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Abstract

Scientometrics analysis the quantitative as well as the qualitative aspects of scientific parameters for better understanding of the mechanism of research activities. The paper attempts to present a quantitative and qualitative analysis of the publication output of Kumaraguru College of Technology, Coimbatore. Data have been collected from the Scopus database for the period 1997 to 2020. Among the 2110 papers published in the span of 24 years, the highest numbers of 404 papers were published in 2018 and 2019. 1792 papers (85.3%) were published during the last ten years from 2011 to 2020. Journal is the most preferred channel of publication with 1665 papers. This study reveals that Kumaraguru College of Technology has largely contributed to research in Science, Engineering and Technology and the publication output of faculty has increased considerably during the recent years.

Keywords:- Scientometrics, Authorship Pattern, Annual Growth Rate, Kumaraguru College of Technology

INTRODUCTION

Scientific productivity can be accessed through Scientometrics which is concerned with analyzing the activities of science, technology and innovation. It has been used to evaluate the research performance of the researchers and various developments in Science and Technology. This paper measured the quantitative data such as number of publications, authorship pattern, relative growth rate, collaborative institution, associative country, document type, subject and number of citations. This study also identifies the predominant source of publications by the faculty and funding sponsors for the research work. In this study, an attempt has been made to study the research output of the faculty of Kumaraguru College of Technology, Coimbatore.

ABOUT THE COLLEGE

Kumaraguru College of Technology is an autonomous, self-financing engineering college, affiliated to Anna University. It was started in 1984, with the mission of providing aspiring students of technical education, a challenging learning environment. Over the last three decades, several new programmes have been introduced and the institution has emerged as a trusted destination for quality technical education and as a hub for research and innovation. The college is ISO certified and is accredited by NAAC. Several programmes offered by Kumaraguru College of Technology are accredited by NBA. In addition to a host of engineering and allied engineering courses, has also gained recognition for its uniquely tailored management education programmes. This is one of the pioneer engineering college focusing on quality publication, research and innovations.

REVIEW OF LITERATURE

Vasistha (2011) has reported the research publication output of PEC University of Technology, Chandigarh and found that there is a increase in the output by 131.85% between 1996 and 2009. Savanur and Konnur (2012) have studied the research output of Bangalore University in the period of 1970 to 2010 and found that the growth rate of publications was highest during 1996 and 2000. and gradual decrease found after 2001. Maharana and Sethi have studied the publication output of Sambalpur University during 2007-2011 and analysed the various scientific parameters of the institution. Arumugam et.al (2019) analysed the Scholarly Research Output of Indian Institute of Management (IIMs) in India and found that significant contribution from the faculty of IIM Ahmedabad with 85.3% publications.

OBJECTIVES

The objectives of the study is to perform the scientific analysis of Kumaraguru College of Technology, Coimbatore.

- ❖ To examine the research productivity of the institution
- ❖ To find out the year-wise scholarly output, relative growth rate and Doubling time.
- ❖ To identify the subject domain that has more research productivity.
- ❖ To examine the most productive authors, and authorship pattern.
- ❖ To analyze the type of publications document preferred by the academics.

- ❖To identify research collaboration of Kumaraguru College of Technology with other countries and institutions.
- ❖To identify the predominant source of publications
- ❖To examine the citations received by publications.

HYPOTHESES

The following hypotheses will be formulated for this study based on the stated objectives.

- ❖There exists substantial research productivity among the academics of Kumaraguru College of Technology.
- ❖There exists the domination of collaborative research among Kumaraguru College of Technology
- ❖Journals are the major source of publications in Kumaraguru College of Technology
- ❖There exists steady growth in publication production among academics of Kumaraguru College of Technology

METHODOLOGY

For this study, the literature on publication output of Kumaraguru College of Technology was collected from the Scopus, an international citation database. Scopus, a product of Elsevier is covers nearly 30,000 titles from over 5,000 publishers and is the largest abstract and citation database of peer-reviewed literature covering science, technology, medicine, social sciences, arts and humanities. It also provides author profiles which cover affiliations, number of publications and their bibliographic data, references, and details on the number of citations each published document has received. It has a feature to calculate h-index of authors and institutions as well. The following query has been used to download the data [AF-ID ("Kumaraguru College of Technology" 60012454) AND (LIMIT TO (ACCESSTYPE(OTHER)))] to retrieve the details of research publications emanating from KUMARAGURU COLLEGE OF TECHNOLOGY .

