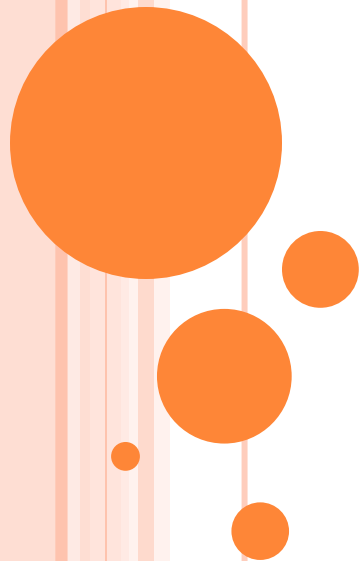


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**TOPIC: INDIAN COUNCIL OF
SOCIAL SCIENCE RESEARCH**

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INTRODUCTION

- Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR) was established in the year of 1969 by the Government of India to promote research in social sciences in the country.



AIMS OF ICSSR

- Review the progress of social science research and give advice to its users;
- Sponsor social science research programmes and projects and administer grants to institutions and individuals for research in social sciences;
- Institute and administer scholarships and fellowships for research in social sciences;
- Indicate areas in which social science research is to be promoted and adopt special measures for development of research in neglected or new areas;
- Give financial support to institutions, associations, and journals engaged in social science research;

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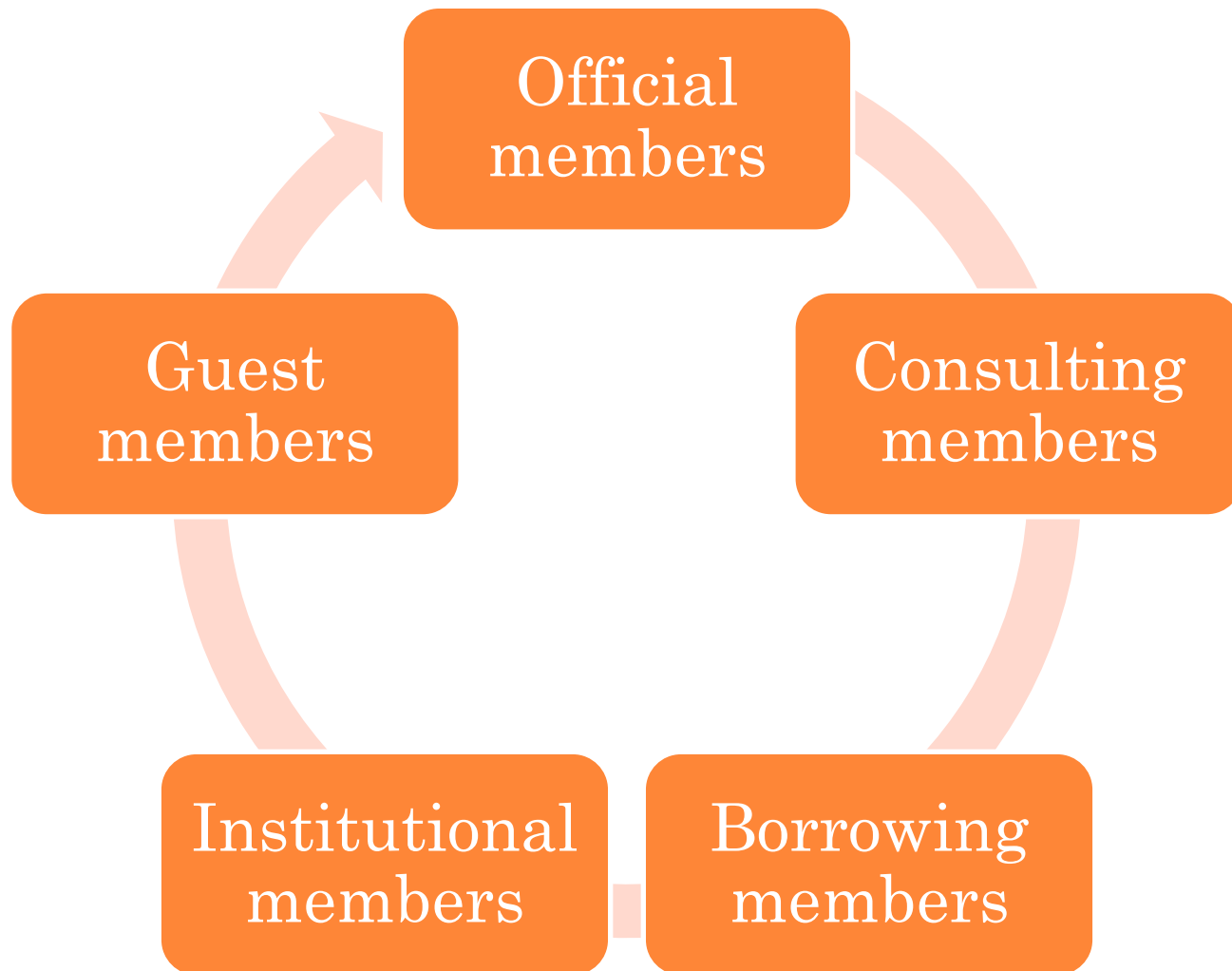


AIMS OF ICSSR CONT...

