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International Webinar on Librarians' Day

Theme: Synergy between Teaching
and Practice: Learners' Perspective



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On the occasion of 130th Birth Anniversary of Padmashree Professor S. R. Ranganathan, “Librarian’s Day” programme has been observed jointly by the Department of Library and Information Science and Library Department of NSOU, West Bengal. An International Webinar on the theme entitled “Synergy between teaching and practice: Learner’s perspective” is organized for the first time on 18th August 2022, in blended mode. This special day is dedicated to the hard-working librarians for facilitating library users with relevant and current information in spite of changing technological scenarios. To pay the tribute to the visionary professor Dr S R Ranganathan, two lectures were conducted on the very pertinent issues of library and information science in the present context. 131 participants across India and other countries on an online platform (Zoom) and 12 in-house faculty of NSOU have actively participated in the webinar. NSOU faculty/Officers/ Other supporting staff attended both online and face to face mode.



Invited Speakers were:

-  Dr. Iryna Kuchma Open Access Programme Manager for EIFL (Electronic Information for Libraries). Dr Kuchma Iryna Kuchma has been managing the EIFL Open Access Programme (EIFL-OA) since 2008. Working in collaboration with libraries and library consortia in more than 60 countries in Africa, Asia and Europe, she advocates for open access to research results, facilitates the development and implementation of open science policies and infrastructures, and provides support and training. Iryna sits on the various prestigious board for the implementation of policy-level works. In 2013, Iryna received the Electronic Publishing Trust (EPT) for Development Annual Award, in recognition of her ‘efforts in the furtherance of open access to scholarly publications in developing and emerging countries.



- Professor Partha Pratim Das Visiting Professor, Ashoka University and Professor, Dept. of CSE, IIT Kharagpur. Prof. Partha Pratim Das is now working with Ashoka University as professor in Computer Science and Engineering. Before joining here He acted as a Professor at the Department of Computer Science and Engineering, IIT Kharagpur. His one remarkable contribution in academia as Joint Principal Investigator of the National Digital Library of India project of MHRD, Govt. of India and leads the initiative to integrate the Digital Repositories of various Institutions, agencies and publishers across India.

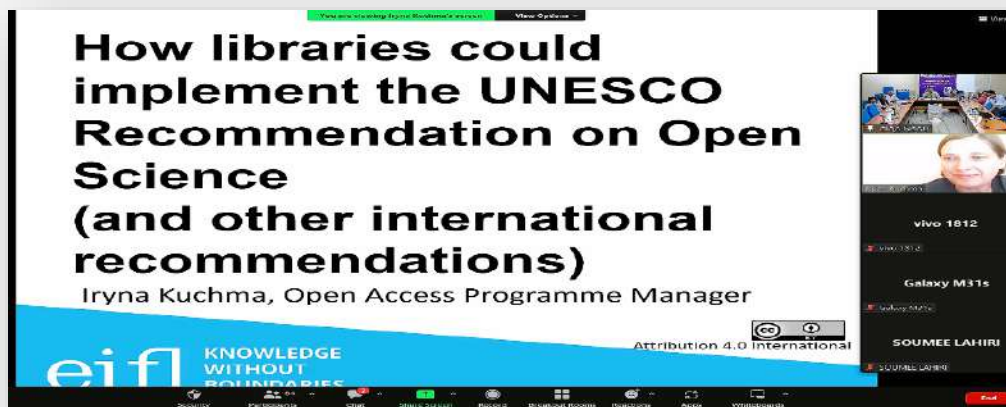
Dr Barnali Roy Choudhury, Assistant Professor, DLIS, NSOU invited the dignitaries on Dias as well as on virtual mode. She also conveyed her warm welcome to all participants. She also introduced resource persons to the august gathering.

The welcome address was deliberated by Professor Anirban Ghosh, Director (I/C), SPS, NSOU. He spoke about the speakers and the objectives of the programme. He highlighted an overview of various activities of the School of Professional Studies as well as on NSOU.

Professor Tridib Tripathi, DLIS, NSOU narrated the relevance of “ Librarian’s Day” and talked about how all spheres of Library Science are indebted to the contributions of Professor S. R. Ranganathan, The father of Library Science.

