

Introduction

Researcher identification schemes (or author IDs) provide a unique identifier for each researcher. Having a distinctive author name is essential for academics' work to be found among a global network of researchers. Benefits of author IDs include:

- distinguishing between authors with the same name
- attributing publications to a single author despite inconsistent use of first names/initials, name changes, publications in different writing systems, etc.
- providing stable URLs to authors and lists of his/her research outputs

1. Scopus ID

The Scopus Author ID will be available only for authors who have publications indexed in the Scopus database. It is an automatically assigned identifier. Researchers having no Scopus-indexed publications cannot get a Scopus ID. To identify the Scopus Author ID,

- Open the browser at www.scopus.com
- Select “**Author**” tab and enter your name (*Author*) and click ‘**Search**’ (Fig.1)

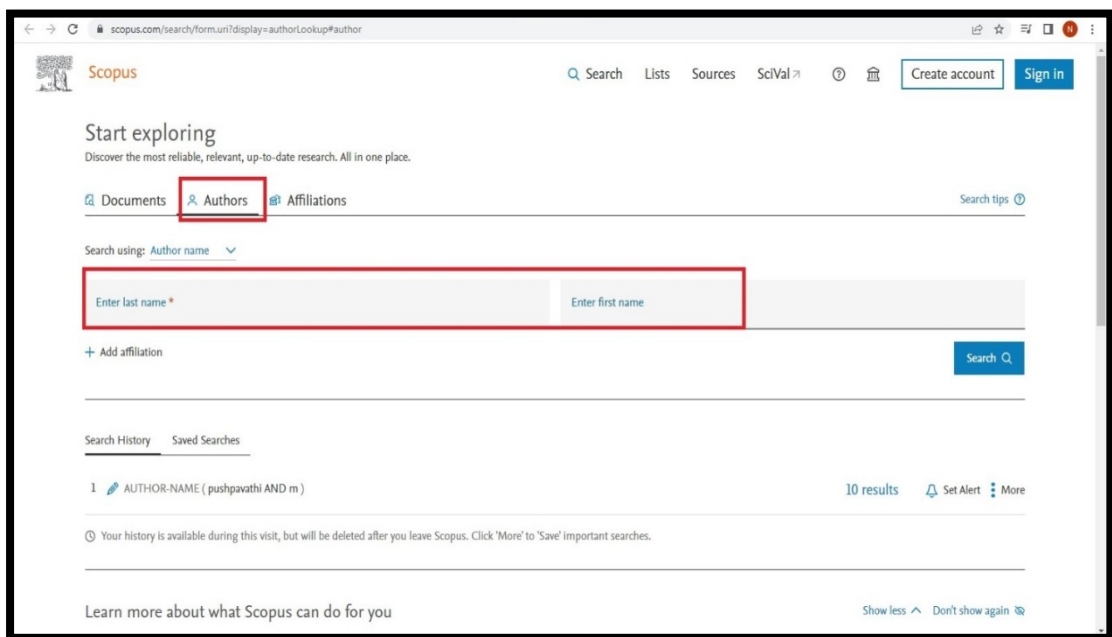


Fig.1

- In case the search retrieves your name, click on the name (Fig.2)

