GOVERNANCE OF GOVERNMENT DISTRICT LIBRARIES OF UTTAR PRADESH

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ABSTRACT:
In this paper researcher examine the pattern of governance of Government district libraries in Uttar Pradesh and also highlighted the concise introduction about the Uttar Pradesh public library act. Uttar Pradesh Government has introduced 6 type of library committee namely State library council, State standing Committee, District Library Committee, State Library Committee and Uttar Pradesh public library development funds committee that works for the development of public libraries in the state. Various plans have been developed by the library cell of Uttar Pradesh for the development of public libraries in entire state. The researcher also emphasizes all of the plans developed by that State Government to the betterment and modernization of the public libraries in Uttar Pradesh.

Key words: State library council, State standing Committee, District Library Committee, State Library Committee, Uttar Pradesh public library development funds committee.

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1. INTRODUCTION
Uttar Pradesh is one of the states of India which is situated in Northern India, abbreviated as UP. Uttar Pradesh was earlier known as united provinces. Uttar Pradesh state of India was formed on 1 April 1937 as united provinces. The name of Uttar Pradesh came in the year 1950 replacing united provinces¹. Uttar Pradesh is a
one of the biggest state of the country which consisting 240,928 sq. Km. land area which is equal to 6.88% of the total area of India. Uttar Pradesh border is surrounded by Delhi, Uttarakhand, Bihar, Jharkhand, Rajasthan, Haryana, Madhya Pradesh, and Nepal. It is the most populous state of the country, total population of Uttar Pradesh is more than 199, 812, 3412. Uttar Pradesh is divided in 18 division called as “Mundal” consisting of 75 districts. Prasently 70 Government District Libraries are existing in Uttar Pradesh. Out of the 70 District libraries of U.P, 60 District Libraries have their own Buildings. 3 Districts namely Auraiya, Chandoli, and Ambedkar Nagar libraries are in process to be accommodated in newly constructed library building the construction of all these libraries building are almost completed. Out of all the district libraries of Uttar Pradesh 7 district libraries are running in rented buildings according to the collected data.

The scheme entitled “Pustkaly ki Niti ev Padhati ka Vikash” for the development of Public libraries in Uttar Pradesh was late constructed in the year 1980-81. In this year for first time in Uttar Pradesh, Library cell was established in secretariat under the education department of U.P. The initial purpose of the establishment of Library cell was to promote the Public libraries in Uttar Pradesh. From the year 1980-81 to till date the library cell is working properly. Uttar Pradesh public library Act was late passed in the year 2006, having 15th ranked in India. From the year 1948 to till date 19 Public Library Acts have been passed namely Tamilnadu 1948, Andhra Pradesh 1960, Karnataka 1965, Maharashtra 1967, West Bengal 1979, Manipur 1988, Haryana 1989, Kerala 1989, Mizoram 1993, Goa 1993, Odisha 2001, Gujarat 2000, Uttaranchal 2005, Rajasthan 2006, Uttar Pradesh 2006, Lakshdweep 2007, Bihar 2008, Chattisgarh 2009, Arunachal Pradesh 2009. Uttar Pradesh Public library act is a legal outline whereas it is expedient to provide for the establishment, organization, maintenance, and development of free and effective rural and urban public libraries services in the State. The Act comes into force on 11 August 2006. The Act includes 8 Chapters, and its constructed consisting of 3 types of advisory committees for the development and promotion of the public libraries in the state. These library advisory committees are given below.

1.1. State Library Council
State Library council plays the administrative role for the public libraries and it also one of the higher authority council that involves the all aspect of public libraries issues that govern to the government for their betterment. State Library Council shall be consisting of 1 Chairperson, 1 Vice-Chairperson, 9 Members and 1 Member/Secretary. The details of the State Library Council members are as followed.

