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A library is regarded as a social institution, and it is very essential for the growth and development of social institute communication on information. Due to information explosion libraries are concerned with the information such as books, periodicals, newspapers, manuscripts, films, maps, prints, documents, CDs, cassettes, videotapes, DVDs, e-books, databases etc.

The ability to find, evaluate and use information is a skill that is rapidly becoming more essential in the digital age. It is not possible for one library or information centre to hold the full stock of information resources. Now due to vast development of technology concept of e-Consortia is one of the many ways of maintaining cooperation and coordination among the libraries.

What is Consortia?

All the needs of users are not satisfied with either only books, newspaper, manuscripts, CDs, databases, e-books, maps etc. due to constrain of various concepts such as budget, information explosion. So the concept of resource sharing was developed. In digital era resource sharing is e-consortia. This can be defined as information resources or resource sharing. This is not only sharing information sources available in different libraries, it also means utilising the information resources generated by one library to other libraries. This can be local, regional, state, national, and inter institutional level. It is not possible for one library or information centre to keep the collection of information resources or to gain all informations, which may be in demand by its user.

Consortia enable to achieve what the member of the group unable to achieve individually. It helps the individual to achieve aim of the member of the group as well as common interest as a whole. You can gain more information in limited financial resources. In this way consortia make it possible to increase the purchasing power of the member of the group to expand the resources availability and to offer automated services. The concept of E-journal consortia can work very well for the libraries without requiring additional fees to access the e-journal.

Need of Consortia:-

- Due to information explosion concept of consortium is developed or occurred and more subject areas are developed due to which users needs are increased. Consortia



help us to satisfy the user needs. Any organisation unable to maintain the subscription even for core journals due to ever increasing cost of the journal subscriptions and also a financial crunch.

- Academic and research users are more interested to have access to their learned journals articles in electric form.
- More information provide to users in low cost.
- Due to consortia resources minimising expenditure on space of storage facilities.
- Consortia can help research projects of common interest for initializing and support.

Types of Consortia:-

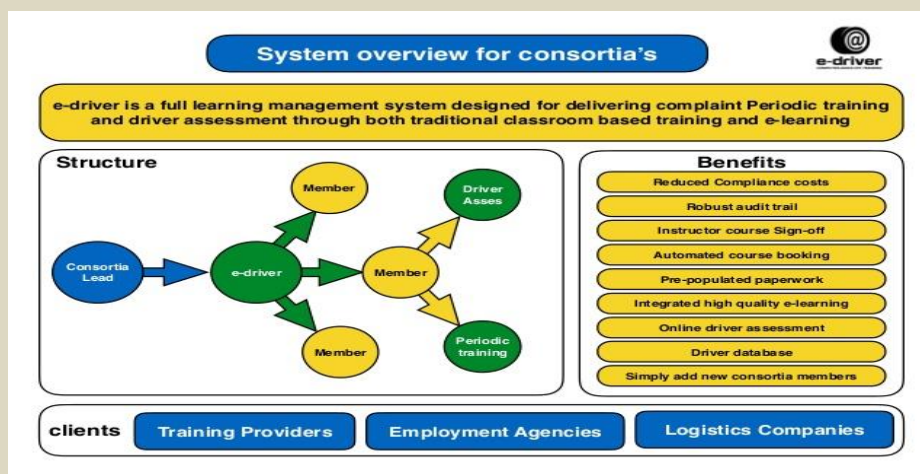
- 1) **Open Consortia:** This type of consortia is very user friendly, as per the desire of members to join and leave the consortia at any time when they need. INDEST consortium is an example of open consortia.
- 2) **Closed Group Consortia:** This type of consortia emerges either by association and cooperation among them like DAE, IIM and CSIR. Its administration are fairly simple and easy.
- 3) **Centrally Funded Model:** In this type, consortia will exclusively depend on the parent body. A few examples of centrally funded model are INFONET by UGC, ICMR, CSIR.
- 4) **Shared-budget Model:** “In this model, the associate libraries guide and form the consortium. IIM and FORSA are examples of shared-budget model”.
- 5) **Publisher Initiatives:** In this consortia, the consortium members will get discount price of the participating libraries. The recent example is Emerald Full-Text Library.
- 6) **National Consortium:** This model has, national level licensing of consortia and in this regard examples are INDEST-AICTE & UGC Infonet.

Advantages of Consortia:-

- It checks the space problem shelving, binding, lending and related aspects of member libraries.
- Consortia are a cost reducing tool. Its unable consortia based subscription to e-resources provides access to more number of e-resources at considerably lower cost.
- It helps to build up digital libraries by inclusion of e-consortia.



