

## CHAIRPERSON'S MESSAGE

The current issue of the Journal of Indian Research has variety of thought-provoking papers to offer. Sandeep Kumar has examined trade relationship between India and Pakistan and has come out with doable suggestions to enhance mutual benefits. On the other hand, June L. Dsouza writes about Pakistan's belligerent Occupation of POK that has been endured for the longest duration of any of the belligerent occupations in human history. She pleads for formulating proper international laws to help people suffering under such occupation. We have two contrasting images coming from Maharashtra. While Anand Sugandhe writes about growing intolerance against SC, particularly neo-Buddhist Mahars in Maharashtra, Khushboo Bharati, an art curator has written about public art in Fort area of Mumbai. We have included a paper on astrology in this issue. We do not vouchsafe for astrology as an empirical and positivist science, but it is an art that has survived for millennia. Astrology like other kind of traditional skill that constitutes handicraft, is a kind of mindcraft of the ancients. It has captured the imagination of sages and the philosophers; royals and the soldiers. Much of the traditional life among the secluded primitive societies revolve around divinations. Astrology as a discipline evolved into textual realm from this very ancient "hardwired" urge to explore the future.

It is a sad affair of the state of things in India that we have desiccated this "hardwired" urge to explore. The best of our talents are moving to the managerial and finance arena. The number of students studying in 'hard' sciences and 'hard' subjects like Philosophy are dwindling. Without replenishing the depleting intellectual capital and accumulating through fresh infusion of thinking, we cannot dream of emerging as a great power. It is only through rigour, exploration and experimentation that intellectual capital can be harnessed. Though, we are able to digitalize much of the wisdom, but wisdom has to be chiselled through reflection, criticism and debates. A myopic approach towards wisdom, both ancient and modern, cannot provide the right atmosphere for blooming of new thoughts.

I am happy to reflect at the short journey of this journal. The journal receives hundreds of papers for each issue from nook and corner of the country. This is the vision with which we established Mewar University – to develop a hub of wisdom. The editorial team deserves our accolades for bringing out another enriching issue. May the New Year infuse the spring of wisdom among students and teachers.



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