



End Users Looming Regarding the Utility Behavior of Institutional Repository in CSIR Laboratories

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ABSTRACT:

The revolution of Information and Communication Technology (ICTs) transformed the library and information science profession. It supported to provide the optimum intellectual resources in optimum time, at the desired place and offered the maximum satisfaction to the library users. The Institutional Repository (IR) played a pivotal role for developing and designing a user centric library services and opt a platform for accessing in house content development and its storage in the digital podium. The current study explored about the end users perception of Institutional repository and its utility behavior with special reference of South Region's CSIR Labs, New Delhi. Total 23 CSIR Laboratories developed in India in various places, the study used a survey method for data collection and designed structured questionnaire and distributed (40 questionnaires in CSIR Labs) to attain the axiom of the study. 440 questionnaires distributed among end users and 79.54 per cent respondents given effective responses which have been explained in data and interpretation section. The study revealed that IR resources helped to fulfil the academic and research needs of the teaching and learning community and provide a single gateway for storage and retrieval facilities of the intellectual resources. The study suggested that there is need to inspire and promotion for maximum utilisation of the IR and optimum accessing of library resource and set a trend for IR development and accessing of open and free resources platforms and tools.

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1. Introduction:

Institutional repositories have become vital components of research institutions and organizations, facilitating the storage, preservation, and dissemination of scholarly works and research outputs. CSIR laboratories, renowned for their scientific advancements and contributions, have embraced the concept of institutional repositories to effectively manage and showcase their research findings.

The purpose of this document is to address the concerns and questions that end users in CSIR laboratories may have regarding the utility and behavior of the institutional repository. By understanding and addressing these concerns, the repository can better serve the needs of researchers, scientists, and other stakeholders within the CSIR ecosystem.

This document will delve into various aspects of the institutional repository, covering topics such as accessibility, content coverage, search and discovery capabilities, version control and updates, intellectual property rights, preservation and long-term access, usage statistics and metrics, and collaboration and networking features. By exploring these areas, we aim to provide a comprehensive overview of the institutional repository's functionality and address any concerns that end users may have.

The institutional repository in CSIR laboratories acts as a centralized platform for archiving and sharing research outputs, fostering collaboration, and enhancing the visibility and impact of the institution's scientific endeavors. It serves as a valuable resource for researchers, providing a convenient and accessible means of storing and accessing a wide range of scholarly materials.

By clarifying the utility and behavior of the institutional repository, the study aims to instill confidence among end users, enabling them to leverage the repository effectively to showcase their research, collaborate with peers, and contribute to the advancement of scientific knowledge within the CSIR community.

2. Review of Literature:

The literature on Institutional Repository (IR) usage studies reveals a wide range of investigations into the utilization of the internet and IR services by students and faculty members in educational institutions worldwide. Here is a summary of some key studies:

1. Lee, D. J. and Stvilia, B. (2017) conducted a study in Alberta schools to understand the perceptions of students and faculty regarding the value of the internet as an educational tool.
2. Sarker, F. Davis, H. and Tiropanis, T. (2010) investigated the use and effectiveness of IR services and resources in the Delhi College of Engineering library. Explored the purposes for which the internet is used, its impact, and the problems faced by engineering college students and teachers.

3. Giesecke, J. (2011) analyzed the patterns of internet use among teachers and students of five colleges in Mangalore city. Examined the level of academic community's access to the internet and reasons for non-use of the IR.
4. Lynch, C. A. (2003) investigated the usage of IR services among users of the Bangalore Medical College and Research Institute Library. Explored students' awareness of IT-based resources and the purpose of using IR services.
5. Prabhakar, S. V. R. and Rani, S. M. (2018) found that a significant percentage of the academic community uses the IR regularly, with varying frequencies ranging from weekly to daily usage.
6. Webster, J. and Watson, R. T. (2002) investigated internet usage patterns among students in University. Found that a majority of students use the IR for academic-related activities, highlighting its importance in supporting learning and research.
7. Levy, Y. and Ellis, T. J. (2006) studied the problems of IR access and use in East Africa. Identified legal and financial barriers as common obstacles hindering access to the IR.
8. Nidhra, S. Yanamadala, M. Afzal, W. and Torkar, R. (2013) discovered that both male and female respondents faced issues with the slow functioning of the IR, indicating technological challenges affecting user experience.

