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The National conference is aimed at enhancing the quality of ETDs and deliberates on various parameters affecting the creation and maintenance of ETDs at university as well as national level. In addition to the invited talk from the national experts in the domain of ETDs, sessions will be provided to understand the workflow and process involved in creation of ETDS. The conference also addresses important issues like plagiarism, copyright, Open Access, etc.

This national conference on iETD 2016 is third in the series. The first national conference was organized in JNU, New Delhi on March 22nd-23rd, 2012. The second national conference was organized at INFLIBNET Centre, Gandhinagar from 22nd-23rd January, 2015. The third national conference would serve as an excellent educational opportunity to librarians, research scholars, supervisors and other ETD professionals from universities to create/build policy on ETD/anti-plagiarism and maintain their digital repositories by interacting each other. The goal of the conference is to offer relevant, practice-oriented content to support National ETD productivity improvement, ETD professionals, advance ETD operations, and encourage the creation of quality repository for national ETDs in India.

Objectives

- To impart knowledge on creating and managing ETDs
- To provide opportunity to the participants to exchange ideas and enrich their respective programmes on ETDs
- To formulate policies based on the input and discussions of experts for deterring plagiarism in academic sector; and
- To create awareness on ethics and academic integrity and hands-on for using plagiarism detection software.

Call for Papers

Programme Committee seek high quality technical papers related to the theme and sub-themes but not limited to the areas as specified below:

Theme: “Evolving ETDs to Knowledge Repositories”

Sub Themes

Managing ETDs
- Creation, Maintenance and Dissemination of ETDs
- ETD Implementation and Policies
- Digital Preservation Process and Policies
- Initiatives by Universities in Digitization and Setting up of ETD Labs
- Technical Issues involved
- Case Studies : ETD Initiatives

Technology for Developing ETDs
- Content Management in ETD Repositories
- Metadata Standards and Qualifiers
- Digital Preservation support for ETDs
- Data sharing and long-term data archives
- ETD publishing and Embargoes
- Use of Persistent IDs in the ETD (ORCID, Research Resources ID, etc)
- To Incorporate Altmetrics in the ETD
- Case Studies of evolving ETDs in Institutions

Legal and Ethical Issues of ETDs and Plagiarism
- Academic Integrity and Plagiarism
- Impact of ETDs in Scholarly Communication in India
- Open Access and Open Initiatives
- Intellectual Property Rights and Copyright
- The role of ETDs in Enhancing Visibility and in Countering Plagiarism
- Dealing with Plagiarism in Universities and Policies
- Case Studies: Curbing Plagiarism

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