



## Information Sources in the Field of Social Sciences

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### Abstract

*Social Science Research and higher education depend heavily on the availability and availability of accurate and up-to- date information. The rapidly expanding Social Science literature, facilitated by digital resources, has changed the way researchers gather, analyze, and disseminate knowledge. This paper examines the e-resources available in the field of Social Science including large databases, e-journals, and e-books, which are central to scientific progress. The role of higher education in fostering technological innovation and societal development is examined, highlighting the important roles of Social Science libraries in supporting research and education.*

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### I. Introduction

Social Science is developing because of ongoing research, leading to huge development in the Social Science literature at exponential rate. In the Social sciences, the key to the development of research and innovation is the collection, dissemination, and use of knowledge. Social Science disciplines e.g .Economics, Sociology, Political science, Geography, History .depend on precise and current information, available through online databases, e-journals, and e-books, which provide specialized resources and tools to support Social Science enquiries. Digital libraries and electronic databases have transformed the way researchers access and acquire information and impact their research.

### Journal

**EconLit** [ps://www.aeaweb.org/econlit/](https://www.aeaweb.org/econlit/)

As the most reliable full-text source for economic research, this database contains all of the indexing available in EconLit in addition to full text of about 600 journals including the American Economic Association journals with no embargo (American Economic Review, Journal of Economic Literature, and Journal of Economic Perspectives). This database also contains many non-English full-text journals in

economics & finance and volume and issue browsing is available for all full-text journals.

### JSTOR

A trusted archive of important scholarly journals from many disciplines at present hosts full text contents of around 2600 journals with applicable embargo.

**Project MUSE** <http://muse.jhu.edu/>

Project MUSE was founded in 1995 as collaboration between the John Hopkins University Press and the MiltonS. Eisenhower Library Today it is a leading provider of digital humanities and social science content for the scholarly community.

### Directory of Open Access Journals (DOAJ)

<http://doaj.org/>

Directory of Open Access Journals is an online directory that indexes and provides access to quality open access, peer-reviewed journals .Provides more than 16000 journals in all subjects.

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#### Library of Economics and Liberty .

<https://www.econlib.org/> .

### STATISTICAL DATABASE

**Census of India** The Indian Census is the most credible source of information on <http://www.censusindia.gov.in/> The Indian Census is the most credible source of information on Demography (Population characteristics), Economic Activity, Literacy and Education, Housing & Household Amenities, Urbanization, Fertility and Mortality, Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes,



Language, Religion, Migration, Disability and many other socio-cultural and demographic data since 1872. Free access for 2001 and 2011

**Economic Stat Kerala** <http://ecostat.kerala.gov.in>

**Union Budget India** <https://www.indiabudget.gov.in>

**Kerala Budget** <http://www.finance.kerala.gov.in/bdgtDcs.jsp>

**Economic Survey, India** A flagship annual document of the Ministry of Finance, Government of India, Economic Survey reviews the developments in the Indian economy <http://indiabudget.nic.in/survey.asp> India, Economic Survey reviews the developments in the Indian economy over the previous 12 months, summarizes the performance on major development programmes, and highlights the policy initiatives of the government and the prospects of the economy in the short to medium term. This document is presented to both houses of Parliament during the Budget Session. With detailed statistical data covering all aspects of the economy—macro as well as sectoral—the report provides an overview on Indian Economy

**Economic Review, Kerala** The Economic Review includes, as it does every year, the most recent data <http://spb.kerala.gov.in> The Economic Review includes, as it does every year, the most recent data on Kerala Government policies, Plan priorities, and ongoing programmes of Government departments. It provides a snapshot of economy's performance over the Five-Year Plan period. The Review is in two volumes. Volume I covers the policies, programmes and achievements of Government departments over the preceding year and Volume II provides the corresponding datasets.

**India Time Series** <http://www.epwrfits.in/index.aspx> In ITS, datasets have been structured under various modules. Such as Financial Markets, State Domestic Product and Banking Statistics and so on. This initiative has the broad objective of aiding and promoting research on Indian economy and financial markets and targeted to benefit particularly students, research scholars and the academic community both in India and abroad.