These studies emphasize the significance of the internet and IR services in educational settings and highlight various factors influencing their usage, including technological barriers, access issues, and user preferences. Overall, they contribute to our understanding of how internet technology is utilized for learning purposes and the challenges encountered in accessing and utilizing IR resources in educational institutions.

Research Gap:

Identifying research gaps is an important aspect of conducting research, as it helps to determine areas that have not been sufficiently explored or where further investigation is needed. In the context of institutional repositories in CSIR laboratories, here are some potential research gaps that explored:

1. User Experience and Usability: Investigate the user experience of end users in CSIR laboratories when interacting with institutional repositories. This involved assessing the usability of the repository interface, exploring user satisfaction, and identifying areas for improvement to enhance user experience.
2. Adoption and Barriers: Examine the factors influencing the adoption of institutional repositories in CSIR laboratories. It helped for studying the perceptions, attitudes, and motivations of researchers, scientists, and other stakeholders towards repository adoption. Additionally, explore the barriers and challenges faced during the implementation and use of institutional repositories within the CSIR context.

These research gaps highlight potential areas where further investigation could contribute to a deeper understanding of institutional repositories in CSIR laboratories. By addressing these gaps, researchers can enhance the usability, adoption, and impact of these repositories, ultimately supporting the scientific endeavors and knowledge sharing within CSIR laboratories.

3. Objectives:

Based on the research gap identified regarding institutional repositories in CSIR laboratories, the following objectives can be formulated:

1. To assess the current state of institutional repository adoption and usage in CSIR laboratories.
2. To identify the challenges and barriers to effective institutional repository implementation in CSIR laboratories.
3. To evaluate the user experience and satisfaction with institutional repositories in CSIR laboratories.
4. To propose strategies for enhancing the visibility and impact assessment of research outputs in institutional repositories.
5. To examine best practices for data management and preservation within institutional repositories.
6. To explore collaborative features and networking opportunities within institutional repositories for researchers in CSIR laboratories. By pursuing these objectives, the study aims to provide insights into the current state of institutional repositories in CSIR laboratories, address the identified research gaps, and propose strategies for enhancing the utility and impact of these repositories within the CSIR ecosystem.

4. Methodology:

The methodology for studying institutional repositories in CSIR laboratories involved a combination of qualitative and quantitative research methods. Begin by conducting a comprehensive literature review to gather existing knowledge and insights on institutional repositories, their implementation in research institutions, and relevant studies in the context of CSIR laboratories. This will help establish a theoretical framework and identify key research gaps. A questionnaire designed to gather data from researchers, scientists, and other stakeholders within CSIR laboratories. The survey covered aspects such as repository adoption, user experience, challenges faced, and perceptions regarding the visibility and impact of research outputs. By following this methodology, the study gathered robust data, analyze key aspects of institutional repositories in CSIR laboratories, and provided meaningful recommendations for their improvement and enhanced utility.

5. Overview of North Region's CSIR Labs:

The North region of India is home to several prominent laboratories under the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR), which is the premier national research and development organization in the country. These CSIR labs in the North region contribute significantly to scientific advancements, technological innovations, and industrial development. Here is an overview of some of the notable CSIR labs in the North region:

