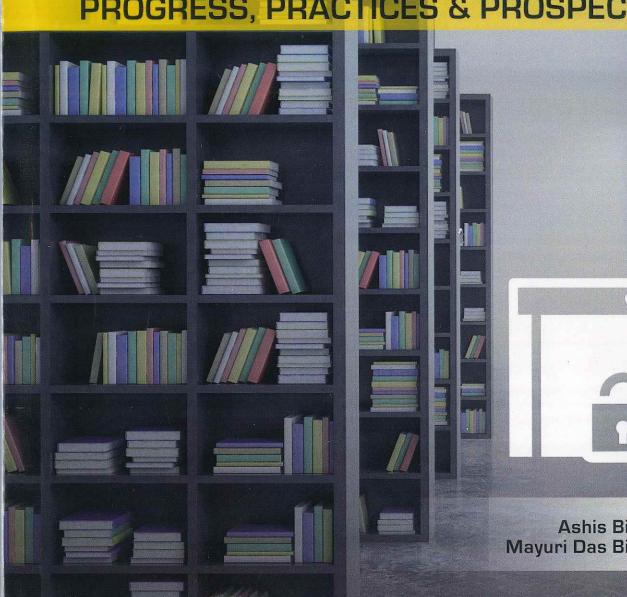
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Initiatives and Implementation of Open Access by DST and DBT Government Organizations in India

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ABSTRACT

Open Access (OA) directs librarians with responsibilities to advice patrons about effective use of OA resources. This paper reinforces many of the concepts being discussed regarding OA initiatives in the DST and DBT. This work highlights existing OA policies in India and provides an overview of DST and DBT archiving and OA policies. It also highlights the strategies needed to implement these policies in the Institutions of DST and DBT. It provides a unique overview of national awareness and implementations of OA in 26 DST and 18 DBT Institutions. Moreover, it describes institutional OA mandates in these institutions as a national strategy to introduce and implement them. An overview is provided about the repository infrastructure currently in DST and DBT Institutions, including institutional and disciplinary repositories, national repository networks and national OA information portals and support networks.

The purpose of this study is to examine scholarly impact which is critical to DBT and DBST Institutions in their aspiration to create, disseminate and apply knowledge. However, scholarly impact is an elusive concept. The author will provide actionable recommendations for DST and DBT administrators, researchers and educators on how to enhance impact. The author conducted a general review of the literature and offered a multidimensional and multi-stakeholder model of scholarly impact to guide future actions aimed at enhancing scholarly impact.

The author provides an innovative way of conceptualizing scholarly impact. The conceptual analysis results in actionable recommendations for DST and DBT researchers and educators to enhance impact of their research works.

Keywords: DST and DBT, Digital Library, Open Access, Research impact, Institutional Repository, OpenDOAR, ScienceCentral

1. INTRODUCTION

Establishing institutional repositories (IR) is one example of institutional activities to promote Open Access (OA) to their academic work. These are digital compilations of intellectual commodities created by professors, staff, and students at a university, and made available to end users both in and out of institution. The IRs can contain conference papers, seminar presentations, research reports, pre-prints and post-prints of journal

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These resources encompass all collected resources in all media, particularly contributions from home institutional published and unpublished resources, and are accessible to end users both inside and beyond the institution. By 2003, there was a tremendous growth in the OA research archives in the world in accordance to OA movement.

There was need for listing registry of such repositories in order to make them visible to the world of academicians and researchers. A repository registry is a web based metadata catalogue that points to repositories. There were numerous listings of repositories and OA archives, but there was no single complete list which recorded all the available repositories. A more structured information service, classifying and explaining the repositories, was also required. Academicians and researchers, for example, wanted to know the scope and comprehensiveness of the information they found, as well as the qualities that made it easier to utilize. Repositories are required to be categorized with clear information on subject coverage, their collection, the content and preservation policies etc.

While the idea of OA publishing is not new and has been around for little while, it is only recently that individuals have realized its significance. Increased and simple web utilization, as well as backing from the government organizations, educational and research institutions, and certain other funding agencies, have been credited with the surprising shiftin opinions. Hundreds of famous academic and research institutions from more than thirty countries marked the week in their own special way, highlighting their commitment to the promotion of knowledge by making academic research findings available online for free and quickly.

