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After successful completion of four weeks batch-1 programme from from 1 st November 2022-30 th November 2022, Library Department NSOU started four-weeks Library Internship Programme (LIP) batch 2 from 10th January 2023 to 10thFebruary 2023 at 3rd floor Reading Hall of Library Department, Kalyani Campus. Target audience was Current batch MLIS learners.
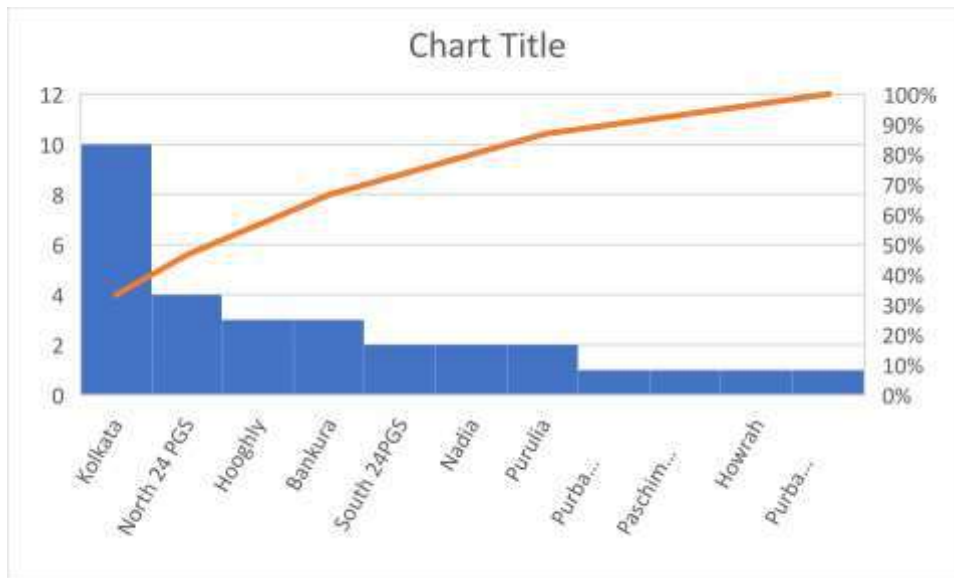
A schedule was prepared in which classes as well as assignment dates were mentioned. The classes were taken by internal six faculty members of Department of LIS, School of Professional Studies and Library Department. Final Schedule and list of willing interns are enclosed.

This opportunity is offered for current MLIS batch for working experience in a library. Thirty (30) learners were contacted over phone on (first cum first serve basis) from the list who have agreed to attend the programme. 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 males 13 and females17. Following table represents district wise participation of learner in the programme.

District	No. of learners	Total
Purba Medinipur	1	
Paschim Medinipur	1	
South 24PGS	2	
North 24 PGS	4	
Kolkata	10	
Howrah	1	
Hooghly	3	
Purba Bardhaman	1	
Nadia	2	
Bankura	3	
Purulia	2	
Total		30

Chart Title

 It is observed from the above table and diagram that maximum number of participants of LIP batch -2 are from Kolkata.

The programme ended with a seminar on **"Skill Development of Learners of library and Information Science through internship programme"** which was arranged jointly by Library Department and Department of Library and Information Science, NSOU on 8th February 2023 at 3rd Floor Reading Hall.

