

Role of Borden and Motibhai Amin in Public Library Movement



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ABSTRACT

The contribution made by Maharaja Sayajirao III of Baroda in library movement is really significant and remarkable. During the course of his second visit to the United States of America he had an opportunity to meet William Alanson Borden, of Young Men's Institute, New Haven, Connecticut. He invited him to his state, after knowing and realising insight regarding librarianship of the latter. 200 users/readers were randomly selected from four public libraries namely Baroda, Gandhinagar, Patan and Anand (50 from each public library). A self-made questionnaire was prepared with the help of guide and sent to respondents to collect their views/ responses regarding role of borden and Motibhai Amin in Public Library Movement in Baroda State. During his three years' tenure of office, Mr. Borden conducted a library training class, established the Central library in capital city and, planned a network of free public libraries throughout the state. Shri Motibhai Amin established a library in each school and a library in each village He started moving libraries. In this way role of Borden and Motibhai Amin in developing library network in Baroda state was significant and remarkable.

Introduction:-

Role of library in increasing dissemination of education can not be avoided. Beside giving education and information, it creates a positive culture, positive use of leisure time and motivating people in value education. It conserves rare books, manuscripts and other reading materials and disseminates to community people as and when required. It is a living force for education, culture and information and as an essential agent for the fostering of peace and understanding between people and between nations. It provides service to all over nation. It gives free access of information. Its doors remain open for free and equal use by all members of the community regardless of race, colour, nationality, sex, religion, language, status or educational attainments. Library is part of the community. It has the social obligation to serve the whole community. It is a positive agent for change in the community. A library makes a substantial contribution to socio-economic changes in a social milieu. It is a social institution which converts a savage community into a state of civilization. It is a gateway of better life. It is capable of enriching the human personality and of helping the people to become responsible citizens.

The contribution made by Maharaja Sayajirao III of Baroda in library movement is really significant and remarkable. During the course of his second visit to the United States of America he had an opportunity to meet William Alanson Borden, of Young Men's Institute, New Haven, Connecticut. He invited him to his state, after knowing and realising insight regarding librarianship of the latter.

During the tenure of his office (1910-13) Borden established the central library and initiated a public library system. He also conducted library training classes to train staff in 1910.

By the time Borden left the State on May 15, 1913, Baroda city had its Central Library, comprising Reference and Lending Departments with a book stock of 40,000 volumes. Two of the three prant libraries had been established and thirty six of the thirty eight towns had proving their own libraries. Two hundred and sixteen of the four hundred and twenty-six large villages had founded their libraries. Even the small villages had come forward and had initiated their own libraries. There were 140 travelling libraries as well. By the time Borden left Baroda, he had achieved a great deal, in the form of planning and establishing a network of public library system in Baroda.

After departure of Borden, Sir Sayajirao Gayakwad appointed Shri Motibhai Amin (1873-1939) of Vaso as Assistant Library Organising Officer on 3-10-1921. Motibhai Amin established Library Assisting Co-operative Society Ltd. on 31-03-1924. He established Baroda state Library Assembly' In 1925. He insisted to realize for two slogans namely (1) where there is a school, there should be a library. (2) A library must be in a village (1927-

1933). He also insisted for moving library also. He insisted for 'Friend Association Library' for informal education. Recognizing his qualities, Borden had also admired him.

This Study aims at to examine contribution of Boden and Motibhai Amin in public library movement.

Objectives of the Study:-

1. To examine role of Borden and Motibhai Amin in Public Library Movement in Baroda State
2. To evaluate contribution of Borden and Motibhai Amin towards Public Library Movement in Baroda State.
3. To make aware readers and public regarding contribution made by Borden and Motibhai Amin with Sir Sayajirao Gayakwad III.
4. To show their contribution in statistical manner.

Problems/ Questions of the study

1. Whether people know about the role played by Borden and Motibhai Amin in promoting library movement in Baroda State?
2. Whether people know that sir Sayajirao Gayakwad was lover of books and library?
3. Whether People know that Baroda state was pineer in initiating Library movement in India?

Methodology:-

Sample:-

200 users/readers were randomly selected from four public libraries namely Baroda, Gandhinagar, Patan and Anand (50 from each public library).

Tools used

A self-made questionnaire was prepared with the help of guide and sent to respondents to collect their views/ responses regarding role of borden and Motibhai Amin in Public Library Movement in Baroda State.

Data Analysis:-

Simple percentage was calculated to know role of borden and Motibhai Amin in Public Library Movement in Baroda State.

Results:-

Percentages of information regarding their qualification, job satisfaction and workload are given in following table.

Table

1.	Have you rea about Library movement?	59
2.	Whether your library has reading materials regarding Gayakwad administration?	80
3.	Do you know that Sir Sayajirao Gayakwad invited Borden for Library activities?	60

4.	Do you know that there were eight peculiarities of Library Training Classes initiated by Borden.	49
5.	Do you know that there were village libraries, district libraries and regional libraries in Baroda State?	61
6.	Do you know that Sir Sayajirao Gayakwad established separate library department in his state in 1910?	52
7.	Do you know that Sir Sayajirao Gayakwad had separately allocated financial amount to run library training classes?	49
8.	Do you know that Borden started library training classes in Baroda state?	55
9.	Do you know about the saying: where there is a school, there should be library?	76
10.	Do you know the proverb told by Motibhai Amin that there must be a library in a village?	74

Interpretation:-

The responses received from users/ readers were as under:-

Reading about library movement 59%, reading material regarding Gyakwad administration in their libraries 80%, knowledge of inviting Borden by Sir Sayajirao Gayakwad 60%, knowledge about library training classes in Gayakwad administration

49%, knowledge about village library, district library and regional libraries in Gayakwad administration 61%, knowledge about separate library department in Gayakwad administration 52%, Budgetary allocation for library training classes in Gayakwad administration 49%, knowledge about school library 76% and village library 74%.

In this way, it can be seen that readers were aware of library movement initiated by sir Sayajirao Gayakwad III and role played by Borden as well as Motibhai Amin in organising library network in Baroda state.

Conclusion:-

Borden was well qualified for his work; being a library expert of some years' standing. He had experience of an instructor in the first library school-the famous school organised by Dr. Melvin Dewey in Columbia University in 1887. During his three years' tenure of office, Mr. Borden conducted a library training class, established the Central library in capital city and, planned a network of free public libraries throughout the state.

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