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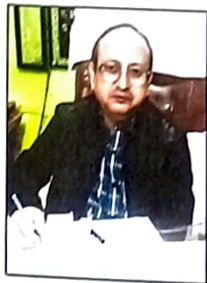
RADHAMADHAB COLLEGE, SILCHAR (ASSAM)

Indian Women in Library and Information Sciences

Like in any other areas of knowledge, women in Library and Information Science has occupied an important position. The introduction of new technologies by her has allowed herself better quality of management and greater excellence in her contacts with her clients/users. New time has brought into development new modes of production, processing, access and transfer of information and in this process the women Librarians and information professionals have become a factor of vital importance. Indian women have excelled in almost all fields of Information Science. The information technology landscape and the information science profession is full of women in India too, who are busy writing programmes, using network systems and delivering applications and documents to clients on time. To name a few, MS Deb Agarwal, a top information scientist at a National Laboratory is a Web Award Winner from India, working at the Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory and serves the comprehensive Nuclear Test Ban Treaty Organization as an expert in the area of multicast communication; Radha Swami Basu is a high-tech entrepreneur and CEO of an important Website called www.support.com. She had also served as General Manager for international software at Hewlett Packard. She is also the founder of Maitri, an empowering organization of South Asian women in the Bay Area; Dr. Suriya, a senior library and

information professional in India and a pioneer in building a digital library in Annamalai University; Dr. Manju Sharma a pioneer scientist of India who is the President of the National Academy of the National Academy of Sciences and secretary to the Govt. of India, Department of Biotechnology, Ministry of Science & Technology; Kalpana Das Gupta has been serving as Librarian in several important organizations like ICAR, National Council of Applied Economic Research, Institute of Defence Studies, Delhi Public Library, National Library, etc. She is actively involved in the planning of the First National Information System in the field of Women and Development and has worked in the academic and teaching programmes in LIS in different universities. Presently, she is the Director, Department of Culture, Ministry of Human Resource Development, Government of India. Also there are other outstanding women scientist in India like Dr. Janaki Ammal, Prof. Ashima Chatterjee, Prof. Anandibai Joshi, Prof. Kasturi Dutta, Dr. Such Bhargava, Prof. Sipra and others. There are thousands of females working as Librarians in India, but only few names has been highlighted here. These Librarians have worked hard to become the best that they can be, contributing immensely to the development of the subject for the cause of mankind so as to aspire all the female Librarians to get inspiration and motivation to work dedicatedly.

Message from the Principal



I feel proud and happy to know that Bipin Chandra Memorial Library, Radhamadhab College, Silchar is going to publish its seventh and eighth edition of Annual Newsletter "INFORMANIA". The publication of the library newsletter reflects the rich academic environment/ atmosphere prevailing in the institution. The very name of this newsletter suggests that it is full of information. Library is the store house of knowledge and a library newsletter can be the mouth piece of the library which will provide information about the services and facilities available in the library for the users. The constant endeavour of the Librarian to improve the services and facilities in the library is really commendable. This newsletter will keep the users informed of the library happenings and resources available in the library.

I wish a grand success of this fabulous newsletter.



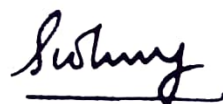
(Dr. Debashish Roy)
Principal

From the desk of the Librarian

I am happy to bring out the 7th and 8th editions of the Annual Newsletter of the library-"Informania", which reflects the activities of the library during the academic session 2020-21 & 2021-22. This intends to keep the library users in touch with the library issues and services. I on behalf of the entire team of library invite you all to the library, make meaningful use of the library and of course give us your valued suggestions so to make improvisations in the library. I feel quite sad to say that the funds and resources in a college library are very limited, which acts as a constraint to bring more developments and introduce better services in the library. Also we shall be motivated more by the presence of the teachers and students in the library. The execution of OPAC, Bar-Code Technology, E-Resources, Online Memberships, Digital Library, Reprography, Internet, Smart Card, etc. are not the only steps; the library intends to develop more options for better services in the coming years. I owe my sincere gratitude to Dr. Debashish Roy, Principal of the college for his vibrant support and approval to publish this newsletter and the members of the Library Committee for their positive advisory role. The library cannot function without my staff members, Sri Galim Gangmei, Library Assistant and Smt. Supriya Roy, Sri Ujjal Karmakar and Sri Chakhuang Rongmei and I owe my gratitude to them. Last but not the least, I thankfully acknowledge the approval of the Publication Cell to publish this newsletter.



