

The orientation program for the freshers of the Masters in Library and Information Science – 2023-24

The orientation program for the freshers of the Masters in Library and Information Science program at the University of Mysore was a crucial step in helping the students adjust to their new academic environment. The program was arranged on January 24, 2023, which was the second day of their post-graduate education. The students looked tensed, reflecting their fear of an unknown environment. They were anxious about the program and had many questions about their education at the Department of Studies in Library and Information Science. They were silent and hesitant to open up, but the faculty members, led by the Chairman, aimed to enthuse the students and instill confidence, seriousness, and purpose in their minds.

The Chairman of the Department, Prof. N.S. Harinarayana welcomed the students warmly, and his words helped to ease the students' anxieties. He spoke on various issues to instill confidence in the students and emphasized the importance of discipline, perseverance, and self-motivation for success in their new endeavors. He also encouraged the students to take advantage of the resources and support available to them during their studies.

Prof. Mallinath Kumbar then provided a historical overview of the department, which gave the students an understanding of the growth and development of the program over the years. He highlighted the efforts of past and present teaching faculty, and this helped the students understand the legacy of the department and the level of excellence they could expect. He also emphasized the importance of hard work and regular attendance and informed the students of the gold medals that would be awarded to the student who tops the MLISc examination.

Prof. M. Chandrashekara spoke on the glory of the University of Mysore, providing the students with an understanding of the infrastructural facilities available on campus. He highlighted the state-of-the-art facilities such as the library, laboratory, computer centre, hostels, and transportation services. He also explained the choice-based credit system (CBCS) which is followed in the University and the flexibility it offers to the students to choose the course of their interest.

Prof. Adithya Kumari H. further detailed the various facilities available to the students in the department such as computers, classification schedules, cataloguing tools, and other resources. She also explained the various clubs and associations that the students can be a part of and the various workshops and seminars that the department conducts regularly.

Dr. Sunil Kumar M. discussed the various career opportunities available for library science students. He gave a detailed account of the job market for library science graduates and provided insights on how to prepare for a career in library science. He also discussed the importance of networking, internships, and volunteer opportunities in helping students build successful careers.

Dr. Niveditha B. emphasized the need for clearing subject competitive exams such as NET and SLET which are crucial for getting a good job or pursuing higher education. She discussed the importance of preparing for these exams and the opportunities available to students who clear them.

The program also included some activities to help students ease their tension and stress. These activities were designed to help the students get to know each other and the faculty members and to provide a fun and relaxed atmosphere for the students to start their academic journey.

Overall, the orientation program provided a wealth of information and resources to the freshers of the Masters in Library and Information Science program at the University of Mysore. It helped the students understand the department, the university, and the opportunities available to them. It also provided them with the tools and resources they need to succeed in their academic endeavors, and the support and guidance they need to achieve their career goals. Overall, the orientation program aimed to provide the freshers with a comprehensive understanding of the department, the university, and the opportunities available to them as library and information science students.







