

From Editor's Desk

The inadvertent delay in bringing out the second issue of 53rd volume of Journal of Indian Library Association (JILA) is due to a number of reasons.

Firstly the manager of JILA with my concurrence made it a point that every article submitted for publication in JILA will first of all go through plagiarism detection software like iThenticate, URKUND, Turnitin, etc. As UGC has been insisting to comply with the strict implementation of IPR, the Ph.D. theses before submission have to undergo for plagiarism detection. The UGC has recently constituted a committee to look into issues of Plagiarism and recommend some institutional mechanism to eliminate the scope of this menace in higher education system in the country (https://www.ugc.ac.in/pdfnews/8864815_UGC-Public-Notice-on-Draft-UGC-Regulations,-2017.pdf).

Consequently, while a few articles are rejected thus, quite a few of those which pass the test need thorough editing. The process sometimes completely changes the text of the article to the extent that the editor has completely rewritten the article. This is when, JILA like any other good journal has provided 'instructions to authors' in each issue both in print and online form. A number of experiments have been conducted for bringing out issues of JILA in time, such as having volume-wise editors or Paper-wise editors but without any remarkable success. The total responsibility of editing of JILA, from the present combined issue (2&3), was therefore, undertaken by the President himself.

I appreciate the efforts of Dr. Mohammad Nazim, Managing Editor of JILA, for the hard work he has done in making JILA online and improving the standard of publication, which the present team is committed to maintain.

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