Electronic Theses and Dissertations
Introducing in Universities
An Indian Perspective

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Preamble

- Present scenario in the dissemination of / access to Doctoral research
- Introduction of E T Ds as a solution
- Trends in electronic publication and access in Indian Universities
- Attitude of Indian Academia
- Impact of UGC’s National Policy

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Method of Study

- Questionnaire Survey at national level.
- Universities under UGC, Connected to UGC Infonet & sufficient e-resources availability.
- Equal Geographical Coverage.

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Importance of Ph D Theses

Ph D Awards in India

There are more than 25,000 Ph Ds awarded in certain Universities

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Awareness of ETD

Policy on ETD

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Support to ETD →

Access Policy

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Present Scenario of ETD System

Future Plans for ETD System

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## Obstacles to ETD

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Findings & Latest Happenings

- Indian Universities hold a huge collection of Ph D Theses, but access from/to Outside is limited.

- Universities Started Collecting e-format of Theses, but creation of ETD System is not done.

- Indian academia and Librarians are aware about ETDs and they largely support the idea.

- University Grants Commission’s Recent Initiative to introduce ETD at national level, as a POLICY will force all Universities to start ETDs.

- Indian Universities will be a part of International ETD Initiatives.

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