

How IndCat Works



Step 1

Data Acquisition: MARC (.mrc) file is received by institutions



Step 2

Formate Standardization: Translating all incoming heterogeneous data into the ISO 2709 standard format



Step 3

Data Cleaning and Authentication: Using UCMS to fix typographical mistakes in various MARC fields.



Step 4

Deduplication and Merging: Deduplication and merging the authenticated, standardized records into the IndCat database.



<https://indcat.inflibnet.ac.in/>



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Contribute Your Data

IndCat website --> Contribute Your Data --> Paste MARC file drive link



Method 1

Method 2

Export MARC file and send email to indcat@inflibnet.ac.in



Method 3

Data Entry through OCS

Scan to know more about IndCat



About IndCat

IndCat is a premier open-access bibliographic database that serves as the union catalogue of India, comprising bibliographic descriptions of books, theses, and serials from major university and institute libraries nationwide. It is the flagship program of INFLIBNET Centre started in 1995. This online platform acts as a single access point for millions of records across all subjects. IndCat tells you about the library collection, making it easy for students to find and borrow books from anywhere in the country.

IndCat Features



India's largest open-access bibliographic database



Simple, advanced and voice-based search



Serves as virtual catalogue for a single university



Facilitates copy cataloguing and resource sharing

IndCat Stats

Sr. No.	Database	No. of Records	No. of Institutions
1	Books	2,64,59,070	404
2	Theses	4,57,733	472
3	Serials	37,136	239

As on February 2025

Subsets of IndCat

GujCat

GujCat is an online union catalog of books from major college, institute and university libraries in Gujarat, containing 7,90,712 records from 42 colleges.

NERCat

NERCat is designed and implemented to restrict searching of bibliographic records to university libraries in North-eastern region. NERCat has 8,08,462 records of 13 North-Eastern Region Universities.



The AssamCat contains bibliographic records of the documents available in the college libraries across the state of Assam. AssamCat has 15,29,842 Records of 111 colleges of Assam.

IndCat Books

IndCat's Book Database includes 2.64 crore records from 404 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.

IndCat Theses

The Indian Catalogue of Theses contains bibliographic details of doctoral theses submitted to 472 universities and institutions across India. It includes approximately 4,57,733 unique records spanning all disciplines since 1906.

Search Thesis Database

The thesis database allows searches by title, keywords, researcher, guide, university, department, year of submission, and subject keywords. The search interface also includes links to full-text theses in Shodhganga (Full-text Thesis Database).

IndCat-Serials

The Indian Catalogue of Serials holds bibliographic details on serials (including journals, periodicals, annuals, serials) 37,136 records held at 239 Universities / Institutions in India. It provides information on current serials, archived holdings, and e-journals subscribed to by academic libraries. The database also specifies the available and missing journal volumes 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.

Online Copy-Catalogue System (OCS)

OCS 2.0 Portal is designed and developed by the INFLIBNET Centre. It is mainly used to promote cooperative cataloguing and avoid duplication of efforts. Used by 75 universities across the country. It is fully supported with SOUL 2.0/SOUL 3.0 and Koha.



How to Use OCS 2.0



Download latest OCS2.0 from <https://ocs.inflibnet.ac.in/>



Request Login Credentials from IndCat Team



Install and Connect to Local Library Database

Important Features - OCS 2.0



Copy: When no editing is required



Copy as New: When editing is required



Create New Catalogue