

## **An Assessment of Indian Citation Publication Output: A Study on Indian Citation Index**

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Indian Citation Index one of the pioneers in India to develop, preserve, disseminate and serve customized knowledge products and services to scholarly world. Indian Citation Index (ICI) is developed by "The Knowledge Foundation" (a registered society) with the required support of M/s Diva Enterprises Pvt. Ltd. Indian Citation Index. ICI provides a multidisciplinary research platform covering about 1000 scholarly journals from India. The ICI database also produces other useful byproducts like Indian Science Citation Index (ISCI), Indian Social Science and Humanities Citation Index (ISSHCI), Indian Journals Citation Reports (IJCR), Indian Science and Technology Abstracts (ISTA), and Directory of Indian Journals (DOIJ). The ICI database enables access and empowers users to search, track, measure and collaborate in the sciences, social sciences, arts, and humanities to turn raw data/information into the powerful knowledge one needs. ICI feature makes this database a specialized information product and highly useful for researchers, policy makers, decision takers, editors, librarians and so on (ICI, 2016).

Indian Citation Database has wide coverage of 5,38,100 number of articles documented in 935 publications with 9,969,332 references. It is also found that there are 24 major subject categories. In that Agriculture has 87 journals with 21303 articles followed by Anthropology has 7 journals with 877 articles; Arts & Humanities has 7 journals with 1398 articles. Top five institutions from India are Indian Agricultural Research Institute IARI (5231), Punjab Agricultural University PAU (5801), All India Institute of Medical Sciences New Delhi (AIIMS New Delhi) 5051, Annamalai University (4034), Tamilnadu Agriculture University (3958). The citations range from highest to lowest as covered by ICI. It is found that there is a gradual growth of literature covered by ICI over the years. The study limited only to ICI. It is not compared any other international database. It is found that there is a significant difference between the contributors, contributing agencies and the citation trends.

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