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Topic : - Role of Raja Rammohun Roy Library Foundation

Raja Ramohun Roy Library Foundation

RRRLF is a central autonomous organization established and fully financed by the Ministry of Culture, Government of India. RRRLF is registered under the West Bengal Societies Registration Act, 1961. It is the nodal agency of the Government of India to support public library services and systems and promote public library movement in the country commensurate with the objectives as embodied in its Memorandum of Association.



The supreme policy-making body of RRRLF is called the Foundation. It consists of 22 members nominated by the Government of India from amongst eminent educationists, librarians, administrators and senior officials. The Minister of the Department of Culture, Government of India or his nominee is the Chairman of RRRLF. Shri Kanchan Gupta is the present Chairman of RRRLF and Director General is the executive head and ex-officio Member-Secretary of the Foundation.

The Foundation works in close association and active cooperation with different State Governments and Union Territory Administrations through a machinery called State Library Planning Committee (SLPC/SLC) set up in each State at the instance of the Foundation. To participate in Foundation's programmes, a State Government/U.T. is required to contribute a certain amount fixed by the Foundation.

Since 2005-06 the Foundation has also taken up the initiative to develop the District Youth Resource Centre (DYRC) in collaboration with Nehru Yuvak Kendra Sangathana, an autonomous organisation under the Ministry of Sports & Youth Affairs.

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1. Historical Background:-

The year 1972 is a significant year in the history of library movement in India. The country was celebrating the silver Jubilee of its independence. It was the bicentenary year of the birth of Raja Rammohun Roy, a pioneer social reformer who had stressed the need for modern education for the progress of the nation. The year was also being celebrated as an International Book Year with the slogan BOOKS FOR ALL. Emphasis was laid on promotion of reading habit among the masses for betterment of their lives. It was in this auspicious year that Raja Rammohun Roy Library Foundation (RRRLF) was established in May, 1972 by the Department of Culture, Govt. of India to spread library services all over the country in cooperation with State Governments, Union Territory Administrations and Organisations working in the field



Governor of West Bengal Sri A.L.Dias, unveiling the portrait of Raja Rammohun Roy on the occasion of his bi-century birth celebration at Calcutta in May 1972

2. Objective:-

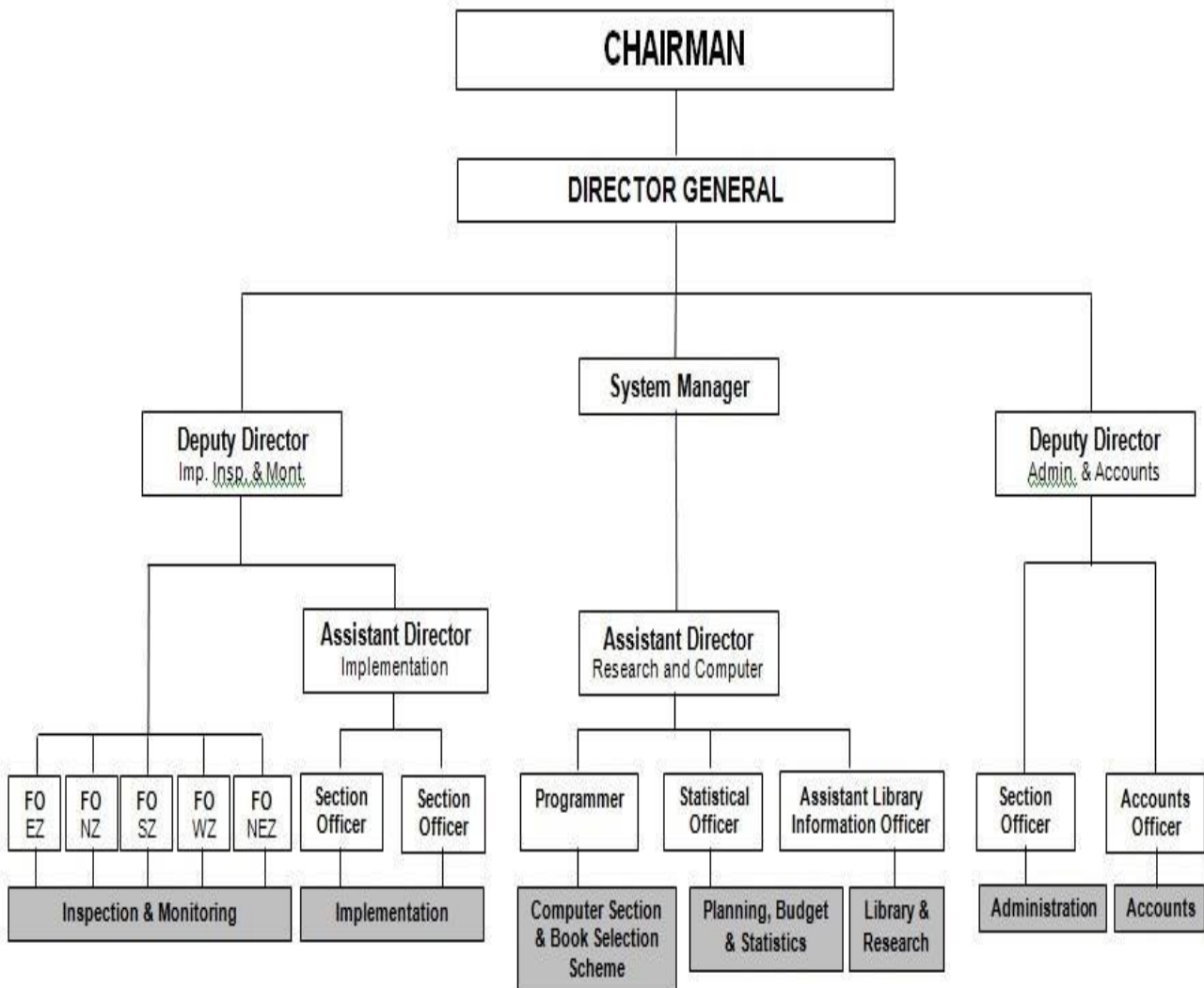
RRRLF functions as a promotional agency, an advisory and consultancy organization, a funding body for public library development in India. Some important objectives are:

- To promote library movement in the country.
- To enunciate a national library policy and to help build up a national library system.
- To provide financial and technical assistance to libraries.
- To provide financial assistance to organisations, regional or national engaged in the promotion of library development.

- To publish appropriate literature and to act as a clearing house of ideas and information on library development in India and abroad.
- To promote research in problems of library development.
- To advise the government on all matters pertaining to the library development in the country.

3. Organisational Structure of RRLF:-

Organisational Chart



4. Activity and Function:-

Promotional Activities

RRRLF has undertaken several promotional activities for qualitative improvement of library services. Besides organisation of many seminars and conferences, it has played a major role in the preparation of National Policy on Library & Information System. It has also issued guidelines on public library systems and services. Raja Rammohun Roy Memorial Lecture by a scholar of eminence is an annual feature of anniversary celebrations for the Foundation.

RRRLF also interacts with many national and international professional associations like IFLA, ILA, IASLIC and different state level library associations.

To disseminate innovative, new concepts and ideas for the development of Public Library Services and system in the country through research oriented activities, the Foundation introduced Annual Raja Rammohun Roy Award to the best contributor of an article covering the area of development of Public Library Systems and Services or suggesting measures for promotion of reading habit.

The Foundation has also undertaken a programme of giving seven awards annually - one for the best State central Library and six for the best District Libraries of six regions in the country. Since 2005 the Foundation also instituted RRRLF Best Rural Library Awards - one per each state.

The Foundation institutes "RRRLF Fellowship" to offer fellowship to five eminent men and women in the field of Library Services who have contributed to the library movement in the country through active involvement in the movement, organizational initiative or intellectual leadership or are dedicated to the propagation of reading habit among the masses.

Skill Development Programme

To improve the skill of the working Public Librarians Training Modules are proposed to be developed.

These are to be organized at three levels:

Level 1: Public library of the future, strategic planning workshop, aimed at the senior officers dealing with state level public library policy and administrative matters. It is expected that 2 or 3 officials from each state will participate in this programme.

Level 2: Hands-on practical training focusing on ICT skills, administrative and management skills, aimed at the middle level staff in the state central libraries, district libraries and large city libraries. This hands-on training will be delivered in modules and will be held in each State.

Level 3: Training on day-to-day routines of the library, aimed at staff who interact with library users and visitors and who are responsible for the upkeep of the libraries. This will be held in different parts of each State and will be conducted by local resource persons in local language.

