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Message from the Chancellor



Dr. Chenraj Roychand
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As we are about to step into a new year, I would like to take this opportunity to wish the whole readership of *The Social Science Perspective* (TSSP) from the Centre for Research in Social Sciences and Education (CeRSSE) a Happy New Year. The next edition of TSSP is here and I applaud the editorial team for their persistence, vision, and determination. The significance that social science research holds today is beyond measure, as it provides workable solutions for various social, business, and economic problems. The CeRSSE has been an instrumental initiative of JAIN (Deemed-to-be University) in carrying out research in the field of social science with a dedicated focus on education and development. In this exceptional journey, TSSP has been the voice CeRSSE relies on when it comes to providing a passage for discussion and showcasing the university's contribution to the field of research. I firmly believe that the upcoming editions of the newsletter will bring forth excellent research work undertaken and the endless potential of our scholars. Thus, I look forward to reading the upcoming editions and wish the team the very best.

Best Wishes,
Dr. Chenraj Roychand
Chancellor - JAIN (Deemed-to-be University)

Message from the Pro-Chancellor



Dr. N. Sundararajan
Pro-Chancellor
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“There are no facts, only interpretations.” — Fredrich Nietzsche

It is about looking at facts all over again. The post-pandemic world has led humans to interpret various socio-economic issues in different parlance. As we stare at the world three years down the line, the pandemic has affected numerous lives and livelihoods. The contribution of social science research in identifying the gaps in policy approaches will help policymakers in the formulation of inclusive policies that would help in the post-pandemic recovery phase.

Though India has gained the status of 5th largest economy, it is yet to gain momentum in the field of social science research. In India, social problems are complex, financing social science research is scarce, and researchers are not well equipped with the latest research techniques. These kinds of challenges impair the process of research — particularly, social science research. The means to overcome these challenges would determine the future of social science research. However, despite multifarious challenges, the government sectors, think tanks and academic institutions are playing an important role in promoting social science research. It is through research that society is consistently developing and given the pace at which our society is moving, there is a need for more quality research.

Therefore, at this critical juncture, ‘The Social Science Perspective’ provides scope to express the perspective of scholars and researchers on a variety of issues. I applaud the uphill battle undertaken by the Centre for Research in Social Sciences and Education (CeRSSE) at our University in bringing out this newsletter. I hope that the centre contributes to the growth of social science research. I wish it the very best. Wishing Happy New Year, 2023!

Message from Vice Chancellor



Dr. Raj Singh
Vice Chancellor
JAIN (Deemed-to-be University)

As we await embracing the new year with open arms, I wish all TSSP readers an intellectually stimulating 2023. The fast-evolving globalised world of today stands in dire need of critical thinking and curious minds infused with an insatiable quest for learning. In the wake of fast-paced digitisation, Steve Jobs once said, “Technology alone is not enough. It’s technology married with the liberal arts, married with the humanities, that yields us the results that make our hearts sing.” Embedded in social realities and empowered by the commonality of purpose, humanities and social sciences demystify the intriguing and multilayered nature of humanity.

In the course of its ongoing journey, the CeRSSE Newsletter has beautifully blossomed into a liberated thought space. Successively, The Social Science Perspective issues remain a steady witness to a confluence of unique visions and voices on wide-ranging evocative issues confronting humankind across the globe. It has opened up fresh avenues of engagement between educators, scholars and researchers. I commend the dynamism of the CeRSSE team members to reach out to diverse communities and to draw in substantive contributions for the newsletter cutting across disciplines and hierarchies. I do believe that the TSSP initiative, besides unleashing the latent potentials of our research scholars, will eventually lead to fruitful intra and inter-University research collaborations along an expansive spectrum. I applaud the untiring efforts of the editorial team, the contributors and scholars alike for their unwavering commitment to taking this newsletter to greater heights. Wishing everyone a very Happy New Year 2023!

Message from the Registrar



Dr. N.V. H. Krishnan
Registrar
JAIN (Deemed-to-be University)

Ancient Indian culture gives us an eternal mantra of *Lokah samastha sukhinu bhavantu*- Let the world be happy. This year at the beginning of 2023, I wish the TSSP readers in the same spirit-upholding the well-being of everyone, irrespective of our social positions in realising the true essence of justice. As the new year ushers in new possibilities, we need to embrace the idea of a culturally embedded society- drawing the cultural roots of the social formation surrounding us. This is where TSSP promises to be intellectually stimulating as well as challenging our deep-seated prejudices through the prism of self-reflection. May the endeavour of disseminating the spirit of questioning and interdisciplinarity through the creation of discourses be upheld by CeRSSE and TSSP in the days to come. In the end, we should not forget that every effort counts if channelised constructively by being socially aware.