With warm regards,



(Dr. Sonali Choudhury Biswas)
Editor

Services provided:

- Computerized Library Database of 19,320 books using SOUL 3.0 Library Management Software.
- Computerized Circulation Service with Bar-code enabled Library Smart Card. Computerized Catalogue (OPAC).
- Library Webpage- www.rmccollege.org/library
- Special Collection on: Barak Valley, North-East, Women Studies, Book Bank, Research Works, Literary Works, etc.
- Internet (with Wi-Fi connection) Digital Library with Clients, Server and Software.
- E-Resources and online memberships of British Council, NLIST
- Reprography.
- Departmental Library.
- Regular subscription of 30 periodicals.
- Annual Library Orientation Programme.
- Binding of books and annual compilation of journals and periodicals
- Specious Reading Room for students and teachers.

Activities during April 2020-March 2022:

1. Library Orientation Programme:



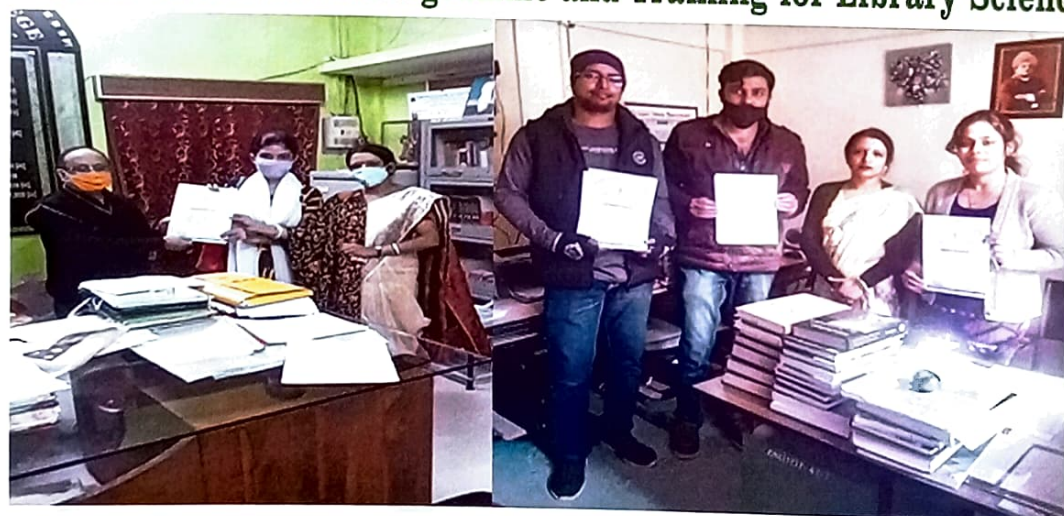
An Orientation Programme was undertaken by the Librarian in presence of Principal to enlighten the students about the services, facilities and e-resources provided by the library on 27/11/2021.

2. Library Literacy Programme:



Library Literacy Programme (under extension activity of the library) was conducted in Kalyan Ashram, Silchar on 09/02/2022 where books, stationeries and other items were donated to the children residing there in the presence of the Secretary of the ashram. A counseling session was also held where the Librarian delivered a brief lecture on Education, ICT and Career opportunities. The programme was attended by the Librarian, Library Staff, members of the Library Committee and student volunteers.

3. Certificate Distribution Programme and Training for Library Science Course:



Certificates for Diploma Course in Library and Information Science (2019-20) were distributed on 17/12/2020 in presence of Principal and the members of the Self-Financing Cell. As a part of the course, a three-week training was held in the library for the students to train them about library operations and management. The library also gives the students the right opportunity for practicals and projects as per the demand of the course.

4. Workshop on Cyber Security and GST:

A One-Day workshop on "Cyber Security and GST" was jointly organized by the Library and Self-Financing Cell, Radhamadhab College as a part of the Golden Jubilee Celebration of the college in collaboration with National Institute of Electronics and Information Technology (NIELIT), Govt. of India on 12th February 2021. A total of 100 participants including teachers and students of the college took part in the workshop. The resource persons of the workshop were Asish Dey Mazumder, Sri Rajani Kanta Singha and Sri Shamik Gupta Bhaya from NIELIT. They delivered lectures on different issues of Cyber Security and GST. Also a special session on Use of Google Form for Examination purpose was held in the technical session.