DATA ANALYSIS AND RESULTS

Type of Source

The data collected from Scopus data base has been listed based on type of sources preferred for publications by the academics for their research output and shown in Figure I.

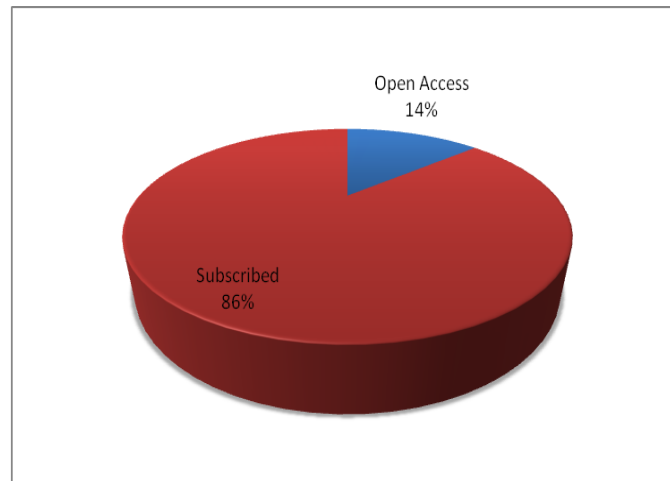


Figure I : Type of source

Chronological Growth of Publications

Table 1 shows that there is a significant increase in publication started from 1997 with two publications and 2018 and 2019 is the most productive year with 404 (19.15%) publications followed by 2017 and 2015 with 272 (12.9%) and 187 (8.86%) publications respectively. The publication output of last ten years during 2011 to 2020 contributes 1792 (85.3%) publications of the total of 2110.

S.No	Year Range	Publications	
		No of Publication	Percentage (%)
1.	1991-2000	13	0.61
2.	2001-2010	305	14.52
3.	2011-2020	1792	85.33

Table 1. Year-wise Output of Publications

Relative Growth Rate [R(a)]

The relative growth rate is the increase in the number of publications per unit of time i.e. one year. The mean relative growth rate $R(1-2)$ over a specified period of interval can be calculated from the following equation suggested by Mahapatra

where,

$R(1-2)$ = Mean relative growth rate over a specific period of interval;

$W1$ = Log $W1$ (Natural log of initial number of publications at beginning);

$W2$ = Log $W2$ (Natural log of initial number of publications at end);

$T2 - T1$ = Unit difference between the beginning time and end time.

$R(a)$ = Relative growth rate per unit of publications per unit of time (year).

The Relative Growth Rate $R(a)$ and Doubling Time $D(t)$ of publication output of Kumaraguru College of Technology are derived and presented in Table 2 and the results show that till 2010 there was not good number of publications when compare with the last 10 years. The relative growth rate ranges between 0.12 to 0.69. The mean relative growth rate is 0.32 as shown in Table 2.

Doubling Time (DT)

A direct equivalence exists between the relative growth rate and doubling time. The doubling time for publication can be calculated by the following formula suggested by Mahapatra. Therefore, The doubling time for publication output of Kumaraguru College of Technology increased from 2.83 from 2003 to 5.56 in 2009 but decreased during 2010 (4.54) onwards till 2015. The doubling time for publications at the aggregate level has been computed as 3.8 years. There is a progressive growth in the number of publications of research output of Kumaraguru College of Technology, Coimbatore as shown in Table 2.

