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COVID-19 Research Publications in India: A Bibliometric Study

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Abstract

Purpose : As a response to the pandemic, the global scientific community has been engaged in intense research to find solutions to deal with the virus. This study is to cover bibliometric information about the COVID-19 pandemic in Indian states & Union Territories (UTs). The main aim of this study is to analyse quantitatively the impact of the epidemic in terms of authors, sources, and state/UTs-wise publications, involved in this research field.

Methodology: The Scopus database from Elsevier is used to find the COVID-19 related publications for this study. To retrieve the publications, we used search keywords as TITLE-ABS-KEY ("COVID-19" OR "covid 19" OR "SARS-COV-2") AND (LIMIT-TO (AFFILCOUNTRY, "India")) from Title, Abstract and Keywords'; and then restricted our search field to India only for a time period between December 2019 and 10th July 2020. We used a statistical tool R and Excel for data analysis.

Finding: The states/Union territories like Delhi and Maharashtra, which are the most affected by virus, are also the most productive states/UTs in terms of the number of publications. The top three journals in this area which published almost 36% of documents are the Indian Journal of Ophthalmology, Diabetes and Metabolic Syndrome: Clinical Research and Reviews, and Asian Journal of Psychiatry. The Bradford's Law is fittings partially concerning with covid-19 publications.

Value: As the COVID-19 situation intensifies across the world, this kind of study would help the Government of India to make decisions regarding funding institutions for collaborative work on COVID.

Keywords: COVID-19; SARS-COV-2; Coronavirus; Pandemic; Bibliometrics; India.

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Visualisation of Scholarly Citation Networks in Health Informatics

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Abstract

Purpose: This study aims to analyse the authorship patterns, citation analysis and author co-citation analysis in the field of health informatics.

Methodology: An author citation analysis was conducted on 3856 publications indexed in the Web of Science bibliographic database produced during 2009 to 2019. Author collaboration networks for country-wise, institution-wise collaborations were produced using VOS Viewer software.

Findings: The findings reveal that the number of citations in the health informatics domain has increased over the period of study from 112 in 2009 to 10481 in the year 2019. Haux R was the leading author with 31 publications. The degree of collaboration among 3856 publications in the field of health informatics during 2009-2019 came out to be 10.43%. Lotka's Law does not stand valid for the publications in the health informatics domain. The findings suggested that the collaborative authorship among multiple authors was higher as compared to the single authors. USA and China are found to be strongly interlinked to each other and had the highest number of collaborations. University of California, King's College London, Indiana University and John Hopkins University have the highest collaborations. The highest number of publications was written by collaboration among three authors i.e. 683 publications.

Value: This study has an original visualisation of authorship patterns and citation analysis that reveals the maturing field of health informatics.

Keywords: Health informatics; Citation analysis; Authorship pattern; Co-citations; Scientometrics; Lotka's law.

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E-Theses in Institutional Repositories: An overview of Asian Countries

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Abstract

Purpose: The current study tries to evaluate the working status, features and services of the e-Theses Institutional Repositories (IRs) of Asian countries. The institutional repositories are analysed for different issues like - country-wise distribution, number of records, different subject areas, language interface for sharing knowledge, software used for the creation of e-Theses IRs, web 2.0 features, etc.

Methodology: Registry of Open Access Repository (ROAR) was explored for observing the global visibility of e-Theses IRs of Asian countries. Further, individual website of each e-Theses IRs has been visited to analyse its features and services.

Findings: It was found that as on March 2020, Total of 47 e-Theses IRs from Asian countries have been registered in ROAR. Out of a total 47 IRs, 45 repositories have been analysed. Indonesia has a maximum number of e-Theses IRs (17), followed by India (10). However, India has a maximum number of e-Theses records (64.33%), followed by Indonesia (21.21%). Dspace and EPrint are the most used software in the creation of e-Theses IRs of the Asian countries. English is the most common language interface and repositories cover e-Theses of multiple subjects. All the repositories under study have web 2.0 features and advance searching facility, while repositories of some countries also have user statistics feature, indexing facility where as some repositories do not have these features.

