

EDITORIAL

ARTHA: Journal of Social Sciences [AJSS] has completed one year of its existence and hence is celebrating its first birthday with this third issue of the journal. The past one year of its existence has been eventful. We were successful in bringing out two issues in time, with some very good articles and research papers. With the second issue we also progressed to hosting the journal in the Christ College website www.christcollege.edu. There have been positively encouraging comments and suggestions from various sources and we gratefully acknowledge them.

One of the future directions the AJSS has been looking for is the theme-based issues of the journal. As a preliminary step towards the same, a section of the current issue is dedicated to the National Workshop on Urban History of Bangalore organized and hosted by the Department of History, Christ College in association with the Indian Council of Historical Research, New Delhi, on March 21 - 22, 2003. We are carrying a brief report on the Workshop along with three select papers presented in the Workshop.

The 'Articles' Section opens with the discussion on the concept of Venture Capital by Subhash K. B. from Goa University. The role of venture capital in the promotion of economic development and its impact on the economy are the focus of the article. The second article by P.K. Sudarsan and K. G. Sankarnarayanan seek to cull out lessons for India, from the economic reforms in China. Sapna C. B. and others from Bangalore University, through their article, report the findings of the study on stress and burnout in teachers who deal with special children. In the following article, Sudhakar James and others discuss the influence of sex and age on job satisfaction of teachers who are working in government and private schools, based on an empirical study. R. Mohanraj, in his article focuses on the prospects and potentials as to strengthening community organisation through third generation workers' organisation.

The remaining papers in the 'Article' section are from the National Workshop on the Urban History of Bangalore, held at Christ College in the month of March. Jose C.C., in his report, gives a graphic picture of the happenings at the Workshop. His report is followed by three select papers from the Workshop. The first is an account of the history of migration to Bangalore by H. Shashidhar. Basavaraj Akki, in his paper, examines the genesis and growth of municipal administration in the city of Bangalore. The third paper discusses the landscape transformation in Bangalore and its impact on the quality of human life and nature. These three papers have been selected to give a sampling of the variety of topics that were covered in the Workshop.

The 'Comment' Section has Rajan Gurukkal from Mahatma Gandhi University, Kerala, opining on the problems and perspectives of redesigning curriculum of Social Sciences at the undergraduate level. This article is in fact a paper presented in the workshop on 'Articulating Undergraduate Spaces', jointly organised by Christ College and Centre for the Study of Culture and Society, in 2002.

The 'Profile' Section presents Sumanahalli, a society for the welfare and rehabilitation of the leprosy-affected. Sumanahalli was chosen for the profile, as it is celebrating the Silver Jubilee of its existence, this year. The 'Book Reviews' section reviews two recent publications.

Hoping for a continued enthusiastic response from the contributors and subscribers, we present the third issue.

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