Year	No. of Publications	Cumulative	log W1	log W2	RGR	Doubling Time
1997	2	2	0.00	0.69	0.69	1.00
1998	2	4	0.69	1.39	0.69	1.00
1999	3	7	1.39	1.95	0.56	1.24
2000	6	13	1.95	2.56	0.62	1.12
2001	12	25	2.56	3.22	0.65	1.06
2002	11	36	3.22	3.58	0.36	1.90

2003	10	46	3.58	3.83	0.25	2.83
2004	20	66	3.83	4.19	0.36	1.92
2005	27	93	4.19	4.53	0.34	2.02
2006	50	143	4.53	4.96	0.43	1.61
2007	44	187	4.96	5.23	0.27	2.58
2008	54	241	5.23	5.48	0.25	2.73
2009	32	273	5.48	5.61	0.12	5.56
2010	45	318	5.61	5.76	0.15	4.54
2011	56	374	5.76	5.92	0.16	4.27
2012	90	464	5.92	6.14	0.22	3.21
2013	92	556	6.14	6.32	0.18	3.83
2014	130	686	6.32	6.53	0.21	3.30
2015	187	873	6.53	6.77	0.24	2.87
2016	109	982	6.77	6.89	0.12	5.89
2017	272	1254	6.89	7.13	0.24	2.83
2018	404	1658	7.13	7.41	0.28	2.48
2019	404	2062	7.41	7.63	0.22	3.18
2020	48	2110	7.63	7.65	0.02	30.12

Table 2 Relative Growth Rate and Doubling Time

Annual Growth Rate (AGR)

This is one of the indicators of Annual Growth Rate (AGR) for each year. The formula for AGR is: **AGR = (Ending Value Beginning Value) / Beginning value**

The formula for AAGR is: **AAGR = (Growth Rate in Period A + Growth Rate in Period B + Growth Rate in Period C + ...Growth Rate in Period X) / Number of Periods**

YEAR-WISE ANNUAL RATIO OF GROWTH AND ANNUAL GROWTH RATE				
S.No	Year	No of Publications	ARoG	AGR
1.	1997	2	-	-
2.	1998	2	1.000	0.000
3.	1999	3	1.500	0.500
4.	2000	6	2.000	1.000

5.	2001	12	2.000	1.000
6.	2002	11	0.917	-0.083
7.	2003	10	0.909	-0.091
8.	2004	20	2.000	1.000
9.	2005	27	1.350	0.350
10.	2006	50	1.852	0.852
11.	2007	44	0.880	-0.120
12.	2008	54	1.227	0.227
13.	2009	32	0.593	-0.407
14.	2010	45	1.406	0.406
15.	2011	56	1.244	0.244
16.	2012	90	1.607	0.607
17.	2013	92	1.022	0.022
18.	2014	130	1.413	0.413
19.	2015	187	1.438	0.438
20.	2016	109	0.583	-0.417
21.	2017	272	2.495	1.495
22.	2018	404	1.485	0.485
23.	2019	404	1.000	0.000
24.	2020	48	0.119	-0.881

Table 3 YEAR-WISE ANNUAL RATIO OF GROWTH AND ANNUAL GROWTH RATE

Table 3 depicts that the AGR is the highest in 2017(1.495) followed by 2004, 2001 and 2000(1.000) respectively. The AGR is the lowest in 2013(0.022). As far as negative growth rate is concerned, the year 2002 has the AGR of -0.083 followed by -0.091 in 2003. There is a fluctuation in the AGR of Kumaraguru College of Technology research output during the study period.

DOCUMENT TYPE DISTRIBUTION

Tables 4 shows that the faculty of Kumaraguru College of Technology mostly published their research findings in the form of journal articles (1665 with 16.66%) as the preferred channel for their publications. They have also presented their papers in 350 (2.48%) conferences. They have published 52 (1.48%) review papers as well. Other types like book chapter 31 (0.19%), books

(4 of 0.14%) are also the source of publications. Remaining other forms like short survey, editorial and so on.

Table 4. Type of Documents

S.No	Document Type	No of Publication	Percentage (%)
1	Article	1665	16.66
2	Conference Paper	350	2.47
3	Review	52	1.47
4	Book Chapter	31	0.19
5	Book	4	0.14
6	Short Survey	3	0.09
7	Editorial	2	0.04
8	Erratum	1	0.04
9	Note	1	0.04
10	Undefined	1	0.04

Predominant Authors of Kumaraguru College of Technology

Table 5 reveals that Ramakrishnan, G. is the most productive author with 60 (2.86%) publications followed by Sanal Kumar, V.R. with 47 (2.23%) publications. Below table represents the top 20 predominant authors based on the publications.

