# An Analysis of Doctoral Theses in Education uploaded in Shodhganga Repository with special reference to West Bengal

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## *Abstract*

*Doctoral theses represent comprehensive research reports conducted by investigators. The purpose of theses is to showcase the knowledge and develop expertise in the required field. In the digital era of education, a bulk of resources is accessible through various online platforms which enables universal access and knowledge upgradation. The Shodhganga INFLIBNET Centre stands out as a pivotal platform offering researchers valuable insights into the current trends in Indian research keeping at par with the quality and utilization of resources. This study aims to examine the doctoral theses uploaded by universities in West Bengal on the Shodhganga repository. The unseen factors which included duplicity get overcome when the authenticity and quality is taken into consideration. The analysis encompasses a total of 458 doctoral theses from 12 different universities of West Bengal. It is noteworthy that among the 51 universities in West Bengal, 31 have signed MOU with the Shodhganga INFLIBNET centre. However, the study highlights that the University of Calcutta has the highest number of doctorate theses, followed by Jadavpur University, the University of Burdwan in second and third place, respectively.*

**Keywords:** *Shodhganga Repository, INFLIBNET-Centre, Doctoral Theses in Education, Higher Education, Research Trend..*

## Introduction :-

Research at doctoral level signifies the highest level of education. It contributes to the unique and gives an in disposable identity to the researcher's in-depth plunge in finding the truth. The theses, if untapped and not recognized, can lead to duplication, repetition, and pave a way for plagiarism. To curb the error, it was seen that in the year 2016, UGC came up with mandatory submission of theses which will be accessed digitally worldwide. Shodhganga serves as this unique platform for open access and quality research theses. Ancestrally mandate digital repository not only ensures equal access but also looks after quality research which would see to the unseen factors. INFLIBNET has been designated as the digital archive responsible for the preservation, hosting, and retrieval of theses from all colleges and universities. Shodhganga is a platform that serves as a repository of intellectual reservoir and commendable contributions, managed by the INFLIBNET centre.

The Shodhganga-INFLIBNET is an open-source digital repository software called Dspace (**Esh, 2015**, **& Khode, 2020**) developed by MIT (Massachusetts Institute of Technology) in partnership with Hewlett Packard (HP) (**Thamaraiselvi, et.al., 2016**). The protocols used follow all the international norms and order. The input in Shodhganga enables the research scholars to contribute immensely to this desired platform. This repository enables us to store, disseminate and

maintain a required index of the theses that has been uploaded which provides universal accessibility to all. Dspace favors open archives initiatives protocol for meta harvesting data support platform with this many universities have used their repositories using Dspace. With the required internet infrastructure and connection, the universities will be able to provide the research scholars the e-versions of the theses. There is replication of the academic structure based on their departments, centers as well as colleges and each university must facilitate in case of navigation and retrieval of the dissertation and theses.

**An Overview of Doctoral Theses Uploaded in Shodhganga Repository:**

Quantitatively, there are 233 universities in India, identified with having the doctoral theses in Education. By these universities, a total of 376639 theses were uploaded in Shodhganga repository, while only 17,400 are related to the field of education. The table below shows a comprehensive picture of the number of theses uploaded by the universities in India.

**Table 1: University-wise Number of Doctoral theses in Education uploaded in Shodhganga across the country**

| Sl. No. | Name of the University | Total No. of Theses Uploaded in Shodhganga | Total No. of Theses in EDUCATION |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | Punjab University | 8859 | 817 |
| 2. | Chhatrapati Sahuji Maharaj University | 10157 | 720 |
| 3. | Dr. Rammanohar Lohia Avadh University | 4636 | 494 |
| 4. | Sardar Patel University | 3271 | 472 |
| 5. | Maharaja Sayajirao University of Baroda | 4030 | 425 |
| 6. | Shri Jagdishprasad Jhabarmal Tibarewala University | 3630 | 423 |
| 7. | Utkal University | 5628 | 419 |
| 8. | Alagappa University | 2434 | 367 |
| 9. | Maharshi Dayanand University | 4579 | 349 |
| 10. | Veer Narmad South Gujarat University | 3301 | 332 |
| 11. | Manonmaniam Sundaranar University | 7236 | 322 |
| 12. | Savitribai Phule Pune University | 12378 | 321 |
| 13. | Andhra University | 9538 | 312 |
| 14. | Gauhati University | 6249 | 300 |
| 15. | Jamia Milia Islamia University | 2287 | 292 |
| 16. | Pacific University | 2254 | 283 |
| 17. | Gujarat University | 4433 | 282 |
| 18. | North-Eastern Hill University | 2616 | 275 |
| 19. | Saurashtra University | 3250 | 261 |
| 20. | Banaras Hindu University | 6801 | 254 |
| 21. | University of Madras | 14589 | 247 |
| 22. | University of Calcutta | 14059 | 238 |

