

The 22nd meeting of the Library Committee was held on 17.12.99 at 3 p.m. at the Conference Hall, Administrative Building, University of North Bengal,

Members present :-

1. Prof. R.G. Mukerjee, the Vice-Chancellor (in the chair)
2. Prof. Pradip Kumar Sengupta, Dean of the Faculty Council for P.G. Studies in Arts, Commerce & Law
3. Prof. Dilip Kumar Hazra, Dean of the Faculty Council for P.G. Studies in Science
4. Prof. R.K. Bhadra, Department of Sociology & Social Anthropology
5. Prof. Debdas Chakraborty, Department of Physics
6. Dr. S.N. Bose, Department of Chemistry
7. Dr. Soumyajit Samanta, Department of English
8. Dr. Subrata Saryal, High Energy and Cosmic Ray Research Centre
9. Dr. Ananda Mukherjee, Department of Zoology
10. Dr. (Smt.) Karubaki Datta, Centre for Himalayan Studies
11. Dr. Jyotish Chandra Basak, Department of Philosophy
12. Dr. Kanak Kanti Bagchi, Department of Economics
13. Dr. Manjula Bera, Department of Bengali
14. Kh. Emanul Haque, Research Scholar, Department of Geography & Applied Geography
15. Dr. Soumitra Sarkar, Convener, Library Committee
16. Sri Tapan Kumar Gupta, Assistant Librarian, attended the meeting as a special invitee

Minutes ::

The Chairman at the very outset reported that the 22nd meeting of the Library Committee on 13.8.99 could not be held for want of quorum.

Agenda 1 : To confirm the minutes of the 21st meeting of the Library Committee held on 3.2.99.

Decision : The minutes of the 21st meeting of the Library Committee were confirmed.

Agenda 2 : To report the progress achieved so far in respect of subscription to periodicals for 1999 and 2000.

Decision : The members were informed about the progress achieved so far in respect of subscription to periodicals for 1999 and 2000.

The members noted that an amount of Rs. 28.75 lakhs (approx.) would be required for renewing the periodicals for 2000. The members welcomed the decision of subscribing 'current contents' on CD-ROM from 2000.

For the sake of convenience the Library Committee resolved to constitute a Sub-Committee with the following members :

1. Prof. Dilip Kumar Hazra, Dean of the Faculty Council for P.G. Studies in Science

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2. Prof. Pradip Kumar Sen Gupta, Dean of the Faculty Council for P.G. Studies in Arts, Commerce & Law
3. Prof. R.K. Bhadra, Department of Sociology & Social Anthropology.
4. Prof. Dabdas Chakraborty, Department of Physics
5. Dr. Soumitra Sarkar, Deputy Librarian, Convener

The Sub-Committee would examine the renewal position of the periodicals for the year 2000 in the light of Invoices and Quotations received and suggest among other things matters relating to smooth procurement of periodic publications. It was decided that the departments which were yet to submit priority lists should submit the same within 7 days.

Dr. S. Sanyal of the High Energy and Cosmic Ray Research Centre pointed out the needs of subscribing some periodicals for the Centre. The members were of the opinion that no addition would be possible this year owing to the constraint in funds. However, the Centre was requested to avail Document Delivery Service and Inter Library Loan Service of the University Library.

Agenda 3 : To report the progress regarding department-wise purchase of books for 9th plan.

Decision : The Deputy Librarian apprised the members about the progress achieved so far in respect of purchase of books for 9th plan. The members expressed satisfaction to note the progress.

The balance of 2rd allocation of book grant for 9th plan period for purchase of books for the departments was placed before the meeting and it was duly noted.

Agenda 4 : To report regarding INTERNET and E-Mail services of the University Library.

Decision : It was reported that all categories of members are making the maximum use of INTERNET and E-MAIL facilities of the Library. All members are given E-Mail address of the Library and are allowed to send and receive E-Mail.

Agenda 5 : To report the progress of and the difficulties in entering data under INFLIBNET programme.

Decision : The members were informed that in the first phase of data entry works under INFLIBNET programme it has been decided to create computerised database of books purchased during the 9th plan. The work is in progress.

The members were also informed that the Library could not show good progress in data entry works for want of sufficient computer nodes. However, considering the urgent need the Vice-Chancellor has recently sanctioned purchase of 2 PCs for the Library, purchase of which is in progress.

Agenda 6 : To discuss and recommend measures to resolve space problem in the Library.
Decision : The issue was discussed.

The Vice-Chancellor informed the members that the matter of extension of library building out of 9th plan allocation was in progress. The P.W.D. has been entrusted with the job.

Agenda 7 : To consider the representation made by the students of the Sociology & Social Anthropology Department for sufficient number of books in the Library.
Decision : The members discussed the matter. It was pointed out that the department has purchased a good number of books out of its 9th Plan UGC Book Grant. The members felt that the students would be benefited by making use of the resources.

Agenda 8 : To discuss and recommend measures to ensure timely return of books by users.

Decision : The members expressed concern to learn that a good number of users did not return the books of the Library inspite of several reminders. It was therefore decided that the following measures be taken for recovery of the books.

a) In case of college teachers reminders be sent for return of books under intimation to the Principal and the President of the governing body of the college concerned. A copy of the said letter, it was decided, be also sent to the D.P.I., West Bengal for information.

b) In case of private scholars the concerned supervisor be requested to kindly help the Library in this regard.

c) Reminders be sent to teachers, officers, staff etc. of the University for return of the books lying with them for a long time at the earliest. The Deputy Librarian has been requested to prepare a list of defaulting members who are holding the books for a period of more than two years and submit the list before the Library Committee for advise.

d) Henceforth the security deposits for Private Scholars and College Teachers be enhanced to Rs.3000/- for two books and letters of assurance for timely return of books should be obtained from the Research Supervisor and the Principal of the College, as the case may be.

