In the summer of 1972 I was asked to deliver a lecture at a student seminar on any topic of my interest. I decided to speak on the history of botany in India. I was doing my Masters' in botany then, and started collecting the relevant papers for my speech. And, somehow, the lecture did not materialize, I stopped my regular study of botany afterwards and entered into the profession of librarianship, but the collection of materials on the history of botany did not stop; one after another they regularly piled into my study room. I never knew, that, one day instead of compiling them brick after brick chronologically, I would break them pieces into pieces and analyze them only to expose their fundamental inherent properties. This made all the difference in changing of the profession, however, the pleasure remained the same.

Towards the later part of 1977, the idea of doing a thesis in librarianship crept into my mind. I was gaining some familiarity with the bibliometric techniques then. I decided to study the literature of botany in India with the help of these bibliometric techniques. From that day, five long years have passed, I enjoyed that great excitement
of putting two legs on two boats, one botany and the other librarianship, and sailing, day after day, deep into waters. Of course, I am happy today, I never lost balance.

What happened after that..... the thesis will tell its own story.

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