
Faculty Members and Research Scholars towards National ETD Repository of India

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Abstract

ETD repositories help in easily disseminates the latest research information to a wider community, avoiding the duplicity of researches as well as reducing the plagiarism in research work. In order to improve the ETD system in India, INFLIBNET (Information and Library Network) has established 'SHODHGANGA' National ETD repository and made it compulsory for all the Indian Universities to submit a softcopy of all the Ph.D. theses and for that sign an MOU with INFLIBNET. However, the success of the ETDs repository is dependent on the contribution of universities, librarians, research supervisors and research scholars. By now less than half of the universities have signed the MOU with INFLIBNET. The major objective of the present study is to investigate the attitudes and perception of the faulty members and researchers' towards their role and responsibility in the contribution to the national ETDs repository and to highlights the obstacles encountered by the Faculty and researchers in participation of National ETD repository and give suggestions to expedite promotion of submission and usage of National ETD repository.

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