Library Resources

Comprehensive Directory & Web Links for Library Resources

Books & Union Catalogues

Resource / Item	Website Link	Description & Academic Relevance
MGU Library Catalogue (OPAC)	http://mgucat.mgu.ac.in/	Online Public Access Catalogue of Mahatma Gandhi University covering University & School libraries.
KALNET	https://kalnet.kau.in/	Kerala Academic Library Network union catalogue across university and institutional collections in Kerala.
INDCAT Catalogue	https://indcat.inflibnet.ac.in/	Online Union Catalogue of Indian Universities developed and maintained by INFLIBNET Centre.
DELNET - Inter Library Loan Service	https://delnet.in/	Developing Library Network offering inter-library loans, resource sharing, and document delivery across member libraries.
WorldCat	https://www.worldcat.org/	Global cooperative union catalogue connecting thousands of libraries across 100+ countries.
State Central Library Kerala	http://statelibrary.kerala.gov.in/	Public catalogue of the State Central Library (Trivandrum Public Library).

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Ernakulam Public Library	http://opac.ernakulampubliclibrary.com/	Online catalogue of Ernakulam Public Library
Kottayam Public Library	http://111.92.84.39/	Online catalogue of Kottayam Public Library
CDS Thiruvananthapuram Catalogue		Centre for Development Studies (CDS) library catalogue and research archive.
State Public Library and Research Centre, Kozhikode	https://publiclibrarykozhikode.com/	Public research and documentation library portal for Kozhikode.

Kerala Index

Resource / Item	Website Link	Description & Academic Relevance
Kerala Index	https://keralaindex.keralauniversity.ac.in/	Comprehensive reference index of articles, research literature, and documents relating to Kerala studies.

ONOS (One Nation One Subscription)

Resource / Item	Website Link	Description & Academic Relevance
ONOS Portal	https://onos.gov.in/	Provides access to 13,000+ scholarly journals from 30 top publishers accessible via campus-wide network and off-campus remote access.

Databases

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EBSCOhost Research Databases	https://search.ebscohost.com/	Multidisciplinary academic research databases offering peer-reviewed journal articles and primary literature.
Empire Online	https://www.amdigital.co.uk/collection/empire-online	Extensive collection of primary source documents covering colonial history, cultural contacts, and world empires.

Subscribed E-Books

Resource / Item	Website Link	Description & Academic Relevance
MGU OPAC (Subscribed E-Books)	http://mgucat.mgu.ac.in/	Subscribed ebooks - searchable directly through the university OPAC and downloadable within the campus network.

Subscribed E-Magazines

Resource / Item	Website Link	Description & Academic Relevance
Edzter Digital Library	https://www.edzter.com/	Digital newsstand platform offering access to over 5,000 magazines, journals, and competitive exam preparation periodicals.

Theses & Dissertations

Resource / Item	Website Link	Description & Academic Relevance
MGU Theses Repository	https://www.mgutheses.in/	Institutional repository of doctoral dissertations and research theses submitted to Mahatma Gandhi University.
Shodhganga (INFLIBNET)	https://shodhganga.inflibnet.ac.in/	National repository of Indian electronic theses and dissertations submitted to universities across India.

Open Access Resources

Resource / Item	Website Link	Description & Academic Relevance
Google Scholar	https://scholar.google.com/	Open academic search engine for scholarly literature across multiple publishing formats and disciplines.
SSRN (Social Science Research Network)	https://www.ssrn.com/	Open-access preprint repository dedicated to the rapid dissemination of scholarly research in the social sciences and humanities.
DOAB (Directory of Open Access Books)	https://www.doabooks.org/	Discovery service indexing peer-reviewed open access books with direct full-text links.
DOAJ (Directory of Open Access Journals)	https://doaj.org/	Global directory indexing reputable open access peer-reviewed scientific and scholarly journals.
ERIC (Education Resources Information Center)	https://eric.ed.gov/	Comprehensive digital library of education-related literature sponsored by the US Dept of Education.

Repositories

Resource / Item	Website Link	Description & Academic Relevance
EBSCO Open Dissertations	https://opendissertations.org/	Open-access repository of over 1.4 million master's and doctoral electronic theses and dissertations.
Digital Library of India / NDLI	https://ndl.iitkgp.ac.in/	National virtual digital repository of educational resources, historical books, and multilingual texts.

Social Networking Platforms for Researchers

Resource / Item	Website Link	Description & Academic Relevance
Academia.edu	https://www.academia.edu/	Academic networking platform for sharing papers, monitoring citation impact, and following research fields.
ResearchGate	https://www.researchgate.net/	Professional network for researchers and scientists to collaborate, share publications, and ask research questions.

Archives & Digital Heritage

Resource / Item	Website Link	Description & Academic Relevance
National Archives of India (Abhilekh Patal)	https://www.abhilekh-patal.in/	Official portal providing access to digitised and reference media of historical public records of India.
Empire Online Archives	https://www.amdigital.co.uk/collection/empire-online	Digitised primary source archives spanning 1492 to 1969 for colonial and historical research.

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Hermann Gundert Portal	https://gundert-portal.de/?page=digital_catalogues	Digital repository by Tübingen University preserving historical Malayalam manuscripts, lithographs, and books.
Granthapura	https://granthapura.org/	Digital heritage initiative preserving rare and vintage Malayalam literary works, historical records, and public documents.

Other Online Resources

Resource / Item	Website Link	Description & Academic Relevance
JSTOR	https://www.jstor.org/	Digital library providing access to more than 12 million academic journal articles, books, and primary sources.
Economic & Political Weekly (EPW)	https://www.epw.in/	Renowned journal offering in-depth critical analysis of current affairs, sociology, economics, and politics.

Publishing Opportunities

Resource / Item	Website Link	Description & Academic Relevance
ONOS Open Access Publishing	https://onos.gov.in/	Publishing options and waivers in international scholarly journals under One Nation One Subscription agreements.

Precautions About Using AI

Resource / Item	Website Link	Description & Academic Relevance
AI Hallucination Awareness	https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hallucination_(artificial_intelligence)	Guidelines on detecting fabricated citations, non-existent sources, and inaccurate data generated by generative AI.
RAG (Retrieval-Augmented Generation)	https://research.ibm.com/blog/retrieval-augmented-generation-RAG	Architecture that grounds AI responses in verified external reference databases to ensure factuality.

Grammarly Writing Tool

Resource / Item	Website Link	Description & Academic Relevance
Grammarly Premium	https://www.grammarly.com/edu	AI writing and editing assistant. (Students can obtain free Grammarly Premium access via University Library Membership).

Stay Connected

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Team Library (School of Social Sciences)	ssslibrarymgu@gmail.com	Contact email for library, research inquiries, and reference/referral support.