

Editorial

We bring the first issue of this volume of the **Journal of Science & Technology Metrics** with the following research.

In the opening paper, “**Withdrawal of Ugc Care List of Journals in India: A Step Towards Reform or A Risk to Research Integrity,**” the author, *Tadasad*, discussed issues related to the Indian UGC list of accredited journals. As the list is discontinued in Feb 2025, there are issues that need to be discussed. He viewed this issue from different angles and documented his perceptions.

In the following paper, “**Assessing the Scholarly Impact of Agricultural Scientists on ResearchGate: An Altmetric Study of Agricultural Scientists in Karnataka, India,**” the authors *Sampath Kumar* and *Sulakshana* evaluated the research visibility of agricultural scientists in India, with a specific focus on their engagement with academic social networking platforms, particularly ResearchGate (RG). This work was limited to faculty members with active ResearchGate profiles at the selected universities in Karnataka. They used measures such as RG score, H-index, high-profile researchers, and a few more to evaluate.

In the last paper, “**Data-Driven Evaluation of Indian Higher Education Institutions: Integrating Manupatra and Inflibnet Metrics,**” the authors, *Rajib Kumar Das* et al., studied the roles of two major Indian data infrastructures, Manupatra and INFLIBNET, in supporting data-driven evaluation of higher education institutions. They used the tools Shodhganga, e-ShodhSindhu, and IndCat, which contain academic and bibliometric data comprising over 600,000 theses, 7,200 journals, and more than 16.5 million bibliographic records. They found distinct productivity patterns between multidisciplinary/STEM institutions and law-focused universities.

We hope that these papers generate more interest among researchers in Scientometrics.

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