GOKHALE MEMORIAL GIRLS' COLLEGE

Best Practice I

Title: Library Orientation Programmes

Objective:

The main objective of conducting a Library Orientation Programme every new academic session is to equip the new entrants with knowledge of the College Central library, its open-shelf facility, e-resources and the rules and regulations that govern proper functioning of this important campus resource.

Context:

"As we read so we produce". The underlying principle of Library Orientation Programme (LOP) in GMGC is to make library use easy and effective for students at all course and difficulty levels and encourage them to become frequent library-goers and gain knowledge that can be applied.

Practice:

The College Library reflects the government initiatives in the field of higher education and its role in teaching, research and extension activities in HEIs and stresses that medium of information must not be restricted to print media alone. In GMGC, LOPs disseminate information about the library facilities including open-access shelves, the 5-user Libsys LSease software, now replaced with KOHA (22.11 version), computers for OPAC searching, display racks for latest informational resources, cheap reprographic facility and Book Bank facility. During covid lockdown, LOPs were conducted to guide teachers and students in accessing e-resources purchased with RUSA 2.0 grants. Sage Publications, Oxford University Press, Pearson Publications and McGraw Hill personnel conducted the sessions.

Outcome:

- Increased library footfalls and N-list (INFLIBNET) usage statistics. Records show 5293 physical footfalls in 2016-17, 5098 in 2017-18, 4599 in 2018-19, 3090 up to March 2020 and zero footfalls from 16th March 2020 to January 2022 (the lockdown period).
- Increased usage of OPAC to access e-resource sites such as Shodhganga, e-Shodhsindhu through the library website www.gmgclibrary.wordpress.com
- Records of National Library and Information Services Infrastructure for scholarly content indicate downloads of 901 pages of study material in 2016, 3243 pages in

2017 and 7035 pages in 2018 and 4228 pages in 2019. During lockdown, usage was impressive at 26616 pages of downloads by 392 students in 2020 and 17362 pages by 359 students in 2021.

- e-resource users have increased significantly from 11 users in 2019 to 393 users in 2020.
- Central Library Website blog statistics show 11418 visitors till January 2023.

Constraints

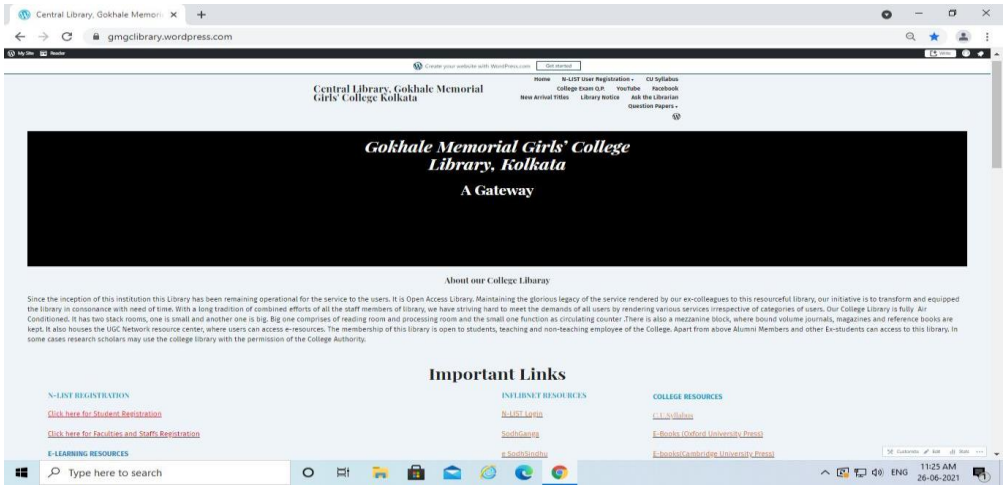
- Arranging LOPs without disrupting the classes is a challenge.
- Accommodating a large number of students eager to use the reading room and reprographic facility is difficult.
- Internet connectivity disruptions and affordability are major constraints.
- Provision of adequate computer access in peak hours is difficult..

