

# **Rajasthan State Archives**

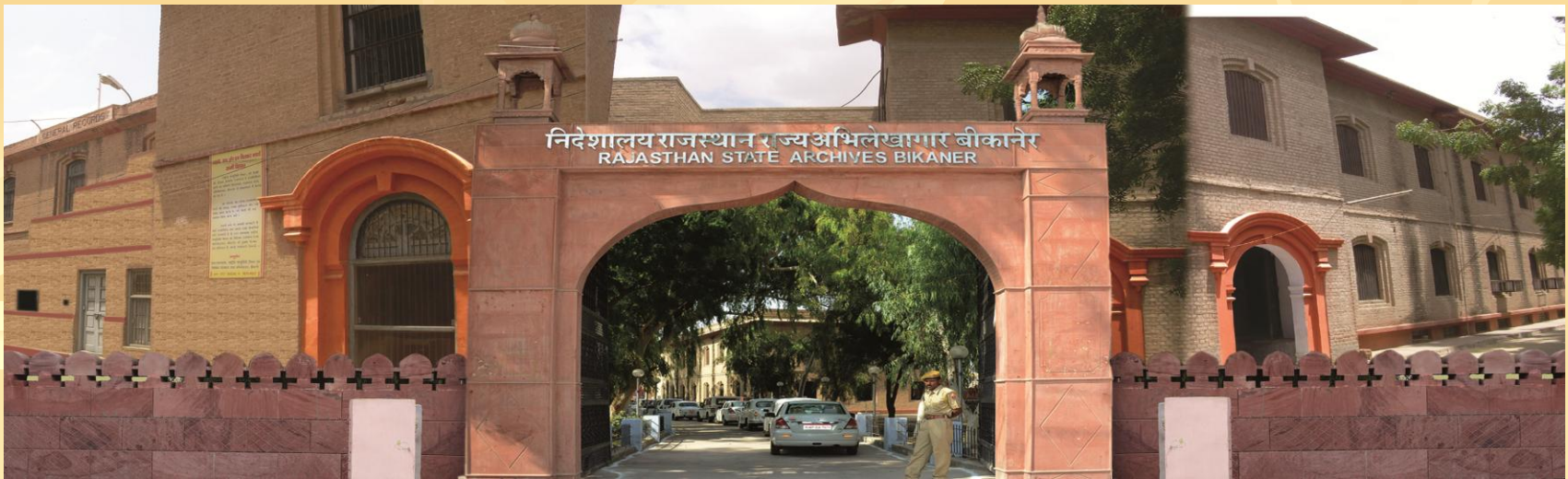
## **Unit-III**

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# Rajasthan State Archives – An Introduction



- ❑ Rajasthan State Archives, Bikaner holds & preserves the administrative and historical records of 22 princely states.
- ❑ The records are available to research scholars, administrative departments of state government, judiciary and public on demand.
- ❑ The function of department is to conserve and preserve records, to prepare their list and to inspect the record room of government and semi-government departments of Government of Rajasthan and to provide guidance to them for proper conservation & their arrangement.

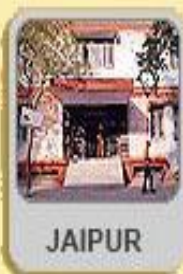
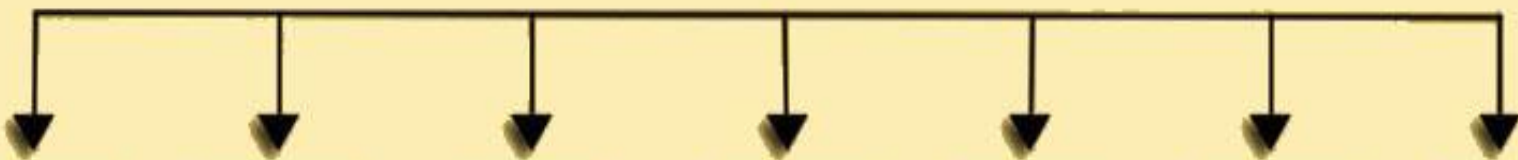
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- ❑ Apart from this, Department organises seminars, conferences & exhibitions from time to time to create awareness among the public & scholars.
- ❑ The Department has prepared a descriptive list of records & released its own publications too.
- ❑ More than 55 books based on original record have been published.
- ❑ The headquarter of department is located at Bikaner and its seven regional branches are at **Jaipur, Jodhpur, Udaipur, Kota, Alwar, Ajmer, Bharatpur.**