- It helps to provide better library services like CAS (Current Awareness Service) and SDI (Selective dissemination of information) for users.
- It is available for 24 hours a day.
- It avoids duplication of core journals.
- Consortium provides access to unsubscribed print materials and developing a union catalogue of participating libraries.



<http://www.slideshare.net/MarkEllis16/consortia-flyer>

Disadvantage of e-Consortia:-

- Preliminary it requires investments among licenses towards internet connectivity, and other accessories.
- It requires training of staff and updating their skills from time to time.
- A problem like copyright/excess downloads from the publisher.
- Unwillingness of some libraries to share their resources.
- Lack of demand for resource sharing on the part of users.
- Lack of sufficient information resources to be shared.

ICMR e-Consortia:-

The rapidly changing information technology state of affairs, the Council entered into the e-journal field through developing an e-journal Consortia. In phase-I of this activity, the ICMR has identified five core biomedical journals and subscribed for e-version in consortia mode to all ICMR institutes. These include Lancet, Science, BMJ, NEJM, and Nature. This e-journal consortium will be beneficial for sharing information among the ICMR Institutes like,

a) It will be IP authentic for all the ICMR institutes



- b) Back volumes will be available since beginning and
- c) Before the print version come out, Journal will be available on-line.

ICMR e-Consortia

ICMR has been subscribing to the following e-journals in a consortia mode to all ICMR institutes. All the scientists can access these journals from their desktop. If there is any problem in accessing these journals the following agency/person may be contacted through the e-mail address given below.

Journal	Website	Contact Address
Science	http://www.sciencemag.org	M/s I Group Infotech India Pvt. Ltd B-116, Sector-67, Noida-201301 kailashbalani55@gmail.com megha.balani@balaniinfotech.com
NEJM	http://content.nejm.org	M/s Balani Infotech India Pvt. Ltd B-116, Sector-67, Noida-201301 megha.balani@balaniinfotech.com kailashbalani55@gmail.com
Lancet	http://www.sciencedirect.com	M/s Elsevier (through Allied Publishers Subscription Agency, PB No: 7203 1/13-14, Asaf Ali Road, New Delhi-110002) rnpurwar@alliedpublishers.com
JGATEPLUS	http://jgateplus.com/search/	Informatics India Ltd No 194, R V Road, P B No 400 Basavanagudi Bangalore - 560 004 jcoordinator@informaticsglobal.com
NATURE	http://www.nature.com	M/s Nature Publishing Group 3A, 4th Floor, DLF Corporate Park Gurgaon v.kumar@nature.com



Besides these, many consortia are being run successfully by different organization also includes:

- FORSA (Forum for Resource Sharing in Astronomy)
[<http://ww.iiap.res.in/library/forsa.html>]
- IIM LIBRARY Consortia, [<http://www.iimb.erner.in/>]
- ICICI Knowledge Park, [<http://www.iciknowlwdgepark.com>]
- DAE Library Consortium, [<http://www.rifr.res.in/~libws/>]
- ICMR Library Consortia, [<http://www.jccc-icmr.informindia.co.in/about/about.sap>]
- HELINET (Rajiv Gandhi University of Health Sciences, Karnataka)
[<http://www.rguhs.ac.in/hn/newhell.htm>]

Conclusion:-

The age of library consortia is at the doorsteps to prove the library cooperation locally, regionally, nationwide and worldwide. It is one of the promising tool kit for the maximum libraries to provide information to their users. The consortium, with its collective strength of participating institutions, has attracted highly low-priced rates of subscription with most approving terms of contract. Consortia are equipment, which will help in exploiting the features of the e-journals. Increased support and document delivery services among the uniform libraries may help in achieving higher user satisfaction.

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Library Activities:-

1. Current Content on Occupational and Environmental Health: Started from Jan 2016. A monthly publication. It contains content pages of Indian journals & foreign journals which are received in NIOH library pertaining to Occupational and Environmental Health.
2. NIOH News Bulletin: Started from August 2016. A monthly publication. It contains news related to different disciplines like Indian Council of Medical Research, Occupational Diseases, NIOH, and Pesticides India & Pollution India from newspaper and online sources and circulated among scientist of NIOH.
3. Occupational Health Alert: It is quarterly publication. This Alert contents list of articles published in jgateplus.com and ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed from areas of NIOH mandate has been published within 3 months.
4. NIOH Library Bulletin: It is half-yearly publication. First issue was published in June 5th 2016. This has articles regarding library field which is useful for scientists. Monthly & Quarterly publications are sent to scientists through e-mail and NIOH Library bulletin is uploaded on the web site.
 - In addition, library helps students and young researchers in collection of relevant literature of their use.
 - Planning to start a weekly publication, an article on the current topic which will be of current flow, and will be sent to all the NIOH scientists through e-mail.

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