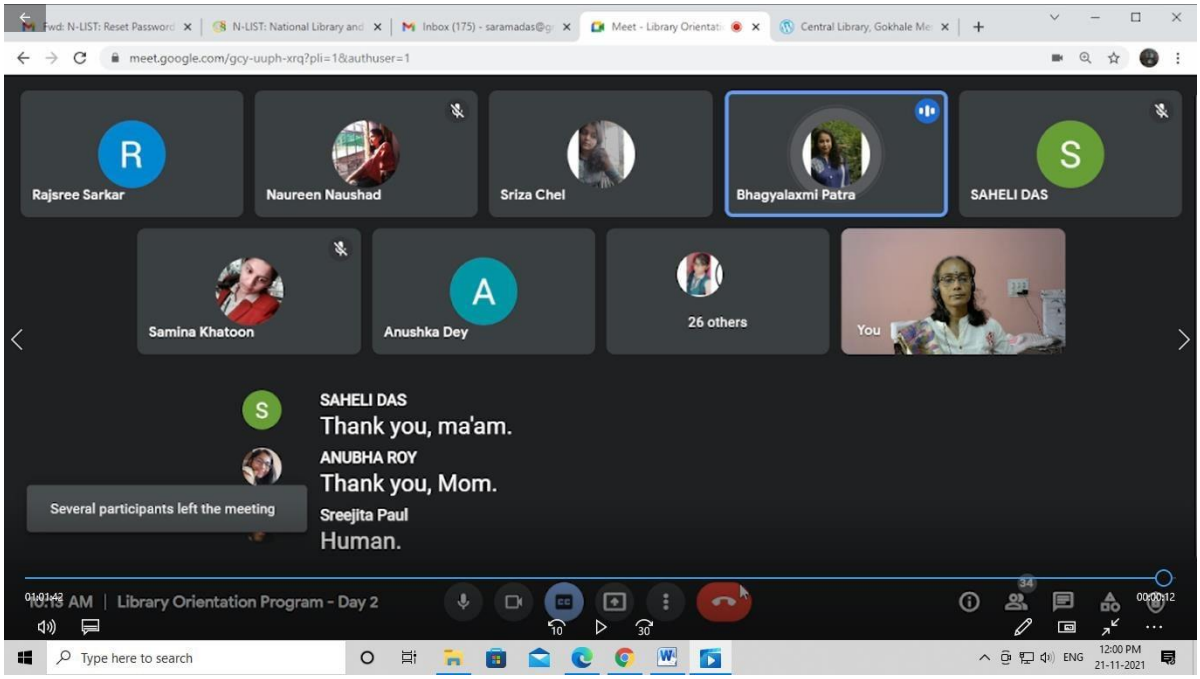
Additional Note:

"Best User of E-resources Access of the N-List Programme" has been introduced to encourage usage of e-resources.

Library Report 2021

A special online Library Orientation Program organized on 31/03/2021 for the new entrants in three sessions to make them aware of how to access the library resources particularly through the Gokhale College Library Website.
Subsequently a regular LOP was organized on 08/11/2021, 09/11/2021 and 12/11/2021 for the students of Semester 1.





Library Report 2021

In2021, the college purchased e-resources with RUSA 2.0 grants. The Library organized 10-day online user orientation program from 17/05/2021 to 29/05/2021 (except holidays) in pre-class time from 8.45 am to 9.45 am. This online program focused on how to access the e- resources remotely.

