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Report on “One-day Seminar on Capacity Building of Library Professionals”

“पुस्तकालय व्यावसायिकों के क्षमता निर्माण” पर एक दिवसीय संगोष्ठी पर रिपोर्ट

The Central Library, MANIT Bhopal organized a one-day seminar on “Capacity Building of Library Professionals” on 12th August 2026 in Central Library, MANIT Bhopal, on National Librarians’ Day, commemorating the birth anniversary of Padmashree Dr. S. R. Ranganathan, the father of Library Science in India. The programme aimed to provide a platform for interaction, knowledge sharing, professional learning, and capacity building among library students, faculty members, and library professionals. Approximately 35 library students, faculty and staff attended the programme along with their faculty members.

The programme commenced with a tribute to Padmashree Dr. S. R. Ranganathan. The tribute was offered by Mr. V. K. Mathur, Former Librarian, MANIT Bhopal, Dr. Sandeep Pathak, Librarian, IISER Bhopal, Dr. Venkata Rao Pokuri, Librarian & Head, Mr. Pankaj Kumar Sharma, Deputy Librarian, and Mr. Wasim Rahaman, Assistant Librarian. The tribute marked the significance of National Librarians’ Day and paid homage to the enduring contribution of Dr. Ranganathan to the library profession in India.

Dr. Venkata Rao Pokuri, Librarian & Head, delivered the welcome address. He highlighted the importance of continuous professional development and capacity building for library professionals. Dr. Rao also gave a brief overview of the life and contributions of Dr. S. R. Ranganathan, highlighting his pioneering role in the development of library and information science in India. To further familiarize the participants with his life, work, and contribution to the profession, a video on Dr. S. R. Ranganathan was also presented during the programme.

Mr. Pankaj Kumar Sharma, Deputy Librarian, gave a brief overview of the Central Library, MANIT Bhopal. He explained the key details, facilities, resources, and major services of the library. He highlighted the role of the Central Library in

supporting teaching, learning, research, and other academic activities of the Institute.

Mr. Wasim Rahaman, Assistant Librarian briefed the participants about the new digital initiatives of the Central Library. He briefed various initiatives undertaken to improve user experience and provide modern library services. These included KIBO, Digital Notice Board Kiosk, Digital Bulletin, and several other technology-enabled initiatives of the Central Library.

A presentation was made by the Library Professional Trainees—Mr. Yuvraj Singh, Ms. Megha Raghuwansi, and Mr. Aman Dhakad—on “Utilization of Library Resources and Services by Interns During Their Internship Programme: A Case Study of Central Library, MANIT Bhopal.” The presentation focused on the utilization of library resources and services by interns and included an overview of the study, data analysis, major findings, and recommendations. Mr. Yuvraj Singh introduced the topic, objectives, and scope of the study. He provided an overview of the research problem and explained the purpose of conducting the study among interns. Ms. Megha Raghuwansi presented the data analysis, explaining the major patterns and observations emerging from the responses collected through the survey. Mr. Aman Dhakad presented the major findings and recommendations of the study, highlighting areas for strengthening library support and services for interns. The presentation provided an opportunity for participants to understand how user studies and feedback can help libraries evaluate and improve their services.

Dr. Sandeep Pathak, Librarian, IISER Bhopal delivered and invited talk on “Skills for Library Professionals.” Rather than limiting the session to a conventional lecture, Dr Pathak engaged the students in discussion and encouraged them to share their views and experiences. Dr. Pathak also discussed the new trends emerging in Library and Information Science and explained how technological developments are changing the role of modern library professionals. He briefed the students about the new skills required for providing better and more effective library services, emphasizing the need for continuous learning, digital competencies, communication skills, adaptability, and professional development.

The concluding session was presided over by Dr J. L. Bhagoria, Chairman, LAC addressed the participants and shared a few words of encouragement for the young minds. He appreciated the enthusiasm and participation of the students and emphasized the importance of learning, professional growth, and commitment to the library profession. He also appreciated the efforts of the entire Central Library team for its continuous efforts towards the development and betterment of library services and facilities in the Institute.

As a mark of appreciation, Chairman Shri J. L. Bhagoria presented mementos to Mr. V. K. Mathur, Former Librarian, MANIT Bhopal, and the guest speaker Dr. Sandeep Pathak, Librarian, IISER Bhopal. Mementos were also presented to Dr. Shiva Shrivastava and Dr. Vijay Kumar Anand in recognition of their presence and support. Subsequently, Dr. Venkata Rao Pokuri, Librarian, and Mr. Pankaj Kumar Sharma, Deputy Librarian, presented a memento to Dr J. L. Bhagoria, as a token of appreciation.

The programme concluded with the vote of thanks by Mr. Wasim Rahaman, Assistant Librarian. He expressed sincere gratitude to the Chairman, guest speaker, former librarian, faculty members, library students, and all those who contributed to the successful organization of the programme.

The programme brought together experienced library professionals, faculty members, and young library students and provided them with an opportunity to learn from each other.

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Glimpses of Session





