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Message



It gives me immense pleasure to present the inaugural issue of the Scholarly Insights Monthly Bulletin of Ashoka University — a platform dedicated to celebrating, documenting, and amplifying the vibrant research ecosystem of our university.

Ashoka University has consistently fostered a culture of intellectual curiosity, interdisciplinary inquiry, and evidence-based scholarship. Our faculty, researchers, scholars, and students are contributing meaningfully to global knowledge across the humanities, social sciences, natural sciences, and emerging interdisciplinary domains. This Bulletin seeks to bring these diverse research narratives together in a structured and accessible format, strengthening internal awareness while enhancing external visibility.

In today's academic landscape, research excellence is not measured solely by publications, but also by impact — societal engagement, policy influence, innovation, collaboration, and responsible knowledge dissemination. The Scholarly Insights Monthly Bulletin is envisioned as a strategic knowledge communication instrument that:

- Showcases publications, funded projects, and research milestones
- Highlights interdisciplinary collaborations and global partnerships
- Tracks research metrics and visibility indicators
- Promotes open access, research integrity, and responsible scholarship
- Connects research outcomes with societal and policy relevance

The Bulletin also marks a significant step toward strengthening research communication practices within the University. By systematically curating and disseminating research achievements, we aim to build a sustainable knowledge archive that supports institutional memory, strategic planning, fundraising initiatives, and international outreach.

May this Bulletin serve not only as a record of accomplishment but as an inspiration for deeper inquiry, meaningful collaboration, and impactful scholarship.

With best wishes,

Dr. Shantanu Ganguly
Director (Library Operations)

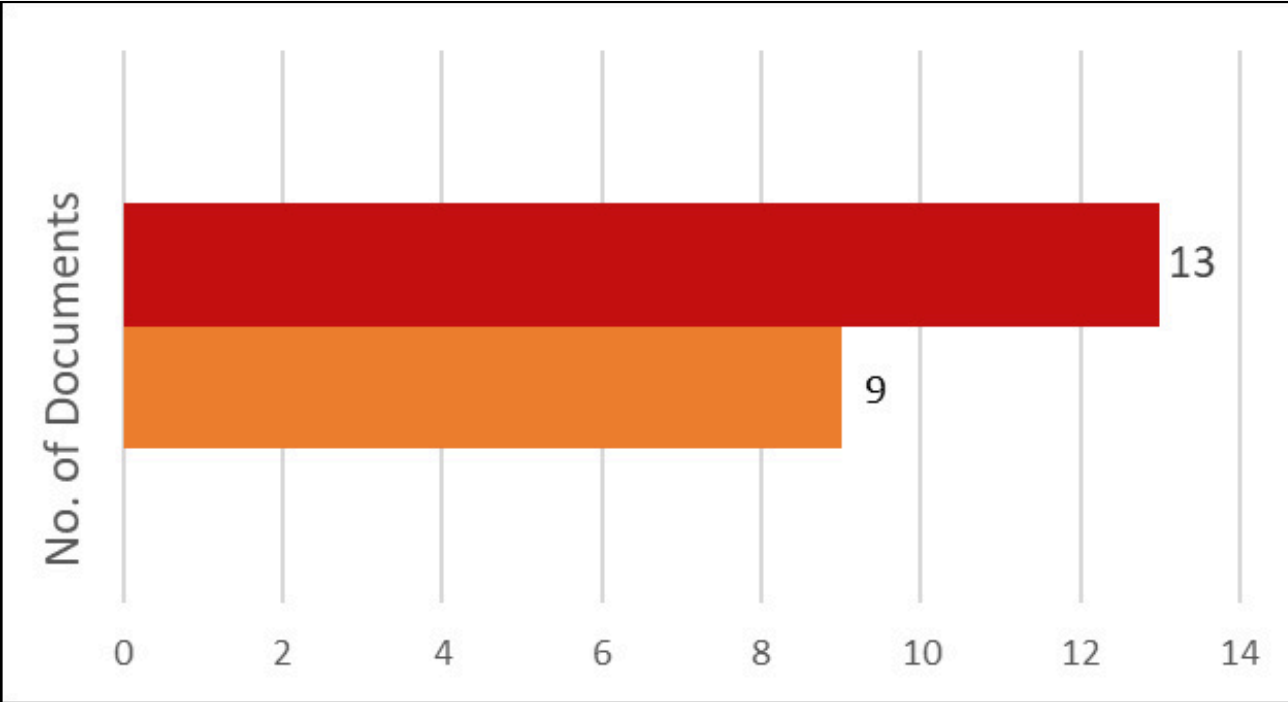
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Research Output Overview