# ADMINISTRATIVE STRUCTURE

HEADQUARTER BIKANER



JAIPUR



JODHPUR



UDAIPUR



ALWAR



KOTA



BHARATPUR

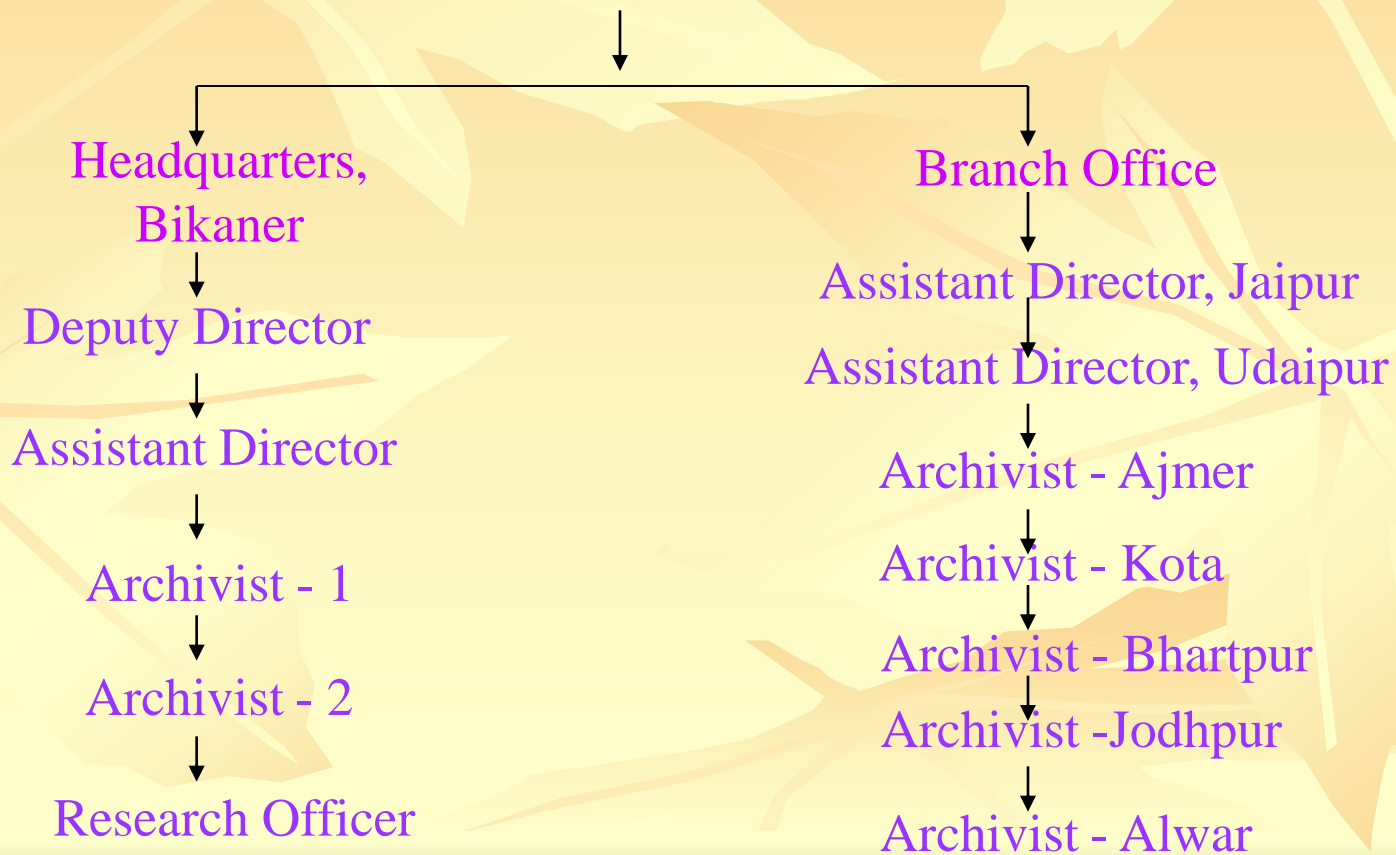


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# Organizational Structure

Directorate  
Rajasthan State Archives,  
Bikaner

Director  
Headquarters, Bikaner



# Digitization: Why ?

- Felt need for digitization of archival records ( land records were not easily available, limited contact with scholars etc.)
- In 2005-06 with motto of “Archives at your Home” the story started (75,000 records digitized with small amount of Rs.50,000)
- Government came up with financial assistance of Rs. 2.5 crores in 2008-09. Archives worked 24×7 for 6 months and made 35 lac records online as well as microfilmed them

# Objectives

- Acquisition, Conservation & Storage of historical records of princely state.
- Conservation and preservation of records by modern techniques.
- To provide research material to research scholars on demand.
- To provide photo copy of records to research scholars, administrative departments of government, court and general public on demand.
- Safe storage, listing and inspecting government and semi-government offices and suggest remedial methods for proper conservation of records
- To organize academic activities like seminars, conferences etc. to create awareness/interest among general public towards historical records
- To prepare descriptive lists/publications based on original records.

