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Attitude of Academic Community towards Institutional Repositories in India: A Case Study

Institutional repositories are digital collections of research articles that have been placed there by their authors. This is known as 'self-archiving'. These repositories expose the metadata of each article in a format compliant with the Open Archives Initiative Protocol for Metadata Harvesting (OAIPMH). To access the contents of these archives, one can use Google or one of the specialized search engines for a more focused and efficient search. Institutional repositories may be multidisciplinary and located in universities or other research-based institutions, or they may be centralized and subject-based, such as the one covering certain areas of physics and related disciplines, called arXiv. Self-archiving is an international movement that is developing fast, and some grant funders are also now planning central archives to house the articles of their grant-holders.

Purpose: The paper explores and analyzes the attitude of the Indian academic community towards the institutional repositories and also evaluates the level of utilization of the archives in India.

Methodology: Questionnaire method is used for collecting data. The choice of selecting this method depends upon a distance factor. This method of data collection is the tool which is more frequently used in mail survey research than any other method of data collection. This is the best tool for collecting information in all the areas as it covers a larger population in a shorter time. The targets users are the academic community.

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Summary

A study has been conducted in the academic institutions to analyze their attitude and also the use or non-use of the Institutional archives.

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