Publication Metrics - January 2026

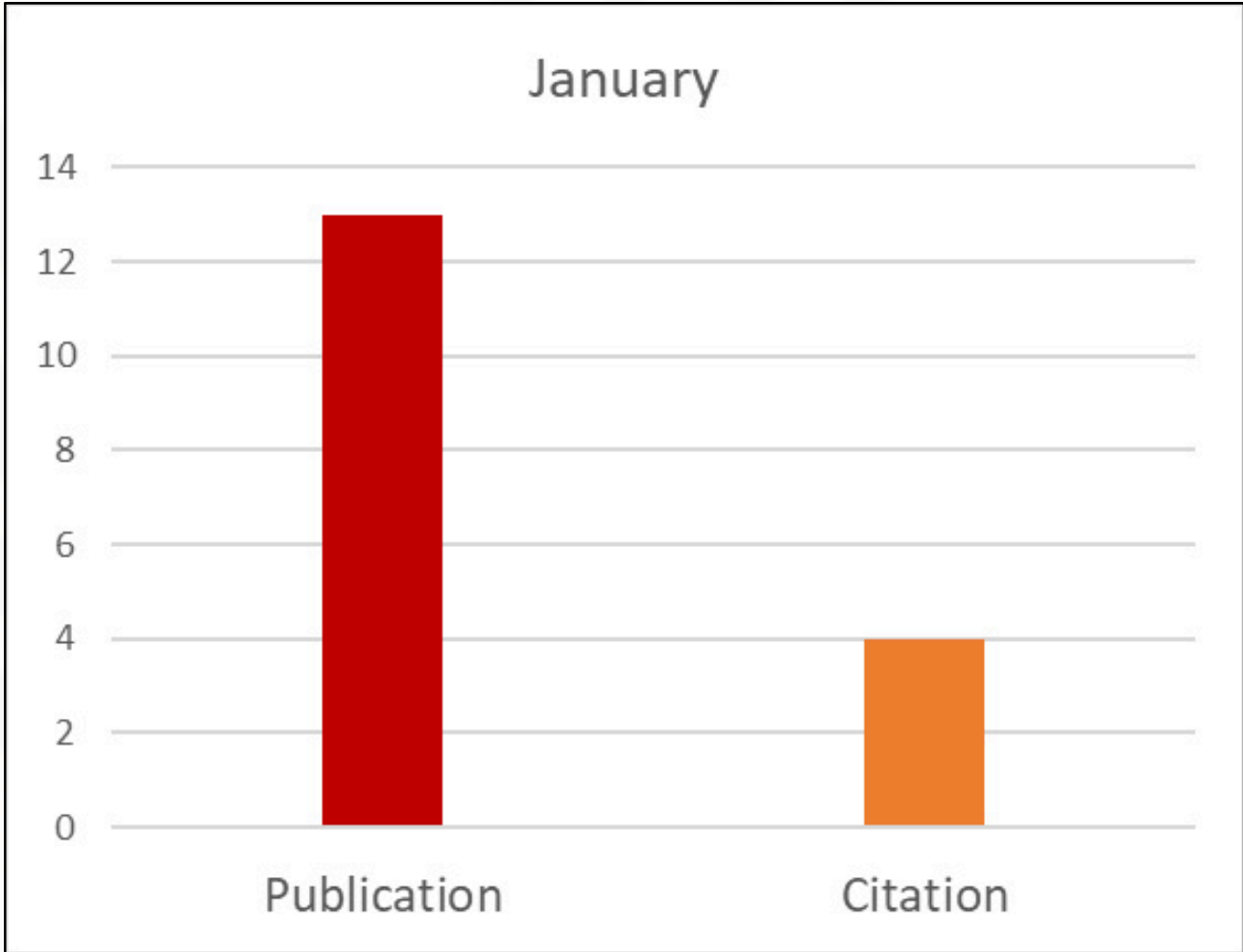
Publication Metrics January			
Source	Year	Month	No. of Documents
Scopus	2026	January	13
Web of Science			9



*Source: Scopus & WoS (data extracted on 3rd Feb 2026)

