

Building Vibrant Research Culture through ETDs

Special Reference from Sri Lanka and Bangladesh

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Objectives

Promoting the adoption of ETDs

Capacity building

Establishing institutional repositories

Sri Lanka Scenario

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Introduction

- Digital versions of research theses and dissertations
- Born digitally or converted to digital
- Broader dissemination,
- Improved visibility, and
- Easier access for
 - Researchers
 - Policymakers, and
 - The general public



Main Objective

To promote and build a vibrant research culture through ETDs in Sri Lanka and Bangladesh



Other Objectives

- Promoting the adoption of ETDs
- Capacity development
- Establishing institutional repositories
- Enhancing visibility and accessibility
- Encouraging interdisciplinary collaboration

Promoting the Adoption of ETDs

Encouraging universities and research institutions

- to adopt ETD policies and guidelines,
- making it mandatory for submitting theses and dissertations in electronic format

Why promote ETDs?

- ETDs have become mandatory source of novel information
- ETDs add value to the existing knowledge
- Most of the time, it remains as university/institutional property

Gaps in Sri Lanka/Bangladesh

- Only the abstract is accessible
- Full text of the ETDs is not displaying due to copyright laws
- Do not have a national repository of ETDs yet

Brighter Side of Building ETDs

- Few leading think tanks and educational institutes maintain ETD repositories
- Established those ETD repositories through open access (OA) ETDs and connected to their institutional repositories
- It makes a significant difference in scholarly lives and
- Immensely helps to build vibrant research culture



Capacity Development

To educate the scholarly community, librarians, and administrators on

- technical features,
- metadata values,
- copyright issues and
- the way of preservation of ETDs

Way of educating

- conducting workshops and
- in house trainings



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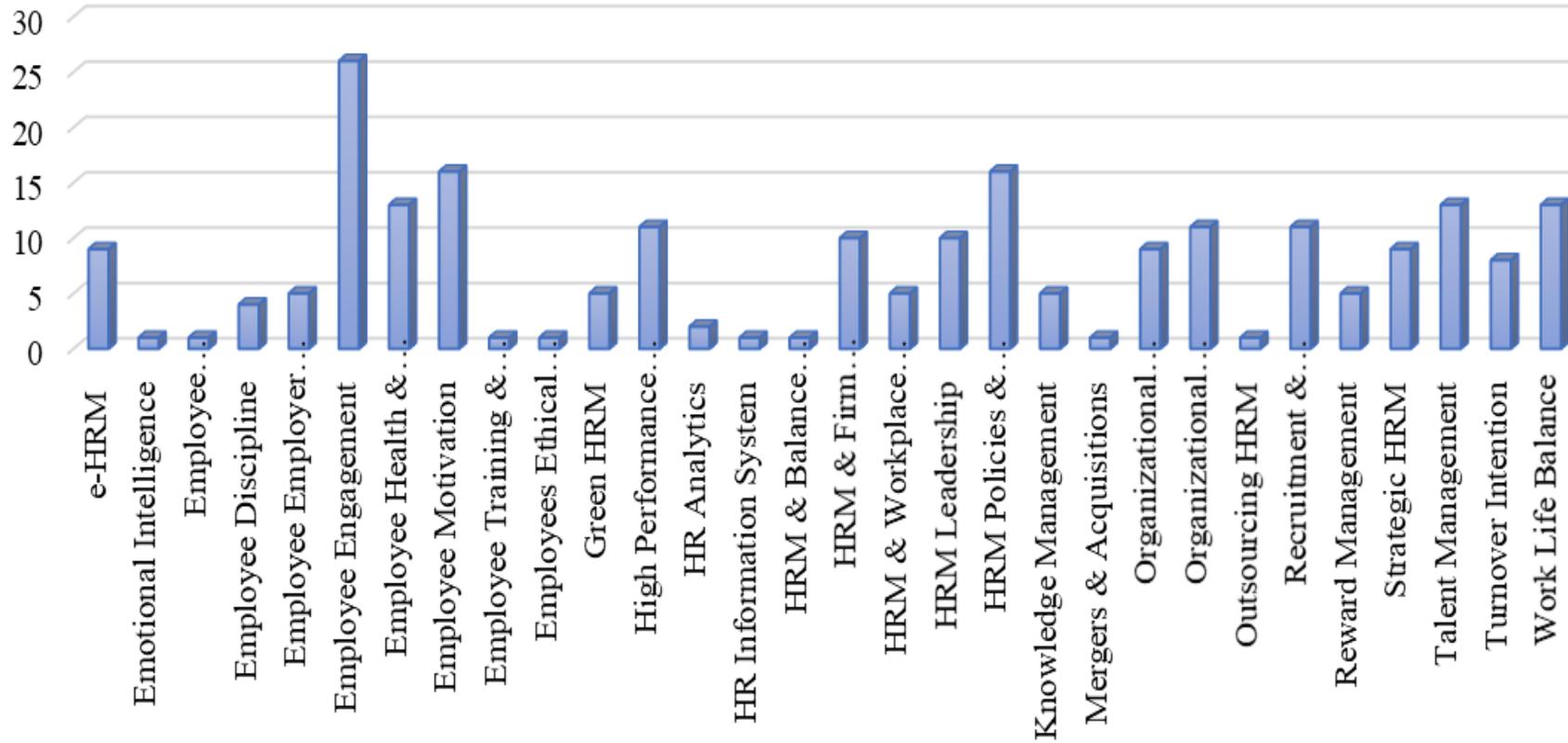
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Establishing Institutional Repositories

