



A Bibliographic Study of Doctoral Dissertations in English Subject Awarded by the Universities of Gujarat

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Abstract

The paper focuses on doctoral dissertation in the English subject awarded by the universities of Gujarat. It is a kind of bibliographic study of the same. It aims to bring in light the valuable doctoral research work carried out in the subject of English. It studies bibliography of the Doctoral dissertations in the subject of English of different universities and compare them. It tries to find out, which university has more numbers of awarded Doctoral dissertations in the subject of English? It tries to find out, which university has more numbers of Doctoral guides in the subject of English? It tries to find out the number of Doctoral dissertations in the subject of English awarded by the universities It tries to find out which academic year was the most fruitful for the research in the subject of English. It will provide a status of doctoral researches in English subject in Gujarat.

Keywords: *Bibliographic Study, Doctoral Dissertations in English, Researches in English, Ph.D. Thesis in English, Researches in Gujarat.*

Introduction:

Research is the foundation of the treasure of knowledge. Research as a word has got currency in the modern time but it is very old in terms of practice. The inquisitiveness of man has motivated him to acquire new knowledge, tools, techniques and procedure. Quest of knowledge has played an important role in the advancement of human civilization. The journey from the Stone Age to Space Age bears testimony to untiring and continuous efforts for revealing the unknown mysteries of nature and human life. Broadly the activity undertaken with the object of seeking the truth is known as research. The present research is about researches carried out in English as a partial fulfillment of doctoral degree in Gujarat.

Interdisciplinary relevance:

The subject is interdisciplinary in nature. It is a bibliographic study of the doctoral dissertations in English subject awarded by the universities of Gujarat. It systematically studies doctoral researches in English and it uses methodology of library science. Thus, it is related to two disciplines library & information science and English.

Review of Research and Development in the Subject:

Researcher finds that some attempts to conduct such bibliographic studies were made in other subjects but she is unable to find any such studies of the doctoral dissertations in English subject awarded by the universities of Gujarat.

– International status

There are number of annotated bibliographies available like:

An Annotated Bibliography of Chickpea Disease by Book.
An Annotated Bibliography of European Anglicisms by David E. Blatner.
An Annotated Bibliography of Inuit Art by Richard C. Crandall.
An Annotated Critical Bibliography Of George Eliot by George Lewis Levine.
Detrimental Effects of Abortion: An Annotated Bibliography with Commentary by Thomas W. Strahan.
IDI Amin and Uganda: An Annotated Bibliography By Martin Jamison .
Resources For Nursing Research : an Annotated Bibliography by Stephen Gough.
Tabloid Journalism: An Annotated Bibliography of English-Language Sources By Gerald S Greenberg.

Such bibliographies are available but the researcher does not find the same study carried out earlier.

– National Status

There are number of annotated bibliographies available like:

An Annotated Bibliography Of Indian English Fiction by V. Indira Sambamurthy.
An Annotated Bibliography of Pigeonpea by Dahiya, B.S.
An annotated bibliography of research in parallel computing at the Indian Institute of Science by Ghoshal, SK and Rajaraman.
An Annotated Bibliography on Zoroastrian Studies by Asha Gupta.

Association of Indian Universities also published some bibliographies of doctoral dissertations like:

Earth System Sciences 1994 & 1995. (Environmental Sciences, Geology and Geophysics)
Humanities (Group A) – 1994 & 1995. (Fine Arts, Geography, History, Philosophy & Religion)
Physical Sciences – 1994 & 1995. (Chemistry & Physics)
Social Sciences (Group A) – 1994 & 1995. (Anthropology, Law, Military Studies, Political Science, Public Administration and Sociology)
Social Sciences (Group B) – 1994 & 1995. (Commerce, Economics & Management)

It also publishes thesis of the month in their University News but they are scattered.

The researcher compiled such a bibliography as a part of her UGC sponsored major research project. Such bibliographies are available but the researcher does not find any same study carried out earlier.

Significance of the study

The bibliographic study will be useful to new entrants as well as experienced researchers in English. It will become runway for new researchers in the subject of English. It provides detailed information about the doctoral researches awarded in the subject of English by the universities of Gujarat. The study has come up with a present status of doctoral researches in Gujarat. The study will be useful to UGC, Universities, college and university teachers, research supervisors and research scholars etc.

Its potential contribution to knowledge in the field of social relevance or national importance.