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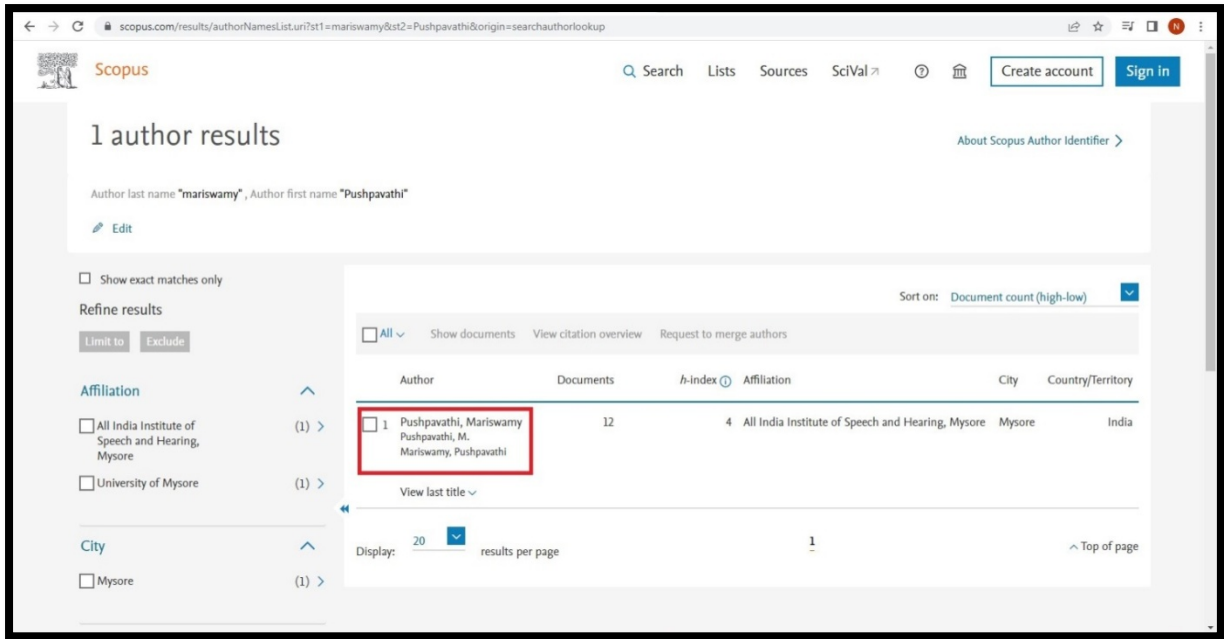


Fig.2

- The Scopus Author ID number will be displayed in the result page (Fig.3)

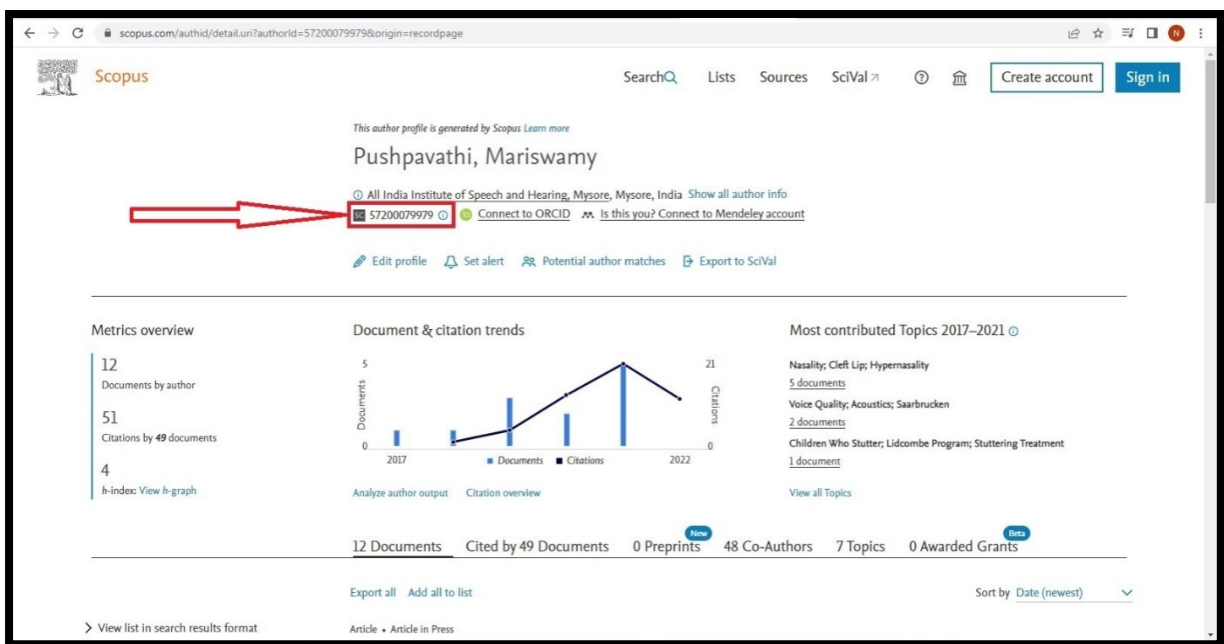


Fig.3

2. ORCID

ORCID (Open Researcher and Contributor ID) is a persistent digital identifier to distinguish a researcher from others and support the researcher’s manuscript and grant submission activities. It is issued free of cost by ORCID, a global, not-for-profit organization.

Following are the steps to create a new ORCID account

- Access <https://orcid.org/>.
- Click the “SIGN IN/REGISTER” link (Fig. 4).

