



INFORMANIA

Annual Newsletter of

BIPIN CHANDRA MEMORIAL LIBRARY

RADHAMADHAB COLLEGE, SILCHAR (ASSAM)

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Message from the Principal

I feel proud and happy to know that Bipin Chandra Memorial Library, Radhamadhab College, Silchar is going to publish jointly its fifth and sixth edition of Annual Newsletter "INFORMANIA". Library is the store house of knowledge and a library newsletter helps to showcase the activities of the library and also provide information about the services and facilities available in the library for the users. The publication of the library newsletter reflects the rich academic environment/atmosphere prevailing in the institution. The constant endeavour of the Librarian to improve the services and facilities in the library is really commendable. This newsletter will keep the users informed of the library happenings and resources available in the library.



I wish a grand success of this fabulous newsletter.

Debashish Roy
(Dr. Debashish Roy)
Principal

NEWSLETTER

From the Desk of the Librarian



I am happy to bring out the 5th and 6th editions of the Annual Newsletter of the library-“Informania”, which reflects the activities of the library during the academic session 2018-19 and 2019-20. This time newsletter has come up jointly with two editions together because the fifth edition could not be published in time due to pandemic and lock down effects. This intends to keep the library users in touch with the library issues and services. I on behalf of the entire team of library invite you

all to the library, make meaningful use of the library and of course give us your valued suggestions so to make improvisations in the library. I feel quite sad to say that the funds and resources in a college library are very limited, which acts as a constraint to bring more developments and introduce better services in the library. The execution of OPAC, Bar-Code Technology, E-Resources, Online Memberships, Digital Library, Reprography, Internet, Smart Card, etc. are not the only steps; the library intends to develop more options for better services in the coming years. I owe my sincere gratitude to Dr. Debashish Roy, Principal of the college for his vibrant support and approval to publish this newsletter and the members of the Library Committee for their positive advisory role. The library cannot function without my staff members, Sri Galim Gangmei, Library Assistant and Smt. Supriya Roy and I owe my gratitude to them.

Last but not the least, I thankfully acknowledge the approval of the Publication Cell to publish this newsletter.

With warm regards,

(Dr. Sonali Choudhury Biswas)

Editor

INDCAT ONLINE UNION CATALOGUE OF INFLIBNET CENTRE, UGC

➤ Radhamadha College Library as a part of Indcat Programme of Inflibnet

IndCat is a unified Online Library Catalogues of books, theses and journals available in major university libraries in India. This union database is very useful, which contains bibliographic description, location and holdings of information for books, journals and theses in all subject areas available in different university libraries across the country. A Web-based interface is designed to provide easy access to the merged catalogues. The IndCat is a major source of bibliographic information that can be used for inter-library loan, collections development as well as for copy cataloguing and retro-conversion of bibliographic records. The IndCat consists of three major components (Books, Theses and Serials) available in open



Search Interface for Book, Thesis and Serial Database

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- Serves as a backup for university libraries for their holdings;
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ROLE OF ASSAM COLLEGE LIBRARIANS' ASSOCIATION IN EDUCATION DURING COVID 19 PANDEMIC

➤ Participation of Radhamadhab College Library

Assam College Librarians' Association (ACLA) is a state level premier association of librarians established in 1973. It represents those who work in or advocate for college libraries of Assam. ACLA is committed to the cause of college library movement and development in Assam and is working whole heartedly for the academic and social status of the college librarians and also for the development of the library profession. Ever since its inception, ACLA has been doing its utmost for the cause of education by adopting a holistic approach towards improving the educational scenario at UG level in the state. During the pandemic period, it has established the real potentialities of library professionals not only in Assam but in entire India through different activities. ACLA has collaborated with different educational institutions in Maharashtra, Kerala and other parts of India to organize various workshops, training and online sessions. An Online Training on E-Content Creation and E-Learning through MOOCs was organized by the association in collaboration with Department of Library and Information Science, Gauhati University in June, 2020 with eminent resource persons from INFLIBNET Centre, U.G.C. Also, it is looking after the Digital Library Project in every college,

reformation of Library Committee, introduction of Library Science at UG level, etc.

