

## A Comparative Bibliometric Analysis and Visualization of Indian and South Korean Library and Information Science Research Publications During 2001–2020

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### ABSTRACT

The paper aims to present a comparative analysis of scholarly research output in the fields of Library and Information Science (LIS) in India and South Korea.

The Web of Science database was used to retrieve the bibliographic data of the Indian and South Korean LIS published documents during 2001–2020 and the indicators were included in the analysis: research productivity, publication-quality, most prolific authors, institutions and journals, “Annual Growth Rate (AGR)”, “Compound Annual Growth Rate (CAGR)”, “Relative Growth Rate (RGR)”, and “Doubling Time (DT)”. All types of documents such as articles, conference papers, book reviews, corrections, editorial materials, so on were included in the study. MS Excel, VOS viewer, and bibliometrix (R-tool) software were used for tabulation and mapping.

The results show that South Korea placed the top in the overall output of LIS research publications during the last two decades. The Indian LIS research output, Annual Growth Rate (AGR), and Compound Annual Growth Rate (CAGR) were good compared to South Korean LIS publications. In addition, the South Korean LIS researchers’ output has increased rapidly in terms of publications, citations, average citations. Gangan Prathap (India), Seyoung Lee, and Heejin Lee (SK) are the most prolific authors; Indian Institute Technology, Delhi and Yonsei University, Seoul are the most prolific institutions; and the Scientometrics journal was the most preferred journal by the Indian and South Korean LIS researchers during the study period.

The results of this study are useful to administrators, policymakers, and academics. In addition, the scope of this study might include looking at research published by LIS scholars in India and South Korea, as well as examining all types of academic publications.

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## 1. Introduction and Background

Relations between India and South Korea have changed significantly in recent years. Since President Moon Jae-in presented his New South Policy (NSP) in November 2017, the interaction between New Delhi and Seoul has improved significantly. This is the first South Korean foreign policy initiation for India and South Korea found a way to become a part of the Indo-Pacific union. Later, Several conferences and seminars were held with renowned Korean scholars and diplomats discussing the role of Korea in the Indo-Pacific era (Jang, 2018). All these successes were done with Indo-Korean diplomatic exchanges, especially in the past decade.

Research productivity assessment is an analytical tool required to maintain a high level of research performance. The evaluation also plays an important role in decision-making and policymaking. Over the years, LIS practice has been understood as a professional field and scientific research. India and South Korea have been showing their interest in the library and information science (LIS) research community in studying research trends in LIS as a subject.

The growth of the LIS subject as an interdisciplinary subject has been attractive to the LIS research community, and (Prebor, 2010) mentions that the role and influence of technology in libraries and library services are the main reasons for the interdisciplinary nature of LIS. A study by (Milojević, et al., 2011) found that integrating technology with the LIS theme changed the cognitive structure of the LIS system. There has also been a clear trend where traditional LIS issues have disappeared, new ones have emerged, and most of these emerging issues are related to technology (Larivière, Sugimoto, & Cronin, 2012). The integration of these technology-related topics has made LIS an interdisciplinary topic.

Indian and South Korean LIS researchers have contributed their research results significantly in scholarly journals. Importantly the researchers engage themselves in research in order to add value to the LIS field. Especially the Indian researchers should target the international quality journals for publishing their research output, and Indian publishers should make efforts to get space in international databases. Library and Information Science is a significant applied discipline and a great deal of literature is being produced. Web of Science is a major database that covers major journals on the subject. Hence, this comparative bibliometric study is an effort being made to assess the Indian and South Korean LIS research output. The inferences drawn based on this research can be very helpful and describing the research contributions and will help to understand the strengths and weaknesses of the discipline (Hasan & Singh, 2015).

## 2. Previous Studies

Bibliometrics has been an important and distinctive research tool in science mapping for decades. All the major collections of scientific indicators are strongly based on publications and total citations, more advanced bibliometric techniques. Over the last few decades, there has been a growing interest in the use of scientometric information to evaluate or monitor research activities. The discipline dedicated to the quantitative study and assessment of scientific literature is called scientometrics

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or bibliometrics. The purpose of scientometrics is to provide quantitative measurements of scientific activity. Because of the special importance of publications in the scientific community, it largely overlaps with bibliometrics, which is the analysis of the quantity of information in any written form.

Although both countries have extended support and assist in research and development, their research performance is rarely studied. (Elango, Oh, & Rajendran, 2021) assessed and compared the scientific research productivity of India and South Korea using the Scopus database during 1998–2018. In comparison, to India, South Korea has a higher share of publications containing international collaboration. In a few areas, both countries have stronger positions. (Gupta, 2010) conducted a comparative bibliometric study on overall science and technology research publications of India, South Korea, and China using the Scopus database. (Pattanashetti & Harinarayana, 2017) examined and compared the mechanical engineering research publications of India, South Korea, and Japan during 2000–2014 using SCI-WoS database. The study observed the increasing trend in collaboration in all the S&T fields. (Sweileh & Moh'd Mansour, 2020) conducted detailed bibliometric study on antimicrobial resistance (AMR) in the environment of the global scientific literature during 2000–2019. (Magnone, Surwase, & Kademani, 2017) examined India's and South Korea's co-publications from 1994 to 2013 using the Scopus database. (Ahmad, Sheikh, & Rafi, 2019) examined the scholarly publications in LIS based on the WoS database during 2003–2017, and findings revealed that the USA has contributed the maximum papers.

Several bibliometric studies on LIS research have been published. However, none of these studies compare India and South Korea. (Garg & Sharma, 2017) analysed 2,428 LIS research papers during 2004–2015 using the Indian Citation Index. It is noteworthy that ICI does not include all LIS journals published in India. (Mukherjee, 2010) analysed the LIS papers published in SSCI of WoS indexed journals by Asian countries during 2001–2007. The study shows the publication growth rate doubled during the study period and Chinese authors contributed maximum papers. (Han, et al., 2014) performed a scientometric analysis to study the trends, networks, and core groups of the international collaboration in LIS publications at the national and institutional level. (Sahu & Parabhoi, 2020) examine current trends in Indian LIS publications from 2014 to 2018. (Bhakta, Kar, & Bhui, 2019) did a bibliometric mapping of LIS research in India using the Indian Citation Index during 2006–2015.

(Yang, Lee, & Choi, 2016) examined the publication and citation patterns among subject areas of LIS research in Korea. (Lee & Choi, 2013) explores the citation rate of Korean Library and Information Science (LIS) subject areas. (Jabeen, et al., 2015) conducted the bibliometric study at the global level to understand the growth and trends of LIS publications. (Hasan & Singh, 2015) conducted the scientometric study and assessed the growth trend of the world LIS research output during 1975–2012 using the WoS database. (Olmeda-Gómez & de Moya-Anegón, 2016) Between 2003 and 2012, ten bibliometric indicators were used to evaluate the intensity of European publication of Scopus journals in the thematic category "Library and Information Sciences". (Park & Nam, 2016) examined a co-authorship network at the institutional level based on articles published in eight Korean LIS journals during 2008–2012.

All the above studies were revealed either the annual research productivity and growth, the research productivity of the institution, the collaboration of the authors in the research work, most prolific

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authors, most cited papers in various disciplines, and so on. Whereas, none of the studies are compared the LIS research output among India and South Korea.

The current study seeks a quantitative and comparative analysis of the LIS research output of India and South Korea using the WoS database during 2001–2020. More specifically, the annual performance of research growth, prolific authors, institutions, journals, and highly cited papers of both countries are discussed.

