



Indian Council
of World Affairs



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Uniting Together in
a Single Thread
of Knowledge



□ Prime Minister Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri's visit to the Indian School of International Studies, Sapru House, 13 August 1965.



□ Members of the Executive Committee – Inauguration of Sapru House by Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru, 1 May 1955.



□ Seminar on 'Social Science Research and Library Development in India' organized by the Indian Council of World Affairs in cooperation with the Indian School of International Studies, 25-27 February 1967.



□ Farewell to ICWA's first Secretary General Dr. A. Appadorai (1946-1954) & Director, Indian School of International Studies (1955 -1964), 8 December 1964.

Indian Council of World Affairs (ICWA)

Established in 1943, the Indian Council of World Affairs (ICWA) was founded by a group of intellectuals, including Sir Tej Bahadur Sapru and Dr. H.N. Kunzru. In 2001, the Government of India declared ICWA an 'Institution of National Importance' through an Act of Parliament. The primary objective of ICWA is to promote the study of Indian and international affairs, develop global opinion on international issues, and serve as a knowledge repository on world affairs.



📖 Hon'ble Vice President of India and President, ICWA Shri Jagdeep Dhankhar searching e-resources at the Library Computer Centre during his Visit to Sapru House Library on 13th September 2023.



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The ICWA Library

Founded in 1943, the ICWA Library, also known as the Sapru House Library, traces its origins to a donation of books from the Royal Institute of International Affairs, London. This donation marked the beginning of the library's expansive collection, which has since become one of the largest in Asia, specializing in International Affairs and Area Studies.



📖 Hon'ble Vice President of India and President, ICWA Shri Jagdeep Dhankhar inaugurating the renovated Sapru House Library on 13th September 2023.



 Circulation Desk

Library Vision

To be a leading resource hub for academics, diplomats, policymakers, students, and researchers in international relations, global diplomacy, foreign policy, and international law by offering innovative services that reflect the core objectives and mission of ICWA.

Library Collections

The Sapru House Library offers an extensive collection of books, journals, and periodicals in both print and digital formats. Our collection includes:

Books: Over 120,000 books, categorized into:

- **General Books:** Available for borrowing by members.
- **Reference Books:** Includes encyclopedias, handbooks, dictionaries, and multi-volume works.



Web OPAC



Library Foyer

THE HISTORY of JAPAN,

GIVING
An Account of the ancient and present STATE and
GOVERNMENT of that EMPIRE;

OF
Its Temples, Palaces, Castles and other Buildings;

OF
Its Metals, Minerals, Trees, Plants, Animals, Birds and Fishes;

OF
The Chronology and Succession of the EMPERORS,
Ecclesiastical and Secular;

OF
The Original Manners, Religions, Customs, and Manufactures of the
Natives, and of their Trade and Commerce with the Dutch
and Chinese.

Together with a Description of the Kingdom of Siam.

Written in High-Dutch by ENGELBERTUS KAMPER, M.D.
Physician to the Dutch Embassy in the Emperor's Court, and translated from his
Original Manuscript, never before printed, by

J. G. SCHEUCHZER, F.R.S. and a Member of the
College of Physicians, London.

With the Life of the Author, and an Introduction.

ILLUSTRATED with many COPPER PLATES,

VOLUME B.

L O N D O N:

Printed for the TRANSLATOR, MDCCLXXVII.

JOURNAL OF A TOUR

SNOWY RANGE

THE HIMALA MOUNTAINS.

RIVERS JUMNA AND GANGES.

BY JAMES BAILLIE FRASER, ESQ.

LONDON.

PRINTED FOR BOWNELL AND MARTIN, BOND-STREET.

- Oldest Books in the Library
- The History of Japan by Engelbertus Kamper (1727)
- The Himala Mountains: Rivers Jumna and Ganges by James Baillie Fraser (1820)



Collection of Census and Gazetteers

Collection of Annuals and yearbooks

- **Rare Books:** Includes books published before 1951, with the oldest dating back to 1727.
- **Hindi Books:** A collection of books published in Hindi.

Periodicals:

- **Bound Volumes:** A strong collection of periodicals on subjects such as international relations, diplomacy, foreign policy, economics, and law.
- **Annals:** Includes yearbooks, reports, statistical documents, and budgets from various government departments and institutions.



