

# CHAIRPERSON'S MESSAGE

Extend cordial greetings to the academic community on this occasion of Deepavali. The festival of light brings zeal in our endeavours. We worship Ganesha and Lakshmi, the supreme bestower of auspiciousness and prosperity, respectively. Without inculcating the wisdom of Ganesha, one cannot hope to bring *aishwarya* in one's hearths and home. The wisdom springs forth from the insight. Wisdom is always intuitive and not sophistry. But, in recent decades, there is a persistent attempt to identify intellectual sophistry with higher wisdom. The result has not been satisfactory for the world at large. While the natural sciences have been exploring the native wisdoms to build a roadmap for the future research, humanities have been at logger-head with native wisdom, particularly in country like India. Wisdom has been replaced by reproduction of Western debates into desi- titled tomes.

With the shift in gravity of global power configuration towards Asia, it is becoming necessary to bring out fusion of Asian and western wisdom. Indian scholars ought to rise to this occasion to provide thought leadership to mankind. In fact, it is time for non-western paradigms to seek space in the emerging global wisdom pool. Since its inception, the Journal of Indian Research has been in the forefront to put forth the non-western knowledge traditions in the contemporary context. In the current issue, we have papers from many scholars who question the framework of western education system or western representation of their colonies as 'static' entities and offering their own narratives which are forceful and scholarly.

I also take this opportunity to request the government bodies promoting research and indigenous thinking to extend financial support to the nascent venture like Journal of Indian Research which can make it sustainable on a long-term basis. In fact, the JIR is becoming a flag-bearer of South Asian scholarship. The next SAARC Summit is to be held in Nepal in the coming weeks (Nov.22-27). I would request the SAARC nations to generate a common pool for promoting South Asian scholarship. The financial body can sponsor research which utilizes non-western paradigm and should also support publication activities.

The Editorial team of the JIR deserves accolades for bringing out another issue in time with meticulous work. I wish the institutions and readers a pleasant reading experience!



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