- Arrange for technical training in research methodology and to provide guidance for research;
- Co-ordinate research activities and encourage programmes for interdisciplinary research;
- Develop and support centers for documentation services and supply of data;
- Organize, sponsor, and finance seminars, workshops and study groups;
- Undertake publication and assist publication of journals and books in social sciences;
- Advise the Government of India on all matters pertaining to social science research as may be referred to it from time to time; and take such measures generally as may be necessary from time to time to promote social science research and its utilization.



MEMBERSHIP OF ICSSR



OBJECTIVES

- To provide opportunities to social scientists to engage themselves in full time research on important themes of their choice or to write books about their research.
- To assist young scholars who have the potential competence for research to work full time on their approved research themes.
- To support doctoral students to pursue and complete their research work.



FELLOWSHIPS

- To achieve these objectives, four categories of fellowships are offered /awarded to scholars who are at various levels in their profession:**National Fellowships, Senior Fellowships, Post-Doctoral Fellowships & Doctoral Fellowships:**
- **National Fellowships** are offered to eminent retired social scientists, who have made outstanding contribution to research in their respective fields, to enable them to continue their academic work and research.
- **Senior Fellowships** are awarded to social scientists between the age group of 45-70 years, who have done Ph D and have quality research work, publications and papers in professional journals to their credit. Besides, civil servants, journalists and social workers for their academic interests are also considered.
- **Post-Doctoral Fellowships** are awarded to scholars, below the age of 45years, who have shown significant competence in research work, have completed their Ph.D. at the time of their application and desire to work on approved research themes at institutions of excellence under the guidance of senior social scientists.
- **Doctoral Fellowships** are open to doctoral students, preferably below the age of 40 years, who have a Master's degree from a recognized university with a first or second class and are registered for a doctoral degree in social sciences.



RESEARCH AREAS

- (i) Sociology and Social Anthropology;
- (ii) Political Science / Public Administration;
- (iii) Economics;
- (iv) International Studies;
- (v) Social Geography and Population Studies;
- (vi) Commerce and Management;
- (vii) Social Psychology;
- (viii) Education;
- (ix) Social Linguistics / Socio-Cultural Studies
- (x) Law / International Law
- (xi) National Security & Strategic Studies;
- (xii) Other allied Social Science disciplines (Library Science, Social Work, Media Studies, Modern Social History, Health Studies, Gender Studies and Environmental Studies, Diaspora Studies, Area Studies, Sanskrit-Society & Culture, etc.) to promote interdisciplinary and multidisciplinary research.



INTERNATIONAL COLLABORATION

- The International Collaboration Programme of the ICSSR provides an opportunity to both Indian and foreign scholars in the field of social sciences to interact and research. It has been envisaged to promote academic links among the social scientists in India and abroad. The Council is one of the implementing agencies of the social science component of the Cultural Exchange Agreements and Educational Exchange Programmes (EEPs) signed between the Government of India and the governments of other countries.



INTERNATIONAL COLLABORATION CONT...

- Under international collaboration the following programmes are offered:
- **1. Cultural Exchange Programme**
- **2. Financial Assistance for participation in International Seminars/Conferences & Data Collection abroad**
- **3. Financial assistance for organizing International Seminars/Conferences/workshops in India**
- **4. SCHEMES OF INTERNATIONAL COLLABORATION DIVISION**
 - Visit of Scholars under Cultural Exchange Programmes
 - Participation in International Seminars/Conferences Abroad
 - Data Collection Abroad
 - Organising Seminars/Conferences/Workshops in India



TRAINING AND CAPACITY BUILDING

- The ICSSR Training and Capacity Programme (TCB) provides grants to the social science faculties for organizing research methodology and capacity building programme for young researchers and junior faculties in various social science disciplines as under:
- Economics
- Management
- Commerce
- Sociology
- Social Work
- Social Anthropology
- Cultural Studies
- Socio-Sanskrit Studies
- Socio-Philosophical Studies
- Social Linguistics
- Gender Studies
- Health Studies
- Political Science
- International Studies
- Public Administration
- Diaspora Studies
- National Security and Strategic Studies
- Education
- Social Psychology
- Legal Studies
- Social Geography
- Environmental Studies
- Modern Social History
- Media Studies
- Library Science