Citation Metrics - January 2026

Publication Citation		
Month	Publication	Citation
Scopus	13	4

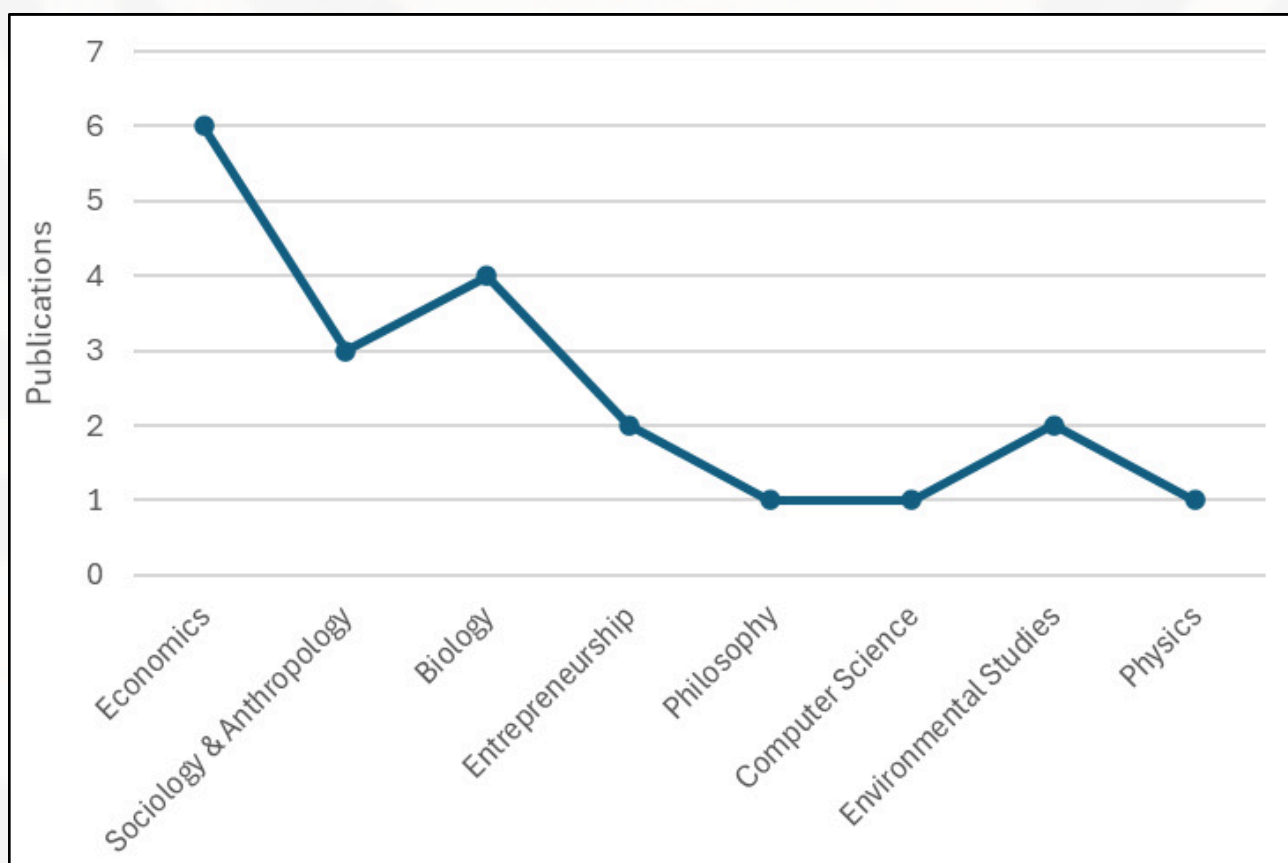


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Monthly Publication Metrics

Department Wise Overview

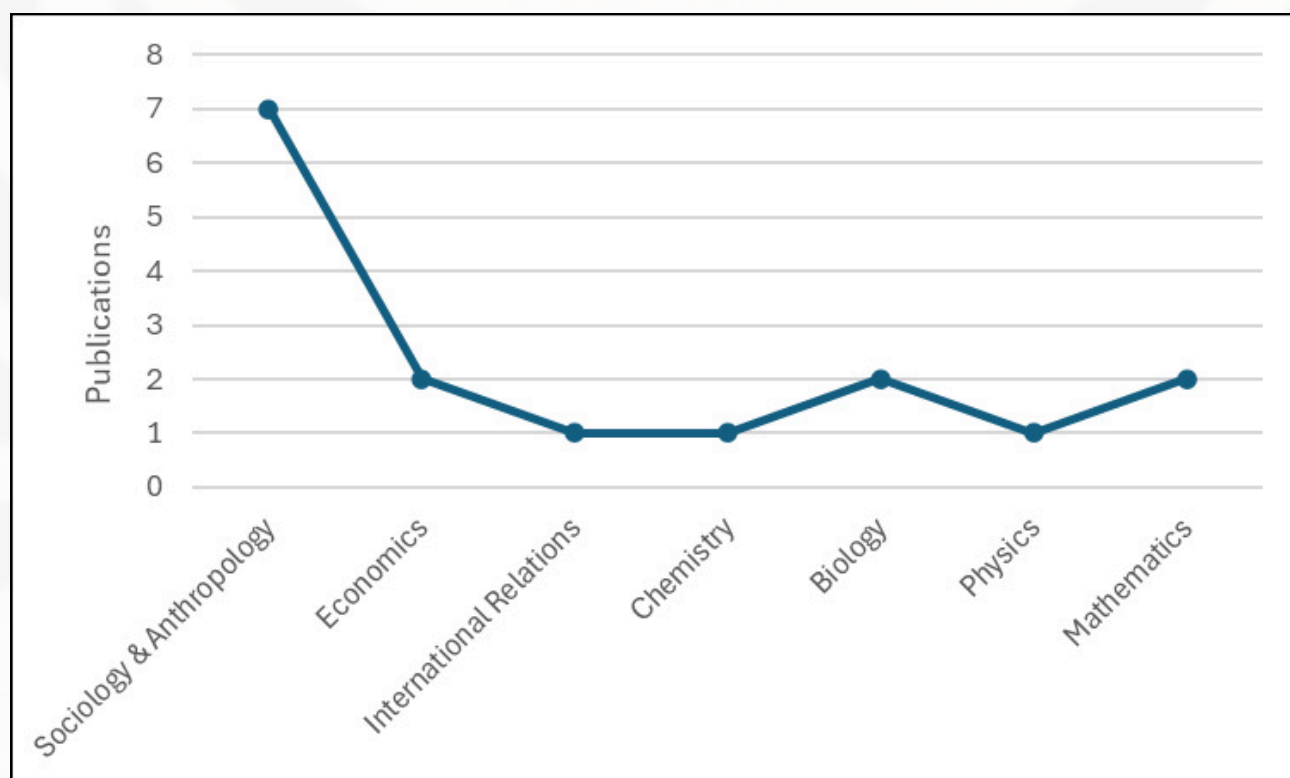
Departments	Publications
Economics	6
Sociology & Anthropology	3
Biology	4
Entrepreneurship	2
Philosophy	1
Computer Science	1
Environmental Studies	2
Physics	1



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Department Wise Overview

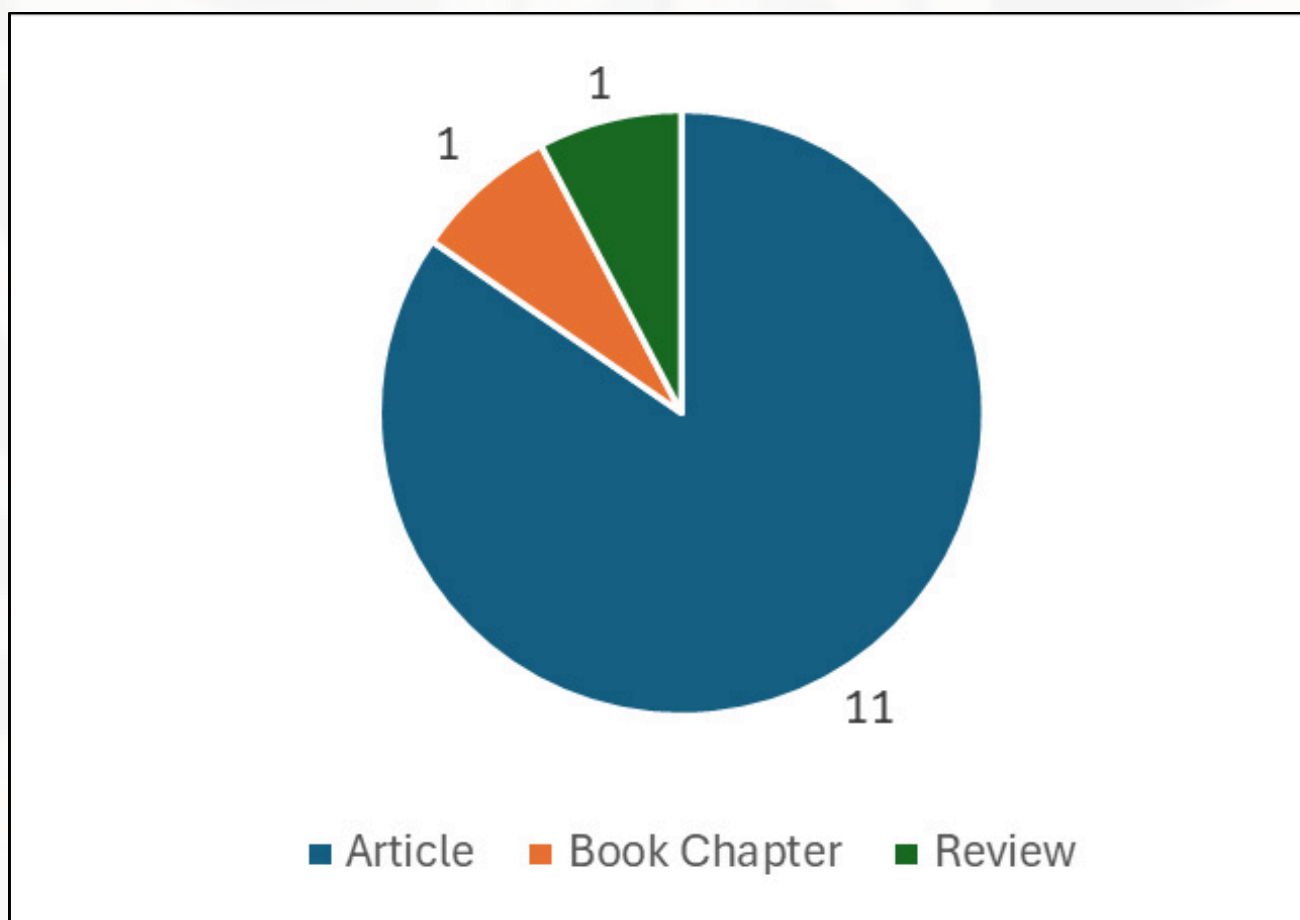
Departments	Publications
Sociology & Anthropology	7
Economics	2
International Relations	1
Chemistry	1
Biology	2
Physics	1
Mathematics	2



