

Report on one day webinar on “*Libraries in the Post Pandemic Days*”

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Library is a learning institution that exists in our society from ancient times. The library has held the status of a “social institution” from ancient times. Modern society recognizes its immense role and considers it the “gateway of knowledge” for the community.

The Central Library, in collaboration with IQAC, organized a webinar followed by an interactive session on 20th June 2020 during 7.00-8.30 pm. Because of the prevalent pandemic situation during that period, the program organizers organized the program virtually via the Zoom platform. Around One hundred fifty two students and all faculty members from various departments joined this online event platform and actively took part in the academic discussion.

The program started with a welcome address delivered by Dr. Sabitri Dutta IQAC Co-ordinator, who gave a brief introduction about the Speaker and explain the role of libraries in higher education. The dignitaries present in the virtual program were Dr. Sandip Dasgupta Principal DDMRM, and eminent speaker Dr. Swapna Banerjee, Dean (Acting), Faculty Council for Post-Graduate Studies in Education, Journalism and Library & Information Science, University of Calcutta and Professor, Department of Library & Information Science, University of Calcutta and the invited resource person for this event among the others.

Prof. Banerjee gave a very informative and engaging lecture on the role of libraries and its importance, especially in post pandemic days. She highlighted the important factors like risk analysis, places which used by the people in libraries, sanitization of resources and library premises etc. when a library is going to re-open after pandemic situation. She put stressed on the library infrastructure development, enhancing to using electronic resources, transforming library service pattern. Prof. Banerjee also emphasizes the vital role of librarians in combating fake news, providing services like CAS and SDI to empower faculty and students.

The program ended with the vote of thanks delivered by Dr. Sabitri Dutta IQAC-co-ordinator, DDMRM.