

Editorial

We bring the first issue of this volume of the **International Journal of Information Studies** with the below listed papers.

In the opening paper on “**Some Issues in Framing Information Sharing Consortium**” the author *Sukanta Halder* used online questionnaire to tap the use of smart phones in education. During the analysis, the authors have found that the respondents believed that they have difficulty solving study-related problems if Internet connectivity is unavailable. In addition, some respondents revealed that mobile phones distract them and impact their health. The findings of this study shown that while mobile devices are beneficial for studying these days, they should be used with parental supervision.

In the next paper on “**Information Access Pattern of Target Users in the Engineering Management Institutions**”, the authors *Gajender Singh*, and *Sanjiv Kadyan*, evaluated the information-seeking behavior of faculty members and the students towards provided library information resources and services in Haryana’s selected management and engineering institutions. The study according to the authors a prerequisite for improving information resources and services used for optimum level and plans as per prospects.

In the third paper on “**Changing Role of Public Libraries as Community Center**”, the authors *Rabaeka Rachael* and *Mini Devi*, summarised the role of public libraries in society. e. Community centres or community centers are public locations where members of a community tend to gather for group activities, social support, public information, and other purposes.

In the last paper on “**Cataloguing and Digitization of Manuscripts in Tamil Nadu and Puducherry Libraries: A critical study**”, the author *Ravichandran*, has studied cataloguing and digitization of manuscripts (mss) to perceive the current situation of manuscripts collection in two regions. The author has found that only one library has completed its cataloguing of *mss*, created online manuscript database and found that only two *mss* libraries have completed digitization.

We will come out more research in the next issue.

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