



EDITORIAL

It gives me great pleasure to introduce and welcome our new Editorial and Advisory Board. We have a fresh team of experts from different disciplines of the social sciences ; with exposure and experience in both International and Indian practice. We are excited about working together and look forward to presenting quality publications that are of direct relevance for all our readers - scholars, academicians, researchers and practitioners.

In this issue, we present articles that reflect both fundamental conceptual work as well as empirical research. The articles have been selected to reflect the growing social concerns that are evolving from the interface of Socio-political and developmental processes and its impact on mental health and everyday life situations.

Sureka Nair and her colleagues report findings from an exploratory study among adolescents with locomotor disability. Their findings suggest the need for greater preparation of adolescents with special needs to face career and vocational demands.

Mollimma Mathew explores the career satisfaction of the employees of IT enabled service sectors. She argues for policies that will ensure better career satisfaction among employees with shorter career histories.

Girija Srinivasalu and S Vijayalakshmi have explored the use of computerized multimedia packages in the teaching of Social Sciences at the secondary school level. Using an experimental design they argue that Social Sciences can be taught effectively in secondary schools using computerized methodologies.

Elizabeth Jasmine and Venkatesh Kumar report the findings of a study that examined the relationship between irrational beliefs and depression among a sample of depressed adolescent girls.

Lakshmi Menon , discusses the media habits in the Lakshadweep Islands, highlighting the poor response that news papers have in the Island. She argues that the lack of popularity of newspapers will impact the social realities of the islands.

Among the conceptual papers in the issue, Arvind Radhakrishnan explores a growing debate on the nature of Jurisprudence. He examines the threat to the integrity of Jurisprudence as a theory and Philosophy of Law and opens the possibility of further thought on the subject of contextual Jurisprudence.

Mohammed Reza Iravani examines the role of Social Work Interventions in working with the survivors of Earthquake in Iran. His paper outlines competencies that mental health workers require while working in post disaster situations. In another Paper, he examines the matrix of Women, Violence and Education using the Esfahan province of Iran as a case example

I hope that you would enjoy and profit from these articles. As always, we welcome and value your contributions and recommendations on how we can improve our publication.

Tony Sam George
Executive Editor