Quality in research is one of the crucial issues. The study contributes to the knowledge in the way that it has come out with systematic and up to dated bibliography of the doctoral dissertations in English awarded by the universities of Gujarat. It will be useful to scholars not only in India but worldwide. People across the globe will come to know about researches carried out in India.

Objectives

The objectives of the present study are as follows:

- To collect the information about the Doctoral dissertations in the subject of English awarded by the universities of Gujarat and conduct a bibliographic study.
- To bring in light the valuable doctoral research work carried out in the subject of English.
- To collect the information about the Doctoral guides in the subject of English recognized by the universities of Gujarat.
- To Study bibliography of the Doctoral dissertations in the subject of English of different universities and compare them.
- To find out, which university has more numbers of awarded Doctoral dissertations in the subject of English?
- To find out, which university has more numbers of Doctoral guides in the subject of English?
- To find out the number of Doctoral dissertations in the subject of English awarded by the universities.
- To find out which academic year was the most fruitful for the research (Doctoral dissertations) in the subject of English.
- To collect information about the contribution of the researchers in the subject of English to the universities.

Research Methodology

The selection of research methodology is mainly based on the nature of the study. It is necessary to adopt and follow some particular research methodology to fulfill the objectives of research and collect proper information. Looking at the need of the present study, researcher followed a survey method. The researcher prepared an annotated bibliography of the Doctoral dissertations in the subject of English awarded by the universities of Gujarat. She visited all the universities of the states, so the population of the research is hundred percent. There is no need to delimit the population of the study or take samples. She prepared a survey form and thus prepared a tool of the research. She collected the data from University P.G. Departments, BUTR, Administrative Office of the universities, and University libraries. Where ever it was needed, she met the recognized Ph.D. supervisors of the respected universities or research scholars and collected necessary data. The researcher spend about 30 months in conducting the research. The data is analyzed and tabulated using Microsoft Excel. Data analyses is followed by finding and suggestions.

Data Analysis:

The research reveals the variety of the subjects touched by the Ph. D. scholars. There are about 396 Ph.D. degrees in the subject of English awarded by the universities situated in Gujarat till 2012. The data is analyzed and tabulated to learn interesting facts.

- There are ten universities awarding Ph. D. in the subject of English in Gujarat.
- Ten universities of Gujarat has awarded total Three Hundred Ninety Six Ph.D.s in English till 2012.

The following table indicates the number of Ph. D.s. awarded by the universities situated in Gujarat:

University	Number of Ph. D. Theses
Maharaja Krishnakumarsinhji Bhavnagar University	7
Dr Babasaheb Ambedkar Open University	10
Gujarat University	75
Hemchandracharya North Gujarat University	38
Krantiguru Shyamji Krishna Verma Kachchh University	8
Kadi Sarva Vishwavidyalaya	2
Maharaja Sayajirao University of Baroda	56
Sardar Patel University	87
Saurashtra University	73
Veer Narmad South Gujarat University	40

