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ODOS INITIATIVE

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Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:-

- (a) the details of services and information that would be made available to the citizens and researchers under the “One DAE One Subscription (ODOS) initiative;
- (b) whether Government has taken any special steps to promote co-operation and partnership at the international level under this initiative; and
- (c) progress expected in the field of nuclear science and technology in the country through this initiative?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES & PENSIONS
AND PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (DR. JITENDRA SINGH)

(a) The Department of Atomic Energy (DAE) is the premium institute working towards the nuclear science, physics and allied disciplines. The scientists and researchers are working on advance research areas and thus, it is necessary to keep abreast in their subjective areas. Scientific journals are the primary source of information and play a significant role in disseminating the information. The present ODOS initiative is an attempt to expand the benefits of consortia from READ only model to READ and PUBLISH model. The earlier existing consortium are mainly driven by the objective to provide online content accessible across among the participating DAE units only. This enables the scientists and researchers to keep abreast in their discipline and at par with their peers. While, the present ODOS initiative is next logical step as promoting towards Open Access (OA) publishing in the leading journals of reputed publishers. In normal course the OA articles gets higher visibility compared to those behind the paywall. Under the ODOS initiative DAE has entered into a Transformative Agreement (TA) during 2024, with two leading publishers namely M/s. John Wiley & Sons

Inc. and M/s. Springer Nature Group. This has essentially two parts (a) READ and (b) Publish as OA articles for the agreed upon no. of articles across all 60 DAE units for the benefit of its scientists and researchers. The READ part takes care of allowing the scientists to access the content across all DAE units. While under the Publish component, DAE scientists and researchers are now in a better position to contribute their articles as OA in some of the leading hybrid and few OA journals. The agreement takes care of Article Processing Charge (APC), which is an advantage.

(b) DAE has entered into an agreement with two international leading publisher's viz. M/s. John Wiley & Sons Inc. and M/s. Springer Nature Group for 2024, for the ODOS (One DAE One Subscription). The present consortium takes care of both Read and Publish model under the Transformative Agreement (TA) while earlier consortia were more concerned about the Read part. In other words, providing full text content access to various users across DAE units.

(c) ODOS initiative will not only promote proliferation of research activities in the years to come but also help in aiding our researchers and scientists to contribute more no of articles in the leading publications as it will allow them to publish their articles free of cost. The likely benefit is the free flow of information. Such efforts will enhance the visibility and accessibility of their content to all fraternity.

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