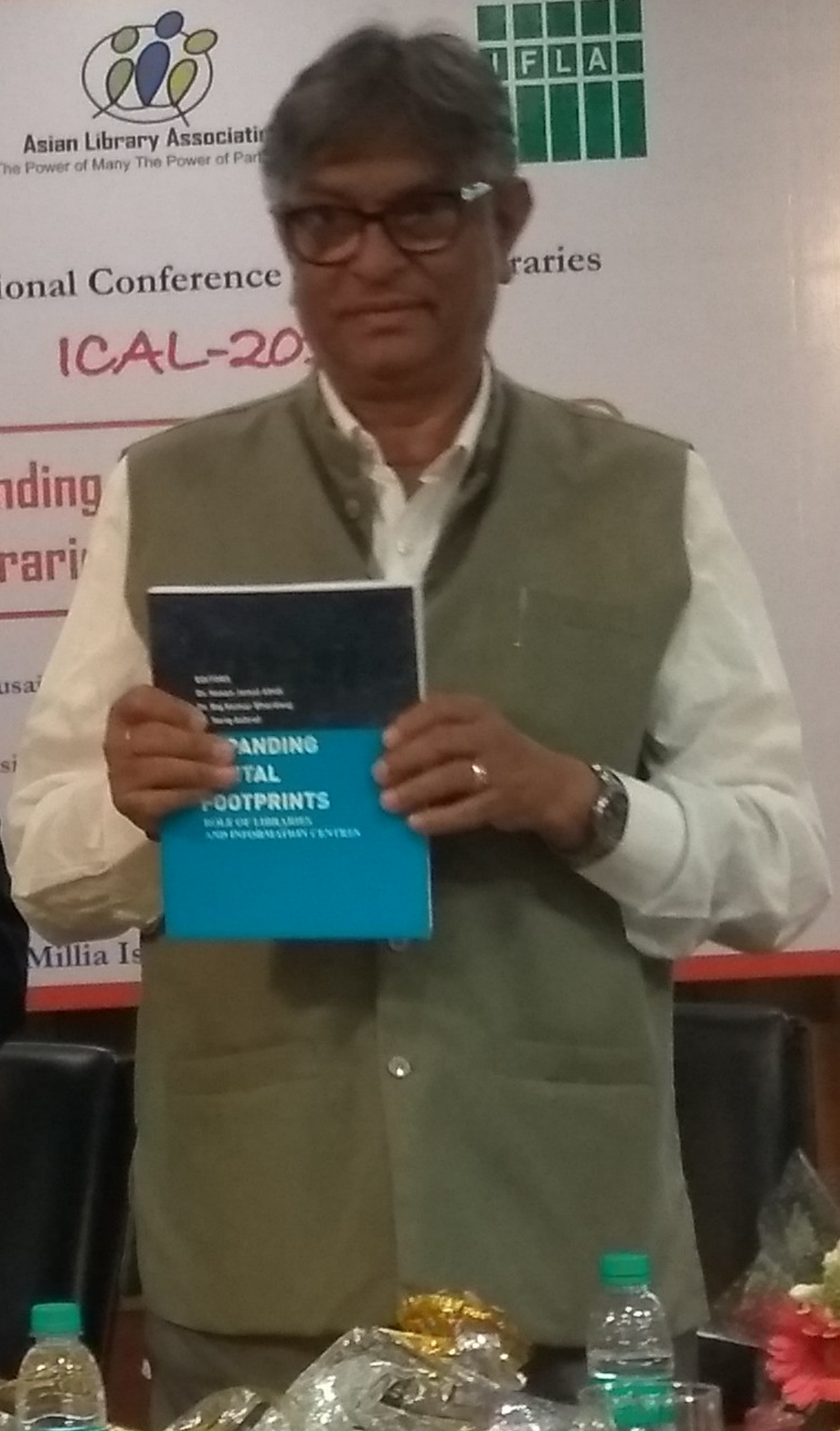
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