



Online Union Catalogue of Indian Universities
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About IndCat

IndCat is unified Online Library Catalogues of books, theses and journals available in major university libraries in India. The union database contains bibliographic description, location and holdings information for books, journals and theses in all subject areas available in more than 184 university libraries across the country. A Web-based interface is designed to provide easy access to the merged catalogues. The IndCat is a major source of bibliographic information that can be used for inter-library loan, collections development as well as for copy cataloguing and retro-conversion of bibliographic records. The IndCat consists three major components (Books, Theses and Serials) available in open access to users and librarians through web interface at <http://indcat.inflibnet.ac.in>



Search Interface for Book, Thesis and Serial Database

Current Status of IndCat

Sr. No.	Database	No. of Records	No. of Universities
1	Book	2,37,44,184	284
2	Thesis	4,51,730	460
3	Serial	37,153	238

Features & Functionalities of IndCat

- Open access to India's largest bibliographic databases across all major disciplines including Science & Technology, Social Sciences and Arts & Humanities.
- Supports simple, advanced search features i.e. records can be searched by author, title, subject heading, place of publication, publishers and year or combination of these parameters;
- SOLR-indexed based faceted search;
- Facilitates resource sharing amongst participating universities and beyond through online copy-cataloguing and downloading bibliographic records;
- Serves as a virtual catalogue for universities by restricted the search to a single university;
- By default, a typical search is covers entire union catalogue; searches can also be restricted to a group of universities or universities in a state;
- Serves as a backup for university libraries for their holdings; and
- Links to full-text theses in Shodhganga.

IndCat-Books

IndCat - Book Database has 161.78 lakhs unique titles with 237.44 lakhs holding details of 284 University/Institute libraries in India. It provides bibliographic information i.e. Title, Author, Place, Publisher, ISBN, Edition, Physical Description, Publication Year, Subject, Class No. etc. with holding details. Books Database covers Monographs, Reference Books, Conference Proceedings and Textbooks.

Process for Building Book Database

Process of building book database commences with creation of bibliographic records in participating university libraries and their receipt at the INFLIBNET Centre. Steps involved in building IndCat database are as follows:

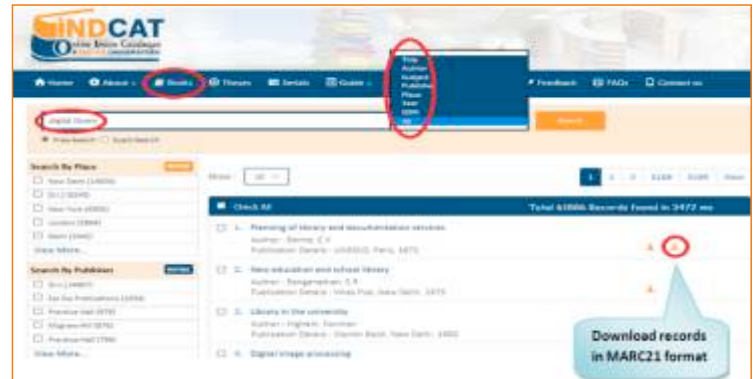
Step 1. INFLIBNET Centre receives bibliographic records in MARC/MARCXML format from Indian universities extracted from different LIS software, such as Soul 2.0, KOHA, NewGenLib, SLIM++, Libsys, VTLS etc.

Step 2. All records undergo the process of authentication, using Union Catalogue Management System 2.0 software for editing typographical errors in various fields such as place, publisher, etc. in addition to duplicate checking and merging of these records into IndCat Book database.

Special Features: Resource Sharing (Copy Cataloguing and ILL)

Libraries can use IndCat Book Database to download requisite records in MARC21 format. These records can be imported to SOUL 2.0 Software or any other local library software compliant to MARC21 format. The search results retrieved from the IndCat Book Database can be displayed in following two formats:

- i) Brief:** By default, retrieved records are displayed in brief. A brief bibliographic record contains Title, Author, Place, Publisher, Year, Subject and ISBN.
- ii) Descriptive:** A detailed descriptive record containing complete bibliographic details of a book including its location is displayed once a user clicks at the brief record. The descriptive record also provides option for Inter Library Loan (ILL) request.



