

BRIEF PROFILE

OF

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Established on 1st July, 1877

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Registered under	The Maharashtra Public Trust Act 1950	The Indian Societies Registration Act, 1960	Income Tax Act, 1961: PAN
Registration No.	E-76, JALGAON	MAHA/17271/JALGAON	AABTV0802C
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Under Section	Registration No.	Date of approval	Valid for the period
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Geographical coordinates	21.016949, 75.564791 Lamington hall - Tilak sabhagruha, 2H87+QV9, V. V. Vachanalaya Rd
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Best practices

This is a public charitable trust established on 1st July 1877 and works sincerely and relentlessly for the objects of running a District Public Library since then. The library commenced its working in a small place donated by the then Municipal council which was named Central Library and the building was called the Town Hall. It was renovated in 1907 and then named as The Lamington Town Hall after the name of the then Governor of Bombay Lord Lamington who laid its foundation stone for the renovation work.

This is now a heritage building and the same is retained as it was with the original stone walls earthen roof-tiles (descending roof) as a heritage. This houses a large machine-printed painting of Shri. Lokmanya Tilak made from the original photo and this hall is now referred to as Lokmanya Tilak Sabhagruh. He had visited the library in 1916 and had delivered a lecture in his inimitable style and words in this town hall.

Provides a membership to readers at a very nominal charge of Rs.330 per year for a single book at a time and Rs.440 per year for two books at a time. Library has more than 1.50 lakh books. The entire library book lists, book lending records and the system are computerized and facilitates searching of books at finger tips. The trust is registered under the Indian Societies Act 1860, The Maharashtra Public Trust Act 1950 and under section 12A and 80G of the Income Tax Act, 1961. The trust is prompt and updated in records, accounting and audits and all the requisite returns are filed every year promptly and regularly. There are no pending cases of any type under any act against the trust.

The library houses more than 1.50 lakh books and has more than 1700 members. The library has been a pillar of encouraging and providing food to readers and cultural activities in the city of Jalgaon and the entire district of Jalgaon. It is one of the few libraries in India which are more than 100 years old and still working in good condition providing the readers a treasure trove of books to read. It has an open to public section called Muktdwar where daily newspapers are housed and provided free of cost to read to general public with proper sitting arrangements and basic amenities like lights, fans and safe drinking water etc. The library arranges free public meetings for lectures delivered by renowned established as well as upcoming writers, poets and thinkers. Many renowned writers, poets, thinkers and motivators have visited the library and the visitor's book of the

library is itself now a rare treasure having handwriting and signatures of these literary stalwarts. The trustees are the elite and learned persons from the society, working for the benefit of the society at large with a basic common thread of being good readers and apolitical. There has never been an election and the trustees are normally elected unopposed. A tradition to elect few new and young trustees in the team of trustees keeps the trust always active and vibrant.

Major achievements/Activities

The library established on 1st July, 1877, is kept alive, vibrant and running with additions of good books every year.

A special budget is allocated and a designated committee for book selection works round the year to select good books and purchase the same from various sources. The library has withstood various ups and downs during the walk of 147 years till now.

In 1992 the library is awarded the most prestigious Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar award which contains a Trophy and cash prize of Rs. Five lakhs as the best library in the post centennial category in the State of Maharashtra.

The old and very small library building is gradually expanded from time to time. In 2010 the Raja Ram Mohan Roy Foundation Kolkata, after a thorough audit and checking found the library completing all the criteria, had granted a onetime contribution of Rs.25 lakhs for expansion of the existing building to erect a two storied building which comprises two small halls of about 2500 sq. ft. on each floor.

Important is that the library trust has worked completely in democratic principles since inception but has never succumbed to any pressures of whatsoever nature and never compromised in the interest of books and readers.

In the era when other physical libraries are dying a slow death, this old lady not only survives but is vibrant and active. Now it positions and is preparing itself to cater to the tech-savvy young generation in the new 5G era. In the most important sesquicentennial year approaching in 2027, it hopes to go fully computerized and connected to the world libraries and students at large.

The library has updated its entire computer system which is not having latest versions of the PCs and a dedicated server. The library has recently installed a

tailormade software which is working successfully. The reader can now search books on their mobile by login and also can pay the subscription or donations etc. online also.

The Needs

1. The increasing number of books require a space to store and the space is a scarcest of resource which cannot be increased. This compels the library to adopt to modern storing concepts which are user friendly. The need of this modern storing concept requires about Rs.38 lakhs to store the present books. This is planned by way of steel compactor cupboards moving on a rail and saving lot of space.

This ultimately will prevent the demolition of the heritage old building to supplant the space need and will contribute to preservation of the heritage.

The volunteer-based reading and writing skills development program is now commenced and the initial response is very encouraging. The inflow and increasing footfall of the students is very enthusiastic but posing some issues in the bookshelves. The library has identified that the compactor type bookshelves will serve multiple purposes. This will facilitate to store the books more systematically and will make it easy for the students to search and/or find the required book on their own.

2. In the existing RCC structure of the new building, a second floor's space is remaining to be constructed which can make available a complete hall of about 2500 sq. ft. The RCC structure is already there which has ground and first floors already constructed. This requires an expenditure of about Rs.45 lakhs.
3. The Lokmanya Tilak Sabhagruh, the oldest part of the building, is now more than 115 years old and needs major repairs and preservation expenditure. The estimated expenditure is at least Rs.35 lakhs.
4. The library is moving to its 150th year. The same is proposed to be celebrated with various lit fests involving important lectures, interviews, talk shows, book exhibitions and cultural programs. All of these are focused and planned towards encouraging reading and writing and thus achieving the objects of the library. The detailing is in progress and the estimates are not yet arrived at, but are expected to cross Rs.100 lakhs from the primary basic

work. This shall be a multiple activity even contributing and covered under multiple heads under the CSR activities.

5. All the systems and the infrastructure need power. The power bills eat the revenue. Considering the power requirements in all the developments enunciated as above, rooftop solar power system is unavoidable. Green energy is the need of the day considering climate changes causing havoc all over the planet. The rooftop solar system will further contribute to the conservation of natural resources. The estimated cost of the rooftop solar system is at least Rs.10 lakhs.
6. All the above requirements are covered under the focus core area for CSR activities under Schedule VII to the Companies Act, 2013.

Summary of estimated cost of the needs:

No.	Item	Rs. Lakh
1	Storage cupboards	38
2	Construction	45
3	Tilak Sabhagruh Renovation	35
4	Litfest	100
5	Solar	10
6	Total	228

The Trustees

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10	Mr. Dnyandev Vithoba Wani	Office assistant	5th
11	Mrs. Girish Shrikrushna Tare	Office assistant	9th
12	Ms. Kirti Sanjay Sonar	Computer Operator-Part time	Student Trainee

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