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Digital Repository for Indian Scholarly Texts & Information (DRISTI)
A National Academic Portal for Scholarly Excellence

About Digital Repository for Indian Scholarly Texts & Information (DRISTI)

In an increasingly digital academic environment, the need for a unified and institutionally reliable platform to host, preserve, and disseminate scholarly research from India has become essential. The ***Digital Repository for Indian Scholarly Texts & Information (DRISTI)*** is a National Academic Portal initiative is launched by the *Centre for Development of Intellectual Property and Research (CDIPR)*, *Naovina Development of Intellectual Property and Research Foundation* to meet this demand by providing a structured, open-access and internationally compliant digital repository for academic journals, research articles and thematic scholarly works. DRISTI Portal is conceived as a comprehensive knowledge infrastructure to empower Indian academia through centralized digital access, rigorous indexing and global scholarly visibility. The portal integrates robust digital tools with high academic standards to ensure that Indian research receives the recognition, accessibility and preservation it deserves. The initiative is established in association with the *Protection of Child and Human Rights Foundation (PCHR Foundation)*. The PCHR Foundation strengthens DRISTI's commitment to academic justice, equitable access and inclusive participation in the dissemination of scholarly knowledge, especially for underrepresented communities and institutions.

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Platform Infrastructure and Technology

DRISTI Portal is powered by the internationally recognised *Open Journal Systems (OJS)*, an open-source journal management and publishing platform developed by the *Public Knowledge Project (PKP)*. With utilising OJS, DRISTI Portal provides journals and editorial boards with an end-to-end system for:

- Manuscript submission, review and editorial workflow management
- Open-access publishing with customisable licensing
- DOI (Digital Object Identifier) integration and CrossRef registration
- Role-based access for authors, reviewers, editors, and readers
- Metadata-rich indexing compatible with global academic databases
- Multilingual interface support and XML/HTML/PDF publication formats

The OJS-based system ensures that DRISTI Portal meets current international publishing standards, facilitates discoverability and enables seamless academic communication between authors, institutions, and global researchers.

Objectives of DRISTI

1. **Digital Hosting of Scholarly Journals:** DRISTI Portal provides a seamless platform for the digital hosting of peer-reviewed academic journals from institutions across India. Each hosted journal is given a unique identity and URL, enabling global accessibility.

2. **Open Access and Inclusivity:** The platform is built on the principle of *knowledge for all*. DRISTI Portal advocates for open access and ensures that high-quality academic content is accessible to students, researchers, and the public at large, regardless of geography or institutional affiliation.

3. **Indexing and Metadata Tagging:** DRISTI Portal includes a structured and advanced indexing framework, categorising journals and articles by discipline, language, region and academic theme. Each publication is tagged with standard academic metadata, enabling accurate discovery and citation.

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4. **Integration with Academic Networks:** DRISTI Portal is designed to integrate with academic institutions, libraries, and research organizations through digital linkages, cross-listing, and API-enabled services for reference management and bibliometric analysis.

5. **Support for Vernacular and Regional Publications:** Recognizing India's multilingual academic fabric, DRISTI Portal encourages the inclusion of scholarly content published in Indian languages. This fosters regional knowledge preservation and promotes inclusivity in academic representation.

6. **Encouraging Institutional Participation:** Through formal partnerships, DRISTI Portal offers academic institutions the ability to host, manage and promote their institutional journals on an International platform, thus increasing visibility, credibility and academic reach.

Vision

To become India's foremost academic repository for open-access scholarly publishing, aligned with global publishing standards, while promoting inclusive access to Indian research across all disciplines and regions.

Mission

- To digitally archive and host Indian academic journals, research papers, thematic issues, and scholarly outputs across diverse disciplines.

- To promote open access to quality-assured scholarly content for researchers, institutions, and the general public.

- To build a metadata-rich, indexed environment that enables thematic searchability, citation tracking and academic visibility.