### 3. Data and Methodology

The Web of Science database was chosen as the primary data source for this study because it has been used extensively in previous studies (Hasan & Singh, 2015; Kappi & Biradar, 2019; Kolle, 2017; Yang & Lee, 2012). In the Web of Science (SCIE, SSCI, and A & HCI) advanced search option, the Subject field ‘SU = Library and Information Science’, and the country were selected as “CU = India” (query 1) and “CU = South Korea” (query 2). The search was performed on July 2021 and the study period was limited to 2001–2020. Finally, we obtained the bibliographic records of 1288 of India and 1945 of South Korea, respectively. The collected data were tabulated with MS Excel. The VOS viewer software (Van Eck & Waltman, 2010) and Bibliometrix R tool (Aria & Cuccurullo, 2017) package were used for network visualization.

In this study Annual Growth Rate (AGR), Compound Annual Growth Rate (CAGR), Relative Growth Rate (RGR), and Doubling Time (DT) indicators were used to analyses and compare the LIS research output of both countries. Further, the study compared the annual research performance, citation analysis, most prolific authors, institutions, most preferred journals, and highly cited papers of India and South Korea.

### 4. Data Analysis and Interpretation

**Table 1** summarizes the search results. This shows India’s and South Korea’s LIS research productivity of two decades (2001–2020). All types of documents and sources are considered for the study. Also provides the total authors, authors of single papers, multi-authored papers, total keywords, total author keywords, author collaborations. A total of 1288 and 1945 documents were produced at the average 7.3 and 7.34 publications per year by India and South Korea. All these documents were received an average citation of 1.764 and 2.602 per year. This shows South Korea’s quality of publications. Authors collaboration is almost similar, whereas the Indian author’s collaboration index is (2.02) more than the South Korean author's collaboration index (1.31)

**Table 1.** Summarizes the Search Results of India and South Korea

Description	Results	Results
MAIN INFORMATION ABOUT DATA	INDIA	SOUTH KOREA

Timespan	2001-2020	2001-2020
Sources (Journals, Books, etc)	81	83
Documents	1288	1945
Average years from publication	7.3	7.34
Average citations per documents	11.34	25.31
References	45851	66442
<b>DOCUMENT TYPES</b>		
article	1097	1805
article; proceedings paper	36	59
book review	38	2
correction	3	13
editorial material	40	46
letter	42	1
review	30	18
Others	2	1
<b>DOCUMENT CONTENTS</b>		
Keywords Plus (ID)	1946	2906
Author's Keywords (DE)	3802	6004
<b>AUTHORS</b>		
Authors	2159	2289
Authors of single-authored documents	176	146
Authors of multi-authored documents	1983	2143
<b>AUTHORS COLLABORATION</b>		
Single-authored documents	305	307
Documents per Author	0.597	0.85
Authors per Document	1.68	1.18
Co-Authors per Documents	2.61	2.85
Collaboration Index	2.02	1.31

#### *4.1 Year-Wise Research Productivity and Citation Analysis*

**Table 2** shows the growth of research publications and citations for the publications during the study period. South Korea is slightly ahead in publications compared to India during the study period, even though the publications were less compared to both countries. Indian publications contribution has increased from 22 in 2001 to 207 in 2020, with an average annual growth rate of 15.18%. whereas South Korea's publication contribution has increased from 44 in 2001 to 177 in 2020, with an average annual growth rate of 9.81%. The proportion of the South Korean publications

to the Indian publications showed an overall rising trend from 200% in 2001 to 116.07% in 2020.

Indian 1,288 publications cited 14,608 times with an average (13.026) citations per paper, whereas the South Korean 1,495 papers were received 49,233 citations with an average (41.906) citations per paper. Which is comparatively more than thrice of Indian LIS publications. South Korean publications received an average h\_index of 94 during the study period which is near twice the h\_index (54) of the Indian publications.

**Table 2.** Year-wise research productivity and Citation analysis of Indian and South Korean LIS publications during 2001-2020.

India					South Korea									
Year	TP	% Of TP	Cumulative %	TC	ACPP	h_index	TP	% Of TP	Cumulative %	TC	ACPP	h_index		
2001	22	1.708	22	1.708	266	12.09	8	44	2.262	44	2.262	2746	62.41	15
2002	31	2.407	53	4.115	281	9.06	11	26	1.337	70	3.599	1059	40.73	10
2003	27	2.096	80	6.211	549	20.33	11	24	1.234	94	4.833	1904	79.33	13
2004	25	1.941	105	8.152	368	14.72	9	27	1.388	121	6.221	5395	199.81	13
2005	33	2.562	138	10.714	464	14.06	14	42	2.159	163	8.38	3830	91.19	22
2006	38	2.950	176	13.664	474	12.47	12	43	2.211	206	10.591	1777	41.33	18
2007	34	2.640	210	16.304	309	9.09	9	56	2.879	262	13.47	2368	42.29	22
2008	46	3.571	256	19.875	1275	27.72	16	49	2.519	311	15.989	1684	34.37	18
2009	48	3.727	304	23.602	536	11.17	14	71	3.650	382	19.639	3614	50.9	29
2010	52	4.037	356	27.639	836	16.08	17	72	3.702	454	23.341	1969	27.35	28
2011	56	4.348	412	31.987	869	15.43	15	106	5.450	560	28.791	3694	34.85	33
2012	45	3.494	457	35.481	448	9.96	13	109	5.604	669	34.395	3000	27.52	28
2013	45	3.494	502	38.975	757	16.82	12	128	6.581	797	40.976	2941	22.98	29
2014	90	6.988	592	45.963	1081	12.01	16	151	7.763	948	48.739	3300	21.85	33
2015	82	6.366	674	52.329	1084	13.22	17	140	7.198	1088	55.937	2926	20.9	28
2016	81	6.289	755	58.618	933	11.52	15	196	10.077	1284	66.014	2864	14.61	27
2017	102	7.919	857	66.537	1085	10.64	17	161	8.278	1445	74.292	1749	10.86	21
2018	112	8.696	969	75.233	1422	12.7	19	155	7.969	1600	82.261	1172	7.56	17
2019	112	8.696	1081	83.929	935	8.35	13	168	8.638	1768	90.899	943	5.61	16
2020	207	16.071	1288	100	636	3.07	14	177	9.100	1945	100	298	1.68	8
<b>Total</b>	<b>1288</b>	<b>100.00</b>			<b>14608</b>				<b>1945</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>14211</b>			<b>41.906</b>

TP = Total publications; TC = Total Citations; ACPP = Average Citation per Paper

#### 4.2 Publications Growth Rate

##### a) Publications Annual Growth Rate (AGR)

**Table 3** illustrates the publication’s annual growth rate in both countries. The analysis reveals that there is no consistency in the Annual Growth Rate of both countries. India’s highest at 100% AGR is observed in 2014 and the lowest -19.463% is found in 2012. However, South Korea’s AGR is observed at 55.556% in 2005 and the -40.909% lowest in 2002. The Indian average AGR is 15.18%, whereas the South Korean average AGR is at 9.81% during the study period. The AGR is calculated using the below formula and the variation of the AGR is shown in **Table 3**:

$$AGR = \frac{End\ Value - First\ Value}{First\ Value} \times 100$$

**Table 3.** Annual Growth Rate of Publications

Year	India				South Korea			
	TP	(%) TP	Cumulative TP	AGR	TP	(%) TP	Cumulative TP	AGR
2001	22	1.708	22	0	44	2.262	44	0
2002	31	2.407	53	40.909	26	1.337	70	-40.909
2003	27	2.096	80	-12.903	24	1.234	94	-7.692
2004	25	1.941	105	-7.407	27	1.388	121	12.500
2005	33	2.562	138	32.000	42	2.159	163	55.556
2006	38	2.95	176	15.152	43	2.211	206	2.381
2007	34	2.64	210	-10.526	56	2.879	262	30.233
2008	46	3.571	256	35.294	49	2.519	311	-12.500
2009	48	3.727	304	4.348	71	3.650	382	44.898
2010	52	4.037	356	8.333	72	3.702	454	1.408
2011	56	4.348	412	7.692	106	5.450	560	47.222
2012	45	3.494	457	-19.643	109	5.604	669	2.830
2013	45	3.494	502	0.000	128	6.581	797	17.431
2014	90	6.988	592	100.000	151	7.763	948	17.969
2015	82	6.366	674	-8.889	140	7.198	1088	-7.285
2016	81	6.289	755	-1.220	196	10.077	1284	40.000
2017	102	7.919	857	25.926	161	8.278	1445	-17.857

