

Library Orientation for First Semester Students (Session 2025–26)

During every academic session, the Central Library in association with the Library Society conducts **Deeksharambh: Orientation Programme** for newly admitted First semester Under Graduate students, with the primary aim of introducing them to the library's resources, services, and facilities. For the academic year 2025–2026, the orientation for Under Graduate students was held on **August 22, 2025**. This session proved highly beneficial in helping students access the library from the very beginning of their academic journey. It enhances their ability to retrieve information effectively and builds their confidence in undertaking academic and research work. The orientation is typically organized within the first two to three weeks of the commencement of the academic session.

The program featured a lecture-cum-demonstration introducing students to the library's resources, services, rules, and staff, along with an explanation of the **Dewey Decimal Classification (DDC)** system of arrangement, evaluation of web resources, and the ethical use of information. A live demonstration was also conducted on how to use the library catalogue and databases in house and also remotely. Furthermore, students were introduced to the activities organized by the Library Society, including book clubs, visits to notable libraries in the city, and celebrations of **National Library Week** and **International Mother Language Day**. An interactive Q&A session provided students with an opportunity to clarify their doubts regarding the effective use of library services.

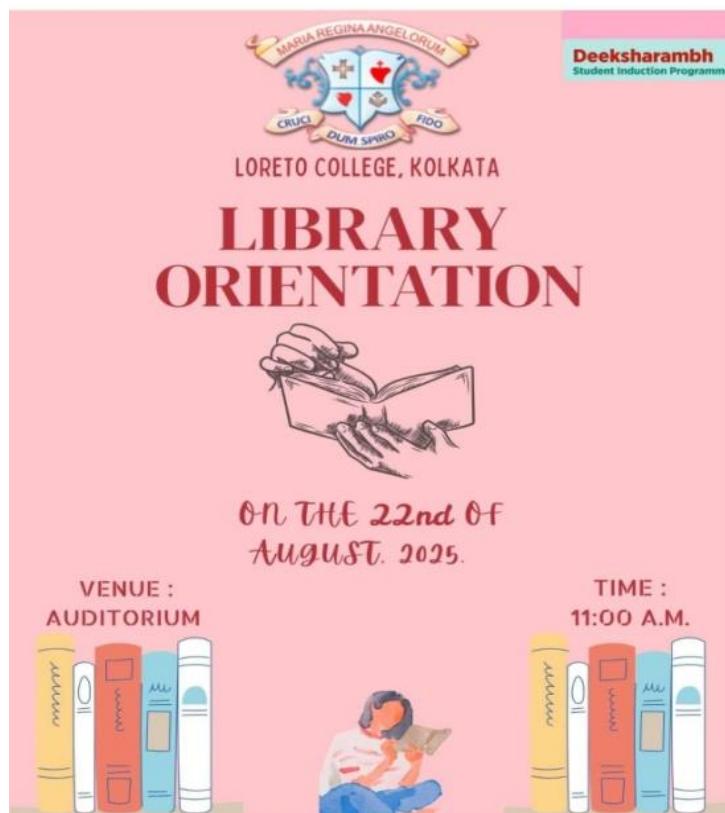
At different times and in departmental batches, students are escorted to the library for guided tours, enabling them to familiarize themselves with the physical layout and facilities. Dedicated sessions are also organized to provide hands-on training on accessing e-resources, searching the catalogue, and navigating the library's website and databases.

