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Applicability of Lotka's Law on the Authors of Annals of Library and Information Studies

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Abstract: In the contemporary landscape of academia, bibliometric studies have emerged as indispensable tools for evaluating the impact of scholarly publications and tracing the evolution of knowledge. The present study focused on a detailed bibliometric study on the authors of Annals of Library and Information Studies. Emphasis was given to the most fertile author of Annals, the top ten authors of Annals, and the collaboration pattern of research. It was also attempted to find out which institution and which country produce the largest number of articles in this reputed journal and last but not the least whether Lotka's law is applicable to the authors of Annals. This bibliometric study analyzes authorship trends in the *Annals of Library and Information Studies* from 2012 to 2021, based on 316 articles. Key findings include B.K. Sen as the most prolific author and CSIR-NISTADS as the top contributing institution. The study highlights a preference for collaborative research, with most publications coming from India and limited contributions from other countries. Lotka's Law was found to be inapplicable to the authors of the journal. Data analysis was conducted using the Kolmogorov-Smirnov test.

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