5. Celebration of National Librarians' Day:



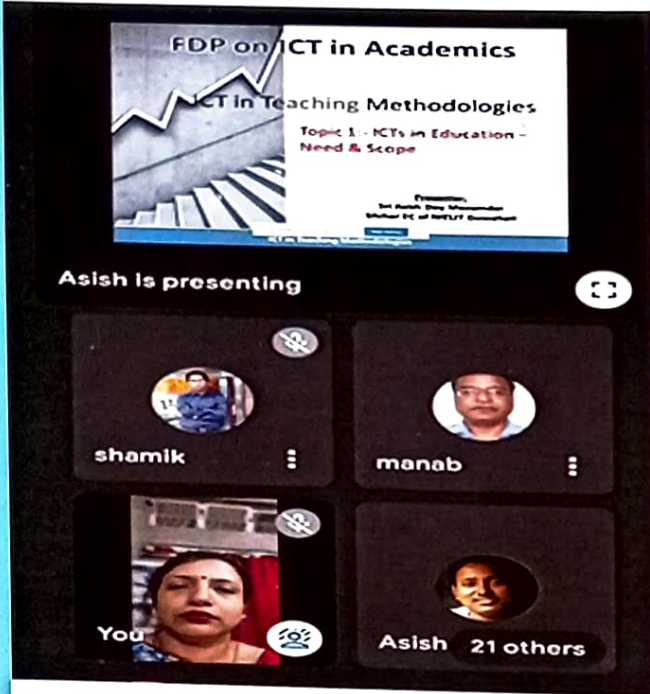
Commemorating the 129th birth anniversary of Dr. S.R.Ranganathan, Father of Library Science in India, Radhamadhab College central library observed the National Librarians' Day on 12th August, 2021 in presence of Principal, IQAC Coordinators, Library Staff, Office Staff and faculty members of the college. The programme started with paying of floral tributes to the legendary figure followed by enlightening deliberations by the Librarian, Principal, IQAC Coordinators and other faculty members.

National Librarians' Day 2020 was celebrated in online mode on 12/08/2020 to commemorate the 128th Birth Anniversary of Dr. S.R.Ranganathan, Father of Library Science, India. The programme was attended by all the college librarians along with Dr. P.K.Deka, General Secretary, ACLA and was chaired by Dr. S.M.Bora, Hon'ble President, ACLA. The chief invitees to the event were Hon'ble President ACPC, Dr. Sarat Borkataki, Hon'ble President ACTA, Sri Biswajit Bhuyan and Sri Himangshu Maral, General Secretary, ACTA.

In addition Prof (retd.) Narendra Lahakar, DLISC, Gauhati University and advisor, ACLA & President, IASLIC was invited as Chief Speaker of the programme who delivered the theme lecture on the occasion. A theme song has also been designed for the association and

it has been composed by Sri J.B. Dev Sharma who presented it beautifully which added more delight to the programme. Dr. Sonali Choudhury, Librarian, Radhamadhab College was also one of the distinguished speakers who spoke on Dr. Ranganathan and other professional issues of Barak Valley.

6. Online Faculty Development Programme:



ONLINE FDP ON ICT IN ACADEMICS

ORGANIZED BY RADHAMADHAB COLLEGE, SILCHAR, ASSAM IN ASSOCIATION WITH NIELIT GUWAHATI SILCHAR EC

PLATFORM: GOOGLE MEET

Duration: 7 Days

Starts on: 23rd August 2021

REGISTRATION DETAILS:

Fees: Rs. 500/-

Registration Link: <https://forms.gle/ciQ826WzmhErnELA>

Starts on: 23/8/2021 Ends on: 29/08/2021 Session Timings: 5 PM - 7 PM

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A one week long Online Faculty Development Programme, entitled "ICT in Academics" was organized by IQAC, Radhamadhab College with the support of the Central Library. The programme was held in association with National Institute of Electronics and Information Technology (NIELIT), Guwahati from 23rd to 29th August, 2021 where the resource persons from NIELIT delivered talks on themes like ICT in Teaching, Moodle, SPSS, Cyber Security, etc. Participants from all over the country took part in the said programme.

