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ROJA MUTHIAH RESEARCH LIBRARY TRUST



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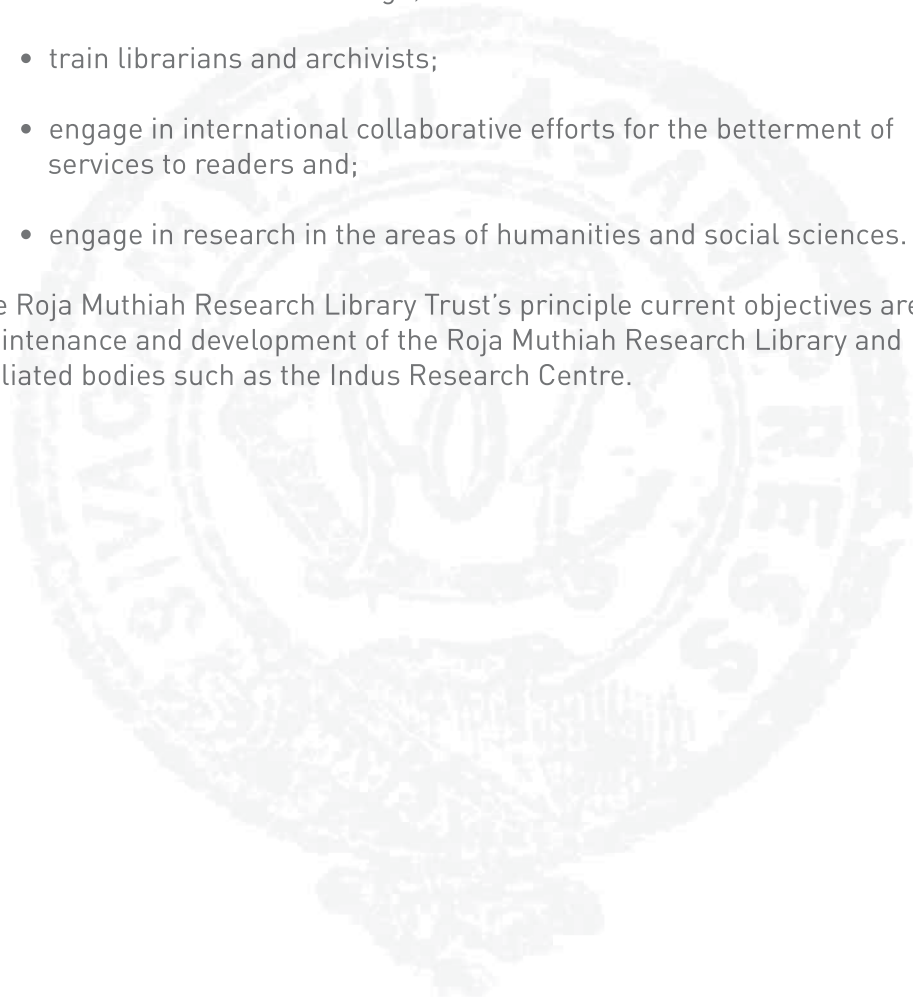


Main Objectives of the Trust

The Roja Muthiah Research Library Trust exists to:

- undertake and enable development of research libraries and archives relating to south Indian studies in order to serve the needs of scholars;
- preserve and conserve documents of value for research;
- gather and generate knowledge about libraries and archives;
- disseminate that knowledge;
- train librarians and archivists;
- engage in international collaborative efforts for the betterment of services to readers and;
- engage in research in the areas of humanities and social sciences.

The Roja Muthiah Research Library Trust's principle current objectives are maintenance and development of the Roja Muthiah Research Library and affiliated bodies such as the Indus Research Centre.



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And all the donors who have generously supported the library



Annual Report Narrative

This year is very important to the Roja Muthiah Research Library Trust (RMRLT) as the first transfer of books to the RMRLT by the University of Chicago has taken place. This means there has been a lot of accomplishments and also the Trust needs to be on its own in the near future.

The most important aspect of the Library is to satisfy its customers namely, the Users. The reference service continues to provide individual attention to the visiting scholars and handles their requests even if the material is not available in the collection. The main challenge for the library is space. Acquisitions show enormous inflow of material into the library. The library is running out of stack area and therefore has decided to replace existing racks with movable racks which should settle the issue. Patrons continue to support with thousands of books. The Hindu has gifted considerable number of books this year. Publishers and others have been generous as in the previous years.

