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Report on the One-Day Seminar on “Shaping NewGen Library Professionals”

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The Central Library, MANIT Bhopal organized a one-day seminar on “Shaping NewGen Library Professionals” on 11th September 2025 at Vivekananda Seminar Hall, MANIT Bhopal. The seminar aimed at bringing together librarians, academicians, researchers, and students to discuss the challenges, opportunities, and skill development for young library professionals in the rapidly evolving digital era. The event witnessed the enthusiastic participation of approximately 50 delegates including library professionals, faculty members, and research scholars.

In his welcome Address **Dr. Venkata Rao Pokuri**, Librarian & Head, Central Library, MANIT Bhopal gave a brief overview of the Central Library, describing its various sections, facilities, and services that cater to the diverse needs of faculty, students, and researchers. **Mr. Wasim Rahaman**, Assistant Librarian, MANIT Bhopal provided a detailed outline of seminar acquainting with the participants.

The Chief Guest, **Dr. J. L. Bhagoria**, LAC Chairman & Professor (ME), MANIT Bhopal inaugurated the new Central Library website. While speaking on the occasion, Dr. Bhagoria highlighted the significance of professional skills for librarians in futuristic institutions and sharing the journey of the MANIT Library since its inception. The inaugural session concluded with a Vote of Thanks by **Mr. Pankaj Kumar Sharma**, Deputy Librarian, MANIT Bhopal.

The Technical Session I featured a Panel Discussion on the theme “Skilling Young Library Professionals: Challenges and Opportunities”. The session was chaired by **Dr. P. K. Tripathy**, Deputy Librarian, Regional Institute of Education (RIE), Bhopal, and moderated by **Mr. Wasim Rahaman**. Dr. Tripathy emphasized the critical role of information literacy as the backbone of effective library services. He underscored that librarians must be well-equipped to guide users in navigating information overload, ensuring quality and authenticity in research and learning. **Dr. Aarti Sarang**, Associate Professor, Makhnallal Chaturvedi National University of Journalism and Communication (MCU), Bhopal, spoke about the pressing need for continuous skill upgradation.

Dr. Mukesh Pathak, Deputy Librarian, School of Planning and Architecture (SPA), Bhopal, discussed the aspects of planning and organization in libraries. He emphasized that structured management and systematic planning are vital for achieving efficiency in modern library operations. **Dr. Neelam Thapa**, Assistant Professor, Dr. Harisingh Gour Vishwavidyalaya, Sagar, highlighted the importance of keeping libraries human centric. She warned against over-dependence on Artificial Intelligence, insisting that technology should support but never replace the human element in librarianship.

Dr. Sukriti Saraf, Assistant Professor, Government Girls’ Post Graduate College (GGPG), Bhopal, reflected on the significance of managerial competencies. She pointed out that leadership, decision-making, and interpersonal skills are as important as technical expertise in managing library institutions effectively. **Mr. Mohit Gupta**, Assistant Librarian, National Law University (NLU), Bhopal, discussed recent trends in librarianship and urged professionals to stay updated with global practices. He highlighted that the future belongs to those who embrace innovation and adapt quickly to changes in the information ecosystem.

The session concluded with reflections by the Chair, Dr. Tripathy, who summarized the discussion and reinforced that adaptability, user-centered services, and lifelong learning are key to shaping new-generation library professionals.

Mr. Anuj Kumar Agrawal, Deputy Manager – Sales, SAGE Publications, made a presentation on Research Methods from SAGE, demonstrating how these tools support academic excellence and research productivity.

In Technical Session II, a PPT/Poster Presentation Competition was held in three categories that is Ph.D., Postgraduate (PG), and Undergraduate (UG). The session witnessed a variety of innovative and creative ideas that reflected the diverse

perspectives from the perspective LIS professionals. A total of 10 young library professionals made presentations ranging from Dr Ranganathan's Five Laws of Library Science to Information Tsunami. The best presenter from each category was awarded a memento and a certificate.

The seminar concluded with a Valediction Session with **Mr V. K. Mathur**, Retired Librarian, MACT Bhopal, as the Chief Guest. In his address, he appreciated the initiative of MANIT Central Library in fostering professional growth and shared his personal experiences as a librarian, inspiring young professionals with lessons from his career. He further acknowledged the efforts of the organizers in making the seminar a memorable academic event. **Dr. Venkata Rao Pokuri** while extending heartfelt thanks to all dignitaries, participants, and organizing team members, shared his perspective on the Library and Information Science (LIS) profession, emphasizing that librarianship is evolving as a dynamic blend of technology, management, and human-centric services. He urged young professionals to cultivate adaptability, developing skills, build capacities and service commitment to meet the challenges of the digital knowledge society. **Mr Wasim Rahaman** proposed vote of thanks.

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