Editorial

Libraries and information centres are at the heart of information societies. Information has gained importance in every sector of the society throughout the world. It plays an important role in political, economic, scientific, technological, cultural, educational, legal and like these other fields in the societies. Libraries and information centres from time immemorial are engaged in acquiring, organizing, persevering and making this information available to those who are in need of it. Library and information science professionals take every initiative to ensure that right information should reach to the right person in an effective and efficient manner. For achieving this main objective, library science professionals must understand the user's information seeking behaviour and the existing information / knowledge landscape in which digital technologies, social networking tools etc are heavily being used by all those who are associated with the knowledge creation, collection and consumption. While as digital technologies have transformed all the activities of libraries on one hand, users of libraries are also adopting this digital technology for accessing, sharing and utilizing information in their day to day activities. Professionals who are having eye on both these fronts will definitely achieve their mission of satisfying their client's information needs and requirements. Present issue of the journal highlights issues related to information seeking behaviour of the library users in the digital environment. In his editorial Russell Bailey has presented his views about the digital aspect of libraries and has highlighted the role of library and information professionals in this digital age. In their paper Nazir Ahmad Bhat and Shabir Ahmad Ganaie, have presented the basic ideas about Open Access Sources of information and have assessed the level of awareness about open access sources of information (OASI) among users of agricultural libraries in northern India. Another Article by Nowsheeba Ashraf Asmi and Sahu highlights the usage of smart phone applications by post-graduate students of University of Delhi. The paper explores the use of services provided through library websites and investigates the perception of students on extending library services through smart phone applications. Sadaf Firdous and Farooqi in their paper have focussed on the e banking popularity in India, while Sumiara Jan, Shabir Ahmad Ganaie and Mudasir have highlighted the perception of scholars about the digital resources and services provided by the libraries in terms of their awareness, use and satisfaction level. Another Paper by Zahid Ashraf Wani, Tazeem Zainab and Shabir Hussain highlights the use of web 2.0 by the young generation of Kashmir during unrest and social disturbances. Paper contributed by Ansar Hussain explores and analyzes the literature pertaining to "disasters preparedness and libraries", in order to highlight the overall preparedness in libraries against the disasters. The other papers contributed by the foreign authors about enhancing research Impact from Iran, Comparison among Selected Journal Quality indicators from Kingdom of Saudi Arabia adds flavour to the issue.

This issue is the result of the efforts of all the faculty members particularly efforts put in by Mr Nadim Akhtar Khan and I am hopeful that this issue of the journal will be received well by our audience and they will help us in making it more valuable by providing their suggestions for its improvement in future.

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