| 23. | University of Kerala | 6527 | 231 |
|---|---|---|---|
| 24. | Maharaja Ganga Singh University | 2268 | 228 |
| 25. | Shivaji University | 4804 | 227 |
| 26. | Karnatak University | 4984 | 220 |
| 27. | Aligarh Muslim University | 9860 | 219 |
| 28. | Himachal Pradesh University | 3117 | 213 |
| 29. | Banasthali Vidyapith | 2122 | 191 |
| 30. | Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Marathwada University | 5513 | 189 |
| 31. | Dr. B. R. Ambedkar University Agra | 6006 | 186 |
| 32. | Sant Gadge Baba Amravati University | 2508 | 185 |
| 33. | Chaudhary Charan Singh University | 2874 | 181 |
| 34. | University of Mysore | 4198 | 179 |
| 35. | Bharathiar University | 7383 | 170 |
| 36. | Swami Ramanand Teerth Marathwada University | 5449 | 170 |
| 37. | Institute of Advanced Studies in Education | 175 | 156 |
| 38. | University of Delhi | 5208 | 150 |
| 39. | SNDT Women's University | 1249 | 149 |
| 40. | Punjabi University | 3005 | 137 |
| 41. | Bundelkhand University | 2200 | 128 |
| 42. | Bharathidasan University | 8270 | 122 |
| 43. | Maharaja Krishnakumarsinhji Bhavnagar University | 1456 | 118 |
| 44. | Assam University | 2163 | 117 |
| 45. | Gujarat Vidyapith | 602 | 117 |
| 46. | Jiwaji University | 2180 | 113 |
| 47. | Kumaun University | 1696 | 110 |
| 48. | Mahatma Gandhi Kashi Vidyapith | 4971 | 109 |
| 49. | Annamalai University | 2885 | 107 |
| 50. | University of Mumbai | 6492 | 107 |
| 51. | Lalit Narayan Mithila University | 6857 | 106 |
| 52. | Sambalpur university | 1759 | 105 |
| 53. | University of Rajasthan | 1811 | 105 |
| 54. | Pt. Ravishankar Shukla University | 2879 | 101 |
| 55. | Rajiv Gandhi University | 607 | 101 |
| 56. | Mahatma Jyotiba Phule Rohilkhand University | 1499 | 99 |
| 57. | Madurai Kamaraj University | 5473 | 96 |
| 58. | Kurukshetra University | 1391 | 91 |
| 59. | University of Lucknow | 1924 | 91 |

