



## Editorial

The primary purpose of the *Artha-Journal of social sciences* is to bring together sound researches and practices in the field of social sciences to promote studies of professional interest in the field. This particular issue has chosen research in the area of mental health that has more psychological and socio-cultural importance. This will be of particular interest to academics, researchers, public administrators, counsellors, social workers, psychologists, and clinicians in the helping professions.

“An Evaluation of Psychosocial Rehabilitation Facilities for Homeless Mentally Ill in India” by Anish K R throws light on the favourable as well as the unfavourable situations of rehabilitation centres established for the mentally ill.

Grace Carolyn Henry and K Sekar in “Women Widowed in the Disaster: A Psychosocial Perspective” describe the psychosocial situations of the women widowed in disaster in India after Tsunami.

In “Rehabilitation Needs of Persons with Schizophrenia and their Families”, Pavithra S Raghava, Niveditha S and Dharitri R explain the various rehabilitation related needs of the individuals with Schizophrenia and their families.

“Schedule of Factors Influencing Adherence (SOFIA) to Psychiatric Treatment in Persons with Schizophrenia: Validity and Pilot Testing” by Shanivaram Reddy K , N Krishna Reddy , Jagadisha Thirthalli , C Naveen Kumar , NR Renukadevi , Vikram Singh Rawat , Jayashree Ramkrishna , Bangalore N Gangadhar brings out the procedures of construction and validation of a tool to assess the factors affecting treatment adherence of the mentally ill persons.

Prakashi Rajaram and Priya Treesa Thomas in “Epilepsy; Attitude and awareness of students of Professional Social Work” have made an attempt to illustrate the attitude and awareness of students of

Professional Social Work about Epilepsy, one of the most common neurological illnesses.

Wish all readers of the articles an insightful engagement.

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