

Open Access Development in India

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Open Access Policy India

- India still not have national open access policy which is approved by government
- Council of Scientific & Industrial Research (CSIR), The Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR), The Department of Science & Technology (DST), the Department of Biotechnology (DBT), The University Grants Commission (UGC) have open access policies that clearly mandate researchers to deposit their papers in institutional repositories. National institutes such as the IITs and IISc, too, have repositories and similar mandates

Status of Open Access Journals

Number of application from India in DOAJ

Year	Number of Application
2014	491
2015	921
2016	616
2017	406
2018	429
Total	2869

[Rejected \(2489\)](#)

[Accepted \(261\)](#)

Why Journals are getting rejected from DOAJ

- Lack knowledge of best practices in journal publishing
- Questionable Journals
- Most of journals doesn't meet to DOAJ criteria

https://doaj.org/application/new

we provide some guidance on the information we are looking for but that lists by no means exhaustive. Applicants are encouraged to complete the form clearly and honestly. If you do not understand a question, you can ask for help by contacting us.

It is not possible to save your progress or for us to send you a confirmation email (although we will show you a confirmation screen if the application has been submitted successfully) so, we recommend you gather the information you need first. We have created a spreadsheet guide of the form, and provided some other tips to help you. Guides are also available in other languages (العربية, 中文, فارسی, français, Bahasa Indonesia, Italiano, 日本語, Polski, Português, Română, Русский, Español, Türkçe, Українська).

Basic Journal Information

- 1) Journal Title *
- 2) URL *
- 3) Alternative Title
- 4) Journal ISSN (print version) *
Only provide the print ISSN if your journal has one, otherwise leave this field blank. Write the ISSN with the hyphen "-" e.g. 1234-4321.
- 5) Journal ISSN (online version) *
Cannot be the same as the P-ISSN. Write the EISSN with the hyphen "-" e.g. 1234-4321.
- 6) Publisher *
- 7) Society or Institution
The name of the Society or Institution that the journal belongs to.
- 8) Platform, Host or Aggregator
The name of the platform, host or aggregator of the journal content, e.g. OJS, HighWire Press, EBSCO etc.
- 9) Name of contact for this journal *

Quality and Transparency of the Editorial Process

- 36) What is the URL for the Editorial Board page? *
A journal must have an editor and an editorial board. Only in the case of Arts and Humanities journals we will accept a form of editorial review using only two editors and no editorial board. Where an editorial board is present, members must be clearly identifiable with their names and affiliation information.
- 37) Please select the review process for papers *
- 38) Enter the URL where this information can be found *
This field is optional if you have selected "None" above.
- 39) What is the URL for the journal's Aims & Scope *
- 40) What is the URL for the journal's instructions for authors? *
- 41) Does the journal have a policy of screening for plagiarism? *
 Yes
 No
If "No" proceed to question 43.
- 43) What is the average number of weeks between submission and publication? *

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DOAJ Ambassador Program India

To promote Open Access journals

The programme, which was funded for a year by IDRC, the International Development Research Centre, enabled the DOAJ to hire and train Ambassadors from the South to promote DOAJ and Open Access. The DOAJ currently has 23 Ambassadors worldwide located in Latin America, Africa & the Middle East, India, China, Indonesia and additional countries in South East Asia and Russia.

- Leena Shah (Editor, DOAJ)
- Vrushali Dandawate (Ambassador)

BE RESPONSIBLE: SHARE YOUR WORK

When you publish your paper in a good Open Access Journal, you will:

- Reach a global audience
- Get more impact of your research
- Help your colleagues all over the world
- Contribute to reducing removing access barriers and reducing participation barriers
- Participate in a truly global scholarly communication system
- Increase the impact of research on research, societies and the people!

We provide an index of high quality, peer-reviewed, fully open access, scholarly journals and their article metadata. Researchers, students, librarians, national committees and funding agencies, publishers, search engines, data aggregators, subscription agents and the general public all use and benefit from DOAJ and its data.

We help Open Access journals to become more attractive publishing channels.

We promote best publishing practice.

We raise awareness of questionable publishing practice.

We provide a system that allows small journals to have equal visibility next to the large ones.

A DOAJ AMBASSADOR NEAR YOU AT YOUR SERVICE!

DOAJ have appointed 15 DOAJ Ambassadors as a part of a project funded by IDRC.

The DOAJ Ambassadors will increase the coverage of OA journals published in your region, assist publishers in increasing the quality & visibility of the journals, evaluate OA-journals for inclusion in the DOAJ, actively solicit new applications, promote best publishing practice among publishers in the region and by reaching out to the academic community raise awareness about questionable & unethical publishing.