**ICSSR Data Service** The ICSSR Data Service includes social science and statistical datasets of <http://www.icssrdataservice.in/> The ICSSR Data Service includes social science and statistical datasets of various national-level surveys on debt & investment, domestic tourism, enterprise survey, employment and unemployment, housing condition, household consumer expenditure, health care, etc. ICSSR Data Service aims to facilitate data sharing, preservation, accessibility and reuse of social science research data collected from entire social science community in India & abroad. As of now, the

repository hosts 131 Annual Survey of Industries (ASI), and National Sample Survey (NSS) datasets.

**MOSPI** <http://mospi.nic.in> MOSPI provides access to a large number of data and reports including National Sample Survey report, National Accounts Statistics, and several other statistical publications. All the reports and publications are in portable data format

**Open Govt. Data, India** Open Government Data (OGD) Platform India - is a platform for supporting <https://data.gov.in> Open Government Data (OGD) Platform India - is a platform for supporting Open Data initiative of Government of India. The portal is intended to be used by Government of India Ministries/ Departments their organizations to publish datasets, documents, services, tools and applications collected by them for public use.

**Prowess IQ** Is a comprehensive database on more than 41000 Indian companies. <http://prowessiq.cmie.com> Is a comprehensive database on more than 41000 Indian companies. ProwessIQ, or Prowess for Interactive Querying, is a powerful internet-based application for querying CMIE's database on performances of listed and unlisted companies. It is simple and easy to use.

**RBI Database on Indian Economy Through this website (DBIE)**, data are mainly presented through time- <http://dbie.rbi.org.in/DBIE/dbie.r> bisite=home Through this website (DBIE), data are mainly presented through time- series formatted reports. These reports have been organized under sectors and sub-sectors according to their periodicities. Reports can be saved as excel sheets for further analysis.

**ADB Data Library** <https://data.adb.org>

**IMF Data** <https://www.imf.org/en/Data> The International Monetary Fund's (IMF) Data helps research with direct access to the IMF's data and statistical tools. International Financial Statistics (IFS) Balance of Payments Statistics (BOPS) Direction of Trade Statistics (DOTS) **World Economic Outlook (WEO)**

**UN Comtrade** <http://comtrade.un.org/db/> UN Comtrade provides access to global trade data. There is a download limit of 50000 per data query for free access. For larger queries paid subscription is required. Access through U/n and P/w

**World Bank Open Data** <http://data.worldbank.org> The World Bank's Open Data initiative is intended to provide all users with access to a wide range of data brought under 20 broad topics. This includes almost all aspects of socio-economic development.

## THESES AND DISSERTATIONS

**EBSCO** Open Dissertations <https://biblioboard.com/opensdissertations/> This ETD database is a collaboration between EBSCO and



BiblioLabs . It accepts e- theses from participating institutions. Free Access – Most items are downloadable

**EThOS** <http://ethos.bl.uk/Home.do> Electronic Thesis Online Service This is a single point access to all theses produced by UK Higher Education provided by The British Library. It harvests e-theses from the institutional repositories and digitizes paper theses from participating institutions. Login required  
Restricted Access – Some items are downloadable

**NDLTD** <http://search.ndltd.org/> .

Open Access Thesis and Dissertations <http://www.oatd.org/> Open Access Thesis and Dissertations is a free repository of graduate theses, and dissertations published worldwide. **OATD** currently indexes 56,37,171 theses and dissertations.

**Shodhganga** – A reservoir of Indian theses <http://shodhganga.inflibnet.ac.in/> The Shodhganga@INFLIBNET Centre provides a platform for research students to deposit their Ph.D. theses and make it available to the entire scholarly community in open access. The repository has the ability to capture, index, store, disseminate and preserve ETDs submitted by the researchers. Presently hosts around 304709 theses from different universities  
Plagiarism

#### **COURSEWARE**

**edX** EdX offers interactive online classes and MOOCs from the world's best universities, colleges and organizations. <https://www.edx.org> the world's best universities, colleges and organizations. Online courses from MITx, HarvardX, BerkeleyX, and many other universities. EdX is a non-profit online initiative created by founding partners Harvard and MIT. Currently 3000+ courses are offered by various institutions in different subjects.