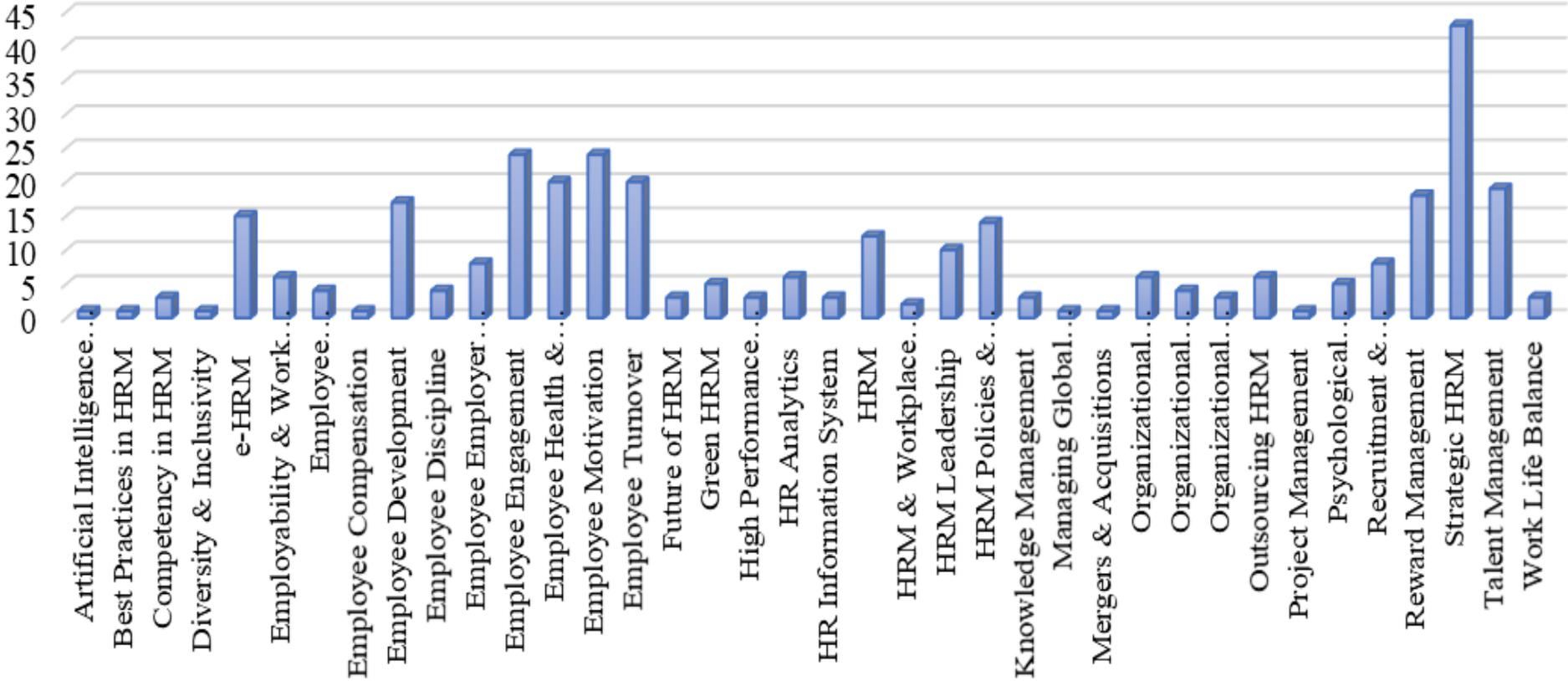
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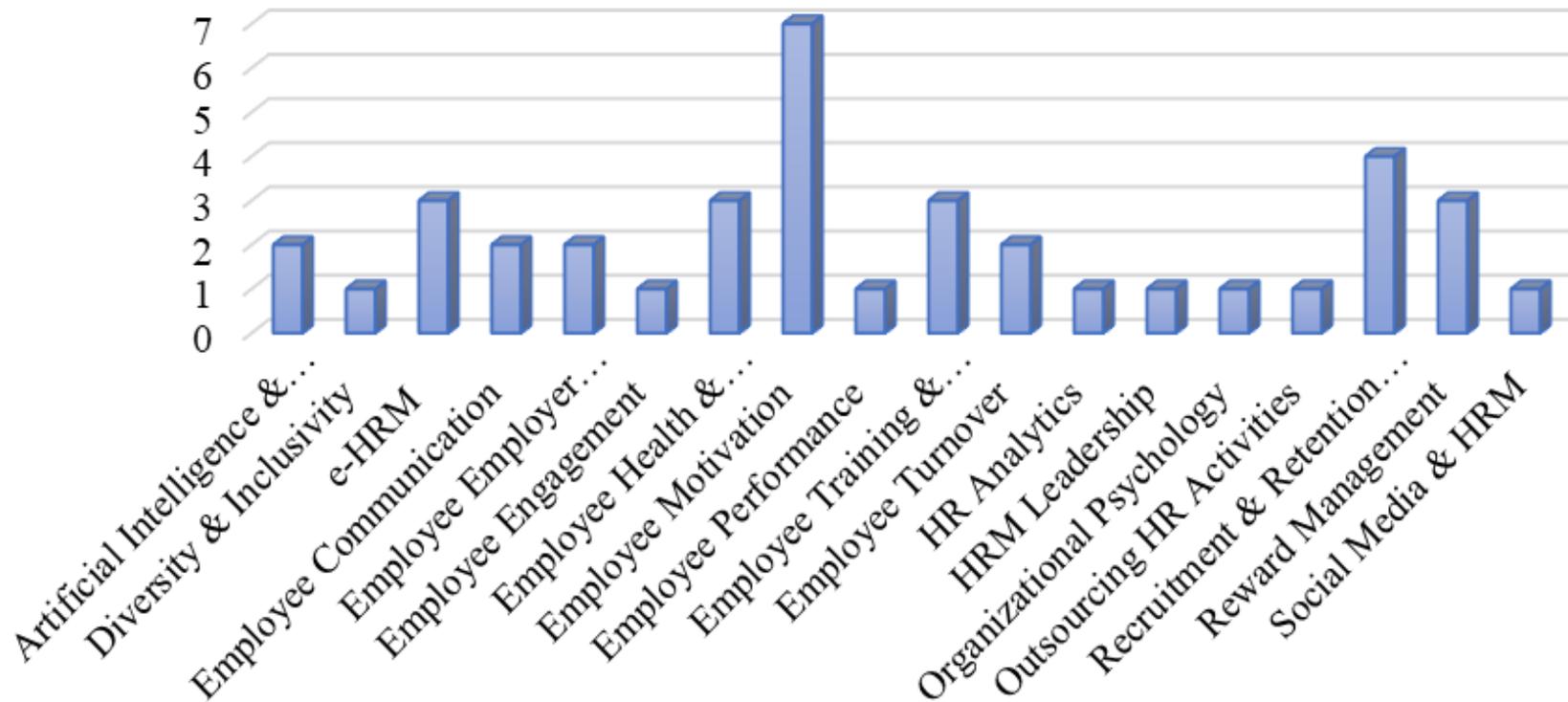
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All Repositories Sri Lanka

