Electronic Theses and Dissertations
Introducing in Universities
An Indian Perspective

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Preamble

- *P*resent scenario in the dissemination of / access to Doctoral research

- *I*ntroduction of E T Ds as a solution

- *T*rends in electronic publication and access in Indian Universities

- *A*ttitude of Indian Academia
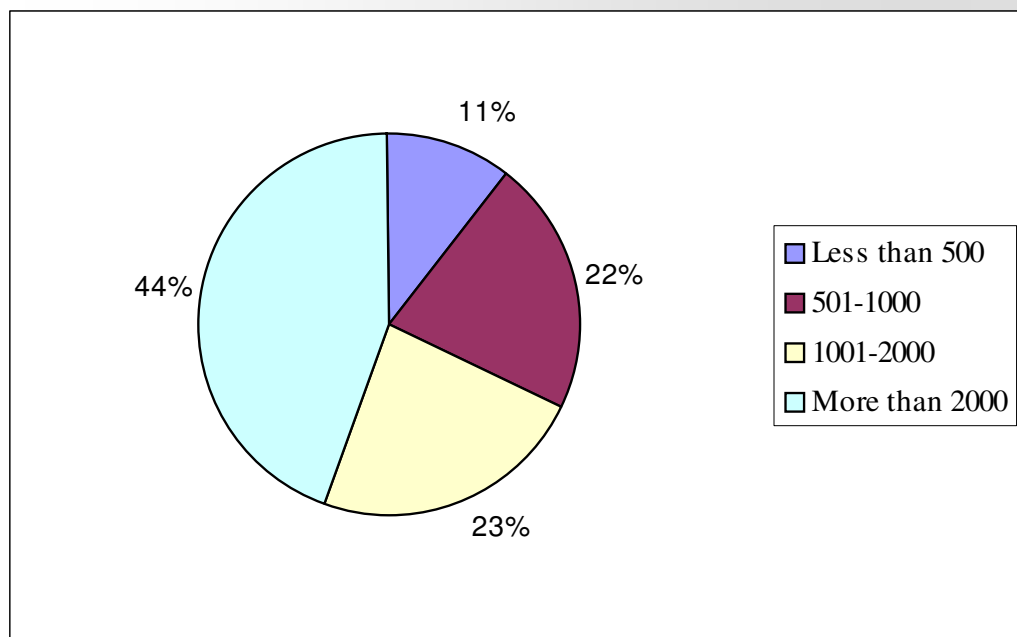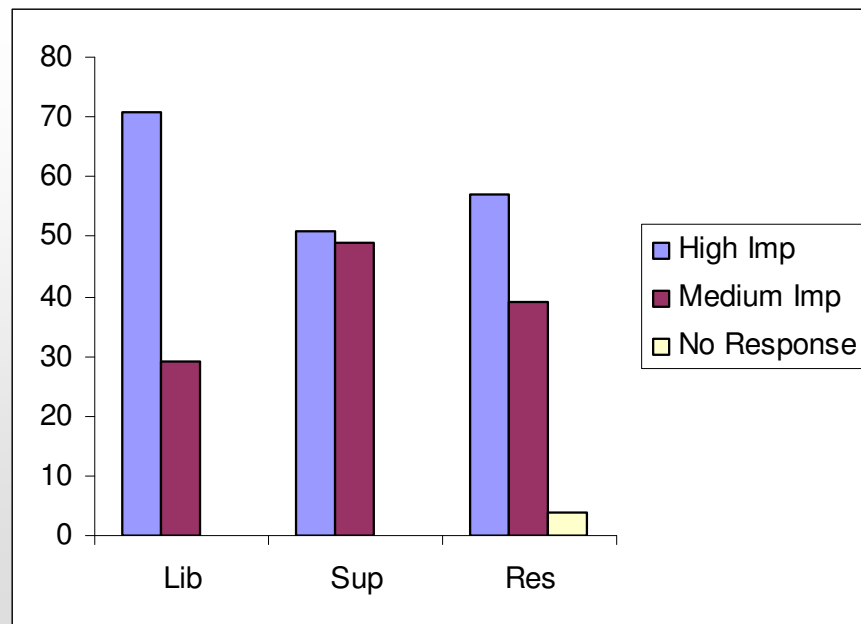
- *I*mpact of UGC's National Policy

