<u>From Editor's Desk</u>

The first issue of 2018, after a thorough scrutiny using plagiarism check software coupled with JILA's set standards, has included 6 articles covering various shades of Library profession.

The first article is a 'A Bibliometric analysis of the Literature on River Ganga', authored by me in collaboration with my two research scholars. The purpose of this study is to conduct a Bibliometric analysis of the published research articles on River Ganga for a period of 25 year (from 1991 to 2016), using Science Citation Index expended.

The second article by B. Samatha covers in details the problems of 'Automation of Public Libraries in the new state of Telangana' formed in June 2014.

The article authored by Vishnu Kumar Gupta is an account of history of ancient Libraries which were got burnt throughout the world for one reason or the other. Sanku Bilas Roy in his article has conducted a bibliometric analysis on the literature pertaining to 'Mathematics research by Indians in British India'. The study analyses the publication pattern of Indian researchers in mathematics during the first half of twentieth century. Authorship pattern, Collaborative Coefficient, Prolific researchers, the appropriateness of Lotka's law and Bradford's law and Geographical distributions of publications have also been studied during the course of research.

Ajit Kumar in his article has made 'A Comparative Study of D.U., JMI and IGNOU' with regard to LIS Education in Delhi. The paper presents the differences and similarities in LIS curriculums of the three Universities, in view of professional requirements evaluated on the basis of some latest terms and techniques being used in Library and Information Science today.

Krishna Brahma and Manoj Kumar Verma have conducted citation analysis of 'Malaysian journal of library and information science (MJLIS) during 2007-2016. The study has investigated into 202 articles published in Malaysian Journal of Library and Information Science (MJLIS), focusing upon volume wise, issue wise pattern of distribution of article, authorship pattern of articles, reference pattern, geographical distribution, major contributions, most productive country,

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All together the present issue is an amalgamation of very interesting aspects of Library profession, which will make an important source of information for furthering LIS research.

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