



Governance Structure

The Doon Library & Research Centre is an autonomous institution registered as a Society under the Societies Registration Act. It is managed by a Governing Body with the Chief Secretary, Uttarakhand Government as the Chairman. The other members of the Governing Body include Secretaries of the Departments of Finance, Planning, School Education, Culture and Higher Education of the Uttarakhand Government, eminent educationists and personalities nominated by the Governing Body. The administrative and academic head of the institution is the Director. Membership of the Library is open to the general public and institutions. Membership categories and fees are as follows:

- ▶ *Donor* ₹ 2.5 lakhs
- ▶ *Institutional* ₹ 12,500.00
- ▶ *Life* ₹ 2000.00
- ▶ *Ordinary* ₹ 250.00 per year plus security deposit of ₹ 500.00



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Background

The Doon Library & Research Centre came into existence formally on March 16, 2006 with its registration under the Societies Registration Act. It became functional on December 8, 2006, when its present premises in the Parade Ground were inaugurated by the Chief Minister Uttarakhand, Hon'ble Shri Narayan Datt Tewari.

The establishment of the institution can be traced to the realization that Dehradun, the premier city of the new state of Uttarakhand, did not have a good library catering to scholars and researchers working in the field of social sciences and humanities and on Himalayas. Dehradun also lacked a good public library for the general readers.

Objectives

The Doon Library & Research Centre has been pursuing four objectives:

- (i) repository of literature on social sciences and humanities, with special focus on Himalayan areas;
- (ii) public library serving the needs of book-loving people of Dehradun;
- (iii) centre for carrying out and supporting research on the Himalayan region from the perspective of social sciences and humanities;
- (iv) space for meeting of minds and exchange of views on a variety of issues and place for seminars, discussions, talks, presentations etc. on diverse subjects of contemporary relevance



Library Collection & Membership

The library now has a collection of over 17,500 volumes in Hindi and English on diverse subjects. It also subscribes to about 50 journals in social sciences, over a dozen Hindi and English newspapers and several magazines. Two special features of the library collection deserve mention: (i) over 500 books on the Himalayan region; and (ii) books by writers either hailing from or living in or writing about Uttarakhand. It maintains two reading rooms – one for newspapers and magazines open daily to the general public from 8 AM to 8 PM; and one for books and journals open to the members during library working hours. There are at present more than 1425 active members who regularly borrow books and make use of the reading room. The library holdings are fully computerised and the full catalogue is available on its website.



Research & Publications

Along with the library a research centre devoted to studies on the Himalayan areas of the country in general, and Uttarakhand in particular, from the perspective of social sciences and humanities is also being developed. In fact the idea is to build a research centre around the library so that it becomes a centre of intellectual and academic activity in the region.

We also have a small publication programme as part of the research effort involving publication of occasional papers, monographs and books on various subjects of interests. So far a dozen publications have been brought out.