REGIONAL CENTRES

The ICSSR has six Regional Centres. Their location and coverage are as follows:

- **Eastern Regional Centre, Kolkata** covering Bihar, Orissa, West Bengal and Jharkhand, and the Union Territory of Andaman and Nicobar Islands.
- **North-Eastern Regional Centre, Shillong** covering Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Manipur, Tripura, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland and Sikkim.
- **North-Western Regional Centre, Chandigarh** covering Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Jammu & Kashmir, Punjab, and the Union Territory of Chandigarh.
- **Northern Regional Centre, New Delhi** covering Delhi, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh, Chattisgarh and Uttranchal.
- **Southern Regional Centre, Hyderabad** covering Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Kerala, Tamil Nadu, and the Union Territories of Lakshadweep and Pondicherry.
- **Western Regional Centre, Mumbai** covering Gujarat, Maharashtra, Goa and the Union Territories of Daman and Diu, Dadra and Nagar Haveli.



ACTIVITIES OF ICSSR

- Promoting documentation and bibliographical work in the regional languages.
- Organizing seminars/workshops/conferences in the region.
- Organizing lectures by the distinguished scholars.
- Assisting regional professional associations of social scientists, and social science journals in the regional languages.
- Providing accommodation at a reasonable rate (wherever possible) to the scholars/students visiting the place for library or fieldwork.
- Awarding study grants to scholars for visiting libraries and institutions.
- Providing photocopying facilities to scholars, especially providing photocopies of selected articles from journals etc.
- Regional Centres have developed infrastructure and research support facilities over the years with the funds provided by the ICSSR and the state Governments. These include hostel/guest house facilities, additional library space, conference hall, seminar rooms and reprographic facilities.



ICSSR - NASSDOC

National Social Science Documentation Centre (NASSDOC), was established in 1970 as a Division of the ICSSR with the objective to provide library and information support services to researchers in social sciences; those working in academic institutions, autonomous research organisations, policy making, planning and research units of government departments, business and industry etc. NASSDOC also provides guidance to libraries of ICSSR Regional Centres and ICSSR supported Research Institutes.



MEMBERSHIP

- **Official Members** - These include ICSSR Council Members/ senior officials of the ICSSR secretariat and regular professional staff of the ICSSR (i.e. Research Assistants/Documentation Assistants and above). They are entitled to borrow books from the library for 15 days.
- **Consulting Members** - Consultation facility is extended to academicians, research scholars, students and members of general public that may include retired persons and other categories of readers. Consultation membership fee is Rs. 300 per annum (minimum Rs. 50 for one month).
- **Borrowing Members** - Borrowing facility is extended to social scientists, academicians, students and general readers who are registered as members of the library. Books are issued against a security deposit of Rs.1000/- per book. Maximum of two books can be issued to individual members at a time.
- **Institutional Members** - Institutional membership is also available against a payment of Rs. 6000 for one year. Five (5) books can be borrowed by an institutional member for a period of one month.
- **Guest Members** - There is no fee for guest readers who want to consult the library for a day or two. They are issued a guest card for the day.



FACILITIES OF NASSDOC

- Documentation, Library and Reference Service;
- Collection of unpublished doctoral dissertations, research project reports, current and old volumes of social science journals of Indian and foreign origin;
- Literature Search Service from digital databases, Online database and offline databases;
- Bibliography on Demand;
- E-resources for ICSSR Research Institutes and Regional Centres;
- Continuing Education Programme;
- Professional Skill Development & Networking;



FACILITIES OF NASSDOC CONT...

- Current Awareness Service;
- Document Delivery Service is provided by procuring books and journals on Inter-library loan or by photocopying selected portions of the documents;
- Internet facility to access e-resources in social sciences;
- ICSSR Publications Sales and Distribution.



LIBRARY AND REFERENCE SERVICE

- The ICSSR-NASSDOC library has a rich collection of reference sources viz, bibliographies, encyclopaedias, doctoral theses, research project reports, books on social science research methodology, computer and information technology, research surveys on all the major social science disciplines. The collection is augmented by bound volumes of periodicals, current Indian/foreign periodicals including ICSSR publications and other abstracting and indexing journals in social sciences, newsletters and annual reports of different organizations. Government reports/serials and institutional publications are also acquired on regular basis. There is a special collection of grey literature which includes institutional papers e.g. working/occasional/discussion papers.



