

BENGAL LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

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BRIEF REPORT OF THE PROGRAMME

54TH BENGAL LIBRARY CONFERENCE

Date: 24 – 26 February, 2023

Venue: Lok Sanskriti Bhaban, Panihati, Sodepur, North 24 Parganas

Organized By: Bengal Library Association

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The Conference was started by a colourful procession in the surroundings at 4 PM on 24th February, 2023 and the members of local clubs, students of different schools, local people as well as participants of the Conference have actively participated in this procession. Then the inaugural session was started through felicitation of guests and dignitaries on dias. At the beginning, the General Secretary of Bengal Library Association delivered his welcome address. Then the Conference was inaugurated by Prof. Saugata Roy, Hon'ble member of Parliament and former Union Minister, Govt. of India through delivering his lecture. Other guests and dignitaries on dias delivered lectures one after another expressing their blessings to the organizer and audience. The inaugural session was ended by vote of thanks followed by a cultural programme.

The main theme of the Conference was: 'West Bengal Public Libraries Act, 1979 and Its Amendments'. The two other themes were: 'Library Service During and After Pandemic Period' and 'Problems of Different Types of Libraries and Their Staff'. From Day 2, the technical session was started.

The Day 2, i.e. 25th February, 2023 commenced with presentation of papers of participants on the main theme. Dr. Swapna Ray, former Deputy Director, Directorate of Library Services, Govt. of West Bengal was in the Chair. The session was very much interactive. The other two themes were discussed partly in the Day 2 and rest in the Day 3, i.e. 26th February, 2023. The other resource persons holding the session chairs were, Dr. Asitabha Das, Former Librarian,

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University of Kalyani, Nadia; Prof. Dr. Md. Shariful Islam, Professor, Dept. of Information Science & Library Management, University of Rajshahi, Bangladesh; and Prof. Dr. Subarna Kumar Das, Professor, DLIS, Jadavpur University. Total 33 papers were submitted those were printed in Conference proceedings, out of which, 27 papers have been presented during the Conference. Besides, one presentation, prepared by Dr. Sanat Kumar Biswas, Hon'ble Secretary of West Bengal College Librarians' Association have also delivered his lecture in the second day. In the last day, a special session was scheduled with the participants from Bangladesh followed by the valedictory session. It was announced in this session that the Association would organized a convention relating to various matters on recruitment and other issues to run the library smoothly.

LIST OF RESOURCE PERSONS

SL. NO.	NAME	AFFILIATION
1	Dr. Swapna Ray	Former Deputy Director, Directorate of Library Services, Government of West Bengal
2	Mr. Abhijit Kumar Bhowmick	Librarian, State Central Library, Kolkata
3	Prof. Dr. K.P. Majumder	Former Professor & Head, DLIS, Jadavpur University
4	Mr. Shamik Burmon Roy	Librarian, District Library, Rahara, North 24-Parganas
5	Prof. Dr. Subarna Kumar Das	Professor, DLIS, Jadavpur University
6	Dr. Asitabha Das	Former Librarian, University of Kalyani
7	Dr. Md. Shariful Islam	Professor, Dept. of Information Science and Library Management, University of Rajshahi, Bangladesh

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