Method of Study

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

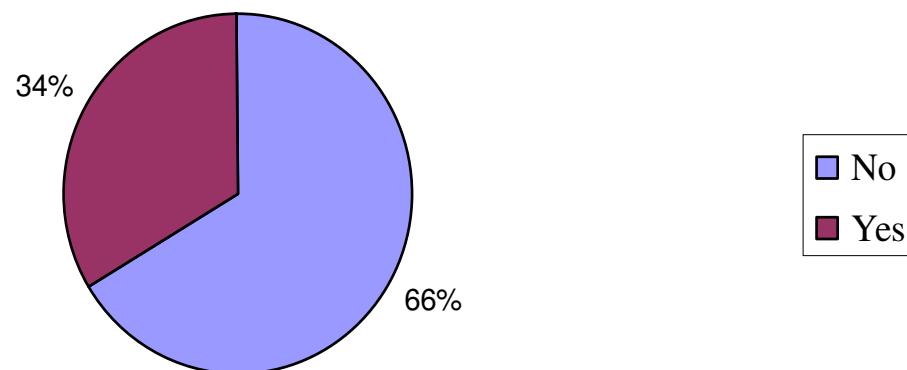| Category	Number of Participants	Number of Universities
University Librarians	65	65
Ph D Supervisors	88	27
Ph D Researchers	173	27

