



Karnataka State Archives
Vidhana Soudha
Bangalore.

Record Management

Archives

- The word “Archives” denotes a place in which public records are other historical documents are kept.
- Archaeology is a place where monuments and other art objects are taken care off.
- Library looks after published books/ periodicals.

- Archives could be defined as a place where information is preserved in manuscripts (both printed & script), charts, maps, photographs etc. and machine readable format for future reference by the Government, public and scholars.
- People carefully preserved documents for safeguarding their rights in family properties or their rights in public matters. Each house will have birth certificates, ration card, voter's lists testimonials of the education and employment, photos and albums.

- Archives is a storehouse of information concerning all factors of human life.
- Karnataka State Archives functioning in Vidhana Soudha, Bangalore from 1973 houses all non current and semi current records of the Karnataka Government. It also collects and preserves private papers of eminent personalities, records voices under oral archives programme, rare collections are microfilmed.

- The Karnataka State Archives is a treasure of historically important documents. It contains source material relating to the History of Mysore, i.e. establishment of the British Rule in Mysore, Copies of French records relating to the correspondence between Hyder Ali – Tippusultan and the French, on attempts made by the Indian National Congress to oust the British from Princely State of Mysore, and Unification Movement, etc. In addition to the above, Kannada Marathi Modi records and Gazettes from 1866 are available. Most of the records are in English, few are in French, Marathi and in Kannada.

- The Department has prepared various kinds of Reference Aids such as subject lists, indexes, guides etc. It has a programme of publishing select records of historical value and several titles have been published so far. These published books are kept for sale and distributed to Government Libraries as reference materials for the public and the scholars.

- The Department has computerized the entire collection of historical documents – data entry with search engine facility.
- The important series of records have been scanned with search facility.
- The private collection have also been computerized.
- All the above have been hosted on the web site: <http://kannadasiri.kar.nic.in/archives>

Private Paper Collection:

- Collections of records from such sources as private individuals, mutts, temples, public organizations of various kinds constitute private paper collection. In addition to private papers, valuable and useful old books and records have been located and collected from various Government Offices at Taluk, District and State levels.
- There is also a collection of maps or cartographs in the Karnataka State Archives. The chief items consist of Topo sheets of the Survey of India, Revenue and Forest Survey sheets, maps of towns and villages, Roads, Railways, Rivers etc. There are also statistical maps such as population, minerals and agricultural produce, etc.

A Glimpse of the record series

- Agriculture (1836-1942)
- Animal Husbandry (1871-1902)
- Banking (1871-1902)
- Courts (1835-1925)
- Coorg 'D' District (1952-1955)
- Confidential Branch (1913-1943)
- Dewans Correspondence (1899-1906)
- Education (1851-1953)
- Economic Conference (1917-1922)
- Efficiency & General Rules (1914-1923)
- Excise (1918-1926)
- Finance (1903-1942)
- Forest (1836-1942)
- General Miscellaneous (1836-1942)
- General Finance (1845-1940)
- Geological (1915-1942)
- Government Gardens (1926-1942)
- Industries & Commerce (1872-1946)
- Local Exams (1877-1925)
- Land Survey (1860-1947)
- Local Boards (1837-1943)
- Legislative (1904-1942)
- Laws (1927-1942)
- Municipal (1811-1945)
- Muzrai (1846-1943)
- Military (1840-1942)
- Medical (1831-1942)
- Press(1862-1925)
- Palace Papers (1867-1923)
- Police (1832-1942)
- Prisons (1859-1942)
- Revenue Miscellaneous (1903-1942)
- Revenue Department (1904-1924)
- Road Taxes (1936-1942)
- Statistics (1864-1926)
- Sanitation (1862-1900)

Reference aids such as catalogues, list of oral records, microfilm strips and various other lists are available for reference to Scholars/Public.

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LIBRARY

- The Directorate has a rich collection of books in its library. It contains books of historical, cultural, social, religious and literary value apart from Government Reports, Debates etc. for the assistance of research scholars.