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Publication Type

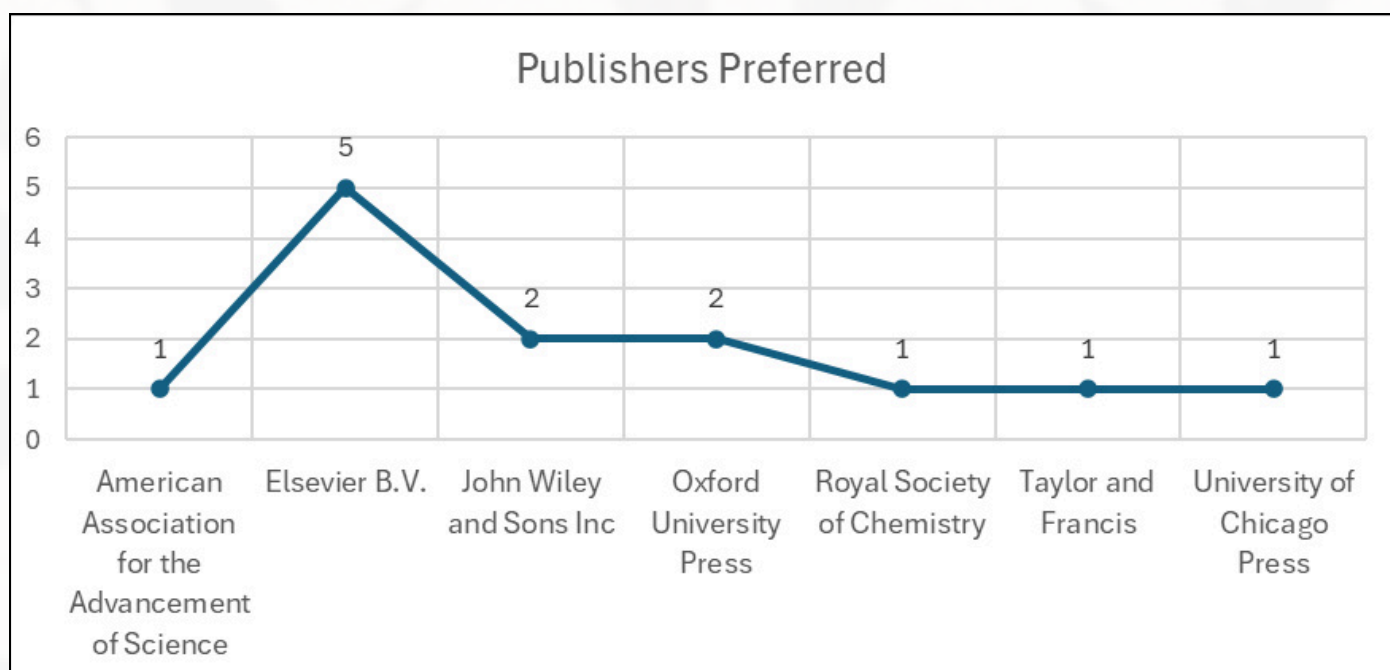
Document Type	Documents
Article	11
Book Chapter	1
Review	1



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Preferred Publication Platforms

