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### **Chancellor's Message**

**- *Dr. Chenraj Roychand***

#### **Fostering a comprehensive mindset**

As the world is emerging from exceptional challenges, critical thinking and analysis will need to be observed through a woven prism with developments deeply rooted in liberal education morals. In today's multifaceted global setting, technology is not the only major criteria to create a better world. Although technology increasingly comes to the forefront of shaping the future of the world, humanities must step in to meet the emotional and personal needs of society. Promoting the growth of flexible, agile, creative, empathetic, and analytical thinkers is imperative for success in a constantly evolving environment.

Social sciences, being the bedrock of a nation's sustainable development is essential to establish a foundation for educational planning and to evaluate its results. As a discipline, humanities and social science are effective in developing an atmosphere where learners can occupy themselves with the human experience and situation, which

offers to be a workshop in itself. Today's education is not only responsible for building brilliant academicians but also for creating a skilled pool of free intellectuals who are capable of making meaningful contributions with their knowledge to the community. This study should aim at functioning as a milieu of interactions and realities the students have encountered, not just thematically but as a whole. Thus the educator's focus should be on the holistic growth of the learners in preparation for a secure future. Let's together foster tomorrow's thought leaders who can connect with a wide spectrum of thoughts, identities, and a comprehensive mindset. I wish great success to the CERSSE Newsletter editorial team.

## Pro Chancellor's Message -



The Centre for Research in Social Sciences and Education has been instrumental in conducting research, consultancy and training in social sciences for many years now at JAIN. Each faculty member has contributed immensely to the understanding of society, politics, gender, issues of governance, education and pedagogy. As they embark on this new journey with their newsletter, I would like to wish them all the very best in their endeavour. We hope that this newsletter will help us build upon each other's expertise and connect the whole University with the Social Science perspective. Wishing the team great success on this

## Vice Chancellor's Message - *Prof. Raj Singh*



The importance of Humanities, Social Sciences and Education need not be overemphasized in the world that we are living in. The interactions and relationships among people, communities and societies are extremely important for survival given the human nature. In a world impacted by the pandemic, human beings the world over were forced to stay in lockdown mode for a long time, though technology provided some respite. The human aspect of scientific and technological advancement has been underlined as never before in the human history. Research in Social Sciences aims to improve the processes and institutions that impact the human lives, by studying social sciences and the way real world operates. It is this world within which citizens make informed choices for their private and public good within a democratic society. It is the research and studies in social sciences that enable scholars to connect with cultures and communities the world over. It is thus extremely important for us to bring in spotlight, the disciplines of Social Sciences and Education.

CERSSE Newsletter aims to bring to its readers the importance of Social Sciences and Education. The Centre has been involved in Research, Training and Consultancy activities for over 15 years and it has provided support to governments nationally and internationally, to research organisations and academics through their extension activities focusing on transformation and empowerment. The Centre has worked to carry forward research in domains of politics, public policy, political institutions, education and gender. It has also served as a resource centre for research in Social Sciences and Education and has undertaken surveys in many areas. The faculty members have undertaken research and training on new teaching methodologies, and have offered courses, training programmes

and workshops for audience from diverse fields. I am sure you will find the newsletter useful and insightful.

I wish the best to the editorial team.



## From the Editors' Lens



CERSSE's 'The Social Science Perspective' (TSSP) Newsletter aims to deliver exactly what its name promises – articles, writeups and information that forward the cause of the disciplines that make up the Humanities and the Social Sciences. In a world that is dangerously sucked into an automated and virtual reality, in our opinion it is imperative to pause and go back to the root of why people behave the way they do in society. The Social Sciences talks to us about human relationships and we cannot deny that we, the human race need humans more than we need machines.

Let us briefly take you through the contents of this newsletter. As part of the Certificate Course in Public Policy that the CERSSE has now been conducting for the past three years, our participant students write a field-based project report. Our first article in TSSP is an extract from one of the expert interviews they conducted, called '*Expert View*'.

Yes, reading books is still important and so following this is a Book Review section '*What the Reader Thinks*', which we hope will you get inspired to read more books, and also carve out your thoughts on the same.

At TSSP we hope to cover international, national and local 'Social Science' related news and analyse them. So in our subsequent two sections titled '*The World View*', and '*Pulse of the Nation*', we bring to you reports on Panel Discussions that we, at CERSSE, hosted on the American Presidential Elections, and a Review of the Union Budget.

We have devoted one page titled '*Gender-Wise*' to gender news and analysis. This time, the article for this section is a short report on one of our webinars on '*Women in Research*', written by one of the respective webinar's panel member.

We encourage our Social Science and Humanities' students and Ph.D

Research Scholars to write about issues which they think are significant, and also highlight research being undertaken in those areas at JAIN in our section '*View from the Field*'. This section will also include reports on activities conducted by our social sciences and humanities departments and research centre.

We round up the newsletter with '*The Rising Researchers*' which informs you of the achievements of our Faculty members and Ph.D Research Scholars, and any other upcoming event.

We hope that with this quarterly publication we can all engage, discuss and debate the happen- ings around us, through the social science lens.