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Scientometric Study of Department of Atomic Energy Institutes : A Picture from Scopus Database

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Abstract: Highlighting the various output patterns of the Department of Atomic Energy (India) Institutions publication productivity, the study portraits the usage of a number of facets of Scientometrics with the data collected from the most widely used, world's largest abstract and citation database Scopus. The publication data for individual institutes were searched with the help of affiliation search option of the database. The data thus obtained were analyzed and interpreted in harmony with the Scientometric methods and the results thus obtained smooth down the path for findings. The study showed that the Bhabha Atomic Research Centre (BARC) leads other DAE Institutes, with systematic growth in number of publications from year 2008 to 2011. Most of these publications contributed to subjects Physics and Astronomy followed by Materials Science and so on. The lead source titles used for publications are AIP Conference Proceedings, Journal of Physics Conference Series, and Physical Review journal.

Keywords: Department of Atomic Energy (India), Publications productivity, Scientometric analysis, Scopus, Publication density.

Knowledge Management and Electronic Theses and Dissertations in Libraries: Perils and Solutions in Indian Perspective

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Abstract: Information and Communication Technology (ICT) is a great facilitator for Knowledge Management (KM). ICT enables to create digital repositories for sharing knowledge transcending many of the existing limitations. Digital repositories are one of the components of Knowledge Management in libraries. Digital Repositories of in-house research are becoming priority items in most of the unoversities and research institutes. This paper highlights the major challenges in creating a digital repository of Electronic Theses and Dissertations (ETDs) for universities/academic institutions. Authors suggest solutions for the constraints identified for ETD initiatives and conclude that the library professionals should take up the problems by solving the constraints, based on research in this area of Knowledge Management in Libraries.

Keywords: Knowledge Management, Electronic Theses and Dissertation, Open Access, KM, ETD, OA.

Personal Book Collection of Politicians and Bureaucrats in Shillong, India: A Survey

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Abstract: Politicians and Bureaucrats end up with a book collections. Some may collect books out of a sheer love for reading. But their public and privileged position puts almost all of them at the receiving end of a variety of gifts that mostly times include books, which then go on to form their private book collection. This study tried to find out, through a questionnaire, the issues connected with the private book collections of Politicians and Bureaucrats in Shillong, Mehgalaya, India. The results, though sketchy, show among other things, that most Shillong Politicians and Bureaucrats do possess personal collections; do sometimes read what is on their shelves; but do not really follow any system in organizing their collection.

Keywords: Book Collection, Personal Library, Politicians, Bureaucrats, Collection Development.

Novelty in RDA: a Comparative Analysis of the Rules of AACR2 and RDA

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Purpose - Entity Relationship is quite prevalent in Datasse moldel. FRBR, devised by IFLA is built upon this model. Resource description is taking a new turn with the introduction of RDA. Here is an effort to delineate the striking areas where it differs substantially from the AACR2.

Design / Methodology / Approach - Along with key features and structure of RDA, a comparative analysis with a set of examples is the primary approach here. By analyzing the differences, some observations have been put forward. Rules are described side by side, to understand the problem with more clarity. It can also be considered as a case study based design.

Findings - Though it takes a huge effort to convert the description from AACR2 to RDA, but to a large extent, it a futile exercise. Differences are very negligible when it will be implemented thoroughly, in spite of the tall claims in the JSC reports. The documents, those who have multiple manifestations, may get some different dimensions for approaching them. But only for those small numbers of documents this mammoth exercise is neither economic nor advisable.

Originality / Value - Several major libraries and Library Associations are delaying to implement it because of several reasons, keeping aside feasibility. This paper argues in its own way, that these dictums are some sort of imperialism in organizing the information world towards the less developed nations, which has never been uttered anywhere before.

Keywords: AACR2; FRBR; RDA; Resource Description; Cataloguing Rules.

Paper type: Research Paper

Book Review

GLIMPSES OF LIBRARY MOVEMENT AND PUBLIC LIBRARY DEVELOPMENT IN ANDHRA PRADESH. BY A.A.N. RAJU. NEW DELHI.ESS PUBLICATIONS, 2010. XX, 464P. ISBN: 978-81-7000-615-2.

Library is an object of reverence in Indian civilization from thousand years. But the concept of 'People's University' - Public Library was brought to India from England. It was a contribution of British Raj as well as 19th Century Indian Renaissance. Library movement was symbol of democratization and recognition of right to knowledge in race, caste divided India. Library movement in pre and post independent is one of the most important social movements which have manifested soul of modern India into its ancient civilized frame.

Some publications have come out on library movement and development in Andhra Pradesh. Some of these include Gopinatha Rao's "Library Movement in Andhra Pradesh", A.A.N. Raju's "History of Library Movement in Andhra Pradesh (1900-1956)", Pogula Sesha Giri Kumar's "Library Movement and Libraries development in Andhra Pradesh".

The present bookunder review is an important addition in this area. It contains ten informative chapters with contextual discussions on following areas:

- 1. Library Movement in Andhra Pradesh
- Development of Library movement in Coastal Andhra, Talangana, Rayalseema

- Public Library Development in Andhra Pradesh
- State Central Library (SCL), Hyderabad
- 5. Regional Libraries
- 'Zilla Grandhalaya Samsthas', (District Library Organizations)
- 7. Library Committees
- Professional Associations and Organisations
- Library and Information Science education in Andhra Pradesh
- Raja Rammohun Roy Library Foundation (RRRLF), Kolkata

The first two chapters of this book deals with origin and development of library movement and public library development in Andhra including pre independence (from the establishment of 'Saraswati Grandhalayam' at Visakhapatnam) and how the library movements in the two regions were merged and transformed into an integrated library movement. The role of Andhra Desa Library Association, Andhra Jana Kendra Sangham and later by Andhra Maha Sabha to shape the movements is also discussed. Author also states how the early library conferences prepared the ground of library legislation in this region.

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