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NASSDOC **(National Social Science Documentation Centre)**

National Social Science Documentation Centre (NASSDOC), New Delhi was established in 1969 by the Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR). The centre was setup to meet the following **objectives** in the field of social sciences:

- To provide library and information support services to the researcher in the field of social sciences.
- To provide support to those working in academic institutions, autonomous research organisations, policy making, planning and research units of government departments, business and industry.
- To disseminate information about developments in social science research.
- To provide guidance to libraries of ICSSR Regional Centres and ICSSR maintained Research Institutions.
- To provide financial assistance for documentation and bibliographic projects.

- To conduct short-term training courses for social scientists, research scholars, librarians and IT professionals.
- To make available study grants to doctoral students for collection of research material from libraries located in various parts of the country.

NASSDOC Services

NASSDOC has a vast collection of unpublished doctoral dissertations, reports of research projects. The centre acquires a wide range of Indian and foreign social science journals including back volumes of all the journals and prepares printed and digital databases. Based on the rich resources and available collection, NASSDOC offers the following library and information services to researchers in social sciences:

- a) Library and reference services.
- b) Literature search service from available databases both printed and digital including online databases.
- c) Bibliography compilation on request.
- d) Document delivery service by procuring books and journals on inter-library loan or by photocopying the documents.
- e) Acquisition of published bibliographies, directories and reference sources in social sciences and distribution to institutions and libraries.

NASSDOC Databases/Publications

One of the major activities of NASSDOC is the creation of databases and locating tools. The products of NASSDOC include Library Databases, Directories, Indian Social Science Periodicals Literature

(INSSPEL), Union Catalogues, Bibliographies and Journals. Some of these are:

Database of Research Project Reports

This database covers bibliographic details like author, title, subject, etc. of over 3000 Research Project Reports funded by ICSSR as well as by other organisations. It is available both in print and digital form.

Database of Ph.D. Dissertations

The database covers bibliographic details like name of the researcher, topic of dissertation, year of award of Ph.D. degree, etc. of about 5000 dissertations acquired by NASSDOC. The database is available both in print and digital form.

Directory of Social Science Libraries and Information Centres in India

The Directory gives information of 447 social science and allied disciplines, libraries and information centres attached to government agencies, research and training institutes under various ministries, universities and autonomous bodies, banks, industry and trade, etc. Information about libraries having independent name, is given by references provided by their parent institutions. Each entry contains address of the library, e-mail, strength of the staff, type of collection, budget, subject coverage, computerisation details, facilities and services provided like photocopying, bibliography services, inter-library loan, online databases, literature search, translation, etc. The data given in the directory may enhance cooperation and resource sharing among Indian libraries and information centres.

Directory of Social Science Research and Training Institutions in India

This directory given comprehensive list of about 450 social science institutions engaged in research and training in India. It provides details on areas of research, major achievements, special facilities, current research projects, publications, type of staff, library collection and services, relations with national and international organisations, and complete postal address with telephone, telex, fax and e-mail. The Subject Information Sources, Systems and Programmes Index and Location Indexes are appended in the directory to provide multiple access points. The directory was last updated in 1996.

Directory of Asian Social Science Research and Training Institutes/ Organisations in India

This directory provides information of about 42 teaching and research institutes on Asian Studies in India. Each entry contains information about the name, address of the institution, type of organisation, type of staff, aims and objectives, activities, parent organisation, publications, name and level of training courses, library collection and services and facilities provided by the institution. Also appended are Subject Index and Location Index.

Union Catalogue of Social Science Periodicals and Serials in India

Since 1970, the compilation of the Union Catalogue of Social Science Periodicals and Serials is being undertaken by NASSDOC. The complete database was published in 32 volumes, having details of 31,125 journals in 550 libraries, in 17 states and two union territories, having a separate volume of the National Library, Kolkata.

Union Catalogue of Periodicals in Chennai, Mumbai and Hyderabad libraries have been updated till the year 2000. The periodical details in Chennai cover location of 867 journals in 12 libraries, Union Catalogue of Periodicals in Hyderabad provides location of 4,455 titles in 25 libraries, whereas, Union Catalogue of Periodicals in Mumbai covers 2,928 journals available in 16 libraries. All the three Union Catalogues are available in machine-readable format also.

Union Catalogue of CD-ROM Databases in Social Science Libraries in India

This catalogue covers information about 132 CD-ROM databases available in 40 major social science libraries and information centres in India. It provides information about the title of CD-ROM database, frequency, brief annotation, information about the producer/vendor and library symbols along with holdings of the respective CDROM databases.

Bibliography on India in 2000 A.D.

This bibliography has a record of 647 select books and articles appearing in journals, published and unpublished research reports and seminar papers, etc. on India in English language covering the period up to the first half of 1987. It also includes articles on Asia and the world with some bearing on India.