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Librarian's Day-2019 & Re-union

On the remembrance of the legendary birth anniversary of Dr. S. R. Ranganathan, Librarian's Day celebrated usually on either 9th or 12th of August all over in India. Visva-Bharati Library Network (VBLN), celebrated the Librarian's Day on 19 August 2019 (Monday), at conference hall, Central Library, Visva-Bharati at 5.30 pm onwards.

The programme has been started in presence of Prof. Nikhilesh Ranjan Chowdhury, Vice Chancellor (Acting), Dr. Tanmoy Nag, Deputy Registrar and CS to VC in addition to around 75 retired and present library professionals. During their short speech Prof. Chowdhury and Dr Nag has expressed their appreciation of the initiative take by the library authority.

To mark the Librarians' day, this year some more issues have been added and the entire event has been divided into two parts i.e. I) Librarians' Day – 2019 and II) Re-union (among Ex and Present Library Professionals of VBLN).

I) Librarians' Day – 2019: Librarians' day has been celebrated as below to commemorate birth anniversary of Dr. S. R. Ranganathan Iyer, the father of Indian Library and Information Science;

a) **Tree plantation at the Central Library premises:** At the outset, all the Ex and present Library professionals have been invited to gather at the back side of the library premises to plant few trees those were supplied by the university Garden Dept. All the retired employees are requested for plant the trees and present staff are supposed to assist them. All the library professionals were so pleased to plant the trees and have a group photo on the way to Conference Hall.

b) **Rakhi Bandhan:** To explore the message of bonding our relationship, before entering in the Conference Hall Rakhi Bandhan (Raksha Bandhan) is being done to each and every professionals present. The Rakhi Bandhan is nicely managed by our female colleagues.

The programme has been started in presence of Prof. Nikhilesh Ranjan Chowdhury, Vice Chancellor (Acting), Dr. Tanmoy Nag, Deputy Registrar and CS to VC in addition to around 75 retired and present library professionals. Then Vice Chancellor (Acting), Prof. Nirmalya Banerjee, Prof. In-charge, Dr. Subodh Gopal Nandi, Former University Librarian and Sri Sourindra Nath Bandyopadhyay, former Deputy librarian, and CS to VC are being invited to take chair on the dais. After receiving the guests, condolence is being done in memory of late Kalipada Chowdhury and Late Utpal Mukherjee.

After opening song by library colleagues, guests and all are requested to offer floral tribute to portraits of Dr. S. R. Ranganatha and Gurudeva Rabindranath Tagore. After this. welcome speech is being delivered by Prof.-in-Charge and

and state the reasons for organising the event. During their short speech Prof. Chowdhury and Dr Nag has expressed their appreciation of the initiative take by the library authority. To commemorate the Librarians' Day, felicitation is being arranged for the following:

Felicitations:

- c) **Best Users' Award 2018:** VBLN initiated best Users' Award every year to encourage students/scholars to encourage them for maximum usage of library resources and facilities. For the year 2018 best Users' Award given to Suresh R. Kashiwar, Research Scholar, PSB for his usage of library resources and suggestion to up-hold the library services and activities. He was overwhelmed and delivered his feeling before the gathering and submit write-up for News Letter. In one word he told that services of VBLN is much better than comparing BHU library, (he was a student of BHU too).
- c) **Felicitations: ii) To one visually impaired student:** Sri. Shibnath Dutta, Department of Bengali, a visually impaired student has successfully cleared UGC-NET with JRF. He is the only JRF from his department for the June 2019. In course of his feeling experience of library use, he has extended his gratitude to the Library for proper services and request to update the library services for their more assistance.
- c) **Felicitations: iii) To Sri Somesh Visvakarma:** on this special day Sri. Somesh Visvakarma, Assistant Librarian, JNU, was in the library to collect data for his research work. After listening our schedule of the program being a library professional, he has expressed his desire to witness the event. During the program he has been felicitated and he expressed his views for VBLN and found himself lucky to witness the event.

The Sri Sourindranath Bandyopadhyay is invited to deliver his speech to grace the Librarians Day. The title of his deliberation was "Visva-Bharati Library: past and Present". The lecture was highly informative to the present staff to look-back the prod history of Visva-Bharati library. He has uttered many names for their remarkable contribution for the actual development of the visva-bharati library and reshaping its structure. His thought-provoking lecture was interesting and cordially accepted by the staff present.

As session chair, Dr. Subodh Gopal Nandi has passed concluding remarks based on his experience and extend thanks to Sri Bandyopadhyay for his outstanding deliberations.

After this, Dr Partha Pratim Roy, Deputy Librarian and In-charge, PSB Library has also delivered a speech on 'Sahaj Path' based on his current research which was also exceptional in its nature. With these, the observation of Librarians Day-2019 is being concluded.

