Stress on automation of library system

By Our Reporter

SHILLONG: Minister Arts and Culture, Mrs Deborah C Marak on Tuesday emphasised on automation of library system to increase productivity and efficiency of libraries and to give up-to-date information to the readers in an easy and timely manner, which in turn, would help them take correct decisions.

Speaking as the chief guest at the inaugural function of the three-day workshop-cum-demonstration on Implementation and Use of Library Application Software held at the National Informatics Centre building here, Mrs Marak said that the software would give easy access to all on important information on the bookshelves of libraries, which many, at present, are not easily accessible to all.

Asserting on the importance of library service in the State, Mrs Marak said, "the State Government is committed towards automation and modernisation of the libraries in the State," adding that it is high time to introduce information technology tools for providing better services to the citizens, where people can make use of these tools for communicating and resource sharing".

She said that with the implementation of the software, designed and developed by NIC librarians-cum-IT profession-

State Arts and Culture Minister Deborah C Marak addressing the workshop-cum demonstration on Implementation and Use of Library Application Software in the city on Tuesday.

als, who have both the necessary domain of knowledge as well as technical skills, it will immensely benefit the libraries in the Government, colleges, universities and other organisation.

The NIC has designed and developed library automation software called "e-Granthalaya" which is a Digital Agenda for Library Automation and Networking. This software is user friendly IT solution from NIC to computerise any library. It also provides web-enabled OPAC to publish library databases on Internet.

In addition, the NIC has also designed new application software for "e-News Clipping" services called "NewsNIC" which provides a web-based, full-text access to news items using web interface. It has been packaged with easy user interface for clients to prepare news items and to upload these news items to a web server.

Others who attended the function included Principal Secretary W M S Pariat, Technical Director and State Information Officer R K Matoria, librarians from Government libraries, colleges and universities.

Shillong Times 12/4/06