RMRL has started documenting other South Indian language material. This method is in line with the objectives of the Trust. While maintaining the collection to be more Tamil centric, the documentation is extended to other South Indian languages. This reflects in the WorldCat (OCLC) which is the largest database in the world. The Endangered Archives Programme is a major project for RMRL to preserve material related to the history of Tamilnadu. The staff carried out tremendous work which needs to go into the history of preservation. This was done through library surveys and hard negotiations with collection managers. It has been a wonderful experience working across cultures and collections. There is hope that so much can be accomplished through good will. Even public libraries provided excellent support. The library is committed to the cause of preserving and providing access to all available Tamil sources under one umbrella even though the collections are physically separated by several miles.

Mr. Iravatham Mahadevan, Honorary Consultant to the Indus Research Centre (IRC) at RMRL received Padma Shree award this year for his contribution to the field of Epigraphy. The IRC under his guidance is collaborating with premier institutions like Tata Institute of Fundamental Research (TIFR), Mumbai and Institute of Mathematical Sciences, Chennai. These collaborations are turning fruitful as scientists are inching towards the decipherment of the Indus Script. The IRC received a grant from the Central Institute of Classical Tamil which was successfully completed.



The RMRL lecture series is going on steady. Two major exhibitions were organized this year. There has been more interaction with scholars, public and the government through programmes such as exhibitions and visits to the library. The Minister for Public Works Department & Law and the Minister for Finance of the Tamil Nadu Government visited RMRL. A new department called "RMRL Conservation Studio" was born this year. The Studio will address all issues related to the preservation and conservation of items in the library. The Studio will also help other institutions and individuals requiring help in these areas.

The building issue still haunts the board of trustees. A number of scholars have been asking about the status of the building. A proposal has been sent to the Department of School Education and the matter is pending while important ministries are supportive of our case.

Social Security for staff has been discussed in the past. This year RMRLT registered with the Employee Provident Fund scheme and the provident fund for all the staff has been initiated. Dr. Padmasini Kannan, Prof. of English in Dr. MGR University has made a cash endowment in the name of Maha Vidvan Ra. Raghava Iyengar, to organize one lecture every year. Recently Raghava Iyengar's works have been nationalised by the Government. More such endowments are expected in the future from scholars and philanthropists. In general the finances have been in line with the budgets. The Endangered Archives Programme (EAP) project has boosted the finances this year. Documentation projects have yielded good results. A small Corpus has been generated through these projects.

G. Sundar
Executive Trustee
June 2009



Reference Services and Acquisitions

The Library opened reference services in 1997 for research scholars. 5 scholars a month used to come then. This year 830 research scholars including 557 new scholars have used the reference services. There is an increase by 31% when compared to the last financial year.

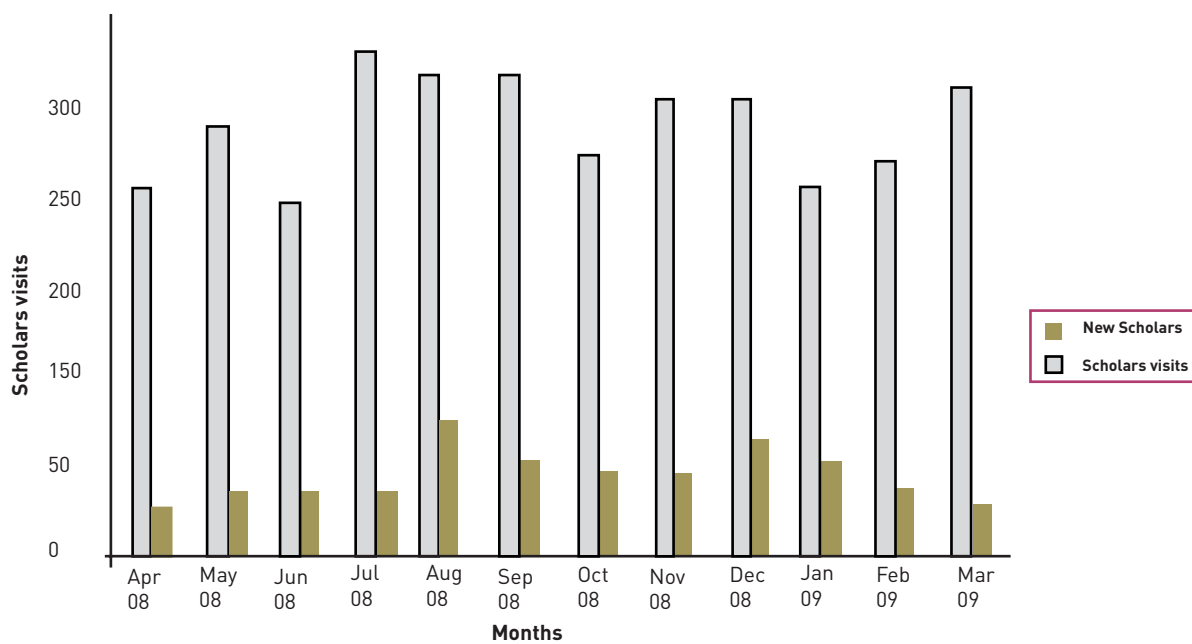
The users who use the reference services are – Ph.D (20%), Post-doctoral work (5%), M. Phil (22%), M. A. (12%) and freelance research scholars (41%) which includes people from different walks of life.

