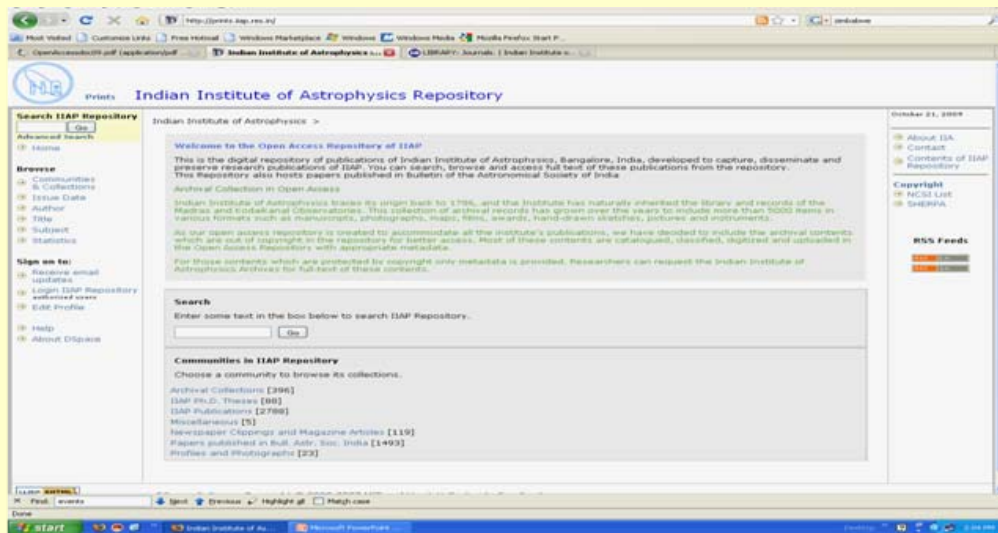For the last five years Indian Institute of Astrophysics has been implementing the procedure to make available its scholarly research and technical articles online through the "Open Access Repository". http://prints.iiap.res.in

• IIA OA Repository collection is unique to hold the historical scholarly contents published from the Madras and Kodaikanal Observatories in the 18th and 19th centuries in addition to the current research publications of the institute.

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• IIA repository is planning to include multimedia feature to the contents in future by adding oral interviews and video recordings related to the historical events and milestones of our observatories and the institute.

Target for the week
The library will be working towards reaching a target of 5000 records as the scholarly contents of the repository during this week

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We would like to express our thanks to everyone making this target and the week possible.

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"The ADS supports the goal of Open Access, and encourages publishers, journals, scientific societies, and government agencies to develop methods to achieve this goal without degrading the existing system for scientific communication." Michael J. Kurtz ADS Team

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