| 60. | Kadi Sarva Vishwavidyalaya | 581 | 87 |
|---|---|---|---|
| 61. | University of Kashmir | 1833 | 86 |
| 62. | Sri Venkateswara University | 5384 | 83 |
| 63. | Manipur University | 1653 | 79 |
| 64. | Dayalbagh Educational Institute | 1231 | 77 |
| 65. | Tantia University | 204 | 75 |
| 66. | Mohan Lal Sukhadia University | 839 | 72 |
| 67. | U P Rajarshi Tondon Open University | 335 | 72 |
| 68. | Mizoram University | 781 | 69 |
| 69. | Mother Teresa Womens University | 1007 | 69 |
| 70. | Nagaland University | 460 | 64 |
| 71. | Universitity of Allahabad | 2353 | 61 |
| 72. | Pt. Sundarlal Sharma Open University Bilaspur | 250 | 59 |
| 73. | Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Open University | 185 | 58 |
| 74. | Central University of Kashmir | 243 | 57 |
| 75. | University of Kalyani | 2837 | 55 |
| 76. | Bangalore University | 2439 | 54 |
| 77. | Guru Nanak Dev University | 1999 | 54 |
| 78. | Jain Vishwa Bharati University | 246 | 53 |
| 79. | Karnataka State Womens University | 270 | 53 |
| 80. | Chaudhary Devi Lal University | 268 | 52 |
| 81. | Periyar University | 3062 | 50 |
| 82. | Rai University | 308 | 49 |
| 83. | Yashwantrao Chavan maharashtra Open University | 326 | 49 |
| 84. | Hemwati Nandan Bahuguna Garhwal University | 821 | 47 |
| 85. | Maulana Azad National Urdu University | 347 | 47 |
| 86. | Integral University | 576 | 45 |
| 87. | Jaipur National University | 318 | 45 |
| 88. | Mangalore University | 1968 | 45 |
| 89. | Indira Gandhi National Open University | 906 | 44 |
| 90. | Deen Dayal Upadhyay Gorakhpur University | 827 | 42 |
| 91. | Kavayitri Bahinabai Chaudhari North Maharashtra University | 1158 | 42 |
| 92. | Kuvempu University | 1365 | 42 |
| 93. | Lovely Professional University | 623 | 42 |
| 94. | Visva Bharati | 1335 | 42 |
| 95. | Kavikulaguru Kalidas Sanskrit University | 140 | 40 |
| 96. | Dr. Harisingh Gour Vishwavidhyalay | 2218 | 39 |

| 97. | Mahatma Gandhi University | 3720 | 39 |
|---|---|---|---|
| 98. | The University of Burdwan | 3084 | 38 |
| 99. | Ravenshaw University | 475 | 37 |
| 100. | University of Jammu | 1168 | 37 |
| 101. | Dr. C.V. Raman University | 270 | 36 |
| 102. | Devi Ahilya Vishwavidyalaya | 2276 | 34 |
| 103. | Osmania University | 1247 | 34 |
| 104. | The English and Foreign Languages University, Hyderabad | 775 | 34 |
| 105. | Tilak Maharashtra Vidyapeeth | 904 | 32 |
| 106. | Guru Gobind Singh Indraprastha University | 638 | 31 |
| 107. | Pondicherry University | 2358 | 30 |
| 108. | Desh Bhagat University | 246 | 29 |
| 109. | Dibrugarh University | 915 | 29 |
| 110. | Guru Kashi University | 307 | 28 |
| 111. | Mewar University | 335 | 28 |
| 112. | Patna University | 304 | 28 |
| 113. | Suresh Gyan Vihar University | 385 | 27 |
| 114. | Rani Durgavati Vishwavidyalaya | 354 | 26 |
| 115. | Solapur University | 262 | 26 |
| 116. | Swami Vivekanad Subharti University | 178 | 26 |
| 117. | Amity University Noida | 1022 | 24 |
| 118. | Gulbarga University | 1117 | 24 |
| 119. | IFTM University | 297 | 24 |
| 120. | Jadavpur University | 3637 | 24 |
| 121. | The Gandhigram Rural Institute | 1352 | 24 |
| 122. | Kalinga University | 148 | 23 |
| 123. | Davangere University | 92 | 22 |
| 124. | Gangadhar Meher University | 75 | 22 |
| 125. | Himgiri Zee University | 28 | 20 |
| 126. | Guru Ghasidas University | 353 | 19 |
| 127. | Avinashilingm Institute for Home Ecience and Higher Education for Women | 697 | 18 |
| 128. | CHRIST University | 299 | 18 |
| 129. | Maharaj Vinayak Global University | 91 | 18 |
| 130. | Mangalayatan University | 102 | 18 |
| 131. | Awadhes Pratap Singh University | 822 | 17 |
| 132. | Berhampur University | 207 | 17 |
| 133. | Rabindra Bharati University | 331 | 17 |
| 134. | Seacom Skills University | 77 | 17 |