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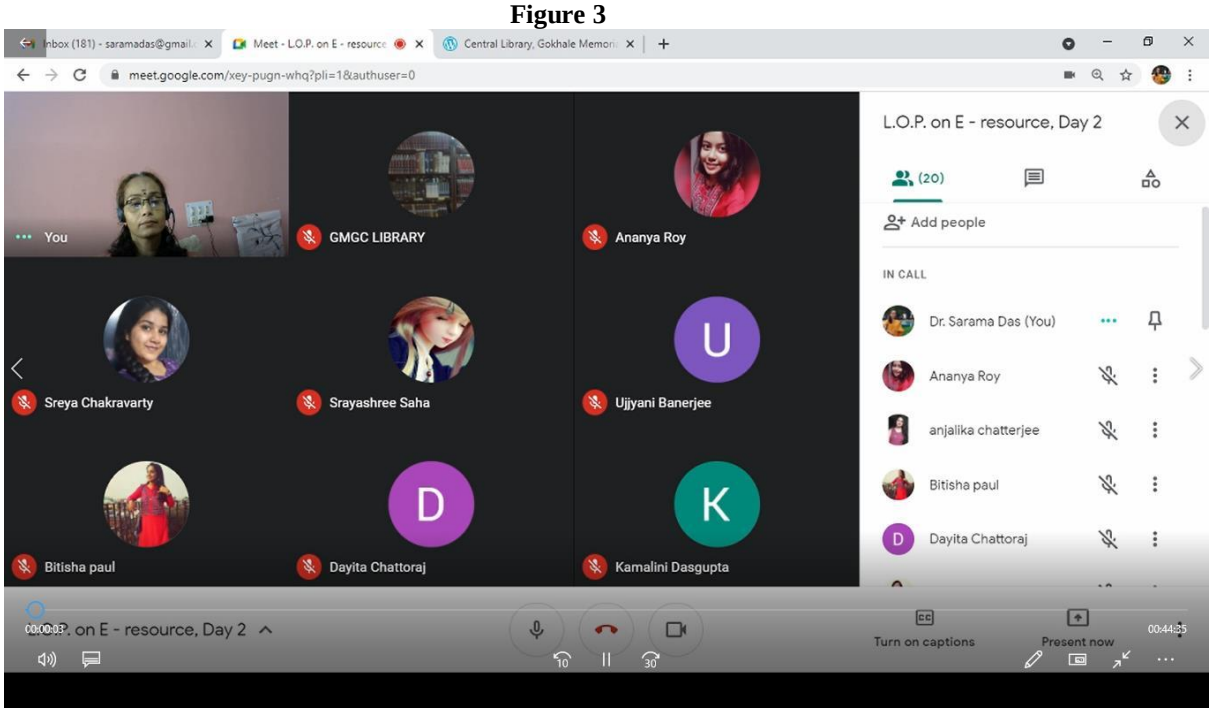
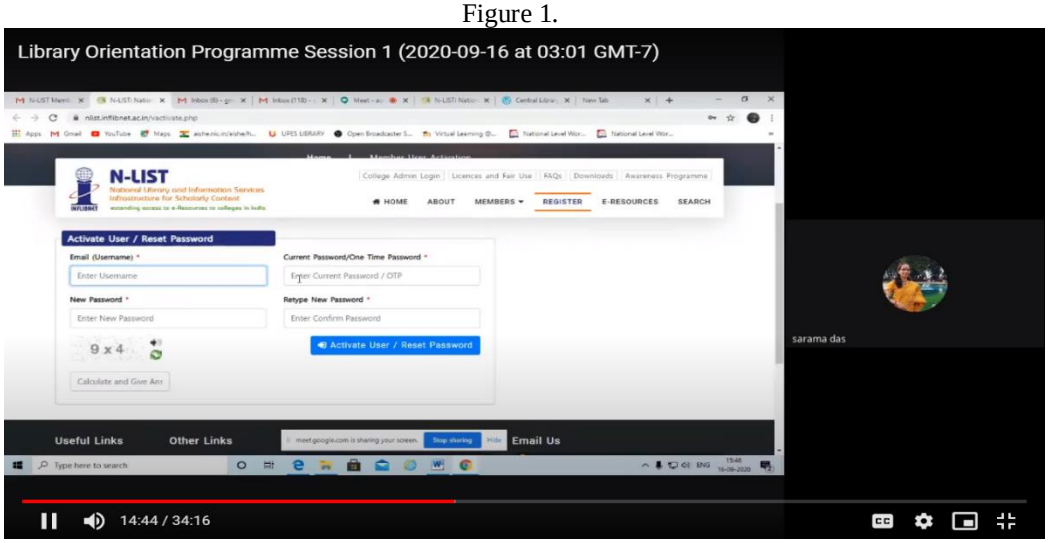


Library Report 2020

Online Library Orientation Programme was conducted on “Remote Access of College Library” during the pandemic environment on 16/09/2020 and 17/09/2020 in three sessions. All current students, teachers and staffs attended the program which basically highlighted how all users can access their learning resources through the gateway of College Library Website like N-LIST resources, college examination papers, University examination papers, C.U. Syllabus, and other free educational sites at their comfort zones.

Figure 1.



Library Report 2019

On 29th and 30th of July, 2019, Gokhale Memorial Girls' College Library conducted a Library Orientation program for newly admitted 1st Semester Students to give an overview of the college library- how to access e-resources, and as well as printed resources also. Students were also informed about the

rules and regulations and how to search library database in computer to access study material.

Library Report 2018

Two-day library orientation programme was conducted for 1st year students organized on 11/08/18 & 13/08/18.

Library Report 2017

Three-Day Library Oreintation Program was conducted in the College Library from 29/08/2017 to 31/08/2017.