EVALUATION OF UNION CATALOGUE OF SOCIAL SCEINCE PERIODICALS AND SERIALS IN INDIA

- ## Authority

  Title: Union Catalogue of Social Science Periodicals and Serials in India

  Genre/Form: Union catalogs

  Publisher: National Social Science Documentation Centre, on behalf of Indian Council of Social Science Research

  Place: New Delhi

  First Edition: 1971- 1976

  Volumes: 32

- ## Introduction

  Union catalogue of Social Science Serials was the first project of the National Social Science Documentation Centre which was started in 1970 almost with the establishment of the Centre.

  The project envisaged three concurrent phases of which the two main are the union catalogue of Social Science Periodicals and the Union Catalogue of Social Science Serials. (Other than periodicals).

  The beginning of the project was made by compiling the union list of social science periodicals received in the selected libraries of the metropolitan cities of Delhi, Bombay and states of Andhra Pradesh & Karnataka. The four Union list were published during 1971 and 1972.

  The project was then planned for publication in two series namely UNION CATALOGUE SERIES (P) and UNION CATALOGUE SERIES (S). The first series covered the social science periodicals with the holdings in selected libraries covering Delhi, Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh, Punjab, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Kerala, Uttar Pradesh, West Bengal, Madhya Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, Maharashtra, Orissa, Bihar, Rajasthan, Jammu and Kashmir, Gujarat and Assam.

  The second Union Catalogue series(S) covered Social Science Serials excluding periodicals covered in the first series. Volumes in this series included Annuals (Reports, Yearbook), Proceedings, Transaction of societies, conferences, five year plan etc. The first volume in the series (S) Union Catalogue of Social Science Serials: Delhi has been published in three parts. The other volumes published in the Union Catalogue series(S) are Madhya Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh, Kerala, West Bengal, Tamil Nadu, Karnataka, Rajasthan, Punjab, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Andhra Pradesh, Bihar, National Library Kolkata and Gujarat.

- ## Scope
  - It is national in Scope as it covers Serials and Periodicals in Indian Libraries only.

- It is known for its authoritativeness as it is (was) compiled and edited under Union Catalogue Project and published by National Social Center Documentation Centre on behalf of Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR), New Delhi.
- Spanned over 32 volumes giving the location of about 31,125 serials in 550 libraries in the 17 states and 2 union territories with a separate volume on National Library Calcutta has been published.
- The subject matter of social science is very wide and varied. So it was decided to attempt to include as completely as possible the titles covering the following subjects

Anthropology	Commerce	Demography
Economics	Education	Geography
History	Journalism	Law
Library Science	Linguistics	Management Science
Political Science	Psychology	Sociology
Statistics	Town and Country planning	

- It is useful to the social scientists as well as to social science librarians to find where about of a serial or periodical in the country.

- ## Treatment
   ### Entry
   - All periodicals having specific individual titles are entered under their exact and full title disregarding the initial article.
   - While serial publications have been entered under the sponsor excluding those which come under the categories of Directories, Handbooks, Yearbooks and law publications which are entered under the title followed by sponsor given in parenthesis.
   - Periodical titles in non-roman scripts are transliterated in Roman scripts without any diacritical remark.
   - Title is given within square bracket if it has been taken from source other than the title page.
   - Every change of title has a separate entry indicating the nature of change such as 'contd. from', 'contd. as', 'superseded by' etc.
   - **Language:** language of periodical is not indicated except when a title is published separately in more than one language.
   - **Place:** The name of country is given immediately after the title in the next line. Two titles from same country are distinguished by the city/town or state as need to individualize them.
   - **Year of Publication:** Volume/ Number and first year of publication of the periodicals if located in the tools is given immediately after country. Volume and year followed by + sign denotes the periodical in progress.

> ➢ **History of Periodical:** Every significant change of title of a periodical is provided as an independent entry. The immediate preceding and succeeding changes in a single periodical title are noted with connecting words like contd. from, cont. as, supersedes, superseded by, split from, split into.
> ➢ **Library Symbol:** Each library is represented by a specially designed 7 digit alpha-numerical symbol. Here the first two symbol represent the total geographical area covered by union catalogue volume. The next two digits represent particular locality in the area. The last three digits are selected suitably from name of library.
> ➢ **Holdings:** All complete volumes available in a library are given against its symbol. The year is given in circular bracket only with last available volume in a library. + sign immediately after the last complete volume with its year indicate received and supposed to be continuously received in future also. Incomplete volumes are mentioned in square brackets.