All Repositories



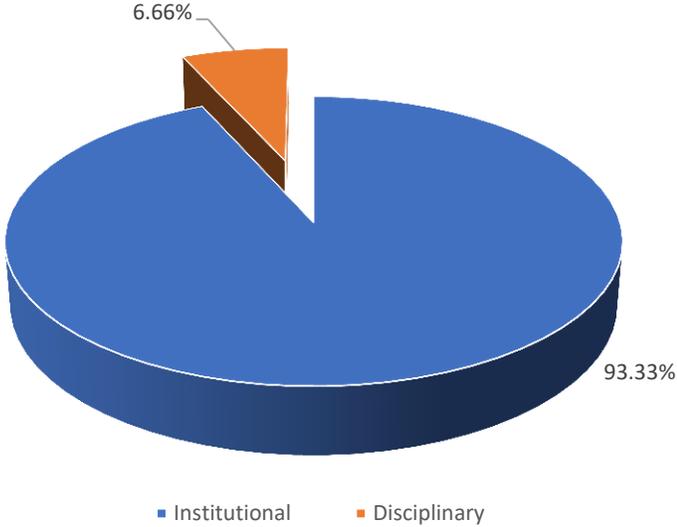
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Table 1: Institutional Repositories in Bangladesh [Source: OpenDOAR, Accessed on 13/08/2023]