| 135. | Central University of Haryana | 87 | 16 |
|---|---|---|---|
| 136. | Hemchandracharya North Gujarat University | 549 | 16 |
| 137. | Madhav University | 224 | 16 |
| 138. | Bhagwant University | 301 | 15 |
| 139. | Central University of Kerala | 158 | 15 |
| 140. | Rabindranath Tagore University, Bhopal | 234 | 15 |
| 141. | Barkatullah University | 313 | 14 |
| 142. | C.U. Shah University | 189 | 14 |
| 143. | Tamil University | 109 | 14 |
| 144. | Teerthanker Mahaveer University | 133 | 14 |
| 145. | Gondwana University | 180 | 13 |
| 146. | Kannur University | 869 | 13 |
| 147. | Sree Sankaracharya University of Sanskrit | 681 | 13 |
| 148. | Swami Vivekanand University | 80 | 13 |
| 149. | Sai Nath University | 57 | 13 |
| 150. | Sanskrit University | 29 | 13 |
| 151. | Tamil Nadu Open University | 47 | 13 |
| 152. | Assam Don Bosco University | 123 | 12 |
| 153. | Acharya Nagarjuna University | 2152 | 12 |
| 154. | Central University of Jammu | 107 | 12 |
| 155. | Childrens University | 16 | 12 |
| 156. | Hemchand Yadav Vishwavidyalaya | 32 | 12 |
| 157. | Nims University Rajasthan | 253 | 12 |
| 158. | Mahatma Gandhi Antarrashtriya Hindi Vishwavidyalaya | 252 | 11 |
| 159. | National Sanskrit University | 46 | 11 |
| 160. | Tripura University | 421 | 11 |
| 161. | Kakatiya University, Warangal | 469 | 10 |
| 162. | Krantiguru Shyamji Krishna Verma Kachchh University | 124 | 10 |
| 163. | MATS University | 84 | 10 |
| 164. | Navrachana University | 21 | 10 |
| 165. | Sidho Kanho Birsha University | 103 | 10 |
| 166. | University of Science and Technology, Meghalaya | 85 | 10 |
| 167. | University of Calicut | 2166 | 10 |
| 168. | Central University of Punjab | 166 | 9 |
| 169. | Goa University | 1093 | 9 |
| 170. | Indira Gandhi National Tribal University, Amarkantak | 124 | 9 |
| 171. | Krishna University, Machilipatnam | 69 | 9 |

| 172. | Shri Khushal Das University | 77 | 9 |
|---|---|---|---|
| 173. | Dravidian University | 55 | 8 |
| 174. | GLA University | 182 | 8 |
| 175. | Nehru Gram Bharati University | 155 | 8 |
| 176. | Uttarakhand Open University | 18 | 8 |
| 177. | Sri Padmavathi Womens University | 237 | 7 |
| 178. | Tata Institute of Social Sciences | 579 | 7 |
| 179. | Central University of Himachal Pradesh | 118 | 6 |
| 180. | Himalayan Garhwal University | 64 | 6 |
| 181. | K.R. Mangalam University, Gurgaon | 82 | 6 |
| 182. | Maharshi Dayananda Saraswati University | 198 | 6 |
| 183. | MIT- ADT University, Pune | 34 | 6 |
| 184. | Sikkim University | 186 | 6 |
| 185. | Tezpur University | 855 | 6 |
| 186. | YBN University | 30 | 6 |
| 187. | Baba Ghulam Shah Badshah University | 93 | 5 |
| 188. | Babasaheb Bhimrao Ambedkar University | 524 | 5 |
| 189. | Bankura University | 22 | 5 |
| 190. | Indian Institute of Teacher Education | 5 | 5 |
| 191. | Oriental University | 80 | 5 |
| 192. | Shobhit University, Meerut | 166 | 5 |
| 193. | Sri Chandrasekharendra Saraswathi Viswa Mahavidyala | 417 | 5 |
| 194. | Adamas University | 27 | 4 |
| 195. | Fakir Mohan University, Balasore | 153 | 4 |
| 196. | Jawaharlal Nehru University | 6419 | 4 |
| 197. | University of Gour Banga | 12 | 4 |
| 198. | University of Hyderabad | 2550 | 4 |
| 199. | Vardhaman Mahaveer Open University, Kota | 21 | 4 |
| 200. | Babu Banarasi Das University | 94 | 3 |
| 201. | CT University | 24 | 3 |
| 202. | Gautam Buddha University | 218 | 3 |
| 203. | Karnataka State Open University | 17 | 3 |
| 204. | Mahapurusha Srimanta Sankaradeva Viswavidyalaya | 31 | 3 |
| 205. | Periyar Maniammai University | 156 | 3 |
| 206. | Rayat Bahra University | 16 | 3 |
| 207. | Apeejay Stya University | 21 | 2 |
| 208. | Central University of Tamil Nadu | 96 | 2 |
| 209. | Chitkara University, Punjab | 278 | 2 |

