

From Editor's Desk

Professor P. B. Mangla, Former Head Department of Library & Information Science and Dean, Faculty of Arts, University of Delhi, once remarked that it is much easier to start a journal but it is extremely difficult to sustain it. Though he uttered these words about 15 years ago during the release ceremony of 'Journal of Information Management and Scientometrics,' at AMU, his words are found to be true even today. While editing a journal, we are faced with two most difficult problems: (1) to get quality papers, (2) to find reviewers and editors, who could spare some time to get the job done within the given time frame, whether it is whole volume or even a single research article. This is happening not only with the publication of JILA, but also with other journals. However, it is heartening to note that the number of contributors has increased considerably since JILA has been included in the UGC's List of journals. Now we will have more choice in the selection of research papers.

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In any case, the first issue of JILA 2017 has come out, though a bit late. The issue contains six articles out of which three are bibliometric studies and the remaining three deal with important aspects, such as 'Intellectual Property Rights in Libraries', 'Digitisation of Manuscripts' and 'Use Pattern of e-Journals in Plantation Crops Research Institutes of South India'. The contributors and the editors of the issue will hopefully enjoy going through the aforesaid articles. I hope the researches conducted in writing the articles will be useful in adding new knowledge to the subject.

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