Originality: In the present study, e-Theses IRs of Asian countries have been analysed to measure the different characteristic features by visiting the individual website of each repository. Many studies have been done on institutional repositories and e-Theses but no other study was conducted on the same title or covered the same features of IRs, so this is an original work of the authors.

Keywords: Institutional repositories; e-Theses; ROAR (Registry of Open Access Repository); India; Open Access.

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State Library of Nagaland in Preserving Cultural Heritage : An Exploratory Study with Special Reference to Hornbill Festival

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Abstract

Purpose: This study is to explore the role of the State Library in preserving the indigenous Naga cultural heritage of the Hornbill Festival of Nagaland. The study is to explore further the possibilities of collaboration among the two entities for all future events.

Methodology: The study has used a mixed-method of data collection. The librarian of the State Library was also interviewed to know their role in preserving the Naga cultural heritage and its participation in the Hornbill festival. A questionnaire was distributed among visitors at the festival to collect opinions of visitors in the role of the festival in preserving Naga culture.

Findings: The study found that the special collection on Naga culture in the State Library can aid in preserving cultural heritage information of Nagaland. The Hornbill Festival is contributing to preserving the Naga cultural heritage by bringing visibility and keeping Naga identity. It is a platform where all the Naga people get educated about their indigenous cultural practices. The research has proposed various intersections for the State Library and the Hornbill Festival in preservation and promotion of cultural heritage information.

Value: This is the first study in India and from the state of Nagaland, which explores the contributions of two important stakeholders - the State Library, Kohima and the Hornbill Festival together as key contributors in preserving cultural heritage.

Keywords: Public library; Hornbill festival; Cultural heritage information; Naga culture; Cultural heritage preservation

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Spiral of Information Behaviour and the Prominence of the Third Quadrant

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Abstract

Purpose: The purpose of this study is to highlight the importance of search strategies of any information behaviour of every seeker. It also tried to make an assertion by providing an information behaviour model using Ranganathan's famous spiral of scientific method.

Methodology: This paper follows descriptive method using various literature study and model analysis. It has specially studied various search strategies and use flow chart diagram.

Findings: During the last couple of decades, lots of models have been warranted to understand information behavior. Lots of literature has been published in this context. Mostly describes the survey and user-seeking behavior by various communities specially in the digital environment. Based on those studies present model has been asserted and tried to show that proper search strategies are the most important factor of any information behaviour.

Values: This paper is an effort to understand 'information behavior' using Ranganathan's famous 'Spiral of Scientific Method'. Here it is a spiral of information behavior. It has four quadrants. This paper specifically concentrates on its third quadrants, where information searching is considered as the most powerful prominence factor for information behavior. This paper tries to establish this proposition with facts and a flow chart diagram.

Keywords : Information behavior; Search strategy; Spiral of the scientific method; Spiral of information behaviour

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A Bio-bibliometric Potrait of Stephen William Hawking

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Abstract

Purpose: Stephen William Hawking is a renowned scientist worked in several fields of physics and the allied sciences. He has contributed 173 research papers during the span of 1965 to 2018. This paper tries to depict a quantitative analysis of his research contribution through a bibliometric study and endeavor to draw a scientific portrait of this fame of scientist.

Methodology: Research data has been collected from Web of Science and Scopus bibliographic databases and then analysed following standard procedure for preparing scientific portrait.

Findings: Stephen William Hawking has contributed 173 research papers in 53 years of his research career. He has contributed maximum number of publication in the journal *Physical Review D* and some other important inferences have been drawn from the analysis.

Originality/Value: We have not observed any scientometric portrait on Stephen Hawking and it is high time to quantitatively assess the contribution of this famous author and in this regard this is an original and important.

Keywords: Bibliometrics; Scientometrics; Scientometric portrait; Stephen William Hawking.

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