A keynote address was delivered by Professor Arun Kumar Chakraborty, DLIS, NSOU where he explained the significance of the webinar. He also mentioned that across India various Universities/Institutions/Organizations/ Associations pay homage to S R Ranganathan on his birthday by organizing different programmes like seminars, webinars, conferences etc. NSOU is also paying tribute to S R Ranganathan today by organizing the international webinar by inviting eminent speakers (i)Dr. Iryna Kuchma and (ii)Professor Partha Pratim Das. Professor Chakraborty also elaborated that this webinar is organised to find out skill gaps amongst LIS learners and professionals, to keep pace with the present requirements in different libraries/information centres etc.

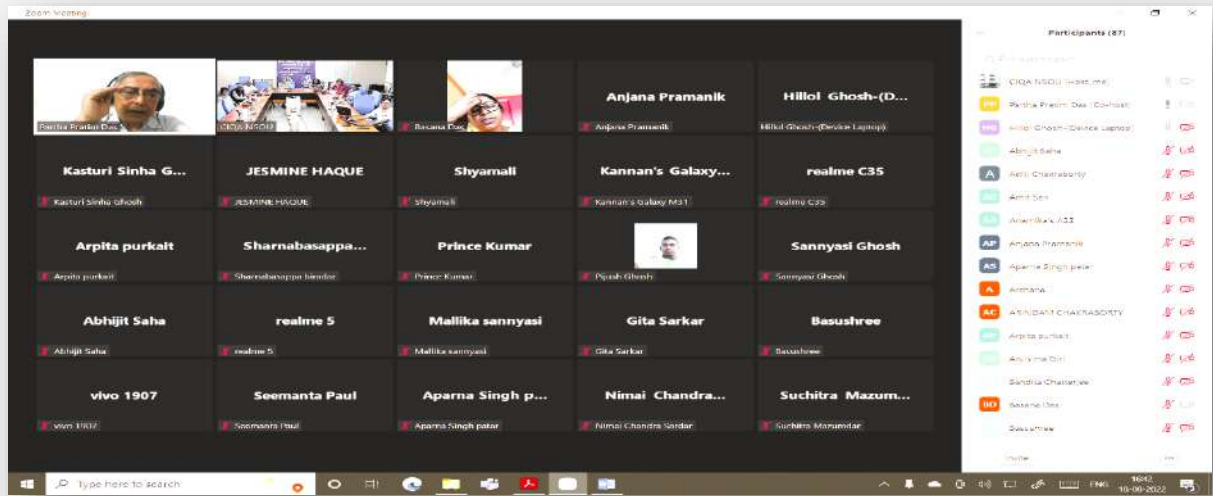
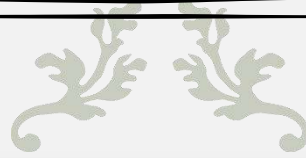
Dr Iryna Kuchma Open Access Programme Manager for EIFL (Electronic Information for Libraries), focused her deliberation on **How libraries could implement the UNESCO Recommendation on Open Science (and other international recommendations)**. She illuminated ideas about values and principles, key objectives and key areas of action, of Open Science, UNESCO recommendations on Open Science, Key challenges and high impact areas for the implementation of the UNESCO OSR, challenges for the implementation of OSR, Open science infrastructure and services, developing and enabling policy environment for open science etc.



Professor Partha Pratim Das extended his speech on **How India embraced Online to MOOCs: evolution**. He compared from 2009 -2018 how NMEICT, NPTEL evolved from no credit transfer, no virtual certification to NDLI/SWAYAM credit transfer and virtual certification, concept of MOOCS, pre Covid service of NDLI, on Covid service of digital libraries, response on on Covid NDLI, NDLI’s support for NEP2020, Virtual labs, e-Yantras, FOSSE etc.



At the end of the lectures, a set of good queries came out from the participant including the Hon’ble Vice Chancellor’s word on “Domain Certification?”. The webinar also received another notable query on the existence of any rating/review/accreditation process of the Learning Management System?. Participants were satisfied with the answers to their queries.



Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, Professor Subha Sankar Sarkar finally in his presidential address illustrated the conclusions of both speeches. He congratulates the organisers for conducting such a fruitful Webinar.

The programme ended with a vote of thanks by Dr Madhusri Ghosh Upadhyay, Deputy Librarian, NSOU.

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