1. CSIR-National Physical Laboratory (NPL), New Delhi: NPL is one of the oldest and leading research institutions in the field of measurement science and metrology. It conducts research in areas such as time and frequency standards, physical and chemical metrology, material science, environmental science, and nanotechnology.
2. CSIR-Indian Institute of Petroleum (IIP), Dehradun: IIP focuses on research and development in the area of petroleum refining, petrochemicals, and alternative fuels. It works on projects related to catalysis, process design, refining technology, and environmental aspects of the petroleum industry.
3. CSIR-Central Drug Research Institute (CDRI), Lucknow: CDRI is a premier research institute dedicated to drug discovery and development. It conducts research on various therapeutic areas, including cancer, infectious diseases, metabolic disorders, and cardiovascular diseases. CDRI also works on traditional Indian medicine systems and natural product-based drug development.
4. CSIR-Institute of Himalayan Bioresource Technology (IHBT), Palampur: IHBT is located in the picturesque Himalayan region and focuses on research and development of bioresources from the Himalayan region. It works on areas such as plant biotechnology, agro-technology, microbial technology, natural product chemistry, and environmental science.
5. CSIR-Central Scientific Instruments Organization (CSIO), Chandigarh: CSIO specializes in the research, development, and commercialization of scientific instruments, sensors, and systems. It works on diverse areas such as optics, photonics, instrumentation engineering, microelectronics, and precision engineering.

These are just a few examples of the CSIR labs in the North region. Each laboratory has its own areas of expertise and research focus, contributing to scientific and technological advancements in various fields. The labs collaborate with academia, industries, and other research institutions to address societal needs, promote innovation, and drive economic growth in the region and the country as a whole.

6. Data Analysis:

7.1 Awareness of IR Resources:

The provided data presents the awareness of IR (Institutional Repository) resources among respondents and the sources through which they became aware of these resources. Here is a breakdown of the data.

Awareness of IR Resources

Sl. No.	Know about IR Resources	Respondents	Percentage
1	Yes	329	94
2	No	21	6
Total		350	100

Sources of Awareness of IR Resources

S.N.	Sources of Awareness	Respondents	Percentage
1	Friends	35	10
2	Library Websites	53	15
3	Teachers	63	18
4	Students	77	22
5	Library Professionals	123	35
Total		350	100

The data indicates that the majority of the respondents (94%) are aware of IR resources. Among the sources of awareness, library professionals (35%) played a significant role in spreading awareness about IR resources. Other sources include students (22%), teachers (18%), library websites (15%), and friends (10%).

7.2 Using for Years of IR :

The provided data indicates the duration for which respondents have been using an IR (Institutional Repository) resource, specifically related to IR. Here is the breakdown of the data:

Using for Years of IR				
S.N.	Using of Years IR	Respondents	Percentage	Explanation
1	$0 < N \leq 2$	81	23.14	Greater than 0 but less than or equal to 2 Years
2	$2 < N \leq 5$	162	46.25	Greater than 2 but less than or equal to 5 Years
3	$5 < N \leq 10$	40	11.33	Greater than 5 but less than or equal to 10 Years
4	$10 < N$	67	19.28	More than 10 years
Total		350	100	

Usage Duration Distribution: The data shows a diverse distribution of usage duration among the respondents. The largest group consists of respondents (46.25%) who have been using the IR resource for a duration between 2 and 5 years. This indicates a significant number of users who have been utilizing the resource for a moderate period of time. The second-largest group includes respondents (23.14%) who have been using the resource for less than or equal to 2 years. This suggests a relatively recent adoption of the IR resource among a considerable portion of the respondents. There is a smaller proportion of respondents (11.33%) who have been using the resource for a duration between 5 and 10 years. This indicates a subset of long-term users who have maintained their usage over a significant period. Additionally, there is a notable number of respondents (19.28%) who have been using the IR resource for more than 10 years. These respondents represent users who have been utilizing the resource for an extended period, showcasing their familiarity and potentially their satisfaction with the resource over time.