- To support young scholars, emerging institutions, and regional languages in accessing a national research publishing platform.

- To align with the objectives of the *National Education Policy (NEP) 2020*, promoting research excellence and global competitiveness in Indian academia.

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Why DRISTI?

Despite India's vast academic output, a significant portion of scholarly work remains fragmented, poorly indexed, or digitally inaccessible. Many institutional journals suffer from lack of digital infrastructure, discoverability, or global visibility. DRISTI Portal addresses these systemic challenges by offering:

- A *centralised portal* to unify scattered research outputs.
- A *cost-effective, institutional hosting* mechanism for academic journals.
- A *nationally governed, academically curated* platform to maintain quality and integrity.
- A mechanism for *preservation and intergenerational access* to research in India and abroad.

Moreover, DRISTI Portal provides smaller colleges, state universities and independent research groups the infrastructure they often lack; leveling the playing field in academic publishing and scholarly recognition.

Who Can Benefit from DRISTI?

- **Universities & Colleges:** Institutions seeking to host or migrate their academic journals to a nationally recognized digital platform.
- **Journal Publishers:** Peer-reviewed journals aiming to increase digital reach and citation visibility.
- **Researchers & Faculty:** Academicians searching for a credible and comprehensive archive of Indian scholarly literature.
- **Postgraduate & Doctoral Scholars:** Students looking for referenced, quality academic content for research and writing.
- **Policy-Makers & Think Tanks:** Access to thematically organised, India-centric academic research for policy planning and implementation.

Compliance with International Academic Publishing Standards

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DRISTI Portal is committed to maintaining rigorous academic quality and ensuring all hosted journals and publications meet globally recognised publication norms. The platform incorporates the following standards and protocols:

- **ISSN Registration:** Each journal hosted on DRISTI Portal is assigned or supported in acquiring an *International Standard Serial Number (ISSN)* issued by the *ISSN India, New Delhi* to formalise its global identity.

- **Peer Review Standards:** Journals hosted on DRISTI Portal are required to adopt double-blind or open peer-review systems. Review transparency, ethical guidelines, and editor-author integrity are central to DRISTI's publication model.

- **Indexing Compatibility:** DRISTI Portal is built with full metadata and OAI-PMH compliance for integration with major academic databases, including:

  a. Google Scholar

  b. Directory of Open Access Journals (DOAJ)

  c. Indian Citation Index (ICI)

  d. J-Gate

  e. Web of Science and Scopus (where applicable within 2 years)

- **Metadata Structuring and Standard Formats:** All content published on DRISTI Portal includes structured metadata as per Dublin Core, MARC21, and PKP native schemas. Articles include abstracts, author details with affiliations, ORCID linking, keywords, licensing, and citations in standard referencing styles.

- **Archival and Digital Preservation:** The portal supports preservation through LOCKSS and CLOCKSS systems and institutional archiving. All journals benefit from long-term digital sustainability and access resilience.

- **Publishing Ethics and Integrity:** DRISTI Portal upholds ethical standards in line with the *Committee on Publication Ethics (COPE), International Committee of Medical Journal Editors (ICMJE)* and *Open Access Scholarly Publishers Association (OASPA)*. Journals are

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encouraged to implement clear authorship policies, plagiarism checks, data-sharing norms and conflict-of-interest disclosures.

Governance and Advisory

DRISTI Portal is overseen by an *Academic Advisory Board* nominated by the *Centre for Development of Intellectual Property and Research (CDIPR)*, *Naovina Development of Intellectual Property and Research Foundation* comprising senior scholars, editors, information scientists and legal experts in the domain of academic publishing. Regular audits, peer evaluations and advisory reviews ensure that all operational standards are continuously updated and internationally benchmarked.

The platform is aligned with national academic objectives, including:

- The National Education Policy (NEP) 2020
- UGC's Academic Publishing and Research Quality Guidelines
- National Research Foundation (NRF) priorities on digital access and research dissemination

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