

A summary of the past year, thanks and New Year's greetings

I am just about the half way through of my first year as Director, DESIDOC and thought that beginning of the new year is a good time to reflect on where we and the *DESIDOC Journal of Library & Information Technology (DJLIT)* have been and where we are going. It is therefore with great pleasure and sense of responsibility that I write today as the Editor of *DJLIT*.

Serving as Director has given me some insight into what it takes to publish a journal or magazine—a team of *motivated individuals*; and, I put on record my appreciation for the excellent team effort encompassing, editorial board, eminent authors, reviewers, editorial team and honest readership that has made *DJLIT* a hugely popular LIS journal. The editorial team and all those involved are determined to maintain and enhance the status of the Journal and its position. To that extent our readers will also note that the editorial handling process and consequently the turnaround of Journal have been sped up over past six months. The Journal is punctual. The impact of the Journal has increased as measured by various citations analysis tools. I encourage authors to come forward to submit their excellent works. Your active participation is greatly appreciated.

The *DJLIT* has completed 35 years in 2015. Through *DJLIT*, it is our endeavour to publish original research and review papers related on library services, library products, enabling information technology, and trends and developments. The papers focus on aspects of exploring, applying, and evaluating new theories and technologies to create better automated libraries. In 2015, two bi-monthly theme based special issues on '*Libraries and Librarianship in India: IT Status, Issues and Trends*' were produced besides regular issues covering both research and review papers on current and relevant topics in LIS. Overall our goal is to provide a forum for the presentation of outstanding research and review papers.

As I look to the year ahead, I reiterate with confidence the commitment to authors, reviewers and all readers that DESIDOC will continue with even greater enthusiasm and dedication. In the year 2016 we have planned to reorganise the Journal with the possibility of increasing the number of pages and adopting a new, easier-to-read format by adapting to e-publication.

I, on behalf of DESIDOC, promise to do our best not only to maintain the content excellence of the Journal, but to continue the work in improving *DJLIT* as it enters into 36th year. I believe that there are several areas where *DJLIT* can benefit from midcourse corrections, therefore to do that, we have enclosed a feedback form.

The success depends on the equal partnership which I promise to improve and promote through our role in this partnership. I look forward to your valued contributions in 2016 and beyond, which I believe can only be achieved with the continued cooperation of our contributors and readership.

In closing, I wish all our contributors, reviewers and all our readers the very best wishes for 2016 and assure that DESIDOC is now moving forward to new standards of excellence.

***"We are all very proud of our profession and together,
can achieve great things for all"***

Sincerely
Gopal Bhushan
Director, DESIDOC