

CHAIRPERSON'S MESSAGE

It is heartening to bring out a thought-provoking journal, issue after issue, year after year. The process of conceiving of each issue of the Journal takes place in the premises of Mewar University at NCR Campus where the members of the editorial team sit together in a brainstorming session and try to winnow quality articles that can be useful to the contemporary researcher. The next steps center mostly on our dynamic editor, Niraj Kumar. Articles are selected after rigorous plagiarism test and forwarded to the reviewer. Suggestions are communicated to the respective authors. Author needs to revise the piece, sometimes the editor rewrites and thence the paper is set in the structure. Once the articles are ready, the editor begins the process of fact checking. Articles are edited for clarity, grammar and spelling. After the articles are fully edited, they are sent to layout where a designer works closely with the Editor. Each article is then proofread at least twice in hard copy and finally, the journal is sent to the printer! The soft copy of the journal is thence sent to the web manager who posts the online version.

Hundreds of hours are spent editing and rewriting. The editorial team has to make hundreds of call and communicate through e-mails between authors and reviewers. As Chairperson of the University and the Chairman of the Editorial Board, it is extremely rewarding for me personally, since creating a new journal issue each quarter is far more than a job; it is a deeply satisfying creative process offered at the altar of wisdom.

The current issue has some fascinating papers. While we are focused on neo-liberal model of development, we tend to marginalize the issue of labour reforms and their welfare. Surendra Pratap and Dr. Annabhujula J.C. Bose discuss the issue of labour unrest in developing Asia in an elaborate paper, "*Issues of Labour Unrest in Asia: A Comparative Study of Hotspots and Flashpoints.*" They compare the current predicament of industrial labourers across growing Asia with the level of brutality and exploitation that existed in the 19th and early 20th centuries in Europe when the industrial labourers were exploited by the double whammy of low wages and poor working conditions, without any labour right.

In quest for unbridled development, we cannot ignore the interest of labourers and farmers. The social scientists and management experts need to find a way to cater to the interest of 1% and 99% simultaneously. In India, we have 1.2 crore completed flats lying vacant as there are no buyers; while on the other hand, there is a massive population of 5.5 crore who do not have even a thatched roof to live in. Can there be a welfare economics and humane administration that can link up the demand and supply side with greater emphasis on empathy and lesser on greed? I hope the new breed of thinkers develop solutions to this age-old problem so that we can build a beautiful world.

I am also shocked at human tragedy in Nepal caused by the double earthquake and would make appeal for opening purses and hearts to support the Himalayan brethren lest a human catastrophe unfolds.



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