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Workshop on Skill Development: Organize Your Writing - Reference Management Using Mendeley

Date: 11 July 2020, Venue: Online on MS Teams, Duration: 2 hours

Objectives of the Workshop

Every year, the research cell conducts a series of research workshops aimed at providing the students across all four batches resources and guidance for proper research and writing. A part of these series of workshops was a workshop on reference management using Mendeley - a reference management software. The main aim of this workshop was to give students an overview of a software called Mendeley, and help them use it efficiently for their research work. Developed by Elsevier, Mendeley is a reference management tool that can help the researchers build a library of reference materials and also cite sources in their documents easily.

Workshop Facilitator

Dr. Sumithra Surendralal has a Ph.D. in Physics from The Pennsylvania State University and is an Assistant Professor in Physics and Mathematics at the Symbiosis School for Liberal Arts. Her research interests are broadly in the area of theoretical and computational biophysics and more specifically in problems related to the inference of syntax from vocal sequences. She is also interested in new pedagogies in science education and issues related to the intersections of science, art, and society.
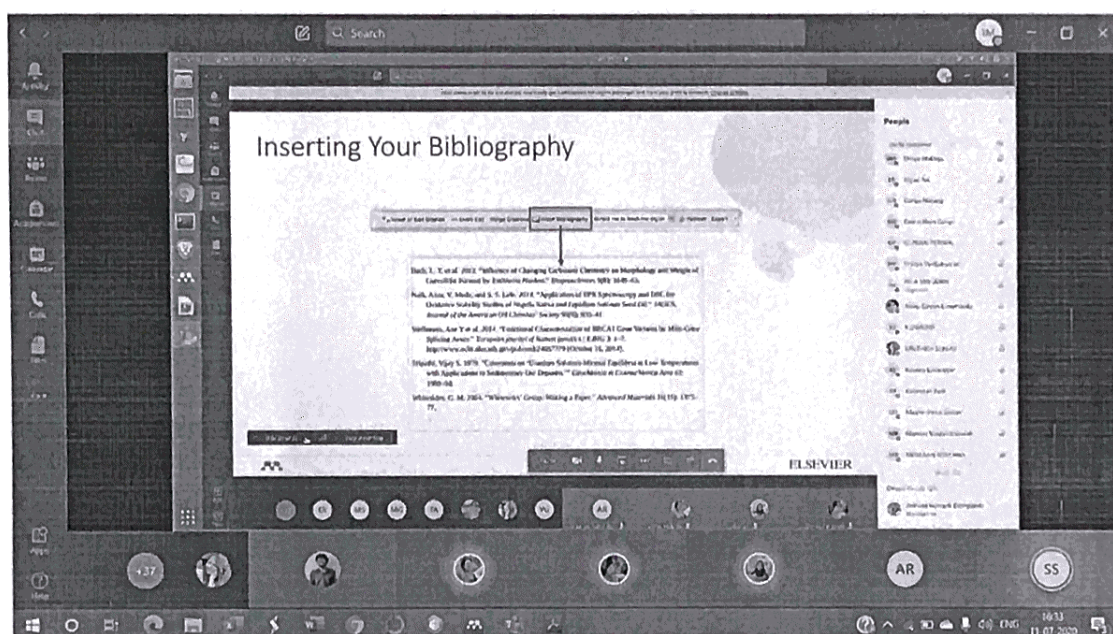
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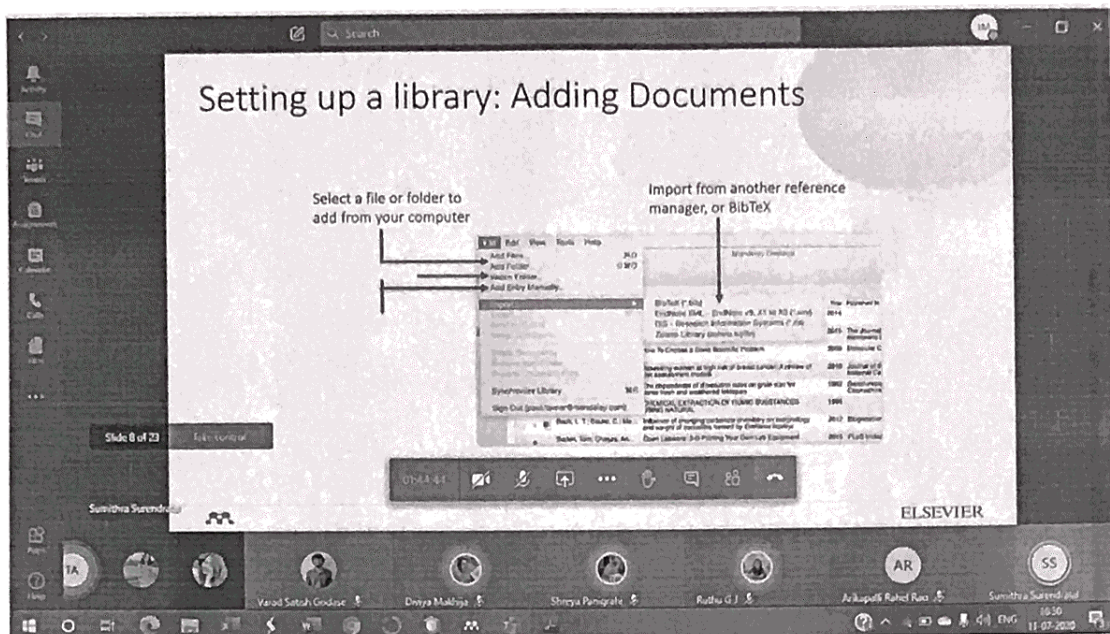
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Workshop Outcomes

Reference management softwares such as Mendeley would be extremely useful for students writing their seminar papers and dissertations, as well as help them cite sources and organize resources efficiently for term papers and assignments as well. It is a great tool for organization and learning to use the software at the beginning of an academic year would prove useful for future academic work of the students.

The workshop was two hours long, which included explanations of the above-mentioned topics by the faculty, troubleshooting, feedback, and a Q and A session. Considering the situation, the workshop had to be conducted remotely, online through Microsoft Teams. The following topics were covered in the workshop –

- Creating an account of Mendeley and installing the application.
- Adding, editing, and organizing the references to a library.
- Automating additions to the library using the web import feature of Mendeley.
- Adding references and resources directly from files downloaded on the computer.
- Using the MS Word/ LibreOffice writer citation plugin to add citations from Mendeley directly to your document.
- Using Mendeley to make directories and managing PDF documents on the application.

Screenshot from the workshop on "Organizing your writing: Reference Management using Mendeley" conducted by Dr. Sumithra Surendralal on 11 July 2020.

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