The user pattern shows that there is more interest in Sangam literature, Tamil literature, Dalit literature, Folk literature, Cinema, Music, History, Study on feminism, Magazines and Religion. This year 12270 books and 9531 periodicals were accessed. Frequently referred periodicals include *Ananda vikatan*, *Centamil*, *Centamil celvi*, *Kalaimakal* and *Tamilpolil*. Arantai Narayanan's "*Tamil cinimavin katai*" was referred the most. Frequently referred books are "*Ayottitacar cintanaikal*", Citti's "*Tamil novel: nurantu varalarum, valarcciyum*", Na. Cancivi's "*Canka ilakkiya araycci attavanai*" and Vellaivaranan's "*Tholkappiyam: Tamil ilakkiya varalaru*".

RMRL continues to back the scholars in their research by providing an on-request service for scanning books and periodicals. Nearly 12000 images were scanned for this purpose alone.

Users also contact reference services over telephone and email. 113 telephonic queries were answered. As a feedback one scholar shares an encouraging note - "*Roja Muthiah Research Library is a treasure for Tamil literature research scholars like itself, and I am extremely impressed with the organization of the material and promptness of service here.*"

Scholars visits to RMRL in 2008-2009 : An overview



Aquisitions

Books	13537
Periodicals (issues)	5728
Official Publications of India	5466
Ephemera	2942
Dissertations	59
Cassettes (Audio / Video)	14
Sound recordings	59
CDs / DVDs (Audio / Video)	11



Donors List

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* This list provides the names of donors who have donated more than 10 items of print or audio records.

Documentation

RMRL and WorldCat

RMRL has taken pivotal role in contributing to the international community of scholars in south Indian studies and librarians by contributing MARC records to the WorldCat . This is done through a partnership programme namely the South Asia Union Catalogue (SAUC) Programme. The SAUC partner institutions have contributed 24061 records to WorldCat this year. RMRL's share is 16758 records which constitutes 70%. This includes Tamil, Kannada and English records. The language break-up is – Kannada* 8370; Tamil 6465; English 1912 and other languages 10. *The printed volumes of Kannada granthasuci were converted into MARC records.

Contribution of catalogue records to WorldCat	
Sources	Records
Records created for items in the Roja Muthiah Research Library collection	7270
Records created using Madras State Tamil Bibliography (MSTB)	475
Records created using Fort St. George Gazette, supplement (Quarterly list)	643
Kannada granthasuci records	8370
Total	16758

RMRL has registered for the Expert Community Experiment recently introduced by OCLC which enables cataloguing members to make more changes to WorldCat records. The Experiment would last for six months starting 15th February 2009. RMRL has made corrections to 240 records in WorldCat database directly which is a significant contribution.

RMRL database

RMRL database is growing at a steady rate as a result of gifts and donations of books and periodicals. At the end of March 2009, the last accession number assigned was 87734. 19062 books are yet to be catalogued.



