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REPORT

National Librarians Day

In commemoration of
Padmashree Dr. S. R. Ranganathan's
132nd Birthday Celebration - 2024

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Introduction

On August 12, 2024, the Goa Institute of Management celebrated National Librarians Day, a tribute to Dr. S. R. Ranganathan, the father of Library Science in India. The event was a momentous occasion aimed at honoring the contributions of library professionals and fostering a deeper appreciation for the role of libraries in education and society.

Chief Guest and Dignitaries

- **Chief Guest:** Dr. P. V. Konnur, Former University Librarian at Goa University and President of LIS Academy, Bangalore.
- **Other Key Dignitaries:**
 - Dr. Ajit Parulekar, Director, Goa Institute of Management
 - Dr. Takappa R, Chief Librarian, Goa Institute of Management

Program Highlights

1. Opening Ceremony:

- The event commenced with an invocation song performed by Ms. Aarya Borker.
- A warm welcome address was delivered by Dr. Takappa R, Chief Librarian.
- Mrs. Deepti Hanjunker, Assistant Librarian, introduced the Chief Guest.
- The dignitaries on stage inaugurated the program with the ceremonial lighting of the lamp.

2 Message on the Progrm by Dr. Takappa R:

- Dr. Takappa R spoke about Dr. S. R. Ranganathan's seminal contributions to library science, including the Five Laws of Library Science and the Colon Classification system.
- He provided an overview of the library's progress over the past year, highlighting key developments and achievements.

Library Progress Report by Dr. Takappa R

1. Developmental Activities:

- Formation of the Library Advisory Committee to guide strategic planning.
- Creation of a Library Procedural Manual to streamline operations.
- Integration of new technology including the launch of the library website, Koha-ILS, DSpace, and QR Code Technology.

2. User Engagement:

- Conducted a User Orientation Program for 400+ students across 20 batches, providing essential training on library resources.
- Implementation of a Book Bank Scheme to support students with essential textbooks.
- Introduction of the Library Best User Award to recognize frequent library users.

3. Notable Events

- The 2023 Librarians Day Celebration on August 18, 2023, with Dr. Murari Tapaswi as the Chief Guest.
- Organization of a Book Exhibition to showcase new library acquisitions.
- Hosting of a National Level Librarian Development Program, a five-day event aimed at enhancing professional skills.

4. Recent Developments

- Collection Development: Addition of 10,500 new books, including 1,500 reference books and 9,000 textbooks, bringing the total to over 35,000 books. Expansion of databases with the addition of five new resources, making a total of 25 available.
- Technological Enhancements: Installation of a new RFID Self-Issue Kiosk for efficient transactions.
- Innovative Services: Introduction of services like Daily News Clipping, Journal Current Content Bulletin, and "Ask a Librarian – Question Point" for real-time assistance.
- Library Expansion: Enhancement of seating capacity by 50 with innovative furniture, and preparatory visits to top libraries in India for planning future expansion.

Award Distribution

The Library Best User Award was distributed to:

- Faculty Category: Prof. Kaushik Desarkar
- Student Category (HCM 2): Mr. Shashank Jain
- Student Category (PGP2): Ms. Nandini Bhattacharya

The Chief Guest, Dr. P. V. Konnur, and Prof. Ajit Parulekar handed over the certificates to the awardees. Kindle Readers were also awarded, which will be collected once they arrive at the library.

Felicitations and Keynote Address

- Dr. Ajit Parulekar felicitated the Chief Guest, Dr. P. V. Konnur, with a memento as a token of appreciation.
- In his keynote address, Dr. Konnur praised the Goa Institute of Management for its growth and recognized Dr. Takappa R's contributions to the LIS community. He announced that Dr. Takappa R would receive the LIS Academy Fellowship 2024 at an international conference to be held at Bharathidasan University, Tiruchirapalli, Tamil Nadu from 17-19 October 2024.

Presidential Address

- Prof. Ajit Parulekar expressed his gratitude and congratulated all the Library Best User Awardees. He shared his personal experiences with reading and highlighted the growing importance of electronic resources in modern libraries.

Conclusion

The program concluded with a vote of thanks by Ms. Pranita Naik, Library Assistant. The event was a resounding success, reflecting the library's ongoing commitment to excellence and innovation.