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| **210.** | Dr Shakuntala Misra National Rehabilitation University | 61 | 2 |
| **211.** | IIS (Deemed to be University) | 393 | 2 |
| **212.** | Jagannath University, Jhajjar | 29 | 2 |
| **213.** | Jai Narain Vyas University | 498 | 2 |
| **214.** | Karpagam University | 298 | 2 |
| **215.** | Lingayas Vidyapeeth | 85 | 2 |
| **216.** | Maharishi University of Information Technology | 35 | 2 |
| **217.** | Manav Rachna University | 43 | 2 |
| **218.** | Mandsaur University | 38 | 2 |
| **219.** | Monad University | 36 | 2 |
| **220.** | Sri Krishnadevaraya University | 3444 | 2 |
| **221.** | University of Kota | 96 | 2 |
| **222.** | Uttarakhand Sanskrit University | 53 | 2 |
| **223.** | Apex University Rajasthan | 10 | 1 |
| **224.** | Central University of Jharkhand | 86 | 1 |
| **225.** | Central University of South Bihar | 39 | 1 |
| **226.** | Dr. M.G.R. Educational and Research Institute | 478 | 1 |
| **227.** | GD Goenka University | 96 | 1 |
| **228.** | IIMT University, Meerut | 8 | 1 |
| **229.** | Madhya Pradesh Bhoj (Open) University | 9 | 1 |
| **230.** | Shri Ramswaroop Memorial University | 128 | 1 |
| **231.** | Sri Sathya Sai Institute of Higher Learning | 105 | 1 |
| **232.** | Vels University | 760 | 1 |
| **233.** | Vijayanagara Sri Krishnadevaraya University, Bellary | 131 | 1 |
| | **Total** | **376639** | **17400** |

There are 233 universities are participated in Shodhganga with MoU to INFLIBNET. From the above table it can be seen that Punjab University ranks first in producing maximum research publications in Education. Chhatrapati Sahuji Maharaj University follows the second position. Dr. Rammanohar Lohia Avadh University, Faizabad always has contributed remarkably. Sardar Patel University has made 425 theses publications. Maharaja Sayajirao University of Baroda also has made notable contributions. Shri Jagdishprasad Jhabarmal Tibarewala University has 423 theses contribution in education. Utkal University also has a mark of 419 theses in Education. Alagappa University, Maharshi Dayanand University and Veer Narmad South Gujarat University have immense contribution of theses in education. Shri Ramswaroop Memorial University, Sri Sathya Sai Institute of Higher Learning, Vels University, Vijayanagara Sri Krishnadevaraya University, Bellary, haven't performed up to the mark.

**Research Objectives:**

1. To understand the present scenario of doctoral theses in India in terms of number of theses uploaded in Shodhganga repository.
2. To find out university-wise number of doctoral theses in education uploaded in Shodhganga INFLIBNET.
3. To analyze the doctoral theses in education on the basis of year of completion, university and research supervisor with special reference to West Bengal.

**Methodology:**

The data obtained from the Shodhganga repository (up to November 2023), were considered for analysis of this study. Additionally, all education-related doctoral theses uploaded by the universities of West Bengal and submitted to the Shodhganga repository have been included. After gathering the information, the data was analyzed by using percentage technique, pie graphs, and analytical discourse methods.

**Analysis and Interpretation:**

Out of total, 12 universities have been identified with doctoral theses in education. The following table shows the number of theses uploaded by the universities of West Bengal in the Shodhganga repository.

