Public Libraries in India - Present Scenario

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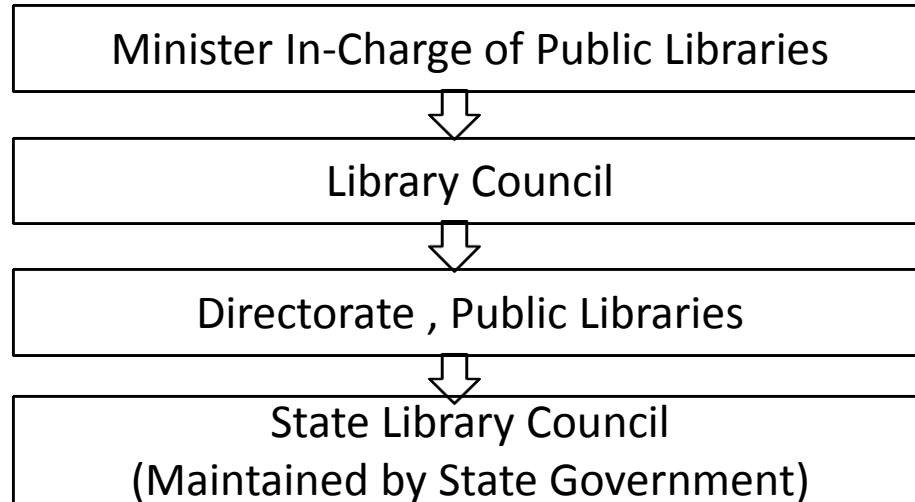# Public Libraries in India - Present Scenario

Since independence, the public libraries system have developed for providing a reasonably meaningful library services to the people of the country.

During last thirty years or so, we have seen public libraries are moving up in performance and also going down in some parts of the country to a condition where they have neither access to necessary and sufficient printed works for the libraries nor have the capacities to access the important digital resources available in the world.
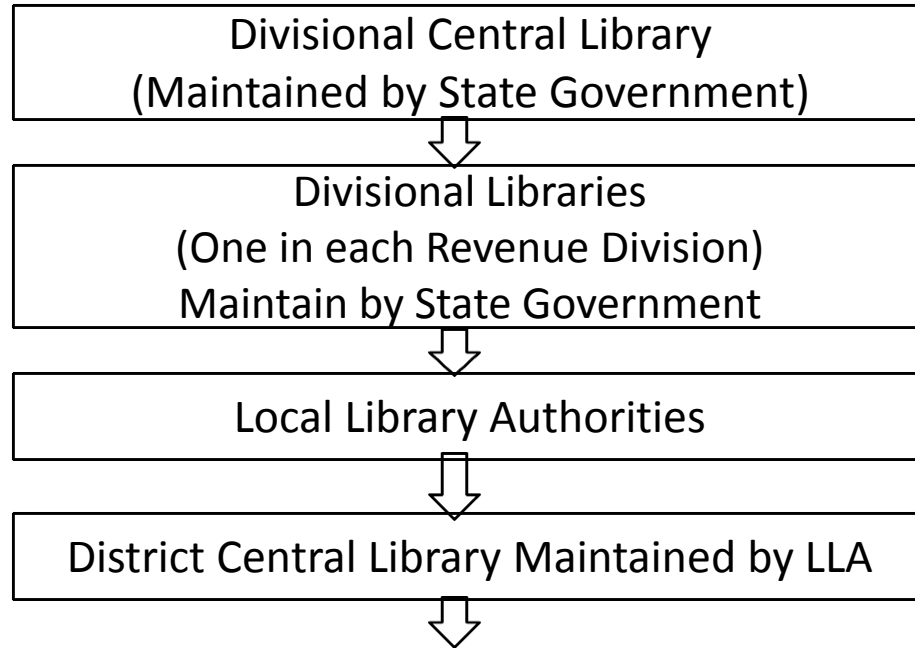
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The hierarchical system generally followed by the public library system in the country is as given below:

Minister In-Charge of Public Libraries

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Library Council

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Directorate , Public Libraries

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State Library Council
(Maintained by State Government)

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Divisional Central Library
(Maintained by State Government)

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Divisional Libraries
(One in each Revenue Division)
Maintain by State Government

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Local Library Authorities

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District Central Library Maintained by LLA

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Branches of DCL in each Town

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Block Central Library of Rural Areas

