

A Report  
on  
Observation of Librarians' Day (12<sup>th</sup> August)  
  
One-Day Program entitled  
**“Library Orientation Program : Developing Information Skill”**  
for the Faculty members of Heramba Chandra College

organized by  
Library, Heramba Chandra College  
in association with  
Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC)

Date : 18-08-2023 (Friday)  
Place : Meeting Room, Heramba Chandra College



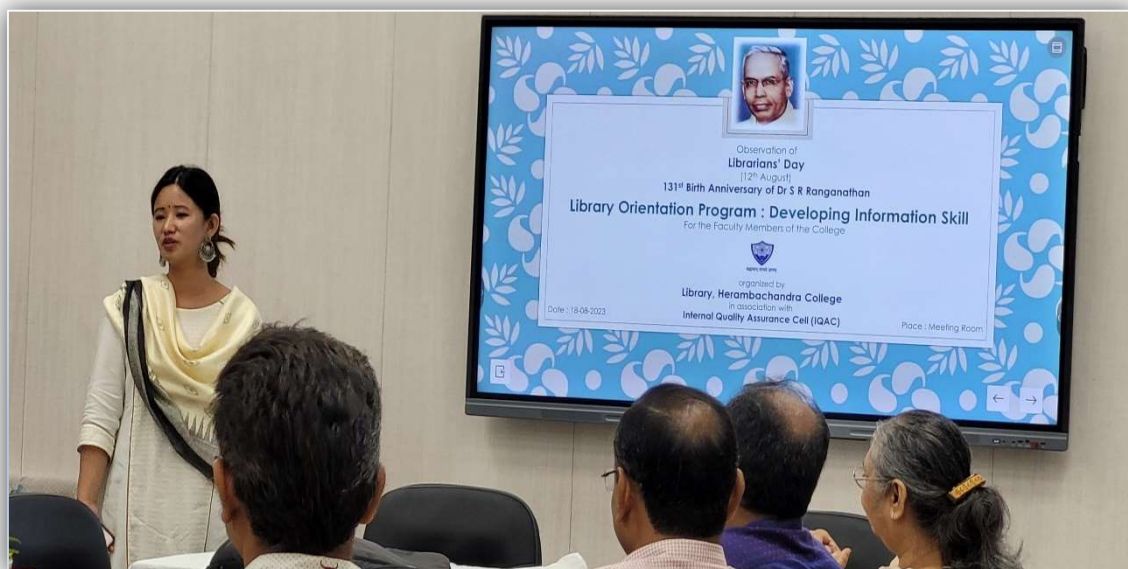
submitted to  
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## The Program :

The Library of Heramba Chandra College in association with the Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) observed the Librarians' Day (12th August) on 18-08-2023 on the occasion of the 131st Birth Anniversary of Dr S R Ranganathan, the Father of Library Science in India. A one-day skill enhancement program was arranged for the faculty members of the college entitled



"Library Orientation Programme: Developing Information Skill" on the said day. A total of thirty five faculty members were present in the program. Ms Yachana Lama, Assistant Professor, Department of History anchored the entire program gracefully. After giving a short introduction about the program in the inaugural session, she called Ms Samhati Soor, Librarian,



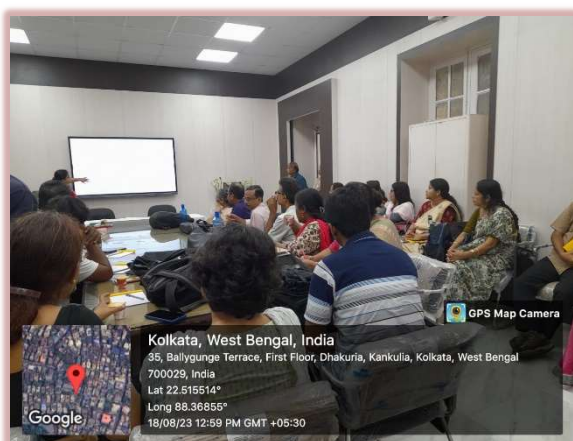
Heramba Chandra College and Convenor of the program, to say a few words on the purpose of arranging such a program. Ms Soor briefly discussed the life and works of Dr S R Ranganathan

and today's relevance. After paying homage to Dr S R Ranganathan by Dr Nabanita Chakrabarti, Principal, Heramba Chandra College, she and Mr Bipin Deokar, Senior Deputy Director, EPW Research Foundation, Mumbai, India, who was the guest of honour in the inaugural session, were felicitated by Dr Raktim Sur, Academic Superintendent and Professor-in-charge, Library, Heramba Chandra College. After that, the inaugural speech was delivered by the Principal of the college. She appreciated the initiative highly on the ground that the



way of accessing various online resources is not always a commonly known domain for all the teachers. She intimated that the program initiated and arranged by the Library of Heramba Chandra College is the pioneer program.