2. THE IMPORTANCE OF OA IN INDIA

In India, OA to academic literature is not really a novel concept. India has a thriving scientific community, with scientists working in a variety of sectors. India also produces a large number of engineers and scientists. India's Science and Technology, one would think, are in safe hands. The reality, on the other hand, is rather diverse. (UNESCO, 2013)

The majority of Indian libraries are unable to afford to subscribe to vital periodicals those scholars and scientists rely on. This is a significant hindrance to knowledge acquisition, and it has a negative impact on scholars' own scholarly output. The low visibility of Indian research is another result of exorbitant membership rates.

Academics in the region work hard to publish their work in prestigious publications that only a handful of their peers can read. This results in a lack of citations for Indian academics' work, a lack of dissemination of their research findings, and, as a result, a lack of knowledge of scientific achievements in the country. As a result, Indian scientists face

two issues: access and visibility. Some of these drawbacks can be greatly minimized if OA is fully implemented both inside and outside the country.

3. INITIATIVES OF OA IN INDIA

Though a lack of knowledge may be a concern for Indian scientists and researchers, a number of Indian organizations, journals and publishers have taken steps to open available research content. India has been a contributor to The Directory of Open Access Journals (DOAJ) since 2003. The Medlars Centre of India had made history by gathering together with all India's biomedical literature on one platform. IndMed was first published bibliographic database in the year 1998 and includes abstracts across over 70 publications.

The INSA (Indian National Science Academy) as well as the ICA (Indian Academy of Sciences) are renowned institutions that have significant publication programmes and make their papers and articles freely available. Bioline International is a no-profit partnership between Canada's University of Toronto Libraries, and Brazil's Reference Center for Environmental Information, and the United Kingdom's Bioline.

On its main site, Bioline delivers access to fourteen Indian publications, as well as collect these publications to the Biolinee-Prints Archive. The ePrints@IISC is a e-repository that collects, archives, and distributes the research of the Bangalore's scientific community from the famed Indian Institute of Science.

Over Four Thousand OA English language publications are now included on Open J-Gate platform, a free database of OA journals. India's contributions to an OA programme include Medknow publications, the pioneering OA journal publication, and NIT, Rourkela. These missions do not function in separation, but rather as portion of a greater national strength and movement to promote OA in India.

The ICAR started a large OA project in the year 2012–13. ICAR had established an OA strategy that needs its associate institutes all over the country to make their study and technical publications, catalogues, books, case studies, lecture notes, workshop proceedings, and other digital objects open to the public. While these institutes will maintain their own OA repositories, the ICAR was initiating a central collector to distribute the "one-stop access" to all of the agriculture knowledge and council's scientific zones.

Main repositories, such as ICAR's, which are made up of a network of repositories, considerably improve accessibility, assist in realizing the prospective of OA, and encourage the major fundamental aim of the OA package in India. While emerging strategies and networking at organization level is serious, forming the conception of OA at the government policy level is equally critical. OA programmes would stop functioning in silos and then become part of a cohesive, proactive national movement to improve information flow if there was a national aim and strategic plan in place.

4. OA IN INDIA IN RELATION TO GLOBAL TRENDS

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a long-standing tradition. Over 8,500 titles from around the world are now listed in the Directory of Open Access Journals (DOAJ), with the majority of them charging no author fees. These OA channels offer crucial options for information dissemination while also saving libraries a lot of money.

Many universities in North America and the Europe have created repositories, either on their own or as part of a consortium, and a growing number of higher educational organizations in the global south have accomplished the same. Most educational universities have also established publication platform, like OJS and other open source gateways, to permit faculty and teachers to indulge in OA publications as well as other forms of emerging technology and digital scholarship.

The Obama government announced in 2013 that all openly funded research would be available freely within a year of publication. In the United Kingdom, research councils have recently begun to make publicly financed research open to anyone. From January 2014, the European Commission is anticipated to follow suit. Stakeholders in India must critically assess the relevance of these ideas to the Indian context, as well as their potential benefits.