**Table 2: No. of Doctoral Theses uploaded by the Universities of West Bengal**

| S. No. | Name of the University | No. of Theses related to Education | Percentage |
|--------|------------------------|-----------------------------------|------------|
| 1. | University of Calcutta | 239 | 52.18 |
| 2. | University of Kalyani | 55 | 12 |
| 3. | Visva-Bharati | 39 | 8.51 |
| 4. | University of Burdwan | 38 | 8.29 |
| 5. | Jadavpur University | 24 | 5.24 |
| 6. | Rabindra Bharati University | 17 | 3.71 |
| 7. | Swami Vivekananda University | 13 | 2.83 |
| 8. | Sidho Kanho Birsha University | 10 | 2.18 |
| 9. | Seacom Skills University | 10 | 2.18 |
| 10. | Bankura University | 5 | 1.09 |
| 11. | University of Gour Banga | 4 | 0.87 |
| 12. | Adamas University | 4 | 0.87 |
| **Total** | | **458** | **100** |

Source: Shodhganga Repository (*As on 2.11.2023*)
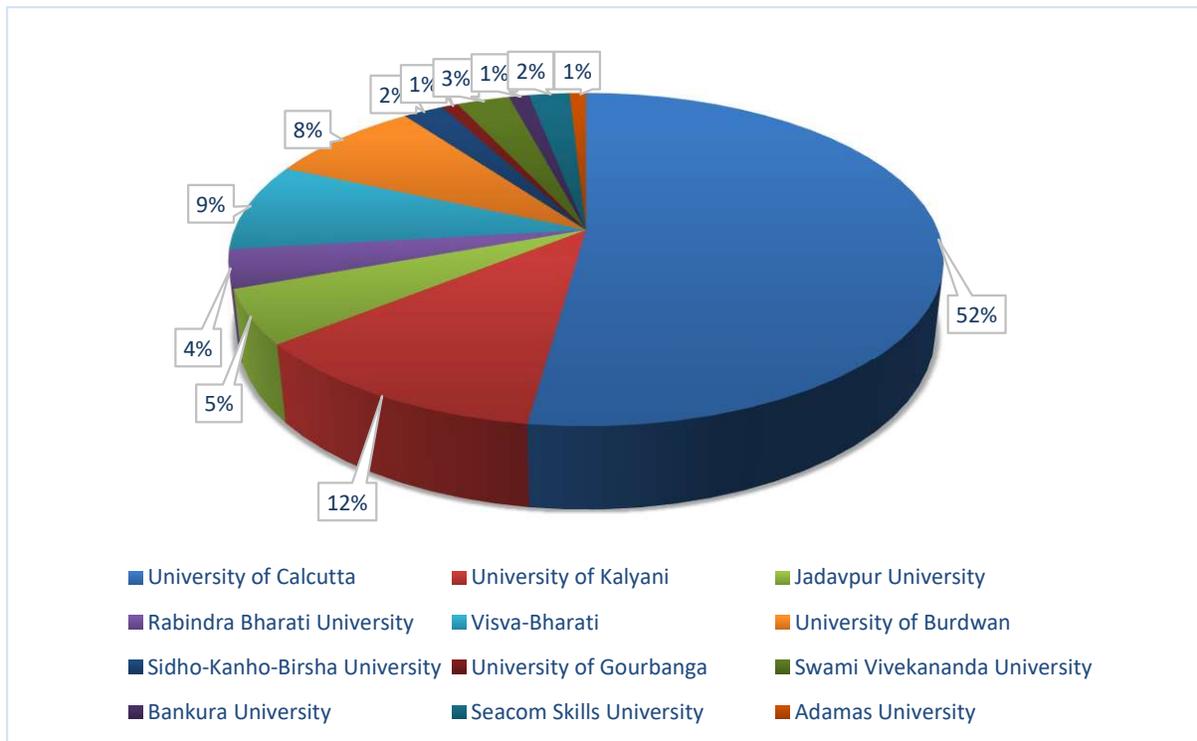
**Pie Chart 1: Percentage of Doctoral theses Contributed by the Universities of West Bengal**

The above table illustrates the university-wise distribution of doctoral theses in education uploaded in the Shodhganga database. We found 28 universities, and among these universities, only 458 doctoral theses in education were awarded. It is found from this study that the University of Calcutta has the highest number of doctoral theses, with 239 (52.18%). The second-highest number of doctoral theses, i.e., 55 (12%), were awarded by the University of Kalyani, followed by Visva-Bharati 39 (8.51%) and the University of Burdwan 38 (8.29%). Jadavpur University has 24 (5.24%), Rabindra Bharati University has 17 (3.71%). We may have found that the University of Gour Banga and Adamas University are awarded very small percentages of doctoral theses, i.e., 4 (0.87%). The remaining 16 universities have not uploaded doctoral theses in Sodhganga yet.