In Technical Session I, Ms Samhati Soor talked on “Library Orientation: Contemporary Resources and Services” at first. She explained the purpose of a library orientation program



and the need for information skill development. She described how institutional academic



development can be achieved through effective and efficient use of library resources and services with active involvement of the faculty members. She elaborated various on-line/off-



line resources of the library and the retrieval process of them. Through the program, she described how to locate and access subscribed resources through the library webpages of the college website. She also talked about a number of open online scholarly resources. She showed the faculty members how to search the library books through the online catalog via quick response code scanning through the mobile. She described different online services provided by the library such as e-journals, e-books, time series data, e-books etc. In the second half of Technical Session 1, Ms Soor talked on “Online

Searching Process to access Research Literature”. She explained that an on-line database is effective for the users if the database gives relevant results based on the searching mechanism in-behind. She added that better information retrieval is possible if the database is associated with a powerful search engine, practice of digitization process of data/metadata, use of controlled vocabulary tagging, support of different search strategies etc. She explained the information retrieval strategies including remote login, online database searching and availing online services of the library. She demonstrated the accessing process of scholarly e-journals and e-

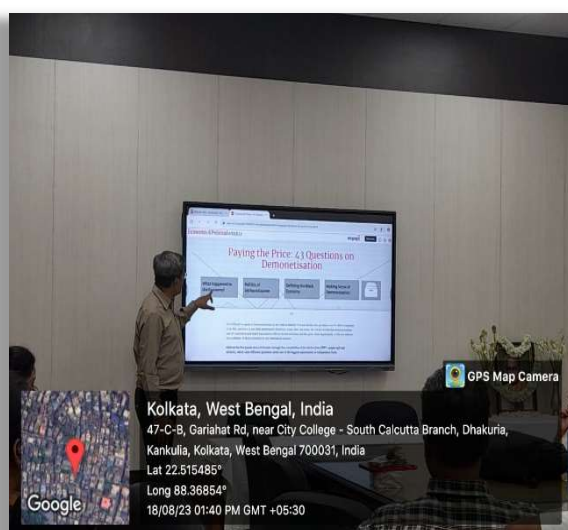


books through browsing, field-based search, advanced search etc. The knowledge she shared in this session was very much helpful for all the faculty members of the college.

In Technical Session II, Mr Bipin Deokar, Senior Deputy Director of EPW Research Foundation, Mumbai threw light on “Data Accessing Method from Interactive Online



Database”. He initiated his talk by apprising that Economic & Political Weekly (EPW) is ranking 1st in Asia and 36th in the world and only three institutions have the subscription of EPW Research Foundation Indian Time Series (EPWRF ITS) in Kolkata, they are IIM Kolkata, ISI Kolkata and Heramba Chandra College. He told that EPWRF ITS is a distinctive subscription based online database, with its thorough coverage of the Indian economy for a





considerable amount of time and its inclusion of more than a lakh variable condensed into thirty two modules, it provides time series data facilitating research across various sectors of Indian Economy. He informed that EPW introduced 'Engage' offered by the digital for the students, not only as a medium for promoting wider access, but also as a methodological shift in visualising and reformulating concepts, ideas, and research. He described the detailed features of the EPWRF database and the way to

download them by applying different filtering options. He demonstrated how to login and search relevant information about political economy using specific keywords which were indexed by the EPW team. He presented the data availability from the modules, data frequency, state-wise data, district-wise data etc. He showed the updated format of data on banking and educational statistics. He also

explained how to export data from the modules in the spreadsheet files since 1950's. The session was academically enriching and truly interactive in nature. This session was followed by a small break.



In Technical Session III, Mr Surajit Kumar Kalita, Senior Territory Manager (East), Pearson Education Services Pvt. Ltd., India had a speech on “Mobile App Solution for reading E-books”. He started his talk by telling that Pearson is the largest publishing and educational



company in the world. He added that the headquarter of Pearson is located in London and Pearson was founded by Samuel Pearson in 1944. He informed that Pearson database covers huge subject areas and 99% of the database is of textbooks. He also said that Pearson ebook platform provides analytical monthly/quarterly/yearly reports through admin login. Through this session, he demonstrated how to access e-books through Pearson eLibrary2.0 mobile



application which is an IT-based platform to access any book anywhere through android/mac devices. He also explained the process of using e-book storage even without cloud applications.