The CSIR, DAE, ISRO, DRDO, and ICRO organizations are among the many higher educational organizations (including universities and deemed universities) and high-level research institutions in India that are now discussing and engaging with OA. Sh. Subbiah Arunachalam, an information consultant has been crucial in raising awareness of the OA discussions among these significant organizations. Yet, there is no strong policy on OA at the national or institutional levels.

At the same time, certain prominent organizations, such as the Indian Academy of Sciences (IAS), have taken the lead in making their publications OA, while the IISc-Indian Institute of Science has one of the nation's most substantial institutional archives. Over 350 OA publications are presently published by diverse institutions across India, with the majority of them focusing on science and medicine. Humanities and social sciences are underrepresented. Fewer than 100 of India's almost 600 higher education institutions have an IR in place, but more are in the planning stages.

5. DST AND DBT OA POLICY FOR THEIR FUNDED RESEARCH ORGANIZATIONS

The Ministry of Science and Technology constituted two departments such as DST (Department of Science and Technology) and DBT (Department of Biotechnology). The DST and DBT have a vital role in supporting basic, change of location, and applied research project by building applicable infrastructure, providing cash to individual scientists, establishments, and start-ups, and the other essentials. As a result of researcher's square measure, the most effective to judge is to where publish their articles. DST and DBT recognize researchers to get publish them and add journals of their selection. The DST and DBT anticipate that those who receive money will publish their findings in peer-reviewed journals of high quality. When assessing future funding options, the DST and DBT affirm

the inherent merit of the publications, not the name of the journal for which an author's research is published, should be considered. The Journal Impact Factor (IF) should not be used as a substitute measure for individual's research paper effectiveness, to judge an independent researchers and scientist's performance, or to make judgments regarding hiring, promotion, or funding, as per the DST and DBT. The DST and DBT feel that the most effective method to ensure that the research it finances may be accessible, read, and developed upon is to maximize the circulation of these papers by offering free internet access and placing theminan IR. Making all information publicly accessible is very simple in the electronic context of information generation and distribution. Moreover, having free, open, and electronic access to scientific investigation will guarantee that cutting-edge research which is promptly incorporated into higher education curriculum, raising the country's scientific and technical education standards. As a result, a more diverse research culture will emerge. (DBT, Govt of India, 2014)

5.1. Existing DST and DBT Institutions

Table 1. DST Institutions

Sl. No.	Place/City	Name of Institutions
1	Nainital	ARIES - Aryabhatta Research Institute of Observational-Sciences
2	Pune	ARI - Agharkar Research Institute
3	Lucknow	BSIP - Birbal Sahni Institute of Palaeobotany
4	Kolkata	BI - Bose Institute
5	Bangalore	CNSMS - Centre for Nano & Soft Matter Sciences
6	Bangalore	IIAP - Indian Institute of Astrophysics
7	Mohali	INST - Institute of Nano-Science & Technology
8	Hyderabad	IARCPMNM-International Advanced Research Centre for Powder Metallurgy & New Materials
9	Mumbai	IIGM - Indian Institute of Geomagnetism
10	Kolkata	IACS-Indian Association for the Cultivation of Science
11	Bangalore	JNCASR - Jawaharlal Nehru Centre for Advanced Scientific Research
12	Gandhinagar	NIF - National Innovation Foundation
13	Bangalore	RRI - Raman Research Institute
14	Kolkata	SNBNCBS-S.N. Bose National Centre for Basic Sciences
15	Kerala	SCTIMST - Sree Chitra Tirunal Institute for Medical Sciences and Technology
16	New Delhi	TIFAC - Technology Information, Forecasting and Assessment Council
17	Guwahati	IASST - The Institute of Advanced Study in Science & Technology
18	New Delhi	VP - Vigyan Prasar
19	Dehradun	WIHG-Wadia Institute of Himalayan Geology
20	Lucknow	NAS - National Academy of Sciences India,
21	Kolkata	ISCA - Indian Science Congress Association

