

Title: Sindhi Sanchaya: Building a Comprehensive and Interactive Database of a Partitioned Literature

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Overview of the project:

As a minor language in India and as a partitioned language and literary tradition, Sindhi needs greater presence on the Internet. Sindhi Sanchaya is envisioned as a comprehensive and interactive online database of Sindhi literature connecting the communities of readers, researchers and enthusiasts to Sindhi texts scattered in different places online as well as offline. This database consists of information about Sindhi books published in India in three scripts: Perso-Arabic, Devanagari, and Roman so that the books become accessible as cultural identity and legacy to Sindhi speakers all over the world.

Research Methodology:

- Collection of archival material, books and open source material
- Documentation and cataloguing using digital tools like Omeka S for creating an open space for the underrepresented language of the country
- Curation and standardisation of the categories and labels
- Production of metadata (title, author, year and location of publication, publisher details) in 3 scripts (Perso-Arabic, Devanagari, and Roman) to make the repository accessible and interactive
- Creation of the digital infrastructure for annotation of books with the help of tags and brief descriptions
- Development of a mechanism to crowdsource annotations write a short Methodology of the project

Deliverables:

- Develop Sindhi Sanchaya metadata
- Cataloguing the records collected
- Creating interactive digital repository
- Publish the project report and academic papers