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Villages Libraries as Branches of BCL
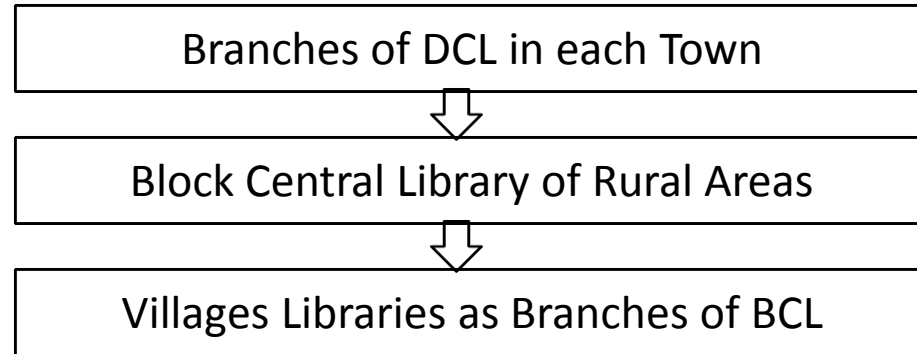
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As 'library service' comes under the aegis of State Governments library legislation also comes under the purview of the States Government. Following states have since passed library legislation.

Tamil Nadu (1948)	Andhra Pradesh (1960)
Karnataka (1965)	Maharashtra (1967)
West Bengal (1979)	Manipur (1988)
Haryana (1989)	Kerala (1989)
Goa (1993)	Mizoram (1993)
Gujarat (2000)	Odisha (2001)
Uttarakhand(2005)	Rajasthan (2006)
Uttar Pradesh (2006	Lakshadweep (2007)
Bihar (2008)	Chhattisgarh(2009)
Arunachal Pradesh (2009)	

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Public Library Finance are generally derived from budgetary support of the State Governments and UT administrations.

Government of India through RRRLF supports the States and UTs for the development of Public Library Services. However some states also collect cess as envisaged in the act of the respective State Governments.

In terms of the expenditure per capita incurred on public library the national average is Rupee 0.07.

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Number of Libraries

EAST ZONE

Public Libraries in India - Present Scenario

ANDAMAN AND NICOBAR ISLAND	NUMBER OF LIBRARIES
State Central Library	1
Village Library	5
TOTAL	6

Public Libraries in India - Present Scenario

BIHAR & JHARKAND	NUMBER OF LIBRARIES
State Central Library	1
Regional / Divisional Library	5
District Library	26
City and Town Library	69
Village Library (Run by NGOS and others)	4000
TOTAL	4101

Public Libraries in India - Present Scenario

ODISHA	NUMBER OF LIBRARIES
State Central Library	1
District Library	17
Information center and reading room managed by I & PR Department	53
Heritage Library	2
Municipal & NAC Library	12
Sub- division Library	1
Ex – District Library Board	6
Memorial Hall Library	6
Memorial Hall Library	2
URBAN Library	300
Rural Library (Assisted by RRRLF)	600
TOTAL	1000

Public Libraries in India - Present Scenario

WEST BENGAL	NUMBER OF LIBRARIES
State Central Library	1
Govt. Library	11
Sponsored District Library	19
Town Library	232
Rural Library	2209
Aided Library	7
Non-sponsored	2426
CLIC (Community Library and information center	319
TOTAL	5324

NORTH-EAST ZONE

Public Libraries in India - Present Scenario

ASSAM	NUMBER OF LIBRARIES
State Central Library (District Library Guwahati given status of SCL)	1
District Library	21
Sub –Divisional Library	14
Branch Library	4
Rural Library	199
Other Rural and NGO Libraries	114
TOTAL	353

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ARUNACHAL PRADESH	NUMBER OF LIBRARIES
State Central Library	1
District Library	18
Divisional Library	3
Sub Divisional Library	13
Branch Library	2
Block Library	32
Circle Library	38
TOTAL	107

Public Libraries in India - Present Scenario

MANIPUR	NUMBER OF LIBRARIES
State Central Library	1
District Library	10
Rural Library	44
Libraries run by voluntary organization	356
TOTAL	411

Public Libraries in India - Present Scenario

MIZORAM	NUMBER OF LIBRARIES
State Central Library	1
District Library	5
Rural Libraries	459
TOTAL	465

Public Libraries in India - Present Scenario

MEGHALAYA	NUMBER OF LIBRARIES
State Central Library	1
District Library	7
Others Libraries run by NGO / Voluntary Organization	86
TOTAL	94

Public Libraries in India - Present Scenario

NAGALAND	NUMBER OF LIBRARIES
State Central Library	1
District Library	8
Rural Libraries	600
TOTAL	609

Public Libraries in India - Present Scenario

SIKKIM	NUMBER OF LIBRARIES
State Central Library	1
District Library	3
Sub-division Library	5
Aided Library	2
TOTAL	11

