

‘Research Ecology’: Build Beyond the Green

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Abstract

An ecosystem is a community of living organisms in conjunction with the non-living components of their environment, interacting as a system. When we speak about building healthy knowledge components in society, such as library, we have to keep in mind the fact of creating a proper ecosystem for the researcher. For it is him/her who is going to use the library as his/her habitat. Every librarian and the library committee should look into some key factors when constructing a library.

India has been holding in its lap a treasure of bountiful nature and great treasures of cultural values. Our sages and ancestors have left us, rich meaningful traditions and routes for attainment of true knowledge. How can we use these as some steps to improve our libraries into temples of wisdom? As golden gatekeepers of knowledge we have to provide a apt environment for our researchers to encode and decode the recorded knowledge into a living one. How do we achieve this? What are the things we have in hand and what could make a library a better environment for researchers? How can green library as a concept help Indian libraries link the resources to the researcher? This article discusses these points with its limited scope.

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