Table 5: Ranking of Authors

S. No	Name of the Author	No of Publication	Percentage (%)
1	Ramakrishnan, G.	60	2.85
2	Sanal Kumar, V.R.	47	2.23
3	Dhurai, B.	46	2.19
4	Srinivasan, J.	39	1.85
5	Vijayanandh, R.	39	1.85
6	Gokarneshan, N.	38	1.80
7	Thottungal, R.	29	1.38

8	Velmurugan, C.	29	1.38
9	Senthil Kumar, M.	27	1.28
10	Syed Shabudeen, P.S.	27	1.28
11	Aravind, J.	26	1.23
12	Marimuthu, R.	26	1.23
13	Sundaresan, S.	24	1.14
14	Vasuki, A.	23	1.09
15	Prakash, C.	20	0.95
16	Sasikala, L.	20	0.95
17	Sivamani, S.	20	0.95
18	Kanmani, P.	19	0.90
19	Kannan, R.	19	0.90
20	Kannan, T.	18	0.85

Authorship Pattern

Table 6 shows that 1959 papers are collaborative publications. Two author papers (686 with CAI 234.21) and followed by more than two author's collaborative papers (1272 with CAI 80.47). 152 papers (CAI 64.30) were contributed by single authors.

Table 6. Authorship Pattern

Year	Single Author	CAI	Two Authors	CAI	More than Two Authors	CAI	Total
1997	0	0.00	0	0.00	2	133.48	2
1998	1	297.54	2	480.26	0	0.00	3
1999	0	0.00	3	720.39	0	0.00	3
2000	4	595.08	2	240.13	0	0.00	6
2001	10	743.85	2	120.07	0	0.00	12
2002	9	730.32	1	65.49	1	12.13	11
2003	7	624.83	2	144.08	1	13.35	10
2004	12	563.76	6	227.49	1	7.03	19

2005	2	66.12	12	320.17	13	64.27	27
2006	5	89.26	22	316.97	23	61.40	50
2007	4	81.15	14	229.22	26	78.88	44
2008	4	66.12	13	173.43	37	91.46	54
2009	1	27.89	8	180.10	23	95.94	32
2010	6	119.02	15	240.13	24	71.19	45
2011	5	79.70	20	257.28	31	73.89	56
2012	4	39.67	41	328.18	45	66.74	90
2013	6	58.21	35	274.06	51	74.00	92
2014	7	48.06	47	260.45	76	78.04	130
2015	5	23.87	75	288.93	107	76.38	187
2016	4	32.76	41	270.97	64	78.38	109
2017	16	52.51	87	230.42	169	82.94	272
2018	15	33.14	111	197.93	278	91.85	404
2019	22	48.61	112	199.71	270	89.21	404
2020	3	55.79	15	225.12	30	83.43	48
Total	152	64.30	686	234.21	1272	80.47	2110

Degree of Collaboration

Collaborative co-efficient is used to measure the extent of collaboration. The measure of the degree of collaboration in a discipline lies between 0 and 1 according to the formula of Subramanyam¹²

$$C = N_m / (N_m + N_s).$$

C: Degree of Collaboration

N_m : Number of multi-authored publications

N_s : Number of single authored publications

Hence $C = 0.92$ Hence, it is found that the degree of collaboration of publications of Kumaraguru College of Technology faculty is 0.92.

Pattern of Co-Authorship

In order to assess the Pattern of Co-Authorship (CAI), the following formula suggested by Garg and Padhi has been employed.

$$N_{ij}/N_{io} \text{ CAI} = \frac{N_{ij}}{N_{io}} \frac{N_{oj}}{N_{\infty}}$$

Where, N_{ij} = Number of papers having authors in block i

N_{io} = Total output of block i

N_{oj} = Number of papers having j authors for all blocks

N_{∞} = Total number of papers for all authors and all blocks

Hence CAI= 64.3 for single author, 234.21 for two authors, 80.47 for multiple author.

Source wise Distribution

Table 7 shows that the distribution of journals based on publications on which the papers appeared indicates a high degree of scatter in terms of number of journals. The top 20 journals listed below as the predominant journals preferred by academics of Kumaraguru College of Technology, Coimbatore.