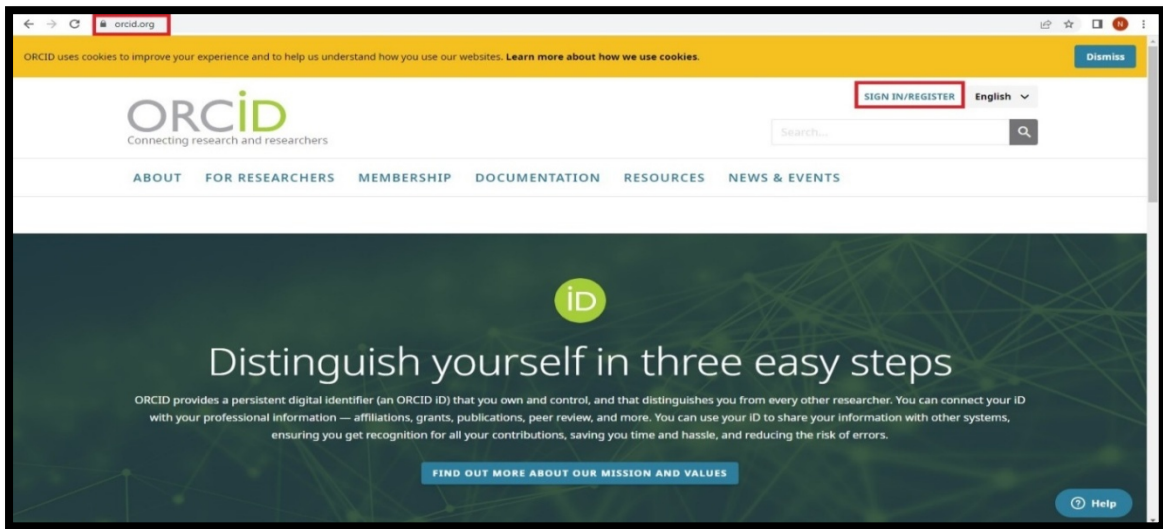


Fig.4

- On the resulting page, click on “**Register Now**” (Fig.5), and fill-in the details needed for the account creation (Fig.6). Pick either ‘Trusted Parties’ OR ‘Everyone.’ (If you select ‘Trusted Parties’, only your trusted organizations and individuals will have access to the ORCID record).