ACLA has conducted online training sessions on different modules of SOUL for the college librarians of Assam. The different colleges in Assam organized Webinars on Online Educational Resources with the support of ACLA. Radhamadhab College too organized an Online Session on "Use of Online Resources" in collaboration with the association. ACLA has also collaborated with colleges, universities and ACTA to organize different types of online programmes during the period. ACLA has been invited by Mission Director, SSA inputs in NEP 2020 and also to highlight the role of libraries in NEP. Librarians of different institutions of Assam were members of policy implementation committee of NEP 2020 I Assam. ACLA Webinar reports have also been published in NAAC Website (<http://www.naac.gov.in/images/docs/webinars>). ACLA has submitted a memorandum to the government for provincialization of the posts of Librarians in earlier provincialized colleges, accordingly the government has accepted the proposal and granted the same. Recently, ACLA has taken a very important step to include the college libraries of Assam in the IndCat Programme of INFLIBNET, UGC by becoming the second state in India (after Gujarat) to participate in the development of this great union database.

SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE LIBRARY

- Computerized Library Database of 17,500 books using SOUL 2.0 Library Management Software.
- Computerized Circulation Service with Bar-code enabled Library Smart Card.
- Computerized Catalogue with online searching (OPAC).
- Library Webpage: www.rmcollege.org/library
- Special Collection on: Barak Valley, North-East, Women Studies, Book Bank, Research Works, Literary Works, etc.
- Internet (with Wi-Fi connection)
- Digital Library with Clients, Server and Software.
- E-Resources and online memberships.
- Reprography with facility of downloading and printing.
- Departmental Library.
- Regular subscription of 30 periodicals.
- Collection and compilation of university Question Papers.
- Annual Library Orientation Programme.
- Binding of books and compilation of journals and periodicals.
- Periodic guest lectures/awareness programmes, etc.
- Publication of Annual Library Newsletter

Activities During 2018-20:

1) Library Awareness cum Orientation Programme with the students:



A Library Awareness Programme was undertaken by the librarian in presence of Principal to enlighten the students about the services, facilities and e-resources provided by the library on 01/09/2018 and 31/08/2019 respectively.

2) Library Literacy Programme



Library Literacy Programme (under extension activity of the library) was conducted in 785, C.D. Home L.P. School Birbal Bazar, Meherpur, Silchar-15 on 30/06/2018 where books, stationeries and other items were donated to this school for the cause of education in the presence of the Headmaster and the Teachers of the school. The programme was attended by the Principal, Library Staff and Library Committee members along with student volunteers

3) Library Best User Award



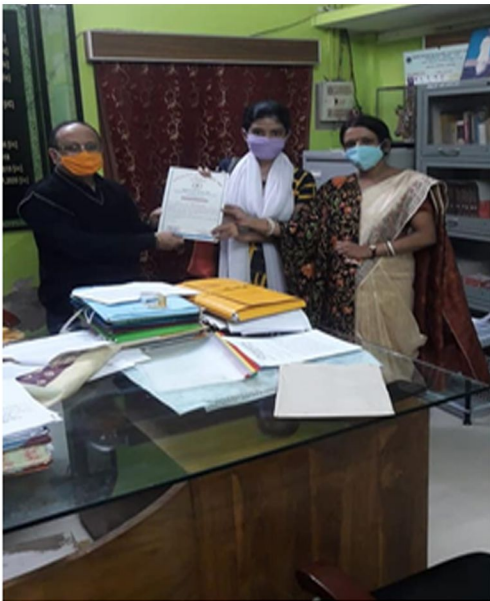
Library Best User Award for 2018 was given to students on the occasion of Release of Library Newsletter on 06/02/2019 in recognition of being active members of the library and having used the library to its best for academic purpose. The judgement is made on the basis of statistical records, circulation records on the computer and observation

Activities During 2018-20:

4) Certificate Distribution Programme and Training for Library Science Course:



Certificate Distribution Programme of Diploma Course in Library and Information Science (2018-19) held on 30/03/2019 in presence of Principal and the members of the Self-Financing Cell. As a part of the course, a three-week training was held in the library for the students to train them about library operations and management. The library also serves gives the students the right opportunity for practicals and projects as per the demand of the course.