**MIT** Open Courses <http://ocw.mit.edu> Open courseware of Massachusetts Institute of Technology. In each course syllabus, readings, assignments, and study materials are available for download. All courses are free to access and learn.

**Swayam** <http://swayam.gov.in> The objective of Swayam is to take the best teaching learning resources to all, including the most disadvantaged. Offers courses from 9th std courses are free to access and learn.

#### **MULTIMEDIA**

**IMF** Podcasts <https://soundcloud.com/imf-podcasts> Listen to IMF economists and other experts discuss key economic and financial issues of the day. 500 + tracks All talks are free to access and learn. **Swayam**

**Prabha** Channel 07 : **KAUTILYA**  
<http://swayamprabha.gov.in> . **Vidya Mitra**

<http://content.inflibnet.ac.in/> . **YouTube**  
<https://youtube.com>

#### **ARCHIVES**

**arXiv** <http://arxiv.org> arXiv is a repository of electronic preprints approved for publication after moderation, that consists of scientific papers in the fields of economics, physics, mathematics, computer science, quantitative biology, statistics, engineering, and quantitative finance, which can be accessed online. 16 lakhs+ articles are currently available for download.

**Krishi Kosh** <https://krishikosh.egranth.ac.in> .

National Digital Library of India <https://ndl.iitkgp.ac.in/> The National Digital Library of India (**NDL India**) is a pilot project of MOE to develop a framework of virtual repository of learning resources with a single-window search facility. Currently 71,002,171 items hosted in NDL India NDL Mobile App for Android and iOS is available.

**ROAR** Registry of Open Access Repositories <http://roar.eprints.org> This is a general list of open access archives. The aim of ROAR is to promote the development of open access by providing timely information about the growth and status of repositories throughout the world

#### **INFORMATION PORTAL PORTAL**

**Eldis** <https://www.eldis.org/> A gateway to global development information on international development issues. Provides free and easy access to materials on developing countries ... articles are currently available for download.

**New Economic Papers** <http://nep.repec.org/> NEP is an announcement service which filters information on new additions to RePEc into edited reports. Scholars can register using their e-mail address and subscribe to the weekly email alert service of various NEP subject categories (97 subjects).

**SSRN** [www.ssrn.com](http://www.ssrn.com) Social Science Research Network (SSRN) is devoted to the rapid worldwide dissemination of social science research and is composed of a number of specialized research networks in each of the social sciences.

Managing Literature Systematic gathering of sources: Using proper tools to gather literature – Google Scholar, Journal Databases, Bibliographies ... Creating bibliographic records, summary, notes, comments, and making it error free Organizing by topic, subject, research area... Organizing by topic, subject, research area... Linking the soft copy full text for easy retrieval Assigning a unique primary-key for print items. While writing: Insert the citation and bibliography in the desired citation style.



## II. Conclusion

These academic eBook databases offer valuable resources to social science Scholar by providing high-quality, peer-reviewed content that supports research, education, and professional development across a wide range of scientific disciplines. Access to comprehensive data, comprehensive searches, and integrated scientific literature enables researchers to access the latest advances, conduct comprehensive literature reviews, and apply new methods to their work. By facilitating powerful and comprehensive scientific knowledge, these databases play an important role in Social Science research and education worldwide. The aforementioned publishers and databases are important resources for researchers, teachers, and students in a variety of disciplines. Each platform offers unique strengths, such as a strong peer review process, an extensive collection of e-journals and e-books, and a commitment to enhancing knowledge and education. By providing high-quality content, repositories play an important role in supporting academic research, innovation, and professional development within the global scholarly community

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