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Key Highlights:

- The Union Cabinet has allocated ₹6,000 crore for the ONOS initiative, set to launch on January 1, 2025.
- ONOS aims to provide equitable access to 13,000 scholarly journals through a centralized platform for nearly 6,300 government-run institutions.
- INFLIBNET (Information and Library Network Centre) has been appointed as the implementing agency for this project.

Current System

- At present, Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) access journals through multiple library consortia or individual subscriptions, which can be expensive and fragmented.
- Example: The UGC-INFLIBNET Digital Library Consortium already provides journal access, but this is limited to specific institutions.

What ONOS Offers

1. **Unified Access:** All state and central government HEIs will have access to journals published by 30 international publishers on a single platform.
2. **Cost Efficiency:** The government negotiated a single subscription price for all publishers, consolidating journal access and avoiding duplication of subscriptions.
3. **Ease of Use:** Institutions need only to register on the ONOS platform to gain access.

Why is ONOS Needed?

1. Enhanced Accessibility:

- Expands access to top scholarly journals for 55 lakh to 1.8 crore students, faculty, and researchers, including those in Tier 2 and Tier 3 cities.

2. Cost Savings:

- Eliminates duplication of journal subscriptions across institutions, reducing

unnecessary expenditure.

3. Improved Negotiation Power:

- A single subscription for all HEIs ensures better terms with publishers.

4. Usage Insights:

- The government can monitor journal usage, aiding in long-term planning and encouraging underutilized institutions to benefit fully from the platform.

ONOS is a significant step towards democratizing access to global academic resources, reducing costs, and fostering research and education across India's higher education ecosystem.



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