

INAUGURATION OF SAJHI PUSTAK CORNER

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A REPORT

The inaugural of 'SAJHI - PUSTAK CORNER' was organized by the Central Library UPRTOU, Phaphamau, Prayagraj on 05 September 2023. It was possibly the most thought provoking library event of this year. As per tradition the Inaugural began at 11A.M. by offering flowers to *Goddess Saraswati* by honorable Vice Chancellor of UPRTOU Prof Seema Singh, Registrar Col. Vinay Kumar, four *Pustak Doots* and all the dignitaries & guests. In this sequence, honorable Vice Chancellor Prof. Seema Singh cutted the ribbon and opened the corner for all.



Dr R J Maurya organizer of this event gave his welcome address and announced that this event will become a milestone for the *Central Library* as it will help in making relation with our surrounding and society. Books will be easily available to all and each person will avail the benefits of library .The objectives of this type of event is to create awareness among users. He also clarified the objectives of this *Sajhi Pustak*. In his speech, he mentioned about the significance of 'Sajhi Pustak' and expected that this will bring together people of society and Central Library of UPRTOU. Discussing the importance of libraries in present scenario, he mentioned that library had a welcoming atmosphere to attract people towards library services. He hoped that this type of events will keep common man in touch with library and they can avail library services easily without any cost.



On this occasion Library of UPRTOU appointed four *Pustak Doots* who are the face of society and are actively involved in social services living with common man, locals in Phaphamau. They will spread message/ awareness in the society to see the *Sajhi Pustak* corner, an avail the library services free of cost. These four '*Pustak Doots*' felicitated by honorable Vice-Chancellor Prof Seema Singh are :

1. Shri Surendra Yadav, Councilor Prayagraj Nagar Nigam, Shantipuram, Phaphamau.
2. Shri Rammurti Prajapati, *Ex Gram Pradhan*, Gaddopur, Phaphamau.
3. Shri Sanjay Tripathi, Chairman, Mahaveer Seva Sansthan, Shantipuram Phaphamau.
4. Smt Tara Singh, Retired Health Department, Shantipuram Phaphamau.



Pustak Doots were welcomed by offering flower bouquet and honored by honourable Vice-Chancellor Prof. Seema Singh by *Angavastram and Shreefal* as token of love and remembrance of the event. In this order, Dr R J Maurya also honored Vice-Chancellor Prof. Seema Singh and Registrar of UPRTOU Col. Vinay Kumar by *Angavastram and Shreefal*.



On this occasion Mr. D P Singh Secretary of Hindustani Academy presented few books to Central Library and conveyed his thoughts regarding books ,he said it is time now to ‘Return toward books’ and this slogan should be moved and he said books are our best teacher and they are available 24x7 and they guide us to attain our goals.. ‘Knowledge is power’ and by reading books we can gain knowledge and power both. The interactive format of the program was extremely well and allowed us to build great amount of involvement among the attendees. He shared his experiences and told about the importance of books in human life through a story.



In the presidential address of honorable Vice-Chancellor Prof Seema Singh briefed about the importance of *Sajhi Pustak* and how the idea of *Sajhi Pustak* corner pragmated. She inspired the *Pustak Doots* for spreading awareness in the society. She also illustrated the role of library in formal and informal education. She also suggested the staff and teacher’s to motivate and

facilitate students to move toward library and gain knowledge. She also motivated for donating books to this corner so that more and more people may take the benefit of library. She also added that who are not our users, in order to understand their needs and make them users; we have to step into their shoes. She also talked about the importance of libraries in academic institutions and how can we correlate and reach the people in the surroundings. She gave emphasis on the activities may be conducted for making good library available to the society. She said these *Pustak Doots* will become a chain between UPRTOU and society. She also encouraged the library staff to branch out into new areas and promote this *Sajhi Pustak* to reach each and everyone. She said that though everything is available on internet, the power to be found between the pages of a book is formidable indeed. It is said “*Word after a word is power*”. Books are like people turned up in your life when you most need them. Books decrease your sense of isolation. They deepen, widen and expand our sense of life. She added it’s really hard to be lonely for long time in the world of words, even if you don’t have friends somewhere you still have language wrapped in the form of books with it’s little syllabus telling story to live. It’s the quality of books which let you travel without moving your feet. No friend can be as loyal as a book. She suggested that reading habit always makes a person happy and it should be developed in each and every student from the beginning. Books are our real friends, whatever we want to know all our queries are answered by this permanent teacher. They are always available to guide us. Lastly, she said books are important for mind, heart and soul.



At the end, Col. Vinay Kumar, Registrar of the University offered vote of thanks to all including Directors of various Schools, Examination Controller, faculty members, members of society, guests, media personnel and honorable Vice Chancellor Prof. Seema Singh for their presence and active participation in this important event. He also thanked all the invitees and four special *Pustak Doots* for being ready to serve as messenger of the University Library and gracing the occasion by their solemn presence. He also offered thanks to the entire team of Central Library of U P Rajarshi Tandon Open University, Phaphamau, Prayagraj. At this

occasion, he specially thanked all the visitors who turned up in large number to be the part of this event and making it a successful one. He also said that today he got the opportunity to hear the thoughts of all the dignitaries and this will surely be going to encourage all of us in our future events.



Program ended with National Anthem The entire program was successfully anchored by Dr Gyan Prakash Yadav.