Conservation

A separate division for Conservation of Library material was set up this financial year. One person from the Library received a travel grant from the Association of British Scholars, Chennai Chapter and University of Chicago to travel to England for receiving training in Conservation. Subsequently two of RMRL staff were trained in house to take up book mending, binding, making book jackets, polyester folders; encapsulating single sheet items, mounting pictures and de-acidification. A workshop was also organized to train other people in the region. [See more on workshops]. A number of people have approached RMRL for help in these areas.



Treadle Press
ca.1970, Amritsar

Reprographics

Microfilming

Endangered Archives Programme (EAP)

RMRL has taken up a major project under the Endangered Archives Programme of the British Library, London. The project title is "Preservation of early print literature on the history of Tamilnadu." The project focuses on preserving the endangered books and periodicals spread across the Tamil region.

RMRL team conducted several library surveys to bring the endangered imprints from different libraries and private collections time to time. 21 libraries in Nagercoil, Karaikudi, Madurai, Srivilliputhur, Rajapalayam, Thanjavur, Karaikal and Chidambaram, all in Tamilnadu were covered. Endangered imprints were gathered and brought to RMRL for microfilming and then returned. A Tamil book published in 1797 on Christianity was found through the library survey in an old book shop which was acquired. This is the earliest book now available in RMRL.

RMRL continues to microfilm rare items that are not covered under any project. Nearly ten thousand frames have been microfilmed under this category.

Digitization

The reprographic section primarily supports the reference services with requests from scholars and also projects received from various institutions.

Madras Christian College, Kalakshetra Foundation in Chennai, Centre for Studies in Social Sciences, Calcutta, Madan Puraskar Pustakalaya, Nepal has taken RMRL's support for digitization.

Dr. Premila Narasimhan from the family of Swadesamitran shared some rare photographs with RMRL for copying. Nearly 239 images were scanned and they are being indexed now.

Workshops / Training and Technical Support

Workshops

Conservation Workshop

A national level workshop on "Setting up an Archives" was organized by RMRL in collaboration with the Association of British Scholars (ABS), Chennai Chapter between 1st and 3rd December 2008. The workshop was inaugurated at the British Council Library by Mr. Chris Gibson, Director South India, British Council. There were 15 participants (Librarians and Information professionals) from Bangalore, Kolkata, Nepal and Chennai. G. Sundar, Director, RMRL and Amar Gurung, Project Director, Madan Puraskar Pustakalaya, Nepal were the resource persons. The former received training at the British Library and the later from the Australian National Archives.

Workshop at BRAC University

The BRAC University, Dhaka invited RMRL to provide training in MARC 21. R. Prakash, Assistant Director and K. Sudhakar, Technical Officer were deputed as resource persons for the workshop. The workshop was organized by Ayesha Abed Library, BRAC University in March 2009 at Dhaka. It was attended by 17 library professionals from BRAC University, Dhaka University and Southeast University.



Archival Training Programme

A five day training programme on documentation, preservation and conservation was organized specifically for the staff of the Indian Institute of Technology, Kanpur (IITK) on request at RMRL between 5th and 9th January 2009. Three persons from the IITK had participated in this training programme. They were given the theoretical background and also provided hands on training on various aspects of documentation, preservation, conservation and digitization of library material.

Indus Research Centre (IRC)

A financial grant from the Central Institute of Classical Tamil (CICT) , Chennai was received to carry out the activities of research at the Centre. The support was for one year. A team comprising of six people including researchers and technical experts work at the IRC. Two persons have taken up Doctoral programme with the University of Madras. The team is being guided by Mr. Iravatham Mahadevan. The research in Indus script is interdisciplinary in nature and hence it is important to look into other areas such as Astronomy, language and literature, scripts, etc. An introductory course on Astronomy was given to the IRC team by Prof. Mayank Vahia, Professor of Astrophysics, TIFR. Weights and measures is another aspect of Indus research. Three sessions to understand the subject were held with Mr. K. Venkatachalam, a freelance researcher who has been working in this field for many years now.



Indus Signs

TIFR Team's visit to IRC

The TIFR team visited IRC twice in April and September 2008. During their visit serious consultations had taken place with respect to the methodology in deciphering the script, especially statistical analysis employing sophisticated computer techniques.