1. The Minister, Secondary Education Department, Government of Uttar Pradesh: *Chairperson.*

2. The Principal Secretary or The Secretary as the Case may be, to the Government of the Uttar Pradesh: *Vice-Chairperson.*

3. The Principal Secretary to the Government of Uttar Pradesh, Finance Department or his nominees not below the rank of Special Secretary.

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4. The Principal Secretary to the Government of Uttar Pradesh, Member
Culture Department or his nominees not below the rank of Special Secretary.

5. The Principal Secretary to the Government of Uttar Pradesh, Member
Planning Department or his nominees not below the rank of Special Secretary.

6. The Special Secretary, to the Government of Uttar Pradesh, Member 
Secondary, Education Department nominated by Secretary, Secondary Education.

7. The Director, Secondary Education Department, Uttar Pradesh. Member

8. The Librarian, Central State Library, Secondary Member 
Education Department Uttar Pradesh.

9. One Person Nominated by Uttar Pradesh Member 
Library Association;

10. One Library officer nominated by Member 
State Government;

11. One Person nominated by Raja Ram Mohan Member 
Ray Library foundation;

12. The Officer on Special Duty (Library Cell) Member/Secretary 
Secondary Education Department, Uttar Pradesh;

The council has to advice the State Government on all matters arising in the administration to the Act. The Council exercise all such power and activities as prescribed in the Act. The possession of the members specify with serial number 9 to 11 shall be appointed only for two years. The Headquarter of the State Library Council shall be situated in Lucknow, Capital of Uttar Pradesh.

1.2. State Standing Committee
The State standing Committee is second one of the advisory committee that is mentioned in the public library act. The committee works to implement all decisions and suggestions instructed by State Library council. The main objectives of the committee to prepare a plane, monitor, execute plans and projects for the development of the public libraries in the State. It’s also one of the coordinating authority among the all Public Libraries of State. The committee followed the all instruction made by
the Ministry of Education, Government of India, Department of Culture, The State Library Council and any other external agency that works for the development and support of the Public Libraries in the State.

The structure of the state standing Committee Consisting of as followed.

1. The Principal Secretary or the Secretary as Member the case may be, to Government of Uttar Pradesh Secondary Education Department;

2. The principal Secretary of the Government of Member Uttar Pradesh Finance Department or his nominees not below the rank of Special Secretary.

3. The principal Secretary of the Government of Member Uttar Pradesh Planning Department or his nominees not below the rank of Special Secretary.

4. The Special Secretary, to the Government of Uttar Pradesh, Member Secondary, Education Department nominated by Secretary, Secondary Education Department.

5. The Director, Secondary Education Department, Uttar Pradesh. Member

6. The Officer on Special Duty (Library Cell) Member/Secretary Secondary Education Department, Uttar Pradesh;

In the sub section (2) of the public Library act number of function are indicated for the State Standing Committee of the Libraries some of the important functions are given below.

a) To articulate and encourage public library policy and system in entire state.

b) To formulate plans, prepare budget and other financial proposals for the development and of the public libraries in state.

c) To supervise and evaluate the public library system and performance of the public libraries.

d) The most important function of the state standing committee according to the researcher is to plan, supervise, control and coordinate the central acquisition procurement and distribution of the reading materials and other materials.

e) To allocate voluntary public libraries and library association.

f) To direct and supervise all activities of the Public libraries in the state.

g) To procedure the matters about the library council and the standing committee.
1.3. District Library Committee

The District Library Committee is one of the last committee constituted by the act. In every district of Uttar Pradesh district library committee must be constructed by the act, consisting of:

1. The District Magistrate  
2. The Chief development Officer  
3. The Principal District Institute for Education & Training.  
4. The Secretary, District Literacy Committee.  
5. The District Yuva Klyan Adhikari.  
7. The District Inspector of Schools  
8. District Information Officer or the Assistant Director Information.  
9. The Nominees of Chairman , Zila Panchayat  
10. The Chairman, Ngar Panchayat or his Nominee  
11. The Librarian of a degree College of the district to be nominated by the District magistrate.  
12. The Principal of a Government Inter Collage to be nominated by District Magistrate.  
13. One representative of Mahila Mangal Dal.  
15. One Coordinator, Nehru Yuva Kendra.  
16. The Librarian District Government Library, If any