 Rare Books



 Newspaper Archives



- **Bound Newspapers:** Files of key newspapers, including *The Hindu* (1933-present), *The Economic Times* (1972-2004), *International Herald Tribune* (1968-2004), and *The New York Times* (1913-1949).


Current Periodicals Subscription: The library subscribes to over 40 periodicals, in both print and digital formats, covering areas like *African Affairs*, *Chinese Journal of International Politics*, *Foreign Affairs*, *Foreign Policy*, *World Affairs*, and more.

E-Resources:

- **Databases:** Access to databases like EBSCO (Political Science), Project MUSE, Megzter, and J-STOR.
- **E-Journals:** Subscription to a range of journals in digital format. *India Quarterly* is available in digital format since 1946.
- **Digitized Press Clippings:** Over one million clippings from national and international newspapers (1950-present).
- **Hindu Newspaper:** Digital archives since 1933
- **Digital Rare Books:** More than 4,500 rare books published before 1951, available through the library catalog.
- **Arrangement of Collection:** All print books are classified according to the Dewey Decimal Classification (DDC) system. Print journals are arranged alphabetically, and shelf and row guides are available for easy navigation.





 Library Courtyard

Library Membership

Library membership is open to parliamentarians, MLAs, academicians, diplomats, historians, civil servants, journalists, members of civil society, and postgraduate students pursuing research in international relations, foreign policy, diplomacy, and political science.

Membership Requirements:

- A valid ID and proof of residential address (Aadhar Card) are required for enrollment.
- Membership is valid for one year from the date of enrollment.

For Research Scholars/Students:

- Priority is given to Postgraduate, M.Phil., Ph.D., and research scholars in the fields of International Relations, Foreign Policy, Diplomacy, and Political Science.



 Hindi Books Collection

 Heritage of Diplomacy:
Collection of Books by
Indian Diplomats

- Required documents: Institutional ID card, a letter of recommendation from the Dean/Head of Department/Research Supervisor, and proof of address (Aadhar Card).

Referral Membership

Students and research scholars can avail one-week referral membership by submitting a letter of recommendation from their institution, along with an ID card.

Membership Fees:

- **Annual Fee:** Rs. 500
- **Refundable Security Deposit:** Rs. 2,800 (Refunded upon producing the original receipt, subject to any dues)

Services Offered

The Sapru House Library offers the following services to its members:

- Circulation of Reading Materials
- Reference and Information Services
- Document Delivery Service
- Inter-Library Loan (ILL)
- New Arrivals Notifications
- Photocopy Service
- Research Support Services
- Reading Hall
- Computer Working Stations



 Reading Room

Resource Sharing

The library is a member of the Developing Library Network (DELNET), enabling the acquisition of resources not available in the library through inter-library loans.

IT Resources

The library provides computers and two tablets for accessing online databases and other digital resources.

Opening Hours *(Subject to Change)*

Please check ICWA Website for updates: www.icwa.in



 Reading Hall

Important Library Rules

- Only registered members may use the library.
- Always carry your Library Membership ID card while visiting.
- Silence must be maintained at all times. No discussions or noisy activities are allowed.
- Only water is permitted inside the library. All other food and beverages must be left at the locker facility available near the entrance.
- Mobile phones must be kept on silent mode. Use of phones inside the library is prohibited.
- Personal belongings should not be left unattended; the library is not responsible for any loss or theft.
- Handle library materials with care. Do not mark, underline, write on, or damage books. Any damage will result in penalties.
- The cyber library facilities are reserved for academic and research purposes only. General browsing, watching movies, or playing video games is not allowed.

Paintings from Palestine displayed at Sapru House Library



The Up Rising
A Painting by Abdul Rehman Mzaen

📖 'The Up Rising' by Abdul Rehman Mzaen



Three Tales
by The Arab Palestinian Artist Ismail Shammout

📖 'Three Tales' by Ismail Shammout



Dance of Peace
A Painting by Abdul Rehman Mzaen

📖 'Dance of Peace' by Abdul Rehman Mzaen



**“सर्वे विद्याः समाप्नोति या पुस्तकगृहे स्थिता।
ज्ञानेन प्रकाशितं सर्वं तस्मिन्नि प्रकाशते जगत्॥”**

**“All knowledge is acquired from books
kept in the library.**

**Through knowledge, everything in the
world is illuminated, and the world itself
shines in knowledge.”**



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