

Rotary Club of Nigdi, District 3131 – Library Project

The Rotary Club of Nigdi, District 3131, is located in the Pimpri Chinchwad Municipal Corporation (PCMC). As of 2001 census, 1 million people reside in it spanning an area of 171 Sq. Km. It is located 191 Km from Mumbai in the state of Maharashtra.

Unfortunately in this corporation there is not a single public library of any repute catering to this large population. RC Nigdi thought it fit to take up a project with a small library in this region and upgrade it to global standards.

Today, with explosion of visual media, people are fast losing the habit of reading. Also the cost of books has crept up. RC Nigdi felt that it must take up this crucial project. It was felt that the library should position itself as a community centre, where besides books, a host of community building activities could take place.

RC Nigdi, has located a small library, Sawarkar Mandal Library, which has the potential to become such a library and community centre of world standards in this region. The project will interlink school and college libraries in PCMC area and our District 3131. The Sawarkar Mandal library will be upgraded (it already has a building) it will also act as the apex library to school and college libraries. Future Vision District 5890 DG Sunny Sharma and PDG Charlie Clemmons have agreed to send 15 containers full of books spread over 2 years and their support will continue even after that. This is under their Books for the World project - a project of many Rotary Clubs and Second Wind Foundation. These books will be received free of cost upto Mumbai Port. Second Wind Foundation is the owner of the containers and will be donating them to RC Nigdi. RC Nigdi will further donate these containers to schools to house their libraries. The cost of the project excluding the receipt of free books includes the cost of handling at the port, transportation, de-stuffing the container, sorting, storage, furniture, computers,

vehicles, audiovisual equipment, and books in local languages and English by Indian authors.

Vision for the Library:-

To develop the library of global standard, where everybody will be able to meet his books/knowledge need. It will use world class practices and will act as media for children, youth, women as well as others in their academic development and will also act as community center.

Existing status:-

Sawarkar Mandal Library is part of Swatantryaveer Sawarkar Mandal, and started in year 1984 in a very small way with 100 books lent by volunteers. It currently operates in 2,000 sq.ft self owned building, predominantly stocked with Marathi language books. The region is fast growing and there is a need of providing readers with English and Hindi language books. For this there exists another hall of 2,000 sq. ft. currently vacant. Further expansion is also possible.

Various cultural programmes like lectures on different subjects by eminent speakers, book exhibitions, competitions for book readers, free book reading opportunities for children in summer vacations etc are conducted by library for its readers. However there is considerable scope for expanding these activities, for which funding is a constraint. It is planned to add many activities or expand existing activities as below.

1. Full-fledged children library with suitable interior, toys, proper furniture, seating arrangement. Books suitable for different age groups. Facility to view educational CDs, educational games etc.

2. Variety of English, Hindi and Marathi books in different categories like fiction, management, biographies, self development, religious, science, finance, environment and so on.
3. Reference section where people can sit and refer for their work, project etc.
4. Specific section for women and Family Health, where along with books, discussion with consultants, health check-up programme etc. will be arranged.
5. Proper seating arrangement for senior citizens for newspaper reading
6. Books useful for competitive exams like MPSC, UPSC, NDA etc.
7. Sports library which will be helpful to students and budding sportspersons.
8. E library having network with well-known libraries in the world.
9. Plan to start 'Library at your home' scheme so that senior citizens who cannot come to library, can avail of the library.
10. Tie up with various government/private schools, who do not have their own libraries, to provide them library facility so that students will enjoy reading.
11. Mobile library – Mobile van containing books will travel to surrounding areas and schools, too distant for students to come. Since the region is very large, the need for such a facility is felt so that books are taken to young people. Once young people enjoy reading it becomes a life-long habit and this transforms society.
12. Corporate membership concept – Industries, banks, hospitals and other institutes can have membership and they can provide benefits to their employees.
13. Hall with audio – video facility to conduct weekly small programmes, training sessions, author – reader meet, slide shows etc.
14. Good library software for all data base, books receipt, issue, bills etc.
15. Internet facility to enable users search for information on the net.
16. Facility of Xerox or scanning of required information from books.

17.Development of Website for library.

Funding requirement:

Sr. no.	Facilities required	Details	Nos	Aprox. price	Amount in Rupees	Amount in US \$ approx
1	Books	Fictions	1500	200	300,000	6,700
		Biography	250	400	100,000	2,200
		Self development	250	300	75,000	1,700
		Management	250	300	75,000	1,700
		Travel	200	200	40,000	900
		Religious	250	200	50,000	1,100
		Science	200	300	60,000	1,300
		Finance	150	250	37,500	850
		Environment	200	300	60,000	1,300
		Sports	200	300	60,000	1,300
		Competitive exams	200	250	50,000	1,100
		Health	200	200	40,000	900
		Reference books	300	500	150,000	3,300
		Women section	500	200	100,000	2,200
		Children books	2000	150	300,000	6,700
2	CDs/VCDs	Educational	1000	150	150,000	3,300
3	Furniture	Book shelves			1,100,000	24,500
		Computer tables				
		Chairs				
		Interior				
		Seating arrangement for senior citizens, Reference books readers.				
4	Computers	Books receipt	2	35000	70,000	1,600
		Books issue	2	35000	70,000	1,600
		Accounting	1	35000	35,000	800
		Book search	3	20000	60,000	1,300
		CD viewing	5	35000	175,000	3,900
		Internet search	2	35000	70,000	1,600
5	Computer Library software				175,000	3,900

6	Mobile van with 500 books				1,000,000	22,200
7	LCD Projector, Screen				100,000	2,200
8	Generator/Inverter				250,000	5,600
9	A/C for Audio/Video Room				50,000	1,100
10	Bar coding system				35,000	800
11	Xerox/FAX/Scanner				60,000	1,300
12	Web site development				25,000	600
13	Container handling, documentation, storage, sorting and distribution charges for 15 containers with books.				15,00,000	33000
	TOTAL				6,397,500	142,550