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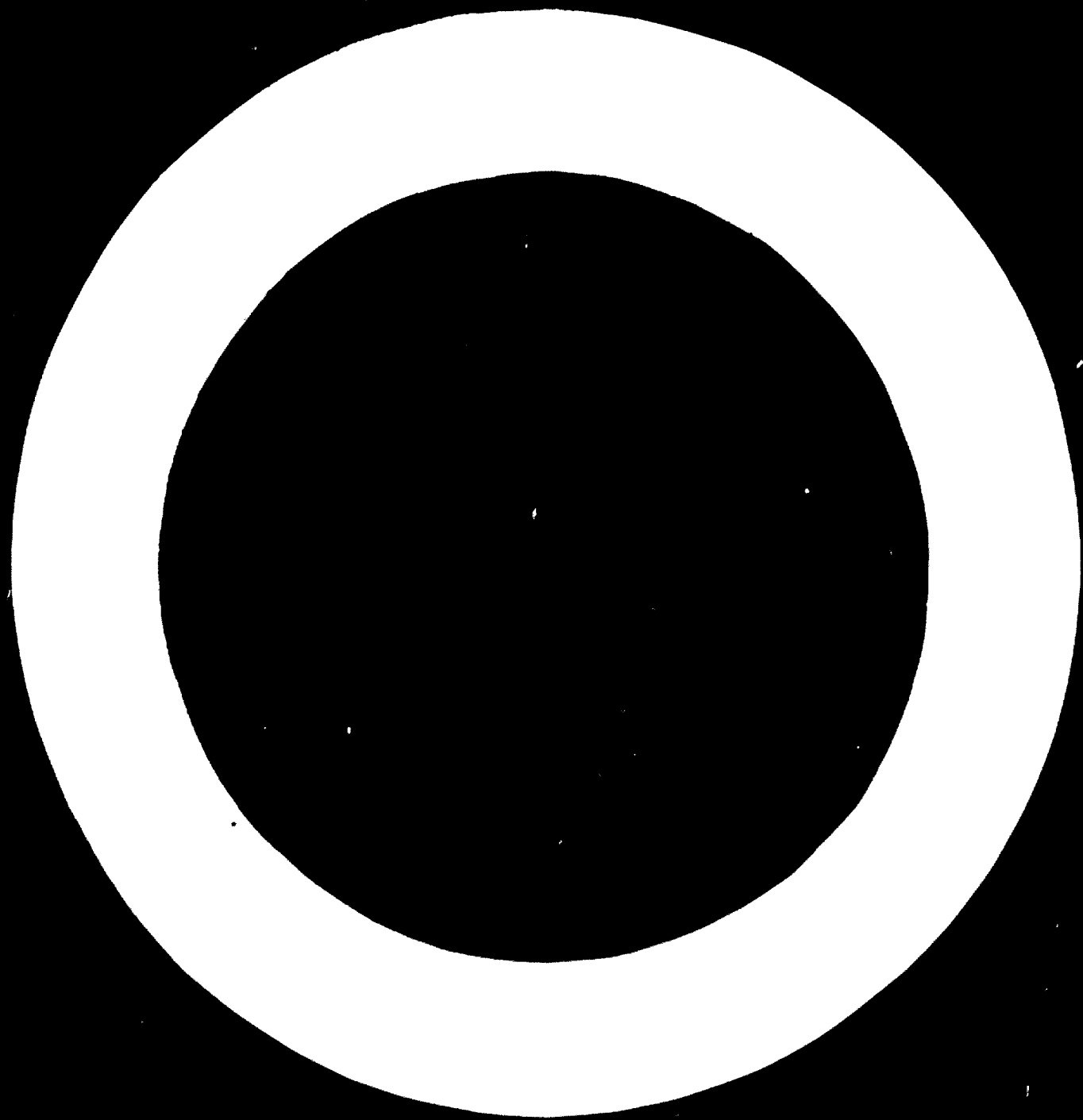
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The industrialization drive behind the Iranian economy has drawn attention to the importance of industrial information and has resulted in the establishment of information services. The following organizations either handle or constitute local sources of industrial information.