In the act there is a provision that if there is no librarian in any District Library then the principle of Government Inter Collage should be the Member –Secretary. District Library Committee works to prepare plans for the development and the promotion of public libraries in district. It does also perform to work of monitoring and progress of public libraries in districts. The committee has such other function that mention in act to perform. For the development and modernization of the public libraries in state another two (2) committee are constituted by the higher authority of the Public Libraries in State these two committed is as followed.

2. STATE LIBRARY COMMITTEE

At the request of the Raja Ram Mohan Roy Library Foundation every state and U.T should setup the State Library Planning or State Library Committee. Uttar Pradesh also has a State Library Committee in expectation to have Library advisory committee mention in Uttar Pradesh Public Library Act. The State Library Committee will mainly make a decision on following matter are given below:

a) “The number and the categories of libraries for assistance under different scheme, mode of preparation of consolidated lists of book for different categories of libraries”;

b) Endorsement and purchase of book to be selected under different subject headings.
c) Collection of reading materials through advertisement of physical confirmation.

d) Committee has a power to set up Sub-committee or additional committee for the selection of book, if necessary.

3. UTTAR PRADESH PUBLIC LIBRARY DEVELOPMENT FUNDS COMMITTEE (UTTAR PRADESH SARVAJANIK PUSTKALAY VIKAS NIDI SMITHI)

For the dissemination and promotion of the knowledge and information to the common person, libraries play a very significant role that is why Uttar Pradesh Government has proposed to make Uttar Pradesh Public Library development funds committee also known as Uttar Pradesh Sarvajanik Pustkaly Vikas Nidi Smithi. The Chief Secretary/Secretary of Secondary education must be the President of this committee. For the expansion and modernization of public libraries in the whole state including Municipal and Rural libraries.11 financial commission have decided to release 14.50 core rupees under Five year plain (2000-2005)\(^3\). For the enlargement of the Public Libraries 11 financial commission have recommended corpus fund. According to 11 financial commission, 14.50 core rupees are invested in different brands of state with rate of interest 8%. The rate of interest of rupees 14.50 core is investing in a plan for the development and promotion of public libraries services in entire state\(^3\).

Uttar Pradesh Public Library Act also has a provision of Director of Public library. The Director of Secondary Education, Uttar Pradesh should be the director of public libraries in state. The director of public libraries is responsible for the better administration and operation for the public libraries. The detail function of the Director of Public Libraries in State has given in a act. Some of the major functions of the director of public libraries are given below\(^6\).

a) The main function of the director of public libraries is to prepare an annual report of five year budget for the development of the public libraries in the state and propose to the Government of Uttar Pradesh.

b) Another main responsibility of the director of public libraries is to collect all types of data like descriptive or statistical data on the working of public libraries and also government aided libraries.

c) To maintain the permanent library service standards for the development of public libraries and also to ensure that all libraries are follow those standards in the state.

d) To ensure the random inspection of all available public libraries in the state. And also to supervise and coordinate the functions and performance of public libraries in the state. Etc.

4. UTTAR PRADESH LIBRARY CELL

Uttar Pradesh Public Library cell was established in the year 1980-1981 under the department of education in Secretariat Lucknow. The main issue behind the construction of the library cell was to provide the libraries service in entire state and to explore the use of libraries for the growth and development of education rate in the state. Libraries are the property of their lovingly users it is also on the open access platform for the development of reading habits and educational growth of the individuals therefore State Government has recognized the importance of libraries in state and then established the separate library cell in secretariat. In the year 1980-81 there were only 16 public libraries running in the whole state whereas till date there
have 70 District Libraries and 1 State Central library at Allahabad working for their users apart from these. 5 more district libraries are reconstructed in newly selected districts. Government of Uttar Pradesh moves forward for the development of library services, so that the development of the extension board for government district libraries are remain in action. In the year 2014-15 20 extension boards are well running well in the entire state. In every district libraries in Uttar Pradesh there are minimum 10000 to 50000 books are available and also have one women room one children room and one senior citizen room facility available. In view of all these facilities there are more than 600 public libraries by their voluntary organizations, with different actions of plan the Library cell of U.P is giving their financial and external support for the betterment of all these libraries. In the year 1980-81 there have been only 16.74 lakh rupees was accessible for the development of public libraries in state but now till date the financial support by the government has increased to 23.00 core rupees are available for the betterment of public libraries.

