

Event Report for **1st Annual Meet and Staff Development Programme of VMRF Libraries** **04th & 05th August 2023** **Venue: Board Room, VMSDC, Salem**



The VMRF Libraries Annual Meet and Staff Development Programme, held on August 4th and 5th, 2023, at VMSDC in Salem, was a resounding success, bringing together VMRF DU Constituent Colleges Librarians to enhance the skills, knowledge, and capabilities of library staff members while fostering a sense of community and shared learning.

The inaugural session, graced by the Vice Chancellor of VMRF DU, emphasized the importance of libraries as a repository of knowledge and their role in shaping the academic community. He also mentioned the recent initiatives taken by the University for transformation of VMRF DU libraries.

Dr. Buddhi P Chauhan, Advisor of VMRF Libraries, highlighted the program's focus on collaboration among libraries within the VMRF network to optimize resource utilization, enhance user experience, and foster knowledge-sharing, following the theme of the meet "Let us Evolve Together". The session delved into the innovative strategies being developed to modernize library collection, services, and spaces, and leadership and technology for better user experience.

The first day was marked by an insightful session by Dr. Gopakumar V, who delved into librarians' skill requirements in the digital age. Attendees engaged in discussions, examining essential skills and technology integration.

A notable highlight was the Best Practices Workshop led by Dr. Buddhi P Chauhan. Attendees actively participated in interactive activities, collaboratively developing strategies for enhanced user experiences and improved library services.

The second day commenced with an immersive session, allowing participants to explore VMRF Libraries' innovative practices through guided tours of VMKV Medical College Library and VMKV Engineering College Library.

Dr. Rajasekaran V's session on effective communication skills underscored the pivotal role of clear communication in librarianship. Attendees learned strategies to engage users more effectively.



The Best Practices Workshop's continuation was led by Dr. Buddhi P Chauhan and Saravankumaran S, focusing on creating robust SOPs and policies for academic libraries.

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The valedictory ceremony featured the Registrar of VMRF DU, where attendees shared learnings. Dr. Buddhi P Chauhan and Dr. A. Nagappan delivered closing remarks, certificates were distributed, and the event concluded with a vote of thanks.



The Annual Meet and Staff Development Programme celebrated collaboration, knowledge sharing, and the evolving role of librarians in an increasingly digital academic landscape. Attendees left with enriched perspectives, renewed zeal, and a commitment to excel in their roles.

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