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National Resource Centres: details about major national resource centres Part-II

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Resource Centres on various topic/subject interests were established in India by NISSAT (National Information System for Science and Technology, Dept. of Scientific. & Industrial Research, G.O.I). These resource centers provide maximum information from the related subject/topic to the user/researchers. These centers maintain an extensive collection of published and unpublished documents in the form of books, periodicals, research reports, patents, Technical publications etc., pertaining to the relevant subject areas. Details about some of the major national resource centres are given below.

National Information Centre on Leather (NICLAI), Chennai, (TN)

NICLAI was setup at Central Leather Research Institute (CLRI) is to serve the national information on leather & allied subjects. Its main aim to collect and disseminate information about leather industry.

Main objectives of NICLAI:

- To develop the existing infrastructure into a library for leather, footwear, leather goods and allied subjects with the ultimate goal of becoming a repository and reference node for documents of relevant importance published from within and outside India,
- To identify design and develop appropriate information systems and services to cater to the needs of the user community,
- Technical writing, publications and printing services,
- Reprography services and other related services.

The information clients of NICLAI are drawn from within and outside the organization. They comprise R&D personnel, policy makers, entrepreneurs, students, etc. It also conducts various seminars, conferences and user information services inside the country where the leather industry units are concentrated.

National Information Centre on Food Science (NICFOS), Mysore, Karnataka

NICFOS, the national Information Centre for Food Science and Technology, is a discipline oriented information center to provide information in Food Science & Technology and its peripheral areas. It has been recognized nationally and internationally as resource center for Food Science. The center maintains many databases on food technology.

Main objectives of NICFOS:

- To provide documentation/information service to the food industry and other allied organizations, other individuals engaged in research and development or extension activities in the area of food, science and technology;
- To function as a clearing-house for information on all aspects of food, science and technology;
- To work with other similar national and international institutions for development in food science technology.

Publications of NICFOS :

- Food Digest
- Food technology Abstract
- Food Patent
- Microform information services
- Library bulletin

National Information Centre on Drug and Pharmaceuticals (NICDAP), CDRI, Lucknow

The NICDAP was set up at the Central Drug Research Institute Lucknow in October 1977 to serve the national information on Drugs and Pharmaceuticals. It uses the library resources of the CDRI, Lucknow.

Main objectives of NICDAP are:

- To provide information services relevant to the needs-present and futuristic-of the specific areas of interest, i.e. drugs and pharmaceuticals;
- To support and actively participate in research and development activities of the drugs and pharmaceuticals industry through Current awareness services by keeping them abreast of the valuable information emanating from R&D activities carried out the world over;
- To provide bibliographies on selected topics on demand;
- To bring out status reports, directories and other publications in the area of Centre's interest;
- To provide for a forum for interaction between various Government and private industries;
- To organize, participate and supply information about symposia, seminars and meetings concerning the area of drugs and pharmaceuticals;

Keeping the aims and objectives in view, NICDAP is working in the field of drug and pharmaceuticals. It provides general reference and referral services, current awareness and SDI services, reprographic services, technical services, patent literature search, computerized information services etc.

Publications :

- Industry highlight
- Current highlights on R & D
- Patent awareness bulletin
- Current Indian titles

National Information Centre on Machine Tools & Production Engineering, Bangalore, Karnataka (KA).

NICMAP was established in 1978 to serve the information needs of engineering industries in the fields of metalworking and production engineering.

Main Objectives of NICMAP:

- Acts as a clearing-house of information on machine tools and production engineering.
- It collects, organizes, stores, retrieves and disseminates world information on machine tools and production engineering produced in different media and in different languages.
- Works for engineers, Scientists, technicians and R&D organizations.

NICMAP has well equipped library with a wide collection of literature in the form of books, reports, periodicals, standards etc. The subject field of NICMAP covers several areas of manufacturing technology such as: CNC Systems, CAD/CAM/CAE, Hydraulics and Pneumatics, Machine tools, Metalworking, Industrial Engineering, Robotics, Lasers, Metrology and Measurement, Quality control, Tools and Toolings, etc.

NICMAP provides its services to its client through computerized database like bibliographic services, SDI, consultancy and training, document supply services, referral service, patent information service, product information on IS, ISO, BS and other standards.

NICMAP brings out Metal working bulletin, Metal working abstracts, Buyer's Guide for metal working equipment and Machine tool and production engineering thesaurus, CAD/CAM guide etc.

National Information Centre on Textiles (NICTAS), Ahmedabad, Gujarat

NICTAS was setup at ATIRA (Ahmedabad Textile Industries Research Association), Ahmedabad to serve the national information on textiles and allied subjects in 1986.

