



**MLISc First Semester
Module II, Unit 2
LISM 55 Information Systems & Services**

Social Science Information Systems & Networks In India

**Salma M S
Lecturer
Library & Information Science
School of Distance Education
University of Kerala**

Introduction

- ❖ Information plays a key role in Education, training, research & knowledge development of a nation.
- ❖ Computerization of information resources & networking of different organization for sharing & exchange of information.
- ❖ Govt of India has launched a number of national information system for sharing knowledge and information in various areas of social sciences.
- ❖ An information systems is composed of all the components that collect, manipulate & disseminate data or information

Objectives

- ❖ Identify Social science systems and networks in India.
- ❖ Elaborate on various national organizations engaged in the development of library & information services.
- ❖ Learn about the objectives, structure, functions, products and achievements of major information systems & services that are operating in the country.
- ❖ Identify the role played by some organizations like IUCHSS, Inter University Centers (IUCs) and ICSSR etc.

Information systems & networks in social sciences

❖ After the independence Govt of India initiative was setting up of Indian council of social science Research.

❖ Following Discipline;

-Economics, Education, Management

-Political Science, Psychology,

-Public Administration, Sociology

❖ It covers Documentation & Information related programmes of ICSSR & Inter university centre in Humanities & Social sciences announced recently by UGC.

Indian council of social science Research (ICSSR)



- ❖ Ministry of Human Resource Development, Govt of India in 1969.
- ❖ To promote social science research in the country
- ❖ HQ is located in New Delhi.
- ❖ It provides;
 - Award fellowship, sponsor & arrange technical training in research methodology
 - provide guidance to research
 - Develop & support library & automation centers for providing information services in social science.
 - Organize seminar, workshop publication work in social sciences
 - 27 Research centers 6 Regional center spread all over the country.
 - ICR Publishes 350 books, pamphlet & monographs covering various aspects of social science.

National social science Documentation Centre(NASSDOC)

- ❖ NASSDOC is an India's Leading Information Centre for Research and Innovations in Social Sciences.
- ❖ It was established in 1969 as a Division of ICSSR
- ❖ The objective to provide library and information support services to researchers in social sciences.
- ❖ Those working in academic institutions, autonomous research organizations, policy making, planning and research units of government departments, business and industry, etc.
- ❖ NASSDOC provides guidance to libraries of ICSSR Regional Centers and ICSSR maintained Research Institutes.

Objectives of NASSDOC

- ❖ Library & information support services to the researcher in the field of Social sciences.
- ❖ Information support to those working in academic institutions, autonomous research organisations, policy making, planning & research units of government departments, business & industry etc.
- ❖ Disseminate information about developments in social science research.
- ❖ Guidance to libraries of ICSSR Regional centers & ICSSR maintained Research Institutions
- ❖ Financial assistance for documentation & bibliographic projects; Conduct short term training courses for social scientists, research scholars, librarians & IT professionals.
- ❖ Available study grant to doctoral students for collections of research material from libraries located in various parts of the country.

Facilities and Services available at NASSDOC

- Library, Reference and Information Services
 - Microfilm & Microfiche Service
 - Bibliography on Demand, and Literature Search Service with abstracts from e-resources
 - Continuing Education Programme (CEP)
 - Collection Development of Research Material
 - e-Resources for ICSSR's Research Institutes (RIs) and Regional Centres
 - Current Awareness Service (CAS)
- Professional Skill Development
- Digital Resources Learning Centre (DRLC)
 - National Knowledge Network (NKN) Connectivity
 - Membership of Professional Bodies
 - Document Delivery Service (DDS)/Interlibrary Loan (ILL)/Reprographic Service
 - Development of In-House Databases
 - ICSSR Sales and Distribution Service

E-resources and Databases of NASSDOC

- ❖ EconLit with full text [Pertaining to Economics]
- ❖ IndiaStat [Statistical Data pertaining to India]
- ❖ J-Gate [Social Science & Management; Arts and Humanities]
- ❖ JSTOR [Comprehensive Archival Social Science Scholarly Journals]
- ❖ LISTA with full text
- ❖ Political Science Complete [Full text collection on Political Science]
- ❖ Prowess IQ [Financial performance of Indian firms]
- ❖ PsycArticles [Psychology full text]
- ❖ SocIndex with Full Text [Sociology]
- ❖ DELNET Databases

INDO-DUTCH Programme on Alternative in Development (IDPAD)

- ❖ It is a collaborative international research programme of ICSSR, New Delhi.
- ❖ Promote new thinking and research on way to bring about India's all-round & rapid development.