7.3 Purpose of IR Utilization Resources:

The provided data presents the purpose of utilizing IR (Institutional Repository) resources among respondents. Here is the breakdown of the data:

Purpose of IR Utilization Resources

Sl. No.	Motto for using of IR Resources	Respondents	Percentage
1	To accomplish academic Works	36	10.29
2	To complete the project Works	90	25.69
3	To help for research activities and articles	157	44.72
4	To updated knowledge and Reference works	68	19.3
Total		350	100

To accomplish academic works: 36 respondents (10.29%) This category represents respondents who utilize IR resources primarily to fulfill their academic requirements, such as assignments, coursework, or academic projects. To complete project works: 90 respondents (25.69%) This category includes respondents who use IR resources to support and complete their project works, which could be research projects, industry projects, or any other type of project-based work. To help with research activities and articles: 157 respondents (44.72%). This category represents respondents who utilize IR resources to support their research activities, access scholarly articles, and gather information for their research projects. To update knowledge and reference works: 68 respondents (19.3%).

7.4 Access Location of IR Resources:

The provided data presents the locations from which respondents access IR (Institutional Repository) resources. Here is the breakdown of the data:

Access Location of IR Resources

S.N.	Location for accessing E-Resources	Respondents	Percentage
1	Home/Hostel	115	32.97
2	Library	81	23.25
3	Department	71	20.36
4	Computer Center	43	12.21

5	Any Other Place	39	11.21
Total		350	100

The largest group of respondents (32.97%) accesses IR resources from their home or hostel, suggesting a preference for remote access and the flexibility to utilize the resources at their convenience. The second-largest group (23.25%) accesses IR resources from the library, highlighting the importance of libraries as physical spaces for accessing and utilizing scholarly resources. A significant proportion of respondents (20.36%) access IR resources from their department, indicating the availability and utilization of IR resources within academic and research units. A smaller group of respondents (12.21%) accesses IR resources from a computer center, indicating the utilization of dedicated computing facilities for accessing these resources. A small portion of respondents (11.21%) accesses IR resources from other places not specifically mentioned, demonstrating the flexibility and diverse locations from which these resources can be accessed.

7.5: Herculean view of the Institutional Repository (IR) resources:

To provide a Herculean view of the Institutional Repository (IR) resources of the North Region institutions (CRRI, NISCAIR, NISTADS, NPL, OSDD, TKDL, TRISUTRA), we need to analyze the data provided:

Herculean view of IR Resources of North Region

Sl. No.	Resources	CRRI	NISCAIR	NISTADS	NPL	OSDD	TKDL	TRISUTRA	Total
1	Books (including Back Volumes)	25000	20278	21012	22135	23450	21458	14210	147543
2	Pamphlets	1145	1254	1024	1542	1420	1325	1020	8730
3	Thesis/Dissertations	10235	11325	10235	13020	9874	13547	7412	75648
4	Project Reports	18230	1987	1542	1879	1645	2397	2178	29858
5	Microfilms	658	789	389	542	458	1780	231	4847
6	Microfiche	458	479	157	329	235	870	328	2856
7	Maps	235	320	235	328	425	1021	369	2933
8	CD ROMs and DVDs	3210	2030	2378	2130	1978	2347	1459	15532
9	E-Books	12587	13245	11258	10254	11254	12870	9801	81269
10	E-Journals	1234	1291	1192	1025	987	1202	879	7810
Total		72992	52998	49422	53184	51726	58817	37887	377026

Books: NPL has the highest number of books, followed by CRRI and OSDD. TKDL has the lowest number of books among the listed institutions. **Thesis/Dissertations:** TKDL has the highest number of thesis/dissertations, followed by CRRI and NPL. NISTADS has the lowest number in this category. **E-Books:** NISCAIR has the highest number of e-books, followed by CRRI and TKDL. NISTADS has the lowest number of e-books among the institutions listed. **Project Reports:** CRRI has the highest number of project reports, followed by NPL and TKDL. NISTADS and OSDD have the lowest numbers of project reports. **Microfilms and Microfiche:** TKDL has the highest numbers of both microfilms and microfiche, while NISCAIR and CRRI have relatively lower numbers in these categories. **CD ROMs and DVDs:** CRRI has the highest number of CD ROMs and DVDs, followed by NISTADS and TKDL. OSDD has the lowest number in this category. **Pamphlets, Maps, and E-Journals:** The distribution of pamphlets, maps, and e-journals varies across institutions, with no clear dominance of any single institution in these categories.