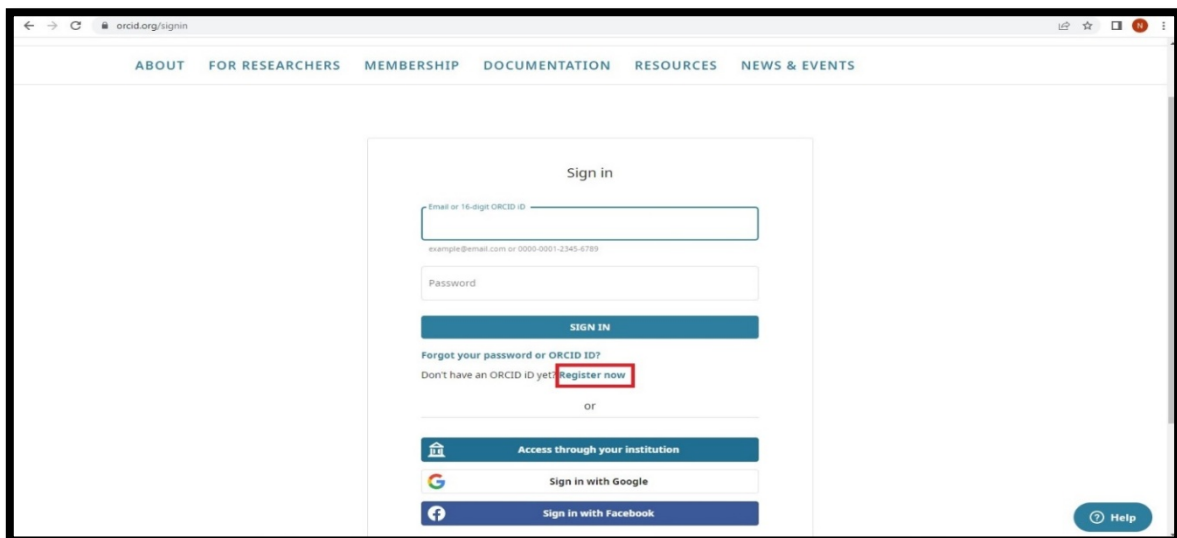


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The figure consists of three sequential screenshots of the ORCID registration process. The first screenshot, titled 'Create your ORCID ID' (step 1 of 3), shows a registration form with fields for 'First name', 'Last name (Optional)', 'Primary email', and 'Confirm primary email'. There are also links for 'GO BACK' and 'NEXT'. The second screenshot (step 2 of 3) shows a 'Password' field, a 'Confirm password' field, and 'Notification settings' with radio button options for receiving emails. The third screenshot (step 3 of 3) shows 'Visibility settings' with three radio button options: 'Everyone (81% of users choose this)', 'Trusted Organizations (5% of users choose this)', and 'Only me (8% of users choose this)'. It also includes a 'Terms of Use' section with checkboxes for consent.

Fig.6

- Follow the auto-generated instructions sent by email.

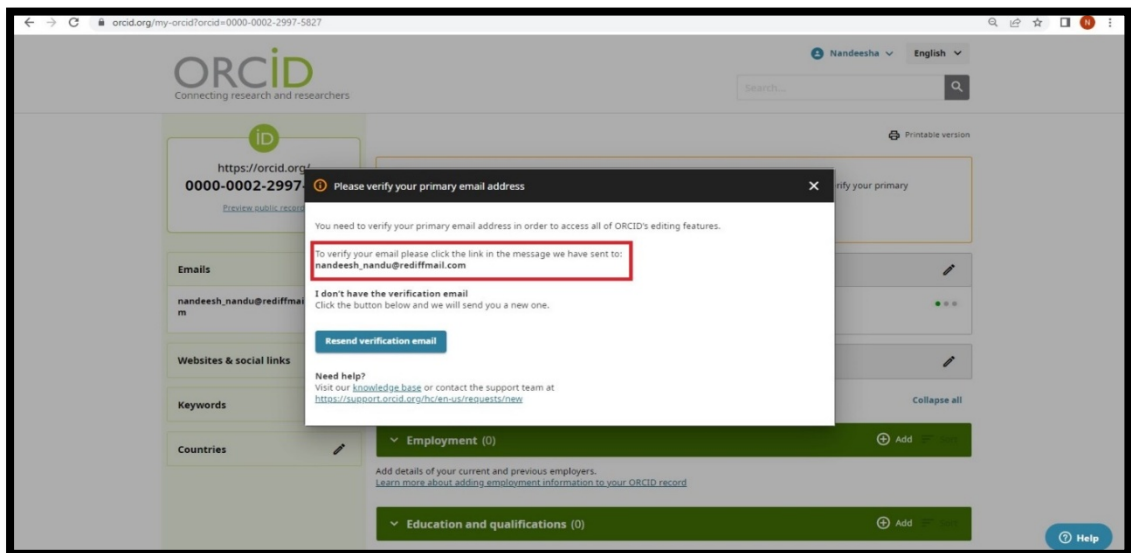


Fig.7

- Now ORCID ID created
- Complete the Biography section (Fig.8)

