REPORT OF THE PROGRAMME

A Webinar on Misinformation, Fake news and Society: An approach to Fair use in ICT environment resourced by Prof. Sanjay Kumar Singh, HoD, Library and Information Science, Gauhati University organized by Central library, Sapatgram College in collaboration with Computer Science department, Sapatgram College on 19th July, 2021.

Inaugurating the webinar Dr. R.P. Singh, Principal, Sapatgram College stated that misinformation is increasing and becoming harder to combat because fake news is a malaise that has been worsened by the infodemic of the social media age, but fact checking too is evolving. Mr. Jaynal Abedin explained the objectives of this webinar.

Prof. Sanjay Kumar Singh Head of Department of Library and Information Science, Gauhati University participated in this webinar as keynote speaker. Speaking on the occasion Prof Singh opined that society was passing through a state of considerable flux because of the quantum of misinformation and hoaxes that were popularly referred to as fake news. "These are accelerating and affecting the way individuals interpret daily developments and it is important that government and academia should work in tandem to solve the problems," Prof. Singh further said.

Answering to a query, IQAC Coordinator, Sapatgram College, Dr. G.K. Saha said that checking for news online- whether through Google, Twitter, Facebook, local media websiteshas become ubiquitous, and Smartphone alerts and mobile applications bring the latest developments to people instantly around the world. Mrs. Rita Malakar, Librarian, Sapatgram College offered vote of thanks on behalf of the college. It was well attended by more than seventy five number of participants.

