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“If we don’t end war, war will end us.”- H. G. Wells

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“There can never be a good war, or a bad peace” – Benjamin Franklin

The Second Issue of *The Social Science Perspective* (TSSP), 2022, from CeRSSE arrives at a sombre time. The world is baffled and stands watching the unprecedented humanitarian crisis created as a result of the Russian-Ukrainian War. While millions of refugees flee and take refuge in neighbouring countries, it is time for us to introspect on the causes of war, the dynamics of power and geopolitics, and the consequent socio-economic impact for the future world. As far as the 21st century war is concerned, history is witness to the reiteration of the fact that there can never be a victory or defeat. Nonetheless, it takes us back to the wars from before- some relics of the past, pushed into oblivion, and the ones that are still ongoing in the other parts of the world- scarring and shattering human lives like always. While the world is yet to fully recover from the effects of Covid-pandemic, the politics of war raging across the world perhaps make us ponder- *what does it take to be ‘human’?*

This is the fifth edition of TSSP covering the period between January and March 2022. We kick off with an introductory piece under *Approaching Research* on ‘Research and New Education Policy’. We also present to you original articles covering a wide range of issues such as the on-going war in *The World Perspective*; a unique insight into the recently concluded Uttar Pradesh State Elections in *India Matters*; insights on the lives of the ‘indigenous sexual minorities’ in *The Field Perspective*; *A Book Review* of ‘The Elephant in the Room’; a satirical take on the International Women’s Day in *Gender Wise*. Along with this, we also share with you an article by a student participant from our Certificate Course in Public Policy (CCPP), an Event Report of the National Environment Youth Parliament (NEYYP) 2022, that we hosted at our University and other academic achievements of our scholars. We hope you enjoy reading this issue as much as we take immense pleasure in bringing it together for you.

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