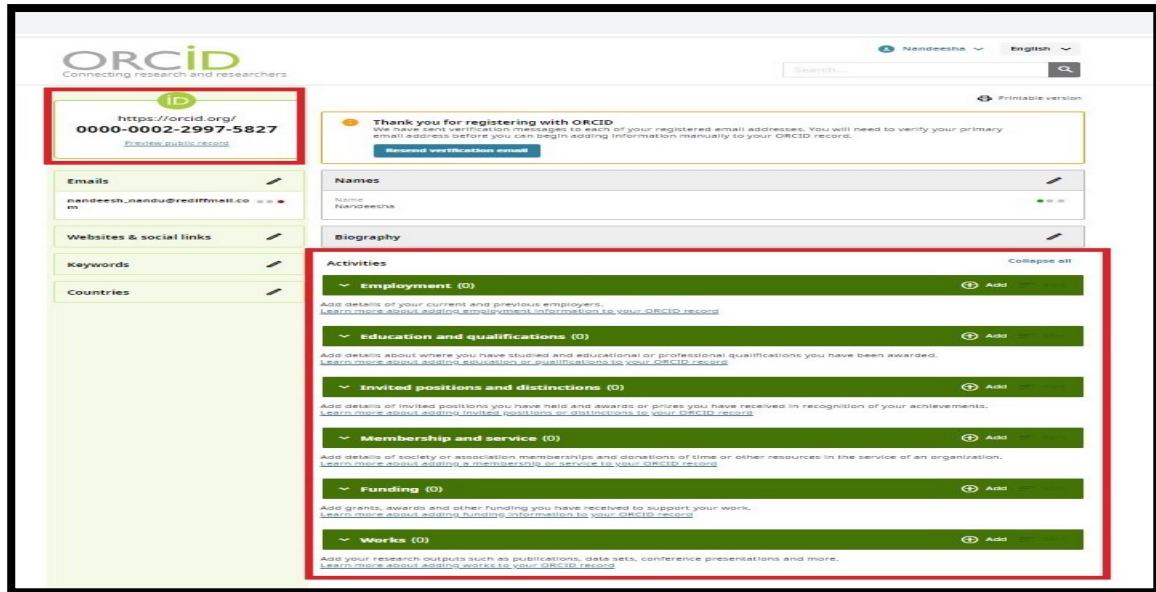


Fig.8

3. Researcher ID

Researcher ID is another important author identifier provided by Web of Science, free of cost. Using Researcher ID, a researcher can (a) Generate a public profile; (b) Manage his/her publication list, (c) Track citations, (d) Generate H-Index, (e) Identify potential collaborators, and (f) Avoid author misidentification.

A new Researcher ID account can be created by following the steps given below:

- Go to <https://www.webofknowledge.com/>
- Click the “**Register.**”
- Fill in your registration details and click on “**Register**”(Fig. 9).

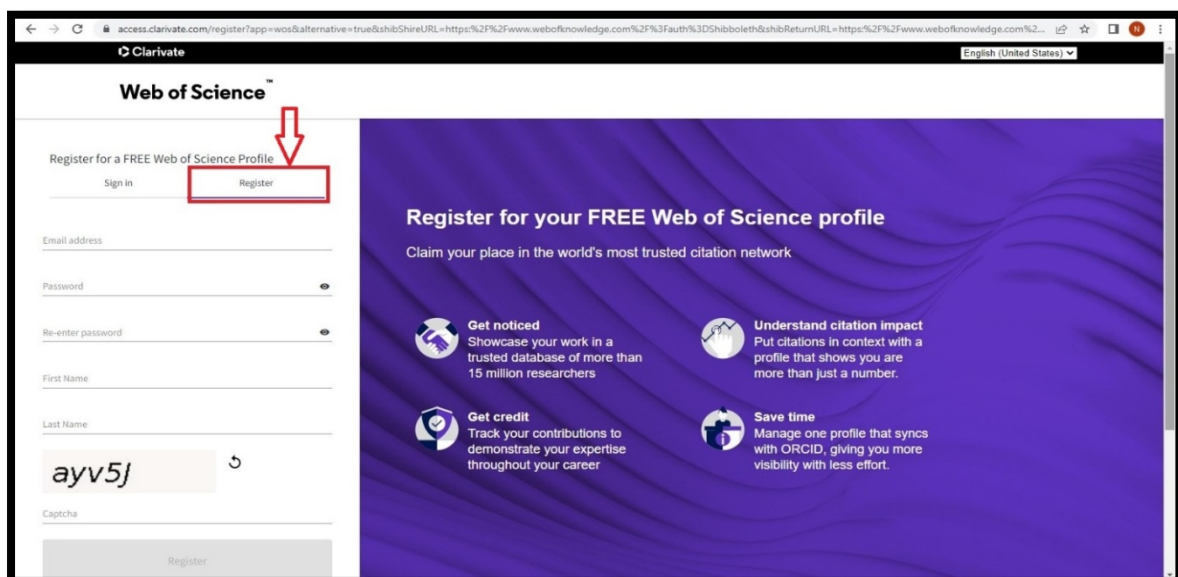


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- Activate the account using the auto-generated link received via email.