2018	112	8.696	969	9.804	155	7.969	1600	-3.727
2019	112	8.696	1081	0.000	168	8.638	1768	8.387
2020	207	16.071	1288	84.821	177	9.100	1945	5.357

TP = Total publications; AGR = Annual Growth Rate

**b) Compound Annual Growth Rate of Publications (CAGR)**

The compound annual growth rate is measured by taking the nth root of the total percentage growth rate, where n is the number of years in the period being considered. The below is the formula (Fernando, Mansa, & Pathburn, 2021) used to calculate the compound annual growth rate:

$$CAGR = \left( \frac{\text{Ending Value}}{\text{Beginning Value}} \right)^{\frac{1}{\# \text{ of years}}} - 1$$

During the last two decades, there was a 12.52% increase in the number of annual research publications from India, cumulative from 22 publications in 2001 to 207 publications in 2020 (Table 4). Contradictory growth was found in both countries. The growth of Indian research productivity was comparable with the growth of South Korea, but with a numerically higher annual growth rate for India was (CAGR 12.52%) compared to South Korea (CAGR 7.6%) over the twenty years. The most notable growth in research productivity in India occurred in the first 5 years reaching a CAGR of 10.67%, compared to -1.16% for South Korea. Accordingly, the highest CAGR rate (12.51%) was found in India during 2001–2020, whereas the 8.62% highest CAGR rate was found in South Korea during 2011–2015.

**Table 4.** Compound Annual Growth Rate of Publications

Compound annual growth rate of publications 2001–2020				
	CAGR (2001-2005)	CAGR (2001-2010)	CAGR (2011-2015)	CAGR (2001-2020)
<b>India</b>	10.67%	10.03%	9.85%	12.52%
<b>South Korea</b>	-1.16%	5.62%	8.62%	7.60%

CAGR = Compound Annual Growth Rate



### 4.3 Relative Growth Rate (RGR) and Doubling Time (DT) of Indian and South Korean LIS publications.

**Table 5.** Relative Growth Rate (RGR) and Doubling Time (DT) of Indian and South Korean LIS publications during 2001-2020.

India							South Korea					
Year	TP	Cumulative	W1	W2	RGR	Dt	TP	Cumulative	W1	W2	RGR	DT
2001	22	22	0	3.091	0	0	44	44	0	3.784	0	0
2002	31	53	3.091	3.970	0.879	0.788	26	70	3.784	4.248	0.464	1.494
2003	27	80	3.970	4.382	0.412	1.682	24	94	4.248	4.543	0.295	2.349
2004	25	105	4.382	4.654	0.272	2.548	27	121	4.543	4.796	0.253	2.739
2005	33	138	4.654	4.927	0.273	2.538	42	163	4.796	5.094	0.298	2.326
2006	38	176	4.927	5.170	0.243	2.852	43	206	5.094	5.328	0.234	2.962
2007	34	210	5.170	5.347	0.177	3.915	56	262	5.328	5.568	0.240	2.888
2008	46	256	5.347	5.545	0.198	3.500	49	311	5.568	5.740	0.172	4.034
2009	48	304	5.545	5.717	0.172	4.029	71	382	5.740	5.945	0.206	3.370
2010	52	356	5.717	5.875	0.158	4.386	72	454	5.945	6.118	0.173	4.013
2011	56	412	5.875	6.021	0.146	4.747	106	560	6.118	6.328	0.210	3.303
2012	45	457	6.021	6.124	0.103	6.728	109	669	6.328	6.506	0.178	3.897
2013	45	502	6.124	6.218	0.094	7.372	128	797	6.506	6.681	0.175	3.958
2014	90	592	6.218	6.383	0.165	4.200	151	948	6.681	6.854	0.173	3.994
2015	82	674	6.383	6.513	0.130	5.331	140	1088	6.854	6.992	0.138	5.031
2016	81	755	6.513	6.627	0.114	6.079	196	1284	6.992	7.158	0.166	4.184
2017	102	857	6.627	6.753	0.126	5.500	161	1445	7.158	7.276	0.118	5.866
2018	112	969	6.753	6.876	0.123	5.634	155	1600	7.276	7.378	0.102	6.801
2019	112	1081	6.876	6.985	0.109	6.358	168	1768	7.378	7.478	0.100	6.941
2020	207	1288	6.985	7.161	0.176	3.938	177	1945	7.478	7.573	0.095	7.263

**TP = Total publications; RGR = Relative Growth Rate; DT = Doubling Time**

**Table 5** explains the relative growth rate (RGR) and doubling time (DT) of LIS publications during the period from 2001 to 2020. The growth rates of all publications are measured based on the RGR and Dt model, which was developed by (Mahapatra, 1985). RGR is the growth in the number of papers/pages per unit of time, and Dt is directly connected to RGR. The mathematical expression of the average relative growth rate of papers in a specific period can be derived from the following formula:

$$RGR = \frac{W_2 - W_1}{T_2 - T_1}$$

Where,  
 RGR= Relative Growth Rate in a particular period;  
 W1 = Loge (natural log of the initial number of publications);  
 W2= Loge (natural log of the final number of publications);  
 T1= the unit of initial time;  
 T2= the unit of the final time

**a) Doubling Time (DT)**

‘Doubling Time’ is directly related to ‘relative growth rate’. If the number of articles or pages on a topic double’s in a given period, the difference between the logarithm of the number at the beginning and the end of the period must be the logarithm of the number 2. If the natural logarithm is used, the difference is 0.693 (Beaie & Acol, 2009). Therefore, the below formula can be used to calculate the corresponding doubling time for each specific time interval and papers and pages.

$$Doubling\ Time(Dt) = \frac{0.693}{R}$$

The Relative Growth Rate (RGR) value of India’s LIS publications has fallen from 0.879 in 2002 to 0.109 in 2019, while the RGR in 2020 is 0.176. At the same time, the value of “doubling time” (Dt.) Increased from 0.788 in 2002 to 7.372 in 2013, but from 2014 to 2020 a fluctuating trend was found. The value of the relative growth rate (RGR) of LIS publications of South Korea has fallen from 0.464 in 2020 to 0.095 in 2020. At the same time, the doubling time (DT) value has increased from 1,494 in 2002 to 7,263 in 2020, and in between a few years were varied. This study shows that the quantity of LIS research in South Korea has increased compared to India over time.

