

REPORT ON SEMINAR ON EMPOWERING WOMEN THROUGH LIBRARY

Title : **Empowering Women Through Library**

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Sponsored by **Raja Ram MohuRoy Library Foundation (RRRLF), Kolkata**


Venue: Jupiter Degree College Auditorium , Gangapada, Bhubaneswar, Khurda

Two days national seminar on **Empowering Women Through Library**: Exploring the role of libraries for Empowering women was organized by **Jupiter Degree College**, Gangapada, Bhubaneswar, Khurda in association with **SWAR** (Strong Women Association for Reformation) , **sponsored by Raja Rammohon Roy Library Foundation (RRRLF)** during 7th & 8th September 2022.

The two days national seminar on Empowering Women Through Library: 'was organized by Jupiter College, Bhubaneswar , Khurda in association with Raja Rammohon Roy Library Foundation during.

The seminar was started with the welcome address by Dr. Sardendu Acharya, Principal, Jupiter Degree College, the Seminar Convenor.. In his welcome address, he explained the background of the seminar theme, Empowering women through Library and the present scenario of library in various sectors and set a mode of the seminar.

The Seminar was inaugurated by **Prof. Dr . Sabita Acharya , Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor of Utkal University**, In her inaugural speech, she emphasized mostly women development, specially socio-economic and political sustainability and its future. She also tried to integrate the role of libraries in this context. She also mentioned Libraries provide various kinds of information sources and services to enhance women. Libraries also play a vital role in decision making process by enriching women with proper information for taking right decision at right time. Education and training of women is considered in every developmental and educational plan.


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The Guest of Honour **Prof Dr. Ashok Mohapatra, Vice- Chancellor Sikha – O-Anusandhan University and Former Director AIIMS Bhubaneswar**. He explained the Role of library on Women Empowerment was not so much vigorous during earlier days but today It is highly dynamic in nature because of the development of science and technology in society. The economic and social developments are changing, to make the women educate and civilized and as such the society requires an effective educational system and a good library. Without libraries there can be no good school, college, university. Its important for people of all ages and there can be life-long education of adults. An informal education begins and a life-long learning process is continued only with the help of adequate and proper library services. Public Libraries responded to the challenge to give exciting opportunity to empower the women.


The Inaugural session was ended by delivering the vote of thanks by Mr. Deepak Kumar Tripathy, Vice- Principal, Jupiter Degree College.

The main technical session was organized by two sessions. On 7th and 8th of September 2022.

Mrs. Bedarata Dash , Chief Librarian , Gandhi Institute of Technological advancement, Bhubaneswar. She has made a lovely presentation of the role of libraries in education, building a nation and shown how that can be beneficial for the sustainability of economic and cultural development.

Mrs. Preethi Pattnaik, Co founder of Book Turf , mentioned how a business module library can run in urban area. She highlighted how library encouraging the positive of leisure and providing and conducting extension activities for change and relaxation of their users. The library materials including Books, Magazine and Newspaper are facilities recreational reading to women, and also provide Audio visual material in performing arts which may also be organised in the library to make them real community centre.

Mr. Soumendra Jena, an eminent Columnist & Writer in leading Newspapers of Statels enlightened about importance of home library. Growing up with books is special. And not just reading them, but even buying and stacking them in your home can be beneficial. A new study looked into the impact of having a lot of books in one's house while growing up. A reading habit has been proved to have several benefits in


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many areas of life, from personal relations to intelligence but can the mere presence of books in one's home make a difference?

On 8th September 2022, the other panelists were Mrs. Bharati Chakra , Joint Director , Help Age India, She emphasized the phenomenon of Women empowerment is a bliss at Higher ages and library is the greatest Community media. .She presented various examples from her sphere.

Mrs Chandana Das, National Joint Secretary, Bharatiya Stree Shakti pointed out various case studies in this context.

The seminar was concluded by **Dr.(Mrs). Sakuntala Baliarsingh , Ex Principal , Rajdhani College, Bhubaneswar & Central Sahitya Akademi Award in Translation Award winner** . The seminar was well attended by Professors, Lecturers , students, Local women. Around 200 Participants were participated in the seminar.

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