Distribution of certificates for Library Science course for the session 2019-20 on 17/12/2020

5) Essay Competition



An Essay Competition was conducted amongst the students on 15/09/2018 in the Reading Room, where three best essayists were selected by the selection committee formed in association with the Academic Monitoring Cell of the college. The three esteemed judges in the committee were Dr. Jashobanta Roy, Associate Prof. and Head, Dept. of Philosophy, Smt. Arundhati Dutta Choudhury, Asstt. Prof., Dept. of English and Dr. Kalipada Das, Asstt. Prof., Dept. of Bengali.

Activities During 2018-20:

6) Release of Library Newsletter



Library Newsletter-Infomania, Volume IV (2017-18) was released by Hon'ble President, Governing Body Prof. N.B.Dey in presence of Principal, Library Committee members and teachers of the college on 06/02/2019.

7) Celebration of National Librarians' Day



News published in Dainik Jugashankha, Dated, 12/08/2019

Commemorating the 127th Birth Anniversary of Dr. S.R.Ranganathan, Father of Library Science in India, Radhamadhab College library celebrated the Librarians' Day 2019 event on 12th August, 2019 in collaboration with the Assam College Librarians' Association (ACLA). The programme was inaugurated by Dr. P.K.Sinha, Principal (i/c) of the college and Dr. Prasanta Kumar Deba, General Secretary of ACLA along with delegates from all over the state.

8) Book Exhibition:



News published in Dainik Jugashankha, Dated, 20/09/2019

A Book Exhibition (Book Fair) event was organized on 19th September, 2019 by the library with the support of the Library Committee where a large amount of purchases were made based on the selection of the teachers and the students of the college under RUSA Grant. The inaugural programme was attended by Dr. P.K.Sinha, Principal and Sri Sudarshan Gupta, Coordinator RUSA in presence of all the teachers and students of the college.

Activities During 2018-20:

9) National Webinar:

AWARENESS PROGRAMME ON USE OF ONLINE RESOURCES

08 JUNE 2020
Time 4:00 pm

Inaugurator
Dr. Debasish Roy
Principal

Coordinator
Dr. Sonali Choudhury
Librarian

WEBINAR Organised by
Bipin Chandra Memorial Library and IQAC, Radhamadhab College, Silchar

In association with
ASSAM COLLEGE LIBRARIANS' ASSOCIATION (ICT CELL)

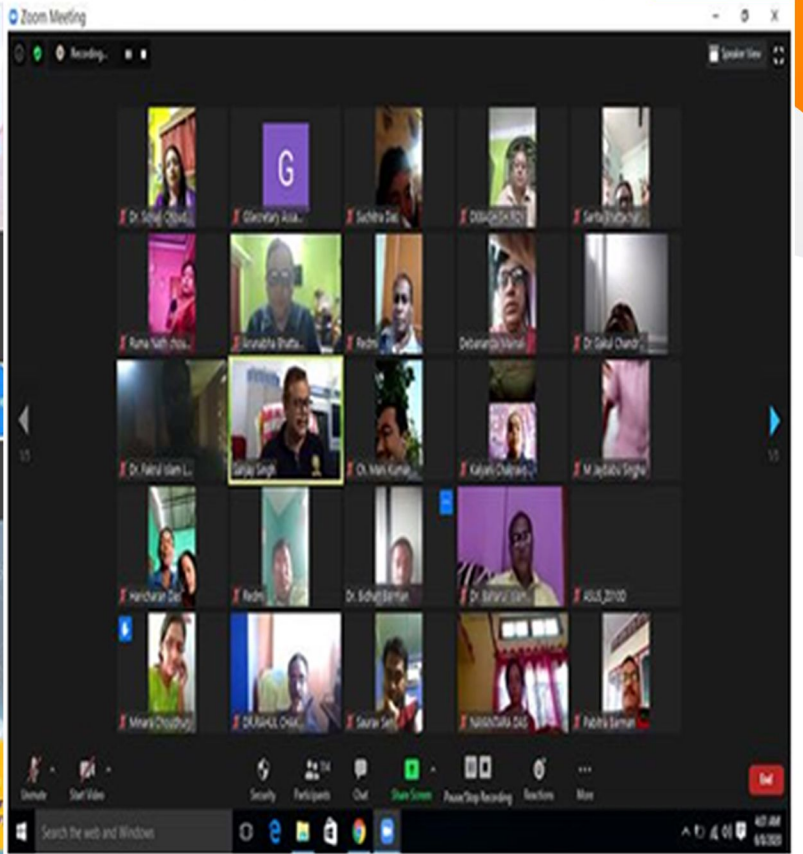
Resource Persons :