II) Re-union (among Ex and Present Library Professionals of VBLN): it is an exceptional drive of VBLN to organise the re-union among the ex and present library professionals which was initiated from the last year. During, the first re-union-2018, all the ex-library professionals have expressed their gratefulness to library authority and request to continue. On their request, this year second re-union is being organised. Many library professionals expressed that; this happens to be the only university library who have organize such an exceptional event. The basic objective of organizing this event is to get introduction with not only the retired library professionals but also to aware the history of the VB library which have immense value on the way of balancing in between tradionality and modernity. Moreover, it is needless to note to have mental refreshment of the extreme senior library professionals who might have a scope to aware how their left-out work is being carried out by the present staff. This year, in addition to speech few cultural items was included to add different flavour in the re-union.

The re-union was started with the introductory speech given by Dr. Nimai Chand Saha, Librarian, Central Library. In his speech Dr. Saha said the background and essence of the Re-union among the retired and library staffs. The programme includes recitations (Sri Sukumar Das and Mafizul islam), Self-created Kabita Path (Prof. Monoranjan Pradhan and Sri Keshab Chandra Sinha) Shritu Natak (Smt. Mridula Bhattacharya Gupta, Sri Smritimoy Ghosh, Sri Prasun Kanti Ghosal) and finally, magic play by Sri Biswanath Kisku. Smt Suchismita Sarkar and Sri Sarada Ranjan Banerjee have passed their speech on behalf of the Retired and present library professionals, respectively.

Sri Debashis Roy is requested to offer word of thanks. The program was ended with Ashram Sangeet and national anthem. All are seeming excited and overwhelmed to celebrate today's programme.

Students Remarks (Sumedh R Kashiwar Department of Soil Science and Agricultural Chemistry) Best Uesr-2018: I am using



Central library since three years regularly for my research studies and noticed that the Visva-Bharati Central library is far premier than my earlier institutes in terms of OPAC, literature availability, online resources, well equipped and fully furnished reading room and journal section and more importantly all these facilities are available throughout the week. The entire library staff is extremely polite, helpful and they have dedicated themselves in the betterment and practicality of the library. As an example of practicality, in left side of entrance a "First AID" box is placed for students and staff safety, another thing in reading room where a stand is placed below the charging port for keeping the devices and tables are used in reading room as well as in Journal section are beneficial in zero disturbance. I have accessed dedicated computer room and completed two specialization courses in Remote Sensing. For my Ph.D. research, I am using all the remote access services provided by the library, URKUND-

Plagiarism software and Reading room as well as Journal section of library. Currently the library is providing resource accessibility which are required by the students. For proper use, we being students need to maintain discipline inside the library with utmost care of the library resources. Last but not least, the library is much scholar friendly and have ample scope to approach anything required for the research work to the library authority. I am really grateful to the central library for its wide resources, services, time span and at the same time PSB library for the entire journey of my research work.

SOME RECENT ACTIVITIES:

- **Librarians Day-2019:** Librarians day-2019 has been observed on 19 August 2019
- **Re-union -2019:** Re-union 2019 has been arranged on 19 August 2019
- **Library Orientation Programmes**

Central Library: As requested by Head of the Dept. the library orientation Programme has been organized by the Central Library

- a) for the students of Dept. of Physical Education on 06 August. Total 59 UG & PG students have attended the programme.
- b) for the students of Dept. of Silpa Sadana on 20 August. Total 52 UG & PG students have attended the programme.

Siksha Bhavana Library: on 25th August at 11a.m. and 3p.m. for newly admitted U.G. & P.G. students of Siksha-Bhavana for the academic year 2019-20. To aware the students Library resources, Online databases, Institutional Repository, Magazines, Newspapers, Library OPAC, Library rules, Library hours and important announcement in the Visva-Bharati Library website. Total 40 U.G. students from Physics, ISERC and Botany are attended the Library Orientation Programme. These Orientation programmes were coordinated by Dr. Sanat Bhattacharya, Librarian-in-Charge, Siksha-Bhavana Library and Sri Anshuman Banerjee, Professional Assistant, SBL. The programme was overall managed by our Semi-Professional, Sri Saradindu Sarkar.

- **Special Session:** As requested by the candidates one special session has been organized on “How to face personality test for the College Librarian (for WBCSC)” on 17 August 2019 and the same has been attended by total nine candidates.
- **‘Debate’ organized at Siksha-Bhavana library:** a debate competition for the students on “Worst Democracy is better than ideal autocracy” has been arranged to motivate the University students and to develop oral communication style, presentation skill, speed of delivery, analysis and evidence for debates. The Debate started with a good speech by Dr. Nimai Chand Saha, Librarian, Central Library. Dr. Sudipta Das, Assistant Professor, Dept. of Physics and Dr. Saran Ishika Maiti, Assistant Professor, Dept. of Statistics have been invited to act as Judge of the debate. Total 21 students have participated in debates competition. Koushiki Bhattacharya, U.G. (Zoology) obtained the 1st Prize, Arka Karmakar, P.G. (ENVS) obtained 2nd Prize and Arpan Bagdi, U.G. (Maths) obtained 3rd Prize. The Debate programme ended with a beautiful song sung by Dhananjay Dhibar, Sangit Bhavna and his team. Prize distributed by Professor Rup Kumar Kar (Botany), Professor Santanu Ray (Zoology) and Dr Surjya Kumar Saikia, Assistant Professor (Zoology).

