Report of One Day State Level Seminar on Reengineering of Libraies on 27th November 2009

One Day State Level Seminar on "*Reengineering of Libraies*" was organized on November 27, 2009 by Department of Library, B.N. Bandodkar College of Science, Thane. Around 115 delegates were present from 75 colleges along with staff from sister institutions.

The Seminar was inaugurated at 09.30 a.m. at the hands of Shri S.V. Karandikar, Very Senior Member, Vidya Prasarak Mandal. In his speech he brief the progress of Vidya Prasarak Mandal. Principal Dr. (Mrs) M.K. Pejaver gave the Welcome speech.

Dr. V. N. Patkar, Ex-Professor, ICFAI, was the Keynote speaker. Proceeding of the Seminar was published at the hands of Dr. V.N. Patkar. He talked about History of reengineering. He suggested that we must find out our strength, weaknesses and try to overcome the weaknesses. He further said that librarians must use all new technological tools and need to ask the questions themselves. They must think from user point of view and follow some new practices. He finally said that librarians always have to think positively, they should try to make things to happen. He raised the issue of cognitive mapping.

As resource person in the 1st session, Mr. Kishor Ingale, Manager, TCS discussed the importance of advanced tools in all library functions. In his presentation he explained about Blogs, RSS, Web 1.0, Web 2.0, social networking and social book marking. He suggested Library tour, library orientation can be done on podcost.

In 2nd session, Dr Rajendra Kumbhar, Reader, Pune University explain the role of libraries as service providers and while doing library reengineering, the users' aspects have to be considered first. He said that fundamental rethinking and radical redesign is to be considered to achieve best quality of library services. He demonstrated the use of consortia to avoid duplication and save the space.

In 3rd session, Mr N.B. Dahibhate, Librarian, NCL, Pune delivered a lecture on Role of Librarian in Reengineering. He suggested some factors like library survey, resource sharing, adaptability skills etc to all which are to be considered while doing reengineering.

The topics for paper presentation were

- i. Changing role of Librarian
- ii. Use of ICT in LIS
- iii. Reengineering: how it helps in problem solving.

The paper presentation session was chaired by Dr M.B. Konnur, Retd Librarian, Pune University and Dr V.N. Patkar Ex-Professor, ICFAI. Eight papers were presented in this session and this session was followed by Panel Discussion. Participants responded very positively with various questions which were answered by Dr S.K. Savnoor, Lecturer, Dept of LIS, Joshi Bedekar College and Mr N.S. Barse, Librarian, Joshi Bedekar College.

Dr. Mrs Pratibha Gokhale, Reader, Dept of LIS, Mumbai University, was the Chief Guest for Validictory function. The entire Seminar was conducted with the valuable help of Biotechnology, Zoology, Mathematics, Statistics, I.T. department and Library Staff. The programme was concluded after the Vote of Thanks by Ms Kadambari K Kardekar, Organising Secretery.