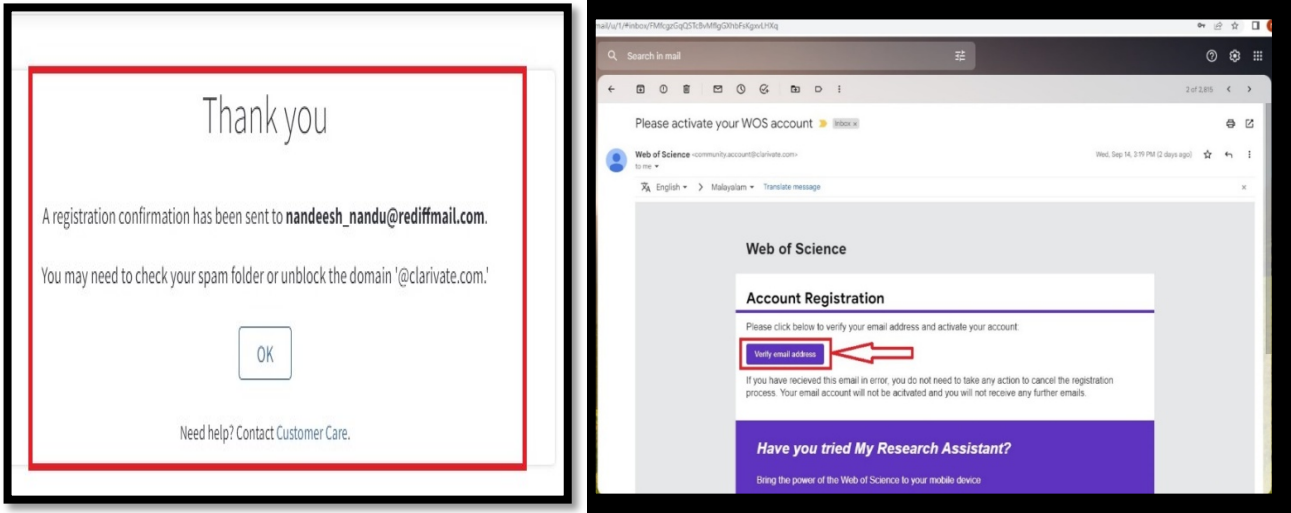


Fig.10

- After activating the account, sign in using the login credentials. On the left corner of the website, click on the **Menu > My Researcher Profile**. Then, the Researcher ID will be displayed. (Fig.11)

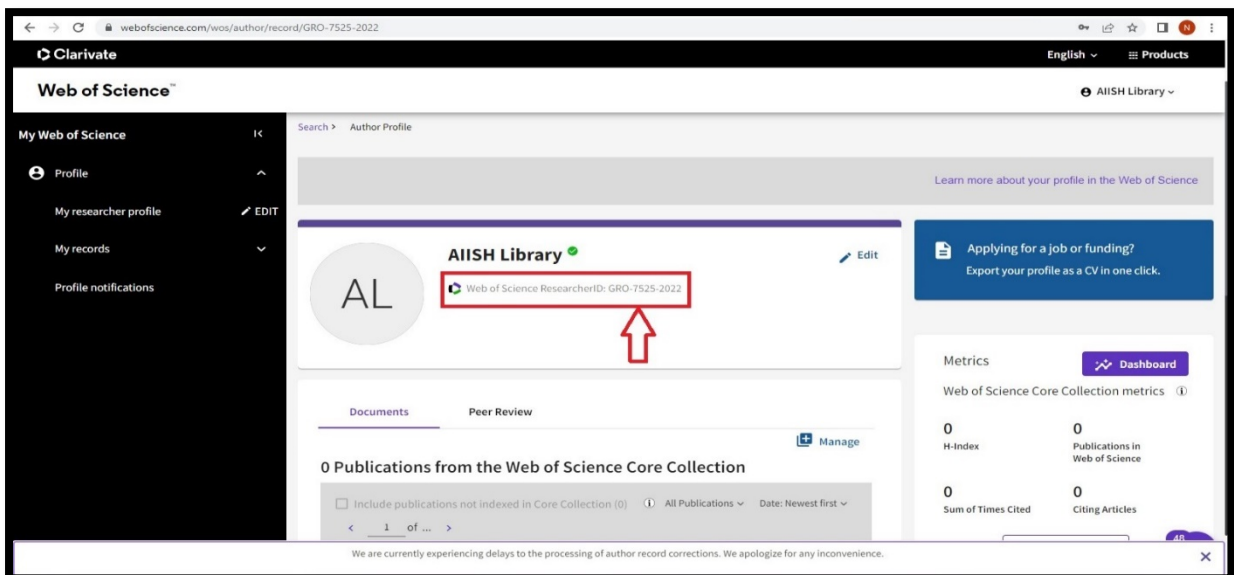


Fig.11

4. Google Scholar ID

Google Scholar is a free literature database to find scholarly research literature like articles, books, theses, and reports published in different disciplines worldwide. It has a facility to create a profile for the researcher and collate his/her publications and citations so that others can find them. Upon creating the profile, an automatic google scholar id will get generated.