It was resolved that the Teacher Fellows be treated as regular scholars of the University. But they will be required to submit an assurance from the Principal that they would help the University for timely return of the books. (confirmed for immediate implementation).

Agenda 9 : To discuss and recommend measures arising out of M. Phil. students access in the mainstack of the library

Decision : The members expressed concern to learn that some M. Phil. students are replacing a large number of books at wrong places in the stack deliberately

or otherwise, thus causing hardship to other users. The members felt that this practice is not only against the interest of the genuine readers but also against the spirit of library rules.

In course of discussion Prof. Pradip Kumar Sengupta, Dean of the Faculty Council for P.G. Studies in Arts, Commerce & Law told the members that he would take up the matter with the M. Phil. Students.

It was therefore resolved that the matter would be taken up for discussion in the next meeting of the Library Committee.

Agenda 10 : To report about the Book Exhibition held in the Library from 18 to 20 November, 1999.

Decision : It was reported that a 3-day Book Exhibition was held in the Library from 18 to 20 November 1999.

The members opined that the exhibition was well organised and was well appreciated by all sections of the academic community. The members thanked the Library staff and hoped that the Library would organise similar exhibitions in the coming years.

Agenda 11 : To report that the following members of the University Library have lost the books mentioned against their names and paid compensation according to the rules.

- a) Smt. Anulekha Dutta, Ex-Research Scholar
 - i) *গণিতের ইতিহাস*, Accession No. 108278
 - ii) *গণিতের ইতিহাস*, Accession No. 109967
- b) Smt. Anamika Kar, student, NBU
 - i) Meir Gerald M, Leading issues in Economic Development
Accession No. 108405
- c) Smt. Milon Kumar Das, student, M.A. Part II, Department of History
 - i) Social, cultural Economic History of India, Accession No. 47643
- d) Dr. Sanchari Ray Mukherjee, Senior Lecturer, NBU
 - i) Energy and Society : The relation between energy and social change and
eco development, Accession no. 1843.
- e) Dr. Ali Athar, Senior lecturer, NBU
 - i) Habibullah A.T.M. Foundation of Muslim Rule in India, Accession no. 8045
 - ii) Political History & Institutions of the Early Turkeys Empire of Delhi,
Accession no. 5845
- f) Prof. Santosh Kumar Majumdar, Deptt. of Chemistry, NBU
 - i) Solvent Extraction in Analytical Chemistry, Accession no. 10851
 - g) Dr. R.R. Rai Chamling, Deptt. of Political Science, NBU
 - i) Bangladesh, Acc. No. 47367
 - ii) Fight for Kashmir, Acc. No. 16781
 - iii) Political Economy of India's Foreign Policy, Acc. No. 83601

- iv) Foreign policy of India, Acc. no. 99602
- v) Diplomacy, Acc. No. 26463
- vi) Foreign Aid, Acc. no. 37125
- vii) Tantra in Bengal, Acc. No. 59998
- viii) Intervention, Acc. No. 49003
- ix) Friendly and Masters, Acc. No. 23523
- x) Swatantra Party, Acc. No. 33455
- xi) Midnight Massacre in Dacca, Acc. No. 61403
- xii) Jansangh, Acc. No. 35014
- xiii) Politics in Scarcity, Acc. No. 29822
- xiv) Brutal, Acc. No. 53043
- xv) Reflections on Indian Politics, Acc. No. 49010
- xvi) Gemstones, Acc. No. 14101
- xvii) The making of India's Foreign Policy, Acc. No. 72226
- xviii) The Manuscript, Acc. No. 31066

Decision: Moted and approved.

Agenda 12: To report that the University Library has received a good number of books as gift (list to be submitted in the meeting).

Decision: It was reported that the University has received 158 books as gift from individual and organisations and all the books received as gift were accessioned.

The members thanked the donors for their contribution.

Agenda 13: To consider a proposal to weed out some books since these can no longer be used.

The issue was discussed.

Decision: It was resolved that the Deputy Librarian in consultation with respective heads of the departments would prepare a list of outdated, unused and mutilated documents of the Library and submit the same before the library committee for advice.

Misc. Items: With permission of the Chairman the following matters were discussed:-

a) Professor R.K. Bhadra suggested that the existing lending hours of the Library be extended in order to enable the students to borrow books after the class hours.

The Vice-Chancellor reported that the demand of the students for extension of lending hours could not be accepted on account of inadequacy of staff in the University Library. In this connection the Vice-Chancellor advised the Deputy Librarian to explore an alternative so that the students can borrow books from the Library according to their needs.

It was decided that the Deputy Librarian would place a note in this regard to the Vice-Chancellor very soon.

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ii) The members felt the need of strengthening the departmental Libraries. It was pointed out that the existing rules for the Seminar Libraries need to be amended so that the departments can borrow essential books from the Central Library for the convenience of the students.

It was resolved that the Deputy Librarian would submit a note in this regard to the Vice-Chancellor at the earliest.

All the items having been discussed, the Deans of the Faculty Councils and other members of the Library Committee recalled the care and attention the Vice-Chancellor had taken for development of the University Library and creation of different facilities there. The members felt that the academic communities are indebted to him for the keen interest he had taken for establishment of INTERNET and E-MAIL facilities in the Library and organization of the Book Exhibition.

The Vice-Chancellor also thanked the members for their active co-operation and team spirit for managing the affairs of the Library.

Sd/-
24/12/1995
(Dr. Soumitra Senkar)
Convener

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(Prof. R.G. Mukerjee)
Chairman