Analysis

Statistical analyses of Indus signs, sign pairs and sign triplets, with respect to text as well as context were performed to get the frequency distribution data of sign combinations. The results of these analyses will provide the

core of information on the Indus texts, and are expected to be published soon. Analyses have been done in several stages. The most important aspect of analyses is to cull out the core of the Indus scripts. To make this possible a positional statistical approach was taken. This has produced good results as it would be economical to begin with, to work only with these scripts (with some exceptions).

Lectures outside RMRL

Mr. Iravatham Mahadevan gave a lecture organized by the Dravidian University, Kuppam with title "*Harappan Heritage of Andhra: A New Interpretation*" on 25th April 2008. The main thrust of his lecture was on the use of bilingual parallels from both Indo-Aryan and Dravidian languages to search for vestiges of the Harappan culture and languages in them.

Mr. Iravatham Mahadevan gave two Endowment lectures - one titled "*Dravidian Elements in the Indus Script*" and another titled "*How Did the 'Great God' Get a 'Blue Neck'? a bilingual clue to the Indus Script*" on, 25th and 26th of November 2008. The lecture was organized by International Studies of Dravidian Linguistic, Tiruvananthapuram, Kerala.

Papers published

"*How did the 'great god' get a 'blue neck'? a bilingual clue to the Indus Script*", Iravatham Mahadevan, submitted to the Journal of Tamil Studies, December 2008.

"*Harappan Heritage of Andhra: A New Interpretation*" sent to Kuppam University for publication. It is prepared based on the earlier power point presentation presented at Dravidian University.

Indus Texts – New Concordance

A monograph of Indus Texts as computerized data file with numerical codes has been compiled by Mr. Iravatham Mahadevan for use by scholars at IRC. The textual material covered in the data file is the same as in his book on the Indus script (IM77). The Indus Texts are being recodified by the IRC team to check their consistency for compiling a new concordance. The texts were checked against IM77 and the two volumes of Corpus of Indus Seals and Inscriptions (CISI). The problem areas are being marked



and are being checked in conjunction with Mr. Iravatham Mahadevan. The variants are being listed separately. Missing elements in IM77 and CISI volumes are also listed separately. These will be taken up and included in the new concordance. Texts from further excavations will be taken up in the next phase. To begin with the data are recorded in spread sheets to check them at a preliminary level. Later this would be exported to a database for further analysis. During this exercise a team of scholars will emerge and be experts in the field.

Lectures / Seminars / Exhibitions

Lectures

Prof. S. V. Rajadurai, Head of Centre for Periyar Studies, Bharathidasan University, Tiruchirappalli delivered a lecture on "*Phule to Periyar: Self Respective Journals*".

Mr. B. Velusamy, Writer and an Independent Researcher, delivered a lecture on "*Indian Philosophy and Tamil Tradition*".

Mr. Sakya J. Mohan, English Content Editor, M. S. Swaminathan Research Foundation, Chennai delivered a lecture on "*Amman Deities in Tamil Nadu*".

Mr. Pala. Adhiyaman, Programme Executive, All India Radio, Tirupati talked on "*Sakthi V. Govindan*".

Mr. Badri Seshadri, Publisher, New Horizon Media delivered a lecture on "*Publishing in Pre-independent Chennai*".

Prof. Job Thomas, Director, South Asian Studies Program Davidson College, USA delivered a lecture on "*Babur and Jahangir: Nature Lovers*".

Dr. Perumal Murugan, Lecturer in Tamil, Govt. Arts College, Namakkal delivered a lecture on "*Dictionaries based on Regional varieties of Tamil*".

Prof. Thomas R. Trautmann, Prof. of History from University of Michigan and author of "*Tiravittac canru*" delivered a lecture on "*F.W. Ellis and the Dravidian Proof*".

Prof. S. Kalyanasundaram, Director, Sarasvati Research Centre, delivered a lecture on "*Decoding Indus Script*".



Dr. Perumal Murugan delivering a lecture



Scholars at Lecture

Lectures were not organized in the months of May and June due to excess heat and in November due to heavy flooding in the campus.

