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## TENANGA STATE CENTRAL LIBRARY: AFZALGUNJ, HYDERABAD

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The state central library is a historical library. Earlier It is also known as “Asafia state central library”. It is a public library located at Afzal Gunj Hyderabad of Telangana state. The library building is constructed in 1891.and our library was granted “Heritage state in 1998” in INFACH, Hyderabad. This library is the apex of the state library system.

### History:

The state central library is one of the Institution of learning which had its genesis in the year 1891. Due to the sustained efforts of late Moulvi Syed Hussain Bilgrami. The Nizam’s government. The personal library of this great scholar formed in the initial corpus of this great institution. It was then known as “Asafia state library” after the name of Asaf Jah dynasty and was located in Abids. Mr. Syed Tassaduq Hussain an eminent scholar of eastern language, was appointed as superintendent of this library and later he became the first librarian of state central library. In course of time, the Asafia state library emerged as one of the biggest, finest and richest libraries in the world both in terms of print and manuscripts collection.

### Building:



**Telangana State Central Library Hyderabad**

The library building was constructed on area of 72,247 sq. feet at cost of Rs. 5 lakh under the supervision of the state architect and designer Mr. Aziz Ali and the foundation stone of the building was laid in January 1932 mainly at the instance of the H.E.H. Nizam Mir Osman Ali. The construction was completed and the Asafia library was shifted to this building 1936 to mark silver jubilee of Nizam the VIIth. The architecture of the building is reminiscent of good old king palaces with huge halls and high ceilings. The aerial view of the buildings resembles on open book.

In the main doors and windows of the building, the glass panes used are embedded in lead. Which makes it to with stand any amount of pressure of even gale windows: or severe heat to the sunlight. The typical huge doors also remind one of



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the Building. In the construction of the building, lime mortar including ingredients like jaggery liquid, karakkai liquid and jute fiber were used. Belgium glasses were used for the windows and other panels. The whole material used for making the book racks in the stack rooms was imported from London. Government of Andhra Pradesh has declared this library building as heritage building vide GO MS No: 102, M.A. Municipal administration and urban development department, dated 23<sup>rd</sup> march, 1998.

The year 1941 was another landmark in the history of Asafia state library. Which marked its golden jubilee celebrations. In 1995, after the enactment of Hyderabad public libraries act. Asafia state library was declared as the state central library for the Hyderabad state. After the linguistic recognition of states in 1956. It was declared as the state central library for the Andhra Pradesh and with a view to augment accommodation, an annex building was constructed in 1961 at a cost of Rs 9 lakhs. The renovation and restoration of state central library heritage building has been taken up by Andhra Pradesh education welfare and infrastructure development corporation, Hyderabad during the year 2011.

**Library collection:**

In year 1967, the manuscripts collection consisting of about 17,000 rare and valuable manuscripts dating back to 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> centuries were transferred to the Andhra Pradesh oriental manuscripts library. The state central library today has an excellent collection of over 5 lakh books. Published from the early 19<sup>th</sup> century, which are of special significance to research scholars. Books in English, Hindi, Urdu, Telugu, Tamil, Kannada, Marathi, Sanskrit, Arabic and Parsian languages find a good place in the collection of books available only in this library. The open access system has been introduced in this library since 1960, which has facilitated the day to day increasing readers to pin pointedly locate their books in the racks which are arranged in the sequence according to the classification number. The most popular Dewey decimal classification scheme is followed or classification of books and ALA cataloguing rules for classified catalogues with author and title indexes are maintained for essay location of books, which serves as a major guide to the readers.

The Apex public library has been rendering its service efficiently to the reading public of this library with its limited resources with all possible facilities the library functions from morning 8:00 a.m. to evening 8:00 pm. But for text book section which works from 8:00 am to 12:00 pm mid night and on weekly holidays also. 8:00 am to 8:00 pm and periodical section which works on weekly holidays also. To admission to this library is open to all free of cost. The reading rooms with all necessary facilities can be utilized by the readers. Quick and efficient service is rendered immediately without any waste of time by the technically qualified personnel who rendered the library service in all shifts and in every section of the library.

**Sections:**

Our library is providing service through several sections. That are explained by below.

They are,

- **Periodical section:**  
Our library is providing many newspapers in many languages. Like in Telugu, English, Urdu, Hindi and Tamil languages. And also subscribed several magazines. These are available in several languages. That are Telugu, English, Hindi and Urdu. These magazines are acquiring in monthly and weekly. Some magazines are acquiring in fortnight or in biweekly.
- **Preservation section:**  
Our library is maintaining old newspaper collection and up to 1970's newspapers are preserved in CDs through scanning. After 2000, the newspapers are arranged in the library.
- **Administration section:**  
Our library is Maintain completely under administration section. In the library administration. We having Chief librarian



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Superident  
Grade- II librarian  
Grade- III librarian

- **Lending section:**  
The library is providing lending services in every day. Many readers are utilizing the services.
- **Binding section:**  
Through this section, our administration officers are done the binding works to damaged books, new books and sized books.
- **Reference section:**  
Our library is providing so many reference books. Many readers are utilizing these reference section.

**Funds:**

The library is accessing the fund in various sources. That are,

- Purchasing: in this method, the state government providing some budget to the library and our library management are acquisition the books on reader’s demand.
- RRRLF: Raja Rammohan Roy library foundation is established in 1972. And it is providing fund for books and furniture.
- Grates: the grates is nothing but the collection acquisition is provided as gift/ donations.

**ROP:** the ROP is mean by registrar of publication. It is started through the Telangana public library act 1960 act. And it is for the registration of the publications. Such are books and newspapers. Based on this act, every author or publisher should submit their published book to registrar of publication, state central library and state government.

Our library is providing the services to regional libraries. These libraries are working under our state central library. The libraries are:

- Warangal regional library
- Nizamabad regional library

**Conclusion:**

The Asafia state central library is established in 1891. The library is Provide the many services till now. It is very helpful to readers and aspirants. It is providing the books, magazines in many languages with the collection of 5, 37,451. Many readers are utilizing the service with membership.