7. Inauguration of Sanskrit Course:



A programme was organized by the Self-Financing Cell in collaboration with the Central Library of the college for officially inaugurating the Certificate Course in Sanskrit to be conducted by the Self Financing Cell of the college in collaboration with Central Sanskrit University, New Delhi and Non-Formal Education Centre of Assam University, Silchar on 20/01/2021. Introducing the details of the course, Smt. Krishna Sinha, Lecturer of Assam University Centre highlighted the importance of rich legacy of Sanskrit and how it will benefit the students. The programme was attended by Hon'ble President of the Governing Body, Sri Lakshmi Kanta Bhattacharjee and Principal of the college, Dr. Debashish Roy along with the teaching and non-teaching staff and students of the college.

8. Release of Library Newsletter



The annual Library Newsletter, "Informania" (Vol. V & VI, Year: 2018-19, 2019-20) was officially released by Hon'ble President of GB, Sri Lakshmi Kanta Bhattacharjee in presence of Principal, teachers and students of Radhamadhab College on 20/01/2021.

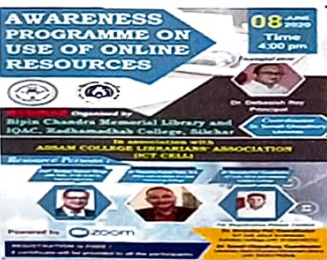
9. Inauguration of new Library Reading Room and Digital Section



Inauguration of new Students' Reading Room and Digital Section work done by Hon'ble MP Dr. Rajdeep Roy on 06/01/2021 which was constructed out of RUSA Fund (2.0 Scheme). The new Reading Room added to the library has a capacity of 100 specially designed for the students with Reading Chambers where the students can sit comfortably and quench their academic thirst.

The Digital Section with a number of computers and Digital Library Software installed in the desktops facilitates in searching and downloading of digital resources of the library. The library thankfully acknowledges the support of the Principal, Dr Debashish Roy and RUSA Coordinator, Sri Sudarshan Gupta for this important renovation of the library.

10. National Webinar:



A national level Webinar was organized by Radhamadhab College Library jointly with Women's College and M.C.D College in collaboration with Assam College Librarians' Association on 8th June 2020. The programme was attended by 280 participants from all over the country including the teachers and students of the college on an online platform. The programme was inaugurated by Dr, Debashish Roy, Principal of the college. The programme was a huge success with a great response, thus reflecting on various modes of e-learning and web resources.

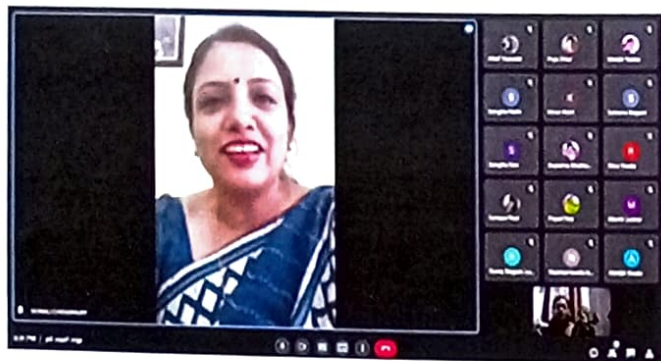
জাতীয় স্তরের ওয়েবনার আয়োজিত শিলচরে

প্রাক্কোটি প্রতিবেদন, শিলচর, ৮ জুন : সাম্প্রতিক মহামারি পরিস্থিতিতে স্কুল, কলেজ, বিশ্ববিদ্যালয় বন্ধ হয়ে আছে। লগ্নি উঠেছে সেরাফি পঠন-পাঠন। একেই পরিস্থিতিতে স্কুল তথা কলেজ বিদ্যালয় তথা পঠন-পাঠন অনলাইন পঠন-পাঠনকেই বিকল্প পথ হিসেবে বেছে নেওয়ার চেষ্টা করা হচ্ছে। এদিকেই সোমবার শিলচর কলেজের অধ্যক্ষ, উইসকম অধ্যক্ষ এবং সেনাই এমসিডি কলেজের বৌধ উদ্যোগ আয়োজিত হয় ওয়েবনার আয়োজন শিলচরে। এই সহযোগিতায় ছিল আসম কলেজ লাইব্রেরিয়ান্স অ্যাসোসিয়েশন (এসিএলএ)।

