

# Library as Facilitators for Teaching Learning Process in Govt. Hrangbana College

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## Abstract

Human being needed learning and education throughout his life. Right from *birth to death*, we learn new things which come to our live. We need guidance; we need facilities to perform in order to reach our target.

Modern Education is Library oriented education and research based principle. The teachers should actively engage their students in using the library as a kind of laboratory of learning “how to manage their own education”.<sup>(1)</sup> The library must be taken as an extension of the class-room and expected from the students to use it intelligently in preparation for discussions in class, seminar reports and papers.

Students and other Library users may not know the system practice in the Library. What documents available in the library and what facilities the library provides to the user will be discuss in this paper. In addition to this, providing facilities to the faculty inside and outside the library, facilities providing to students for their career development choke out also discussed.

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## 1. Introduction

A facilitator is someone who helps a group of people to understand their common objective and assists them to plan to achieve them without taking a particular position in the discussion. Some facilitator tools will try to assist the group in achieving a consensus on any disagreements that pre-exist or emerge in the meeting so that it has a strong basis for future action.

Most people associate the word “facilitator” with the training environment. Often, that person at the front of the room leading a training session is referred to as the course facilitator. While it is true that seminar leader do “facilitate”, facilitator role is often important in the other areas. For example,

the chairperson at a meeting often takes on the responsibility for facilitating the meeting, rather than ‘running it’.

## 2. Definitions

There are varieties of definition for facilitator, some are given below:

1. “An individual who enables groups and organizations to work more effectively to collaborate and achieve synergy. He or she is a ‘content neutral’ party who by not taking sides or expressing or advocating a point of view during the meeting and can advocate for fair, open, and inclusive procedures to accomplish the group’s work” – Doyle<sup>(2)</sup>

2. “One who contributes structure and process to interactions so groups are able to function



effectively and make high-quality decisions. A helper and enabler whose goal is to support is to support others as they achieve exceptional performance.” – Bens <sup>(3)</sup>

3. “The facilitator’s job is to support everyone to do their best thinking and practice. To do this, the facilitator encourages full participation, promotes mutual understanding and cultivates shared responsibility. By supporting everyone to do their best thinking, a facilitator enables group members to search for inclusive solutions and build sustainable agreements.”– Kaner <sup>(4)</sup>

### Characteristics of Facilitator

The facilitator commit to a style. Characteristics of facilitator may as follows:

- ❖ Asking rather than telling
- ❖ Paying personal complements
- ❖ Listening without interrupting
- ❖ Talking to them
- ❖ More like a counselor than a sergeant
- ❖ More like a coach than a scientist
- ❖ Task – oriented
- ❖ Willingness to help

There can be more characteristic of facilitator. To stand library as facilitator the Librarian or the library staffs should have good zeal for helping others such as Students, Teachers, Research scholars and the public. Users may be different nature of attitude and they may not know how to consult the Library, they may not know where the relevant information is available in the library. Good facilitator Library put the institution into Quality. Library is the centre of the intellectual like of any college as well as educational Institution. <sup>(5)</sup>

### 3. Library as Facilitator in Govt. Hrangbana College

Located in the hub of Aizawl City, Govt. Hrangbana College is established in 1980. The College is christened after the name of Mr Hrangbana (Late), an education-minded and prominent business man who generously donated a sum of Rs. one lakh to start the college. The College was accreted by NAAC at “A” Grade in 2011. For the development into the Quality Education and stand as facilitator in the College family, Library plays many important roles. Let me highlight in this paper:

#### 3.1 Library Automation

Library Automation is using machines and technology in the library. Hrangbana College library took steps forward to have computerized library since 2004. SOUL 1.0 (College Version) is purchased from INFLIBNET, Ahmedabad. By using SOUL 1.0 bibliographical records and user data were entered. Printing of Catalogue Cards is done from the Software. Computerized Circulation has been doing successfully during 2005 to 2009. It is the first Computerized College Library in the State. That job facilitates the Library User as well as the College Administration immensely.

#### 3.2 Bar Coding

Bar- Coding system is introduced from 2011, Books accession number bar code and Library users Bar code was generated from Library Automation Software i.e. SOUL 2.0. The system helps toward quality service of Library, accuracy of Circulation and speedy to save the time of Library users.

