

## **Abstract:**

### **Role of ETD in enhancing Research Communication: A Study of KKHL in Promoting Research across Boundaries.**

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**Purpose:** This research paper gives an overview of the quality of research enhanced by the “ETDs” in knowledge management practices in the K.K.Handiqui Library, Gauhati University. Given the increase in scholarship promoted by the internet and website the study is an attempt to analyze the significant role of ETDs for content management practices and policies as adopted by Gauhati University. The paper will refer to the latest trends in library services, which have been adopting various technologies, including discovery services, to meet the user’s needs.

**Design/Methodology/Approach:** In the present study the qualitative method has been adopted, which is “an approach to explore and comprehend the meaning of an act coming from individuals or group into a social problem” (Creswell, 2014). Case Study method has been used for the analysis. A questionnaire method has been used for collecting data. 140 questionnaires has been circulated for getting insights of the awareness levels of researchers access to and impact of ETD for research and enhancing the quality of research output. Convenience sampling is used for interviewing with selected faculty members. Gathered 100 filled in questionnaires have then been considered for data analysis. Simple random sampling has been applied for data collection.

**Findings:** ETDs repositories saves shelf space, serve more users at the same time. ETDs repositories are playing a significant role in the scholarly world by enhancing research in terms of providing easy and time-saving access in this electronic era.

**Practical implications:** The paper highlights (KKHL) Krishna Kanta Handiqui Library’s ETD activities and services in connection to the development of research in comparison to the research activity being carried worldwide.

**Originality/Value:** ETD Repositories are rapidly changing the whole world creating new challenges and opportunities. In this digital age web-based library help to promote excellence of library services. It is hoped that this paper will attract librarians to reorient about the ETDs services not only in university libraries but also in the colleges.