

National Librarians' Day Celebrated at Tagore Library, University of Lucknow

Under the patronage of the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor of the University of Lucknow, Prof. Jai Prakash Saini, a special programme was organized on 12 August 2026, at the auditorium of Tagore Library, University of Lucknow, on the occasion of National Librarians' Day, celebrated in India to commemorate the 134th birth anniversary of Padma Shri Dr. S. R. Ranganathan, the Father of Library Science in India.

The Chief Guest, Prof. Arvind Mohan, Dean, Faculty of Arts, said, "The library is the soul of the university." He observed that the nature and role of libraries are continuously evolving and that we are all carrying forward a rich legacy. He emphasized the need for sustained efforts to reconnect students with libraries. He stated that knowledge is the most important among the five major driving forces shaping the 21st century, and that universities and libraries have a crucial role in the creation and dissemination of knowledge.

Prof. Roli Misra, Honorary Librarian, Tagore Library and Professor, Department of Economics, said that students would be encouraged to visit and make greater use of the library by providing them with modern and updated facilities. She stated that the ideals of Dr. Ranganathan continue to inspire us and remind us that a good library can provide a new direction to society.

Prof. Dhruv Sen Singh, President, University of Lucknow Alumni Association, emphasized the enduring value of knowledge preserved through books. He said that the knowledge contained in books continues to be regarded as reliable and authentic, and that book-based knowledge has its own lasting significance. Prof. Vineet Verma, Superintendent, Works Department, University of Lucknow, said that the library is a source of knowledge and librarians are the custodians of this knowledge. He emphasized the need to integrate the databases of books and resources available across various departments of the University and make them accessible through the library, so that Tagore Library can be developed as a comprehensive information centre.

Dr. Jyoti Misra, Deputy Librarian, said that National Librarians' Day is celebrated every year in India on 12 August to commemorate the birth anniversary of Padma Shri Dr. S. R. Ranganathan. She highlighted the Five Laws of Library Science propounded by Dr. Ranganathan, which continue to serve as fundamental principles guiding library services. She also discussed the changing role of libraries in the contemporary digital and Artificial Intelligence (AI) era and emphasized the effective use of digital resources by students and researchers. Dr. Amit Singh and Mr. Nilesh Gupta also shared their views on the role of librarians and the importance of libraries. Several faculty members of the University attended the programme, including Prof. D. R. Sahu, Prof. Ashok Kumar Kaithal, Prof. Alpana Lal, Prof. Qamar Iqbal, Prof. O. P. Shukla, Prof. Satyaketu, Prof. Sathpathy, Dr. Anjali Gulati, Dr. Pravesh Prakash, Dr. Saachi Rai, Dr. Suchitra Prasad, Dr. Harnam Singh, and Dr. Chandrakant. Students and staff members of Tagore Library were also present. The programme was conducted by Ms. Priya Tiwari, Assistant Librarian, Tagore Library.



Lectures, book reading sessions mark National Librarians' Day

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LUCKNOW: Several events were organised to mark National Librarian's Day in the city on Wednesday. The day commemorated the 134th birth anniversary of SR Ranganathan, the father of library science in India.

At Lucknow University's Tagore Library auditorium, chief guest Prof Arvind Mohan, dean faculty of arts said libraries are the soul of the university. "The nature and role of libraries are constantly evolving. It is the need of the hour to reconnect students with libraries, as knowledge is the most important of the five driving forces shaping the 21st century, universities and libraries have a crucial role in the creation and dissemination of knowledge," said Mohan.

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Besides, Prof Dhruv Sen Singh, president, Lucknow University Alumni Association, said books give permanence to knowledge and remain reliable and authentic sources. Prof Vinod Verma, superintendent, Works Department, said librarians are custodians of the knowledge source.

He called for integrating databases of books and resources from all university departments to develop Tagore Library as a

comprehensive information centre. At the Co-operative Lending Library (CLL) of Lucknow University, the programme was presided over by Prof Raghavendra Pratap Singh, president of CLL, who described libraries as important centres of knowledge, learning and social development, and a hub crucial to the progress of any educational institution.

At the Amir-ud-Daula Public Library, a 'Silent Reading Session' was organised in which retired IPS officer Kiran Yadav was present. The library administration announced that the session will now be held every Sunday in two shifts, from 8am to 10am and 4pm to 6pm, on the library lawn. Readers can access books from the library's 'Bookmark Cafeteria' or bring their own. Librarian Supriya Sharma said that while digital learning is growing, this open-air session will create a new connection with physical books.

