The 13th meeting of the Library Committee was held on 24/3/95 at 3 P.M. at the office of the Vice-Chancellor, Administrative Building, North Bengal University.

**Members present:**

1. The Vice-Chancellor in the Chair.
2. Prof. T.K. Raychowdhury, Dean of the Faculty Council for P.G. Studies in Arts, Commerce & Law.
3. Prof. B. Maiti, Chairman, Department of Philosophy.
4. Dr. (Mrs.) Monjira Gogoi, Department of Philosophy.
5. Dr. M.M. Mukherjee, Department of History.
6. Dr. G. Banerjee, Department of History.
7. Dr. R.K. Samanta, Department of N.C.A.
8. Dr. Debash Chandra Deb, Department of Zoology.
9. Sri Debadas Chakraborty, Department of Physics.
11. Dr. M.M. Jana, Deptt. of Geography & Applied Geography.
12. Dr. H.K. Chakraborty, Department of Economics.
13. The Registrar, North Bengal University.

Sri Surajit Ray, R. Librarian was also present in the meeting as a special invitee.

Sri Debashis Paul, G.S., Students' Assn. attended the meeting after obtaining permission from the Chairman.

**Minutes**

**Item 1:** To confirm the minutes of the 12th meeting of the Library Committee held on 3-6-95 (Annexure I).

**Resolution:**

The minutes of the 12th meeting of the Library Committee held on 3/6/95 were confirmed.

(a) While confirming the above minutes it was felt that the following should be added to the Resolution 3 of the same meeting:

"The following was the configuration of the PC & other accessories proposed to be purchased for the Library -

(1) 80486 (33 MHz) CPU
128 KB Cache Memory
4 MB RAM
1 x 80 MB EDD and 1.44 MB Zip drive
1 x 720 MB EDD
14 inch monitor with monitor stand
Desk Top Cabinet with PSU
101 keys keyboard
2 serial & 2 parallel ports
HTU with Battery back-up..."
(2) 130 DAS (software) latest version
(3) 130 column high speed good resolution dot matrix printer
(4) On word-processing package (software) with special emphasis on WORDSTAR (latest version) or SM-4 writer.

(b) The following lines should be added to the Resolution 3(three) of the last meeting 1:

"It was felt that reference facilities should be made available to the interested students of the Coaching Centre for Higher Services/Competitive Examinations."

**Item II:** To consider a joint application from some Technical Staff of the University for getting more borrowing facilities.

**Resolution**

The joint application was read out in the meeting. The members felt that such enhanced facilities as demanded by the signatories could not be given presently. Such application could be considered favourably if necessary infrastructural facilities were available.

**Item III:** To report that arrangements are being made to subscribe to some of the foreign periodicals for 1994 for each P.G. Dept. and Centre.

**Resolution**

The Library In-charge reported that necessary arrangements in respect of subscription to some periodicals for 1994 had already been made. He further reported that a sum of Rs. 13,152 was expected to be made available for the above purpose. The members noted that all the foreign periodicals which were subscribed to during 1993 for arts and Humanities departments and also the Dept. of Geography & Applied Geography were being subscribed to for 1994. A few basic journals for each Science department i.e., Physics, Chemistry, Mathematics, Computer Science, Zoology & Botany were also being subscribed to for 1994. These science journals would be subscribed to in addition to the existing COPAS, DOS & CCDB services.

The members felt that more funds should be made available for subscription of foreign periodicals. Vice-Chancellor assured that necessary efforts should be made in this respect in the next year.

Prof. T.K. Roychowdhury suggested that services identical to COPAS, DOS etc should also be introduced for the Humanities departments also.

**Item IV:** To discuss problems relating to shortage of staff in the Library.

**Resolution**

The problem was considered and the difficulties faced by the library were duly shared by the members, but in view of the fact that no easy solution was in view it was decided to bear with the situation.

**Item V:** To consider a proposal from INFLIBNET for COPAS service on floppy diskettes.

**Resolution**

The members opined that COPAS on floppy diskettes should not be considered in view of the fact that there was only 1 TC which usually remained busy for doing other work. It was resolved that the existing COPAS service in print-form should be continued.

