

NATIONAL LIBRARIANS' DAY CELEBRATION - 2018

National Librarians' Day is observed on 12 August every year to commemorate the birth anniversary of Padmashri Dr S. R. Ranganathan (1892-1972), who is considered as father of library science in India. Dr. Ranganathan dedicated his entire life to library profession in India leaving a rich legacy. On 126th birth anniversary of Dr. S. R. Ranganathan, the Central Library of Tezpur University celebrated National Librarian's Day on 13 August 2018.

Ranganathan born on 9 August 1892 in the small town of Shiyali (now known as Sirkazhi), in the state of Tamil Nadu in southern India. Ranganathan began his professional life as a mathematician; he earned B.A. and M.A. degrees in mathematics from Madras Christian College in his home province. He established himself as a successful teacher of mathematics at Universities in Mangalore, Coimbatore and Madras within a span of five years. As a mathematics teacher, he published a handful of papers, mostly on the history of mathematics. After joining as University Librarian he went to England for library training. On coming back from England after his library training he was possessed by a mission to modernize Indian librarianship, university libraries and library science education. He saw librarians not as curator of books but facilitator of their use for communication of information and creation of knowledge. To achieve this he worked at intellectual, administrative, political and social levels. The Government of India awarded Padmashri to Dr. S.R. Ranganathan for valuable contributions to Library Science.

The occasion was graced in the presence of Dr. Monawwer Eqbal, Deputy Librarian with all library staff of Tezpur University. The programme began with the traditional lightening of the lamps with floral tribute to Dr. S. R. Ranganathan, father of library science in India. All staff of Central Library paid homage and tribute to illustrious Guru Dr. S.R Ranganathan on this auspicious occasion. A video in the memory of Dr. S. R. Ranganathan played at the central library conference hall.