**Bar Graph 1: Year-wise No. of Doctoral theses related to the field of Education**
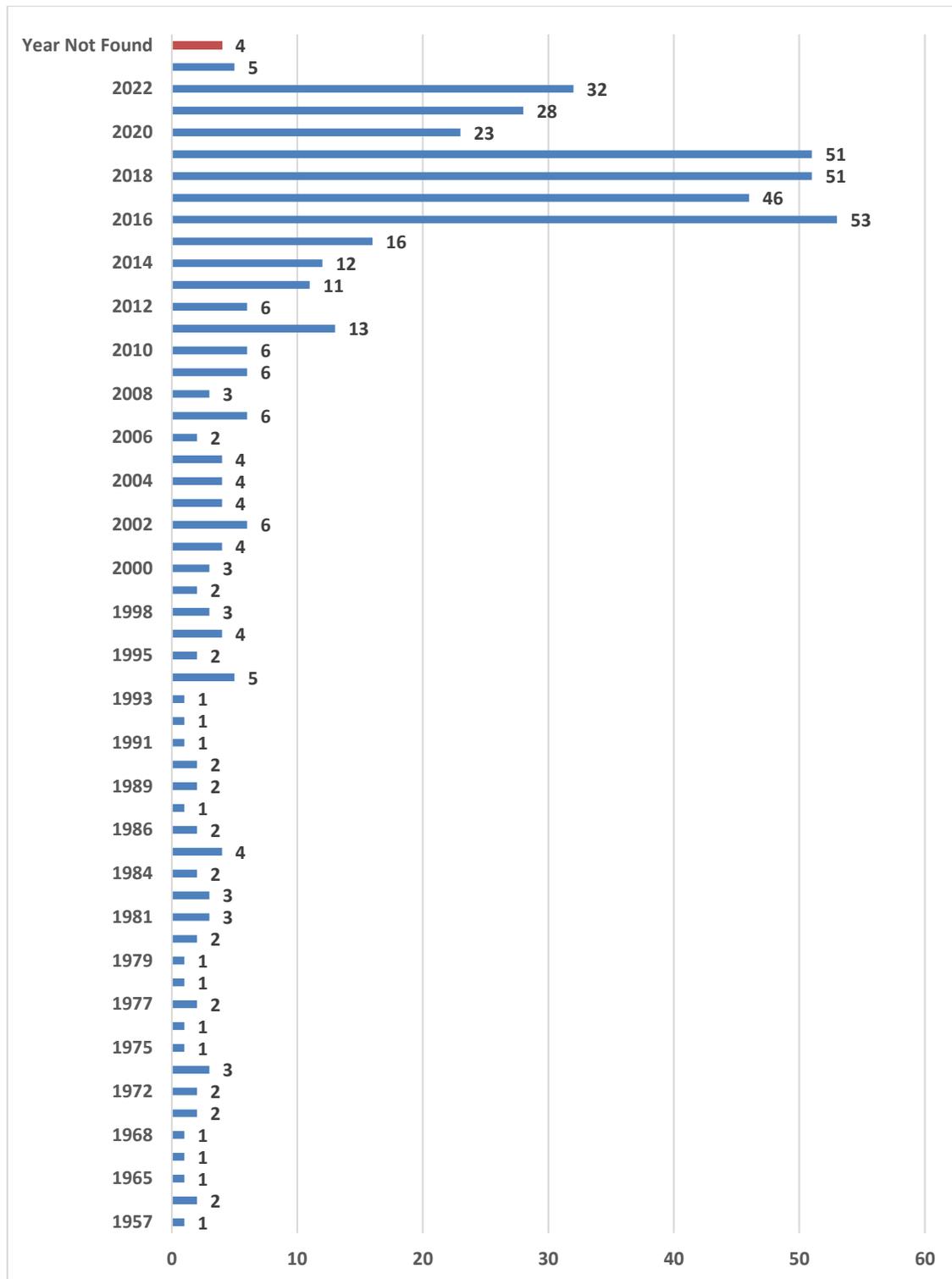


