**Vision**

To provide essential science and technical research, development information rapidly, accurately and reliably to support DRDO scientists needs.

**Mission**

* To establish an integrated resource centre and state-of-the-art information management system encompassing knowledge centre, publishing, e-services, printing and multi-media
* To collaborate with national and international institutions/academia/ organizations for cooperative partnerships to improve upon quality and bring visibility to DRDO's R&D Publications
* To introduce new innovative Defence Research Journals for the benefit of R&D community
* To improve the role of DESIDOC's Defence Science Library by reinventing library functions and services with focus on the perception and expectation of the users
* Embracing advanced technologies to provide library and information services on emerging digital platforms
* Introducing digital imprint of DRDO to connect with the scientific and civil society through online community
* Building a "single window" facilitation by improving the quality of print-media, multi-media and network services

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The NIO library has been recognised as the National Information Centre for Marine Sciences (NICMAS) since mid 90s. While catering to the needs of the users from within the institute, it is also committed to serve the marine information seekers within and outside India.

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**National Centre for Science Information** (NCSI) is the information centre of [Indian Institute of Science](https://www.revolvy.com/page/Indian-Institute-of-Science), [Bangalore](https://www.revolvy.com/page/Bangalore), that provides electronic information services to the [Institute](https://www.revolvy.com/page/Institute%22%20%5Co%20%22%22%20%5Ct%20%22_blank)academic community. The Centre also undertakes sponsored R&D projects and conducts a training programme on [Information](https://www.revolvy.com/page/Information) and [Knowledge Management](https://www.revolvy.com/page/Knowledge-Management). NCSI was established in 1983, as a [University Grants Commission (India)](https://www.revolvy.com/page/University-Grants-Commission-%28India%29) Inter-University Centre (IUC). Formerly, as UGC-IUC for science information, NCSI provided national level current awareness services to researchers in Indian universities during 1984 to 2002.

**Information Services**

NCSI provides variety of electronic information services to the [IISc](https://www.revolvy.com/page/IISc%22%20%5Co%20%22%22%20%5Ct%20%22_blank)scholars. These include:

* Intranet and Internet access to world's leading bibliographic databases;
* Gateway services for electronic journals and open access resources on the Internet;
* Customized web access through MySciGate [portal](https://www.revolvy.com/page/Web-portal);
* Document delivery services.

**SciGate: The IISc Science Information Portal**

All the services provided by NCSI are integrated via the Scigate: The IISc Science Information Portal. SciGate is a science information portal and gateway website developed for the use of students, staff and faculty of IISc. SciGate provides single point access to a variety of locally hosted and Internet-based science, engineering, medicine and management information resources. Portion of content on SciGate (open sources, InfoWatch, IISc Publications) and E-JIS (free e-journals) are freely accessible on the Internet.

NCSI also publishes a monthly electronic newsletter InfoWatch reporting new Internet resources of relevance to Science and Technology researchers.

Other services of NCSI include

* ePrints@IISc (Open Access Repository of IISc Research Publications)
* etd@IISc (Electronic Theses and Dissertations of IISc)
* e-JIS (Electronic Journal Information Service)

**Training Programme on Information and Knowledge Management**

NCSI conducts a one-and-half year postgraduate training programme on Information and Knowledge Management. The selected candidates are imparted knowledge and skills in setting up and managing e-information services, digital libraries and knowledge management solutions. The 18 months programme includes course work, assignments, lab work, seminars, and an eight months project. [Science Information](http://freescienceinfortion.blogspot.com/)

**LIS-Forum**

NCSI also operates a moderated, free discussion forum (List service) [LIS-Forum] for library & information professionals.

**KM-Forum**

This is another global discussion forum maintained by NCSI for Knowledge Management (KM). It is a platform for knowledge management professionals to discuss all KM related topics.

**NCSI-Net**

NCSI-Net is a group of all NCSI staff and alumni formed for the professional development of its members. One of the major event conducted by NCSI-Net is Dr. T B Rajashekar (TBR) Memorial annual seminar and lecture series.

**External links**

* [Homepage of NCSI](http://www.ncsi.iisc.ernet.in/about_ncsi.php)
* [Official website of Indian Institute of Science](http://www.iisc.ernet.in/).
* [Scigate: The IISc Science Information Portal](http://www.ncsi.iisc.ernet.in/)
* [ePrints@IISc: Open Access Repository of IISc Research Publications](http://eprints.iisc.ernet.in/).
* [etd@IISc: Electronic Theses and Dissertations of IISc](http://etd.ncsi.iisc.ernet.in/).
* [e-JIS: Electronic Journal Information Service](http://e-jis.ncsi.iisc.ernet.in/).
* [LIS-Forum - Discussion Forum for Library and Information Professionals](http://ncsi.iisc.ernet.in/mailman/listinfo/lis-forum).
* [KM-Forum - Global discussion forum for Knowledge Management](http://ncsi.iisc.ernet.in/mailman/listinfo/km-forum)
* [NCSI-Net - the Network of NCSI Staff and Alumni](http://ncsi-net.ncsi.iisc.ernet.in/)
* [Dr. T B Rajashekar (TBR) Memorial Annual Seminar and Lecture Series](http://ncsi-net.ncsi.iisc.ernet.in/workshop/)
* [Training Programme on Information and Knowledge Management](http://www.ncsi.iisc.ernet.in/training/)

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