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Report on the Guest Lecture on "The Role of Libraries in the Digital Age"

- **Date:** July 26, 2024
- **Venue:** Lecture Hall, Department of Library and Information Science, Himachal Pradesh University
- **Guest Speaker:** Sh. Madan Lal Sharma, Deputy Librarian, HPU
- **Chairman:** Prof. Umesh Kumar.

Introduction

In celebration of the 55th Foundation Day of Himachal Pradesh University, which was observed on July 22, 2024, the Department of Library and Information Science organized a guest lecture on "The Role of Libraries in the Digital Age" on July 26, 2024. The lecture aimed to provide insights into the evolving role of libraries in the digital era and how they can adapt to technological advancements to better serve their communities.

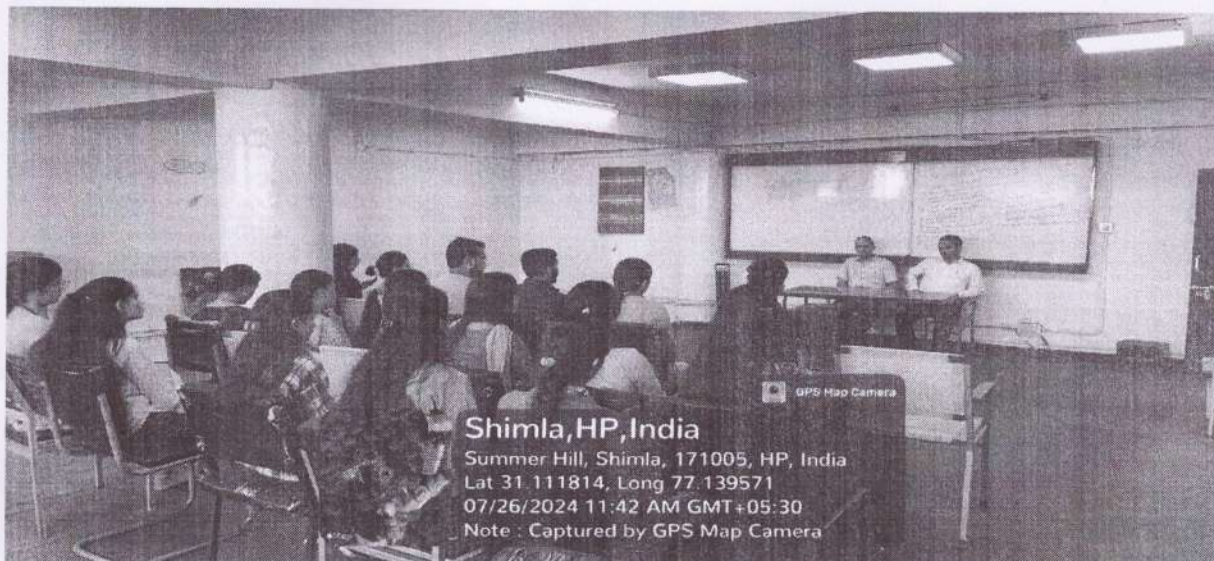
Objective

The primary objective of the guest lecture was to enlighten students about the impact of digital technologies on libraries and how these institutions can continue to be relevant and effective in the digital age.

Participants

The session was attended by 17 students of the Bachelor of Library and Information Science (B.Lib.I.Sc) program (2023-24) who are about to complete their degrees after their internships. These students are currently undergoing internships at the main library of HPU.



