

Access to Electronic Theses through Shodhganga: A Study of LIS Research in India

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Abstract

In the Indian context, research professionals are all significant achievers. Shodhganga is a repository of Indian electronic theses, a full-text database developed by the INFLIBNET Centre with the support of MHRD. The study's main aim is to find out the total achievement made by the Indian research professional who contributed their research output in a different discipline. The study focuses on a few Universities that provided their research output to the end-users with varying levels like types of Universities, state-wise, and especially the LIS research outputs. Out of 513 universities' contributions, the author selected only 2241 library and information science courses conducted by the Universities in India. The author also highlights the University's research output to the end-user with free full-text access. The article focus on the research outputs status of state-wise, type of Universities, and year-wise contribution of the thesis submitted to the Shodhganga project developed by the INFLIBNET Centre. The websites also provide search and browse facilities for the users to access and download the full-text theses.

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