

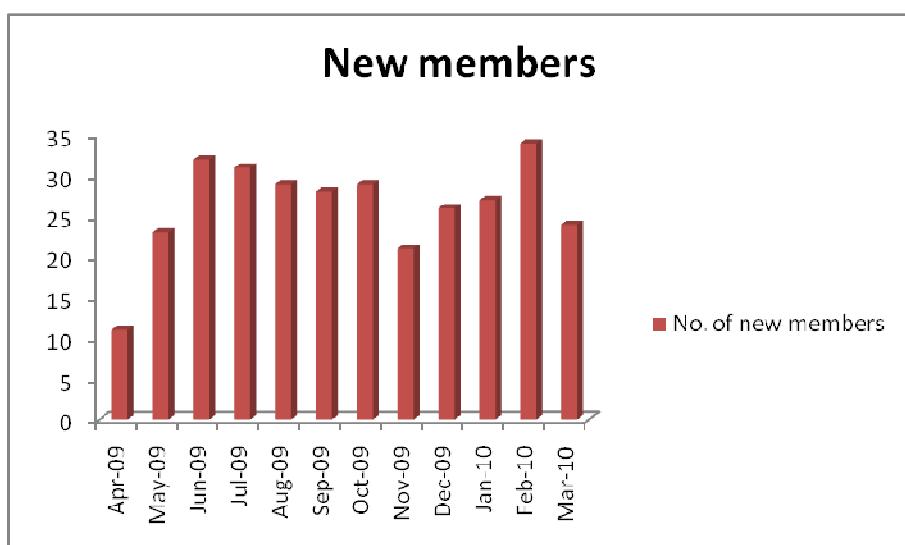
Doon Library & Research Centre

Annual Report 2009-10

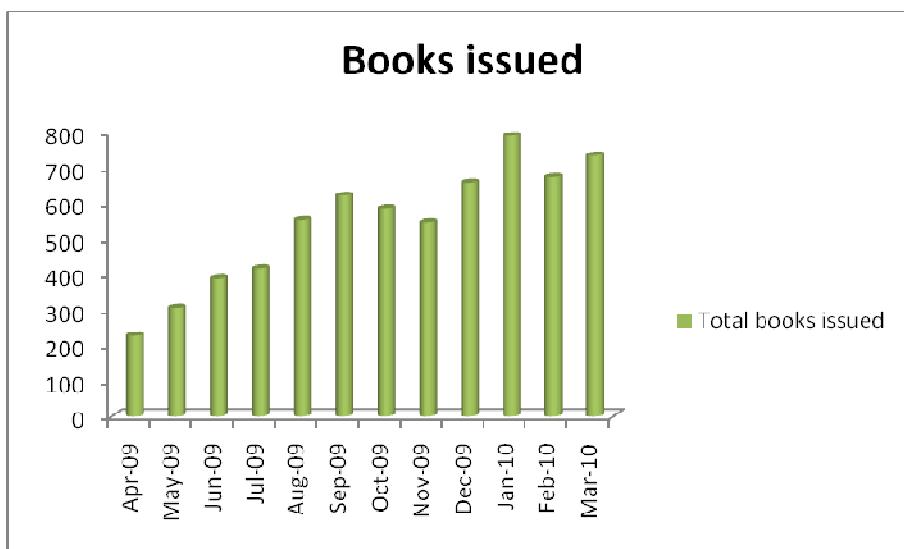
1. Library

The end of the year 2009-10 marked the completion of the third full year of the operations of the Doon Library & Research Centre. The library, we are now happy to report, has established itself as an important resource for the people of Dehradun. This is evident from the steady increase in membership from 223 at the end of 2008-09 to 538 at the end of the current year. There has also been a corresponding increase in the footfalls in the library. All through the day there is a stream of members and readers visiting the library. Both the reading rooms: the outside one for newspapers and magazines and the inside one for books and journals are fully occupied throughout the day. We have also been augmenting the facilities available to our users. Responding to the demand of some members the library hours have been extended till 6.00 PM for issue and return of books with effect from January 1, 2010. While the reading room for newspapers continues to be open from 8.00 AM to 8.00 PM, the inside one for books and journals is now open till 6.00 PM instead of 5.00 PM as in the past. Acquisition of books continued with the same pace as in the previous years. At the end of the year we had a total collection of 11,600 volumes as compared to 7,709 at the end of the previous financial year. Thus 3,891 books were added during the year, as compared to 3,324 during the previous year.

