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Report on the Celebration of “National Reading Day”

“राष्ट्रीय वाचन दिवस” समारोह पर रिपोर्ट

The Central Library, MANIT Bhopal celebrated National Reading Day on June 19th, 2026, on the birth anniversary of Shri P. N. Panicker, the Father of the Library and Literacy Movement in Kerala. The programme was organized with the objective of promoting reading habit among students and creating awareness about the importance of books and lifelong learning. The event witnessed enthusiastic participation from the students and the library staff.

Dr. Venkata Rao Pokuri, Librarian & Head, Central Library, addressed the gathering and highlighted the remarkable contributions of Shri P. N. Panicker towards the development of literacy and library movement in the country. He emphasized the importance of reading in enhancing knowledge, critical thinking, and personal growth.

In 2017, Prime Minister Narendra Modi declared *June 19*, Kerala's Reading Day, as National Reading Day in India. The following month (19th June to 18th July) is also observed as National Reading Month in India.

Dr. Rao encouraged students to cultivate a regular reading habit and make effective use of the rich collection of books, journals, magazines, newspapers, and electronic resources available at the Central Library. He motivated the participants to remember the significance of National Reading Day and to carry forward the message of promoting reading and knowledge sharing in society.

The celebration concluded with the pledge by the participants, followed by a group photograph to commemorate the occasion. The programme was successful in spreading awareness about the importance of reading and inspiring students to develop a lifelong relationship with books, reading and learning.

Dr. Venkata Rao Pokuri

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Glimpses of Session