Public Libraries in India - Present Scenario

TRIPURA	NUMBER OF LIBRARIES
State Central Library	1
District Library	7
Sub-division Library	8
Town Library	1
Rural Library	2
Block Library	6
NGO Library	20
TOTAL	45

NORTH ZONE

Public Libraries in India - Present Scenario

CHANDIGARH	NUMBER OF LIBRARIES
State Central Library	1
Divisional Library	1
Branch Library (under State Central Libraries)	4
TOTAL	6

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DELHI	NUMBER OF LIBRARIES
State Central Library	1
City / Town Library	114
Other Libraries	104
TOTAL	219

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HARYANA	NUMBER OF LIBRARARIES
State Central Library	1
District Library	6
City / Town Library	43
TOTAL	50

Public Libraries in India - Present Scenario

HIMACHAL PRADESH	NUMBER OF LIBRARIES
State Central Library	1
District Library	11
City / Town Library	2
Village Library (opened in school after school hours)	207
TOTAL	221

Public Libraries in India - Present Scenario

JAMMU AND KASHMIR	NUMBER OF LIBRARIES
State Central Library	1
Regional / Divisional Library	1
District Library	14
City and Town Library	44
TOTAL	60

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PUNJAB	NUMBER OF LIBRARIES
State Central Library	1
District Library	11
City / town Libraries	68
Village Libraries	500
TOTAL	580

Public Libraries in India - Present Scenario

RAJASTHAN	NUMBER OF LIBRARIES
State Central Library	1
District Library	33
Divisional Library	7
Tehsil Library	9
School Library (open to public after school hours)	228
TOTAL	278

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UTTARAKHAND	NUMBER OF LIBRARIES
Govt. District Library	9
Govt. Branch Library	16
NGO Library recognized by Government	22
TOTAL	47

Public Libraries in India - Present Scenario

UTTAR PRADESH	NUMBER OF LIBRARIES
State Central Library	1
District Library	70
Rural Library	20
Intermediate college Library recommended as Public Library	1581
Public Libraries governed by NGO	400
TOTAL	2072

WEST ZONE

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GOA	NUMBER OF LIBRARIES
State Central Library	1
District Library	1
Taluka Library	7
Municipal Library	10
Govt. Village Library	5
Village Library	5
Panchayat Library	48
NGO/Voluntary Organization run Library	103
TOTAL	180

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DAMAN	NUMBER OF LIBRARIES
City Library	1
Diu – City Library	1
TOTAL	2

Public Libraries in India - Present Scenario

GUJARAT	NUMBER OF LIBRARIES
(A) Government Public Libraries	
State Central Library	2
Govt. District Library	26
Govt. Taluka Libraries	83
Govt. Mahila Libray	2
Govt. Mobile Library	8
State Art Library (Ahmedabad)	1
State Book Repository deposit center	1
Village Library & Cultural Center	142
Swarnin Jayanti new Taluka Libraries	33
TOTAL	298

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(B)GRANT - IN – AID PUBLIC LIBRARIES	
City Library	52
City Branch Library	87
Town Library (category 1)	109
Town Library (category 2)	265
Mahila Library	113
Children Library	98
Braille Library	9
Village Library	3445
TOTAL	4178
TOTAL (A+b)	4476

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MADHYA PRADESH	NUMBER OF LIBRARIES
State Central Library	1
Regional Library	5
District Library	38
Rajya Sikshan Kendra Libraries (opened in primary school for public)	70000
Rajya Sikshan Kendra Libraries (opened in Middle School for Public)	27000
TOTAL	97044

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MAHARASTRA	NUMBER OF LIBRARIES
State Central Library	1
District Library	35
Division govt. Library	6
Research Library	1
Grant-in –aid Library	11998
TOTAL	12041

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CHATTISGARH	NUMBER OF LIBRARIES
State Central Library	Under Construction
District Library (Functional)	1
Construction of building of proposed Dist. Libraries (IT)	1
Cultural Department Library	1
Higher Secondary School Library opened for Public	1608
TOTAL	1610

SOUTH ZONE

Public Libraries in India - Present Scenario

ANDHRA PRADESH	NUMBER OF LIBRARIES
State Central Libraries(After bifurcation shared with Telangana proposed to have one later)	
District Central Library	13
Branch Library	887
Village Library	252
Book deposit Center under control of Zilla Granthalaya sansthas	1234
TOTAL	2386

Public Libraries in India - Present Scenario

DADRA AND NAGAR HAWALI	NUMBER OF LIBRARIES
State Central Library	1
District Library	1
City Library	1
TOTAL	3

