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It is a pleasure to present Volume 2, Issue 1 of the *Journal of Library Insights & Innovations (JLII)*. This issue continues our commitment to promoting quality research and scholarly discussions in Library and Information Science. The articles in this issue reflect the evolving research landscape across libraries, higher education, scholarly communication, and the wider information environment.

The issue brings together studies covering a range of contemporary themes. One of the major areas addressed is the integration of emerging technologies in academic libraries, including a systematic review of recent developments. The issue also includes a comparative study of Reference Management Software among faculty members and research scholars, highlighting its importance in scholarly communication and research practices.

The comparative assessment of library websites of IITs, IIMs, and AIIMSs provides an overview of the current status of institutional library websites and their online services. Another article applies scientometric methods to examine global research output in surgical oncology from 2016 to 2026, demonstrating the usefulness of quantitative approaches in understanding research trends and scholarly communication.

The issue further includes a quantitative study of research productivity and citation patterns related to the competencies of library professionals in higher education institutions. The growing importance of digital resources and artificial intelligence is reflected in the study of AI-driven research support services in academic libraries of Central Universities in North India. In addition, the study of news article citations in theses, along with the proposal of the Journalist Citation Score (JCS), offers an interesting perspective on the use and assessment of journalistic sources in academic research.

Taken together, these contributions demonstrate the diverse directions in which contemporary LIS research is developing. They highlight the increasing importance of technology, data-driven research, digital services, scholarly communication, and new approaches to evaluating information resources.

I sincerely appreciate all the authors for their valuable contributions, the reviewers for their constructive comments, and the editorial team for their dedicated efforts in bringing this issue to publication. Their collective efforts continue to strengthen JLII as a platform for scholarly communication and research in Library and Information Science.

I invite researchers, library professionals, and scholars to continue contributing original research and innovative perspectives to JLII. I hope that the articles in this issue will encourage further research, discussion, and practical initiatives across the LIS community.

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