The year 1957 marks the commencement of theses found with 1 which later increased to 2 in the year 1964. It is seen that from the year 1965-68 marks a stagnation with a gradual increase from the year 1969. The year 2009 marked an upshot with an increase of 6 doctoral theses. Year 2011

with 13 upgrades in doctoral theses. The year 2016 has the maximum number of theses updates with 53 in number. With the growing years of 2018 and 2019 it was seen that there was gradual decrease in the number of theses update to 51 and tremendously drop down in the year 2023 with 5 updates. A total of 458 theses updated in the span of 58 years from 1965-2023 with gradual rise and update and stagnation from 1969.

**Table 3: Decade-wise details of Completion of Doctoral theses in Education**

| Year | No. of Theses found |
|---|---|
| 1950-1959 | 1 |
| 1960-1969 | 7 |
| 1970-1979 | 11 |
| 1980-1989 | 19 |
| 1990-1999 | 21 |
| 2000-2009 | 42 |
| 2010-2019 | 265 |
| 2020-2023 | 88 |
| Total | 454* |

*4 of the theses were not been identified the year of completion.*

The above table depicts the decade-wise number of doctoral theses completed in the field of education. The years 2010–2019 marked the most significant year where the total number of theses was 265, respectively. Between the periods 1950 and 1959, it marked the foundation year for the completion of one doctoral degree. A slow and gradual increase was seen from 1960–69.

**Table 4: Supervisor-wise analysis of Doctoral theses in Education**

| Sl. No. | Supervisor Name | No of Doctoral Theses |
|---|---|---|
| 1. | Dr. Mita Banerjee | 18 |
| 2. | Dr. Jayanta Mete | 16 |
| 3. | Dr. Pranab Kumar Chakrobory | 15 |
| 4. | Dr. Aditi Ghosh | 12 |
| 5. | Dr. Muktipada Sinha | 12 |
| 6. | Dr. Debasri Banerjee | 11 |
| 7. | Dr. Debjani Sengupta | 11 |
| 8. | Dr. Bishnupada Nanda | 10 |
| 9. | Dr. S P Bhattacharya | 10 |
| 10. | Dr. Md.Kutubuddin Halder | 9 |

More than 150 supervisors may be observed to give their required contribution from the above table taking note of the top 10 supervisors in the field of education. It reveals the positional ranks of the doctoral theses of the notable supervisors in West Bengal with Dr. Mita Banerjee ranking first with 18 in number. Dr. Jayanta Mete and Dr. Pranab Kumar Chakraborty securing second

place with 16 and 15 in number. Dr. Aditi Ghosh and Dr. Mukti Pada Sinha follow the same order with 12 in number of the doctoral theses. Dr. Debasri Banerjee and Dr. Dejani Sengupta with 11 in number. Dr. Bishnupada Nanda and Dr. SP Bhattacharya follow the same positional order of 10 on terms of their quality theses update

**Conclusion:**

A number of Universities in West Bengal have already set-up their institutional and ETD repositories using either DSpace or other OAI-PMH compliant Institutional Repository software. A platform like Sodhganga serves as this positive tool which provides universal accessibility to Indian theses and dissertation keeping minimum error of duplication and repetition with an intention of intuitive interface. The searching and browsing of the research in such a repository platform would add to downloading of the available materials. It would be possible for universities having sufficient network and computing to participate and update quality research uploads. Year wise updates in theses would demand more clarity and finding out the plausible factors which led to minimum upload in Sodhganga. There needs to be more involvement of the supervisors in the analysis of the theses. Apart from researchers it should be kept in mind the accessibility to the internet specifically uploading on INFLIBNET making it a universal access. A control check on plagiarism and duplication should be considered to develop that universal standard and quality. Involvement of more eminent researchers with in depth study keeping abreast with the innovations and demand of the study.

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