Main objective of NICTAS:

- To integrate and coordinate the existing and future scientific and technical information systems and services related to allied subjects into an organized and effective network
- To develop resources of information appropriate to the needs of the Indian users of textile information
- To create awareness amongst researchers, consultants, technologists and students related to textile and allied industries.
- To educate and trained the researchers/Scientist
- To provide various types of library services

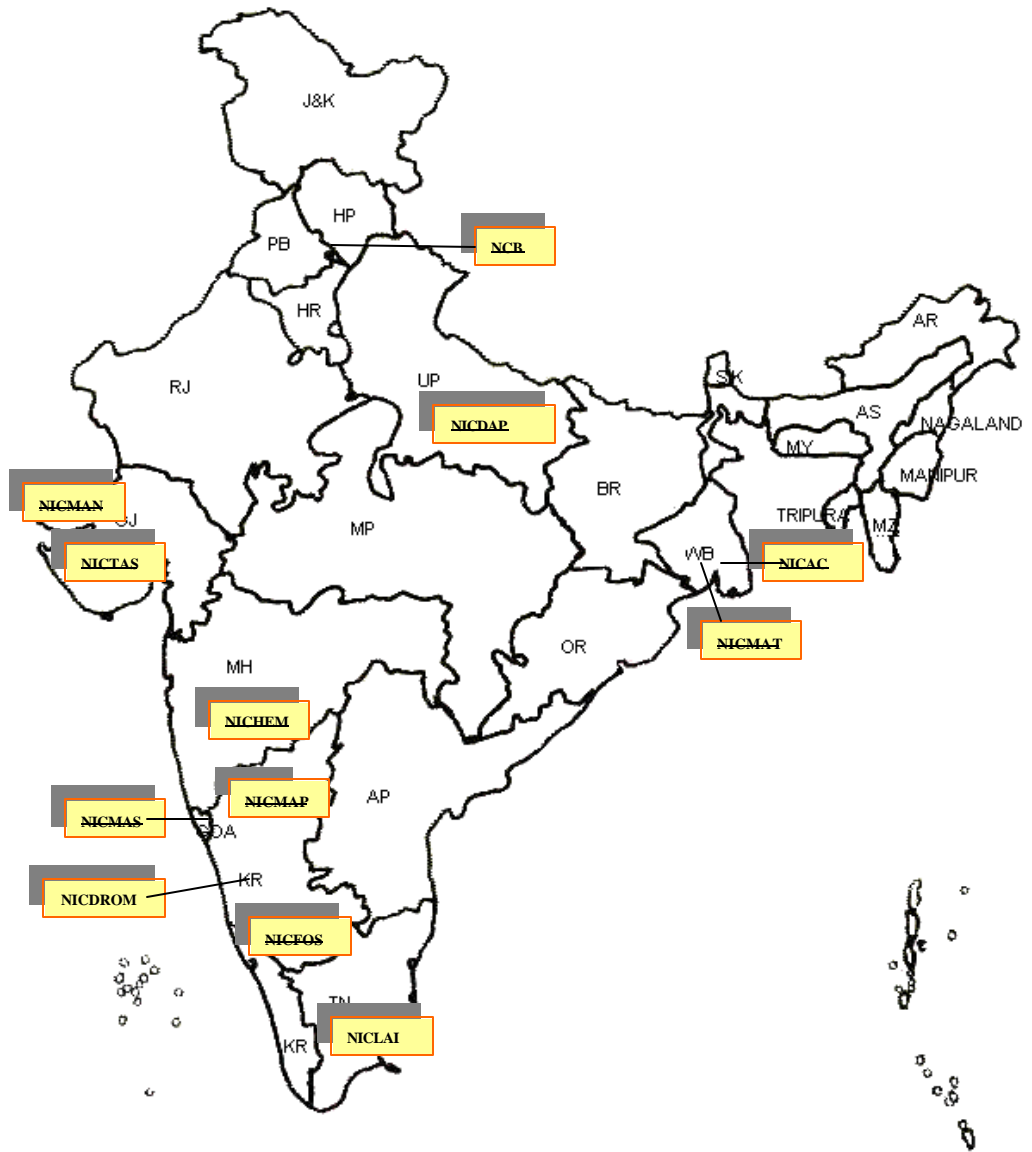
NICTAS acts as a nodal point in the total network of information and documentation in the field of textiles and allied subjects. The center organizes seminars/workshops/Exhibition for exchange of ideas for the benefit of researchers and scientists. It publishes TEXICON and other state of art report.

National Information centers on Chemical and Chemical Technology (NICHEM), Pune, Maharastra.

NICHEM (National Information Centre for Chemistry and Chemical Technology) is set up in 1986-87 at National Chemical Laboratory, Pune. It works as a resource center for chemical and chemical technology. It provides its services to industry related to chemical & pharmaceutical industries, researchers and individuals.

The center has rich collection of Database, Books, Periodicals, Theses, Reports, Patents etc. The services provided by the centre include reprographic, document supply, translations, online search and patent information. The centre also set up an Internet facility to provide maximum information to its clients.