- Prof. Sanjay Kumar Singh, 1000, Dept. of Lib. & Inf. Sc., Sachchid University
- Dr. Prasanta Kumar Debn, B.S. ACLA and Librarian, K.C. Das Commerce College
- Dr. Birendra Pal, Coordinator ICT Cell, ACLA & Librarian, Kallabor College

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REGISTRATION is FREE!
E certificate will be provided to all the participants.

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জাতীয় স্তরের ওয়েবনার আয়োজিত শিলচরে

প্রান্তজ্যোতি প্রতিবেদন, শিলচর, ৮ জুন : সাম্প্রতিক মহামারি পরিস্থিতিতে স্কুল, কলেজ, বিশ্ববিদ্যালয় বন্ধ হয়ে আছে। লাটে উঠেছে সরাসরি পঠন-পাঠন। এরকম পরিস্থিতিতে স্কুল স্তর থেকে বিশ্ববিদ্যালয় স্তর পর্যন্ত অনলাইন পঠন-পাঠনকেই বিকল্প পথ হিসেবে বেছে নেওয়ার চেষ্টা করা হচ্ছে। এনিয়েই সোমবার শিলচর রাধামাধব কলেজ, উইমেস কলেজ এবং সোনাই এমসিডি কলেজের যৌথ উদ্যোগে আয়োজিত হয় ওয়েবনার অর্থাৎ অনলাইন সেমিনার। এর সহযোগিতায় ছিল আসাম কলেজ লাইব্রেরিয়ান্স অ্যাসোসিয়েশন (এসিএলএ)।

