LALBABA COLLEGE



MOU signing for library cooperation through WBCoLOR (West Bengal College Libraries' Online Resources)



On 10.7.23, a memorandum of understanding (MOU) was signed between thirteen 13 college libraries under various universities of West Bengal under the initiative of Lalbaba College, Belur, Howrah. The main objective of this MOU is to build a consortium among the college libraries named WBCoLOR (West Bengal College Libraries' Online Resources) through which libraries can share e-resources, organise workshops, seminars etc. among themselves. especially to run the chapterature online database WBCoLOR (West Bengal College Libraries Online Resources) for giving

shared e-library services to its own members as well as to other institutional members. This activity also was helpful to increase digital footfall to all member libraries under this MOU. During the pandemic situation of June 2021, this online database (WBCoLOR) was created by the college librarians of West Bengal for the benefit of students so that they can get CBCS syllabus oriented materials in one place and can be accessed from home. In this database, e-resources of various subjects are uploaded according to syllabus.

The 13 colleges that have agreed to jointly run this database are

- 1. Lalbaba College, 323 (Formerly 117) G.T.Road, Belur, Howrah-711202
- 2. Maharaja Srischandra College, 20 Ramkanto Bose Street, Kolkata- 700003
- 3. Ramakrishna Sarada Mission Vivekananda Vidyabhavan, 33, Sree Maa Sarada Sarani, DumDum, Kolkata-

700055

4. Sarsuna College, 4/HB/A, Ho-Chi-Minh Sarani, Sarsuna Upanagari, Sarsuna, Kolkata 700061

5.Savitri Girls' College, 13 Muktaram Babu Street, Kolkata 700007

6.Umeschandra College, 13 Surya Sen Street, Kolkata

700012

711401

7.Ramsaday College, College More, Amta, Howrah -

8. Bhairab Ganguly College, Feeder Road, Belgharia, Kol-

kata - 700056

9. Hiralal Bhakat College, Nalhati, Birbhum, West

Bengal, Pin Code 731220

10. Women's College, Calcutta, P-29, Kshirode Vidya Vi-

node Avenue, Kol- 700003

11.Deshabandhu Mahavidyalaya, Chittaranjan-713331

Paschim Bardhaman West Bengal

12. Nistarini College, D.B. Road, Purulia 723101

13. Sovarani Memorial College, Jagatballavpur, Howrah -

At a time when blended mode of reading is being given more importance, this initiative of the college libraries is commendable.

First, the program started with a very beautiful opening song by a student of Lalbaba College. Principals of the 13 colleges, IQAC coordinators, Librarians attended and signed the memorandum. Speeches were given by them on this MOU and WBCoLOR consortium initiatives. Everyone wishes the success of this project and cautions-advises librarians to do resource uploading without violating the copyright act. Everyone highlighted in their speech that in the present era, along with print media, libraries should give equal importance to digital media.

On this occasion, five colleges organized a seminar on "Co-operative Library Services through WBCoL-OR Consortium" collaboratively. These colleges are Lalbaba College, Maharaja Sris Chandra College, Ramakrishna Sarada Mission Vivekananda Vidyabhavan College, Sarasuna College and Savitri Girls' College.

In the seminar, librarian of Lalbaba College and one of the convenors of the seminar Dr. Mala Aditya spoke about "WBCoLOR: a new approach towards college library consortium in West Bengal". She spoke greatly about the background of WBCoLOR, and its progress. Mrs. Parama Sarkhel Dutta, Librarian of RKSMVV, Dumdum demonstrated how students and faculty can search the WBCoL-OR data base. Dr. Abhijit Chakraborty, Librarian of Maharaja Srishchandra College presented "WBCoLOR: in perspective of NAAC & CAS." He clearly explained in which criteria of NAAC we can include WBCoLOR and how WBCoLOR will help for Career Advancement Scheme. Then Dr. Anindita Basu, Librarian of Behala Sarashuna College presented a beautiful paper, "Intervention of librarian in resource sharing through library consortia" and lastly Dr Kaveri Karmakar, Librarian of Umeshchandra College spoke about "Challenges and Prospects of College Library Services with Special Reference to Umeshchandra College".

The seminar was divided into two sessions. The Chairpersons of the technical session was Dr Subal Kumar Barui, Deputy Librarian, University of Calcutta and Dr. Partha Sarathi Das, ALIO, National Library of India.

Finally, Dr. Anindita Basu ended the program by giving a vote of thanks to everyone.