TEAM India



YOUR LOCAL DOAJ AMBASSADOR(S)

Your local DOAJ Ambassadors will help OA-journals published in India to be listed in DOAJ and being more visible to the global community. Sridhar Gutam Sridhar@doaj.org; Vrushali Dandawate vrushali@doaj.org; Leena Shah leena@doaj.org

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Open Access Repositories

- Open access repositories registered on Opendoar from India are 81

Jisc Digital Resources > Open Access

OpenDOAR

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Browse by Country and Region

Countries by Region (3909)
Asia (739)
Southern Asia (123)
India (81)

View: **by Name** | by Software | Statistics

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Name	Type	Software	Country
AMU Repository (Knowledge Repository)	Institutional	EPrints	India
ARIES, Digital Repository	Disciplinary	DSpace	India

OA resources in India include [Listing of Open Access Databases \(LOADB\)](#) a portal launched in October 2015, which offers a classified and categorized listing of Open Access databases. This was developed by [Council of Scientific and Industrial Research \(CSIR\) – Unit for Research and Development of Information Products \(URDIP\)](#)

The screenshot displays the LOADB website interface. At the top, the logo 'LOADB' is prominently displayed in blue and orange, followed by the text 'Listing of Open Access Databases' and the CSIR-URDIP logo. A navigation bar includes links for Home, Browse, Search, Suggest a Database, Other OA Directories, and Contact. The main content area features a 'Home' section with introductory text explaining the portal's purpose and a list of statistics:

Category	Count	Action
Science & Technology Categories	25+	Browse
OA Databases	1300+	Browse
Countries	40+	Browse
Publishers	500+	Browse

The bottom of the page shows a Windows taskbar with the system clock at 15:28 on 25-02-2019.

Shodhganga

- [Shodhganga](#) is a national digital repository maintained by [INFLIBNET](#) Centre that facilitates Open Access to Indian theses and dissertations submitted to Indian universities. At present 438 universities in India have signed a MoU with INFLIBNET Centre.

The screenshot shows the Shodhganga website interface. At the top, there is a navigation menu with the following items: HOME, ABOUT US, SEARCH & BROWSE, UGC NOTIFICATION, GUIDE & TUTORIALS, DOWNLOAD, and LOGIN. The main banner area features a large text display: "2,10,000 THESES WELCOME TO SHODHGANGA A reservoir of Indian theses". Below this, there is a search bar with the text "Search Thesis into Shodhganga" and a search icon. Underneath the search bar are three buttons: "Advanced Search", "Subject Search", and "Google Search". To the left of the search bar, there is a "Happy New Year" message. The website also includes a "How to Cite?" section with a URL input field and buttons for "Search" and "Citation Help". The footer contains a notice about a "Three Days Advanced Training Program on Shodhganga" and a Windows taskbar at the bottom.

Preprint Repository for Agriculture

The screenshot shows a web browser window displaying the AgriXiv homepage. The browser's address bar shows the URL <https://agxiv.org>. The website has a green header with the AgriXiv logo and navigation links: "Add a Preprint", "Search", "Donate", "Sign Up", and "Sign In". The main content area features the large "AgriXiv" logo, the tagline "Preprints for Agriculture and Allied Sciences", and the text "Powered by OSF Preprints". Below this is a search bar with the placeholder text "Search preprints..." and a "Search" button. An "OR" separator is followed by a green "Add a preprint" button and a link to "See an example". At the bottom, there is a "Browse by subjects" section and a cookie consent banner that reads: "This website relies on cookies to help provide a better user experience. By clicking Accept or continuing to use the site, you agree. For more information, see our [Privacy Policy](#) and information on [cookie use](#)." with an "Accept" button. The Windows taskbar at the bottom shows the time as 17:11 on 21-02-2019 and includes icons for various applications like Mozilla Firefox, AgriXiv, and several PDF files.

National Digital Library India

- The **National Digital library of India (NDLI)** is a project under [Ministry of Human Resource Development, India](#). The objective is to integrate several national and international digital libraries in one single web-portal. The NDLI provides free of cost access to many books in English and the Indian languages.