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জাতীয় স্তরের ওয়েবনার

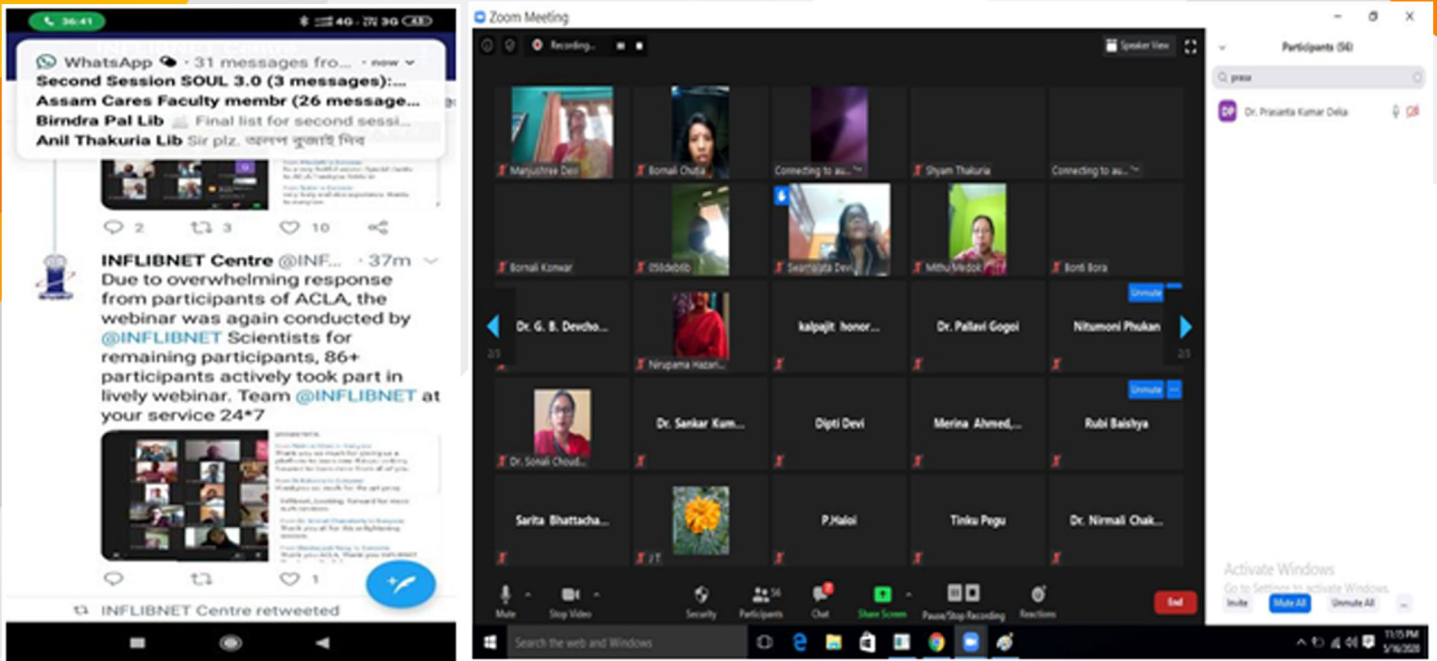
সেমিনারে ই-লারনিং, ই-রিসোর্সের নানা দিক নিয়ে আলোচনা হয়। অনলাইন পঠন-পাঠনের প্রায়োগিক দিক নিয়েও আলোচনা হয়। এদিন অনলাইন ট্রেনিংয়ে উদ্বোধন করেন রাধামাধব কলেজের অধ্যক্ষ ড. দেবশিশু রায়, শিলচর উইমেস কলেজের অধ্যক্ষ ড. মনোজকুমার পাল এবং সোনাই এমসিডি কলেজের অধ্যক্ষ ড. বাহারুল ইসলাম লস্কর। অনুষ্ঠানের রিসোর্স পার্সন হিসেবে ছিলেন গৌহাটি বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়ের লাইব্রেরি অ্যান্ড ইনফরমেশন সায়েন্সের প্রধান অধ্যাপক সঞ্জয়কুমার সিং, এসিএলএ-র সাধারণ সম্পাদক ড. প্রশান্ত ডেকা এবং গুয়াহাটী কলিয়াবর কলেজের লাইব্রেরিয়ান তথা এসিএলএ-র আইসিটি সেলের আহ্বায়ক ড. বিজেন্দ্র পাল। অনুষ্ঠান পরিচালনায় ছিলেন আয়োজক রাধামাধব কলেজের পক্ষে ড. সোনালী চৌধুরী, ড. সরিতা ভট্টাচার্য এবং মিহিরকান্তি নাথ।

News published in Dainik Prantojyoti, Dated, 8th June, 2020

A national level Webinar was organized by Radhamadhab College Library jointly with Women's College and M.C.D College in collaboration with Assam College Librarians' Association on 8th June 2020. The programme was attended by 280 participants from all over the country including the teachers and students of the college on an online platform. The programme was inaugurated by Dr. Debasish Roy, Principal of the college. The programme was a huge success with a great response, thus reflecting on various modes of e-learning and web resources.

Activities During 2018-20:

10. Participation in Online Workshops of INFLIBNET, UGC:



The library participated in a one-day online training on SOUL 3.0 (Library Management Software developed by INFLIBNET, UGC) on 13/05/2020 and Serial Control Module of SOUL 2.0 on 17/05/2020 organized by INFLIBNET in collaboration with Assam College Librarians' Association (ACLA) with the Scientists from INFLIBNET as resource persons. It may be mentioned here that the college library is using the SOUL 2.0 version and is performing all the online operations of the library through this software and will be upgrading the software to SOUL 3.0 version soon

11. IndCat Programme of UGC - Submission of SOUL database in MARC 21 format and SOUL data backup:

As already mentioned, the college has participated in the IndCat Union Catalogue of Infflibnet, UGC, under which the Bibliographic data of library software SOUL 2.0 in MARC 21 format was submitted on 13/09/2019. Accordingly in subsequent time as asked by the Director, Infflibnet and communicated to us by ACLA, the SOUL data backup (database of records) was submitted on 23/12/2020 for finalization of the work.

12. Upgradation of SOUL from version 5.0 to 12.0:

The library has recently upgraded its library management software (SOUL 2.0) to the latest version on 29/12/2020 with technical assistance from the SOUL Centre, Infflibnet, Ahmedabad as a result of which some new modules and facilities have been introduced. It will enable the library to execute the different computerized functions in a smooth manner.