#### 3.3 UGC Network Resource Centre

**N.R.C** has been established through the grant received from UGC. Three sets of Computers (dual

core) were installed with Internet facilities through which students, teaching and non-teaching staffs can access Global information relating to their academic needs at free of cost. In this facility, Librarian is the nodal officer as coordinator.

### 3.4 Reprographic Service

To save the time of the users, to prevent from loss of books and tearing off pages, Reprographic Service is very important in the library works. Govt. Hrangbana College Library provides such facility for making photocopy of documents at nominal charges.

### 3.5 College Website

College Website [www.hbc.mizoram.gov.in](http://www.hbc.mizoram.gov.in) [formerly [www.hbc.org.in](http://www.hbc.org.in)] is maintained and Administered by the Library since 2006. Hrangbana College is the first College in Mizoram who launched College website successfully. From the website, it is possible to get first handed information about the College.

### 3.6 Career Portal

College website is linked with [indiacareerportal.com](http://indiacareerportal.com). Students and passed out student of Hrangbana College can sign up for their career. That facility of placement portal <http://hbc.indiacareerportal.com> is coordinated by Library.

### 3.7 CEC EDUSAT Network (ROT)

CEC provided Govt. Hrangbana College Received Only Terminal of their Educational Broadcast. Group of students, particularly same class and teaching staff can watch and facilitate their knowledge power. Here also Librarian is the Coordinator.

### 3.8 N-LIST e-resource

INFLIBNET provided all the Colleges in North East to access e-resources at free of charges. Here, Librarian is the nodal agency to send their bio-data. After login id and password received it was circulated to each and every lecturer and organized group demonstration the steps of using.

### 3.9 IRTPLA

5 days INFLIBNET Regional Training Programme on Library Automation for College Librarians in Mizoram was held successfully during December 06 – 10, 2010 at Govt. Hrangbana College, Aizawl, Mizoram. This training was jointly organized by INFLIBNET Centre, Ahmedabad and the Library Committee of Govt. Hrangbana College, Aizawl. Librarian is the Coordinator in this training programme. From this training SOUL become the most popular Library automation software in the State of Mizoram

**Participants:** Participants recorded in the Registration Register are as follows:

1. Librarians from different Colleges - 16
2. Other Library Staffs - 7
3. College Teachers – 3

### Procurement of SOUL 2.0:

1. New User (Purchased SOUL 2.0 – L.E) - 7
2. Existing User for up-gradation from SOUL 1.0 - 4
3. Existing User of SOUL 1.0 Network Version to SOUL 2.0 Full Version. – 1

### 3.10 Old Question Book

Apart from the normal collection of books and journals, Library compiled old university questions

for many years. Students and Teachers from inside and outside our college used all the times. This is one of the good points for which Library stand as facilitator.

### 3.11 UGC Grants

Another point which Library as facilitator is that: Librarian is the nodal officer who dealt with UGC grants. On behalf of the Principal, he attended Principal's meeting on interface with UGC expert team during IX, X and XI Plan. All proposals of development grants merge scheme and infrastructure grants were made by Library.

### 3.12 Separate Reading Room for Teachers and Research Scholars

Inside the library reading room, separate room is made for Teacher and Research scholars with well furnished. Internet and stationary like papers are provided at free. Students, Teachers and research scholars from other College and University can utilize the facilities.

### 3.13 Closed Circuit Television

For security purpose, 8 channels with night vision high quality cameras of CCTV are installed in the college under the initiative of Librarian. Two cameras were fixed in the Library and others are fixed in Office, Computer Laboratory, Lecturers Common Room, Geography Practical room. CCTV is purchased from Library fund and maintained by Library to stand as Facilitator of the Institution. By using this facility, one night robber was caught and recovered more than one lakh rupees.

## 4. Conclusion

With all these, it can be conclude that Library can stand as Facilitator in the college. Library is set up

to be a backbone of the Institution. It can serve the parent body in all respect of college functioning. It can supplement the class room lectures in order to have in-depth study. It can coordinate for the career development of the students.

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