

Open Access Social Science Journals on Nlist: An Analytical Study

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Abstract: National Library and Information Services Infrastructure for Scholarly Content listed open access scientific and scholarly journals, which meet high quality standards by exercising peer review or editorial quality control and are free to all members of NLIST. Total 287 e-journals on Social sciences were accessed through NLIST and analyzed based on country, Languages, Subject Headings, Keywords, their accessibility and availability of Archives of online journals in Social Sciences.

Key Words: Online Journals, Open access, E-Journals, Social Science, NLIST

Introduction

The development of subject specific pre- and e-print archives and collections of learning objects provides a very valuable supplement of scientific knowledge to the existing types of published scientific information (books, journals, databases etc.). However these valuable collections are difficult to overview and integrate in the library and information services provided by libraries for their user constituency. Open access journals as journals that use a funding model that charge minimum charges to their institution for access.

NLIST (National Library and Information Services Infrastructure for Scholarly Content)

The Project entitled “National Library and Information Services Infrastructure for Scholarly Content (N-LIST)”, Being jointly executed by the UGC – INFONET Digital Library Consortium, INFLIBNET Center and the INDEST-AICTE Consortium, IIT Delhi provides for access to selected e-resources to colleges. The NLIST project provides access to e-resources to students, researchers and faculty from colleges and other beneficiary institution through server installed at the INFLIBNET Centre. The authorized users from colleges can now access e-resources and download articles required by them from the publisher’s website once they are duly authenticated as authorized users through servers deployed at the INFLIBNET Centre.

The INFLIBNET Centre is responsible for developing and deploying appropriate software tools and techniques for authenticating authorized users, The INFLIBNET centre is also responsible for i) to subscribe and provide access to selected e-resources to 4934 Govt./ Govt.-aided college and monitor its usage : and II) to act as a monitoring Agency for colleges and evaluate , promote impart training and monitor all activities involved in the

process of providing effective and efficient access to e-resources to colleges.

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Current Status

As on **DEC 9 2015**, a total number of 4934 colleges have registered themselves with the N-LIST programme including 3295 Govt. / Govt.-aided colleges covered under the section 12 B/2F of UGC Act as well as 1151 Non-Aided colleges . Log-in ID and password for accessing e-resources has been sent to the authorized users from these 4446 colleges. All e-resources subscribed for colleges under the N-LIST Project are now accessible to these 4446 colleges through the N-LIST website (<http://nlist.inflibnet.ac.in>)

Objectives of the paper

- To enumerate the E-Journals on Social Sciences on NLIST.
- To know the country wise distribution of E-Journals on Social Sciences on NLIST.
- To find out the language wise distribution of E-Journals on Social Sciences on NLIST.
- To know the accessibility of Archives of E-Journals on Social Sciences on NLIST.
- To know the usefulness and applicability of Social Sciences E-Journals to other discipline.

Research Methodology

NLIST (National Library and Information Services Infrastructure for Scholarly Content) website (<http://nlist.inflibnet.ac.in>) is browsed for the present paper. Social Science (Economics ,History Philosophy Psychology Politics & International relations) E-Journals were searched out and 287 journals were found in NLIST. Total

287 Social science E-Journals were analyzed based on country wide, Language, Subject Headings and publication wise accessibility of archives of E-Journals.

Limitation of the Study

The study is limited to Social Science (Economics, History Philosophy Psychology Politics & International relations etc) E-Journals which is listed on NLIST. For the present paper NLIST data is accessible till the date of 9/12/2015. It is not possible to show all the online journals

access so access , only one e-journal’s full text article is shown at last as a screen snapshot.

Analysis and Interpretations

Total 287 Social Science E-Journals were analyzed based on countrywide Subject Headings and accessibility of Archives of E-Journals and presented in the form of Tables.

Electronic Resources Subscribed under the N-LIST Programme

- 1 Full Text Electronic Resources
- 2 Electronic Books
- 3 Bibliographic Databases

Table 1 List of Full Text Electronic Resources on NLIST

Sr. No.	E-Resources	Publishing Country	No. of Journals	URL
1	American Institute of Physics	USA	18	http://journals.aip.org
2	American Physical Society	USA	14	http://publish.aps.org
3	Annual Reviews	USA	46	http://arjournals.annualreviews.org
4	Cambridge University Press	UK	804	http://journals.cambridge.org
5	Economic and Political Weekly	India	1	http://www.epw.in
6	Indian Journals	India	317	http://www.indianjournals.com
7	Institute of Physics	UK	80	http://www.iop.org/EJ
9	Oxford University Press	UK	446	http://www.oxfordjournals.org/
10	Royal Society of Chemistry	UK	80	http://www.rsc.org/publishing/journals
11	JSTOR	USA	4775	http://www.jstor.org/
			6580	

Table 1 shows Full Text Electronic Resources on NLIST, with URL. There are 6580 journals available on various subjects of different disciplines. Registered users of NLIST directly avail these journals through NLIST.

Table 2 List of E-Journals on Social Science on NLIST

Sr. No.	E-Resources	No. of Journals on Social Science	Back files from
1	Oxford University press	91	10 Yrs
2	Annual Reviews	11	10Yrs
3	Cambridge University Press	134	10 Yrs
4	Indian Journals	50	Access from 2007+
5	Economic & Political Weekly	01	Access from 1966
		287	

Table 2 Shows Number of E-Journals on Social sciences provided through different E-Resources and Back files available of these journals. There are 287 E-Journals on Social sciences available on these E-Resources, Also the back files of these journals available on these resources.

Table 3 Analysis of Country wise Distribution of E-Journals on Social Sciences

Sr. No.	Name of the Country	No. of E-Journals on Social Science	Rank
1	India	51	2
2	USA	11	3
3	UK	225	1
	Total	287	

Table 3 depicts the country wise distribution of E-Journals on NLIST. United Kingdom was in 1st rank due to publication of 225 e-journals followed by India and USA.

Table 4 Analysis of Subject Headings of Electronic Journals on Social Sciences

Sr. No.	Subject Headings	No. of E-Journals
1	Social studies	31
2	Religious studies	12
3	Psychology	21
4	Politics & International Relations	42
5	Philosophy	17
6	History	63
7	History & philosophy of science	06
8	Economics	29
9	Humanities	32
10	Art	01
11	Library and Information Science	09
12	Political Science	38
	Total	287

Table 4 shows the interdisciplinary scope of the online-journals of Social Science. Social Science E-journals can also be used in above subjects.

Search

Most of the e-journals provides two types of search namely i) Simple Search ii) Advanced search. Some journals also provide other searches like Quick search, Citation search, etc. There is E-mail Alerts available on NLIST.

Findings

It is observed that UK was 1st rank publishing 225 e journals followed by USA and India (from table 3) It is observed that Social Science E-journals are interdisciplinary in nature. Out of 287 E-journals 141 e-journals are useful for purely for social sciences as core subject.

Maximum numbers (287) of e-journals archives are accessible from ten year back files some are from starting the journals.

Conclusion

NLIST is comprehensive and cover all scientific and scholarly journals that use an appropriate quality control system, and it will limited to English language and not limited to subject areas. NLIST is to increase the visibility and ease of use of scientific and scholarly journals thereby promoting their increased usage and impact. Research scholars, Scientists, Professionals should browse the NLIST site and access the e-journals on their subject areas. It is also found that the e-journals on NLIST have high Impact factors and citation index.

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