The increasing popularity of the library is reflected in the month-wise data on new members and the number of books borrowed:



Month	No. of new members	Total books issued
April 2009	11	227
May 2009	23	306
June 2009	32	388
July 2009	31	417
August 2009	29	553
September 2009	28	622
October 2009	29	586
November 2009	21	546
December 2009	26	658
January 2010	27	790
February 2010	34	673
March 2010	24	735
Total	315n	6,199



Apart from stocking books and subscribing to journals, periodicals and newspapers for the benefit of its members and readers, the Doon Library & Research Centre has over the past three years also developed as a centre for related activities like talks on subjects of contemporary and topical significance by local experts, panel discussions, presentations, seminars etc. so that we may provide a forum for informed discussion and exchange of ideas to the citizens of Dehradun. This is being done in order to make the library a living

institution in regular contact and dialogue with its members and the general public. We have also been publishing a bilingual (Hindi and English) newsletter *Himadri* to disseminate information about the library and its various activities among members and the general public. During the year issues of *Himadri* were published. The various activities organised by us during the year were listed below:

2. Talks, Book Readings & Presentations

- Talk by Prof. Girijesh Pant, Vice Chancellor, Doon University on April 4, 2009 on “The Doon University: A New Paradigm”.



- Talk by Dr B. K. Joshi, Director, Doon Library & Research Centre on June 16, 2009 on “Lok Sabha Election Results in Uttarakhand – an Analysis”.
- Talk by Dr. R. S. Tolia, Chief Information Commissioner, Uttarakhand on “Evolution of Modern Administration in Uttarakhand” on August 01, 2009; Shri S. K. Das, Chairman Uttarakhand Public Service Commission presided.



- Talk and reading from her new award-winning e-book “When the Lamps were Lit” by Ms. Indrani Talukdar on August 08, 2009.
- Reading of his story **Nanu ki Kahani** by Dr Atul Sharma followed by a discussion on December 28, 2010.



- Talk and readings from his recent (yet to be published) translations of Kabir's poems by Prof. Arvind Krishna Mehrotra on January 11, 2010.



- Well-known American peace activist Ms. Joanne Sheehan gave a talk on “Gandhian non-violence and the response of nations towards permanent peace” on February 04, 2010.
- Presentation of the traditional Jaunsari Ram Katha “**Chhadi**” by Shri Madan Das (the last surviving exponent of this form) on September 26, 2009.



3. Panel Discussions

- Panel Discussion on “Why is it that people in Civil Society from all walks of life exhibit such a low sense of civic responsibility” on July 18, 2009. Panellists were: Prof. Girijesh Pant, Vice Chancellor Doon University, Mr Dev Lahiri, Principal, Welham Boys School, Ms. Jo Chopra, Executive Director, Latika Roy Memorial

Foundation and Mr Anup Nautiyal, CEO, EMRI. Anchor: Dr B. K. Joshi, Director, Doon Library & Research Centre.

- Panel Discussion on “Traditional Attitudes to Women’s Rights and Equality” on November 11, 2009. The panellists were: Mrs Shanti Verma, Mrs Dayita Dutta, Dr Sumanta Banerjee and Mr Devashis Chakravarty.



- Panel discussion on a critical assessment of programmes for people with disability and what needs to be done to improve the situation was organised on March 06, 2010. Panellists included Ms. Priyo Lal, Ms. Archana Sethi, Ms. Amrit Burret and Shri Alok Ulfat. The discussion was moderated by Shri Rajen Brij Nath.

4. Other Activities

- English Quiz Competition for schools, Round I on April 27, 2009; Round II on May 02, 2009 and Semi-final and Final on September 07, 2009.



- Screening DVDs of Bharat Ek Khoj (the TV serial based on Jawaharlal Nehru’s *Discovery of India* produced for Doordarshan and directed by Shyam Benegal) twice a week on Wednesday and Saturday beginning June 17, 2009.
- In keeping with our past practice, this year too we organised a Children’s Day programme on November 14, 2009 for children of the Government Primary School, Parade Ground. The programme consisted of Story Reading, Puppet Show and Group Dances by the children.



Earlier a painting competition for young children and essay-writing competition for older children were organised and prizes were awarded on this occasion to those adjudged first, second and third. Fruits were distributed to all the children at the end of the function.

- Organised launch of the book **Garhwal ki Lok Kathayen** written by Shri Pratap Shikhar and published by the Himalaya Trust. Well-known litterateur of Dehradun Shri Subhash Pant presided over the function.



- The National Book Trust organised an exhibition of their books at our invitation from January 9 to 14 in the Hindi Bhavan.



5. Publications

B. K. Joshi Director

Papers

B. K. Joshi: "Reflections on Reform of Higher Education in Uttarakhand" (Occasional Paper 1, Doon Library & Research Centre)

B. K. Joshi & Amit Verma: “Lok Sabha Election Result in Uttarakhand: An Analysis”
(Occasional Paper 2, Doon Library & Research Centre)
(Both these papers are also available on the website of the Doon Library & Research Centre)

M. P. Joshi, Honorary Fellow

Book

Maheshwar P. Joshi *et al* (edited) *Madhya Himālaya kī Anusūchita evam Pichhaṭī Jātiyāṁ: Paramparā, Śilpa aura Udyoga*. Being Proceedings of the Seminar on *Madhya Himālaya kī Anusūchita evam Pichhaṭī Jātiyāṁ: Paramparāgata Śilpa aura Udyoga* – Dehradun 2008. Almora: Almora Book Depot.

