

Report of One-Day Workshop for the Faculty and Librarians of Colleges in Garo Hills

Date – 27th April 2022

A one-day workshop was organised by Don Bosco College Library and the NDLI Club of the college, powered by the IQAC, Don Bosco College, Tura and sponsored by State Bank of India, Tura. The theme of the workshop was “Emerging Trends and Technologies in Libraries.”

The workshop was attended by faculty and librarians of various colleges of Garo Hills. Altogether 15 different colleges from Garo Hills took part in the programme. The Chief Guest for the programme was Shri Dharmanda Banai, Regional manager, State Bank of India.

The inaugural session commenced at 10 am, led by Dr. Madhusudan Saha, faculty of Don Bosco College, Tura. The inaugural programme started off with the lightening of the lamp by the Chief guest, resource persons and the principal of DBC, followed by presentation of bouquet to the chief Guest and Resource Persons.

The welcome address was given by the Principal of the college, Fr Bivan Rodriques Mukhim. Fr Principal, asserted on the need to organise these kinds of workshops for the librarians to make them aware of the digitalisation process taking place in the library, and the students can take advantage of the information which is available in cloud base. The Principal even elaborated the need and importance to incorporate the NDLI in their respective colleges. This was also followed by a speech from the convenor of the programme, Dr Biswajit Paul, who highlighted the importance of digital library and the need to make the libraries upgraded to digital platform, to give much benefit to the student community. This was followed by a speech from the Chief Guest, Shri Dharmanda Banai, Regional Manager, State Bank of India. He pointed out the advantages of having e-library, as it can bridge the gap between the developed and underdeveloped parts of the country. He briefly mentioned the advantages of the library by pointing out that since technology does not discriminate between anyone, so each and everyone, from part of the world can take advantage of the e-library. Also, he urged that there is a need to upload the various research done in the state, particularly in Meghalaya. The inaugural session ended with a vote of thanks by Shrimati Rehny A sangma, Asst Librarian, Don Bosco College, Tura.

The first technical session began at 11:15 am and the resource person was Dr A. J. Singh, Asst Librarian, NEHU, Tura Campus. He delivered a talk on the ‘Role of Teachers and Librarians in Collection Development.’ He stressed on the problems which the colleges of Garo Hills faced - the lack of financial aid and poor connection in the libraries. He emphasized on the importance of having a library committee in the colleges, which could work together and cater to the needs of the students. He briefly pointed out that it is not only the sole responsibility of the librarians of the college to look after the collection and development in the library, but there is a role to be played by the principal, faculty members and the students as well.

The second technical session was carried over by Dr Batskhem Sten, Information Scientist, NEHU, Central Library, Shillong. He gave a brief demonstration on the use of KOHA in the library and a way to access information through this open resource software (KOHA). He gave an overview of the steps involved in the usage of other software’s like Inflibnet, etc.

The third technical session was a 'Hands-on Training Session' by Dr Biswajit Paul and Shri Bravewell Mawtoh, NDLI Team, Don Bosco College, Tura. During this session, Dr Paul, explained about the NDLI, the importance of the NDLI to students and the teachers. He also illustrated how a college can register for the NDLI club. Shri Bravewell Mawtoh explained in detail about how to get the students and teachers register as NDLI club members and how to participate in the events created by the NDLI club. This was followed by a feedback session whereby the participants were given opportunity to share their feedback of the workshop.

The programme ended with the distribution of certificates followed by concluding remarks by the Vice Principal of the college, Fr Albilash V. J., who again emphasised the importance of NDLI and hoped that the workshop was useful to the participants and anticipated that each participant would go back to their respective institutions and create this NDLI club. Finally, the programme was concluded by singing the National Anthem.





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