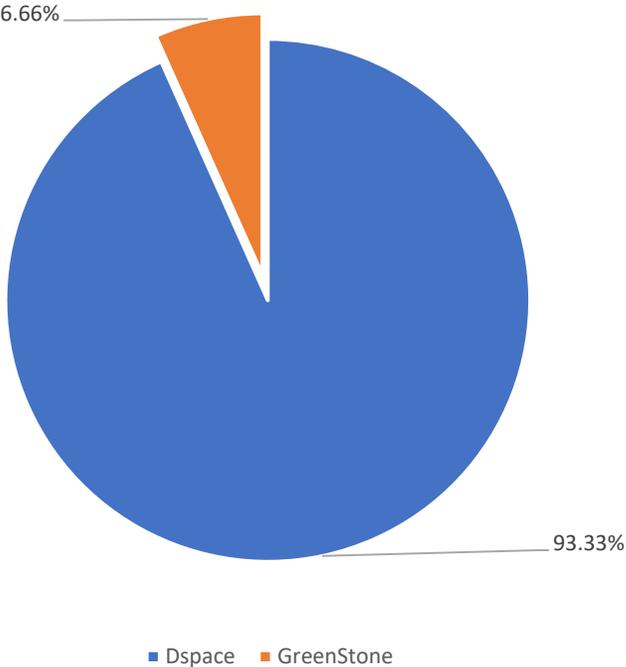
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BRAC University Institutional Repository	Institutional	DSpace	Bangladesh
Daffodil International University Institutional Digital Repository	Institutional	DSpace	Bangladesh
Dhaka University Institutional Repository	Institutional	DSpace	Bangladesh
E-Library on Disaster Management	Institutional	DSpace	Bangladesh
EWU Digital Library	Institutional	Greenstone	Bangladesh
EWU Institutional Repository	Institutional	DSpace	Bangladesh
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IUB Library Digital Repository	Institutional	DSpace	Bangladesh
IUT Institutional Repository	Institutional	DSpace	Bangladesh
KUET Institutional Repository	Institutional	DSpace	Bangladesh
Knowledge Repository	Disciplinary	DSpace	Bangladesh
Repository of the Chittagong Veterinary and Animal Sciences University	Institutional	DSpace	Bangladesh
SAUL Archive	Institutional	DSpace	Bangladesh