1. Research Centre for Industrial and Trade Development of the Ministry of Economy - which conducts research studies within the framework of national industrial development programmes and policies; prepares and evaluates industrial projects; determines priorities; formulates foreign and domestic trade policies; and provides the following services which contribute to the country's industrial information holdings:

- Feasibility studies.
- Dissemination of economic and technical data for the guidance of private investors.
- Provision of substantive advice to the executing agencies in the implementation of industrial and mining projects.
- Compilation, tabulation and analysis of statistical data in the fields of industry and trade.

2. Institute of Standards and Industrial Research of Iran (ISIRI) - which has been in existence in its present form since 1964, its predecessor, the Institute of Standards, having been created in 1952. The Institute publishes informative booklets, research results and seminar reports, and has a library devoted largely to standardization subjects. Consideration is being given to the establishment within the Institute of a technical documentation centre with the assistance of the UNDP. This projected centre would comprise divisions of documentation, translation and document reproduction, and a library. It would complement the activities of the Iranian Documentation Centre in the field of technological

information and would work in close co-operation with the latter to avoid unnecessary duplication. It has been recommended that contact be established with UNIDO's Industrial Information Service with a view to obtaining co-operation in the training of personnel.

3. Industrial Management Institute - whose purpose is to improve and review the present managerial systems in the public and private sectors in order to increase production, reduce costs and effect better utilization of capital manpower. The Institute also provides assistance to investors in the technical, financial, marketing, management and organizational fields.
4. Technolog - which is a technical consulting firm providing services in the fields of technical and economic research, evaluation of industrial resources, preparation of feasibility studies, planning and designing. It also supervises the implementation and development of industrial and mining projects.
5. Centre for Small-scale Industries and Handicrafts of Iran - which was established to protect and to improve the production of the handicraft industry of Iran by increasing the income of its employees, by attracting otherwise unemployed manpower and by conducting research to ascertain optimal marketing conditions.
6. Iranian Documentation Centre (IRANDOC) - which was founded in 1968 and is now integrated with the Institute for Research and Planning of the Ministry of Science and Education. It will act as liaison office with the planned Middle Eastern information network. Its operations cover the fields of science, social science and technology. The Centre's activities and functions include:
  - Literature analyses.
  - Publication of bibliographic and reference material.
  - Reproduction of requested material.
  - Translation.
  - State-of-the-art studies.
  - Selected Dissemination of Information.

- Formation of an information network of special libraries and subject authorities to facilitate the rapid location of appropriate sources.
  - Liaison and co-operation with foreign information sources.
  - Development of a national research library for science and social science to supplement the holdings of other Iranian libraries.
  - Compilation of a thesaurus of descriptors.
  - Provision of data processing services to Iranian libraries.
7. Industrial and Mining Development Bank of Iran and Industrial Credit Bank of Iran - whose activities in the promotion of industrial investment include project evaluation, preparation of feasibility studies, and financial, organizational and management guidance.
  8. Export Promotion Centre of Iran.
  9. Technical and Scientific Information Department (NIOC).
  10. Institute of Technology.
  11. National Iranian Oil Company's Research and Development Centre.
  12. Tehran Book Processing Centre (TEBROC) - which was established as part of the Ministry of Science and Higher Education for commercial library acquisition and cataloging services. It is responsible for the compilation of the National Union Catalogue of library holdings and for the maintenance of the National Union Catalogue of monographic material held by leading Iranian libraries.
  13. Statistics Department of the Institute for Research and Planning in Science and Education.
  14. Iranian Statistical Centre.
  15. Libraries. The following supply industrial information:
    - Central Library of the University of Tehran.
    - Other University Libraries.
    - Institute of Technology Library.

- National Bank of Iran Library.

- Government Department Libraries.

Conclusion

To improve the industrial information services required by the country's industry and to promote international co-operation in this field, Iran is planning to participate in a regional Asian and European information centre.







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