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Item VI : To consider a proposal of CSMR for introducing special information services to be offered by INISDOC on payment.

Resolution
The library in-charge informed that he had already written to the INISDOC & also to CSMR to know if Photocopy service without subscribing to Content & Abstract service was possible. It was resolved that the matter would be taken up for discussion after obtaining necessary details from INISDOC & CSMR in this respect.

Item VII : To consider an appeal by the L.L.M. students for getting library facilities from the University Library.

Resolution
It was resolved that limited facilities in respect of using periodicals in the library should be given to the best possible extent.

Item VIII : To consider if post construction termite treatment should be undertaken in view of stray signs of termite attack in the ground floor of the library building.

Resolution
The members felt deeply concerned. They opined that an expert should be consulted in this matter. Vice-Chancellor advised that the matter should be taken up with the University Registrar who should be approached for providing necessary help with a view to eradicating termites.

Item IX : To report that the University Library needs some special funds for replacing some defective fans, tube lights, arranging new points for tube lights and repair of broken glass panels.

Resolution
The library in-charge reported that some complaints in respect of non-functioning tube lights & broken glass panels had been attended to. But still there were many complaints. Vice-Chancellor advised that specific proposals based on genuine needs should be submitted to him in this respect.

Item X : To report that the portion of the ground floor vacated by Resignation Branch is ready for use. Necessary measures in respect of procuring furniture etc. are being taken.

Resolution
- Noted -

Item XI : To report that the following members have lost the library books mentioned against their names and they have deposited the cost prices of the books -
1) Sri Sobin K. Cheruth, Teacher, P.G. Dept. of Physics
   - Ginsburg, V. I. & Syrovatskii, S. I. Origin of cosmic rays
     539-7223 & 193 csm (11207) Price Rs. 350/-
2) Miss Anima Nareen, Part II, Deptt. of Sociology & Social Anthropology
   - B. Amiro - Six essays in comparative sociology
     507,026 & 562 s (64692) Price Rs. 40/-

Resolution
- Noted -

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Masc. Item I: It was reported that Shri K.B. Bhattacharya had lost the following library books and cost price of those books had been realized:

1) Marx-Engels: Selected Works, vol.1 (1500) 355.4/- 9 592 60 Rs. 10/-
2) Aryal, D.: Nepal District Profile (3552) 315.49/6 796.30 Rs. 35/-
3) Bishnoi, C.F.: Janata Party: a profile (70237) 329.45/8 775 3 Rs. 75/-
4) Katruri, N.: History of British Occupation in India (8145) 954.05/3 327 6 Rs. 35/-
5) Bentley, J.H.: Comparative vertebrate endocrinology (64021) 597.14/2 3 477 0 Rs. 40/-
6) Singh, G.N.: Landmarks in India, (1111) 342.5409/6 617 1 Rs. 40/-
7) Bag and Banerjea: Todays Works of Ramacharn Roy (5704) 394.5/8 889 0 Rs. 20/-
8) Sen, D.N.: The Paradox of Freedom (22176) 954.04/8 414 4 Rs. 35/-
9) Blackburn, Explosion in a Subcontinent (47235) 320.954/3 629 0 Rs. 20/-

Item II: Resolved that 50 paisa would be charged for each computer print out from the members of the library.

Item III: Resolved that copies of the issues of COCD would be made available to the concerned departments only on loan for a period of maximum 4 weeks. The Head of the Departments would have the copies on behalf of the Department. Only one issue could be borrowed at a time.

Item IV: The point of maintenance problems in the library raised by the teachers of the Department of Physics were discussed. The members opined that the problems were genuine and something should be done in respect of resolving these. The Library in-charge reported that some measures in respect of providing sufficient light had already been taken. Other complaints still needed to be attended to. He stressed on the need of enhancing infrastructural facilities as far as possible.

As there was no other item to discuss the meeting of the Library Committee terminated with a vote of thanks to the Chair.

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Library In-Charge
Convener
Library Committee

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