Brief details and Copy Cataloguing of Searched Records

Subsets of IndCat: GujCat & NERCat

Online Union Catalogue of Gujarat (GujCat) is unified Online library Catalogues of books available in major College/Institute/University libraries in Gujarat. GujCat has 7,30,229 Holding Details with 5,51,223 Unique Records of 40 colleges of Gujarat. The interface is specially designed to promote inter-library loan amongst libraries in Gujarat.

Online catalogue of books in universities in North-Eastern Region (NERCat) is another subset of IndCat. NERCat is designed and implemented to restrict searching of bibliographic records to university libraries in North-eastern region so as to promote resource sharing amongst North-eastern universities. NERCat has 5,28,607 records of 9 North-Eastern Region Universities.

Online Copy-Catalogue System (OCS)

Centre has developed Online Copy Catalogue System (OCS) to promote co-operative cataloguing and avoid duplication of efforts with objectives of Copy records of documents available in IndCat into the SOUL 2.0 software directly, create new record for a document that is not available in the IndCat and upload & download the bulk record, to & from IndCat server respectively.

Major Features of OCS

- Window based application, which communicates to IndCat.
- Facilitate search browse and downloading of bibliographic record of books from IndCat.
- Import downloaded records in Soul 2.0.
- Create new catalogue of book and save it into Soul 2.0.
- Supports multiple accession no. entry.
- Support multilingual feature.
- Upload new records to IndCat Server.
- Supports with De-Duplicate (Matched) and Merging Records.
- Compatible with Soul 2.0 and KOHA (Window)

IndCat-Theses

The Indian Catalogue of Theses holds bibliographic details of doctoral theses submitted to 460 Universities / Institutions in India. It has around 4,51,730 unique records in all disciplines from 1906 onwards. The bibliographic records of theses are contributed by participating universities and have also been collected from other reliable sources such as University Notifications, University Announcements, University News, etc. Project on Indian Catalogue of Theses was taken-up in 1995 with 52,000 records from 82 universities.

- **Search Thesis Database:** Thesis database can be searched by title, words in title, researcher, guide, university, department, year of submission, subject keywords, etc. The search interface also provides full-text link with Shodhganga (Full-text Thesis Database).

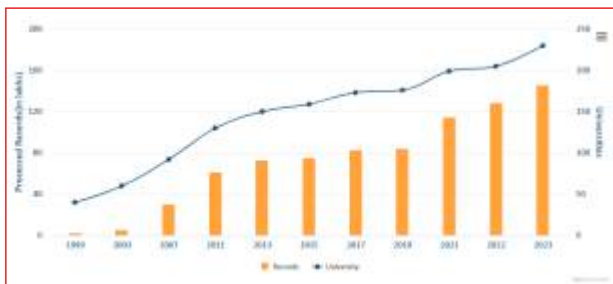
IndCat-Serials

The Indian Catalogue of Serials holds bibliographic details on serials (including journals, periodicals, annuals, serials) 37,153 records held at 238 Universities / Institutions in India. The database includes the holding information about the Current serials, Holding Serials and e-journals subscribed at the academic libraries of India. The holdings information includes available and missing volumes of journals in respective libraries.

- **Search Serial Database:** Serial database can be searched by title, words in title, publisher and place, ISSN, CODEN, subject keywords, note etc. The search interface provides the holding information of universities having current subscription, holding and e-journal for each record.

Growth of IndCat

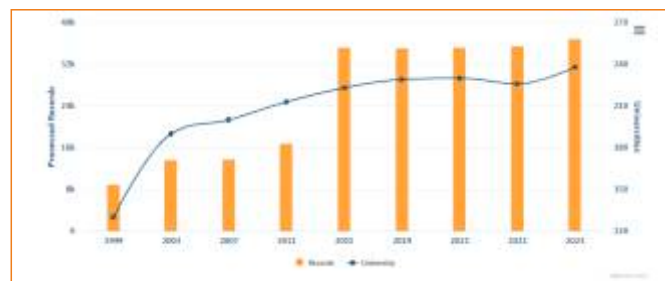
Growth of Book Database from 1999 to 2023 (As on 31st March)



Growth of Theses Database from 1995 to 2023 (As on 31st March)



Growth of Serials Database from 1999 to 2023 (As on 31st March)



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