*4.4 Most Prolific Authors in LIS and Impact of Their Output*

**Table 6.** Indian Most Prolific Authors in LIS

Rank	Author	Affiliation	NP	TC	h_index	g_index	m_index
1	Gangan Prathap	APJ Abdul Kalam Technological University, Kerala	52	418	9	19	0.750
2	Shashank Gupta	BITS, Pilani	28	819	11	28	0.000
3	Saurabh Kumar	IIM, Indore	25	314	11	17	0.000

4	Mohinder Partap Satija	Guru Nanak Dev University, Amritsar	23	12	2	2	0.100
5	Vinod Kumar	Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi	20	135	7	10	0.350
6	Summer Gul	University of Kashmir, Srinagar	16	80	6	8	0.500
7	Brij Mohan Gupta	CSIR NISTADS, New Delhi	16	145	8	11	0.400
8	Arpan Kumar Kar	IIT, New Delhi	13	357	10	13	2.000
9	Anil Kumar	BML Munjal University, Gurgaon	13	168	7	12	0.438
10	Aparna Basu	South Asian University, New Delhi	12	145	6	12	0.286
11	Sujit Bhattacharya	CSIR NISTADS, New Delhi	12	209	8	12	0.381
12	Kailash Chandra Garg	CSIR NISTADS, New Delhi	12	260	10	12	0.476
13	Devika P Madalli	DRTC, Bangalore	11	40	4	6	0.286
14	Deepa Mani	ISB, Hyderabad	11	317	7	11	0.583
15	Tariq Ahmad Shah	Islamic University of Science and Technology, Kashmir	11	60	5	7	0.417
16	Vivek Kumar Singh	Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi	11	140	5	11	0.714
17	Basavaraj Shivappa Kademani	BARC, Mumbai	10	100	7	10	0.350
18	Biswanath Dutta	DRTC, Bangalore	9	41	5	6	0.625

**NP = Number of Publications; TC = Total Citations**

**Table 7.** South Korean Most Prolific Authors in LIS

Rank	Author	Affiliation	NP	TC	h_index	g_index	m_index
1	Seyoung Lee	Sungkyunkwan University, South Korea	78	1537	21	37	1.000
2	Heejin Lee	Yonsei University, South Korea	78	3240	23	56	1.211
3	Han Woo Park	YeungNam University, South Korea	74	1714	26	36	1.300
4	Sehwan Kim	Dankook University, South Korea	73	1331	17	35	0.000
5	Jina Kim	Sungkyunkwan University, South Korea	68	1061	16	31	0.762
6	Jungwoo Lee	Yonsei University, South Korea	59	1311	15	35	0.789
7	Hyondong Kim	Dongguk University, South Korea	47	648	13	24	0.000
8	Min Song	Yonsei University, South Korea	45	555	14	22	0.000

9	Dong-Hee Shin	Chung-Ang University, South Korea	40 926	18	29	1.125
10	Younghee Noh	KonKuk University, South Korea	37 153	8	11	0.667
11	Youngseek Kim	Sungkyunkwan University, South Korea	36 493	11	22	0.000
12	Jungwon Yoon	Hanyang University, South Korea	33 776	16	27	1.231
13	Jun Houg Kim	Seoul National University, South Korea	31 355	11	17	0.524
14	Kyuwoong Kim	Ajou University, South Korea	30 706	13	26	0.619
15	Dongwon Lee	Korea University, South Korea	28 433	12	20	0.600
16	Kyungmin Lee	Kyung Hee University, South Korea	26 158	7	12	0.438
17	Jaram Park	Seoul National University, South Korea	25 4658	10	25	0.556
18	Jong Hyuk Park	Seoul National University of Science and Technology, South Korea	24 417	11	20	0.647

NP = Number of Publications; TC = Total Citations

Table 6 and Table 7 display the most productive Indian and South Korean authors in the LIS field. The average number of authors per paper was 1.68 (Indian) and 1.18 (South Korea), and the top 18 authors who published 9 or more & 24 or more papers respectively. Both countries top 18 authors published 305 (23.7%) and 832 (43%) papers of the total publications respectively. The impact of Indian authors in terms of citations and an h\_index indicates that among the listed 18 authors, five authors had lower citations ( $\leq 80$ ) and h\_index ( $\leq 6$ ). It indicates that the research visibility of these five authors is lower than their research publications, and all the 18 authors together received 3,760 citations. Whereas, the impact of South Korean authors is different and they dominate the Indian authors. Of the 18 most prolific authors ‘Lee, Seyoung’, alone was received 4,658 citations for 78 papers, which is more than the total citations of the Indian top 18 authors. South Korean top seven authors were received higher ( $\geq 1000$ ) citations and the remaining authors received notable (100 to 1000) citations. Overall, the South Korean authors have more impactful than the Indian authors in terms of publications, citations, and an h index of authors. Fig. 1 and Fig. 2 show both countries’ three fields Plot of ‘Authors–Affiliations–Countries’.