Table: 1

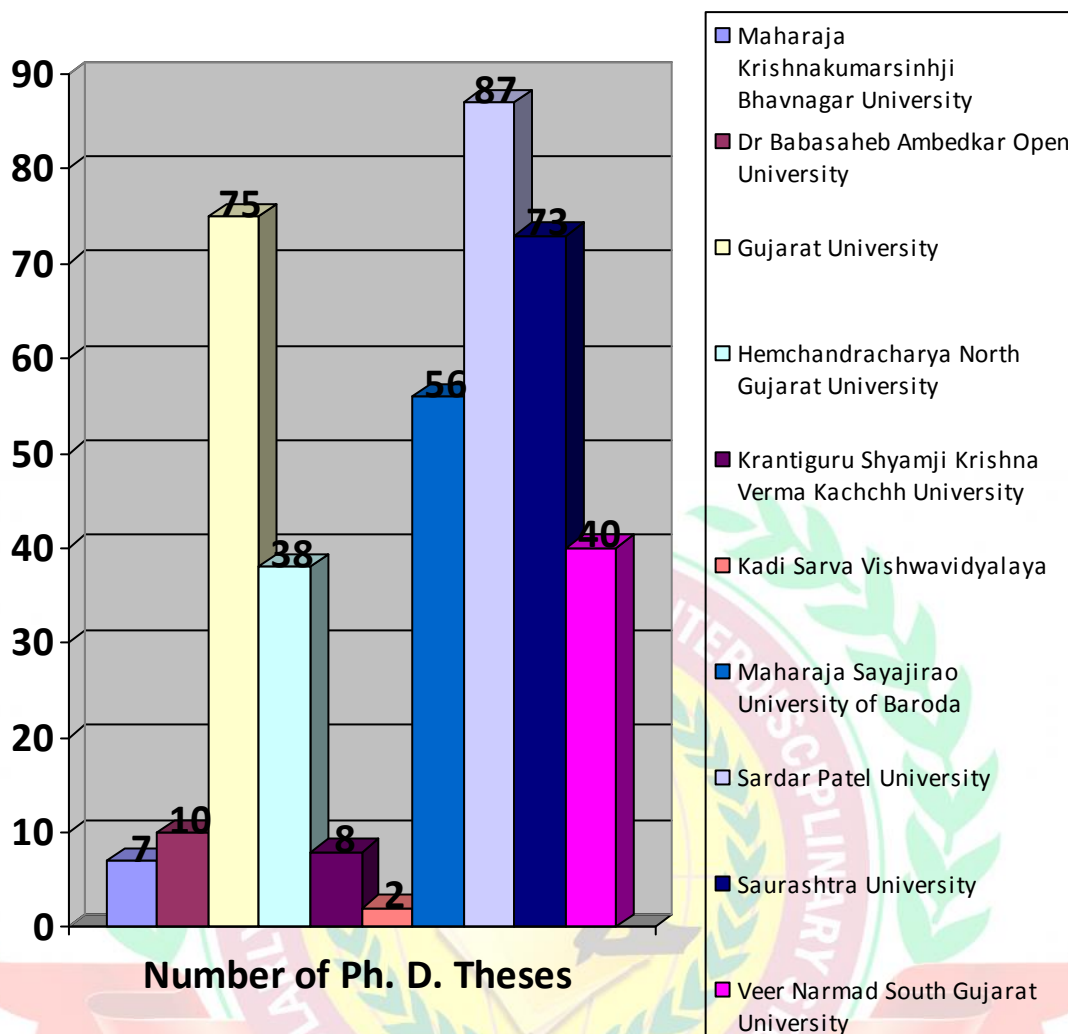


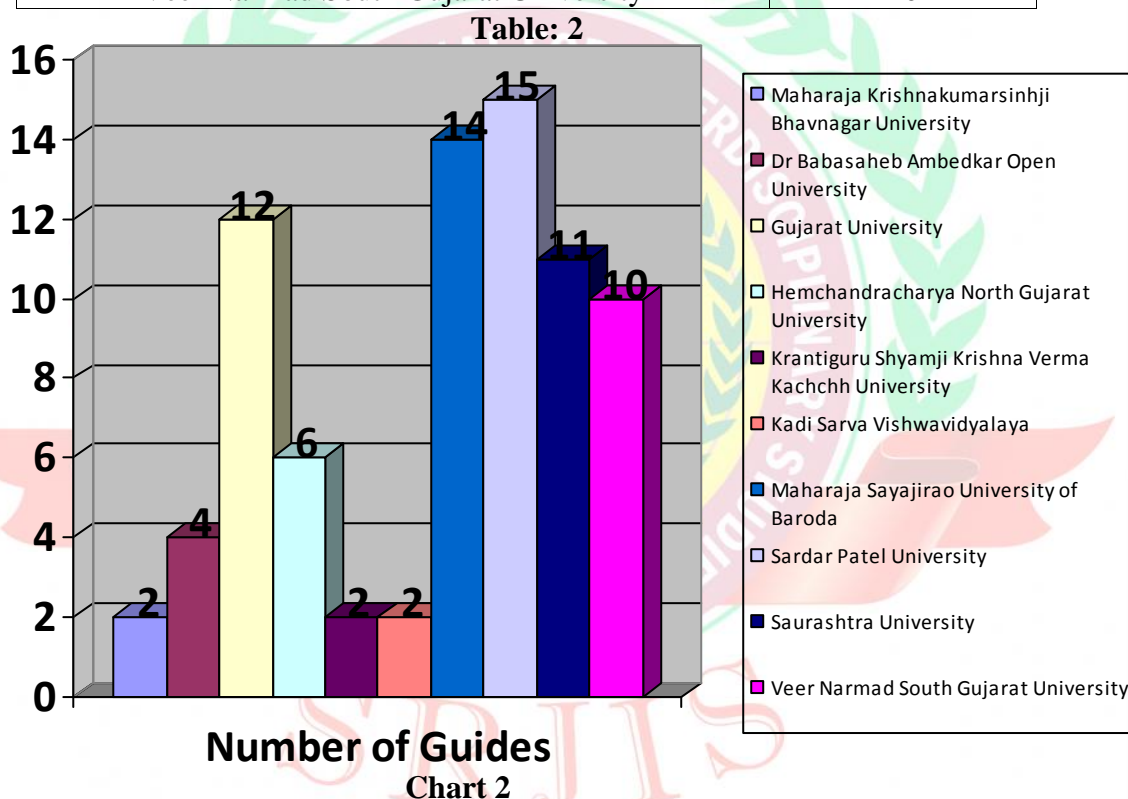
Chart 1

The Chart 1 clearly reveals the following facts:

- Sardar Patel University has awarded the maximum number of Ph. D.s in the subject of English.
- Kadi Sarva Vishwavidyalaya, Gandhinagar has awarded the minimum number of Ph. D.s in the subject of English.
- Gujarat University, S.P. University and Saurashtra University are leading with more than seventy Ph. D.s.
- Bhavnagar University, Kadi Sarva Vishwavidyalaya and K.S.K.V. Kachchh University are falling back with less than ten Ph. D.s.

The following table indicates the number of experts/teachers served as Ph.D. Supervisors/guides in the universities situated in Gujarat:

Universities of Gujarat	Number of Guides
Maharaja Krishnakumarsinhji Bhavnagar University	2
Dr Babasaheb Ambedkar Open University	4
Gujarat University	12
Hemchandracharya North Gujarat University	6
Krantiguru Shyamji Krishna Verma Kachchh University	2
Kadi Sarva Vishwavidyalaya	2
Maharaja Sayajirao University of Baroda	14
Sardar Patel University	15
Saurashtra University	11
Veer Narmad South Gujarat University	10



The Chart 2 clearly reveals the following facts:

- Sardar Patel University has the maximum number of Ph. D. Supervisors/guides in the subject of English.
- Kadi Sarva Vishwavidyalaya, Maharaja Krishnakumarsinhji Bhavnagar University and Krantiguru Shyamji Krishna Verma Kachchh University has the minimum number of Ph. D. Supervisors/guides in the subject of English.
- Gujarat University, S.P. University, M.S. University, Veer Narmad South Gujarat University and Saurashtra University are leading with more than ten Ph. D. Supervisors/guides.

The following table indicates the number of Guides in each university and numbers of Ph. D.'s awarded by respective university:

Universities of Gujarat	Number of Guides	Number of Ph. D. researchers guided
Maharaja Krishnakumarsinhji Bhavnagar University	2	7
Dr Babasaheb Ambedkar Open University	4	10
Gujarat University	12	75
Hemchandracharya North Gujarat University	6	38
Krantiguru Shyamji Krishna Verma Kachchh University	2	8
Kadi Sarva Vishwavidyalaya	2	2
Maharaja Sayajirao University of Baroda	14	56
Sardar Patel University	15	87
Saurashtra University	11	73
Veer Narmad South Gujarat University	10	40

Table: 03

The table 03 clearly shows:

- Sardar Patel University has the maximum number of guides and Ph. D.s awarded.
- Kadi Sarva Vishwavidyalaya has the minimum number of guides and Ph. D.s awarded.

The following table indicates the number of Ph. D.s awarded during different periods of time:

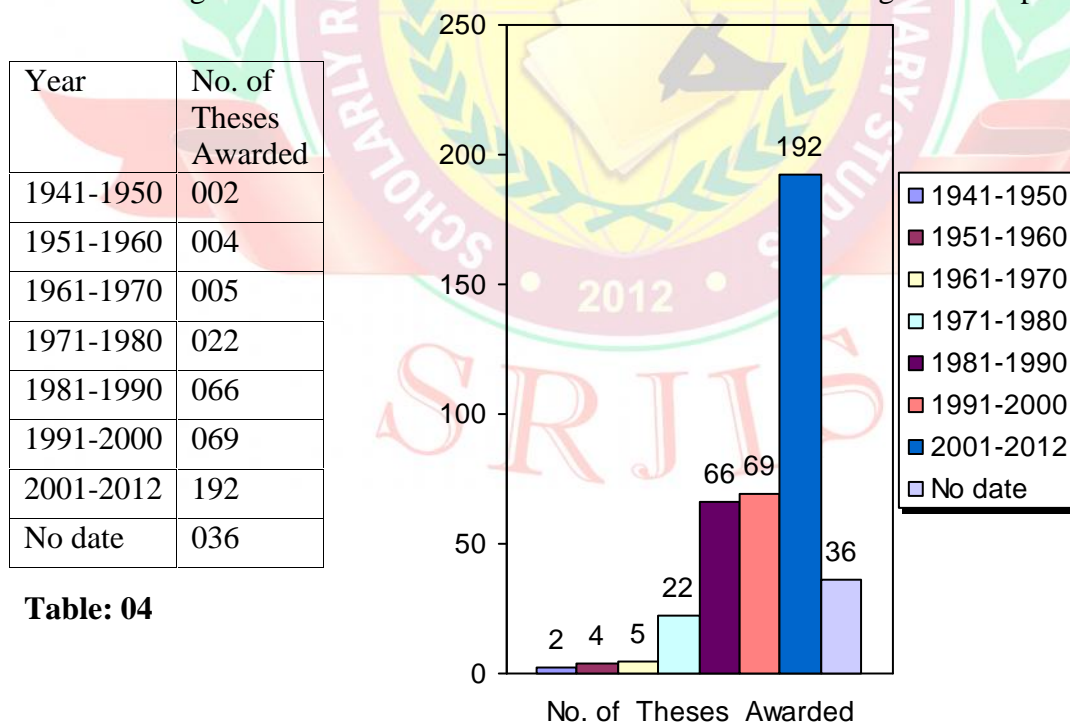


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Chart 3

The Chart 3 clearly shows:

- The first Ph.D. degree was awarded in 1949.
- Only two Ph. D.s were awarded in the subject of English till year 1950.
- Only nine researchers were awarded the degree of Ph. D. till year 1970.
- The period from 2001 to 2012 was the most fruitful period in terms of awarding of Ph.D.s, there were one hundred ninety two Ph. D.s during this period.
- The period from 1941 to 1970 was the driest period in terms of awarding of Ph.D., there was only eleven Ph. D.s

Findings:

- There are more than forty universities in Gujarat, but only ten universities give an opportunity to work for doctoral research in English and were able to award degree of Ph.D. in the Subject of English.
- Total number of Ph.D. degrees awarded by the universities of western region of India till 2012 is 396 (Three hundred ninety six).
- Sardar Patel University has the maximum number of guides and Ph. D.s awarded.
- Childlike university, Kadi Sarva Vishwavidyalaya has the minimum number of guides and Ph. D.s awarded.
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Suggestions and Conclusion:

Research is near and dear work of a scholar of literature. There are about four hundred Ph.D. degree holders in the region. While carrying out the research, researchers come to know many facts about the researches and it is their humble endeavor to propose a few suggestions and conclusion:

There should be some paper of research methodology in the syllabus of Master degree so that a student can acquire some methods and practice of research at post graduate level. The maximum limit to complete one's doctoral research should be fixed. Some financial assistance from universities or institutions should be provided to the Ph.D. scholars. The Ph.D. theses are not easily available after the degree is awarded, they should be properly arranged in some special department. The area covered by the researchers of western is very small and they are working on traditional subjects. Some new theories and trends of literature should be taken for the research. Fiction is the most popular area of research and very few are working on Autobiography/Biography, Epic, Drama, Poetry, Letter and Short Story. Scanty efforts were made to work on forms like Essay, Ballad, and Sonnet, comparative of English and Hindi and Gujarati, E.L.T., Dalit, Black, Canadian, Ahimsa, Folk and tribal, Jain Tradition, Nationalism This dry area should be taken. There is lot of room for research in the field of E.L.T, Folk, Tribal, comparative, nationalistic, Diaspora, de-colonization etc. Electronic media like e-mails, e-books, C.D ROM, and encyclopaedias on CD ROM should

be available to the researchers. Universities should make compulsory for its teachers to publish some definite number of research papers and books to get promotion. INFLIBNET like institutions should be promoted to make available Indian research abstracts. Any research including Ph.D. are for the use of scholars and society. It is not confidential, rather should be given free access. This idea should be properly instructed to universities and particularly to the university librarians by UGC. Sorry to keep it here, but the experience to get data regarding Ph.D. was very bitter at many places.

According to UGC, there are about 33023 colleges and 634 universities in India (UGC). Among them 2000 colleges and 40 universities are there in Gujarat. There are about 816966 college or university teachers in India. Among them, there are about twenty thousand college teachers in Gujarat. The number of researches, scholars and students in the subject of English may be too big but we have only 396 Ph. D degree holders in Gujarat. The number is not satisfactory. The researcher appreciates UGCs initiative to create a space in INFLIBNET for systematic record keeping of doctoral researches.

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