

REPORT ON THE OBSERVANCE OF NATIONAL LIBRARIANS' DAY

12 AUGUST 2026 • NSOU REGIONAL CENTRE, JALPAIGURI

National Librarians' Day was observed with due solemnity at the Regional Centre, Jalpaiguri, Netaji Subhas Open University (NSOU), on 12 August 2026. The programme commemorated the birth anniversary of Dr. S. R. Ranganathan, the Father of Library Science in India, and acknowledged the vital contribution of libraries and librarians to education, knowledge dissemination, and lifelong learning.

The observance was attended by Sri Santanu Dam, Deputy Director, Regional Centre, Jalpaiguri; Sri Debraj Sarkar, System Analyst. Prof. Biplab Chakroborty, Professor of Library Science; staff members; and learners of NSOU. Their presence reflected the University's commitment to fostering a culture of reading, scholarly engagement, and effective access to information.

The program commenced with the garlanding of the portrait of Dr. S. R. Ranganathan and the offering of floral tribute. Prof. Biplab Chakroborty then delivered an illuminating address in which he explained the vision and mission of the program. He reflected on Dr. Ranganathan's enduring contribution to library science and emphasized the continuing importance of libraries as dynamic centers of learning, inclusion, and intellectual growth, particularly within the open and distance-learning system.

The observance provided staff and learners with an opportunity to reflect on the role of libraries in academic development and equitable access to knowledge. It concluded on an appreciative note, renewing the participants' commitment to promoting reading habits and strengthening the library as a learner-centred academic resource.



Glimpses from the observance of National Librarians' Day at NSOU Regional Centre, Jalpaiguri