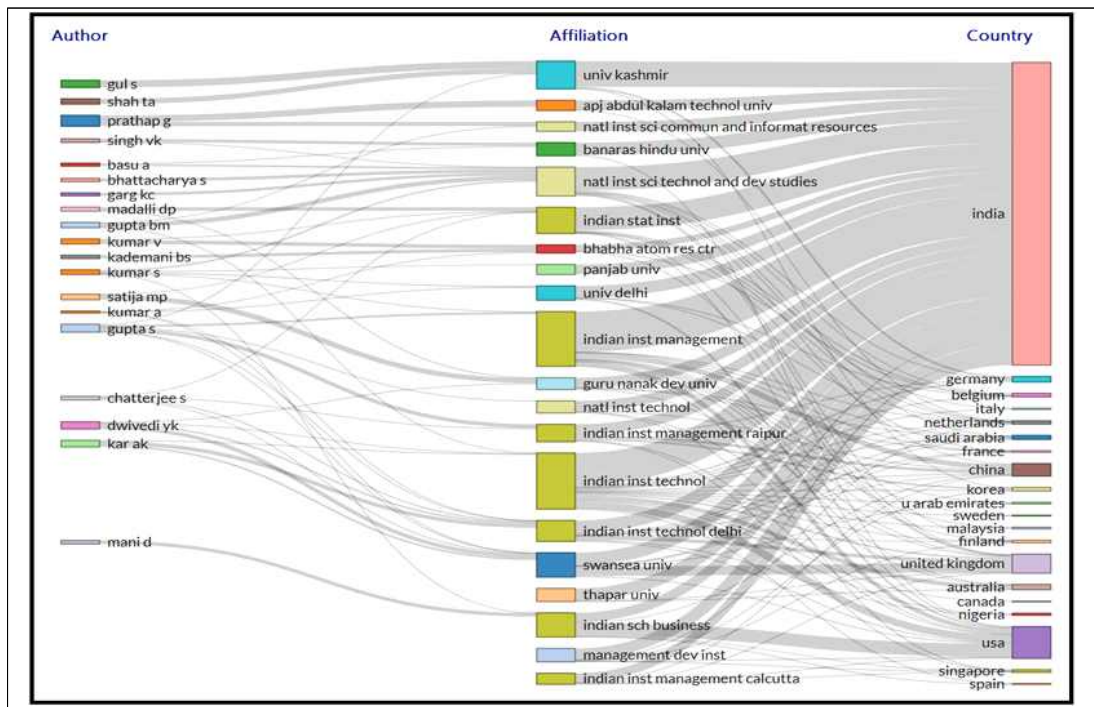


Fig. 1. Indian Three-Fields Plot of Authors-Affiliations-Countries

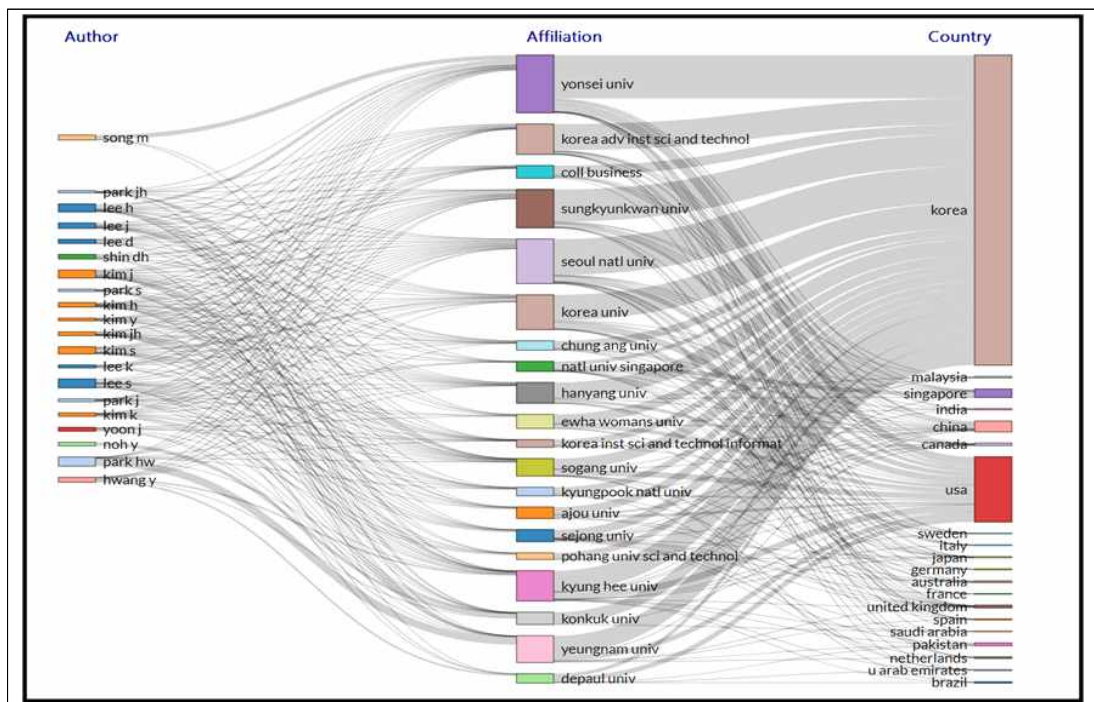


Fig. 2. South Korean Three-Fields Plot of Authors-Affiliations-Countries

4.5 Most Prolific Institutions in LIS and Their Citation Impact

**Table 8.** Indian Most Prolific Institutions in LIS

Rank	Institutions	TP	Citations	Total Link Strength
1	Indian Institute Technology Delhi	76	1607	78
2	Indian Institute Management	64	1330	30
3	CSIR–NISCAIR	51	572	135
4	CSIR–NISTADS	48	667	30
5	DRTC, Indian Statistical Institute, Bangalore	41	227	9
6	University of Delhi	25	216	12
7	Indian School of Business, Hyderabad	24	818	2
8	University of Kashmir	22	127	18
9	Guru Nanak Dev University	21	58	8
10	APJ Abdul Kalam Technology University	20	45	27
11	Swansea University	19	719	43
12	Management Development Institute	18	223	5
13	Banaras Hindu University	17	160	21
14	National Institute Technology	17	130	4
15	Bhabha Atom Research Centre, Mumbai	16	123	0
16	Thapar University	16	158	2
17	Panjab University	15	70	6
18	Indian Institute Management, Raipur	14	144	6
19	Indian Institute Management, Calcutta	13	201	5
20	University of Hyderabad	13	45	2

**TP = Total Publications**

**Table 9.** South Korean Most Prolific Institutions in LIS

Rank	Institutions	TP	Citations	Total Link Strength
1	Yonsei University	260	6738	497
2	KAIST, South Korea	220	9947	798
3	Seoul National University	162	2619	292
4	Sungkyunkwan University	160	2726	368
5	Korea University	135	7723	342
6	Kyung Hee University	108	2106	305

7	Yeungnam University	89	1990	545
8	Hanyang University	78	1811	156
9	Konkuk University	70	664	101
10	Sogang University	63	1896	126
11	Ewha Woman's University	61	1099	81
12	Chung Ang University	52	1335	96
13	Sejong University	50	1076	60
14	Kyungpook National University	42	1026	101
15	KISTI, South Korea	37	316	83
16	Ajou University	34	623	79
17	Pohang University of Science and Technology	32	1189	93
18	Myongji University	29	357	23
19	Hankuk University of Foreign Studies	26	257	23
20	Kookmin University	25	265	55

**TP = Total Publications**

The data analysis indicates that 2,268 institutions scattered in different parts of the globe produced the total output in collaboration with India and South Korea. **Table 8** and **Table 9** show the top 20 most productive LIS institutions of India and South Korea. South Korea is an active country with fair output growth in LIS publishing comparative to Indian output. Such progress, which signifies the alliance of the research teams working in the subject area, is due to an increase in publications authored by researchers in the South Korean LIS institutes. The average number of Indian institutions per paper is 1.08 and South Korean is 1.80. The top 20 each Indian and South Korean LIS institutions produced 550 (42.70%; TC 7640) and 1,739 (89.41%; TC 48,984) papers respectively during 2001–2020. Among the Indian most prolific institutions, Indian Institute Technology, Delhi produced the highest number of papers (76), followed by Indian Institute Management (64) and CSIR–NISCAIR (51). Whereas, South Korea's most prolific institutions are Yonsei University (260), KAIST, South Korea (220), and Seoul National University (162). The publication output of these prolific institutions was subjected to citation impact analysis in terms of ACPP. As mentioned in **Table 1**, the value of Indian ACPP for the total output was 11.34 and for the South Korean was ACPP was 25.31. The Citation analysis of India was shown in **Fig. 3** and South Korea was shown in **Fig. 4** respectively. The VOS viewer was used to create the Most Prolific Institutes citation network of India and South Korea. Citation and Organizations network has been applied to generate the network. In these networks, the size of the circles and colors are indicated the total papers published by the institutions. The larger fonts indicate the more citations received, carved and the thickness of the lines indicate the collaboration between the institutions. The closer the circles closer the collaboration.





#### 4.6 Most preferred journals used for publishing LIS Research output by India and South Korea

**Table 10.** Most Preferred Journals Used by Indian Researchers

Source	Country	Frequency	NP	TC	JIF 2020	JIF 2019	Citation Index
Scientometrics	Netherlands	Monthly	191	2211	1.08	1.24	SCIE, SSCI
Electronic Library	England	Bi-monthly	104	737	0.56	0.46	SSCI
International Journal of Information Management	England	Bi-monthly	69	1764	4.90	4.02	SSCI
Journal of Enterprise Information Management	England	Bi-monthly	57	714	1.27	1.11	SSCI
Journal of Knowledge Management	England	Bi-monthly	51	801	2.60	2.15	SSCI
Program-Electronic Library and Information Systems	England	Quarterly	50	407	0.57	0.36	SCIE, SSCI
Information Processing & Management	England	Bi-monthly	43	831	2.14	2.04	SCIE, SSCI
Journal of Global Information Management	USA	Quarterly	37	143	0.61	0.64	SSCI
Knowledge Organization	Germany	Bi-monthly	37	67	0.34	0.50	SSCI
Information Technology for Development	England	Quarterly	31	261	1.45	1.04	SSCI
Telecommunications Policy	England	Monthly	31	424	1.12	1.18	SCIE, SSCI
Data Technologies and Applications	England	Quarterly	28	10	0.57	0.36	SCIE, SSCI
Journal of Information Science	England	Bi-monthly	26	140	1.04	1.09	SCIE, SSCI
Library Hi Tech	England	Quarterly	26	106	0.83	0.67	SSCI
Online Information Review	England	Bi-monthly	26	198	0.79	0.80	SCIE, SSCI
Journal of The American Society for Information Science and Technology	USA	Monthly	22	70	0.99	1.32	SCIE, SSCI
Malaysian Journal of Library & Information Science	Malaysia	Tri-annual	21	118	0.45	0.45	SSCI
Information Technology & People	England	Quarterly	20	98	1.40	1.15	SSCI
Journal of Organizational and End User Computing	USA	Quarterly	20	151	1.04	0.70	SCIE, SSCI
Journal of Global Information Technology	USA	Quarterly	19	65	0.79	0.63	SSCI

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**NP = Number of Publications; TC = Total Citations; JIF = Journal Impact Factor**