Papers

Madhya Himālaya ke Dāsa-Silpakārom ki ādi brāhmaṇa paramparā, in Maheshwar P. Joshi *et al* (eds), *Madhya Himālaya kī Anusūchita evam Pichhaṭī Jātiyāṁ: Paramparā, Śilpa aura Udyoga*: 15-48. Almora: Almora Book Depot.

“Water governance in antiquity: The *Arthaśāstra* experience”, in S.D. Trivedi (ed.) *The Glorious Heritage of India*: 365-77. Delhi: Agam Kala Prakashan.

“The riddle of Aśoka Challa”, in Devangana Desai and Arundhati Banerji (eds.), *The Mirror of Indian Art, Essays in Memory of Shri Krishna Deva*: 353-60. New Delhi: Aryan Books International.

“Advent of polities in Kumaon and Garhwal”, in Marie Lecomte-Tilouine (ed.), *Bards and Mediums: History, Culture and Politics in the Central Himalayan Kingdoms*: 327-71, Almora: Almora Book Depot.

6. Participation in Seminars, Workshops, Conferences, Training Programmes etc.

B. K. Joshi, Director

Participated in the “Looking Ahead” seminar organised on the occasion of their tenth anniversary by the Centre for Budget and Policy Studies, Bengaluru, during November 17-

20, 2009. I was the main discussant for their research studies on the theme of decentralisation.

Delivered the First Prof. G. D. Tewari Memorial Lecture on “Towards a New Architecture of Local Government with Special Reference to Uttarakhand” on March 25, 2010 at Kumaun University, Nainital. The lecture was organised by Prof. B. K. Tewari.

Participated in a number of seminars and workshops organised by various organisations in Dehradun.

Shri Rajen Brij Nath, Adviser

Participated in the Indian Society of Applied Behavioural Science Winter Event, 2009

Participated in the Indian Society of Applied Behavioural Science Summer Event, 2010

Ran an Interpersonal Effectiveness and Personal Growth Lab at Rishikesh in 2009 Winter

Ran an Interpersonal Effectiveness and Personal Growth Lab in early 2010 at Hardwar for B.H.E.L.

Ran an Effectiveness Workshop for National Insurance Co. in 2010

Prof. M. P. Joshi, Honorary Fellow

Participated in the following conferences and colloquiums and presented papers papers therein as detailed below:

“Katyuri *jāgar* rituals, local traditions, and archaeology” (with Chandra Prakash Fuloriya, and Piyush Bhatt”, paper presented to the International Workshop on Oral Epics of Western Nepal and related traditions: anthropological, linguistic and musical perspectives organised by Boyd Michailovsky and Marie Lecomte-Tilouine (C.N.R.S., France), CNAS, Kathmandu (Nepal), September 8-10, 2009.

“The *Rāmāyaṇa* in the folklore of Jaunsar-Baur (District Dehradun), Uttarakhand Himalaya” (with Lakshmi Kant Joshi), paper presented to the International Workshop on Oral Epics of Western Nepal and related traditions: anthropological, linguistic and musical perspectives organised by Boyd Michailovsky and Marie Lecomte-Tilouine (C.N.R.S., France), CNAS, Kathmandu (Nepal), September 8-10, 2009.

“The Story of Rāma in the folklore of Eastern Kumaon, Uttarakhand Himalaya” (with Suresh C. Tamta). Paper presented to the International Workshop on Oral Epics of Western Nepal and related traditions: anthropological, linguistic and musical perspectives organised by Boyd Michailovsky and Marie Lecomte-Tilouine (C.N.R.S., France), CNAS, Kathmandu (Nepal), September 8-10, 2009.

Dr Manoj Panjani, Research Associate

Participated in a seminar on Environment organised by the MKP Post-Graduate College, Dehradun in April 2009.

