

## Diamond Jubilee Celebrations of NISCAIR - Concept Note

CSIR-NISCAIR since its inception largely played the role of an intermediary. When the printed word ruled, publishing and distributing the scientific publications that NISCOM did, served its purpose well and INSDOC, its conjoint sibling – served as a repository of the print literature brought out by other publishers – both Indian and and foreign, besides having its established strength in documentation and foreign language translation.

With the advent of internet and easy access to the World Wide Web, information management and science communication, the two core areas of the CSIR-NISCAIR have been impacted. The entire world is now attuned to the internet technologies – open, transparent, real-time and easy to access, defying both space and time constraints – be it the new social media or traditional emails. The new generation is already using mobile phones and tablet PCs to access and disseminate information at lightning speed. Content providers are packaging content and enabling access mechanisms that are cloud based. In this rapidly changing environment, CSIR-NISCAIR clearly needs to introspect and re-orient itself.

It is said, 'a diamond is forever'. As CSIR-NISCAIR completes 60 years, the yearlong Diamond Jubilee celebration will be an ideal period to reflect and chart out mid-term and long-term plans for its future activities. This will enable us to reinvigorate ourselves and remain relevant, forever.

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