**Table 11.** Most Preferred Journals Used by South Korean Researchers

Source	Country	Frequency	NP	TC	JIF 2020	JIF 2019	Citation Index
Scientometrics	Netherlands	Monthly	171	2881	1.08	1.24	SCIE, SSCI
Telematics and Informatics	USA	Quarterly	138	2431	2.26	2.35	SSCI
Information Processing & Management	England	Bi-monthly	114	2038	2.14	2.04	SCIE, SSCI
Telecommunications Policy	England	Monthly	114	1946	1.12	1.18	SCIE, SSCI
Information and Management	USA	Quarterly	104	8642	0.67	0.78	SSCI
International Journal of Information Management	England	Bi-monthly	97	3815	4.90	4.02	SSCI
Journal of Information Science	England	Bi-monthly	75	724	1.04	1.09	SCIE, SSCI
Government Information Quarterly	USA	Quarterly	61	1513	2.63	2.61	SSCI
Information Development	England	Bi-monthly	58	417	0.90	0.73	SSCI
Online Information Review	England	Bi-monthly	54	650	0.79	0.80	SCIE, SSCI
Information Technology & Management	USA	Quarterly	51	362	0.67	0.78	SSCI
Journal of Health Communication	USA	Monthly	47	922	1.04	1.07	SSCI
MIS Quarterly	USA	Quarterly	36	9322	2.01	1.96	SCIE, SSCI
Information Systems Research	USA	Quarterly	35	1918	1.31	1.38	SSCI
Journal of The American Medical Informatics Association	England	Monthly	33	428	1.43	1.66	SCIE, SSCI
Journal of The American Society for Information Science and Technology	USA	Monthly	33	1294	0.99	1.32	SCIE, SSCI
Journal of Informetrics	Netherlands	Quarterly	32	602	1.72	1.88	SCIE, SSCI
Journal of Knowledge Management	England	Bi-monthly	32	493	2.60	2.15	SSCI
Journal of the Association for Information Science and Technology	USA	Monthly	31	420	0.99	1.32	SCIE, SSCI
Journal of Global	USA	Quarterly	27	141	0.61	0.64	SSCI

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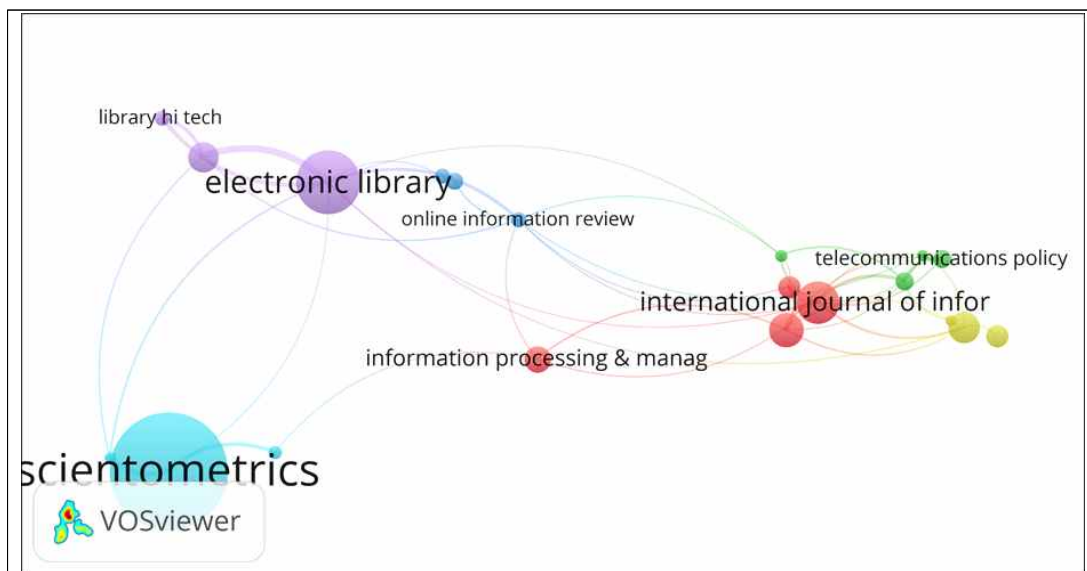
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**Table 10** and **Table 11** list the top 20 journals of the Indian and South Korean LIS researchers who preferred to publish their findings. These journals and their corresponding rankings are based on previous studies on the contributions of disciplines, countries/regions, and institutions to LIS journal literature are also used as criteria for selecting LIS journals with a good reputation (Walters & Wilder, 2016; Yuen, 2018). The wide range of subject areas in LIS and research publications were highly concentrated in these top journals and almost 70% of the articles of both countries were found in these top 20 journals. Among, eight journals (i.e., International Journal of Information Management, Journal of Global Information Management, Journal of Information Science, Journal of Knowledge Management, Journal of The American Society for Information Science and Technology, Online Information Review, Scientometrics, Telecommunications Policy) were commonly preferred by both the countries' authors. Moreover, only the journal (i.e., Scientometrics) were highly preferred and top in the list published the most publications by the Indian (191) and South Korean (171) LIS institutes. 'Electronic Library' and 'Telematics and Informatics' were ranked second in the journal list by the Indian and South Korean LIS institutes with 104 and 138 papers each. International Journal of Information Management is ranked third in the journal list of the Indian LIS institutes with 69 papers; However, the South Korean LIS institutes have contributed 97 papers to this journal during the last two decades and placed 6th rank. Apart from the above three journals, the Indian LIS institutes have also contributed more papers to the Journal of Enterprise Information Management (57), Journal of Knowledge Management (51), and Program-Electronic Library and Information Systems (50) respectively. Whereas, the South Korean LIS institutes contributed more papers to the Information Processing and Management (138), Telecommunications Policy (114), and Information and Management. Although, the Indian and South Korean LIS institute researchers contributed more papers to the remaining journals also.

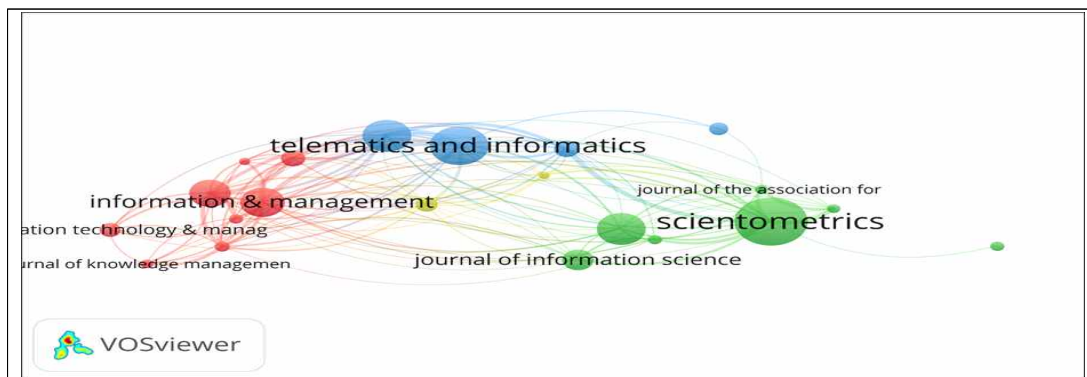
**Fig. 5** presents the journals co-citation network of the Indian authors' most preferred journals in the LIS (the minimum number of documents and citations in the journal is 19 and 10, respectively. Set of 81 sources, 21 met the threshold value). International journal of information management is in the middle of the network map with the most important links, though the electronic library, Scientometrics, Information Processing & Management, and Online Information Review are also in a significant place. In the journal co-citation analysis, journals were used as the units of analysis, as were the co-citations of pairs of journals, counted as the number of times pairs of journals are cited together. In **Fig. 5**, the circle size represents the activity of the journal and the number of published papers. The distance between the two circles is also significant. Generally, the smaller the distance between two circles is, the higher the citation frequency is, and see that all these journals are divided into six clusters. The red cluster contains Information Processing & Management, International Journal of Information Management, Journal of Enterprise Information Management, etc.