Public Libraries in India - Present Scenario

KARNATAKA	NUMBER OF LIBRARIES
State Central Library	1
Children Library and Central Library	3
City Central Library	26
Gram Panchayat Libraries	5766
Branch Libraries	590
Nomadic & tribal	127
Children Community Center	31
Mobile Library	15
Reading Room	79
TOTAL	6638

Public Libraries in India - Present Scenario

KERALA	NUMBER OF LIBRARIES
State Central Library	1
District Library	7
Taluka & Village Libraries	7648
TOTAL	7656

Public Libraries in India - Present Scenario

LAKSHADWEEP	NUMBER OF LIBRARIES
State Central Library	1
TOTAL	1

Public Libraries in India - Present Scenario

PONDICHERRY	NUMBER OF LIBRARIES
State Central Library	1
District Library	2
City / Town Library	52
TOTAL	55

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TAMIL NADU	NUMBER OF LIBRARIES
State Central Library	1
District Central Library	32
Branch Libraries	1925
Mobile Libraries	10
Village Libraries	1821
Part Time Libraries	742
TOTAL	4531

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TELANGANA	NUMBER OF LIBRARIES
State Central Library	1
Govt. Regional Library	2
District Central Library	10
Branch Library	562
Village Library	105
TOTAL	680

Public Libraries in India - Present Scenario

Areas in the public library system that needs introspection are summed up as follows:

- Differential development status of states
- Changing requirements of library users
- Improving the library infrastructure including meeting the modernization needs
- Attention on improving reading habits
- Poor use of libraries by women and children
- Unhelpful social attitudes
- Poor legislative backup and Inadequate resource
- Lack of dedicated and aware personnel

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One of the most remarkable phase in the public library scenario in India is the year 1972 when Raja Rammohun Roy Library Foundation was established by the Govt, of India.

RRRLF has been engaged in the promotion of Public Library services with active co operation with State Governments, UT administrations and other organizations working in the field.

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At present it renders assistance to the libraries with its Matching and Non-Matching Schemes:

Matching Schemes (Jointly funded by RRRLF and State Govt)
•Assistance towards building up of Adequate Stock of Books
•Assistance towards Storage of Books including Reading Room Furniture
•Assistance to public libraries towards Increasing Accommodation
•Assistance towards acquisition of TV-cum-VCP / Computer for library application

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• Assistance towards Seminars, Workshops, Library Awareness Program and Book-Exhibitions

• Assistance towards Organization of Mobile Libraries and Rural Book Deposit Centers

Non-Matching Schemes (Fully funded by RRRLF)

• Assistance to state central libraries and district libraries through Central Selection of Books (Hindi and English)

• Assistance towards Establishment of RRRLF Children's Corner

• Assistance towards Voluntary Organizations (NGOs)

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<u>Non-Matching Schemes (Fully funded by RRRLF)</u>

• Assistance to Children Libraries or Children Section, Women, Senior Citizen Sections, Neo Literate Section and Career Guidance Section in the Public Library

• Assistance to public libraries towards Celebrations of 50/75/100/125 years

• Assistance towards providing facilities for differentially able users

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- Assistance to Centrally Sponsored Libraries
- Assistance towards Organization of Seminars, Conferences etc. of an All India Level Organization.
- Assistance towards Collection of Compilation of Library Statistics

Till date RRRLF renders assistance more than 32000 libraries all over India.

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National Knowledge Commission (NKC) in its report recommended to set up a **"National Mission on Libraries"** to ensure sustained attention to the development of libraries. Government of India in May 2012 constituted a High Level Committee (HLC) i.e. National Mission on Libraries (NML).

Public Libraries in India - Present Scenario

Objectives :

•To revamp and modernize the library sector and setting standards for qualitative improvement of services

•Coordinating with stakeholder Ministries to ensure effective implementation of the NKC recommendations and management of the post-implementation scenario

Public Libraries in India - Present Scenario

Objectives :

• Coordination with other national stakeholders of the library and information sector

• Reviewing and assessing current status of library and information service education and in-service training facilities

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<u>Recommendations of HLC</u> :

On the basis of recommendations of the Working Groups and after further deliberations in the High Level Committee, NML decided to address the following core areas initially:

- Creation of National Virtual Library of India (NVLI)
- Setting up of NML model libraries
- Quantitative and Qualitative survey of libraries
- Capacity building

In February 2014 a Central Scheme National Mission on libraries setting up of a Commission has been launched

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Total Number of Libraries : 1,46,173

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THANK YOU