A researcher must have a Gmail account to create a google scholar profile. The steps involved are given below.

- Go to www.scholar.google.com
- Click on **Sign in** from the right top corner of the web page. (Fig.12)
- Sign in with your Gmail email account

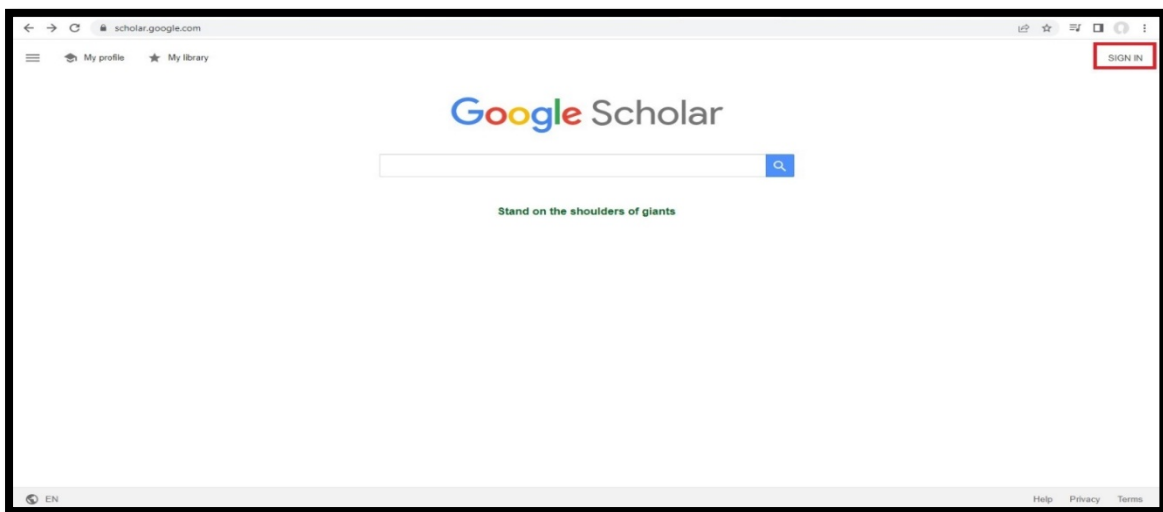


Fig.12

- Fill the required fields for Step 1: Profile; Step 2: Articles; Step 3: Updates (Fig.13)

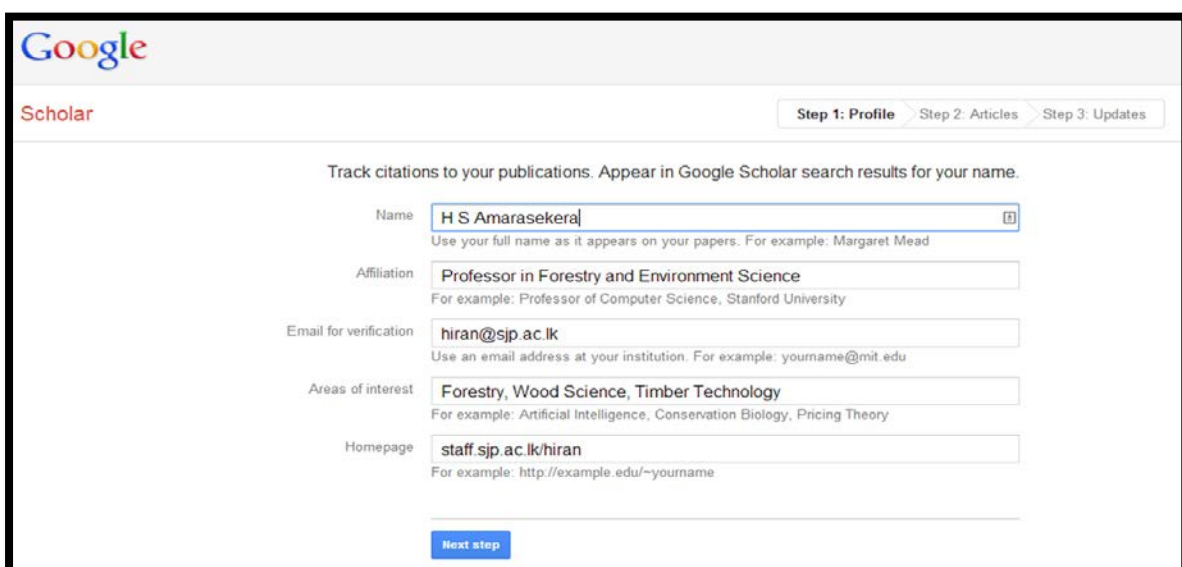


Fig.13

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- After entering the required details, click on **My profile** link on the left side bar (Fig.14)