Table 7. Ranking of Journals based on Publications

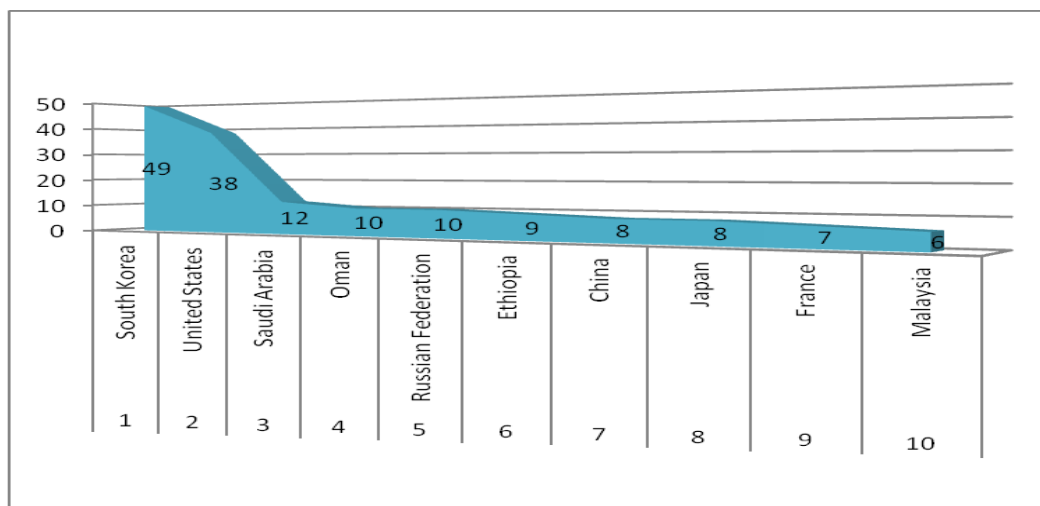
S.No	Name of the Source	No of Publication	Percentage (%)
1	International Journal of Innovative Technology And Exploring Engineering	125	5.95
2	International Journal of Recent Technology And Engineering	105	5
3	International Journal of Engineering And Advanced Technology	99	4.71
4	International Journal of Mechanical And Production Engineering Research And Development	84	4
5	Journal of Advanced Research In Dynamical And Control Systems	59	2.80

6	International Journal of Applied Engineering Research	53	2.52
7	International Journal of Civil Engineering And Technology	47	2.23
8	Asian Journal of Microbiology Biotechnology And Environmental Sciences	43	2.04
9	Colourage	37	1.76
10	Rasayan Journal of Chemistry	36	1.71
11	Man Made Textiles In India	33	1.57
12	Textile Magazine	29	1.38
13	Asian Textile Journal	24	1.14
14	European Journal of Scientific Research	24	1.14
15	International Journal of Advanced Manufacturing Technology	17	0.80
16	Journal of The Textile Association	17	0.80
17	Ecology Environment And Conservation	16	0.76
18	Aip Conference Proceedings	15	0.71
19	Indian Journal of Fibre And Textile Research	14	0.66
20	Journal of Industrial Textiles	14	0.66

Collaborative Country

Figure 2 shows that the faculty of Kumaraguru College of Technology collaborated with researchers of South Korea (49) followed by United States 38 publications.

Figure 2. Collaborative Countries



Collaborative Institutions

Table 8 shows that researchers from 20 institutions collaborated with the faculty of Kumaraguru College of Technology for more than 20 publications. Among them, PSG College of Technology stands first with 132 publications followed by Anna University with 68 publications.