➤ **Visitors:**

- a) Professor Sugata Bose, Gardiner Professor of Oceanic History and Affairs, Harvard University, has visited Central Library on 13 August 2019 and expressed his satisfaction.
- b) Eight (08) distinguished visitors from Institute of South Asian Studies, Sichuan University, China have been visited Cheena-Bhavana Library on 18th August 2019.

➤ **Exhibition and Celebration of Important Days at Reference Section, Central Library:** Organized three special exhibitions of books and allied materials including quotations and photographs to celebrate;

- a) 127th birth anniversary of Dr S. R. Ranganathan who happens to be the Father of Library Science in India on 12 August.
- b) 73rd Independence Day on 15 August 2019
- c) 109th birth anniversary of Mother Teresa on 25 August 2019

➤ **Exhibition of Books:** Hindi Bhavana Library has organized a Book Exhibition on ‘Tulsidas Sahitya’ in its library on the occasion of Tulsi Jayanti on 10 August 2019. Visitors both VB Fraternity (mostly from Hindi Bhavana) and the invited guests for seminar on the day at Bhavana had an opportunity to browse all types of Tulsi Sahitya books in the exhibition (Photo attached).

➤ **New Services of PSB Library:** Email service containing the content of journals received in PSB Library has been started from August 2019 as a part of Current Awareness Service. This service is being provided to all the departments (n=12) of PSB, and Social work, Palli Charcha Kendra of PSV as well as few departments Siksha Bhavana and Vidya Bhavana.

➤ **Article Delivery Services:** During the month 11no. of soft copies of the articles have been collected and delivered through mail as requested by the academics/scholars.

➤ **New Additions (Books) during the Month**

- **Central Library**

Number of Books received as Purchased: 1078 (Acc. No. 343362 - 435439)

Number of Books received as gift : 0

- **Hindi Bhavana Library**

Number of Books Purchased: 09 (HB36054-HB36062)

Number of Books Received as Gift: 03 (HG274-HG276)

- **Cheena Bhavana Library**

Number of Books Purchased: 20 (CB41119-CB41138)

Number of Books Received as Gift: 25 (CG4913-CG4937)



Obituary: Sri Suman Mukhopadhyay, Former Deputy Librarian, Visva-Bharati, has passed away on 26 August 2019. A condolence meeting has been organized on 31 August 2019. May his aboded soul Rest in Peace.

IMPORTANT LINKS:

NATIONAL MISSION IN EDUCATION THROUGH ICT (Link: www.nmeict.ac.in)

The National Mission on Education through Information and Communication Technology (NMEICT) has been envisaged as a Centrally Sponsored Scheme to leverage the potential of ICT, in teaching and learning process for the benefit of all the learners in Higher Education Institutions in any time anywhere mode. This was expected to be a major intervention in enhancing the Gross Enrolment Ratio (GER) in Higher Education by 5 percentage points during the XI Five Year Plan period. The Mission has two major components:

- providing connectivity, along with provision for access devices, to institutions and learners;
- content generation

NATIONAL PROGRAMME FOR TECHNOLOGY ENHANCED LEARNING (Link: <https://onlinecourses-archive.nptel.ac.in/>): is a joint initiative from IITs and IISc to offer online courses and certification in various topics. Learn for free; Pay a small fee to write an exam and get a certificate New to this site. Please login (use link at the top-right corner) using your Google-account enabled email id. Choose your desired course(s) and use the "Join" link to enrol. It is that easy! Remedial Instructions for Primary school children with Specific Learning Difficulty - September 2019, Course duration: Sept 5th-Oct 27th, 7-week course. 245 Students enrolled.

CONFERENCES/SEMINARS:

- One Week National Workshop on Research Methodology and Ethics: Anti-Plagiarism, Reference Management Tools and Altmetrics will be held in Gandhinagar, Inflibnet. Date(s) of the Event: September 23-28, 2019. Website: <http://hrd.inflibnet.ac.in>
- DeLibEraTe Decoding Library & Information Professionals' Erudition and Tenacity Two day Symposium on Leadership Skills for Library and Information Professionals, Chennai, India Date(s) of the Event. : September 13-14, 2019. Website: <https://www.unom.ac.in>
- ICAL-2020, 4th International Conference of Asian Libraries. Management Libraries: Sustaining Excellence through Innovation, Technology and Repositioning to be held at Lucknow, India. Date(s) of the Event: February 26_ 28, 2019. Website: <http://www.iiml.ac.in>



Library orientation program at Siksha Bhavana Library and Book Exhibition at Hindi Bhavana Library



Debate Competition: Koushiki Bhattacharya, U.G. (Zoology), 1st Prize Winner and Judges are addressing the students



Tree Plantation at PSB Library and at Central Library



Professor Sugata Bose is at Central Library and Students are in que for Library Membership at Central Library



Glimpses of Librarians Day-2019 and Reunion