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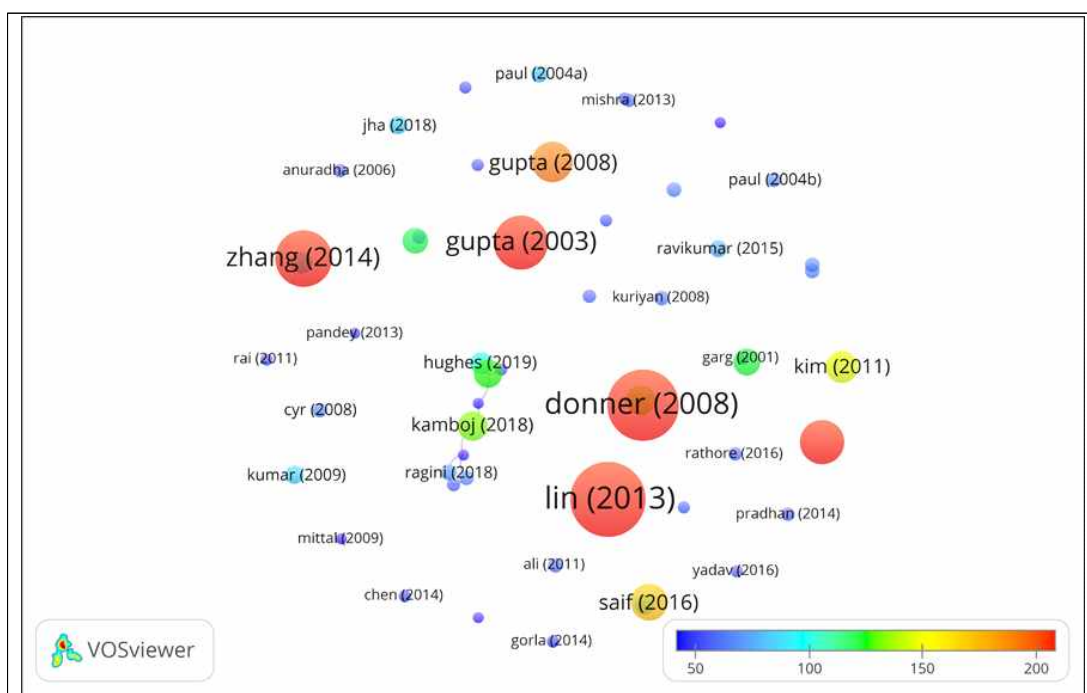


**Fig. 5.** Indian most preferred journals citations network

This cluster represents LIS Information processing and management journals. The blue cluster contains Scientometrics, the Malaysian Journal of Library & Information Science, and the Journal of The American Society for Information Science and Technology. This cluster represents bibliometrics and scientometrics journals. The green cluster represents Information Communication Technology journals. The yellow cluster represents knowledge management journals. The purple cluster represents the computer science and electronic library journals and the light blue cluster represents the information and technology journals. **Fig. 6** shows the journal co-citation network of South Korean author's most preferred journals in the LIS (the minimum number of documents and citations per journal was 27 and 141, respectively. From a set of 83 sources, 21 met those thresholds). In this **Fig. 7**, all journals are divided into 4 clusters. The red cluster contains Information & Management, Information Development, Information Systems Research, Information Technology, and Management, etc. This cluster represents LIS Information systems and management journals. The blue cluster contains Government Information Quarterly, Journal of Health Communication, Telematics, etc. This cluster represents Information telecommunication Technology journals. The green cluster contains Scientometrics, Journal of Informetrics, Journal of Information Science, etc. This cluster represents bibliometrics and scientometrics journals. The yellow cluster represents the information review journals.



**Fig. 6.** South Korean most preferred journals citations network



**Fig. 7.** Indian top 20 highly cited papers citations network

*4.7 Highly cited papers LIS Research publication by India and South Korea*

**Table 12.** Top 10 Indian highly cited papers in LIS during 2001-2020

Rank	Authors	Article Title	Journal	Times Cited	DOI
1	Lin, MF; Lucas, HC; Shmueli, G	Too Big to Fail: Large Samples and the p-Value Problem	Inf. Syst. Res.	339	10.1287/isre.2013.0480

2	Donner, J	Research approaches to mobile use in the developing world: A review of the literature	Inf. Soc.	327	10.1080/01972240802019970
3	Zhang, H; Lu, YB; Gupta, S; Zhao, L	What motivates customers to participate in social commerce? The impact of technological environments and virtual customer experiences	Inf. Manage.	265	10.1016/j.im.2014.07.005
4	Gupta, MP; Jana, D	E-government evaluation: A framework and case study	Gov. Inf. Q.	250	10.1016/j.giq.2003.08.002
5	Gangwar, H; Date, H; Ramaswamy, R	Understanding determinants of cloud computing adoption using an integrated TAM-TOE model	J. Enterp. Inf. Manag.	208	10.1108/JEI-M-08-2013-0065
6	Gupta, B; Dasgupta, S; Gupta, A	Adoption of ICT in a government organization in a developing country: An empirical study	J. Strateg. Inf. Syst.	187	10.1016/j.jsis.2007.12.004
7	Saif, H; He, YL; Fernandez, M; Alani, H	Contextual semantics for sentiment analysis of Twitter	Inf. Process. Manage.	172	10.1016/j.ipm.2015.01.005
8	Kim, HW; Gupta, S; Koh, J	Investigating the intention to purchase digital items in social networking communities: A customer value perspective	Inf. Manage.	146	10.1016/j.im.2011.05.004
9	Kamboj, S; Sarmah, B; Gupta, S; Dwivedi, Y	Examining branding co-creation in brand communities on social media: Applying the paradigm of Stimulus-Organism-Response	Int. J. Inf. Manage.	138	10.1016/j.ijinfomgt.2017.12.001
10	Sharma, S; Thomas, VJ	Inter-country R&D efficiency analysis: An application of data envelopment analysis	Scientometrics	138	10.1007/s11192-007-1896-4

**Table 13.** Top 10 South Korean highly cited papers in LIS during 2001-2020

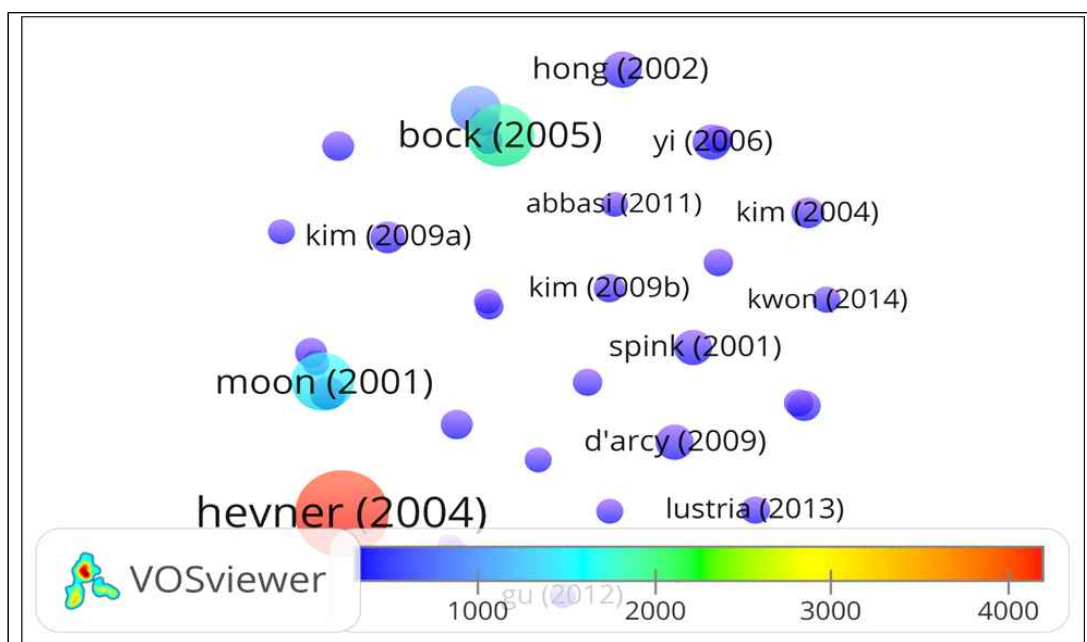
Rank	Authors	Article Title	Journal	Times Cited	DOI
1	Hevner, AR; March, ST; Park, J; Ram, S	Design science in Information Systems research	MIS Q.	4202	NA
2	Bock, GW; Zmud, RW; Kim, YG; Lee, JN	Behavioral intention formation in knowledge sharing: Examining the roles of extrinsic motivators, social-psychological forces, and organizational climate	MIS Q.	2000	10.2307/25148669
3	Moon, JW; Kim, YG	Extending the TAM for a World-Wide-Web context	Inf. Manage.	1605	10.1016/S0378-7206(00)00061-6
4	Lee, H; Choi, B	Knowledge management enablers, processes, and organizational performance:	J. Manage.	1005	NA