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25	New Delhi	SERB - Science and Engineering Research Board
26	New Delhi	INAE - Indian National Academy of Engineering
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Table 2. DBT Institutions

Sl.	Place/City	Name of Institutions
1	Faridabad	RCB - Regional Centre for Biotechnology
2	Faridabad	THSTI-Transnational Health Science & Technology Institute
3	Mohali	NABI - National Agri-Food Biotechnology Institute
1	Mohali	CIAB - Centre of Innovative & Applied Bioprocessing
5	New Delhi	BIRAC - Biotechnology Industry Research Assistance Programme
5	Hyderabad	CDFD - Centre for DNA Fingerprinting and Diagnostics
7	New Delhi	DBT- Department of Biotechnology
3	New Delhi	ICGEB - International Centre for Genetics and Engineering Biotechnology
)	Bhubaneshwar	ILS - Institute of Life Sciences
0	Imphal	IBSD - Institute of Bioresources and Sustainable Development
1	Manesar	NBRC - National Brain Research Centre
2	Kalyani, Kolkata	NIBMG - National Institute of Biomedical Genomics
3	New Delhi	NIPGR - National Institute of Plant Genome Research
4	Hyderabad	NIAB - National Institute of Animal Biotechnology
15	New Delhi	NII - National Institute of Immunology
6	Pune	NCCS - National Centre for Cell Science
7	Thiruvananthapuram	RGCB - Rajiv Gandhi Centre for Biotechnology
18	Bangalore	InStem - Institute for Stem Cell Science and Regenerative Medicine

(DST, Ministry of Science & Technology, 2020)

5.2. Institutional Repository (IR)

To accomplish the cognitive approach, each institution is allowed to improve its own compatible IR of OA for research articles and review publications in peer-reviewed journals. To collect the complete text and metadata of these papers, the MST (Ministry of Science & Technology) had established a Central Repository System. (www.sciencecentral.in).

- Institutions obtaining DST and DBT core grants will have to setup IR.
- IR should be linked with the central harvester system.
- Institutions those who have not yet setup an IR should be compelled to do so as soon as practicable.

• It is recommended that all other institutions have an IR, and there will be assistance available for this purpose.

Researchers from organizations those do not have currently their IR, may submit their scholarly publications to the central repositories of the DST and DBT.

5.3. Methods of online repository

Some of the important issues of online repository are:

5.3.1. What to be deposited?

The final recognized documents and manuscripts (after refereeing, correction, and other steps) resulting from research initiatives that are wholly or substantially supported by DST or DBT, or that were carried-out applying infrastructure formed with their provision, shall be deposited. This comprises both requested and author-initiated review publications for those who received DBT or DST money during that time period. The paper's full text, metadata, and additional resources should all be uploaded. The grant number should be included in the acknowledgement at the conclusion of the complete text.

Papers arising from money received beginning in the financial year 2012-13 essentially be deposited. Authors are urged and recommended to deposit articles from previous publications, irrespective if they are unrelated to current DST or DBT-funded research. Regardless of funding source, organizations are encouraged to use such repositories as primary repositories for any publications resulting from their research work.

5.3.2. Where to be deposited?

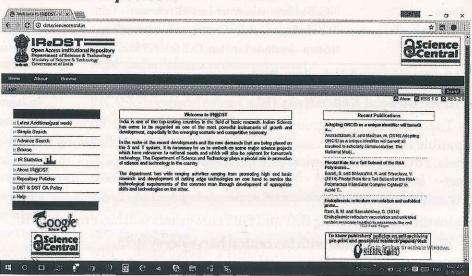


Fig. 1. Institutional Repository of DST (Source: ScienceCentral)

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The documents and manuscript should be filed in the grantee's IR. If the organizations do not yet have its own IR, the documents and papers should be deposited in the DST and DBT central repositories system (http://dbt.sciencecentral.in and http://dst.sciencecentral.in, respectively) as described in the segment "Institutional Repository."