Shri Hem Singh Dariyal, Assistant Librarian

Attended a training programme on the updated SOUL acquired by the library at Delhi during August 12-14, 2009

Ms. Suman Bharadwaj, Library-cum-Documentation Assistant

Attended a training programme on the updated SOUL acquired by the library at Delhi during August 12-14, 2009

7. Membership of Committees, Commissions and Professional Bodies

Dr B K Joshi, Director:

- Academic Council, Doon University
- Fee Structure Committee for technical courses run by technical institutions in the state appointed by the Government of Uttarakhand in fulfillment of the decision of the Hon'ble Supreme Court
- Steering Committee of the IFAD supported Uttarakhand Livelihood Improvement Project
- Executive Committee, Uttarakhand Education for All Project
- Academic Council of the Dev Sanskriti University, Hardwar
- President, Latika Roy Memorial Foundation, Dehradun

- Trustee, SAMARTHAN: Support Organization, Bhopal
- Director, UPTEC Computer Consultancy, Lucknow
- Member, Executive Committee, Paryavaran Shiksha Sansthan, Uttarakhand
Sewa Nidhi, Almora
- Member, Executive Committee and Dean Research, Peoples Science Institute, Dehradun
- Vice-President, Centre for Environmental Development and Research (CEDAR), New Delhi

Shri Rajen Brij Nath, Advisor

- Life Member & Professional Member, Indian Society of Applied Behavioural Science
- Life Member, Friends of the Doon Society
- Life Member, Citizens Action Group
- Life Member, Doon Citizens Association
- Life Member, Indian Society of Training and Development
- Life Member, HRD Network
- Life Member, Indian Humanist Union

Shri K C Saxena, Librarian:

- Member, Book Selection Committee for Public Libraries nominated by the Directorate of School Education, Government of Uttarakhand, under a programme of the Raja Rammohan Roy Foundation, Ministry of Human Resource Development, Government of India
- Member, State Level Screening Committee, Uttarakhand State Archives
- President, School Management Committee, Govt. Primary School, Parade Ground, Dehradun

8. Accounts

The audited accounts of the Doon Library & Research Centre for the year 2009-10 consisting of the balance sheet, income and expenditure account, audit report and other details are given in Annexure C. According to the income and expenditure account the total income during the year was Rs 49.90 lakhs. The bulk of this (Rs 38.23 lakhs) was on account of interest on the

corpus of Rs 5 crores which was invested in fixed deposits in the State Bank of India (Rs 3.20 crores) and Uttaranchal Gramin Bank (Rs 1.80 crores). An additional grant of Rs 10 lakhs was received from the Uttarakhand towards the end of the financial year. The total expenditure during the year was Rs 49.93 lakhs, which included Rs 28.64 lakhs shown in the income and expenditure statement and Rs 21.29 lakhs shown in the Fixed Assets Schedule (Schedule G). Thus the expenditure exceeded the income during the year by three thousand rupees. The major items of expenditure during the year were:

Item	Amount (Rs lakhs)	Per cent of total exp.
1. Books	15.85	31.74
2. Administrative expenses	25.86	51.79
Salary & Wages	(13.18)	(26.40)
Honorarium	(3.57)	(7.15)
Office expenses	(9.11)*	(18.24)
3. Furniture & Fixtures	3.51	7.03
4. Building Repairs	1.50	3.00
5. Programmes etc.	1.12	2.24
6. Seminars & Workshops	0.71	1.42
Total	48.55	97.22

*Includes expenditure of Rs 88,900.00 on subscription of journals; Rs 1,86,640.00 on printing and stationery and Rs 1,81,697.00 on minor repairs and maintenance.

ANNEXURE A

Governing Body

Shri I. K. Pande IAS, Chief Secretary,

Government of Uttarakhand

Chairman

(After 12.08.2008)

Shri Alok Kumar Jain IAS, Principal Secretary Finance

Government of Uttarakhand

Member

Shri Rakesh Sharma IAS, Principal Secretary Culture

Government of Uttarakhand

Member

Ms. Anjali Prasad IAS, Secretary Higher Education

Government of Uttarakhand

Member

Dr Rakesh Kumar IAS, Secretary School Education

Government of Uttarakhand

Member

Ms Radha Raturi IAS, Secretary Planning

Government of Uttarakhand

Member

Dr B. K. Joshi, Ex. Vice Chancellor, Kumaon University Member-Secretary

ANNEXURE B

People

Dr B. K. Joshi	Director
Shri Rajen Brijnath	Advisor
Prof. M. P. Joshi	Honorary Fellow
Dr B. P. Maithani	Honorary Fellow
Dr Manjari Mehta	Honorary Fellow
Shri Chandra Shekhar Tewari	Research Associate
Dr Manoj Panjani	Research Associate

Shri K.C. Saxena	Librarian
Shri Hem Singh Dariyal	Assistant Librarian
Ms. Yogita Thapliyal	Accountant
Ms. Suman Bhardwaj	Documentation Assistant
Shri Jagdish Singh Mahar	Clerk
Ms Meenakshi Kukreti	Data Entry Operator-cum-Clerk
Khushi Ram	Library Assistant
Shri Naveen Kumar Dobriyal	Library Attendant-cum- Office Help
Shri Gama Chand	Chowkidar
Shri Madan Singh	Chowkidar
Ms. Geetanjali Bhatt	Trainee (Part-time)
Ms. Madhu Dangwal	Trainee (Part-time)
Shri Vijay Bahadur	Gardener (Part-time)