



## Editorial

"I have a sharp sword of ideas and feelings in my hand" - Participants in the FFHC/AD - Action for Development, 1978. In putting together this volume of *Artha* we looked for articles which would stimulate analysis and questioning on part of the readers. *Artha* thoroughly demonstrates the interdisciplinary nature of social sciences and it reflects at length on the concerns issues and future direction of social science.

We would like to thank the contributors who made this work possible. They willingly gave their time and more importantly shared their knowledge. Compiling this volume was a rewarding and enriching experience. We hope you would enjoy reading it as we have enjoyed putting it together.

The learning process of achievement levels as conducted in various baseline studies have shown that achievement level is determined by various factors. H.M. Kasinath proves that students total academic achievement was influenced by their high actualization.

Joseph K. Lazar explains how cultures, communities and modes of worship fell a prey to the onslaught of the colonizing powers which crushed several institutions that did not conform to their monolithic culture.

One of the most important projects of feminist perspective has been to investigate the symbolic and cultural construction of gender. It is this social definition of gender that Sudeshna Mukherjee seeks to probe in her article.

Manika Ghosh's article on Call Centre gives fresh insight into a subject of immense topical interest. There is a mushrooming of call centres today and these provide an important source of employment. What consequences does it have on the well being of the youth today? Ghosh discusses the physical, psychological and social consequences.

Globalisation is one of the most controversial topics and it is not surprising that fierce debates rage around it. Deep and social transformation such as one occurring in the age of globalization nurture the need for new concepts, new theories and new narratives knitting together theoretical aspect and empirical knowledge. Zebaysh Hirji's article assumes a balanced view of globalisation.

**Executive Editor**