

**GOA INSTITUTE OF MANAGEMENT**  
**NATIONAL LIBRARIANS DAY CELEBRATION**

**18.08.2023**

The National Librarians Day was celebrated at Goa Institute of Management, Goa, on 18<sup>th</sup> August 2023. The main aim of the program was to commemorate Dr. S.R Ranganathan, Father of Library Science in India. Dr. Murari P Tapaswi, Former Chief Scientist Librarian, CSIR-National Institute of Oceanography, Goa was the Chief Guest of the program. Dr. Ajit Parulekar, Director, Goa Institute of Management, Dr. Sumit Datta, Registrar, GIM and Dr. Takappa R, Chief Librarian were present in the program.

The program started with the invocation song sung by Ms. Aarya Borker followed by a welcome speech by Dr. Takappa R, Chief Librarian, Introduction of the chief guest by Mrs. Deepti Hanjunker, Asst. Librarian. The program was inaugurated with the lighting of the lamp by the dignitaries on the dais.

Dr. Takappa R, Chief Librarian, briefed the message on the program and briefed the report on the progressive work done in the Library. He said that many Library technologies have been implemented within eight months after reporting as a Chief Librarian. He also said that many more technologies are in the pipeline.

The dignitaries inaugurated the Library technologies. The newly designed and developed Library website was launched by

the Chief Guest Dr. Murari P Tapaswi followed by Dr. Ajit Parulekar was inaugurated the Koha- ILS Library automation software, Dr. Sumit Datta inaugurated the DSpace Institutional Digital Repository, Library Catalogue (Web OPAC) was inaugurated by Dr. Balasubramaniam, Chair Person, Big Data Analytics and QR Code Technology was inaugurated by Dr. Divya Singhal, Chair Person, CSAA.

Dr. Ajit Parulekar, Director felicitated the Chief Guest Dr. Murari P Tapaswi, and presented the mementos as a token of appreciation.

The keynote address was delivered by Dr. Tapaswi. He acknowledged his satisfaction with the GIM Library's development initiatives. He stated that nothing is left to inaugurate on the next Librarians Day. He praised Dr. Takappa R for establishing technologies and e-resource platforms to maximise library utilisation. He recalled the accomplishments of Padmashree Dr. S.R Ranganathan, India's Father of Library Science. Dr. Ranganathan's most notable accomplishments are the Five Laws of Library Science, the Colon Classification system, Library Cataloguing, and others. He also emphasised institutional repositories, the significance of the Scopus database, information exchange services, research management tools, Chat GPT, the writing and publication process, IRINS platforms, social media, teaching users about copyright issues in

the digital environment, and the value of the Scopus database.

The Director, Dr. Ajit Parulekar, delivered a presidential address. He acknowledged his delight in this occasion and stated that any accomplishment should be celebrated. He spoke on Dr. S.R Ranganathan, India's Father of Library Science, and his accomplishments and contributions. He also thanked the Chief Guest, famous Library expert Dr. Tapaswi, who was honored. He praised Dr. Takappa R, Chief Librarian, for launching six new digital initiatives and activities in the Library in the eight months since his last report.

He shared some essential thoughts on the GIM Library:

The physical space of the Library is a challenge. The institute began with 120 students and grew to 240 when the school relocated here in 2009. Students' strength has improved fivefold to 1200. The library has not grown in proportion to the number of students enrolled, and an immediate enlargement of 50 seats is planned. This facility will be completed on or before the start of the next batch.

After three years, GIM will have an envisioned library with modern facilities and infrastructure. It would be the best management library in the country.

One more thought is to build a separate section for the Goan Collection, especially

Goan business history, economic history, political history, Goan culture and heritage etc.

The program was ended after delivering Vote of Thanks by Mr. Raghoba Pednekar, Assistant Librarian.



