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Libraries today are facing increase in demands for services while struggling with the challenges such as the steep rise in the information resources, high cost of library resources, high expectations from users, budget cuts, dwindling foot-falls in libraries, etc. Library consortia are set-up essentially to get lower rates of subscription and terms and conditions of subscription for a large number of institutions subscribing to same sets of resources, expanding access to print and electronic collections and developing new services to meet their customer needs. Digital divide is clearly visible amongst resource-rich and resource poor educational Institutions in India. The users in resource-poor institutions are denied exposure to the proprietary resources priced exorbitantly high.

I am happy to note that VTU Consortium has been set-up to cater to all the engineering institutions affiliated to it enabling users to get exposed to the knowledge beyond open access resources available through Google.

Merely setting-up a Consortium, cannot serve the ultimate aim of expanding access to e-resources. Availability of access to e-resources amongst users need to be promoted through consortium portal that should function as single window serving to all users across Member Institutions. I am happy that VTU Consortium has also developed a portal to communicate its initiatives to its clientele. Links to resources subscribed by the Consortium should be available through the web sites of member institutions also. Training and awareness programmes should be organized at regular intervals in the member institutions. Consortium is a co-operative and collaborative enterprise. I am sure that VTU Consortium would soon initiate services that require collaborative platform of Consortium.

I congratulate the Vice Chancellor and the Executive Committee of VTU for having taken a decision of establishing a Library Consortium for the benefit of users in its affiliated colleges. I also congratulate the Library team working behind this efficient initiative. I wish the Consortium all the best.

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