Objectives of the Orientation

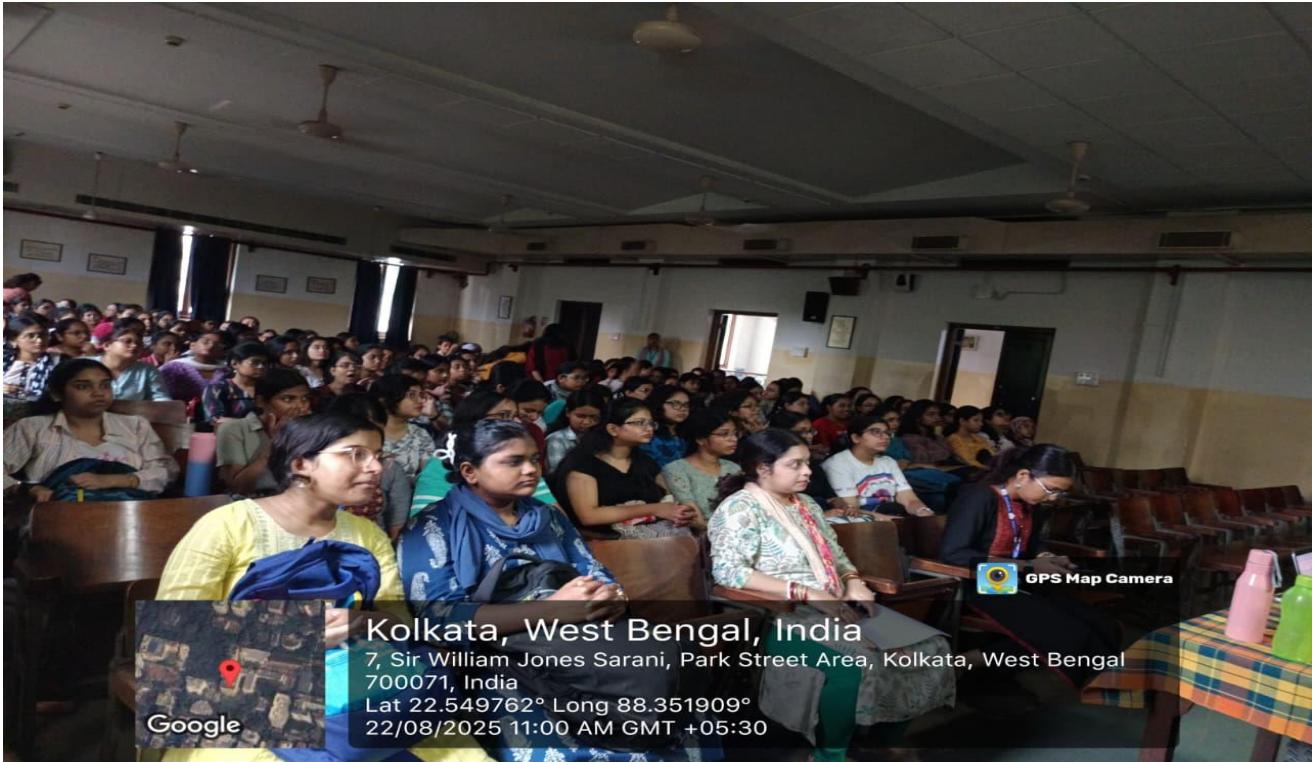
- To familiarize students with the library's physical layout and infrastructure.
- To communicate the rules, policies, and procedures for borrowing, returning, and accessing library materials.
- To assist students in effectively using the **Online Public Access Catalogue (OPAC)**, digital databases, e-journals, and e-books.
- To promote understanding of research tools while encouraging students to cultivate independent learning and research skills.
- To create awareness about library events and Library Society initiatives that foster academic excellence and personal development through reading and information literacy.

Learning Outcomes

- **Increased familiarity with facilities**—Students became 'library-wise,' gaining awareness of the layout, circulation desk, reference section, digital zone, and reading spaces.
- **Improved ability to access resources** – Students gained confidence in utilizing the OPAC, online databases, and e-resources for academic and research purposes.
- **Understanding of rules and policies** – Students developed a clear understanding of borrowing policies, membership rules, overdue fines, and the ethical use of information.
- **Enhanced awareness of support services** – Students became aware of the assistance provided by library staff in referencing, research, and resource location.
- **Development of information literacy skills** – Students learned to identify, evaluate, and use information critically and ethically.
- **Motivation to participate in activities** – Students showed interest in joining bookclubs, reading challenges, workshops, and academic events organized by the library.
- **Cultivation of lifelong learning habits**—Participants demonstrated a positive attitude towards continuous learning and reading beyond the requirements of the curriculum.
- **Increased library usage** – A noticeable rise was observed in both the frequency and quality of students' engagement with library resources.