Mr Kalita clarified all the doubts regarding mobile app installation, subscription and usage of the e-books as raised by the faculty members in the program.

In the beginning valedictory session, individual instant feedback is collected from the attendees of the program through quick response code prior to generating the e-certificates for the participants. After that, the valedictory speech was given by Dr Raktim Sur. He appreciated the whole program and the organizer. He proposed to the authority that this type of program may be arranged within small intervals. He put forward that the college may purchase more e-books through the library and these e-books may be distributed among the students, because the students are more comfortable to access them in this digital age. In Vote of Thanks,



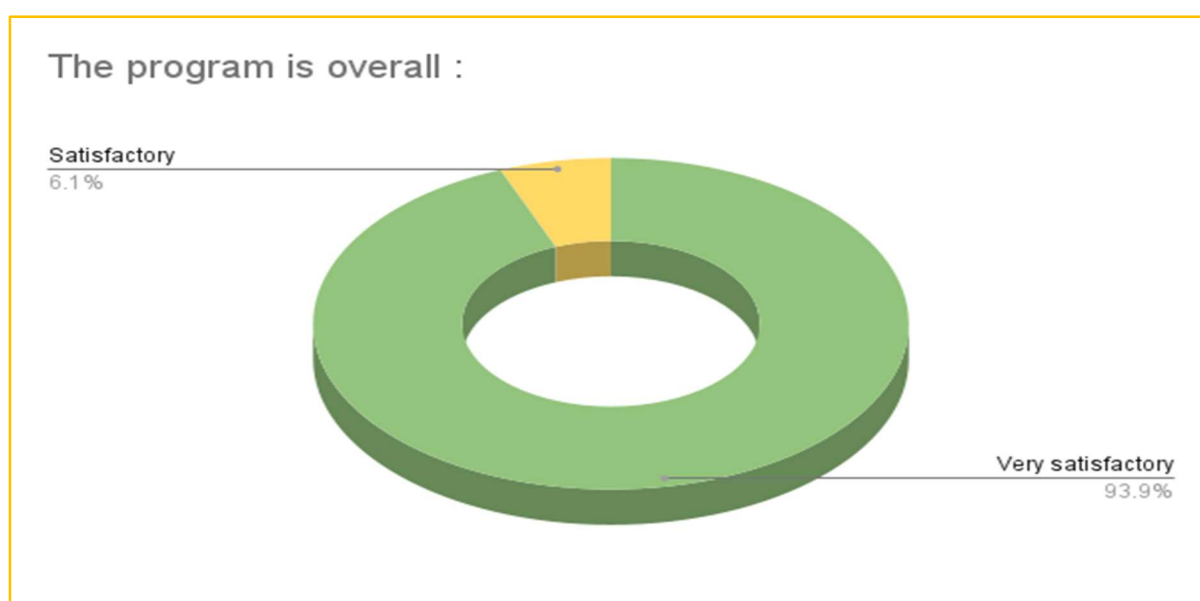
Dr Ranjan Kumar Auddy, IQAC Co-ordinator, admired that it was a very productive program and requested the librarian to organize this type of library orientation program for the students who are newly entered in the college. He congratulated the whole library team, library sub-committee, anchor, resource persons and thanked to Dr Nabanita Chakrabarti, Principal, Heramba Chandra College for giving the freedom to organize this kind of program.



## Feedback Analysis :

The feedback collected from the attendees have been analyzed to measure the impact of the program. There were five mandatory multiple choice-based questions having the provision of selecting only one option as answer and one question for sharing additional comment for the further development of such kind of program by the participants of the program. The questions were selected with the objective of understanding the acceptance of the program as it was the pioneer one. A total of thirty three responses were received till 07-09-2023.

