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Short report on the SASNET Gateway

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The Internet Gateway is now established as a reliable and thorough source of information for students, researchers and other persons interested in South Asian studies. We have till now had more than 10 000 visitors in 17 months.

The main page is the Research page, giving research news, community news, and information on the 80 departments or so at Swedish universities where South Asia related research is taking place. New environments are gradually added, and news about this is published in the monthly newsletters.

Information on South Asia related conferences and seminars worldwide has recently been shifted out to form a separate page, because of a wealth of information. I take a pride that all information should be correct and updated, which is not the case with many other similar sites giving information on coming conferences.

The second main page is that on Education, informing about all South Asia related courses going on at Swedish universities and folk high schools. We are also proud to

present a new page with relevant information on studying in Sweden, meant for students from South Asia, which complements the good page on funding possibilities which has been there for a long time.

The third key page is the one on News and Information, giving the best links to South Asian news sources, as well as linking up to the special pages on the eight South Asian countries with all basic and current information on each country, information which has been collected and prepared by myself.

A fourth main page has been added lately, namely a page on Culture, giving information on current activities regarding South Asian music, dance, film and art in Scandinavia. A collection of information found nowhere else.

Besides these main pages we keep and all the time develop the many links pages, giving links to South Asia research institutions around the World, universities in South Asia, development agencies and organisations, political parties, etc. We also offer a number of library resources at the special page for this. The page with Travellers information is also constantly updated, and more useful information added.

Since last year we link up to outstanding articles in newspapers and magazines found at the web. The page called Recommended Reading has been much appreciated by the users.

The Search function created by Netlab last year is working very well, and we try to instruct our users to use it more frequently. The Maintenance of the search function is financed by FoV, Lund University.

The new Masters course in South Asian studies at Lund University is naturally presented through the web site, as well as the announcement for the 18th Conference in Modern South Asian studies, which SASNET will arrange at Lund University in July 2004.

The work on the web site takes a lot of time, because information has to be updated every day and most information has to be collected, but it also extremely interesting and fruitful. The positive response from people all over the World is enough to keep the spirit high.