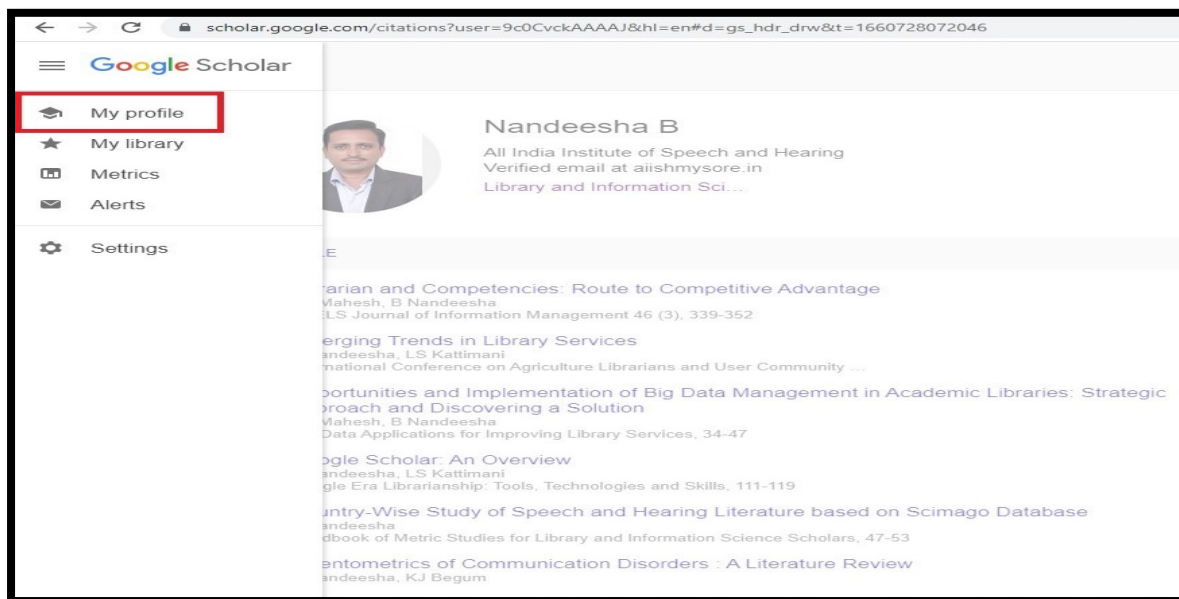


Fig.14

- Now, your Google Scholar ID will be displayed in the URL

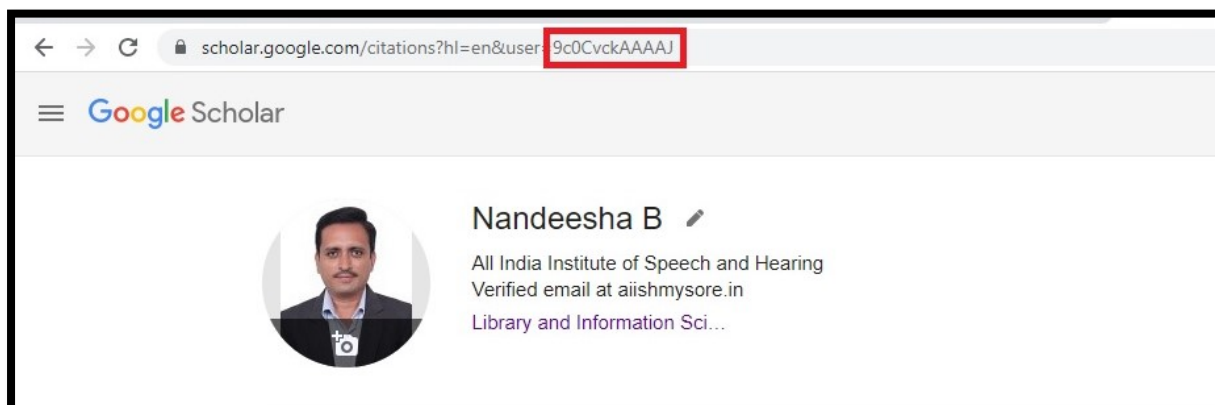


Fig.15