5. LIBRARY DEVELOPMENT PLAN BY LIBRARY CELL

5.1. Establishment and Reconstruction of Government District Library

So far there have been 70 Government district libraries running in state out of 70 district libraries 60 district libraries have their own permanent building and 7 districts propose to establish its own building and the rest of 3 districts library building works is in progress. For this scheme government of Uttar Pradesh are allocated 1,83,35,000.00 in the financial year 2015 to 2016.

5.2. Grant for Libraries and Reading Rooms (Vachnaly)

Under this scheme the library cell government of Uttar Pradesh has allocated 10 lakh rupees for all the 34 voluntary libraries in financial year 2015-16. The budget allocated to the libraries after the inspection of the DIOs or Librarian of District library in the district. The most important principle behind this schemes to explore the library services and to educate the peoples towards the use of libraries.

5.3. Grant to Achary Narendra Dev Library Lucknow

Achary Narendra Dev Libray Lucknow is one of the libraries in the country that is operated by the Moti Lal Memorial Society/ Bharat Sewa Sansthan. Library cell Government of U.P has made of relief grant of rupees 2 lakh as annual financial support to this library.

5.4. Grant for the development of Amriddula Public Library Lucknow

Under this plan there is a separate budget worth of 61.50 lakh are allocated by the government to the development and modernization of Amriddulla Public library Lucknow. This budget can be used for their staff abode or the expansion and transformation of the Amriddula library.

5.5. Grant for the Development of Public Libraries

This scheme is one of the best scheme by Uttar Pradesh government for all the voluntary organizations that are operating public libraries. Under this scheme there is a provision to allot a separate budget worth of rupees 10 lakhs. For the development of all these libraries library cell has to introduce the public advertisement by the Information and public relation department and to collect all application from the voluntary organizations that want to participate in this scheme. The fund under this
scheme was only a relief when the District Inspector of Schools and District Librarian have to verify the physical condition of that selected libraries.

5.6. Grant relief for the development of Child Section in Public Library.

A separate budget of rupees 1.10 lakh is allocated for the development of Child Literature in public libraries operated by voluntary organizations. The following budget is allocated by the state library council to the participated libraries.

5.7. Grant for State Central Library Allahabad and 8 others Government District Libraries of Uttar Pradesh

A budget worth of rupees 2,50,66,000.00 is made in this scheme under financial year 2015-2016. The following budget mainly deals with their staff abode and the betterment of all participated libraries namely State Central Library, Agra Government District Library, Varanasi Government District Library, Kanpur Nagar Government District Library, Gorakhpur Government District Library, Jhansi Government District Library, Mathura Government District Library, Bareilly Government District Library, and Meerut Government District Library. Apart from this a separate budget with the worth of rupees 10 lakh is also allocated for the small construction if required for all participating libraries.


Under this scheme there is a provision of budget 5, 79, 78, 000.00 rupees allocated for the libraries in session 2015-2016. Government district libraries are benefited by this scheme. The following budget mainly deals with the libraries staff abode and the betterment of all participating libraries. Theses libraries are given below.