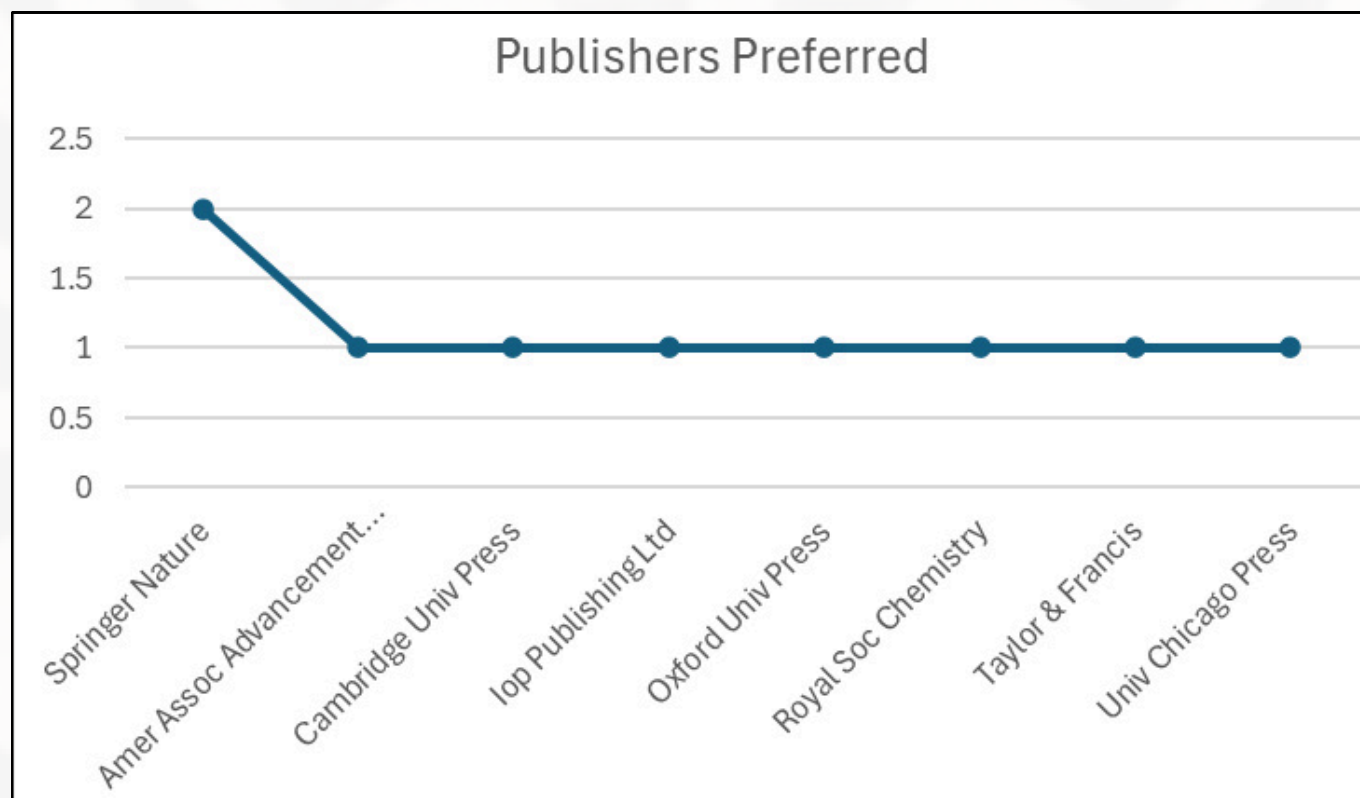
Publisher	Publications
American Association for the Advancement of Science	1
Elsevier B.V.	5
John Wiley and Sons Inc	2
Oxford University Press	2
Royal Society of Chemistry	1
Taylor and Francis	1
University of Chicago Press	1



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Preferred Publication Platforms

Publishers	Publications
Springer Nature	2
Amer Assoc Advancement Science	1
Cambridge Univ Press	1
Iop Publishing Ltd	1
Oxford Univ Press	1
Royal Soc Chemistry	1
Taylor & Francis	1
Univ Chicago Press	1



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Area Wise Distribution

Subject Areas	Publications
Economics, Econometrics and Finance	6
Social Sciences	3
Agricultural and Biological Sciences	2
Business, Management and Accounting	2
Arts and Humanities	1
Biochemistry, Genetics and Molecular Biology	1
Chemistry	1
Computer Science	1
Earth and Planetary Sciences	1
Environmental Science	1
Medicine	1
Multidisciplinary	1
Physics and Astronomy	1

