

Impact of OA Policies on Scholarly Publishing in the Technical University Libraries of Odisha

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ABSTRACT



Open Access (OA) literature is digital, online, free of charge and free of most copyright and licensing restrictions. Modern digital libraries of the technical universities in Odisha require the faculty members, researchers and students to traverse around complex research and publication world to search scholarly communication through OA journals and self-archiving. The technical university libraries in Odisha face two main issues i.e., awareness and access to OA resources by the faculties in their institutions. This paper discusses the factors that influence the adoption of OA policy for depositing scholarly materials into the IR in the technical university libraries of Odisha based on a study conducted from 2017 to 2018. A questionnaire based survey was conducted among 750 nos. of faculty members at the technical universities of Odisha, out of which 602 nos. of respondents were selected for this study. This paper also depicted how the institutional policies on scholarly communication incorporate the use of OA publishing and also to find out the extent of awareness by the faculties towards OA resources, policy, attitude towards scholarly publishing and their interest in depositing scholarly materials to an institutional repository (IR) in the technical university libraries of Odisha.

Keywords: OA Resources; Scholarly Publishing; Technical Universities; Institutional Repository; OA Policy.



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