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First four-weeks Library Internship Programme (LIP)(vide approval no.VC/15/1837 dated 10.08.2022) was conducted from 1st November 2022 to 30th November 2022 at 3rd floor Reading Hall of Library Department, Kalyani Campus. Target audience was Current batch MLIS learner.

In this regard a notice was circulated for wider information in the NSOU website on 9th September 2022. A google form was uploaded in the NSOU website on 9th September 2022 till 16th October 2022 for registration. About 152 learners applied from across the state of West Bengal.

A schedule was prepared in which classes as well as assignment dates were mentioned. The classes were taken by internal six faculty members of Department of LIS, School of Professional Studies and Library Department. Final Schedule and list of willing interns are enclosed.

This programme has been arranged for the first time and may be considered as a pilot initiative. This opportunity is offered for current MLIS batch for working experience in a library. Thirty (30) students were contacted over phone on (first cum first serve basis) from the list who have agreed to attend the programme. These thirty learners are considered as first batch. They are divided in three groups, Group-A, Group-B, Group-C. Classes were arranged from Monday to Saturday in each week. Each group attended for two days in face to face mode per week. Rest of the days they were engaged with various assignments.

Hands on training on acquisition, technical processing, circulation, periodical management, access to e-resources, various open educational resources, automation, management etc. were given. Learners submitted their assignments timely. They were engaged in library activities such as accessioning, cataloguing, entering bibliographical data in the automation software, issuing of books to the borrowers, shelving of books etc.



Among 30 learners there are 14 males and 16 females. Following table represents district wise participation of learner in the programme.

District	No. of learners	Total
Purba Medinipur	2	
Paschim Medinipur	1	
South 24PGS	4	
North 24 PGS	4	
Kolkata	2	
Maldah	1	
Howrah	1	
Hooghly	3	
Purba Bardhaman	5	
Nadia	6	
Purulia	1	
Total		30

The programme ended with a seminar on “**Significance of internship programme in professional courses with a reference to Library and Information Science**” which was arranged jointly by Library Department and Department of Library and Information Science, NSOU on 1st December 2022 at 3rd Floor Reading Hall.

Proceedings of the Seminar:



At the beginning of the seminar welcome was given to the dignitaries in the Dias and the audience by Deputy Librarian.

Inaugural address was given by Professor Arun Kumar Chakraborty, Department of LIS. He explained the importance of internship programme of a professional course. He said Library may be treated as laboratory for the Library Professionals where they can innovate various services to attract users, provide efficient services.



Keynote address was given by Dr. Premananda Jana, Director Regional Centre, Kalyani Campus. He mentioned that conception of a discipline becomes stronger by doing such training.

Finally presidential address was deliberated by Professor Anirban Ghosh. He said he realised that there was a lacuna in the learning process of a subject like Library and Information Science in ODL mode, earlier as the learners were not getting practical experience, as regular university students get the advantage of it, and from then onwards he planned for internship programme at NSOU. He also requested learners to get in touch with the Library Department and use it for enhancement of their knowledge.

After the inaugural session a technical session was arranged. A panel was formed. Professor Arun Kumar Chakraborty, LIS chaired the session and Smt Anamika Das and Dr. Barnali Roy Choudhury, Assistant Professor LIS, NSOU were speakers of the session. Some learners among thirty have presented their papers in the technical session. Most of them submitted feedback both in structured and unstructured mode about the course and what they have learnt from the course. Following are their expressions:

The programme outcome:

1. Classification of resources by using Dewey Decimal Classification Scheme 23rd edition and Colon Classification Scheme 6th edition. Also about web Dewey.
2. Book number insertion by using C.A Cutter's 3 figure table. Online book number insertion from OCLC.
3. Determination of subject heading from "Sear's List of subject heading", "Library of Congress Subject Heading".
4. Coding method of ISBN and ISSN.
5. Entering bibliographical data and determination of fields of any resource which are to be incorporated in Koha library automation software. About open source automation software. How to search a meta data from a database. Creation of patron, issuing of books from Koha.
6. Preparation of shelf list.
7. Acquisition procedure in which method of book journal selection, ordering procedure, receiving, accessioning of books both printed and online, verification of price, verification of currency etc.
8. They got idea about journal. Printed journal and e journals. Volume, issue and frequency of journals. Indexing of journals. Also learnt about what is journal, periodical, magazine, journals of learned societies, review journals, indexing and abstracting, paper, article, citation, impact factor etc.
9. How to shelve a book etc.
10. They also requested for increasing the tenure of internship programme.

At the end of the session Smt. Anamika Das, Assistant Professor Library and Information Science expressed that the presentations were very carefully done. She said Learners of LIS must use the library regularly to observe various activities minutely. They may also visit various other libraries in their vicinity at certain intervals.



Dr. Barnali Roy Choudhury, conveyed that these presentations were really impressive and she said that this type of programme is required to supplement the existing MLIS course. After participating in this programme learners are in better position to face an interview.

At the end Professor Arun Kumar Chakraborty narrated that presentations were placed before the panel in an organised manner. He acknowledged that the seminar and internship programme both are productive at the end.

Moreover, after arranging this pilot four weeks internship programme, it is assumed that this may be arranged in future jointly by Department of Library and Information Science and Library Department, NSOU.

Library team members who gave continuous support and engaged behind successful completion of the first four weeks LIP are worth mentioning:

Dr. Anupam Ghosh, Assistant Librarian

Sri Subhajit Mondal, Junior Library Assistant

Sri Sourav Ghosal, Junior Library Assistant

Sri Madhab Halder, Junior Library Attendant

Sri Mithun Dey, Junior Library Attendant

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