# Development of records



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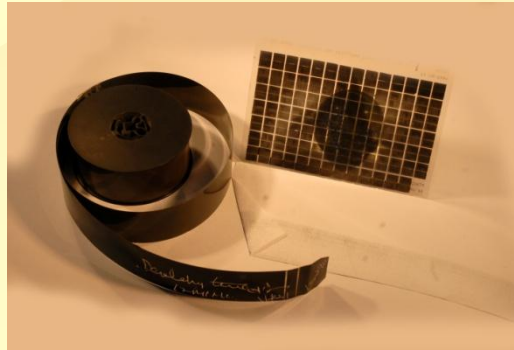
Toji



Bahi



File



Microfilm



CD and DVD



# Characteristic of Records

- **Interrelation :-** Records are formed for specific objective. They are preserved for specific objective. The objective may be related to law, Administration or Cultural responsibility in order to fulfill objective. Therefore record interrelate the history from the beginning to the end.
- **Fairness :-** Records are primary production
- **Kept in the custody of valid owner/successor :-** The big part of records are generated by court, law and different department of the government. In this way these are totally different from the personal records. They cannot do any change in these as they are in the custody of government.

**Digitization and**  
**Microfilming: Need of the**  
**hour?**

## Why digitization and microfilming

- These techniques help in safe preservation of 300-400 years old historical and administrative records of Rajputana's princely state as well as we are able to provide records to national and international scholars, state governments and court on demand.
- Microfilming is better option for long term conservation of records.
- In microfilming records are kept at 15-18 degree Celsius for 500 years and microfilm is converted into digital image and digital image is converted into microfilm.

# Digitization: Gradual Progress

- In the year 2005-06, 75 lacs records were digitized under pilot project. On successful completion of pilot project state government sanctioned 2.34 crores in 2008-09 for digitization.
- In year 2010-11, 34 lacs document were digitized and microfilmed within 4 months by 24x7 working schedule which were made online in 2013 by DOIT.
- In year 2013-14, historical records of Marwar were digitized under the MOU with Meharangarh Museum Trust, Jodhpur. Under this MOU till date 9 lacs pages of Marwar records were digitized as well as made online.
- In year 2014, 25 lacs historical records were digitized at our own level/source.

# Importance of Digitization

- Age Old records are prone to be brittle by regular human touch. In order to make them accessible in posterity, it is needed to save them and one of the best ways for this task is to capture them in digitize form. Moreover, it is the need of the hour to become part of ever growing global digitize world.
- Digitization will not only help the national and international scholars of various academic disciplines but also carve a niche for general public to make access to their Patta in easiest manner.
- Moreover the digital file needs to be kept for several years in archives. Therefore microfilming is necessary along with digitization as microfilm is perfectly readable and printable.

# Beneficiaries of Digitization

- Research scholars, administrative and judiciary departments, general public
- Teaching purpose, Architects (building plans), publication and legal proceedings.
- Academicians, Historians/Professors of different disciplines
- Govt. libraries and other State Archives
- Tourists

# Remarkable Achievements

## India's first digital archives

- 70 lacs historical and revenue records of Rajputana's princely states were digitized and made online on department website [www.rsad.rajasthan.gov.in](http://www.rsad.rajasthan.gov.in).
- 3.47 lacs patta records of Bikaner divisions including 70 lacs historical and revenue records have been digitized.
- 34 lacs historical and revenue records of princely states have been microfilmed.

# Important Digitized Online Records

## ➤ Bikaner State

- 3.25 Lacs Patta records of Bikaner division, Bikaner Bahiyat, Bikaner English records, Confidential records and files of Prajamandal and peasant movement.
- Bikaner Bahiyat such as Bikaner-Kagdo ki Bahiya, kagad-bahis, zakat-bahis, old-bahis, Sava Bahi, Hasal Bahi, Vivah Bahi etc.
- Bikaner English Records such as Mahkama Khas (1891-1914), PWD Records (1914-1948), PMO Department Records (1927-1949), Army Department Records (1914-1947), Bikaner Classified Files (1896-1927), Jaipur Secretariat confidential records(1894-1940)

## ➤ Alwar State

- Alwar English records such as Toshajhana, Mahakma-Khas, Judiciary, Dault-Khana, Mahkma-Alia-Hazori, Army, Rasora Khas, Police, Education, Mines etc
- Records of Administrative J.D.A., Army, C.S., home branch, Accounts, Education, Police, Mines department
- <sup>New</sup>Alwar Patta Record