- ## Arrangement
    - o The union catalogue was arranged in two series namely Union Catalogue Series (P) and Union Catalogue Series (S).
    - o The Union catalogue contains <u>Foreword</u>, <u>Introduction</u> and <u>explanatory note</u> guiding about how to use the catalogue which is followed by <u>Key to Library Symbols</u> which provides full name and address of the library represented by the relevant symbol.
    - o Entries are arranged alphabetically (word by word) ignoring articles, prepositions, conjunctions or any other connecting words.
    - o Acronyms and abbreviations are arranged first in the respective alphabets.
    - o Title index, Subject index and Addenda(Additional location and holding) are given in the end of Serial catalogue

- ## Format
    - o It is available in print format.
    - o The book is handy and easy to consult after reading explanatory note.
    - o Good quality of paper is used.
    - o The information is given in three columns on single page.
    - o Titles are in bold font to catch immediate attention.
    - o Apart from alphabetical entry, titles are also listed numerically in Union Catalogue of Social Science Serials.

- ## Drawback
    - o The Union Catalogue is not available online.
    - o It covers the serials and periodicals available in libraries between 1971 and 1976 only.

- ## Conclusion

  The Union Catalogue of Social Science Periodicals and Serials in India is important bibliographical tool covering the holdings of serials and periodicals available in library on social sciences. It holds important value to social scientists and librarians in India but its coverage is for year 1971- 1976. The union catalogue by its very nature requires the revision from time to time to provide information about the current status about periodicals/ serials in our libraries, if the time of social scientists is to be saved. It is, therefore, being considered to take up this work on regular basis and make it a core activity and a continuing program of NASSDOC. Maintenance of such catalogue at national level is a step toward bibliographical control of social science literature. Further, steps to bring out discipline-oriented union catalogues and computerization should be undertaken.

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FOREWORD

One of the major objectives of the Indian Council of Social Science Research is to create the necessary infra-structure to facilitate social science research and secure improvements in its quality. For this purpose, the Council has established the Social Science Documentation Centre at Delhi, which soon after its inception, undertook to compile a Union Catalogue of Social Science Serials in the important libraries in India. The project, which was started in 1970, envisaged its implementation in concurrent phases so as to make the whole effort quickly, widely and increasingly useful to the social scientists as well as to the social science librarians in the country. Accordingly, a series of publications have been brought out so far. They include the Union Lists of Social Science Periodicals currently received in the libraries at Delhi, Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh and Bombay. Subsequently the Union Catalogue of Social Science Periodicals providing a record of holdings of social science periodical titles in the selected libraries in Delhi, Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh, Punjab, Haryana & Himachal Pradesh, Kerala, Uttar Pradesh, West Bengal, Madhya Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, Maharashtra, Orissa, Bihar, Rajasthan, Jammu & Kashmir, Gujarat and Assam have already been published in the series called Union Catalogue Series (P).

Union Catalogue Series (S) is a separate series intended to cover social science serials other than the periodicals included in the Union Catalogue Series (P). The first Volume in the Series (S) called Union Catalogue of Social Science Serials : Delhi has been published in three parts. The first part includes serial publications of the Government of India, the Princely States, and their Agencies. The second part includes publications issued by the States including erstwhile Provinces, Presidencies etc., Union Territories, Local Bodies, Universities, Commercial Bodies and other Non-Official Organisations of India. The third part includes serial publications issued by Foreign Official and Non-Official Agencies as well those by International Organisations. The other volumes already published in the Union Catalogue Series (S) are Madhya Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh, Kerala, West Bengal, Tamil Nadu, Karnataka, Rajasthan, Punjab, Haryana & Himachal Pradesh, Andhra Pradesh, Bihar, National Library Calcutta and Gujarat.

The present publication is the sixteenth in the Union Catalogue Series (S). It includes 6754 serial publications available in 23 libraries in Maharashtra State.

The Indian Council of Social Science Research wishes to acknowledge gratefully the cooperation extended by many librarians and libraries in India in this project. The Council hopes that the volumes in this series will be of help to the users to locate their Social Science Serial requirements.

The Council will welcome suggestions and comments to improve the utility of other volumes in the series.

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