The largest online primary-source collection in South Asian studies

Used in over 800 South Asian academic institutions
In December 2021, Coherent Digital acquired the Taylor & Francis digital primary-source collections

- Five databases, including the *South Asia Archive*
- Currently migrating them to a new platform with many new features
- Coherent has substantial experience in creating primary-source collections
South Asian cultural materials are...

**Important**

One in four of the world’s people comes from South Asia

**Underrepresented**

Less than 4% of Western library collections
South Asia Archive

- 4.5 million pages of research material
- Content dated 1700-1953
- The entire Indian subcontinent is represented
- Most of the collection is in English—with 15% in vernacular languages, primarily Bengali and Sanskrit
- Designed for both research and teaching
Sourced from the South Asia Research Foundation from an archive of over 15 million pages
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Coverage on all aspects of South Asia, including:

- Partition and Independence
- Crime, Riot, and Resistance
- Colonial Knowledge and Colonial Governance
- Print and the Production of Culture
- Religious and Moral Discourse
- Constructions of Colonial Development
- Gender and Society in Colonial India: Race, Education, and Reform
Gender, race, education

- **Reports** on women’s education, including *Central Advisory Board of Education: Report of the Women’s Education Committee on Primary Education of Girls in India*, 1936 and *Development of Female Education in England and Utilization of Western Methods of Education in Bengal*.
- *Our Cause. A Symposium by Indian Women* (proceedings, 1938)
- *The Scientific Basis of Women’s Education* (book, 1930)
Religion


• Extensive issues of *Modern Review* 1907-1953.


• Hinduism according to Muslim Suffis (*Journal of the Asiatic Society of Bengal, 1924*)

• **Hinduism and the Untouchables** (*Modern Review, 1936*)

• *Islamic Culture* (journal, 1927)

• *Sketch of the Sikhs* (book, 1812)

Colonial governance

- **Manuals** for civil servants—for example, *Manual for the Guidance of Officers of the Excise and Salt Department* and *A Manual for the Guidance of Officers in the Partition of Estates*.
- **Reports** of government departments, including commerce, agriculture, and shipping.
- **The 1941 Indian Census**
- **Journals and bulletins** concerned with Indian financial and industrial performance, including *Landholder’s Journal*, *Commerce: A Weekly Review* and various *Bulletins of Indian Industries and Labour*.
- **Annual reports** of the Ministry of Industry and Supply and the Department of Commercial Intelligence and Statistics.
“an invaluable resource to those studying South Asian (specifically Bengali) history, particularly because of its helpful and relatively consistent organizational scheme. Summing up: Highly recommended. Lower-level undergraduates and above.”

V.M. Natarajan, Barnard College

“Information... lost to the people of India will come alive... and millions of researchers across the world will now be able to access it.”

Kapil Sibai, Indian Minister of Communications and IT

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Functionality

Old platform

NEW platform
Old version…

Great content, but…
1. Not secure (not \textit{https})
2. Not easy to use
3. Slow
4. Content segmentation confusing
Simple user interface
Fast, responsive—with clear titles

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**Jinnah-Gandhi Talks (September 1944)**

All India Muslim League - 1944

There was to be no change of the existing constitution until the termination of the war though agreement by the main political parties to work the existing constitution would loosen ...  

**Mahatma Gandhi: A Memorial Service. Ministers:**

John Haynes Homes and Donald Harrington

The Community Church - 1948

But Gandhi was not so much overwhelmed and humiliated by what happened to him as by what he saw happening to his fellowman and fellowcountryman—the tens of thousands of

- Improved titles
- Content segments brought together for continuity
- Item summary
- Keyword in context visible immediately
- Thumbnail display
The First Election to the Bihar Dewan was held in 1914 and it was a momentous occasion. Congress was elected to the all-India electorate, though it was conducted by a convention. Sir Firatam Pandit (Champion) and though the Nationalists formed the majority of the electors.

The year 1916 saw a crisis in the relationship between the British civil and the local people. It was during the final days of the Zero Movement, when Srinivas was being tortured by the police. The presence of police and the British representatives in Indian politics led to the decline of the Indian National Congress. However, the Congress continued its struggle for self-government and the struggle against the British rule. The Indian National Congress emerged as a powerful force in Indian politics, and its struggle for self-government and the rights of the Indian people continued.
Improved Advanced Search tool

- Phrase search
- Boolean operators AND, OR, NOT, NEAR
- Unlimited number of queries
- VPAT
- Multi-language user interface
New Organizations Directory

Growing to become the definitive source for information about publishing and printing organizations

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ICWA: Indian Council of World Affairs
20 publications
The Indian Council of World Affairs was established in 1943. It is devoted exclusively for the study of international relations and foreign affairs.

OUP: Oxford University Press
774 publications
Oxford University Press advances knowledge and learning. From a child reading their first words to a researcher expanding the frontiers of their field, the possibilities are endless. Established in the...
Community uploads and links

1. Contribute a file or a link

2. We enrich and extract metadata automatically

3. We make it available to users

4. Material outside editorial guidelines can be flagged and removed—persistent violators are denied access

Upload and share materials if you hold copyright

Post links to materials you host or if you don’t hold copyright
List Builder—create custom lists

- Find items
- Build a list of them
- Make a custom landing page
- Or export the records
Upcoming for South Asia Archive

Summer 2022
- Additional topics
- Help files and videos
- Series—remove single titles
- Merging of individual segments

Fall 2022
- Thumbnail Gallery
- Printing and downloading
- Easier Keyword-in-Context (KWIC)
- More standardization of titles/authors/printers/publishers
- Table conversion
Future modules

- Discovery service—indexing over a million additional open items
- Additional collections of South Asian content to sit alongside South Asia Archive on the South Asia Commons platform
- And more… your ideas welcome