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INTRODUCTION:

It is with great pleasure and pride that I welcome you to the inaugural issue of the Advances in Library and Information Science (ALIS). This is an official publication of the Department of Library and Information Science, University of North Bengal

The Journal is peer-reviewed, and enables wider dissemination of science of knowledge management. The journal aims to foster research and education in Library and Information Science in India, especially in West Bengal. The journal will focus on information research and development in all types of shared information environments, emphasizing the dissemination process of information, such as for example information economy, information society, social networks, web sites, intranets, from various perspectives such as technical, cultural, social, and communicational.

ALIS has an ambitious purpose to be both a scientific peer-reviewed journal *and* a forum for information analysis, dissemination and practice of information related applications in real environment; the journal will serve as a forum to bring together the intricacies involve in information research on the one hand and Voices from the real environment on the other.

Information in true sense is dependent on many crucial factors. The most worth mentioning are timeliness, which is the prime among all. Sufficiency of information with its completeness, i.e. sample size, time horizon also plays pivotal role in a multi-plural society. Levels of detail, redundancy, understandability, Freedom from bias, reliability are some of the prime mover of trans-border information flow in the society. The journal aims to address the issues in the forthcoming volumes, if required with special volumes.

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The papers in this inaugural issue are invited papers as well as contributed papers in the National Seminar held in the department in 2010. We wanted this first journal issue ever to reflect a breadth of different information related issues and approaches, and thus we have gathered authors who focus on very different aspects of information architecture.

Most of the papers tried to explore the intricacies involved in information organization in the real environment and tried to suggest the possible ways of mending the same in all tiers of libraries. Descriptions many a times suggested prescriptions for right usage techniques in the chaos involved in information management. Specifically, a developing country like India, where advent of new technologies and its implication in the Library and information science field posed a crucial challenge to the existing and potential information manager; the articles tried to dig out the alternatives for battling with the threats.

ABOUT THE ISSUE

Faculty strength was always an issue with this department. The present faculties did an excellent job, mostly with their intent upon the issue of publishing the same in time. In this context, I express my sincerest gratitude to Prof. Bhubaneswar Chakraborty, for his contribution to this issue as well as for the suggesting the title of the Journal. I tender my sincerest thanks to Dr. Pubalika Bhattacharyya Maitra, who took all pain to shape the creature in its final form. I also tender my thanks to Dr. Susmita Chakraborty, who with her over enthusiasm paved the way for publishing the inaugural issue.

So, with these invited and contributed papers and this editorial, we are proud to open the basket, asking prospective authors and readers for a fill in. As we cannot tell yet if we will be fed up or not, we ask you all to join us in taking some starving lessons in the years to come.

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