



## **ROLE OF PUBLIC LIBRARY IN SOCIOCULTURAL DEVELOPMENT OF SOCIETY – A CASE STUDY ON 150 YEARS OLD PUBLIC LIBRARY OF BHANDARA (MAHARASHTRA, INDIA)**

**Dhananjay R. Gabhane**

SamrthaMahavidyalaya, Lakhani, Distt.-Bhandara (MS), India.  
Corresponding author Email : dr\_gabhane@rediffmail.com

### **ABSTRACT:**

Public library is an important and effective social repositories and it is accessible by the general public without discrimination on sex, caste, class, language, status or educational attainment. It caters the need of all the public and acts as a community center and centre for recreation and culture. The paper deals with the case study on a public library located at Bhandara city. The library is 150 years old and celebrated post-centennial ceremony in the year 2013. The library was established in the year 1863. The paper also deals with the definition and significance of public library, library movement in India, Maharashtra and Bhandara. The case study digged out the many sparkling aspects of the public library of Bhandara such as its organization, collection holding, automation, library users, library services, innovative practices, land marks of the library, contribution for the socio-cultural development followed by the CONCLUSION.

### **Keywords:**

Public, Fyzee Committee, Masters Library, ILIB, SDI

### **INTRODUCTION:**

**Defination of Public Library :-** Public library is a library that is accessible by the general public and is generally funded from public sources such as taxes. It differs from other types of libraries in the concept that public library is open to all in the community. The term public (according to Latin word publice) means so as to affect the whole people.

**Significance of Public Library :-**Public Libraries are the only effective social repositories which can collect, preserve and disseminate information to people free of cost. Public library meant for all types of





people in a community, in a society, in a village, town city irrespective of

#### **MATERIAL AND METHOD:**

A public library is capable to enrich the human personality and to convert savage community into a stall of civilization. Education, information, leisure, social and culture development are the major key role of any public library.

#### **RESULT AND DISCUSSION:**

##### **Case Study**

##### **2. Growth and development of Public Libraries in India :-**

In India the concept of public library is of fairly recent origin. In fact there were no public libraries in ancient and medieval period. Libraries were mainly attached to educational institutions in Buddhist monasteries, mathas, temples and universitie.

#### **CONCLUSION:**

Public library is a library by the people of the people and for the people. It deliver its services to our society without discriminating on the basis of caste, gender, economic condition or social strata. Being an oldest library of one Bhandaradistrict

#### **Acknowledgement:**

I Acknowledge this work to the Magagment& Librarian & Library Staff of Librarian of the Public Library of Bhandara.

#### **REFERENCES:**

- Smarnika' SarvajanikVachnalayaBhandaraRoupyaMahotsava 1995.  
150th Annual Report, SarvajanikVachanalaya, Bhandara, 2013.  
Smarnika, SarvajanikVachanalaya, Bhandara,  
ShatkottarSuvarnaMahotsava 2013.