E- RESOURCES

Following e-resources are being subscribed for them on demand basis.

- Econlit with full text (EBSCO): Pertaining to economics.
- Indiastat (Datenet India): Socio economic numerical data on India.
- JSTOR (ITHAKA) : Full text database scholarly journals database.
- Prowess IQ (Centre for Monitoring Indian Economy, CMIE): Financial performance of large and medium Indian firms.



E-RESOURCES

- **EconLit with full text (EBSCOhost)**: Contains full text for nearly 600 journals and is a reliable source of citations and abstracts to economic research dating back to 1886. Volume and issue browsing is available for all full-text journals and provides links to full-text articles in all fields of economics, including capital markets, country studies, econometrics, economic forecasting, environmental economics, government regulations, labour economics, monetary theory, urban economics, and much more. These sources bring the total records available in the database to more than 1.2 million.
- **Soc-Index with Full Text (EBSCOhost)**: SocINDEX offers comprehensive coverage of sociology, encompassing all sub-disciplines and closely related areas of study. It contains informative abstracts for core coverage journals dating as far back as 1895 and provides data mined from priority coverage journals and selective coverage journals. It includes: nearly 900 full-text journals and magazines; more than 850 full-text books and monographs; dozens of working papers, dissertations and 16800 conference proceedings; Abstracts for more than 1,500 core coverage journals dating as far back as 1895; Data mined from 450 priority coverage journals; nearly 2.5 million records and subject headings from a 20,000+ term sociological thesaurus.

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- **Political Science Complete (EBSCOhost)**: Political Science Complete provides extensive coverage of political topics with a worldwide focus, reflecting the globalization of contemporary political discourse. Designed specifically for students, researchers and government institutions, it covers top-ranked scholarly journals, many of which are unique to the product. It includes, more than 520 full-text journals, nearly 340 full-text reference books and monographs, over 36,000 full-text conference papers and provides with a subject-specific thesaurus of nearly 17,500 terms.
- **Library, Information Science & Technology Abstracts, LISTA (EBSCOhost)**: Library, Information Science & Technology Abstracts indexes more than 560 core journals, nearly 50 priority journals, and 125 selective journals; plus books, research reports and proceedings. Subject coverage includes librarianship, classification, cataloging, bibliometrics, online information retrieval, information management and more. Coverage in the database extends back as far as the mid-1960s. This database also contains more than 330 full text journals and nearly 30 full text monographs.



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- **IndiaStat (Datanet India)**: IndiaStat is India's comprehensive information portal that provides recent, authentic & exhaustive socio-economic data/information. It is a cluster of 56 sites including India-specific, Sector specific and State specific sites with authentic and comprehensive compilation of secondary level socio-economic statistical data about India and its states on more than 36 variables.
- **JSTOR (ITHAKA)**: JSTOR is an online archival database, providing access to full text journal articles from more than 2600 academic journals and scholarly content. The contents are provided by more than 1200 publishers in 75 disciplines from more than 57 countries. Because of JSTOR's archival mission, there is a gap from 1-5 years between the most recently published journal issue and the back issues available in JSTOR. The most recent 3-5 years are generally unavailable. The subjects covered are: Economics, Political Science, Social Work, Sociology and Criminal Justice, Geography, Education, Psychology, Asian Studies, Public Policy, Library Science, Population Studies, Management, Business, Marketing and Finance, Public Affairs, History, etc.



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- **Prowess IQ (Centre for Monitoring Indian Economy, CMIE)**: Prowess is database of large and medium Indian firms. It includes the data on the financial performance of the firms from 1989 onwards. It contains detailed information of 49, 306 firms. These comprise - All companies traded on India's major stock exchanges and several others including the central public sector enterprises. The database covers most of the - Organised Industrial activities; Banking and Organised financial and other services sectors in India. Prowess provides detailed information on each company. Besides, it provides quantitative information on - Production, Sales, and Consumption of raw material and Energy.



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- **J-Gate (Informatics)**: J-Gate is an electronic gateway to global e-journal literature. Launched in 2001 by Informatics India Limited, J-Gate provides seamless access to millions of journal articles available online offered by 12210 Publishers. NASSDOC acquiring journal literature, indexed from 19500 journals from Social science and Humanities Collections with links to full text at publisher sites. Coverage of over 57 lac articles with back files for majority of them from 2001 onwards and in some case of some publishers starting from their first issue also.
- **PsycArticles (Proquest)**: PsycArticles offers full-text articles for 110 journals published by the American Psychological Association. The database includes all material from the print journals. Many titles go back to volume 1, issue 1. It covers Applied psychology, Communication systems, Developmental psychology, Educational psychology, Experimental human and animal psychology, Personality, Psychological and physical disorders, Physiological psychology and neuroscience, Professional personnel and issues, Psychometrics and statistics, Social psychology, Social processes and issues, Sports psychology and leisure and Treatment and prevention. It covers the period dating back to 1894 to current date.