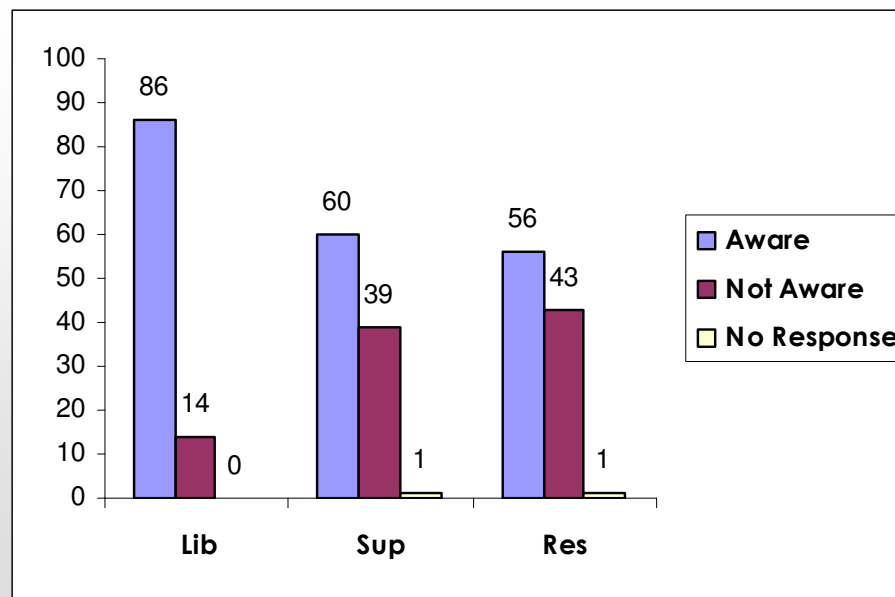# Importance of Ph D Theses →

Ph D Awards ← in India

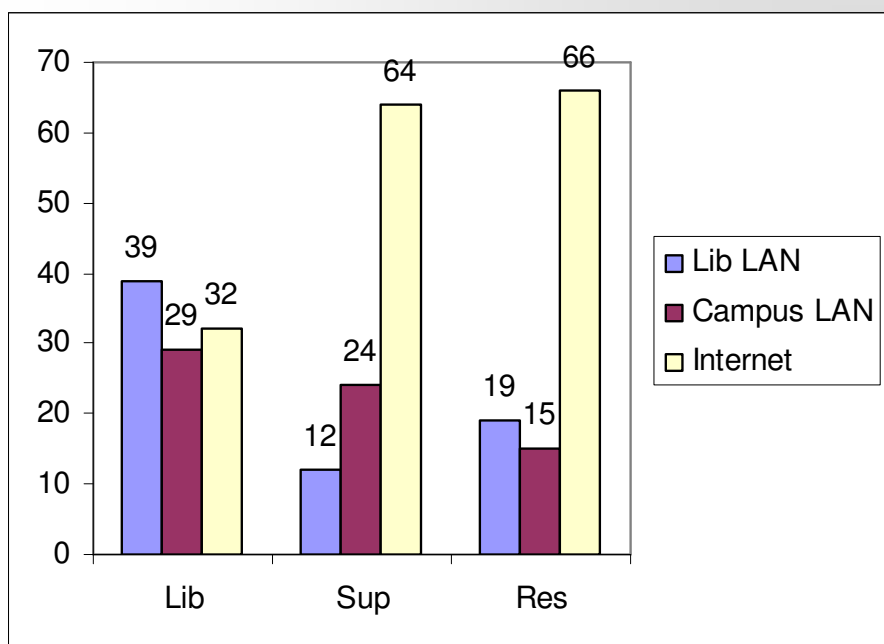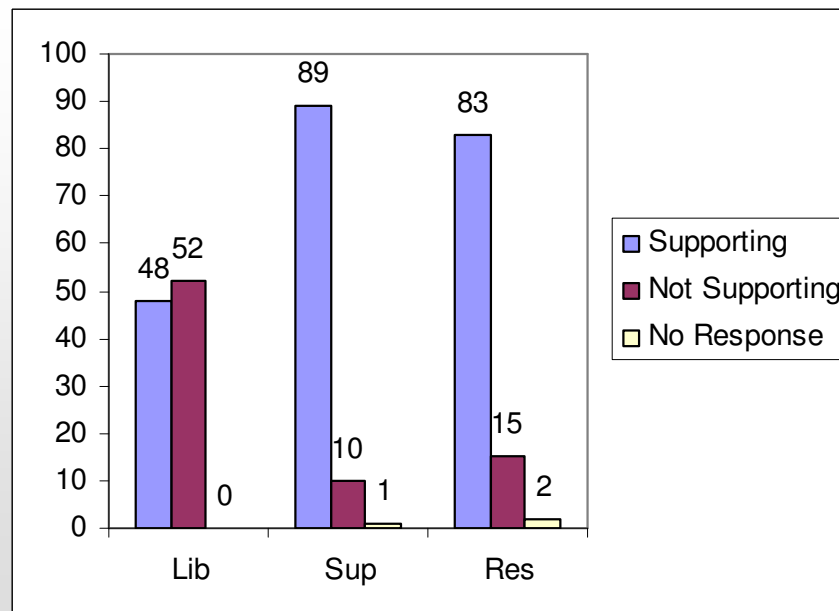**There are more than 25,000 Ph Ds awarded in certain Universities**
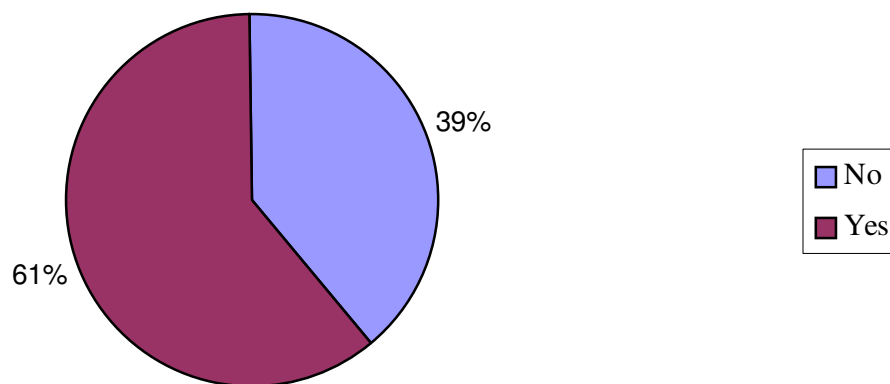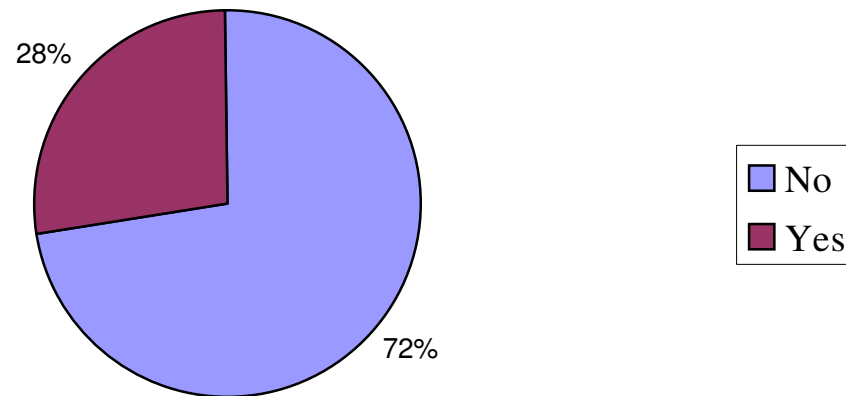
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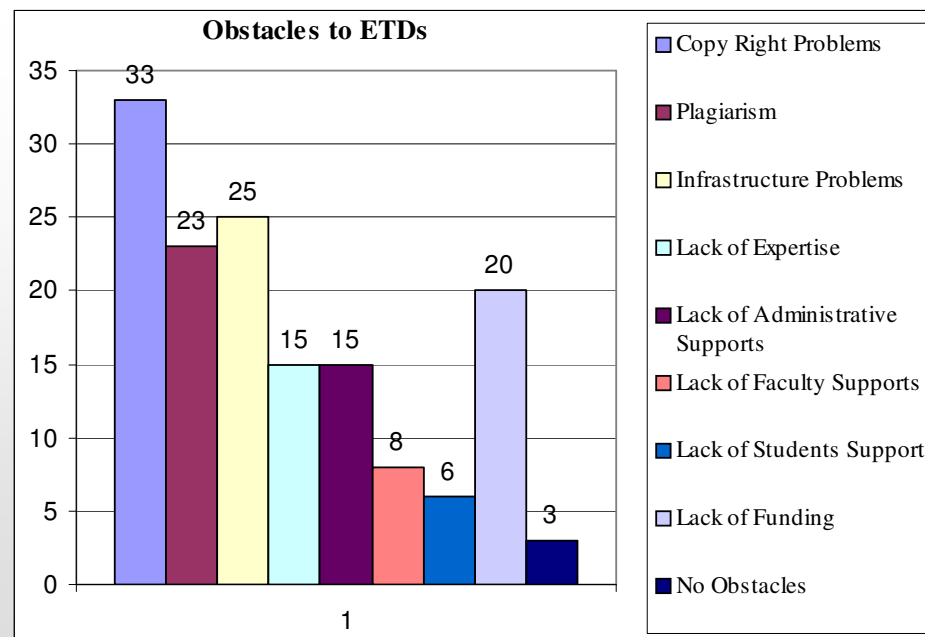

Policy on ETD ←

Support to ETD →

← Access Policy

Present Scenario of ETD System

28%

72%

- ☐ No
- ■ Yes

Future Plans for ETD System

39%

61%

- ☐ No
- ■ Yes

Obstacles to ETD

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33	▧ Copy Right Problems
23	▧ Plagiarism
25	▢ Infrastructure Problems
15	▢ Lack of Expertise
15	▧ Lack of Administrative Supports
8	▧ Lack of Faculty Supports
6	▧ Lack of Students Support
20	▧ Lack of Funding
3	▧ No Obstacles

Support Needed

Supports Needed	Responses
Governmental Policies (UGC etc)	28
University Policies	36
Infrastructure Support	32
Technical Expertise	27
Support from Academics	17
Financial Supports	19
No Support Required	12
Not Responded	3

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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