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29. Mirzapur district library  
30. Sonbhadra district library  
31. Amorha district library  
32. Mordabad district library  
49. Mau district library  
50. Bareilly district library  
51. Pillibhit district library  
52. Shahjahanpur district library  
53. Badaun district library  
54. Babarampur district library  
55. Gonda district library  
56. Shravasti district library  
57. Bahraich district library  
58. Ambedkar Nagar district library  
59. Barabanki district library  
60. Faizabad district library  
61. Sultanpur district library  
62. Chhatrapati Shahiji Maharaj district library

5.9. Subsidiary Grant of Raja Ram Mohan Roy Library Foundation Kolkata  
Uttar Pradesh Government provides 2 core rupees as a subsidiary grant to the Raja Ram Mohan Roy Library Foundation. Total 5 core rupees with the estimate ratio 40:60 are expended by the Raja Ram Mohan Roy Library foundation for the development and the betterment of public Libraries in the whole state.\(^4\) State Library Council is responsible for the expenditure of this budget.

5.10. National Mission on Libraries  
Under this scheme state central library Allahabad and district library Etawah have to propose divisional libraries by the Government of Uttar Pradesh. The development and modernization plane are divided in 4 sections given below:

1. Up-Gradation of Infrastructure  
2. Up-Gradation of Technology and Modernization.  
3. Creation of facilities for specially abled group.  
4. Procurement of reading resources to meet local need and advocacy & outreach programmes.

5.11. Development of E- Library of Uttar Pradesh  
Government of Uttar Pradesh has introduced the E Library plan in the year 2015-2016. For the development of E-Library, Government of Uttar Pradesh introduced a separate budget of rupees 6, 31, 83, 000.00\(^4\). The main purpose of this project is to explore the value of open access and to provide online reading materials for their users. It is one of the biggest projects in the history of libraries in Uttar Pradesh. Apart
from this project government of Uttar Pradesh has to establish E-Library centers in state central library of Allahabad and all District Libraries of state$^{10}$.  

5.12. Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation

BMGF library development in U.P is one of the pilot projects of the development for libraries, the number of district libraries are participating in this scheme and working for the betterment of libraries services$^{11}$. There are some other private organization that participated in this project and workers for the development of public libraries in U.P like NESCOM foundation, Digital Empowerment foundation, First Education foundation and Rajiv Gandhi foundation. The following district libraries are participated in this project$^{4}$.

1-Barabanki district library, 2-Gaziyabad district library, 3-Baliya district library, 4-Kanpur Nagar district library, 5-Unnao district library and 6-Lakhimpur district library.

**Structure of the Governance of Government District Libraries$^{8}$**

Honorable Minister  
\[ \downarrow \]

Principle Secretary  
(Madhiyamik Shiksha Vibhag, U.P)  
\[ \downarrow \]

Education Director (M.S)  
\[ \downarrow \]

Joint Director (M.S)  
\[ \downarrow \]

DIOS  
\[ \downarrow \]

District Library Librarian  
District Library Librarian

*M.S = Madhiyamik Shiksha Pardishad Uttar Pradesh

6. CONCLUSION

In this paper researcher explores the present status of the governance of public libraries and also highlights the committee that works for the development of the public libraries in Uttar Pradesh. The study investigates that how public libraries work. In this paper researcher gives the brief introduction about the governance of district libraries in Uttar Pradesh and also highlighted the concise introduction about the Uttar Pradesh public library act. The Uttar Pradesh public library act mainly deal with 8 chapters, in this paper researcher explore the function of library advisory
committee and examine the members of advisory committee. The Uttar Pradesh Government has introduced 6 type of library committee namely State library council, State standing Committee, District Library Committee, State Library Committee, Uttar Pradesh public library development funds committee that works for the development of public libraries in the state. The researcher also emphasizes about the library plans developed by the library cell under the instruction of government of Uttar Pradesh. The researcher has concluded that Uttar Pradesh government has moved forward for the development of public libraries in the state. The Government has introduced a major project namely E library that connects all district libraries of Uttar Pradesh with single gateway and it’s providing online accessible reading materials for theirs users. Some of other private organization are working towards the development of public libraries in the state and provide financial support to these participating libraries.

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