E-BOOKS

- Encyclopedia of Modern Ethnic Conflicts, 2nd Edition by Joseph R. Rudolph Jr., Editor, ABC-CLIO, 2016.
- Encyclopedia of Diversity and Social Justice by Thompson, Sherwood, Rowman & Littlefield Publishers, 2015.
- Encyclopædia of Superstitions by Radford, Edwin, Radford, Mona A., Philosophical Library, 2015.



SOCIAL SCIENCE E-JOURNALS (FREE) IN INDIA

- ❑ **Economic and Political Weekly:** Provides free online access to full text of articles published in current and few preceding years volumes.
- ❑ **Indian Economics Journal:** Online access to full text of articles in .pdf format is available from 2000.
- ❑ **Indian Journal of Labour Economics (Special Issue)**
- ❑ **Journal of social and Economic Development.**



ICSSR ONLINE JOURNALS OF ABSTRACTS AND REVIEWS

- 1. ICSSR Indian Psychological Abstracts and Reviews**
- 2. ICSSR Journal of Abstracts and Reviews - Economics**
- 3. ICSSR Journal of Abstracts and Reviews – Geography**
- 4. ICSSR Journal of Abstracts and Reviews - Sociology and Social Anthropology**
- 5. ICSSR Journal of Abstracts and Reviews - Political Science**
- 6. American Review of Public Administration (ARPA)**
- 7. South Asia : Journal of South Asian Studies,**



INFORMATION PRODUCT

- ❖ **Continuing Education Program :-** In order to familiarize the social scientists, IT professionals etc. with new technique of information technology NASSDOC organize short- term training courses, seminar, workshop, lectures basis in its continuing education program in different parts of the country.
- ❖ **Digitization of Thesis Collection:-** NASSDOC has signed a memorandum of understanding(MOU) with Vidhyanidhi digital library project of Mysore university to digitize.
- ❖ **Online database :-**NASSDOC has subscribed to the following online data base .
 - ❖ 1. International political science abstract
 - ❖ 2.Sociological abstracts



LIBRARY DATABASE

- **Database of research project reports :** It covers bibliographic detail like author, title, publisher, year of publication etc. 3671 research project reports funded by the ICSSR as well as other organization.
- **Databases of PHD dissertation:** It provide bibliographic detail (like name of researcher, topic of dissertation, year of award of PHD degree) of 5674 dissertation acquired by NASSDOC.



DIRECTORIES

- Directories of social science library and information centers in India 2001
- Directory of social science research and training institution in India
- Directory of teaching and research institution in India on Asian studies

- **Union catalogue**
 1. union catalogue of social science periodical and serials in India
 2. Union catalogue of CD-ROM database in social science library in India. (2001)



SERVICES

- **Document Delivery / Inter Library Loan** Document delivery service is provided through Inter Library Loan (ILL) or by photocopying the papers published in periodicals to help the scholars. NASSDOC borrows books, periodicals, reports etc. from other libraries to meet the demands of the research scholars. The demand is normally met through inter library loan service. NASSDOC as a member of DELNET (Developing Library Network) gets documents on inter library loan through DELNET Inter Library Loan service from the member libraries.
- **Reprography Service** Photocopies are provided to the scholars from NASSDOC collection and also from its own network, if the document is not available within the premises. Photocopying charges are Re1/- per page + postal charges.
- **Literature Search Service:-** It provide literature search service from printed and digital database ie.CD-Rom online & offline database. Like that – International political science abstract, Sociological abstract , etc.
- **Study Grant:-**NASSDOC provide study grant to doctoral students for collection of research material from various libraries located in different part of India.
- **Current awareness service (CAS):-** It provides current awareness service by bringing out different publication at regular intervals .



CURRENT AWARENESS SERVICE EXAMPLE

- New arrivals: list of new additions with summaries (bibliography, quarterly)
- Annotated index to Indian social science journal (bibliography and abstracting, quarterly)
- Social science content (CAS, Quarterly)
- Current content (bibliography, quarterly)



CONCLUSION

ICSSR is the apex institute dedicated for promotion and furtherance of qualitative research research in the fields of social sciences and other interdisciplinary areas. ICSSR provides grants to scholars and interested persons to conduct research in various fields of social science which have a theoretical, conceptual, methodological and policy orientation on their choice of research area.



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