জাতীয় স্তরের ওয়েবনার

সেমিনারে ই-লার্নিং, ই-রিসোর্সের নানা দিক নিয়ে আলোচনা হয়। অনলাইন পঠন-পাঠনের আনন্দিক দিক নিয়েও আলোচনা হয়। এদিন অনলাইন ট্রেডিংয়ে উদ্যোগ করেন প্রোগ্রামার কলেজের অধ্যক্ষ ড. কেবিনিস দাস, শিলচর উইসকম কলেজের অধ্যক্ষ ড. মনোজকুমার পাল এবং সেনাই এমসিডি কলেজের অধ্যক্ষ ড. বাহুবল ইসলাম লস্কর। অনুষ্ঠানের প্রিয়ার্স পার্টন হিসেবে ছিলেন বৌধাটী বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়ের লাইব্রেরি অ্যান্ড ইনফরমেশন সার্ভিসের প্রধান অধ্যাপক সঞ্জয়কুমার সিং, এসিএলএ-র সাবেক সম্পাদক ড. প্রদীপ্ত চক্রবর্তী এবং ওয়াশিংটন কলিয়ার কলেজের লাইব্রেরিয়ান্স থ্যা এসিএলএ-র আর্টিসিটি সেক্টর অধ্যাপক ড. বিজয় পাল। অনুষ্ঠান পরিচালনায় ছিলেন অধ্যাপক প্রোগ্রামার কলেজের শঙ্কু ড. সেনানী চাক্ৰবর্তী, ড. সঞ্জয় ওয়ার্ম এবং বিজয়কান্তি দাস।

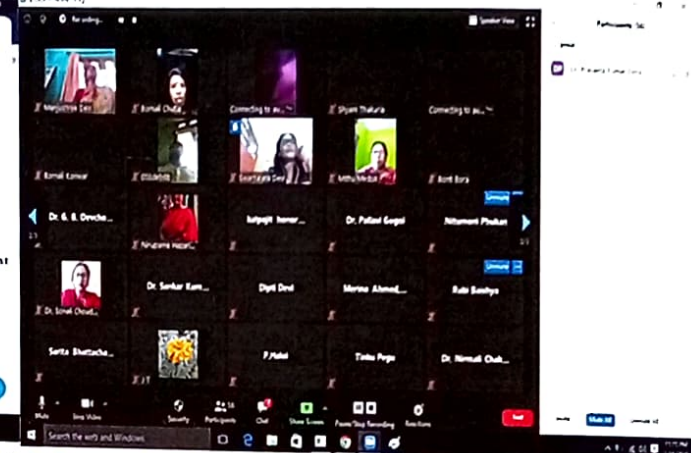
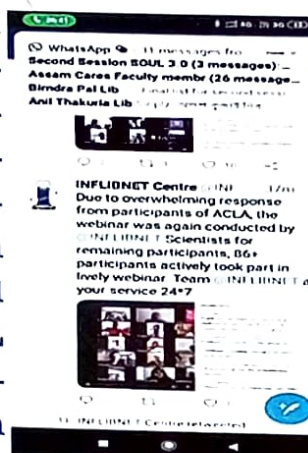
11. Virtual Tour of Radhmadhab College library:



The Librarian of the College participated in Library Awareness Week 2021 organised by Sarba Shiksha Abhiyan, Cachar (Ghungoor Cluster) and delivered an invited lecture on 9/8/2021. There was a virtual visit to the library of Radhamadhab College, Silchar by the teachers and students of Ghungoor Cluster on the occasion.

12. Participation in Online Workshops of INFLIBNET, UGC

The library participated in a one-day online training on SOUL 3.0 (Library Management Software developed by INFLIBNET, UGC) on 13/05/2020 and Serial Control Module of SOUL 2.0 on 17/05/2020 organized by INFLIBNET in



collaboration with Assam College Librarians' Association (ACLA) with the Scientists from INFLIBNET as resource persons.

13. INDCAT Programme of UGC-Submission of SOUL data in Marc 21 Format and SOUL data backup

The college has participated in the IndCat Union Catalogue of Inflibnet, UGC, under which the Bibliographic data of library software SOUL 2.0 in MARC 21 format was submitted on 13/09/2019.

Accordingly in subsequent time as asked by the Director, Inflibnet and communicated to us by ACLA, the SOUL data backup (database of records) was submitted on 23/12/2020 for finalization of the work.

14. Upgradation of SOUL to 3.0:

The library has recently upgraded its library management software (SOUL 3.0) to the latest version on 29/12/2020 with technical assistance from the SOUL Centre, Inflibnet, Ahmedabad as a result

of which some new modules and facilities have been introduced. It will enable the library to execute the different computerized functions in a smooth manner.