

EDITORIAL

With great pleasure we present the fifth issue of the Journal *Artha*. *Artha* is essentially a collection of writings born out of a yearning to pen down one's thoughts on social issues, social policies and problems of contemporary relevance. The authors and the contributors of this volume together represent a cross section of the intelligentsia.

The journal is multidisciplinary and has a wide focus covering a vast range of subjects. It provides a forum for divergent views on Indian society believing that differences of approach are born out of genuinely scholarly concerns. It is geared towards providing a more holistic understanding of society and is much needed common platform to researchers in search for paths of social transformation towards a more sustainable world. We hope that our sincere endeavour will meet the approval of our valued readers and pave the way for excellence.

The Article section opens with the discussion on "Non-traditional Security" by Uttam Sen. The security of a nation is closely linked to the development and growth of democratic institutions. Impressive scholarship and genuine emotion mingle in this perspective analysis of Indian situation. Theory, according to K.G. Uma, is not an abstract intellectual activity divorced from women's life but seeks to explain the condition under which their lives are lived. This understanding has entailed the author to look at women's everyday experience. Economic empowerment alone is inadequate in liberating women and what is required is a radical transformation of the social order through planned intervention. The media brings to public notice a mediated image of society and the impact of media is particularly powerful on people. Jose Mathew highlights the vital role played by media in moulding public opinion, personal belief and people's self perception.

It is well documented that India is a relatively poor performer in health outcome. The health scenario, according to T.D. Baby and G. Jayabal, admittedly presents

daunting challenges and opportunities. This paper explores major issues of health policy and health management, identifies specific problems and various solutions.

The process of development cannot be independent of the tribals who remain alienated from the mainstream. Baidya, Raju and Saraswathi's paper mainly focus on Jenu Kuruba Tribes of Karnataka. The authors make an important effort to understand the paradoxical situation of the tribal and to capture the realities at the grassroots.

'Asian Indians' represent the third largest sub-group within the 'Asian category' (1.9 million out of 11.9 million) and account for a mere 0.67 percent of the total US population (barely 16 percent of the Asian population). Yet their position stands out as a particularly successful one. In P.A. Mathews view, of all the immigrants, the silicon valley Indians have achieved remarkable material success.

The primary task carried out by teachers is the transformation of young people through learning. The main purpose of the study by B.G. Sudha and N.L. Nagaraja is to examine school adjustment among boys and girls in relation to their socio-economic status, parent - child interaction, and emotional maturity.

The paper by Kennedy Andrew Thomas stresses the importance of research activities of teachers for promoting their professional competence and growth. The process of higher education has to develop research projects in the frontier areas of science, technology, humanities and social science. We need to focus on new areas, new questions, new objects and new approaches.

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