Key Areas of Activities of IDPAD

- ❖ Research projects: sponsor joint Indo-Dutch research projects in social sciences.
- ❖ Seminars & workshops: Fund international conferences;
- ❖ Exchange of scholars: To undertake research, for consultation, deliver lectures etc.
- ❖ Publication & Dissemination: Findings of research & seminars are published as books, monographs & working papers.
- ❖ Access to Information: IDPAD has initiated funding for networking of 6 ICSSR Regional centers & 27 Research institutes through a special network of computers.
 - Available funds, the project directors will also be provided with PCs & internet facility.
 - Networking will help in setting up of national information system in social sciences (NISS)

Documentation centre for Asian studies (DOCAs)

- ❖ It is importance of Indias Foreign, Economics & cultural relations with the neighboring Countries.
- ❖ To promote Trade, business & industry with the Asian countries.
- ❖ HQ Is located in New Delhi.
- ❖ Collection on Asian studies & providing documentation services
- ❖ The subject areas covered are mostly social sciences including environmental sciences, public health etc.
- ❖ Library consist about 3000 books & subscribers to 30 periodicals & 11 newspapers.

Documentation centre for Asian studies (DOCAs)

The centre performs the following activities:

❖ Dissemination of Information

- a) Conference on Asian studies
- b) Select journals on Asian studies

❖ Database Development

- a) Bibliography of Indian Literature on Asia
- b) Directory of Research institution on Asian studies

❖ Exchange of literature: It has been established exchange relations with SAARC, International institute of Asian studies

UGC-Inter University Centre for international Studies

- ❖ It was established by University Grant Commission.
 - To provide common state-of—the-art equipment & facilities to the researchers working indifferent universities.
- ❖ Till recently inter university centers(IUCs) established in the field of science & technology.
- ❖ IUC First establish in the fields of humanities & social sciences.
- ❖ Main objectives of UGC-IUC for international studies:
 - To provide dynamic & vibrant platform for research to academicians from india,SAARC region, central Asia & other countries.

UGC-Inter University Centre for international Studies

The Inter Universities Center Will Address To Contemporary Developmental Issues With Multi-disciplinary Approach In The Following Areas;

- ❖ Education, commerce, Economic of development of thee countries along with the interface with the developed countries.
- ❖ World trade, GATTs, IPR, Finacial management for international understanding.
- ❖ Conflict management, diplomacy, development & peace initiatives between various countries.
- ❖ Human rights,, values, life, skills & learning to live together.
- ❖ Art, literature & other allied areas

Indo-American centre for international studies(IACIS)

- ❖ It was founded in 1964.
- ❖ It is fully autonomous membership society registered under Indian law.
- ❖ It is one of the largest research centers on American studies in Asia or Africa.
- ❖ It covers;

Library of the centre has extensive collection of over 1,90,000 books, 2725 periodical titles, 1300 audio/visual materials, 40,000 micro documents & other materials on American literature, History, politics, economics, geography, philosophy, religion, sociology, law, art, international relations, foreign policy, science & technology..etc..

Indo-American centre for international studies(IACIS)

❖ For scholars IACIS Conduct:-

Workshops,eminars,short-coure & lectures on various aspects of American studies.

❖ For Business IACIS Offers :-

Information,consultation,resources & conference facilities.

❖ For Students IACIS Offers:- Information about post-graduate study in the united states as well as access to the library.

❖ Courses sponsored by UGC are open university students.

UGC-Inter university centre for Humanities & social Sciences (IUCHSS)

❖ UGC has established four national facility centers in selected universities.

The main objectives of the center is;

- To invite teachers from universities & colleges to the institute as associate of the IUC
- To organize Research seminars for researchers & young teachers in universities & colleges
- To organize “study week” for discussing important problems of national & international interest

Conclusion

- ❖ National information systems & programmes in the field of social sciences currently in operation in the country.
- ❖ In the field of social sciences, major information system programme of Indian council of social sciences research.
- ❖ Networking helps in coordinating the activities, sharing the resources & services of network partners.
- ❖ Most of the institutions have set up their websites to disseminate latest information about their activities & programmes.

Reference

- Agarwal, s.p. national information systems in social science: a study in perspectives. "*handbook of libraries, archives and information center in India*". New Delhi. Edited by Gupta, B.M. (ET.AL), Information Industry Publications, 1986, Vol.3, pp.179-95.
- Agarwal, s.p. and Lal, manohar. "Documentation activities & services in social science-role of NASDOC and ICSSR Regional centers". *Handbook of libraries, archives and information center in india, new Delhi*. Edited by Gupta, Band Jain, v.k, information industry publications, 1990. vol.8, pp.78-108.
- Haridasan, sudharma, and Majid Khan. "Impact & use of e-resources by social scientists in National social science Documentation center (NASSDOC), India, "the electronic library 27.1(2009):117-133.
- Neelameghan A. and prasad, K.N. Eds. *Information systems & services in india*. Bangalore sarada Ranganathan, 2005.
- UGC. 15 June 2017. www.ugc.ac.in
- http://icssr-nassdoc.blogspot.com/p/glance-at-nassdoc_15.html

Thank you!