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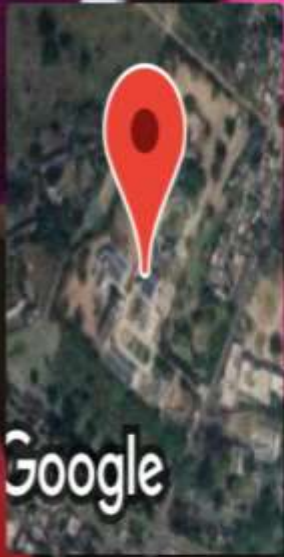
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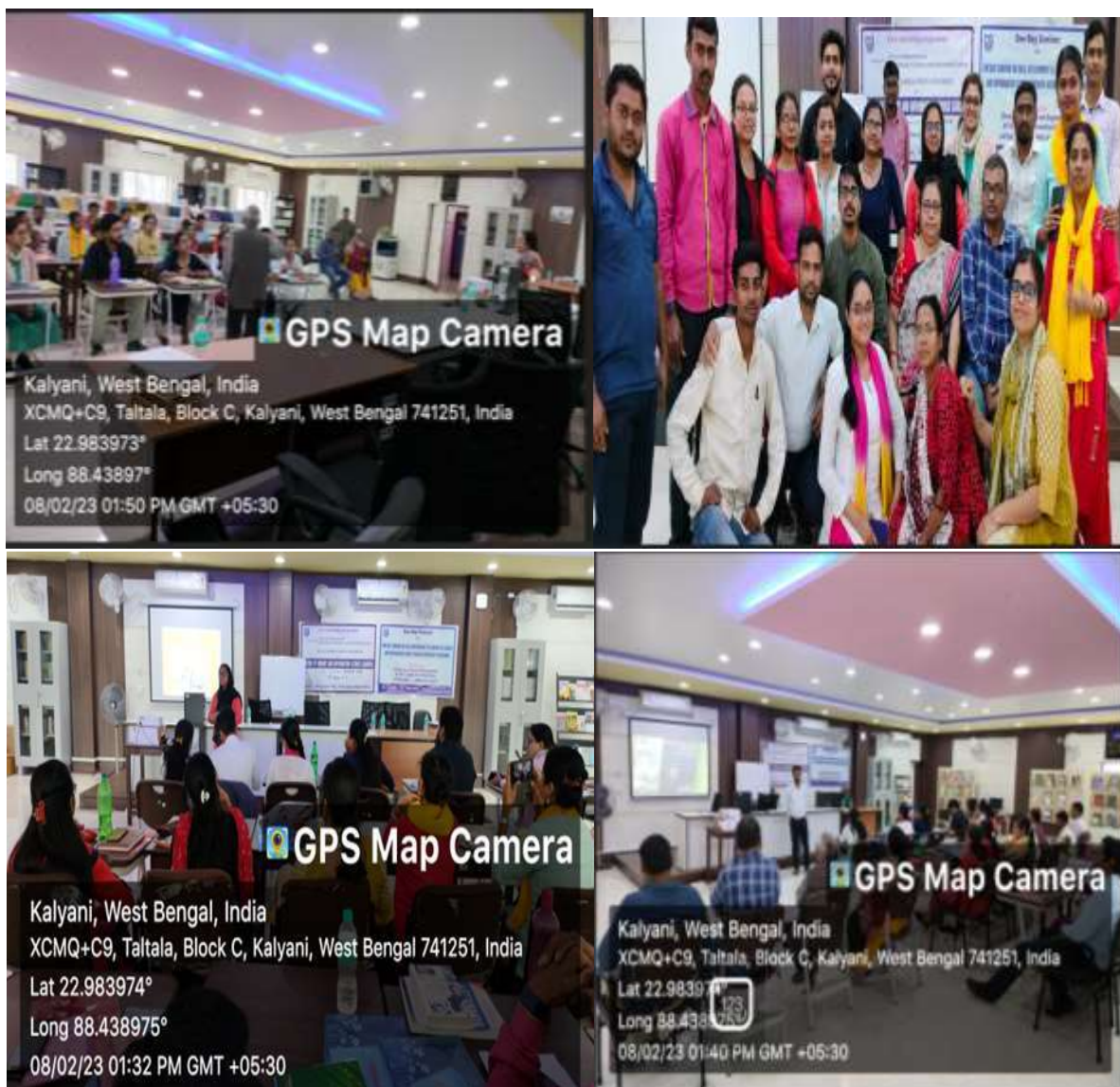
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Proceedings of the Seminar:

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 hands on training gives clear idea of a subject and this type of training increases confidence level of learners.

Finally presidential address was deliberated by Professor Anirban Ghosh. He said in ODL mode of learning learners do not get enough time for hands on practice. NEP 2020 recommends for internship programme. Learners of LIS of NSOU earlier were not getting practical experience like regular university students get the advantage of it.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 was chair of that 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. Both inaugural and technical sessions were compared by Sri Sourav Ghosal, Junior Library Assistant. Following are the expressions of the learners:

The programme outcome:

Learners are now able to do:

1. Classification of resources by using Dewy 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 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 in two batches it is realised 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 batch-1 and 2 are worth mentioning below:

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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