REPORT
National Librarians Day

In commemoration of
**Padmashree Dr. S. R. Ranganathan's
133rd Birthday Celebration - 2025**

By

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Introduction

On August 12, 2025, 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. Carlos M Fernandes, Former Assistant Professor & Program Director at Goa University, Goa.
- **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.
   - Ms. Pranita Naik, Library Assistant, introduced the Chief Guest.
   - The dignitaries on stage inaugurated the program with the ceremonial lighting of the lamp.

2. **Welcom & Message on the Progrm by Dr. Takappa R:**

- Dr. Takappa R welcomed all the dignitaries and the audience. He spoke about Dr. S. R. Ranganathan's seminal contributions to library science, including the Five Laws of Library Science and the Colon Classification system.

Library Progress Report by Mrs. Deepti Hanjunkar, Assistant Librarian

This report provides an overview of the progress and developments in our library over the past year, highlighting key activities and advancements that have strengthened our library services and infrastructure.

1. Collection Development

- Addition of 1,500 new books, and the total collection of the books is 27000
- Expansion of Science Direct database from 140 journals to 525

2. Technological Enhancements:

- Migrating the remote access platform from Knimbus to OpenAthens, a globally standard and secure platform.

3. User Engagement

- **User Orientation Program:** Conducted for first-year students across four batches, providing essential training on utilising library resources effectively.
- **Database Training:** Conducted selected database training for the students by the respective publishers.
- **Plagiarism Report:** Extended the service by generating more than 300 plagiarism check reports (articles & SIP) for the students and faculty.
- **Document Delivery Service:** Provided extended service by delivering over 200 articles, sourced from networking libraries, beyond our existing subscriptions.
- **Book Bank Scheme:** Distributed a set of textbooks to all first-year students based on the recommendation of the faculty.
- **Book Borrowing:** Enhanced the borrowing limit for students from 2 books for 5 days to 4 books for 14 days.
- **Library Best User Award:** Ongoing initiative to encourage and recognize the most frequent library users.

4. Notable Events

- Librarians Day Celebration 2024: Held on August 12th, 2024, with Dr. P V Konnur, Former University Librarian, Goa University, as the Chief Guest.

- Book Exhibition: Conducted to highlight new additions to the library and promote community engagement with its resources
- Book Donation Drive: A textbook (old editions) donation drive is conducted annually.
- Leadership Development Program for Library Professionals: A three-day programme enhances participants' competencies in leadership, change management, decision-making, communication, team building, and innovation through a balanced blend of interactive lectures and real-life case studies. Attended 35 participants across India.

5. Professional Development

- Dr. Takappa R participated in three national and international conferences, presented papers at the G20 Library Summit, Pondicherry University, Pondicherry; the Global Library Summit, South Asian University, New Delhi; and the National Conference on Modern Library Technologies and Services, MAHE, Bengaluru.
- Mr. Deepti Hanjunkar, Asst. Librarian, attended a 5-Day National Level Librarian Development Program organised by Narayan Zantye College of Commerce in association with the Directorate of Higher Education, Government of Goa.

6. Awards & Honour

- Dr. Takappa R received LIS Academy's Dr. T.B. Rajashekar Fellowship in Library & Information Science – 2024. Presented during the inaugural function of the 5th International Conference, LISACON-2024, scheduled from October 17-19, 2024, at Bharathidasan University, Tiruchirappalli

- These developments reflect our commitment to providing high-quality library services that meet the evolving needs of our users. We look forward to continuing this progress in the coming year.

Best Library User Award

The Library Best User Award was distributed to:
- Faculty Category: **Prof. Shiv Nath Sinha**
- Student Category (HCM 2): **Ms. Shivani Satish Bhora**
- Student Category (BDA 2): **Mr.Hardik Singh**

The Chief Guest, Dr. Carlos Fernandes, and Prof. Ajit Parulekar handed over the Kindle e-Readers & certificates to the awardees.

Felicitation to the Chief Guest

- Dr. Ajit Parulekar felicitated the Chief Guest, Dr. Carlos Fernandes, with a memento as a token of appreciation.

Keynote Address by the Chief Guest

- Dr. Carlos congratulated all the library staff and said that Government of India declared the 12th August as a National Librarians Day to celebrate Padmashri Dr. S.R.Ranganathan's birth anniversary. He spoke about Ranganathan's contributions to the Library and Information community as well as society.

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.

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Conclusion

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