UP Universities Shine on Sodhganga Portal

Why in News?

On University Grants Commission's (UGC) **Sodhganga portal, three universities** from **Uttar Pradesh** secured places among the country's **Top 10 institutions** in terms of uploaded research theses.

Key Points

- On the **Shodhganga portal, which hosts over 6,20,000 theses from 840 universities nationwide**, **Uttar Pradesh's institutions** have emerged as significant contributors, with **Aligarh Muslim University (AMU), Kanpur University, and Banaras Hindu University (BHU)** securing prominent positions—underscoring the state's growing emphasis on higher education, research, and academic excellence.
- **Top 10 National Universities:**
  - Anna University (17028 theses)
  - University of Madras (15396)
  - University of Calcutta (14837)
  - Savitribai Phule Pune University (13403)
  - University of Mumbai (12527)
  - Andhra University (10736)
  - **Aligarh Muslim University (10709): 7th among top contributors (1st in UP).**
  - **Chhatrapati Sahuji Maharaj University (10279): 8th among top contributors (2nd in UP).**
  - Panjab University (9890)
  - **Banaras Hindu University (9600): (3rd in UP).**
- **Other UP Universities' Contributions:**
  - **Lucknow University:** 8,683 theses
  - **Chaudhary Charan Singh University, Meerut:** 3,645 theses
  - **Bundelkhand University:** 2,335 theses
  - **Pt. Deendayal Upadhyay Gorakhpur University:** 1,161 theses
  - **Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam Technical University, Lucknow:** 462 theses

Shodhganga: A Digital Repository of Indian Theses

- **About:** Shodhganga is a digital **repository of Indian electronic theses and dissertations**, hosted and maintained by the **INFLIBNET Centre**.
  - It provides open access to M.Phil. and Ph.D. research, ensuring wider visibility, reducing duplication, and enhancing research quality across Indian universities.
- **Mandate:** Under the **UGC (Minimum Standards & Procedure for Award of M.Phil./Ph.D. Degree) Regulation, 2009 (amended 2016)**, all researchers are required to submit electronic versions of their theses to facilitate global access and preservation.
- **Significance:**
  - "Shodh" means research; "Ganga" symbolizes India's rich cultural heritage. Together, Shodhganga represents the reservoir of Indian intellectual output.
  - It prevents duplication of research, promotes quality, and preserves scholarly work digitally.

- **University Integration:**
  - Universities can maintain their own institutional repositories while using Shodhganga as a central backup.
  - Metadata from distributed repositories is harvested centrally to provide unified access to all theses.

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