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EDITORIAL

The final issue of Volume 51 of JILA is being brought out quite late as it was to be published in December 2015. The inadvertent delay is deeply regretted.

As the new team of Office-Bearers of Indian Library Association has taken over since 1st of April 2016, efforts are being made to infuse new life in all the activities of Indian Library Association. During the process a dynamic website of Indian Library Association has been launched in the 1st week of July 2016 (although it is still under construction). The main aim of the site is not only to increase the visibility of functions and activities of ILA but also to somehow increase the number of registered members as well as the earning of ILA through advertisements. All library professionals are expected to open the site of ILA (www.ilaindia.net) and go through each and every link provided.

For the Journal of Indian Library Association, the new team of ILA will be striving hard to bring it at par with some of the best Journals published from India and elsewhere in the world. For the purpose, there is strong feeling to outsource JILA for complete overhauling. However, no commercial person would like to take up the responsibility of reviving a sick unit. One of the major obstacles is the delivery of a free hard copy to each of the 6000 life members of the association. Such problems have been discussed earlier also in the General Body of ILA held at Dharwad, Karnataka in the year 2013 but the decisions taken could not be implemented so far. The present association is trying to find out ways and means to meet both the ends. I hope and pray that activities of ILA will be rejuvenated soon with JILA on top priority.

The present issue consists of six research articles on a variety of topics. Or article by Manisha B. Mane and B. M. Pange dwells upon an important topic 'University Library Portal as an effective Knowledge Management Tool. The article Nirmala Biradar and P. G. Tadasad is a Bibliographic Study of titled 'Authorship Patterns and Collaborative Research in Economics'. The issues of Human Resource Management including 'Employability of LIS Professionals' have also been discusse in another article by P. G. Tadasad. Sandhya Agarwal in her article titled 'Restructuring the Higher Education with Digital Knowledge in Rajiv Gandhi e-Libra has raised some pertinent questions with regard to higher education. Shamba Dut has tried to deal with the theoretical aspect of Information Science in her research article titled 'From Classical to Quantum Information Science'.

I congratulate all the authors of this issue for the incredible research they have put in. My special thanks to Dr. A. L. Moorthy for his tremendous contribution to this issue not only in form of an article but also for his pain taking efforts in bringing out JILA for vol. 51 no. 1-4 so far.

I wish him a happy and healthy future ahead.

Prof. Shabahat Husain (President of ILA)

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