

## Need of Tribal Libraries to built-up Educational Environment in Tribe People

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***Abstract** - This paper presents the current situation of tribe people and situation after implementation of library facility in Tribal era. Current situation of tribal people is developing. Their education and their day to day life are more affected by the environment. For education they have no time. They depend on the nature. They only want sufficient food for living. Govt. and NGOs are working to develop their life. But they haven't known about the educational benefits. If Govt. is working for the same then they can live with better lifestyle. Also they can earn more than present. The motive of this research paper is to think about tribal development and make them educated. The libraries can do a lead role to make them thinkable person. This paper also represents the role of TRI –Tribal Research Institutes. As well as their multiculturalism also a part of this research paper. How can Tribal Library work for tribal empowerment is mostly highlighting issue of this research paper.*

**Key words:** TRI (Tribal Research Institutes), Multiculturalism, Tribal Library

### **Introduction:**

As per F. No. 11024/1/2014- Research Government of India Ministry of Tribal Affairs operational guidelines for the scheme “Grant-in-Aid to Tribal Research Institutes (TRI)” are working for Tribal development. The Ministry of Tribal Affairs, Government of India has taken decision and revised financial norms. 8.6% of the population ST people are included (census 2011). As Government committed, India reaffirms of Tribal culture, their habits and their language.

Recently emerged concept in Library and Information Science is Multiculturalism.<sup>2</sup> Multiculturalism is very important concept in Library Science. In current information era we need to spread in all communities. There are varies types of users in Libraries like adult, teenagers, kids, researchers, students, readers etc. apart from that the one Ignored community is there which is Scheduled Tribe. We need to include them in non tribe community. Then only the main vision of this research paper will complete. These peoples are not aware about education and research. They only focused on their culture and natural farming. As a library researcher we need to find out their weaknesses and strengths to include them in non Tribe community. So they can upgrade their lifestyle. Most probably the language is main problem to communicate with the Tribe people. But if in each and every place of their residence there is one Tribal Library then it is easy way to understand their language. Only Librarian can understand the problems of library users. So there is a vital role of Librarian to communicate with Tribe people.

**What is Tribal Library?**

Need a concrete decision to raise the creation of Tribal Libraries. The Indian Self-Determination and Educational Assistance Act of 1975, subsequent legislation, and hearings at the White House Conferences on Indian Library and Information Services has been help to creation of Tribal Libraries.<sup>3</sup> To preserve tribal culture and to motivate tribe people to maintain autonomy of Tribal community Tribal libraries are doing a very important role. Basic Grant funding given from IMLS i.e. Institute of Museum and Library Services to all federally recognized tribes.<sup>3</sup> Tribes also can receive fund for their cultural programs. Many recognized federations and societies and taking a lead to help Tribe.

**Functioning of TRI:**

There is more unbreakable gap between Tribal and non tribal community. Because of their cultural Tribe people refuse to develop, not giving response to Government development programs. NGO is leading to aware Tribal people to development. Whether Government is working with evidence based policy and planning. TRI working to strengthen the Tribal research institute in area of Research and Documentation and Training and Capacity building. This scheme is continue during 2014-15 and 2017-18 with 100% funding by central Government. But it is for selected activities only. Presently they are working in Andhra Pradesh, Assam, Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand, Gujarat, Himachal Pradesh, Karnataka, Kerala, Madhya Pradesh, Manipur and Tripura, Andaman and Nicobar. The funding includes administrative expenses also.<sup>1</sup>

**The Scope of TRI:**

1. The work as body of knowledge and research
2. To support evidence based policy, planning and legislations
3. Capacity building of tribal and persons and institutions associated with tribal affairs.
4. Dissemination of information and creation of awareness<sup>1</sup>

**The goals and Aim of TRI:**

1. Conducting field research, seminar and workshops
2. Preserving and promoting tribal culture through documentation work, tribal festivals etc.
3. Training, personnel engaged in tribal welfare programs/ schemes, SHGs etc.

Total eight members are working as main body in TRI. Director, Social Scientists, Librarian, Museum Curator, Asst. Curator and Administration Officer these eight member committee is working in TRI.<sup>1</sup>

Sr. No.	Designation	No. of Members
1.	Director	1
2.	social scientists	3
3.	Librarian	1
4.	Museum Curator	1
5.	Asst. Curator	1
6.	Administration Officer	1

**Methodology:**

Applied based research methodology has used in this research paper to find a right solution to make tribe people educate and to give earn based solutions.

**Objective:**

This research paper may helps to researches to their research on survival of tribal community. This paper describes the nature, needs, cultural background of tribal people. Objective of this research paper is to upgrade daily life of tribal people and to educate them to survive. Need of Tribal Library in Tribal era is essential. Library is the way to educate without certificate.

**Multiculturalism:**

Multiculturalism is one of the most important issues in Tribe people. They are shy in nature so they are leaving in their tribe group community. They not feel comfortable with non tribe people. Mostly female students are shy to contacting with people. They haven't share their information and ideas with each other. Also there is one big issue of their language. Language problem is one of the important issue so they unable to talk with the non tribe people.

