Name of the Tool	National Social Science Documentation Centre
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Logo	National Social Science Documentation Centre
URL	http://www.icssr.org/doc_main.htm
Subject	National Social Science Documentation Centre—Library--Catalogs
Accessibility	Partially free
Language	English
Publisher	National Social Science Documentation Centre
Scope and Coverage	The **ICSSR-NASSDOC** library has a collection of reference sources viz. bibliographies, encyclopedias, doctoral theses, research project reports, books on social science research methodology, current and old volumes of social science journals of Indian and foreign origin, computer and information technology, research surveys and on all social science disciplines. The collection is augmented by bound volumes of periodicals, Indian/foreign periodicals including ICSSR publications and other abstracting and indexing journals in social sciences, newsletters and annual reports of organizations. Government reports/serials and institutional publications are also acquired. The collection includes following materials as per record on 5th December, 2016:

- Doctoral theses = 5,400
- Research project reports (funded by ICSSR) = 3700
- Bound volumes of periodicals = 12,000
- Books = 13,600
- 900 current Indian/foreign periodicals
- Publications including ICSSR publications and other abstracting and indexing journals in social sciences.
- Government reports/serials and institutional publications.

Kind of Information	The library provides following type of search facilities for its users:

- Simple search:
- Advanced search;
- Additional search;
- Browsing of collection;
- Searching by ISBN;
- Searching by accession number;
- Full text search

In simple search process, users are able to search for documents by mentioning bibliographic fields like author, title, subject, ISBN, series, place of publication, publisher.

The user can make a simple search using this option also. The fields to be entered are Database, Field, Enter word(s) or phrase, Connector, Specify Year(s) of Publication etc. The following screen shots show it:

The search result can be sorted by the options like Title, Author, Call No., year of publication (ascending or descending) etc.
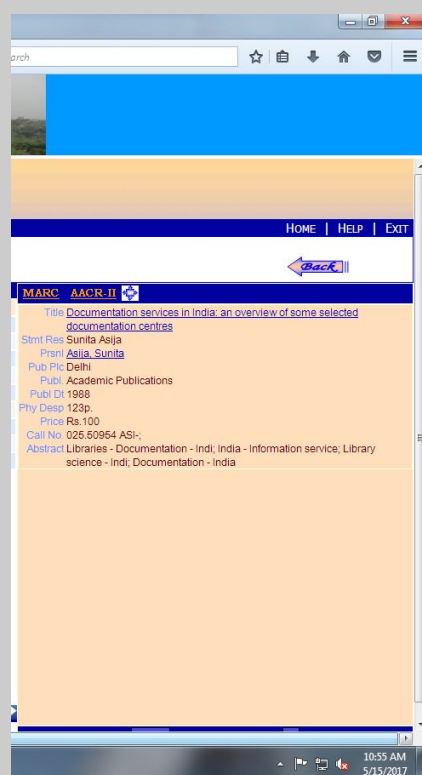
The above search process produces a list of relevant documents to the search query. In this list users can access limited kind of bibliographic information namely Title of the work, name of the author, call number. All the titles in that list are hyperlinked with its bibliographic information which is presented at the right side of the web page. In this format bibliographic information mainly the title, author's name, edition, publication place, year and publisher, physical description, call number, subject are provided. The following screen shot shows an entry with bibliographic records:

Special Features	
	➢ Document delivery and Reference Services are provided;
	➢ Literature Search Service from printed and digital databases, i.e. CD-ROMS, floppies, Online database etc;
	➢ Compilation of short bibliographies on request;
	➢ Financial assistance is provided for taking up bibliographical and documentation projects;
	➢ Document Delivery Service is provided by procuring books and journals on Inter-library loan or by photocopying the documents;
	➢ Short-term training courses are organized for the research scholars, social scientists, librarians and IT professionals to acquaint them with the latest information and communication technology;
	➢ Cyber Cafe, to facilitate access to internet resources on social sciences.
	➢ Current awareness service by bringing out publications. Photocopies of references included in the CAS publications are provided.
Arrangement Pattern	Users are given opportunity to choose pattern of arrangement of books in search list. The list can be arranged or rearranged by title or Author (alphabetical arrangement), Call No. (alphanumeric arrangement), year of publication (ascending or descending) etc.
Remarks	NASSDOC is a document delivery centre which has focus on specially Social Science. The library in parallel supports its users in various way, like to give document delivery services, current awareness services, bibliography formulation etc. Along with these services the library also includes huge collection of documents.
Comparable Tools	➢ J.R.D. Tata Memorial Library Web OPAC (http://saras.library.iisc.ernet.in:8280/opac/)
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