**Message from the Director, Centre for Researcher
Training and Administration**



Dr. S. Srikanta Swamy
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Human tendency is to expect every year to be good in order to make our life more meaningful with a bright future, full of joy and happiness. A new year also makes us reflect on our previous experiences and plan for better desirable goals and make everyone happy and peaceful in order to make human society a prosperous one.

It is through a well-structured educational approach, human potential and abilities that can develop in making people serve society for all-round development. In this direction, the Centre for Research in Social Sciences and Education (CeRSSE) is bringing out the new year Issue of its quarterly newsletter '*The Social Science Perspective*' in January 2023.

In this context, I wish every reader a happy and prosperous New Year 2023 and that they follow the principles of social science and the purpose of education for the Human Endeavour.

Message from the Director, Academics and Planning



Prof. K R Sridhara Murthi
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As the sun rises on the horizon of the New Year, humanity around the globe is awakened to new hopes for peace and progress even as the harsh memories of the pandemic are fading away and the fresh realities of conflict-ridden societies around the globe are challenging the indomitable human spirit to overcome their pains. At no other time in history perhaps, has the knowledge and application of humanistic and social sciences been called upon to bring solutions and solace than the present times, to societies which are mightily empowered with technological tools but widely impoverished with inequities of diverse kinds. However, there is the optimism of the pervasive positive spiritual consciousness all-round the globe and as Indians, we are well-positioned to embrace it.

Turning to our own institution, we have been earnestly seeking to unfold the opportunities presented by the new National Education Policy and its integrative aspects including the emphasis on imaginative and broad-based multidisciplinary liberal education as a foundation for holistic development of the growing young generation of students at JAIN. Particularly in the fields of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences, in addition to the research outreach we had already, we had embarked on many new steps such as unveiling Shanta Mani Kala Kendra; strengthening our scholarly pursuits on Jainology and its rich traditions, and initiating and expanding the programmes on visual arts, public policy and leadership to mention a few. We are looking forward to the expansion of these and also a greater connection with industry, NGOs and other communities that we serve. Distinctive research at CAHC brought laurels to our University, which is now recognised as an Indian Knowledge Systems Centre by the Ministry of Education, Govt. of India. Further, we can see new emphasis emerging in the university to provide a quantum jump in our quest to create entrepreneurial talents as we had created new institutional mechanisms. All these can augment the demands for creative efforts of our faculty members in Humanities, Arts and Social Sciences. Let us resolve to make the New Year as a year of creative growth, bringing the joys of sharing and caring.

Editor's Desk



“Children must be taught how to think, not what to think.”

— Margaret Mead

Contemporary education is dominated by engineering, sciences, artificial intelligence (AI) and other disciplines that have better ‘job prospects’. However, with the advancement of technologies, it is pertinent to understand the social prospects of it and thus, make the education system interdisciplinary by introducing humanities and social sciences. The introduction of these fields would cater to the development of society, let alone technological development. Interdisciplinary education would seek to apply knowledge and skills in real-world settings and to think critically. The need of the hour is to strive towards achieving integration of arts, humanities, sciences, engineering, and medicine that would address real-world challenges like climate change and poverty, to name a few. Interdisciplinarity in higher education will not only guide students to address global problems but also make them realise civic responsibility.

We, at CeRSSE, committed to our social responsibility of inculcating social awareness among our readers, are bringing to you a selection of original articles, also, presenting our interdisciplinary social approach reflected through our various activities. This is the *eighth* edition of TSSP covering the period between October and December 2022. This time we bring to you the views of our editors on multifaceted issues. The introductory piece discusses the domain of Climate Change to capture *The World Perspective*. The other original articles

cover vital issues such as India and Her Refugees: Understanding the Influx from Myanmar to India in *India Matters*; issues of women's body and rights discourse in *The Gender Perspective*; an insight into research in humanities and social sciences in the *Research Wise*. Along with this, we also share with you the reports on the events organised and attended by the Centre during this period which includes the reports on the book discussions at various colleges; the report on gender sensitisation sessions in collaboration with the IQAC; reports on student's field trips among others. This issue also introduces a section on *Faculty Achievements* to highlight the work that the faculty have been involved in during this period. This issue also highlights the activities of the students from the Master of Arts in Public Policy and Administration (MAPPA) which the Centre has launched this year in *Students' Corner*. Other than this, with much pleasure, we have showcased the academic achievements of the Ph.D. scholars from JAIN. We hope you enjoy reading this issue as much as we took pleasure in curating it for you.

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