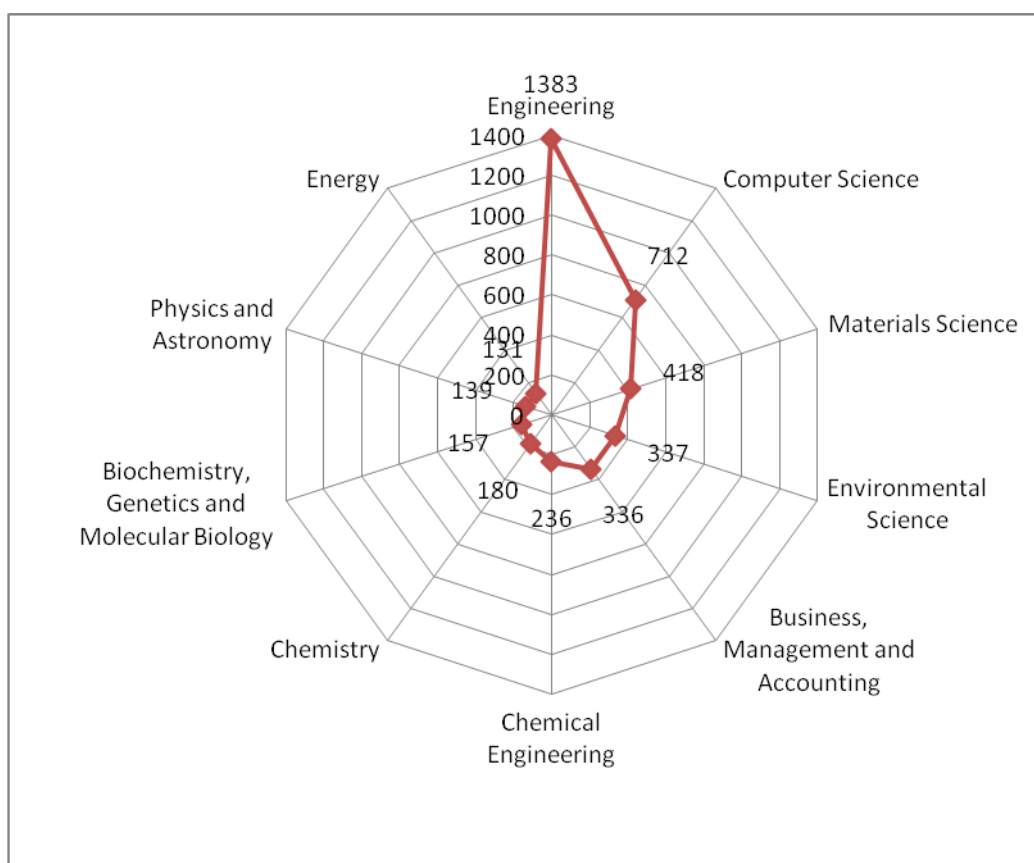
Table 8. Ranking of Collaborative Institutions

S.No	Collaborative Institutions	No of Publication
1	PSG College of Technology	132
2	Anna University	68
3	Government College of Technology, Coimbatore	54
4	Coimbatore Institute of Technology	46
5	Bannari Amman Institute of Technology	38
6	Bharathiar University	37
7	Indian Institute of Science, Bengaluru	35
8	Sona College of Technology	31
9	Kongu Engineering College	31
10	Hindusthan College of Engineering & Technology	29
11	Sri Ramakrishna Engineering College	28
12	Indian Space Research Organization	27
13	Avinashilingam Institute for Home Science and Higher Education for Women	23
14	Vellore Institute of Technology, Vellore	23
15	Karunya Institute of Technology and Sciences	22
16	Sri Krishna College of Engineering and Technology, Coimbatore	22
17	Kongunadu Arts and Science College	21
18	Dr. N.G.P. Institute of Technology	21
19	SVS College of Engineering	20
20	Sathyabama Institute of Science and Technology	19

Subjectwise Distribution

Figure 3 shows that 1383 papers were published in the broad area of 'Engineering' followed by Computer Science (712) and Material Science (418).

Figure 3. Broad Subject Areas of Publication



Top Cited Papers

Table 9 shows that top 20 cited papers. It is evident that 990 papers have received below 100 citations and 8 papers have received more than 100 citations. 1112 papers have not received single citations.

