



**Two Days Virtual
International Seminar
on**



**“Visualising the Changes in Public
Library System: Issues and Challenges
after the lockdown”**

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Concept Note:

Public Library offers services and products to its users (common people) that enable the users to intellectual playing field. It is the hub of any intellectual society. The digital public library has been circulating the various kinds of materials to librarians, scholars, educators, and technologists since the early 1990s. Efforts led by the public libraries have successfully built resources that provide books, images, historical records, and audiovisual materials to anyone with Internet connectivity. There were lots of debate about the trends and pattern of the usage of Public Library. But it is also necessary to understand the impact of COVID-19 in this present time. Due to the affect of Corona virus disease,

we can easily observe the changes took place in the usage pattern of information by the common people.

The first positive case of COVID-19 was identified in India on 30th January 2020. Since then, the numbers of positive cases have been gradually increasing in an unexpected manner. Hence, Government of India came out with a strict decision of imposing nationwide lockdown from 24th March 2020. Though some relaxation was imposed from the 1st phase of unlock, but it is till continue in the different parts of the country. Though the lockdown was the need of the hour, but questions arise as whether is academic arena competent enough to handle the changes that took place due to pandemic situation? Whether are common people getting the required materials in time without problems? If not, we have to find out the appropriate solution for these.

Sub-themes:

Theme is divided into several sub-themes as detailed below, but not necessarily limited to:

- a) *Issues and challenges faced by the Public Library during and after COVID-19 Impact.*
- b) *Role of e-books, e-journals and other e-literature during such Impact.*
- c) *Awareness on e-learning and role of Public Library.*
- d) *Infrastructure changes required to tackle with such situation by the Public Library.*
- e) *Relation between Public Library System and common people during this pandemic situation.*
- f) *Role of Artificial Intelligence and its future prospective with Public Library.*
- g) *Social Distancing and Public Library Services.*
- h) *Relation between State Central Library, District Library and Local Library System during such situation.*
- i) *Additional challenges and solution to overcome the financial constant for Public Library System.*
- j) *Role of Marketing in the Public Library System.*
- k) *Innovative Services provide by the Public Library in this situation.*
- l) *The Prevention and Management of Library Staffs'.*
- m) *New Theories of management after lockdown.*
- n) *Changing Information Seeking Pattern of the People.*
- o) *Impacts of current pandemic on academia within India and outside.*
- p) *Future Plan for overcoming any such kind of disaster/ pandemic.*

About Maharaja Bir Bikram University

Maharaja Bir Bikram University, established by an Act of Tripura Legislative Assembly, began its maiden journey in 2015. Situated in a lush of green landscape adjacent to MBB College, Agartala, the university intends to sail through the vibrant world of academia with objective of encouraging imagination, innovations and ideas in the newly emerging academic disciplines without ignoring the vast knowledge that have been accumulated over long period of human civilization. A total number of four PG courses run under this University. In addition to these, Ph. D programmes are also offered in three subjects. The number of affiliated Colleges at present is three among which there are two General Degree Colleges and one Professional Degree Colleges.

Registration Fees:

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***Each participant will get ten (10) minutes to speak online through video conferencing.**

Important Dates:

Last date of Submission of Full Paper: 25th July 2020

Acceptance Notification: 30th July 2020

Last date of Registration: 3rd August 2020

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