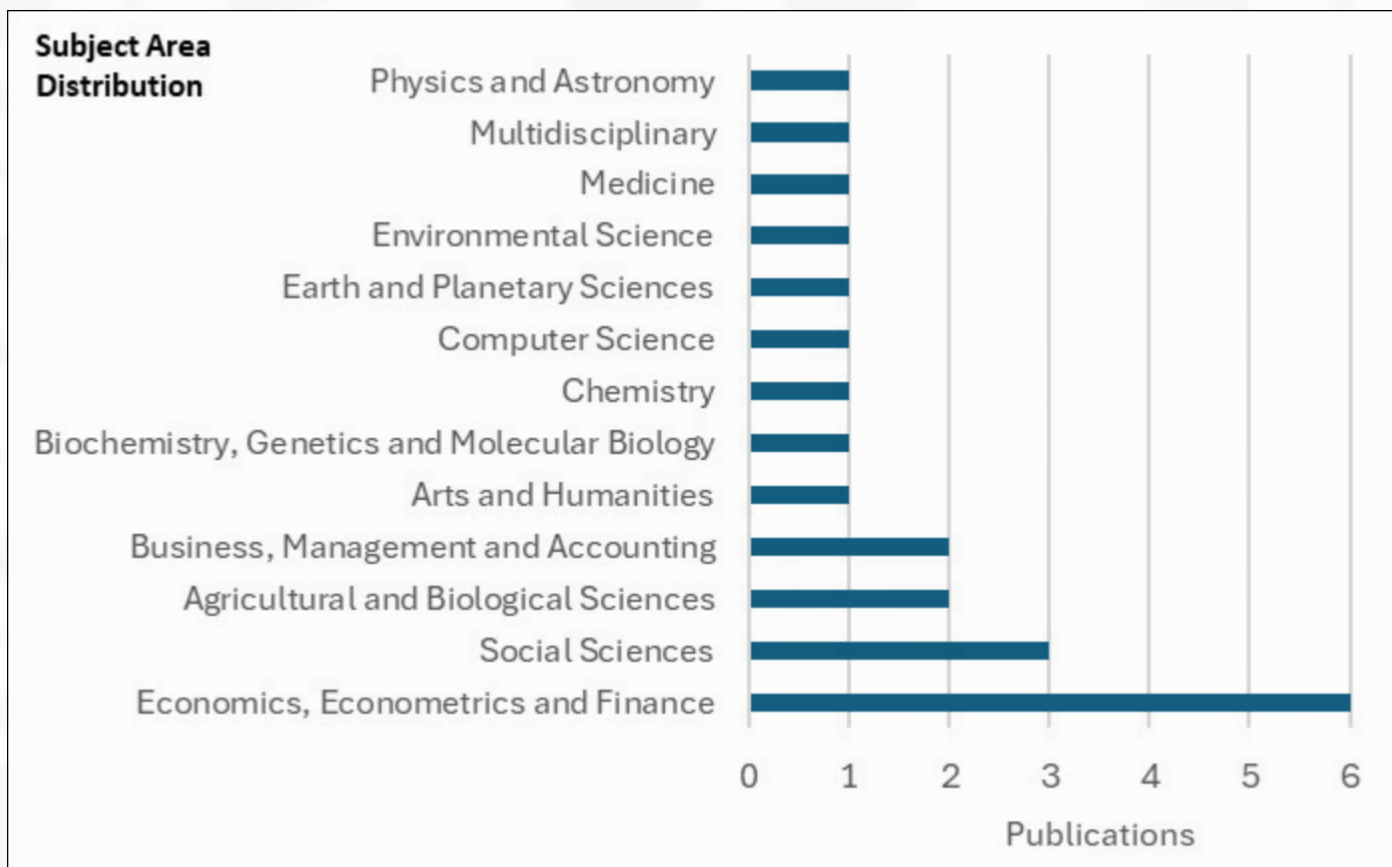
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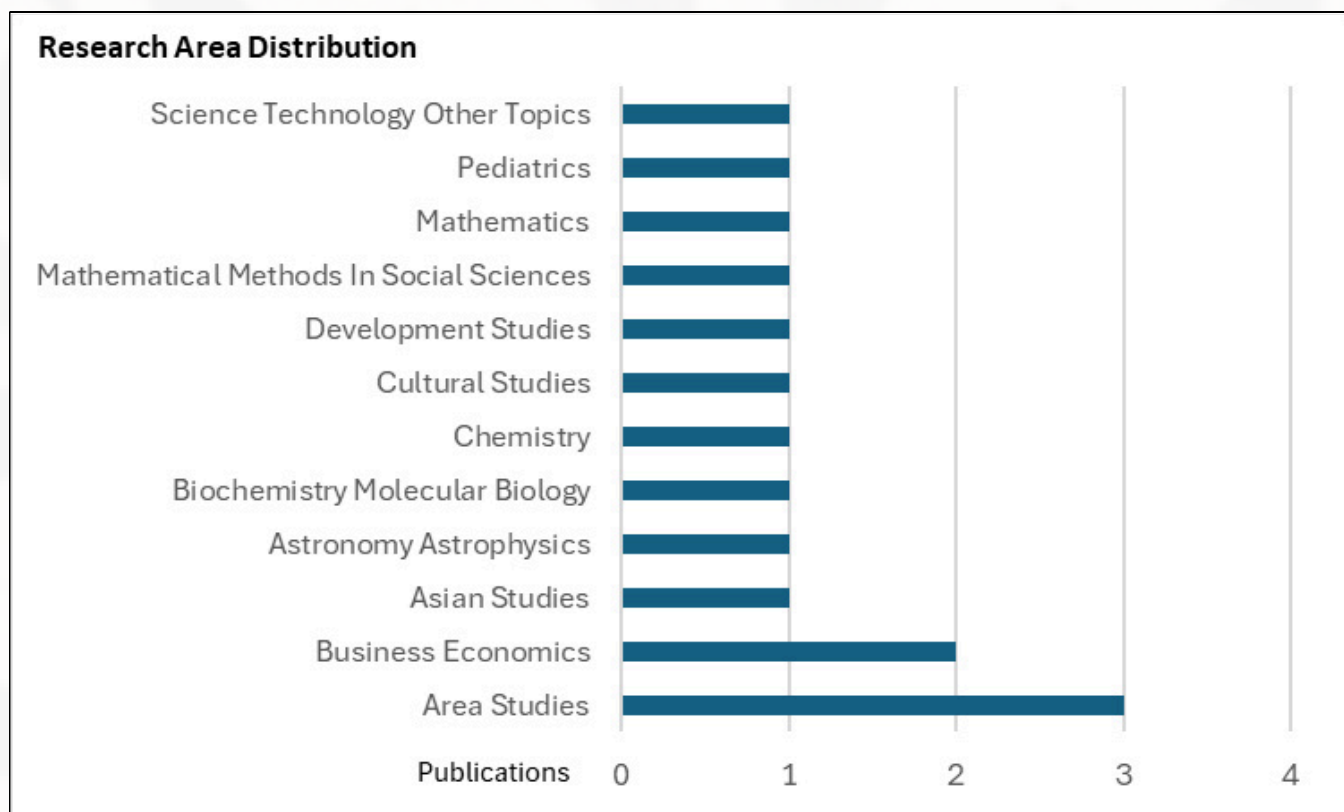
Research Areas	Publications
Area Studies	3
Business Economics	2
Asian Studies	1
Astronomy Astrophysics	1
Biochemistry Molecular Biology	1
Chemistry	1
Cultural Studies	1
Development Studies	1
Mathematical Methods In Social Sciences	1
Mathematics	1
Pediatrics	1
Science Technology Other Topics	1

