

From the Desk of Editor-in-Chief

"When there is (right) Information, there is Enlightenment" - Atifete Jahjaga

I am pleased to state that Nepal Library Association (NLA) has successfully brought out **Access: An International Journal of Nepal Library Association**. This is the peer-reviewed open-access journal, the first of its kind published by our institution. The primary purpose behind the publication of this long-awaited journal is to disseminate contemporary, relevant information happening worldwide in the field of Library and Information Science. In the history of NLA, we have experienced the dearth of such kind of literature for a long time. Therefore, it is a moment of joy and glory to bring out this inaugural issue of such a significant publication.

Starting a new International journal is a near-Herculean task. From the writers' point of view, too, it was very difficult to concentrate on writing articles in the adverse time when the people of the world were just starting to resume their regular jobs after a long period of scourge and terror inflicted by the COVID-19 pandemic. After all, we determined to go ahead, and a template containing the author's guidelines was circulated among the potential writers. Soon after this, the writers started submitting their papers.

This inaugural issue contains 17 articles altogether, of which four are from Nepal, and the remaining 13 articles are from overseas countries and Asia. Ten articles went through the processes of double-blind peer-reviewing and author's revision. Remaining seven papers have been incorporated as it is, only with minor editing, because the writers were to expound on certain 'need-to-know things' of their respective International organizations they were associated with. All the articles were checked for plagiarism. We have tried to maintain the transparency of publication processes as per the Journal Publishing Practices and Standards (JPPS) framework established by African Journals Online (AJOL) and International Networks of Availability of Scientific Publications (INASP). At present, this journal is in the process of being indexed in a reputed online journals database portal to give it worldwide visibility and accessibility. In addition, it will be uploaded onto the NLA's website too.

The timely completion of this historic inaugural issue has become possible only because of tireless efforts and well-wishes of all the NLA members, editorial board members, national and international advisors, professionals, and the writers. Therefore, it's my responsibility and privilege to acknowledge their contribution with due respect. First of all, I am grateful to the learned contributors for accepting my request happily and submitting their scholarly papers in time. I also thank our panel of eminent reviewers, who took time despite their busy schedules to complete the anonymous review process. I feel honored and privileged to thank all the editorial team members for their commitments and contribution. Similarly, I am grateful to all the advisory board members for giving consent to be on the advisory board panel and advising me a lot whenever I sought help from them.

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