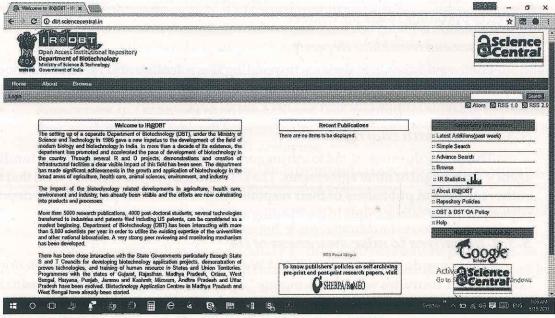


Fig. 2. Institutional Repository of DBT (Source: ScienceCentral)

5.3.3. When publications to be deposited?

Deposits of publications should be made within two weeks of the journal's approval, preferably earlier. The policy's resolution is to increase public information of the study, and performing so quickly is in the researchers' premium interests. If journal and publication demands on prohibition, the content should be deposited, and the IR will publish the articles / paper(s) once the embargo time has passed. Science, Technology, and Medicine (STM) disciplines should be embargoed for no more than 6 months, whereas Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences should be embargoed for 12 months.

5.3.4. Who will deposit?

Individual researchers and scientists and/or Institutions who have received the direct funds or other benefits/infrastructures from the DST or DBT, as well as researchers and scientists working at DST or DBT-funded autonomous organizations who advantage indirectly or directly from its infrastructure and core funding provided by these organizations, are covered by this policy.

The documents can be deposited by the principle investigator (PI), a person

approved by the PI, or anybody permitted by the head of institutions where the research works is completed. The PI and the head of the institutions are accountable for guaranteeing that the article gets deposited on time.

5.3.5. Documents depositing is mandatory in a repository

The deposited ID should be referred in annually and whole reports (where suitable), as well as upcoming financing tenders.

5.3.6. Process to make a deposit

For the submission to their corresponding IRs, scientists and researchers should follow their institutional standards. Researchers who do not have access to an IR at their university should contact the DST or DBT Central Repository.

5.3.7. Issues with copyright

This policy does not intend to infringe on the researcher's, institution's, or funding agency's copyright or other agreements. The DST and DBT on the contrary wish that the authors to inform publishers of their responsibilities under this procedure to deposit papers/articles/manuscripts in the funding agency's IR or central depository.

5.3.8. Initiatives to raise awareness of OA

Every year, during International OA Week (http://www.openaccessweek.org/), DST and DBT institutes will commemorate "Open Access Day" by hosting sensitizing lectures, programmes, and workshops, as well as launching new OA activities.

6. CONCLUSION

The DBT independent institutes and DST-aided institutions are defined as getting "core funding." This category includes any organization that receives an annual grant to meet the wage, infrastructural, and research needs of its employees. A central harvester is a website like www.csircentral.net, which was created by CSIR-URDIP. It also includes connections to IRs built up by a number of the CSIR laboratories. The CSIR-URDIP has dedicated to organize training sessions for (a) the employees from DST and DBT labs who will be setting-up IR-institutional repositories, and (b) the scientists who will be changing their minds about OA.

Funding agencies urge institutions to seek intellectual property protection for research and development achievements. In addition, certain research institutions affiliated with the CSIR, ICAR, and other organizations must adhere to their respective councils'/societies' IP policies.

- The DST and DBT institutions must setup an OA repository.
- For one stop access to all published articles, these institutions have set up a central harvester that harvests all metadata and full-text from their OA repositories.
- Each IR's metadata and other information are covered by copyright with the DST

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- All DST & DBT researchers should deposit in the institute's OA repository the final author versions (preprints and post prints) of papers accepted for publication.
- Researchers and scientists from the DST and DBT institutions wishing to publish their work in OAIRs through ScienceCentral Platform are encouraged to publish through publishers who allow self-archiving.
- Scholarly literature produced using funds from the DST and DBT must be deposited in ScienceCentral's OAIR upon completion of peer review.
- In copyright agreements, scientists and researchers should mention OA policies of DST and DBT, and the embargo period, if any, should not exceed 12 months.
- A content deposit will make metadata (e.g., title, abstract, authors, publishers, etc.) free to the public and as soon as an embargo period of 12 months does not result in the content becoming publicly available.

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