

We are pleased to release the last issue of this volume of the **Journal of Information & Systems Management** with the below-outlined papers.

In the opening paper, “**Comparative Analysis of Research Management Tools: EndNote, Mendeley, Zotero, Paperpile, RefWorks, and Citavi**”, the authors Krishnamurthy and Tejas studied the six selected reference management software. They are evaluated for their usability, storage capacity, and compatibility with different operating systems and word processors. They addressed the strengths and weaknesses of each RMS, providing a comprehensive comparison to guide users in selecting the most suitable software for their needs. They conclude that the outcome indicates that while all six tools offer robust reference management features, the choice ultimately depends on individual preferences, specific research requirements, and the user’s computing environment.

In the following paper on **IoT and Its Application in Library: A Review of Emerging Trends**”, the authors Tejas, Krishnamurthy and Subhash Reddy studied selected scholarly publications on different aspects of the Internet of Things (IoT) in libraries to demonstrate prospects for IoT applications in libraries. They studied them using five sections such as introduction, the concept of IoT, the application of IoT in libraries, and the advantages and challenges of adopting IoT. They decided implementing IoT technology in libraries is essential to offering contemporary and conventional services.

In the third paper, “**Intensify the Virtual Library Services through the Knimbus mLibrary App**,” the authors Sangeetha and Vasantha explained that the use of the Internet in libraries helps transform and enable libraries to better meet the demands and expectations of university library users. They studied how the K-nimbus mobile app will aid library users.

In the next paper, “**Identification of the unused materials and crafting through the process of upcycling**,” the author Krishnamurthy studied the processes, benefits, challenges, and implications of upcycling within sustainable design and waste management. Through a qualitative analysis of literature reviews, case studies, and expert insights, key findings highlight the environmental benefits of waste reduction and resource conservation. This study contributes knowledge on upcycling practices and informs strategies for achieving a more circular economy.

In the last paper, “**Uncovering the Trends in Indian Research: Latent Dirichlet Allocation (LDA) Analysis of UGC-funded Publications**,” the authors Devanath and Rupesh Kumar studied the trends in Indian-funded research using UGC-funded publications indexed in Web of Science. Using R programming language, they applied Latent Dirichlet Allocation (LDA) and n-gram modelling of titles. These techniques revealed thrust areas among the studied publications. They conclude that more research on abstracts and full publications texts could offer a more comprehensive insight into prevailing research trends.

We hope to bring further research to the next volume.

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