The screenshot shows the homepage of the National Digital Library of India. The browser address bar displays <https://ndli.iiitkgp.ac.in>. The page features a dark green header with a search bar, a language dropdown set to 'English', and a 'Log-In' button. Below the header, the main content area includes a navigation menu on the left with icons for 'About NDL India', 'Learning Resource Type', 'Subject Domain', 'Featured Sources', and 'News and Events'. The central banner displays the text 'Educational materials are available for users ranging from primary to post-graduate levels' alongside an illustration of a student. On the right, there is a 'Member Log-In' section with fields for 'E-mail address', 'Enter your password' (with the password '791432' visible), and 'Enter the displayed text'. Below the login fields are buttons for 'Remember me', 'Log-In', 'Account recovery', and 'Register'. The footer contains links for 'About', 'Disclaimer', 'FAQ', 'Help', 'Bulk Registration', 'Sponsor', 'Contact', 'Career', and 'NDL India Video YouTube Link'. Social media icons for Facebook, Twitter, YouTube, and LinkedIn are also present, along with 'Get it on Google play' and 'Download on the App Store' buttons. The Windows taskbar at the bottom shows the system time as 17:34 on 21-02-2019.

Open Access Repositories In India

- Total Registered Repositories – 82
- Software's used by Indian Community – Dspace and Eprint

Browse by Country and Region - x +

Not secure | v2.sherpa.ac.uk/view/repository_by_country/in.html

Browse Search Statistics Policy Tool Our APIs Suggest Admin

Browse by Country and Region

Countries by Region (3953)
Asia (751)
Southern Asia (127)
India (82)

View: **by Name** | by Software | Statistics

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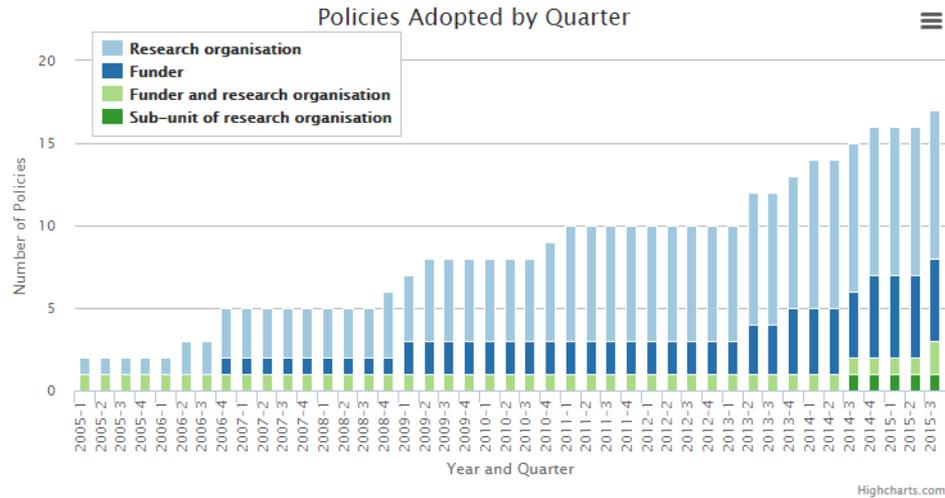
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AMU Repository (Knowledge Repository)	Type Institutional	Software EPrints	Country India
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05-03-2019

India in ROAR MAP

Number of items at this level: 17.



[Bharathidasan University](#)

[CGIAR](#)

[Council of Scientific & Industrial Research](#)

[Council of Scientific and Industrial Research \(CSIR\) India](#)

[Department of Biotechnology, and Department of Science & Technology, Ministry of Science & Technology](#)

[ICRISAT International Crops Research Institute for the Semi-Arid Tropics](#)

[IITH Indian Institute of Technology Hyderabad](#)

[Indian Council of Agricultural Research](#)

[Indian Institute of Horticultural Research Bengaluru](#)

[Institutional Repository@AIKTC](#)

[M S University](#)

Challenges

- **Lack of clarity about the benefit of and need for open access.**
- **India is always claimed as home of predatory journals publications**
- **OA journals are growing in India for sake of money and many researchers just want to publish their paper for sake of degree and high academic score some where it should be stop**
- **Indian government should take interest to support open access activities and also form a OA policies**
- **Copyrights issues at institutional level repositories so no one want to make their instutuional repositories online.**
- **In most of cases Librarian's are handling repositories less technical support for them**

Recommendations

- **Creation of OA Repositories**
- **Organizing Workshop Seminars on OA during OA Week/ OA Awareness Work**
- **Greater role for Communities of Practice**
- **Librarians can play role of OA Advocate for there respective institutes**
- **Publishing in OA Journals**
- **Think Check Submit - <https://thinkchecksubmit.org/>**
- **Use of Open Formats and Open Licenses**

Thank You