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Type of Repository



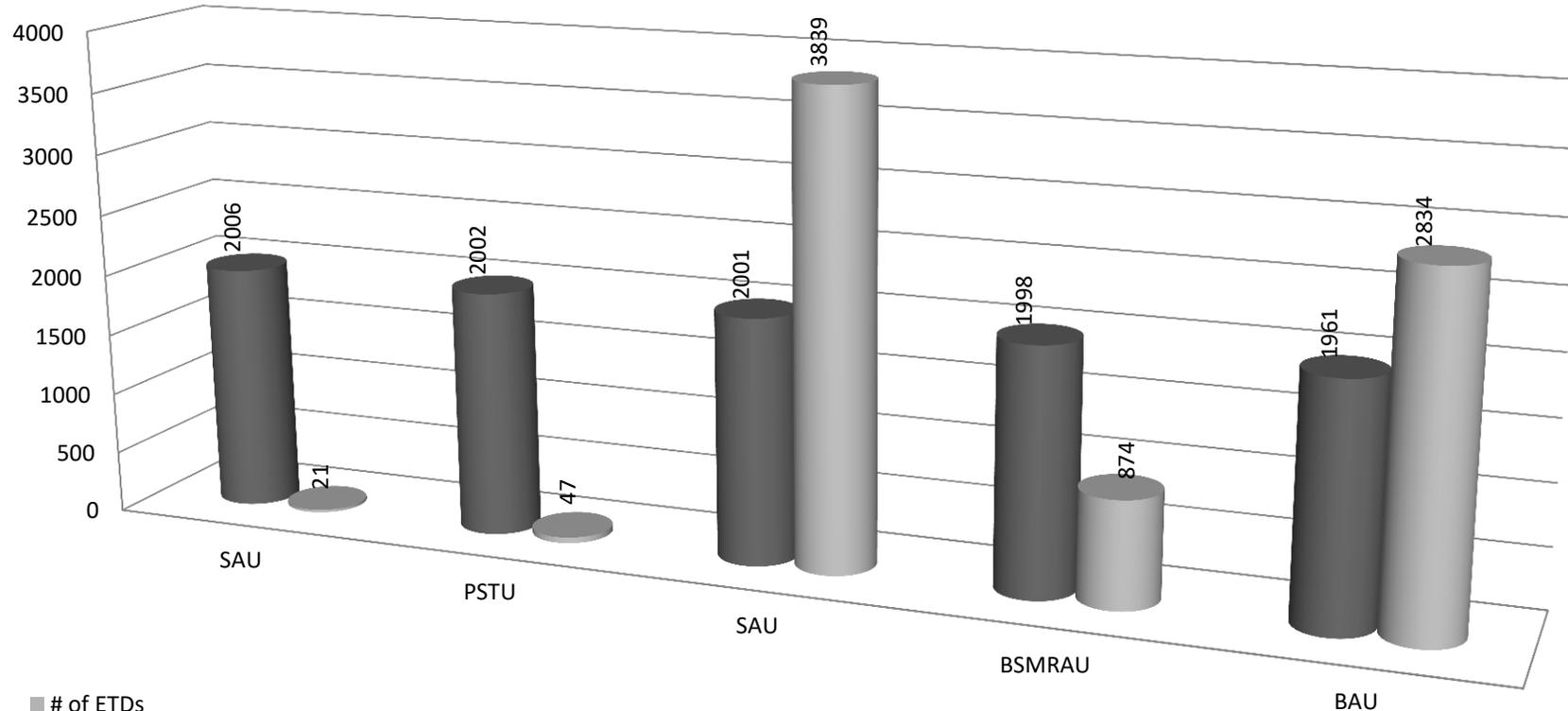
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Digital Archives on Agricultural Theses and Journals of Bangladesh (DAATJ)

ETDs Collection in DAATJ



- Sylhet Agricultural University (SAU)
- Patuakhali Science and Technology University (PSTU)
- Sher-e-Bangla Agricultural University (SAU)
- Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman Agricultural University (BSMRAU)
- Bangladesh Agricultural University (BAU)

■ Year of Estd. ■ # of ETDs

Bangladesh

Benefits of Digital Archives on Agricultural Theses and Journals of Bangladesh (DAATJ)

The national digitization aim of the current government will be benefited;

The future researchers will be able to review past studies quickly in an easiest way by visiting websites;

They will be able to know about all the past agricultural theses and journals of Bangladesh, as a result duplication/manipulation of research will be controlled;

The supervisors of the Master of Science MS and PhD advisors will have the capability to prevent their students from plagiarizing or altering with previous theses.

This initiative will enhance the knowledge of students, educators, and prospective researchers, enabling them to explore fresh research concepts and issues.

Results of Master of Science (MS) and Doctoral research will be disseminated worldwide;

Institutional and academic quality of the universities as well as agricultural research organizations of Bangladesh will be improved;

Reviewing cost of past studies for researchers will be drastically reduced as they will get all the previous information from websites in a systemic way;

The proposed digital archive will be a milestone for other universities to prepare such type of digital archive that will be ultimately helpful to the national development related to research activities (DAATJ, 2022).

Conclusion

Fostering a dynamic research environment through Electronic Theses and Dissertations (ETDs) in Sri Lanka/Bangladesh a complex undertaking that

- Demands collaboration and unified actions involving
 - universities,
 - research organizations,
 - funding bodies, and
 - the respective governments
- Advocating for the utilization of ETDs can substitute
 - a research ecosystem that encourages innovation,
 - interdisciplinary collaboration, and
 - knowledge dissemination

Conclusion

The initiative aims -

- to enhance research visibility,
- improve access to scholarly work, and
- contribute to national development in these two countries through evidence-based decision-making

Conclusion

By implementing recommendations such
as

continuous
capacity
building

strengthening
collaboration

improving
repository
infrastructure

supporting
open access
initiatives

ensuring long-
term
preservation,
and

monitoring
progress



Sri Lanka and Bangladesh can establish a sustainable research culture that leverages the benefits of digital scholarship.

Conclusion

Important to recognize that building a vibrant research culture through ETDs is an ongoing process that

- requires continuous support,
- adaptation to evolving technologies, and
- engagement with stakeholders

With sustained efforts and commitment, these two countries can establish

- a hub for research excellence and
- contribute significantly to the global knowledge landscape.



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