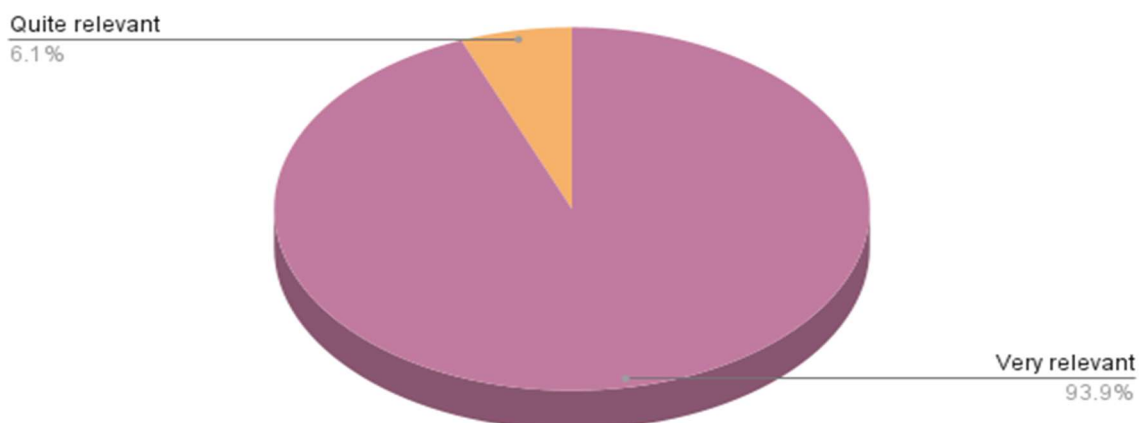
The overall satisfaction of the program was estimated through Likert Scale. The levels of the scale were set as : Very satisfactory, Satisfactory, Neither dissatisfactory or satisfactory, Dissatisfactory and Very dissatisfactory. It is obvious that the program was highly satisfactory to the participants, as thirty one responses, i.e. 93.9% of total responses, were got in favour of “Very satisfactory”. A three dimensional doughnut diagram is represented based on the data received as overall satisfaction of the program.



Each participant opined that the program was beneficial for him/her and the library orientation program is needed in future. The responses were received through two yes-no questions. Those were : “Is the program beneficial for you?” and “Do you think Library Orientation Program is needed in future?”. All the answers of these two questions were “yes”.

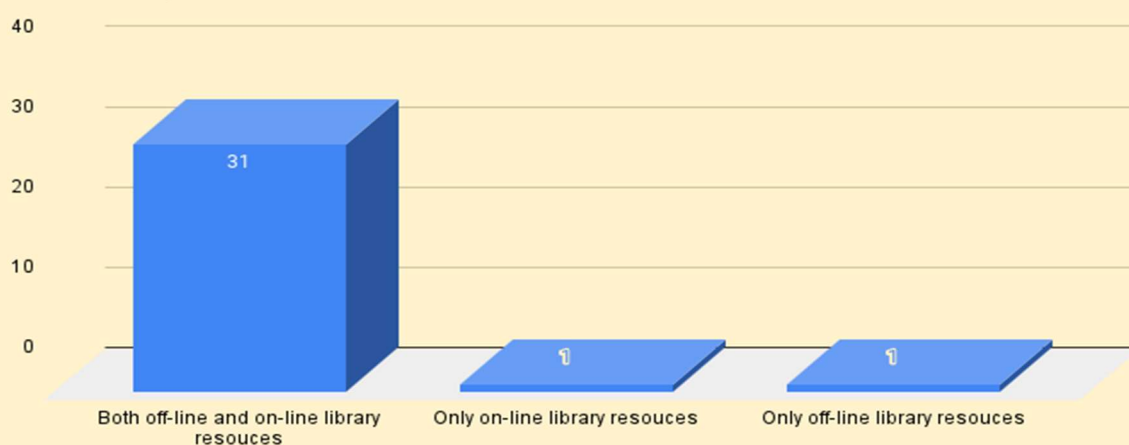
A question was given to understand the relevancy of the discussed topics in the program according to the participant. Almost all participants said it as very relevant. The percentage of received responses on this question are given through a three dimensional pie chart.

The topics discussed in the program are :



Library of Heramba Chandra College provides the resources and services supporting blended mode of learning. It is very important to know the users' reception of off-line and/or on-line resources. Thirty one out of thirty three responses were in favour of both off-line and on-line resources. A three dimensional column chart is represented to show the users' preference in terms of using off-line and on-line resources of the library.

You would prefer to access :



The faculty members who participated in the program shared their opinions as the program was productive and thoughtful, the sessions were very informative, such program is needed to conduct in future with updated resources and services provided by the library for the students and the faculty members, etc. Thus, it is concluded that the library orientation program was truly very highly accepted by the faculty members of Heramba Chandra College.

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