Table 9. Top Cited Papers

Title of the Paper	Year	Journal	Citation
Application of response surface methodology for predicting weld bead quality in submerged arc welding of pipes	1999	Journal of Materials Processing Technology	354
The antioxidant activity and free radical scavenging potential of two different solvent extracts of <i>Camellia sinensis</i> (L.) O. Kuntz,	2008	Food Chemistry	188

Ficus bengalensis L. and Ficus racemosa L.			
UV protection finishing of textiles using ZnO nanoparticles	2009	Indian Journal of Fibre and Textile Research	107
In vitro antioxidant studies in leaves of annona species	2007	Indian Journal of Experimental Biology	105
Evaluation of antioxidant potential in selected green leafy vegetables	2009	Food Chemistry	102
Quercetin modulates OTA-induced oxidative stress and redox signalling in HepG2 cells - Up regulation of Nrf2 expression and down regulation of NF- κ B and COX-2	2014	Biochimica et Biophysica Acta - General Subjects	96
Prediction of tool wear using regression and ANN models in end-milling operation	2008	International Journal of Advanced Manufacturing Technology	87
An experimental study on a regenerative solar still with energy storage medium - Jute cloth	2010	Desalination	74
Optimization of machining parameters using genetic algorithm and experimental validation for end-milling operations	2007	International Journal of Advanced Manufacturing Technology	70
Study of adsorption properties and inhibition of mild steel corrosion in hydrochloric acid media by water soluble composite poly (vinyl alcohol-o-methoxy aniline)	2014	Journal of the Association of Arab Universities for Basic and Applied Sciences	69
Environmental applications of chitosan and cellulosic	2017	Bioresource Technology	65

biopolymers: A comprehensive outlook			
Identification of α amylase inhibitors from <i>Syzygium cumini</i> Linn seeds	2008	Indian Journal of Experimental Biology	65
Experimental investigation on corrosion and hardness of ion implanted AISI 316L stainless steel	2010	Materials and Design	58
Remediation of chromium contaminants using bacteria	2012	International Journal of Environmental Science and Technology	54
A genetic algorithm-based artificial neural network model for the optimization of machining processes	2009	Neural Computing and Applications	53
Neuro fuzzy schemes for fault detection in power transformer	2007	Applied Soft Computing Journal	50

Funding Sponsors

Table 10 represented the top 20 funding agencies for Kumaraguru College of Technology. Department of Science and Technology, Government of Kerala have sponsored for (10) publications followed by All India Council for Technical Education(7), Department of Science and Technology, Ministry of Science and Technology, India(4) and so on.

Table 10. Funding Sponsors

S.No	Predominant Funding Sponsor	No of Publication
1	Department of Science and Technology, Government of Kerala	10
2	All India Council for Technical Education	7
3	Department of Science and Technology, Ministry of Science and Technology, India	4

4	Indian Institute of Science	4
5	Russian Foundation for Basic Research	4
6	Department of Biotechnology, Government of West Bengal	3
7	Koch Cultural Trust	3
8	National Natural Science Foundation of China	3
9	Bangladesh Council of Scientific and Industrial Research	2
10	Council of Scientific and Industrial Research	2
11	Council of Scientific and Industrial Research, India	2
12	Department of Science and Technology, Government of West Bengal	2
13	Department of Science and Technology, Ministry of Science and Technology	2
14	King Saud University	2
15	National Research Foundation of Korea	2
16	Pusan National University	2
17	Research and Development	2
18	Science and Engineering Research Board	2
19	Sri Krishna College of Engineering and Technology	2
20	University Grants Commission	2

FINDINGS OF THE STUDY

- ❖ 2110 papers were published by the faculty of Kumaraguru College of Technology in the span of 24 years from 1997 to 2020.
- ❖ Journals are the most preferred channels followed by conference proceedings.
- ❖ The relative growth rate ranges between 0.12 to 0.69
- ❖ The paper entitled ‘Application of response surface methodology for predicting weld bead quality in submerged arc welding of pipes.’ by Gunaraj V., Murugan N., in the ‘Journal of Materials Processing Technology’ in 1999 is the most cited paper of Kumaraguru College of Technology and has received 354 citations as of now;

- ❖ Eight papers have received more than 100 citations and 990 papers have received 01 to 99 citations. 1112 papers have not received single citation.

CONCLUSION

The quality of the institutions is nowadays measured in various criteria such as contribution towards research and innovation in the academic environment. This study brings out the scholarly output of one of the named institution in the Coimbatore region in the Engineering domain. Scientometric study indicates and experience the academicians to understand the current position, and the area of research to be improved. This study gives an overview of research calamities of the Technical institution which is need of the hour to estimate and proceed further to do more research and innovation in the field of engineering.

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