

CHAIRPERSON'S MESSAGE

It is heartening to see the timely completion of second volume of the Journal of Indian Research. Bringing out a quality journal is a stupendous task. This has been made possible by the efforts of the Editorial team, the officials of the Research Department and support from the academic community.

With the dawn of the New Year, there is palpable hope in the air. Indian economy is growing fast and expected to beat China in the growth rate. The new government has launched 'Make in India' campaign to boost manufacturing sector and generate employment for our youth. The objectives of the campaign can be accomplished only when we have a huge pool of engineers and scientists. We cannot catch up the West or China in the old economies. To leapfrog these nations require creating new technology and spur in innovation. Our universities need to become the centres for excellence and innovation. This will require massive investment in the research and development. The research journals are the site where ideas can collide and coalesce. Maintaining high standard and disseminating new ideas is a daunting task. Publications commence with indomitable spirit. But, most of these die down due to lack of constant financial support.

I would take this opportunity to seek help from the government bodies to support publications with clean record and regular periodicity for at least two years. The corporate sector ought to invest a part of their CSR commitments in supporting R & D and their publication in universities.

Last year, we decided to publish a special issue on the Himalayas. That was instantly noticed by the policy makers and research scholars. In the next volume, we intend to bring out a special issue on governance. We expect the list of contributors to expand further. I will also request the institutions to subscribe to the journal so that more and more students, teachers and researchers get benefitted.

In the current issue, we are publishing a magnificent philosophical enquiry by Professor Sthaneshwar Timalina upon Indigenous Epistemology. He has argued to deploy Indian categories of thinking like *paśyantī* and *pratibhā* to address the global issues. Only by diving into our own ocean of wisdom and allowing the same to fuse with the wisdom emanating from different directions, we can induce revolution in Indian thinking. We look forward to chisel our effort further towards achieving this higher end!



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