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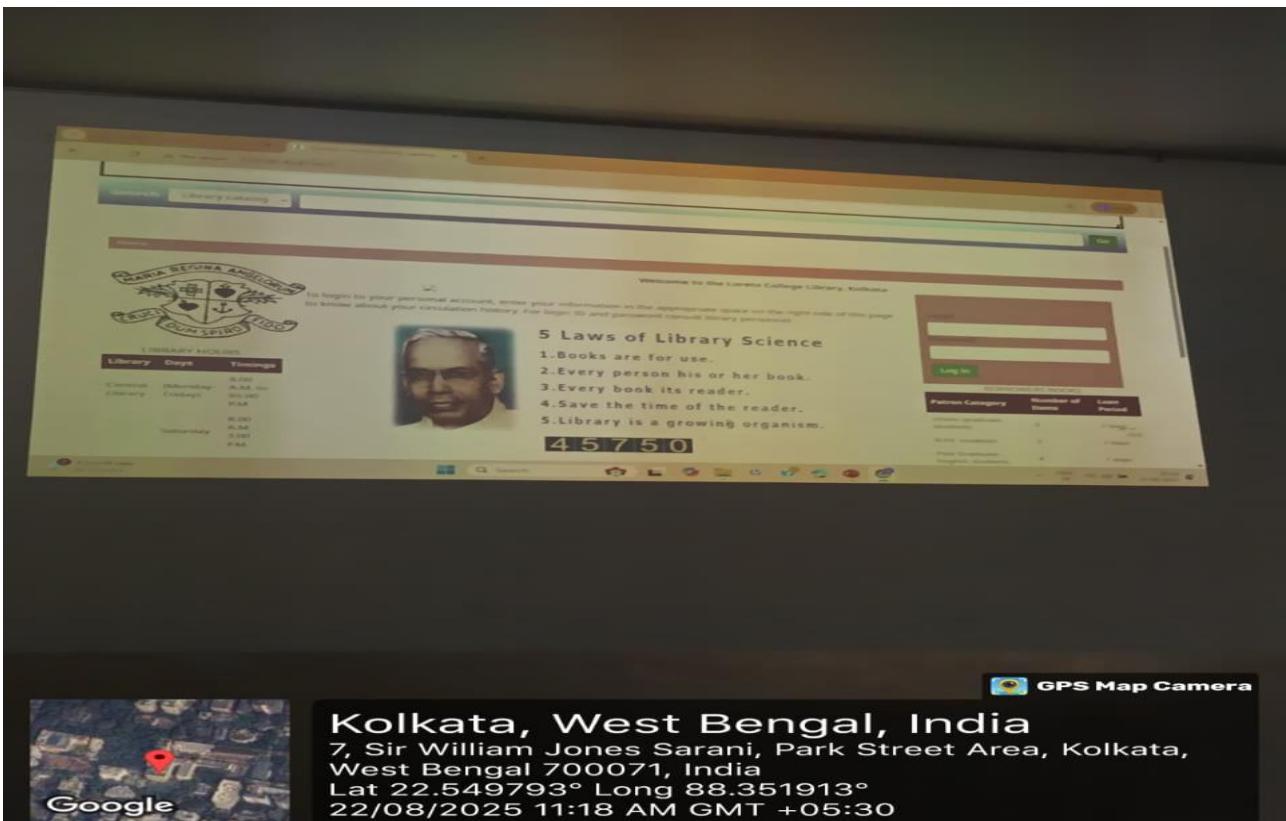
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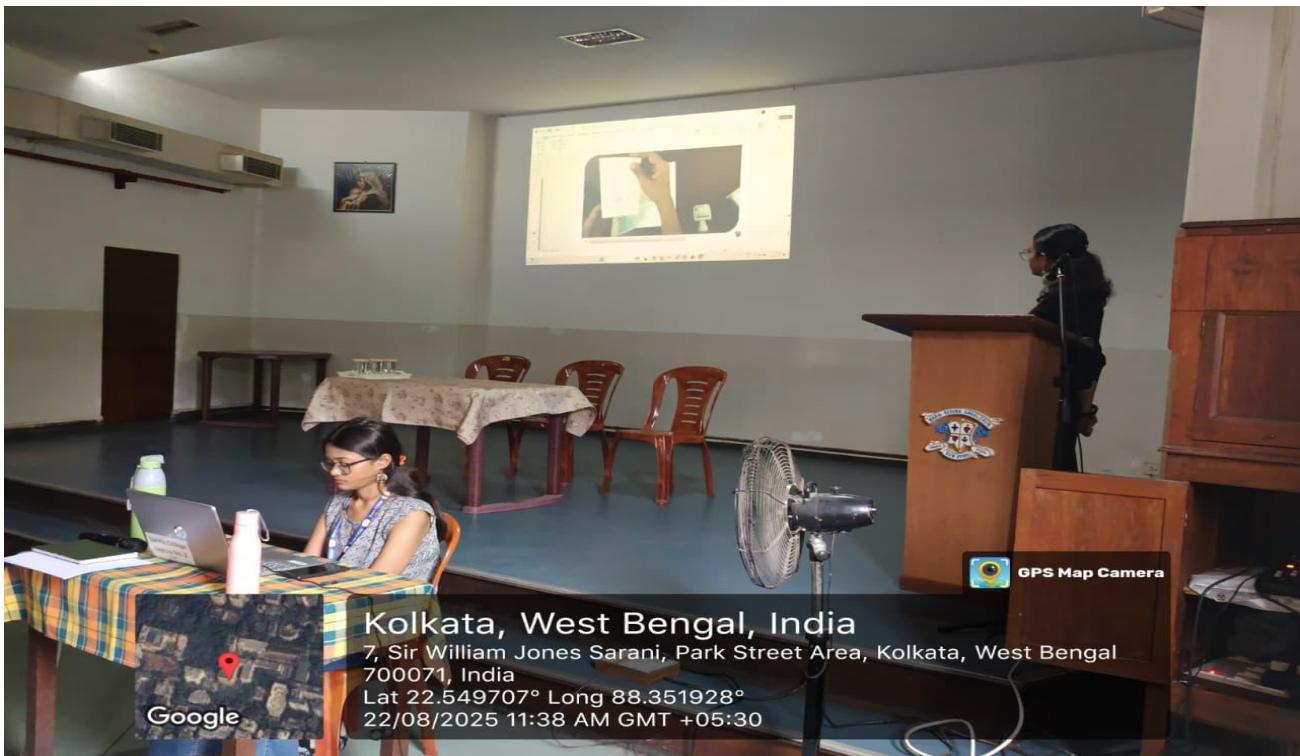
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