Exhibitions

Exhibition on Chennai and Independence Movement



Mr. V. Narayanan
Director, Chennai Willingdon
Corporate Foundation,
inaugurating the exhibition

An exhibition on “Chennai and Independence Movement” was organized on the eve of the Madras Week Celebrations by RMRLT in collaboration with the Chennai Willingdon Corporate Foundation, Chennai. The exhibition displayed 28 panels in Tamil and also had a handbook that was published in English to help the English reading public. The exhibition was inaugurated by Mr. V. Narayanan, Director of Chennai Willingdon Corporate Foundation on the 15th August 2008.

A lecture on “Stage, Screen and Freedom Struggle in Madras Presidency” was delivered by Mr. S. Theodore Baskaran and this event was conducted by Mr. S. Muthiah. The exhibition was open to the public from the 15th August – 22nd August 2008 and was later extended till the 28th August as requests came from public. RMRLT had also organized special events during the exhibition. A documentary film on Gandhi compiled by A. K. Chettiar was screened on 20th August. Documentary was brought from Gandhi Study Centre, Chennai. Mr. Annamalai, Director of the centre talked briefly about this film.



Prof. K. Anbazhagan
Hon’ble Minister for
Finance, Tamilnadu,
inaugurating the exhibition

Exhibition on Indus Civilization

Indus Research Centre (IRC) of RMRL organized an exhibition on “Indus Civilization” with a grant from the Centre of Excellence for Classical Tamil (CECT). This was inaugurated by Prof. K. Anbazhagan, Hon’ble Minister for Finance, Tamilnadu with his inaugural address on 10th January 2009. Three lectures were organized during the inauguration - Prof. K. Ramasamy (Officer-in-Charge, Centre of Excellence for Classical Tamil) delivered a lecture on “Centre of Excellence for Classical Tamil’s Role in Indus Research”, Prof. V. Arasu (Prof. & Head, Dept. of Tamil Literature, University of Madras) delivered a lecture on “Dravidian Studies: Research in Indus Civilization” and Mr. Iravatham Mahadevan (Honorary Consultant, IRC) briefly summarized his four decades of work on Indus valley



civilization and genesis of IRC and its vision in the future. Materials of the same exhibition were put on display at the University of Madras for a month (February 6, 2009 to March 6, 2009) at the instance of Prof V. Arasu, Prof. & Head, Dept. of Tamil Literature, University of Madras.

Literature produced using RMRL collection as acknowledged (2008-09)

Ph. D. Dissertation

Kōkilā, A., *Tamiḷ araṅka varalāru - accu nāṭakap piratikal. (1835-1922).* Cennaip Palkalaikkaḷakam, Cennaip 2008.

Books

Ayyappaṅ, Kā., *Peruntēvaṅāriṅ Vīracōḷiya uraiṭṭiraṅ.* Kāci Patippakam, Mayilam 2008.

Iḷamāraṅ, Pā., *Patippum vācippum - Tamiḷ nūlkaḷiṅ patippu marrum āyvu.* Cantiyā Patippakam, Cennaip 2008.

Maṅi, Pe. Cu., *Irāmakiruṣṅar iyakkam cila pārvaikaḷ.* Meyyappaṅ Patippakam, Cītamparam 2008.

Matukēsvaraṅ, Pā., *Tolkāppiyap patippu varalāru.* Cantiyā Patippakam, Cennaip 2008.

Rājalaṭcumi, Cō., *Vikṭōriyā makārāṅi ammāṅai - āyvu.* Kāci Patippakam, Mayilam 2008.

Irāmaccantiraṅ, Ti. Na. (pub.), *Tiruvācakam. Teyvaccēkkiḷār Caivacittāntap Pāṭacālai, Taṅcāvūr* 2008.

Theodore Baskaran, S., *Sivaji Ganesan profile of an icon.* Wisdom Tree, New Delhi 2008.

Theodore Baskaran, S., *History through the lens : perspectives on South Indian cinema.* Orient Blackswan, Hyderabad 2009.

**Audit Report under section 12A(b) of the Income-tax Act, 1961, in
the case of charitable or religious trusts or institutions**

We have examined the Balance Sheet of **Roja Muthiah Research Library Trust** as at 31st March, 2009 and the Income & Expenditure Account for the year ended on that date which are in agreement with the books of account maintained by the said trust.

We have obtained all the information and explanations which to the best of our knowledge and belief were necessary for the purposes of the audit. In our opinion, proper books of account have been kept by the head office of the above named trust so far as appears from our examination of the books.