The First Level 1 Training Programme was organised during 23-26 November, 2011 at DELNET, New Delhi, in which 38 participants from 18 States / UTs participated. The Second Level 1 Training Programme was organised during 30-31 January, 2012 at DR. MCR HRD Institute Hyderabad, in which 39 participants from 20 States / UTs participated.

5. Publication:-

The compilation of a web-bibliography of Rabindranath Tagore by Raja Rammohun Roy Library Foundation is a part of the many projects being launched to pay Homage to Rabindranath Tagore in his Sesquicentennial Birth Anniversary by the Ministry of Culture, Government of India. What is unique about the portal is its interactive nature. We welcome supplementary information about the publications to enrich the compilation. Accessing any book on Tagore for a browser has been made easy. A book can be located by its Title, Author, Editor, Genre, Language and Keyword, providing multi-faceted access points. Another unique feature of the bibliography is its ability to furnish the location of a particular publication. The portal will serve as a ready-reckoner for Tagore scholars.

Catalogue of RRRLF publications:-					
Sl No	Title	EDITOR	ISBN/ISSN	Year	Price
1.	Books for the Millions at their Doorsteps : Information Manual of RRRLF programmes	Dr B.P.Barua	NIL	1983	NIL
2.	A decade of the foundation (1972-82) : souvenir of the decenary celebration	Dr B.P.Barua	NIL	1983	NIL
3.	National policy on library and information systems and services for India : perspectives and projections	Dr B.P.Barua	81-7154-730-3	1993	NIL
4.	Indian libraries : trends and perspectives	K.M. George	0-86131-461-1	1985	115
5.	Raja Rammohun Roy and the new learning : Raja Rammohun Roy memorial lectures	Dr B.P.Barua	0-86131-886-2	1993	NIL
6.	Two decades of the foundation (1972-92) : souvenir on the occasion of the 20th celebrations	Dr B.P.Barua	NIL	1992	NIL
7.	GRANTHANA Indian Journal of Library Studies JANUARY 1990 1991 VOL 1-2(NUMBER 1)	D.P. Chattopadhaya	0971-0221	1990-1991	100/300
8.	GRANTHANA Indian Journal of Library Studies JANUARY 1992-1993 VOL 3-4(NUMBER 1)	D.P. Chattopadhaya	0971-0221	1992-1993	100/175
9.	GRANTHANA Indian Journal of Library Studies JULY 1998 VOL 5(NUMBER 1 and 2)	Dr. R Bhattacharjee	0971-0221	1998	150/250
10.	GRANTHANA Indian Journal of Library Studies JANUARY 1999 VOL 6-7(number 1 and 2)	Dr. R Bhattacharjee	0971-0221	1999	150/250
11.	GRANTHANA Indian Journal of Library Studies JULY 2001 VOL 8-9(NUMBER 1 and 2)	Dr. R Bhattacharjee	0971-0221	2001	150/250
12.	GRANTHANA Indian Journal of library Studies OCTOBERDECEMBER 2004(NUMBER 1)	Nirmal Kanti Bhattacharjee	0971-0221	2004	100/300
13.	GRANTHANA Indian Journal of Library Studies JANUARYMARCH 2005(NUMBER 2)	Nirmal Kanti Bhattacharjee	0971-0221	2005	100/300
14.	GRANTHANA Indian Journal of Library Studies APRIL-JUNE 2005(NUMBER-3)	Nirmal Kanti Bhattacharjee	0971-0221	2005	100/300
15.	GRANTHANA Indian Journal of Library Studies JULY 2005-JUNE 2006(NUMBER 4)	Nirmal Kanti Bhattacharjee	0971-0221	2005-2006	100/300
16.	GRANTHANA Indian Journal of Library Studies JANUARY 2009-MARCH 2009(NUMBER 1)	Nirmal Kanti Bhattacharjee	0971-0221	2009	100/300
17.	GRANTHANA Indian Journal of Library Studies JANUARY 2010-MARCH 2010(NUMBER 1)	Nirmal Kanti Bhattacharjee	0971-0221	2010	NIL

Note: - All RRRLF publications are not available in printed format.

6. Services:-

- Library Registration
- Special Library
- Author/Publisher Registration
- Central Book Selection
- Online Assistance Application
- Grant Statistics

