

Editorial

With great pleasure, we introduce Volume 12, Issue 2 of Trends in Information Management (TRIM), a journal dedicated to advancing research in the field of information and knowledge management. As a bi-annual, peer-reviewed, and open-access publication from the Department of Library and Information Science, University of Kashmir, TRIM continues to provide a platform for innovative research and scholarly discourse. This issue reflects the journal's commitment to fostering scholarly discourse, technological innovation, and evidence-based research in Library and Information Science.

In this issue, we explore a diverse range of topics that underscore the dynamic and evolving nature of information management. The articles featured address key concerns and emerging trends that are shaping the field, including an insightful analysis of social media discourse on the Russia-Ukraine conflict, the role of school libraries in India's educational development, and the ongoing challenges faced by libraries in an era dominated by commercial publishers. Additionally, the issue delves into the retrieval effectiveness of search engines in the nursing domain, and the situational decision-making in sports.

The first article, *"Libraries surviving the existential threat: time to overthrow the hegemony of commercial publishers"* by Ramesh Pandita, Shivendra Singh, and P. N. Bajpai. The study is a critical discussion on how commercial publishers enjoy the monopoly over subscription pricing of research journals, thereby rendering libraries ineffective and posing an existential threat to them. The study revolves around how libraries can survive this existential threat and overthrow commercial publishers' hegemony.

In *"Empowering Education: The Crucial Role of School Libraries in India's Development"* by Shahzeb Hasan, Subhajit Panda, Navkiran Kaur, Prem Prakash Sati. The authors examine the role of school libraries in fostering education and literacy across India. As the country continues to expand its educational infrastructure, the importance of well-equipped school libraries cannot be overstated. The study provides valuable insights into the challenges faced by school libraries in India. Additionally, the authors explore the evolution of school libraries from traditional models to modern transformations.

The issue also features *"Russia-Ukraine War: A Topic Modeling and Sentiment Analysis Study based on X (Formerly Twitter) Data"* by Aasif Ahmad Mir and Ishrat Ayub Sofi, is a topic modeling and sentiment analysis study on the Russia-Ukraine war using Twitter data. This research highlights the power of social media analytics in capturing global sentiments and analyzing crisis communication, reinforcing the critical role of digital tools in modern-day information management.

A notable study in this issue, *“Retrieval Effectiveness of Search Engines in the Field of Nursing”* by Fehroz Ahmad Khan, Sheikh Shueb, Taranum Tahira Khanam, and Sabha Ali. The study evaluates the performance of search engines in retrieving relevant and high-quality information in the nursing domain. With the increasing reliance on digital platforms for medical and healthcare research, this study provides critical insights into the strengths and limitations of search engines in supporting evidence-based nursing practice.

Lastly, *“Situational Decision Making in the Field of Sports: A Narrative Review”*, by Vidushi Dabas, Atul Shiva, and Sumedha Dutta, delves into examining the cognitive processes and contextual factors that influence decision-making in sports. This study sheds light on how athletes, coaches, and sports analysts navigate complex situations, providing valuable insights into the psychological and strategic dimensions of sports performance.

These studies exemplify TRIM’s dedication to fostering research that seamlessly connects theoretical insights with real-world applications. We extend our gratitude to the authors, reviewers, and editorial team for their invaluable contributions to this issue. Their dedication and scholarly rigor ensure that TRIM remains a reputable and impactful publication within the academic community. We also encourage our readers to engage with these thought-provoking articles, as they offer significant contributions to the ever-expanding discourse in information science.

As we continue our journey in exploring the vast domains of information management, we look forward to future collaborations and contributions that will further enrich the field. We hope that this issue sparks meaningful discussions, inspires new research, and contributes to the advancement of knowledge in our discipline.

Warm Regards

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