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[Map displaying major national resource centers in India]

(to be concluded)

Recent Additions

1. Mental health atlas / WHO, Geneva, 2005
2. Vaccines: preventing disease protecting health / C A de Quadros, PAHO, Washington, 2004
3. Research on tobacco in India: an annotated bibliography / Cecily, Stewart Ray, P. Gupta and J. de Beyer / The World Bank, Washington, 2003
4. Membership of the International Agency for Research on Cancer / P. Boyle, WHO, Geneva, 2005
5. Funding windows and research in India / Sharat Kumar and Minnie Mathew, Shipra, Delhi, 2005
6. Health and the millennium development goals / WHO, Geneva, 2005
7. Preventing chronic diseases: a vital investment / WHO, Geneva, 2005

Reference Books

1. IARC: Statute, rules and regulations / WHO, Geneva
2. World health statistics / WHO, Geneva, 2005
3. Britannica book of the year / Encyclopedia Britannica Inc., Chicago, 2005
4. Britannica world atlas / Encyclopedia Britannica Inc., Chicago, 2005

Some Medical Libraries in Delhi-Part I

All India Institute of Medical Science
(Min. of H. F.W., Govt. of India)
Ansari Nagar, New Delhi-110029
www.aiims.ac.in

Ayurved & Unani Tibbia College
(University of Delhi)
Ajmal Khan Road
Karol Bagh, New Delhi 110005

Central Council for Research
in Unani Medicine
(Deptt. of AYUSH, Min. of H. F.W.,
Govt. of India)
61-65 Institutional Areas
Opp. D Block, Janakpuri
New Delhi-110058

Indian Council of Medical Research
V. Ramalingaswamy Bhawan
(Min. of H. F.W., Govt. of India)
Ansari Nagar, New Delhi-110029
www.icmr.nic.in

Institute of Cytology
& Preventive Oncology
(ICMR)
1-7, Sector 39
Near Degree College,
Opp. City Centre
Noida-201301

Institute of Human Behaviour
& Allied Sciences (IHBAS)
(Govt. of NCT of Delhi)
GT Road, Jhilmil,
Delhi-110095

Institute of Nuclear Medicine
& Allied Sciences
(DRDO, Min. of Defense,
Govt. of India)
Lucknow Road, New Delhi 110054

Institute of Pathology (ICMR)
Safdarjung Hospital Campus
Post Box No. 4909
New Delhi-110029

Jamia Hamdard
Deemed University
Hamdard Nagar
New Delhi-110062
www.jamiahumdard.edu

Lady Hardinge Medical College
(Min. of H. F.W., Govt. of India)
Bhagat Singh Marg,
New Delhi 110001
www.mohfw.nic.in

Maulana Azad Medical College
(DHS, Govt. of NCT of Delhi)
Bahadurshah Zafar Marg,
New Delhi 110002
www.mamc.ac.in

National Institute of
Communicable Disease
(DGHS Min. of H. F.W., Govt. of India)
Shamnath Marg
New Delhi 110054
www.nicd.org

National Institute of
Health & Family Welfare
(Min. of H. F.W., Govt. of India)
Muniraka, New Delhi 110067
www.nihfw.org

National Institute of Immunology
(Deptt. of Bbtechnology, Govt. of
India)
Aruna Asaf Ali Marg,
New Delhi-110067
www.nii.res.in

National Institute of Malaria Research
(ICMR)
20, Madhuban,
Vikas Marg,
Delhi-110092
www.mrcindia.org.

National Institute of Medical Statistics
(ICMR)
Ansari Nagar
New Delhi-110029

National Medical Library
(DGHS, GOVT. of India)
Ansari Nagar
New Delhi-110029
www.nlm.nic.in

Nehru Homoeopathic
Medical College & Hospital
(University of Delhi,
Govt. of NCT of Delhi)
B-Block, Defence Colony
New Delhi 110024

United Nations Children Funds
73, Lodhi Estate,
New Delhi - 110003

University College of Medical Sciences
GTB Hospital Campus,
(DHS, Govt. of NCT of Delhi)
GTB Enclave, Delhi-110095

Vallabhbhai Patel Chest Institute
(University of Delhi)
New Delhi 110007
www.vpci.org.in

Vardhman Mahavir Medical College
& Safdarjung Hospital
(Min. of H. F.W., Govt. of India)
Ansari Nagar , New Delhi 110029
www.vmmc-sjh.nic.in

WHO
Indraprastha Estate
Mahtama Gandhi Marg,
New Delhi-110002
www.whoindia.org

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Advisory Committee Meeting on Libraries:

The meeting of Advisory Committee to modernize the facilities and Infrastructure of ICMR Library and Information Network was held on

November 24TH 2005 at ICMR Hqrs, New Delhi mainly to review the usage of JCCC@ICMR and ProQuest Medical Library.

ProQuest Medical Library:

The ICMR has renewed the subscription for 6 sites of ProQuest Medical Library (Full text electronic database) for ICMR institutes for one

year as per the recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Modernization of ICMR Library & Information Network.

JCCC@ICMR :

The Council has renewed the subscription for JCCC@ICMR for all ICMR institutes for one more year as

per the recommendations of the Advisory Committee.

E- Journals / Consortia:

The ICMR Hqrs. is actively considering to go for a consortia of ICMR subscribed journals. For this purpose ICMR constituted a

Committee mainly to take a decision initially on consortia of core journals to be subscribed for 25 ICMR sites.



Dear reader,

We wish you a very happy new year

ICMR Hqrs Library Staff