

EDITORIAL

Mobile technologies have taken over publishing and communication scenario of world on a fast track which makes many strides day in and day out pushing intense impact on our educational, cultural, social and economic life. Consequent upon, Western countries are changing their communication methods and pattern and we immediately acquire and ape them in every sphere without evaluating their merits and demerits, technology status and socio economic hazards. However, it has already a large brunt on information handling and will have so as well in future especially for digital libraries / traditional libraries to embrace a bigger challenge and blossom on opportunities for harvesting information and knowledge for a common man / scholar everywhere instantly.

In this backdrop, we have selected five papers for the journal, out of them two are exclusively looking on different shades of mobile technology use. **Sumayya Firdous Syed** and **Abu Sadat Nurullah** have done an exhaustive literature review about use of mobile technology among adolescents and its impact on different aspects of social life. This issue includes a critical review of '*Digital Britain Report*' by **L. Sharief** and **M. Ahmed** highlighting the impact of technology in Great Britain on its various manifestations.

Indranil Misra and **others** have done a related study on geo-spatial data processing and evolutionary rapid development software (An OSS framework) which will help to understand the technological underpinnings of future mobile and other technologies.

The two papers deal with the local habitat of J&K, a conceptual one by **Sumeer Gul** and **Tariq Ahmad Shah** attempts to make a proposal for a future knowledge base society by bringing different fragments together in a technological bond. The other by **S. M. Shafi** and **Mudasir Ashraf Wani** seek to reveal information needs of medical professionals (physicians and surgeons) in the changing information scenario.

The journal will continue to look forward for emerging themes dealing with different factors affecting trends of communication and dissemination of information. I equally expect a wide cooperation from contributors, advisory board, reviewers and colleagues to make the unending journey of the journal a success.

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