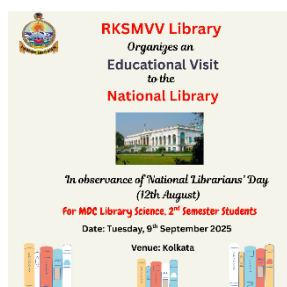


## Report on the Visit to the National Library, Kolkata On the Occasion of Librarians' Day

NAME OF ACTIVITY – Educational Excursion

CATEGORY – Educational Tour

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ORGANIZING UNIT – RKSMVV Library

DATE – 9<sup>th</sup> September 2025

TIME – 11.30 am onwards

VENUE – The National Library, Belvedere, Kolkata - 700 027.

NAME OF RESOURCE PERSON – DR PARTHA SARATHI DAS, Assistant Library & Information Officer, National Library

NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS – 20 students of Library Science, MDC Course and 3 Library Faculty including Librarian

### BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE EVENT –

On the occasion of **Librarians' Day**, a group of **20 students**, accompanied by faculty, visited the **National Library, Kolkata**, to gain first-hand experience of the largest library in India and to commemorate the birth anniversary of **Dr. S. R. Ranganathan**, the Father of Library Science in India.

The visit began with a warm welcome by the library staff, who gave a brief orientation about the history and significance of the National Library. Established in 1948 and located at the Belvedere Estate, Alipore, the library holds an impressive collection of over **2.5 million books** in various languages, making it a premier repository of knowledge in the country.

The students were taken on a guided tour of the library, which included visits to the **main reading hall**, **rare books section**, **periodicals division**, and the **digitization unit**. Of particular interest was the **Rare Manuscripts Section**, where students were introduced to ancient texts, archives, and documents of immense historical and cultural value.

The staff explained the functioning of the library's **cataloguing system**, the **digital library initiatives**, and how technology is being used to preserve and provide wider access to knowledge resources. Students also interacted with librarians, who shared valuable insights into the evolving role of libraries in the digital age and the importance of information management skills.

**PROGRAMME OUTCOME:** - The visit to the National Library, Kolkata, on Librarians' Day was an enriching experience for all participants. It not only enhanced the students' understanding of library science and information management but also inspired them to value and promote the role of libraries in society.

**GEO-TAGGED PHOTOS:**