In our opinion and to the best of our information, and according to information given to us, the said accounts give a true and fair view –

- (i) in the case of the Balance Sheet, of the state of affairs of the above named trust as at 31st March, 2009
- (ii) in the case of the Income & Expenditure account, of the excess of income over expenditure of its accounting period ending 31st March, 2009

for Bhaskaran & Ramesh
Chartered Accountants

Chennai
4 June 2009

A Bhaskaran
Partner



Audited Financial Statement

Balance Sheet as at 31.03.2009

Particulars	31.03.2009		31.03.2008	
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
SOURCES OF FUNDS				
Capital Fund		15,918,944		10,366,138
Endowment Fund		15,000		
		15,933,944		10,366,138
APPLICATION OF FUNDS				
Fixed Assets				
Gross block	12,457,207		7,959,382	
Less: Depreciation	226,289		182,663	
Net block	12,230,918		7,776,719	
		12,230,918		7,776,719
Investments		109,729		1,658,525
Current Assets, Loans & Advances				
Accounts receivable	2,105,992			1,124,172
Cash and Bank balances	3,207,657			204,295
Loans & Advances	132,548			185,485
	5,446,197			1,513,952
Less: Current Liabilities				
Liabilities	1,852,900			583,058
Net Current Assets		3,593,297		930,894
		15,933,944		10,366,138

Income & Expenditure Account for the year ended 31.03.2009

Particulars	31.03.2009	31.03.2008
	Rs.	Rs.
INCOME		
Contributions Received	6,920,434	6,157,684
Donations Received	157,950	
Other Receipt	428,408	88,109
Projects in Progress	874,200	106,000
Total Income	8,380,992	6,351,793
EXPENDITURE		
Operating expenses	919,436	732,700
Employee expenses	3,777,367	2,227,533
Administrative expenses	1,935,540	1,559,080
Depreciation	226,289	182,663
Total Expenditure	6,858,632	4,701,976
Excess of income over expenditure	1,522,360	1,649,817

Accounting Policies

- i) The financial statements are prepared under the historical cost convention on accrual basis of accounting.
- ii) The preparation of financial statements requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the period reported.
- iii) The income from Digitization, Documentation, Reprographics, Reference Services and Training is accounted on accrual basis.

Donations are accounted on receipt basis. Interest is accounted on accrual basis.



Project work in progress (WIP) has been recognized on percentage of completion basis.

- iv) The Fixed Assets other than the Books owned by the Library are accounted at cost and depreciated over the useful life of the asset.

The books & periodicals purchased for the collection are recorded at cost and not depreciated.

The books and periodicals received as donation are valued at fixed prices depending on the age of the book or periodical. These rates have been approved by the Board of Trustees after considering the practices followed by similar organizations. These assets are not depreciated.

- v) Depreciation on fixed assets is provided on written down value method at rates arrived at based on the useful life of the asset.

Depreciation in respect of additions made during the year and put to use for less than six months has been charged at 50% of the original rate for the block.

- vi) Investments in Mutual Funds being short term in nature are recorded at cost.

- vii) Foreign currency transactions are recorded at the rates prevailing on the date of transaction.

Notes

Books Collection

- a. Roja Muthiah Research Library Trust (RMRLT) has a wide collection of books some of which date back to the 19th century, which are partly owned by them and partly by the University of Chicago (UoC).
- b. The books owned by RMRLT were received as donations from various sources during the past several years. These books were not represented in the books of account earlier and it was decided by the committee of management to bring these books into the accounts. Consequently, a formula was arrived by the management, based on practices followed by similar organizations and the books received as donations have been capitalized during the year.
- c. This first transfer of ownership covers some of the duplicate copies of books which have been microfilmed with funding from the National Endowment for the Humanities and Ford Foundation. Specifically, there are 7,889 duplicate volumes in this first transfer. The approximate average value of Rs. 345 or \$7.60 per volume yields a total value of Rs. 27,24,950 or \$55,611.
- d. RMRLT also has a collection of books and periodicals on Microfilm which were made using their own resources. These books and periodicals are owned by other organizations and only the microfilms are held by RMRLT. The value of this collection has not been reflected in the accounts. A policy in respect of the valuation of these would be taken up during the current year and the same would be reflected in the next year accounts.

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