

## EDITORIAL

With immense pleasure we present the fourth issue of the Journal *Artha*. While Social Scientists generally agree that social reality is a complex and multi dimensional phenomenon most social science journals have a strong unidisciplinary focus. *Artha* has been designed to fill this lacuna. It provides a forum for the multidisciplinary and undisciplinatory study of contemporary issues of concern to India. The collection of articles in this volume covers a wide range of subjects. Together they help towards an understanding of the bewildering complexity of Indian society.

The Articles Section open with the discussion on the “need to promote psychosocial life of persons with epilepsy” by Prakash Rajaram and others of NIMHANS, Bangalore. The study provides culturally appropriate and pragmatic solutions to the problem of epilepsy, adopting a holistic and eclectic perspective as against the segmented approach followed by many therapeutic models.

In today’s global context, the quality of elementary education has attained great significance as it has an impact on the quality of life. All educational reforms run into rough weather, if the teachers are not committed to their profession. The teachers cannot escape from accountability they owe to society in their duties as transmitters and communicators of knowledge. It is in this context that the Comparative Study of Elementary School Teachers’ competency in India and Iran by Pravin Abbasi and Abbas Manander Arani assumes significance.

The discussion on the interaction between traditional and modern system of medicine in a Primitive tribe of Rajasthan by Misra and Kapoor is illuminating. The concept that the tribals do not accept the modern medical treatment is not true. If facilities are available they are ready to accept it. The role of leisure among the Soligas of B.R. Hills of Karnataka by Saraswathi, Raju and Baidya is interesting and informative.

The present economic reform liberalisation was initiated in 1991. The impact of these policies can be asserted as process evaluation and impact evaluation. In their study, Mathew and Rasendran have discussed globalisation and the changing paradigm of trade in service

The Journal focuses, among other issues on the role of CMI missionaries and Social change, comparative analysis of old age homes in India and Norway. In addition to articles from individuals and collectives it also includes a section on Book Review. It provides a platform to scholars and is geared towards providing a more holistic understanding of society. *Artha* has provided and will provide a much - needed common platform to researchers of various hues.

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