## ➤ Jaipur State

- Datoor Komwar (1708-1866), Nawajana (1708-1852), Nasokha punya (1712-1870), Dwani Hajuri (1873-1900) Vakil reports (1681-1688), Khatot Ahalkaran (1681-1701), Khatot Maharajgan (1677-1718), Wills report printed (1725-1887), Draft Kharite (1725-1897), Yaaddashi Rajasthani (1807-1940) etc
- <sup>New</sup>Tozi and Arsatha Record



## ➤ Jodhpur State

- Patta files of city Patta kotwali (1894 to 1951) .We have online Approx 4.00 Lacs Bahis of Marwar Jodhpur State namley Arji Bahi, Hajuri Bahi,Futker Bahi, Hakikat Khata Bahi, Hakikat Register, Hath Bahi , Jodhpur Dafter Hajuri, khajana Bahi ,Kharitha Bahi, Khass Ruka Parwana Bahi, Ohada Bahi, Patta Siga re Bahi ,Sand Parwana Bahi, Vivah re Bahi,
- Jodhpur Non- Archival record
- New Patta Bahi Jodhpur
- New Mahekma Khas Records of Jodhpur

## ➤ Ajmer State

- New Ajmer Dargah Record
- Judicial Record
- New Ajmer commissioner Record

## ➤ Ajmer State

- Bahis of Kishangarh

## ➤ Sirohi State

- The Pattas of Mount Abu Sirohi (From 1849 to 1885).

## ➤ Bharatpur State

- Judicial Record of Bharatpur

## ➤ Jhalawar State

- Judicial Record of Jhalawar

## ■ Archival Library

- Records of administrative reports of princely states, Round table conference, Chamber of Prince, Treaties, Engagement & Sanads, Agriculture, Economics, Education, History, Biography, Archaeology etc
- Revenue & Settlement, Political Administration Reports, Gazetteers, Rules & Regulation, City Improvement, Alwar Gazette, Rare Books etc
- Administrative reports of 110 states of India, agriculture, Census, Feminine and revenue settlement, medical & veterinary etc.

## ■ Departmental Publication

- Now anybody and at anywhere can see the 55 departmental publications based on original Archival sources in a single click on **[www.rsad.rajasthan.gov.in](http://www.rsad.rajasthan.gov.in)** as these publications are available online for research scholars and professors to consult and upgrade their knowledge and spread it among students. The main ones are :-
- **Rajasthan through the Ages** Volume - 1, 2, 3
- **Farsi Farmano ke prakash main Mugalkalin Bharat evem Rajput Shashak**  
Part :- 1, 2 & 3
- **Rajasthan Swadhinta Sangram ke Sakshi kuch Sansmaran** (Jaipur, Jodhpur, Haroti, Ajmer, Dholpur, Karoli, Alwar, Bharatpur Anchal)
- Rajasthan Role in the Struggle of 1857 and many more books.
- Purandhar ki Sandhi between Aurangzeb and Shivaji

# Systematization and Listing of Records

The Chief Commissioner Ajmer, Mahkma Khas, Jodhpur, Bikaner English record, Revenue ASO, Beawar, Rajgarh, Bhilwara, Diwani Alwar and state council Bharatpur record (1873 to 1956) and 60291 files are rearranged and 5410 records are listed. It is a regular process and include listing of records, rearranging records, prepare information letter, evaluation and separation of records. In this year 121382 records have been rearranged, 5900 listed plus 3000 bags replaced and labelled.



## Preservation/Conservation/Repair and restoration of Records

The preservation and conservation of records is done by scientific technology. Repair of records, laminations, fumigation, anti-termite treatment work are included in these technique. These scientific method includes fumigation, de-acidification, archival laminations and binding of records in consistent manner to provide long life to records. In the same sequence 25191 records are preserved by Intech.

# Research room and Reference service

Department provide research room to research scholar in order to complete their M.PHIL and Phd. This section provide required research material to scholar's. Research room is composed of 10 A.C. room and 12 computer's for providing research facilities to national and international scholars.

# Reminiscences of Freedom fighters: A Gallery dedicated to them

- ❑ Department records the reminiscences of freedom fighters of Rajasthan who struggle in national movement. The reminiscence of 246 freedom fighters are recorded in the form of CD or Hard disk and made available to scholars.
- ❑ The gallery of 212 freedom fighter are made under the reminiscence collection project. The gallery is composed of photographs with brief description and their reminiscence.
- ❑ The audio reminiscence of 183 freedom fighters have been uploaded on departmental website.

# Departmental Publications

- The Department had published more than 55 publications based on original archival sources. The history of Rajasthan in three parts had been written by eminent historians.
  - Rajasthan through the Ages Volume first - Prof. Dasratha Sharma
  - Rajasthan through the Ages Volume Second - Dr. Gopinath Sharma
  - Rajasthan through the Ages Volume Third - Dr. M.S. Jain