To gain and share knowledge to each person to another we need a proper method like language. But tribe people are feeling free with their mother tong only. So they cannot express their information and feelings to other. So the environment make isolated to them. Library staff is not surly overcome these situation. Library staff handles these situations by their own way. Some of their demands are understand by library staff and some are out of bound.

To increase the users of library from tribal community library staff need to upgrade them. Library staff should communicate with them and feel free to contact with them. Then only they can be made normal user of library. And their shyness will go away. For language library staff should learn some sentences and words from the tribal language. So their needs are understand by Library staff. By this way multicultural population is increase. And non tribe and tribe peoples are take library services in same group.

To empower the tribe people Association of Tribal Archives, Libraries, and Museums (ATALM), a non-profit organization worked with the Harvard Project on American Indian Economic Development. In Maharashtra there are many non-profit organizations are working. BAIF is one of them they work hard to develop the Tribe people and make them eligible to earn. They have got funding from foreign countries for this work. Some work done by BAIF is as follows:

**1. Forest vegetables festival**

Program conducted by Aasha prakalp, Simence India Ltd., BAIF. Women's Saving Groups are participates in this program. They have gathered together by Aasha prakalp, Simence India Ltd., BAIF. Women have put vegetables at their stall. These vegetables are available in forest at rainy season only. Only the Tribe peoples are known about importance these vegetables. By the Forest Vegetable Festival they have got a chance to display these vegetables and to express their knowledge about these vegetables. Forest vegetables are

healthier than regular vegetables. But this information is secured with only tribe peoples. If this knowledge will expand to all community then only the life on whole earth will be healthier.

### Glimpses of this event



Image 1: Organized Forest Vegetable



Image 2: Tribe peoples describing the information about vegetables

## 2. Organic Seed Mother

Everybody knows Maharashtra Seed Mother. Rahibai Popre is known as Organic Seed Mother in all over Maharashtra. A lady from Peinth taluka Nashik Dist. was starting to collect organic seed from 2004. She has a small farm. Organic farming is the identity of her. She has more than 300 types of organic seeds. BAIF had helped her and encourage her to do this work continuously. **Rahibai Soma Popere** is an Indian farmer and made a seed conservation Bank at home. She was awarded by Scientist



Image 3: Rahibai Popre “Seed Mother”

Raghunath Mashelkar and he have her epithet “Seed Mother”. On the BBC list of **100 women 2018** she is among three Indians. <sup>11</sup> Recently Zee Marathi awarded her by Zee Marathi Award.

## 3. Vaidu Shankar Shinde

Mr. Shankar Shinde is one of the great vaidu of muscular massage and he is one of the best awardees in Maharashtra. He has a great knowledge about bones and cracks. He is doing a service for human. He has knowledge about hers. He is working with herbal medicine. He was getting more knowledge through Vaidu conference organized by BAIF. BAIF helps to share knowledge of different vaidu about herbs and Ayurvedic techniques with each other. Mr. Shinde was awarded for their herbs knowledge.



Image 4: Mr. Shankar Shinde

Also he is working for **Vulture’s Conservation**. Village Khoripada in Harsul, Nashik is where, through Shinde’s efforts, animal carcasses from

eight nearby villages are brought so vultures from nearby Trimbakeswar can come and feed. Shinde, who is also president of his village's Joint Forest Management Committee (JFMC) that collaborates with the forest department to monitor the welfare of this forested area. He is successful conservator of Maharashtra he bagged the district level first prize under Sant Tukaram Vangram Yojana in 2012-13 and the consolation prize in 2013-14. He received this prize given by hand of superstar Amitabh Bachchan.<sup>12</sup>

But the knowledge will expire with the people if it couldn't save by any authority.

### **Tribal Library:**

Here is the need of Tribal Library. Tribal Library can work for the Tribe people. It is need to restore the knowledge of tribe expertise. Library staff will able to do this work very well. In varies Tribal area a Library is needed. The tribe peoples are very shy in nature but they have great knowledge about the ayurveda and herbs. This knowledge will become historical if it will not save.

There are many ways to restore the knowledge of tribe people.

1. Conducting various conferences
2. Taking Interviews of expertise
3. Work with the expertise
4. Take videos of their recipes
5. Displays color photos of real herbs and store in album
6. Make libraries website and display all current events and more research information on it.

To upgrade the tribe people

1. Conduct seminars and workshops related to farming, herbs, modern techniques
2. Give them right education about farming, modern techniques of herbs on daily visit of library
3. Stack various pictured books to learn easily.
4. Give them video lectures to upgrade and motivate
5. Give them innovative ideas related to their work
6. Wants to give them chance to explore their views to other non tribe people.
7. Learn and Earn scheme should apply in Tribal Library ( in colleges and school there is Earn and Learn Scheme)
8. In Library there should an expert translator to communicate with tribe people.
9. Give digital library knowledge to collect easily available information

On various occasions also can conduct their mythological events and their famous dance to make them mentally relief.

### **Conclusion:**

The treasure of tribal life never being apart if the Government or NGO's are going to support to increase Tribal Libraries. It could save safe and will be able to useful to others. By giving modern and upgrade knowledge to tribe people they could become a great farmer, successful businessman, live better life as same as non tribe people.

*“Awareness and helping nature is important to develop others.”*



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