

Awareness of Open Access Scholarly Publications among Science Faculty members in selected Universities of Karnataka State

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ABSTRACT



This paper investigates the awareness of open access (OA) scholarly publications among science faculty members in selected universities of Karnataka state. A total of 96 faculty members are selected from Kuvempu University and Tumkur University. A questionnaire in structural form was used to collect the data. The findings of the study revealed that, almost all faculty aware of OA scholarly publications. It is evident that most of the respondents (73.96%) are highly aware of OA journals, 60.42% are aware of OA books, remaining OA patents and research reports, OA search engines their awareness is low. Most of the faculty members are aware of Google/Google Scholar and OA journals gateways. Awareness about characteristics of open access among science faculty members is low. In this context, study recommends that Librarians need to create awareness about OA scholarly publications among faculty members. And also provide orientation and training programmes for the faculty members to make effective use of OA resources in their academic activities.

Keywords: Open Access; OA Characteristics; OA Publications; OA Outlets; Science Faculty; University



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