

Cusat joins list of universities storing theses digitally

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COCHIN University of Science and Technology will join nine other universities in the country in uploading its doctorate theses electronically through digital repositories. This will help in maintaining the standard and quality of research at the institution.

The biggest advantage for the researchers will be that easy access to the thesis would make them more visible and thus duplication and poor quality can be avoided to a greater extent.

The Cusat library, which will do the uploading, is a part of the UGC-INFONET digital

library consortia. The thesis will be available on the national repository 'Shodhganga'. Cusat's entry into the repository would help in promoting interdisciplinary research and public accessibility to scientific research and scholarly information.

INFLIBNET is an autonomous Inter-University Centre (IUC) of University Grants Commission (UGC) involved in creating infrastructure for sharing of library information, e-resources and services among academic and research institutions.

According to UGC guidelines, it is mandatory to submit electronic theses to the

Indian ETD maintained by Information Library Network. A doctorate or MPhil degree of a student becomes valid only by becoming a part of this process.

When all the universities submit their theses to 'Shodhganga', the information which otherwise may not be available through any source can be shared through the central repository. This will help reduce wastage of resources used for rediscovering already known facts. n MoU will be signed between Vice-Chancellor Ramachandran Thekkedath and INFLIBNET director Jagdish Arora at a function on the university campus. ENS

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