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Area Wise Distribution



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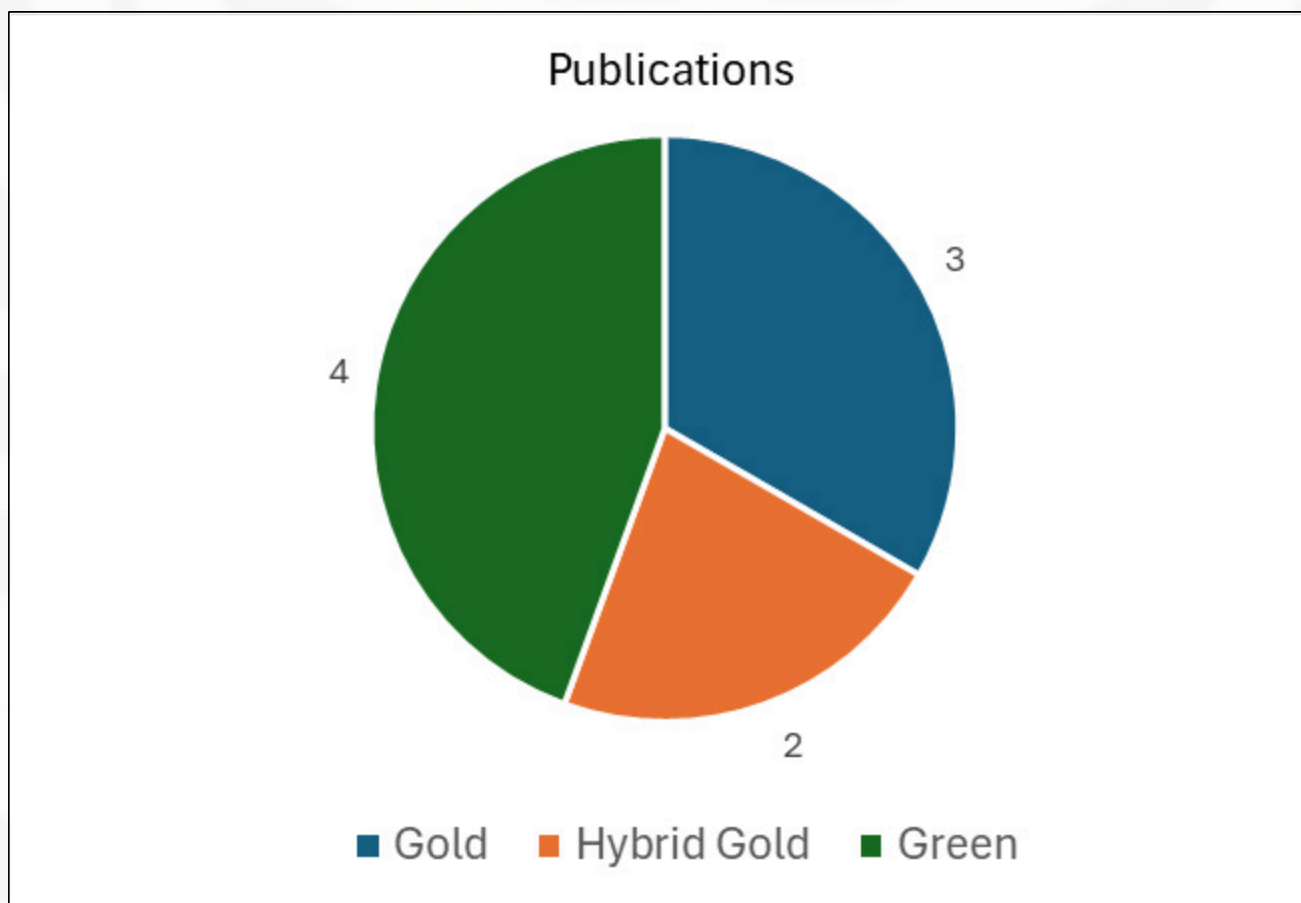


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Open Access Publication

Open Access Overview

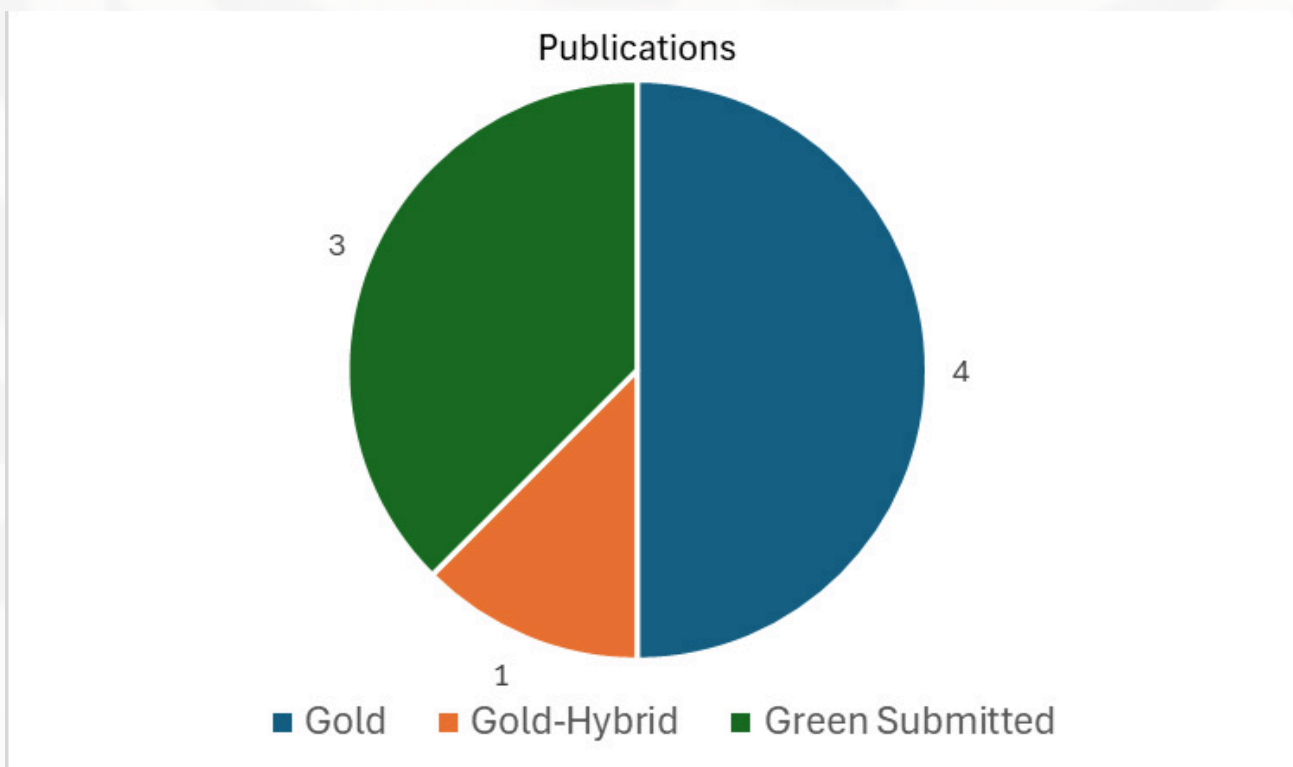
Open Access	Publications
Gold	3
Hybrid Gold	2
Green	4



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Open Access Overview

Open Access	Publications
Gold	4
Gold-Hybrid	1
Green Submitted	3



*Source: Web of Science (data extracted on 3rd Feb 2026)

