

Allama Iqbal Library organises user awareness programme on Elsevier's 'ScienceDirect'



Srinagar, Nov 18: Kashmir University's Allama Iqbal Library (AIL) on Thursday organised a user awareness programme on 'How to effectively use ScienceDirect'.

The day-long programme titled "Read Quality, Publish Quality" was organised in collaboration with Elsevier, a reputed publishing company, to acquaint scholars with use of ScienceDirect, a leading platform of peer-reviewed literature for advancement of research.

Dean Academic Affairs Prof Farooq A Masoodi, who chaired the inaugural session as chief guest, urged young scholars to make full use of ScienceDirect subscribed by the university to widen its researchers' access to scholarly literature.

"It's through these platforms that young researchers will be able to lay hands on high-quality papers and relevant data for better research approaches and outcomes," he said, congratulating the AIL for becoming a strong hub of dissemination of knowledge and information.

Registrar Dr Nisar A Mir, who was a guest of honour, said the university is committed to provide best resources to its research scholars and broaden their access to new knowledge and new information.

"Under the leadership of our Vice-Chancellor, we are continuously focusing on augmenting infrastructure and facilities for research scholars and set new benchmarks and standards in research," he said.

Elsevier is a reputed publishing company and our scholars should make the best use of its resources, he said.

Librarian AIL Prof Peerzada Irshad A Shah welcomed the dignitaries and participants and also highlighted the achievements of the AIL.

Faraha Siddiqui and Vishal Gupta, representatives from Elsevier, gave a detailed power-point presentation about the use and benefits of ScienceDirect.

“In 2021, the University of Kashmir, a truly multi-disciplinary university, subscribed to 7 subject collections and Elsevier supported it with three complimentary subject collections,” they said, adding that the usage for 10 months in 2021 has already exceeded the combined usage in 2019 and 2020 for the full year.

Dr S M Imran conducted proceedings of the event, which was attended by scholars, students and senior academicians including Prof Salahuddin Tak, Prof Sheikh Mohammad Aejaz, Prof Tariq Chishti, Prof MY Ganai and Prof G N Khaki.

Dr Mohammad Ishaq presented a vote of thanks.