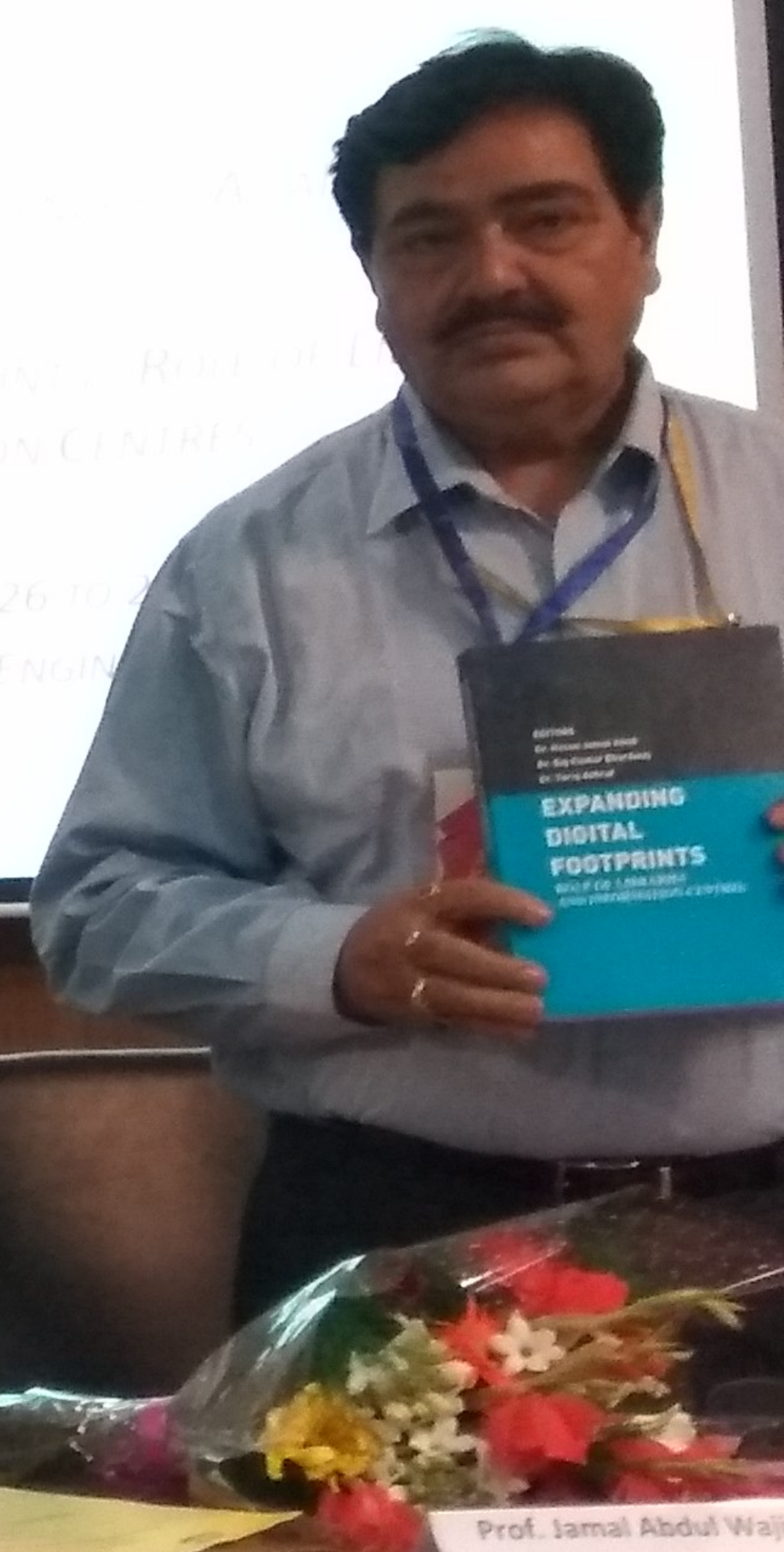
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