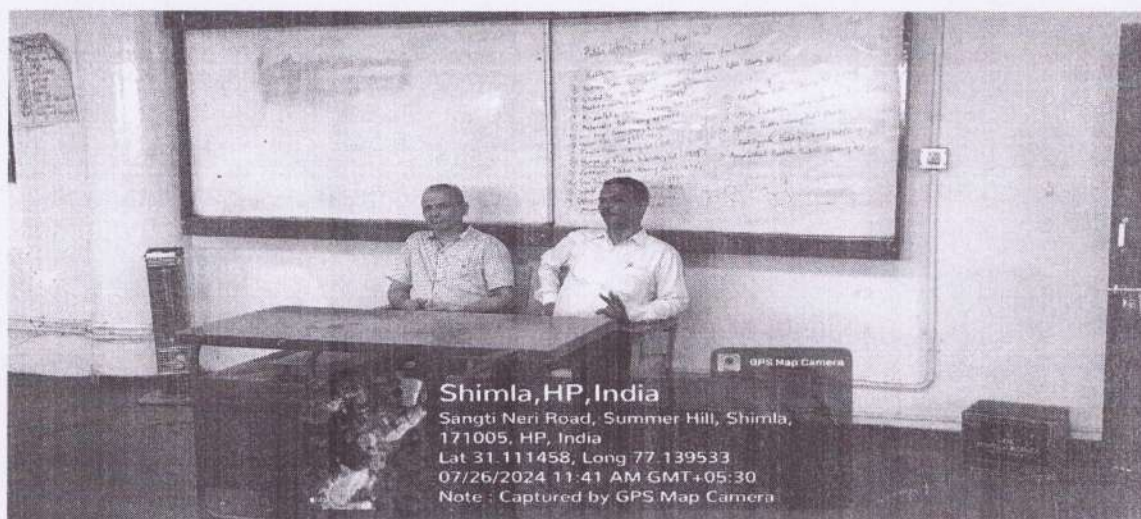


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Guest Speaker

The guest speaker for the lecture was Sh. Madan Lal Sharma, Deputy Librarian, Main Library, HPU. He delivered an insightful lecture on the following topics:

- **Evolution of Libraries in the Digital Age:** An overview of how libraries have transformed with the advent of digital technologies.
- **Integration of Digital Tools and Resources:** Discussion on various digital tools and resources that libraries can use to enhance their services.
- **Challenges and Opportunities:** An analysis of the challenges libraries face in the digital era and the opportunities for growth and innovation.
- **Future Prospects:** Predictions and recommendations for the future development of libraries in the context of ongoing digital advancements.

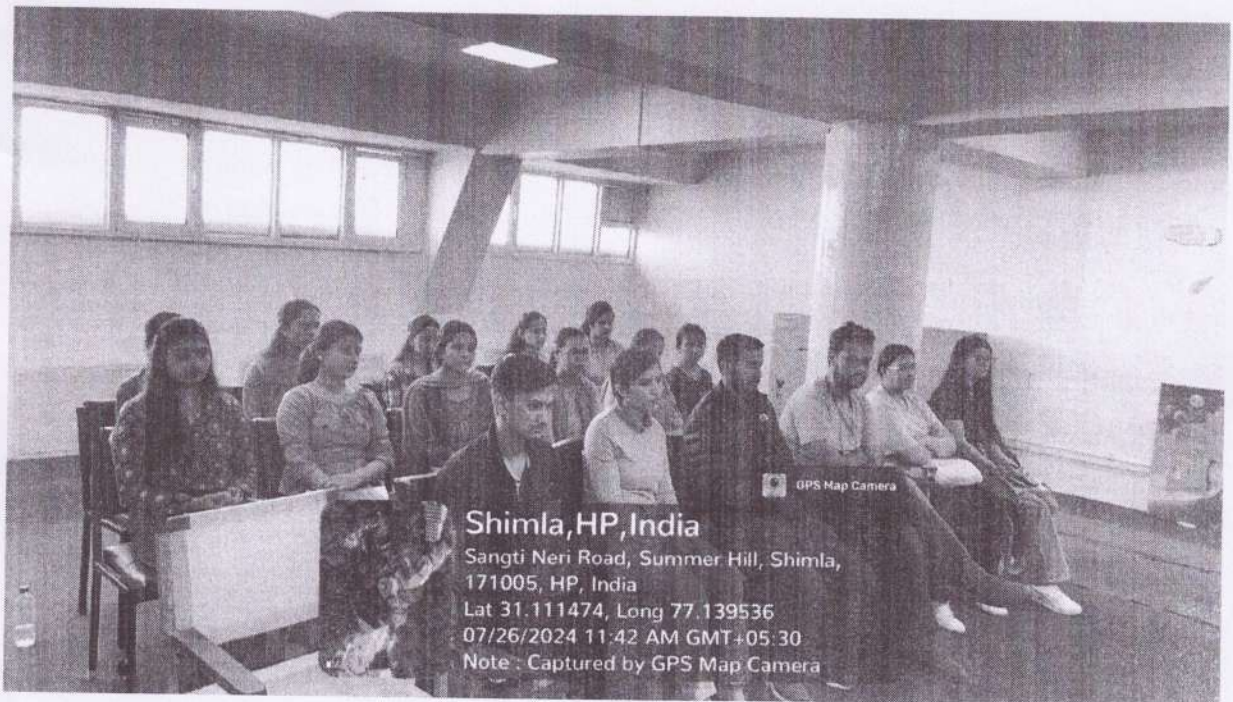


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Interactive Session

Following the lecture, an interactive session was held where students engaged in discussions with Sh. Madan Lal Sharma. Questions were raised regarding the practical implementation of digital tools in libraries, and Sh. Madan Lal Sharma provided valuable insights and solutions.



Conclusion

The lecture concluded with a vote of thanks by Prof. Umesh Kumar. The event was highly successful, with active participation from students. The lecture not only enhanced the knowledge of participants but also inspired them to embrace digital advancements in the field of library science.

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