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Abstract

The studies about the e-resources and consortia initiatives of scholarly journals have been important for both librarians and publishers. This article intends to provide an overview of the e-journals as a means of scholarly communication with emphasis on consortia initiatives in India. Concept of e-journals, kinds of e-journals, Indian open access journals and consortia are discussed in detail. Indian consortia initiatives include: INDEST, FORSA, UGC-INFONET, N-LIST, CSIR e-journal consortia, DRDO, ICMR, HELINET, SpaceNet of ISRO, CeRA of ICAR, MCIT Library Consortium and IIM Consortium. Hence the paper provides an insight on what are the consortia initiatives functioning in India. This will be useful for the information professionals and researchers in the area of LIS.
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