		An integrative view and empirical examination	Inform. Syst.		
5	Hong, KK; Kim, YG	The critical success factors for ERP implementation: an organizational fit perspective	Inf. Manage.	550	10.1016/S0378-7206(01)00134-3
6	Spink, A; Wolfram, D; Jansen, MJB; Saracevic, T	Searching the Web: The public and their queries	J. Am. Soc. Inf. Sci. Technol.	475	10.1002/1097-4571(2000)9999:9999<:AID-ASI1591>3.3.CO;2-I
7	Yi, MY; Jackson, JD; Park, JS; Probst, JC	Understanding information technology acceptance by individual professionals: Toward an integrative view	Inf. Manage.	475	10.1016/j.im.2005.08.006
8	D'Arcy, J; Hovav, A; Galletta, D	User Awareness of Security Countermeasures and Its Impact on Information Systems Misuse: A Deterrence Approach	Inf. Syst. Res.	474	10.1287/isre.1070.0160
9	Ahn, T; Ryu, S; Han, I	The impact of Web quality and playfulness on user acceptance of online retailing	Inf. Manage.	416	10.1016/j.im.2006.12.008
10	Kim, MK; Park, MC; Jeong, DH	The effects of customer satisfaction and switching barrier on customer loyalty in Korean mobile telecommunication services	Telecomm un. Policy	378	10.1016/j.tel.2003.12.003

**Table 12** and **Table 13** specify the list of the Top 10 highly cited LIS papers published by authors from India and South Korea. Authors of the top 10 papers from South Korea were received the highest citations 11580 during the study period. Compared to South Korea, Indian authors have received fewer citations, accounting for 2170. South Korea's top 10 papers are cited more than 530% as frequently as India's top 10 papers. South Korea has a higher international collaboration rate than India. South Korean researchers are preferred to publish in highly-reputed, peer-reviewed international journals because the researchers are highly motivated and aware of the need to publish in those journals, and modern practices include digital traces that remain after collaborative research is completed (Shin, 2019). South Korean top-ranked LIS universities offer monetary incentives to researchers who publish more articles in international journals (Fuyuno & Cyranoski, 2006). Due to all these, South Korean researchers got the highest citations compared to Indian researchers. Both countries highly cited papers have been published in high-impact journals such as Information Systems Research, Information Society, Information & Management, Scientometrics, MIS Quarterly, and so on. Among them, Information & Management journal has published two Indian and four South Korean highly cited papers. The paper "Too Big to Fail: Large Samples and the p-Value Problem", authored by Lin, MF; Lucas, HC; Shmueli, G with 339 citations and the "Design science in Information Systems research" a paper authored by Hevner, AR; March, ST; Park, J; Ram, S with 4202 citations were the top 1 ranked paper by India and South Korea respectively. **Fig. 7** shows the Indian highly cited paper's network with a minimum of 50 citations and, **Fig. 8** shows

the South Korean highly cited papers citations network with a minimum of 1000 citations. All the highly-cited papers are divided into 4 clusters according to their citation count and the circle represents each highly cited paper and the size denotes the total citations received; the color of the circle denotes the number of citations received during the last two decades.

All the highly-cited papers are divided into 4 clusters according to their citation count and the circle represents each highly cited paper and the size denotes the total citations received; the color of the circle denotes the number of citations received during the last two decades. In the figures, the colors are changing from dark to light, which shows the increasing citation counts (dark blue to light blue shows the citation counts from 1 to 50 and so on).



**Fig. 8.** South Korean top 20 highly cited papers citations network

## 5. Discussions and Conclusion

Bibliometric analysis of publications productivity is to understand the growth of LIS Publications produced among India and South Korea which have had a common footing. The research publications in the LIS during 2001-2020 have been analysed. Both countries rapidly and steadily contributed to research publications. In fact, with South Korea's publications as well as citations being in the prime. South Korea's researchers/authors contributed good quality research results and received the highest citations for their research output during the study period. The study suggests India needs to increase the LIS research Quality as there are fewer citations. This may show that India can make significant competitive advantages in LIS Field. The growth patterns based on AGR and CAGR disclose that there is no common pattern among the countries and no consistency in



the AGR of both countries. There is an increase in Indian CAGR value during 2001-2005, 2001-2010, decreased in 2001-2015, and again increased in 2001-2020. Whereas, an increase in South Korea's CAGR value during 2001-2005, 2001-2010, 2001-2015, and decreased in 2001-2020.

Among these two countries, South Korea is at the top with 1945 publications, as well as in RGR and Dt value. In the cumulative impact factor, cumulative citations, articles in highly effective journals. This is not surprising, as there is a positive correlation between the number of publications and the overall impact factor, the cumulative citation of articles in highly effective journals. South Korea has the largest share of researchers moving from industry to academia in 71 countries between 2017 and 2019 (Dayton, 2020). In India, researchers understand the significance of collaboration. It suggested that Indian LIS researchers can involve in the quality and quantity of research output. The MoU will provide opportunities and support for individual researchers to engage institute partners and collaborate. In addition, the universities may have an approach to introduce dual affiliation positions or co-financing and supervising Ph.D. students to create opportunities for direct and close relationships that can build the foundation for next-generation collaboration.

Analysis of the most preferred journals can be helpful, exclusively for new generations of scholars, to gain insights into important publications in the field of LIS. Of the total journals, 70% of the LIS research output of both the countries were published in the top 20 preferred journals and 8 journals were commonly preferred. The 10 most cited papers revealed that the LIS researchers did not focus on a particular research area. Whereas the LIS researchers contributed more and published in allied subject areas. These papers are covered the latest dynamics of the subject, like the Application of Information technologies (Big data, Cloud computing, ICT-enabled libraries, application of social media, information systems, and so on) in the LIS field. All the highly cited papers are published in collaboration and South Korean papers were received the highest citations compared to Indian authors (Mallikarjun & Kappi, 2020).

The findings of this study are informative for administrators, policymakers, as well as scholars who care about India and South Korea, rise in LIS. Each country can learn and gain mutual benefits from the other country through future collaboration in LIS and allied areas using different approaches. Likely, they can seek global excellence through cooperation, and in other areas where one country has a higher status than the other, that country can lead to cooperation in many ways. Further, it could be useful to LIS researchers with a snapshot of how the LIS field has evolved over a while and to facilitate the selection of research topics of current interest.

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