MICROFILMS

- The Karnataka State Archives has made microfilm copies of nearly 25 lakhs of documents. Micro film copies of Records of the Kodagu District prior to 1920, old newspapers and private papers of historical value have been microfilmed.

Portable Microfilm Camera



Microfilm Processor



Microfilm Printer



Microfilm Scanner



CONSERVATION

- With the lapse of time wearing and tear of paper becomes a natural phenomenon. Therefore treatment, repair and rehabilitation Fumigation, deacidification, lamination, of old, brittle documents is inevitable. tissue repair, are some of the treatments through which the documents are restrengthened and repaired for preservation to posterity.

ORAL HISTORY

- The Directorate of Karnataka State Archives had embarked on an interesting programme entitled 'Oral History'. Under this scheme, experiences of Freedom Fighters, Poets, Literary illuminates, Artists, Army Generals, Great Administrators, Scientists, Political Leaders and others who have contributed towards the overall development of the State are recorded. To mention a few of them, Sri S.Nijalingappa, Former Chief Minister, Sri Nittoor Srinivasa Rao. Retired Chief Justice of Karnataka, Sri Shivaram Karanth, Jnanapeeth Awardee, Sri B.D.Jatti- Former Vice President of India, Sri M.N.Jois- Freedom Fighter etc.

Publication

- **The correspondence of the French during the reign of Hyder Ali and Tipu Sultan, Vol.I 1781-1783**
- **Secret correspondence of Tipu Sultan.**
- **Mysore Administrative Papers, Karnataka letters, Vol. I**
- **Selection from the Records of the Mysore Palace, Vol.I, Musicians, Actors and Artists.**
- **Documents of the Mysore Representative Assembly, Part I, 1881-1920..**
- **A Catalogue of the Records in the Sringeri Mutt, Vol.I.**
- **Sringeri Matada Kadathagalalliya Aayda Charatrika Daakhalegalu.**
- **Report on the scheme for the setting up and organizing the Mysore State Archives.**
- **Shree Ramachandrapura Matada Raajamanya Itihasa Vybhava, Vol.I, Shasanagalu.**
- **Matakuru Nanjunda Shivayogi Kruti.**
- **Sri Soanda Swarnavalli Mahaa Samsthanada Itihasika Daakhalaegalu, Vol.I.**
- **Sri Shivaganga Itihasika Daakhalegalu, 1816-1895.**
- **Talpathra Granthagala kaipidi hagu Daakhalegala Maahiti.**
- **Shree Manjuguni Kshetrada Daakhalegalu, Vol. I.**
- **Sri Tontadhaarya Matada Hasthaprati Soochi.**

Publications



GENERAL RECORDS SECTION **& SPARE COPY SECTION**

- The General Records Section houses and maintains semi-current records of the Government Secretariat Departments. Records received from the various secretariat departments are indexed to ensure easy identification and accessibility. These records are made available only to the Departments of the Secretariat on requisition.
- As the name itself suggests, this wing accommodates spare copies of all Orders, Notifications, Reports etc. of the Karnataka Government Secretariat. This section provides copies to General Public and to various Government Departments.

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General Record Section





HOW TO USE THE ARCHIVES

- **To use Archives, Scholars are required to fill in a prescribed form, enclosing a reference letter from the concerned guide, which is mandatory. Once this prerequisite is fulfilled, permission to consult the records is granted. With the help of the Director of Archives/Deputy Director/ Archivist /Assistant Archivists, the Scholars/Public can avail the records/files required by him/ her and even make use of the Archival Library.**
- **Archival Publications can be purchased after remitting the cost.**
- **The public can also avail gazette copies attested by the Officer concerned after applying for it. The Xerox copies are charged at Rs.3.00 per page and minimum of Rs.5.00 with a search fee of Rs.20/-.**
- **In case of any difficulty the scholars/public can contact the Deputy Director or the Director of Karnataka State Archives.**

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