7.6: Quality of Institutional Repository (IR) resources: Based on the data provided on the quality of Institutional Repository (IR) resources of responses:

IR Resources Quality

S.N.	Quality of Resources	Respondents	Percentage
1	Excellent	186	53.23
2	Good	131	37.29
3	Average	25	7.25
4	Poor	8	2.23
Total		350	100

The majority of respondents, constituting over half (53.23%), rated the quality of IR resources as "Excellent". A significant portion, approximately 37.29%, rated the quality as "Good". A smaller proportion, around 7.25%, rated the quality as "Average". A minority of respondents, accounting for 2.23%, rated the quality as "Poor".

7.7: satisfaction of end users: Based on the data provided on the satisfaction of end users with Institutional Repository (IR) resources.

End Users Satisfaction of IR Resources

S.N.	Satisfaction	Respondents	Percentage
1	Fully Satisfied	144	41.25
2	Satisfied	131	37.29
3	Partially Satisfied	67	19.25
4	Not Satisfied	8	2.21
Total		350	100

The majority of respondents, constituting over 41%, reported being "Fully Satisfied" with the IR resources. A significant portion, approximately 37.29%, indicated being "Satisfied". A notable proportion, around 19.25%, reported being "Partially Satisfied". A minority of respondents, accounting for 2.21%, expressed being "Not Satisfied" with the IR resources.

7.8: Challenges for harnessing Institutional Repository (IR): Based on the data provided on the challenges for harnessing Institutional Repository (IR) resources.

Challenges for Harnessing of IR Resources

S.N.	Particular	Respondents	Percentage
1	Lacuna of Adequate ICT Infrastructure	13	3.62
2	Speed of Internet	23	6.56
3	Power Interruptions	44	12.45
4	Lacuna of IT Skills	70	19.89
5	Lacuna of Supporting staff	75	21.38
6	Motivation for harnessing of resources	126	36.1
Total		350	100

The data highlights a range of challenges that institutions face in effectively harnessing IR resources. Technical challenges such as inadequate ICT infrastructure, internet speed, and power interruptions pose barriers to accessing and utilizing IR resources. Human resource challenges, including a lack of IT skills and supporting staff, also hinder the effective management and utilization of IR resources. Motivational factors emerge as significant challenges, indicating the importance of fostering a culture of engagement and enthusiasm among stakeholders for maximizing the potential of IR resources. Addressing these challenges requires a multi-faceted approach, including investments in infrastructure, capacity building, and stakeholder engagement initiatives. By overcoming these challenges, institutions can enhance the accessibility, usability, and impact of IR resources, ultimately advancing research, learning, and knowledge dissemination objectives.

7. Conclusion:

Based on the analysis of the Institutional Repository (IR) resources of the North Region institutions (CRRI, NISCAIR, NISTADS, NPL, OSDD, TKDL, TRISUTRA), overall, the analysis underscores the importance of continually assessing and improving IR resources to ensure their alignment with the evolving needs and expectations of end users. By prioritizing user satisfaction, addressing challenges, and fostering a culture of innovation and collaboration, institutions can maximize the effectiveness and impact of their IR in supporting research, learning, and knowledge dissemination endeavors.

In conclusion, the analysis provides valuable insights into the distribution and utilization of resources within the Institutional Repository ecosystem of North Region institutions. By leveraging strengths, addressing weaknesses, and fostering collaboration, these institutions can enhance the effectiveness and impact of their repositories in supporting research, innovation, and knowledge dissemination endeavors.

Recommendations: Addressing these challenges requires a multi-faceted approach, encompassing investments in infrastructure, capacity building, stakeholder engagement, and motivational initiatives. By overcoming these challenges and leveraging strengths, institutions can enhance the accessibility, usability, and impact of IR resources, ultimately advancing research, learning, and knowledge dissemination objectives.

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