

INDIAN COUNCIL OF HISTORICAL RESEARCH

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UNIT V: ROLE OF CONTRIBUTORS AND
INSTITUTIONS**

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INTRODUCTION

- ❑ Indian Council of Historical Research is an autonomous organization which was established under Societies Registration Act (Act XXI of 1860) in 1972.
- ❑ The Indian Council of Historical Research, a premier institution in the field of historical studies, provides lead in fostering scientific research on all aspects of Indian History.
- ❑ The Council extends subsidy to the scholars to bring out theses/manuscripts etc. on the subject of historical significance.
- ❑ The Council brings out its own publications in addition to providing publication subsidies to research Journals and other publications in history.

OBJECTIVES

□ The objectives of the Indian Council of Historical Research as laid down in the Memorandum of Association are as follows:

- to bring historians together and provide a forum for exchange of views between them;
- to give a national direction to an objective and scientific writing of history and to have rational presentation and interpretation of history;
- to promote, accelerate and coordinate research in history with special emphasis on areas which have not received adequate attention so far;
- to promote and coordinate a balanced distribution of research effort over different areas;
- to elicit support and recognition for historical research from all concerned and ensure the necessary dissemination and use of results.

ACTIVITIES

- ❑ The Council provides fellowships and financial assistance to the young teachers in colleges, universities and registered research organizations, as well as to senior scholars who might need financial support.
- ❑ It brings historians together by providing financial assistance for holding symposia, seminars, workshops, etc for exchanging views related to history.
- ❑ It provides publication subsidy to the seminars, congress proceedings and journals so that these publications may reach to researchers and scholars.
- ❑ It publishes a biannual Journal - the Indian Historical Review, and another journal Itihas in Hindi.
- ❑ It maintains a large and expanding Library-cum-Documentation Centre exclusively for researchers and scholar.

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- ❑ It maintains two regional centres namely ICHR North-East Regional Centre (Guwahati) and ICHR Southern Regional Centre (Bangalore), which provide assistance to researchers / scholars.
- and ICHR takes such other measures as the Council considers appropriate in order to implement the stated objectives of the Indian Council of Historical Research.

LIBRARY RESOURCES: COLLECTION

❑ Books

The Library has a very good collection of books covering History and allied subjects i.e. Archaeology, Development Studies, Economics, Government Publications, Sociology, Demography, Statistics, Religion and Political Science, etc.

❑ Journals

The Institute's library receives around 110 Indian and foreign journals covering the subject area of ICHR. These are received either through subscription or on complimentary basis. Currently, the library has over 4000 bound journals in its collection.

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❑ **E-Resources**

JSTOR: The ICHR library subscribes to JSTOR. It is an electronic source of more than 1400 online journals spread across 13 academic disciplines with full text articles from starting issue of the journal and helps scholars, researchers, and students to discover, use, and build upon a wide range of contents in a trusted digital archive.

❑ **Online Journals**

Apart from JSTOR database, it has the following online journals with back volumes accessible through their intranet:

- Australian Historical Studies
- Cambridge Archaeological Journal
- International Journal of Hindu Studies
- Journal of Asian Studies
- London Review of Books
- New Left review

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- Pacific Historical Review
- Radio Carbon
- Times Higher Education
- Times Literary Supplement

❑ Theses and Dissertations

The ICHR library has more than 1700 Theses and Dissertations on history and allied subjects, adding to the intellectual assets of its library and its readers.

❑ Microfilm and Microfiches

The ICHR Library has a unique collection of microfilm and microfiches. These consists of monographs, manuscripts, government publications and other types of source materials, both retrospective and current, in many languages, and from most parts of the world.

LIBRARY SERVICES

❑ Reference Service

- The library provides quick and efficient reference service to user community through their well trained reference staffs.
- The Library has a good collection of reference books which includes Encyclopaedias, Dictionaries, Directories, Handbooks, Technical Data, Almanacs, Atlases, Bibliographies, etc.
- The Reference books are marked “R” as its collection number.

❑ Current Awareness Service

The library offers the following Current Awareness Services to the users:

- Display of New Arrivals
- Referral Services

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❑ *Inter Library Loan Service*

- The ICHR Library offers inter-library loan service to its users.
- The Library is a member of Developing Library Network (DELNET) and extending the facilities of DELNET services to its users by providing access to Union Catalogue of Books, Journals, CD-ROMs, and other reading materials.
- Interested Users can request the required books/documents to be procured from the host libraries on loan for a limited period. The request for such documents can be submitted at the library counter.

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□ Reprographic Services

The ICHR Library offers photocopying service to all its users on charge basis for academic purposes:

Timings	9. 30 a.m. - 1.00 p.m. and 2.00 p.m. - 5.30 p.m
Photo Copy Charges	0.50 per page A4 size

□ Microfilms and Microfiche Reading & Printing Service

- Library provides the reading and printing service of microfilms and microfiches to the users.
- The User can get print copy of required portion in A3 and A4 sizes and also it has the facility save the required portion in pdf format.
- The Unit is now fully functional and provides facilities for Computer-Assisted Retrieval (CAR) of information from the microfilmed documents.

SERVICES CONT...

✘ News Paper Clipping Service

This is a unique service provided by ICHR library based on the newspapers subscribed to wherein the selected topic, book reviews, etc of interest to the users on History and allied subjects are made available to the scholars. The Clippings are arranged by title and date for reference to the users.

PUBLICATIONS

❑ A number of research project are undertaken or sponsored every year and new findings are brought out in print. The Council has so far brought out about 900 publications. These publications fall broadly into the following four categories:

- Publication of research works commissioned by the Council
Under this category, objective of the Council is to give source orientation to the understanding of history. As such, they include, among other, a number of volumes of Inscriptions of various dynasties etc.
- Publication of books on Indian History translated into various Indian languages.
Under the Translation Scheme, about 80 books, originally written in English have been translated into various regional languages.

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- Publication of works for which financial subsidy has been awarded by the Council.

The Council has helped authors to publish a number of books under its Publication Subsidy Scheme. The majority of these are doctoral dissertations approved by the Council after rigorous scrutiny.

- Publication of Journals / periodicals.

The Council publishes two biannual journals titled :

- The Indian Historical Review
- Itihas

CONCLUSION

ICHR is the apex institution working on behest of government of India for the promotion and excellence of historical research in our country and provide good number of facilities and services to the researchers and the historians.

REFERENCES

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