Leading Collaborators and Funders

National

Collaborators & Funding organisations	No. of Projects
Council of Scientific and Industrial Research, India	2
Christian Medical College, Vellore	1
Department of Science and Technology, Ministry of Science and Technology, India	2
Science and Engineering Research Board	2
University Grants Commission	2
Wellcome Trust DBT India Alliance (India-specific partnership)	2
Department of Biotechnology, Ministry of Science and Technology, India	1
Infosys Foundation	1
Serum Institute of India	1
Shiv Nadar Foundation	1
Azim Premji Foundation	1

*Source: Scopus (data extracted on 3rd Feb 2026)

International

Collaborators & Funding organisations	No. of Projects
Argonne National Laboratory (USA)	1
Center for Cosmology and Astroparticle Physics, Ohio State University	1
Conselho Nacional de Desenvolvimento Científico e Tecnológico (Brazil)	1
Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft (Germany)	1
Eidgenössische Technische Hochschule Zürich (Switzerland)	1
European Commission (Belgium)	1
European Regional Development Fund	1
Fermilab (USA)	1
Financiadora de Estudos e Projetos (Brazil)	1
Fundação Carlos Chagas Filho de Amparo à Pesquisa do Estado do Rio de Janeiro (Brazil)	1
Generalitat de Catalunya (Spain)	1
George Institute for Global Health	1
Harvard Medical School (USA)	1
Harvard University (USA)	1
High Energy Physics (generic foreign org — assumed USA/Europe)	1

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International

Collaborators & Funding organisations	No. of Projects
Higher Education Funding Council for England	1
Institut de Física d'Altes Energies (Spain)	1
International Economic Association	1
Kavli Institute for Cosmological Physics, University of Chicago (USA)	1
Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory (USA)	1
Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München (Germany)	1
Ministerio de Ciencia e Innovación (Spain)	1
Ministério da Ciência, Tecnologia e Inovação (Brazil)	1
National Centre for Supercomputing Applications (USA)	1
National Science Foundation (USA)	1
Office of Science (USA)	1
Ohio State University (USA)	1
Save Our Seas Foundation (Switzerland)	1
SLAC National Accelerator Laboratory (USA)	1
Science and Technology Facilities Council (UK)	1
Shark Conservation Fund (International)	1

*Source: Scopus (data extracted on 3rd Feb 2026)

International

Collaborators & Funding organisations	No. of Projects
Stanford University (USA)	1
Texas A and M University (USA)	1
U.S. Department of Energy	1
United Nations University World Institute for Development Economics Research (Finland)	1
University College London (UK)	1
University of California, Santa Cruz (USA)	1
University of Chicago (USA)	1
University of Edinburgh (UK)	1
University of Michigan (USA)	1
University of Nottingham (UK)	1
University of Pennsylvania (USA)	1
University of Portsmouth (UK)	1
University of Sussex (UK)	1
Waterloo Foundation (UK)	1
Wellcome Trust (UK)	1
Wildlife Conservation Society (USA)	1

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SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS



ARTICLE

The agricultural productivity gap: Informality matters
Jat, R., Ramaswami, B.
Journal of Development Economics, 2026



ARTICLE

Political regime and women's marriage outcomes
Maity, B., Shukla, S.
Economica, 2026



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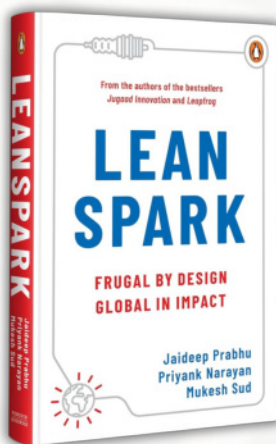
Spatial Effects of Import Competition: Edible Oils in
India
Bandyopadhyay, S., Ramaswami, B.
Agricultural Economics United Kingdom, 2026

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Featured Publications



Prof. Priyank Narayan



LeanSpark presents a strategic, globally scalable framework for innovation under constraints, turning frugality into impactful, sustainable solutions with real world examples.

Title: LeanSpark: Frugal by Design, Global in Impact

Authors: Jaideep Prabhu, Mukesh Sud, Priyank Narayan

Publisher: Penguin Business

Publication Year: 2026

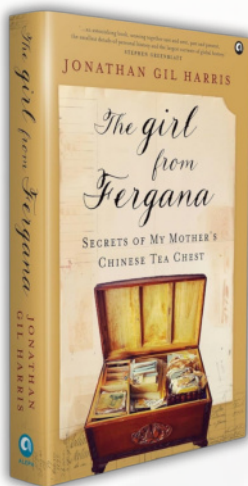
ISBN: 9780143480617

Pages: 264

Subject: Innovation & Entrepreneurship, Frugal Innovation, Scalable Sustainable Growth



Prof. Jonathan Gil Harris



A memoir tracing Stella's journey from Warsaw to Fergana, illuminating migration, memory, and interconnected Silk Roads histories through a mother's tea chest.

Title: The Girl from Fergana: Secrets of My Mother's Chinese Tea Chest

Author: Jonathan Gil Harris

Publisher: Aleph

Publication Year: 2026

ISBN: 9789365234701

Pages: 344

Subject: Memoir, Migration History, Silk Roads Cultural Memory

Research in Media - Spotlight



How a Potential Bird-Flu Pandemic Could Play Out – Insights from Ashoka’s Modelling Work

Ashoka University’s Prof. Gautam Menon and his research team’s modelling study on the H5N1 avian influenza featured in IndiaSpend, offering crucial foresight on pandemic risk and preparedness. Using an ultra-large-scale agent-based simulation called BharatSim, the team explored how a bird-flu spillover in an Indian poultry community could escalate if early interventions are delayed — and how measures like timely culling, quarantines and lockdowns dramatically influence outbreak trajectories. Their findings stress that “timing is everything”: once cases surpass a critical early threshold, controlling spread requires far more disruptive public-health measures. The interview highlights implications for surveillance, rapid response planning, and leveraging India’s COVID-19 learning to prepare proactively for future zoonotic threats.

Source : <https://www.indiaspend.com/indiaspend-interviews/how-a-potential-bird-flu-pandemic-could-play-out-975468>

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