

Message from Editor-in-Chief and Editor

JLIS: Celebrating 50 Years of Knowledge, Innovation, and Impact

Since its establishment in 1976 by the Department of Library and Information Science (DLIS) at the University of Delhi, the *Journal of Library and Information Science (JLIS)* has served as a distinguished platform for advancing scholarship in the dynamic field of Library and Information Science. For five decades, the journal has encouraged rigorous research, fostered scholarly dialogue, and supported the ongoing development of libraries and information centres. Its longstanding inclusion in major national and international directories reflects its credibility and enduring academic value, and the journal stands as a testament to the high-quality research it has consistently published.

Over the years, JLIS has earned recognition and respect within the LIS community, both nationally and internationally. The year 2025 marks an important milestone, celebrating 50 years of JLIS's service to the academic world. As a peer-reviewed publication of the DLIS, University of Delhi, JLIS continues to make meaningful contributions through its bi-annual print issues.

We are thrilled to announce that, in celebration of our golden anniversary, our journal will transition to the Online Journal System (OJS) beginning with Volume 50 in 2025! This exciting step will significantly boost our global visibility, accessibility, and scholarly impact, while providing open access without article publication fees for all potential authors and readers. The OJS, developed by the Delhi University Library System, is tailored to enhance the reach and citation of the outstanding research from our university. With this initiative, we aim to align our journal with international publishing standards and pave the way for indexing in prestigious databases like Scopus and Web of Science.

The current issue of **JLIS, Volume 50, Issues 1-2**, features eight diverse articles that reflect current trends in Library and Information Science. The opening article presents an analytical study of selected AIIMS library websites, offering insights into their content organization and the effectiveness of their web-based services. The second article explores innovative curriculum design in Library and Information Science, highlighting how data analysis and generative AI can be strategically integrated to nurture entrepreneurial thinking among LIS students. The third article focuses on a detailed assessment of ICT infrastructure in state and district-level public libraries across Kerala, shedding light on the technological capacities and existing gaps within these institutions. The fourth contribution examines the ethical awareness of generative AI among research scholars at the University of Delhi, highlighting emerging challenges in the responsible use of AI in academic environments. The fifth article explores the transformative potential of FOLIO, an open-source library services platform, and its impact on reshaping library management practices. The sixth study provides a citation analysis of doctoral theses awarded by the Department of Commerce, University of Delhi, offering valuable insights into research trends and scholarly communication patterns. The seventh article presents a systematic review of literature on the use and impact of electronic resources in select central universities of Uttar Pradesh, identifying key themes and usage behaviours. The issue concludes with an empirical study assessing the impact of academic library services on the academic performance of postgraduate students at the Central University of Punjab, Bathinda, highlighting the continuing importance of library support in higher education.

The success of JLIS relies on the collaboration of our editorial and advisory committees, contributors, reviewers, readers, DULS and University authorities. We appreciate your ongoing support and look forward to your contributions in 2026 and beyond. With your partnership, JLIS will expand its reach and maintain international standards during our transition to OJS. We invite your feedback, as it will help us improve the journal. Together, we can set new benchmarks for quality and relevance in our field while advancing the global LIS community.

Sincerely,

Sr. Prof. R. K. Bhatt, Editor-in-Chief

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