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‘A Journey of Knowledge: Marking Our 20th Volume’

Dear Readers,

As we mark the publication of our twentieth issue this December, it is essential to reflect on the journey of our journal since its inception in 2015. Over the past ten years, we have witnessed a vibrant evolution within the realm of social sciences, where diverse voices and perspectives have begun to shape the discourse on critical issues affecting societies worldwide. Our commitment to fostering intellectual exchange and making research accessible to all has been central to our mission, and this editorial serves as a celebration of those achievements while looking ahead to future endeavours. One of the defining features of our journal is our dedication to open access. In an era where knowledge is often locked behind paywalls, we are proud to offer all past articles freely accessible (<http://mzuhssjournal.in/>) to anyone interested in expanding their understanding of social science topics. This commitment not only democratizes access to scholarly research but also empowers researchers and practitioners across the globe to engage with the latest findings without barriers. By ensuring that our published works are available to students, educators, policymakers, and the general public, we contribute to a more informed society capable of critical engagement with pressing social issues.

Since our inaugural issue (June 2015), we have tirelessly curated a diverse array of articles that encompass various disciplines within social sciences. From Sociology and Anthropology to Political Science and Psychology; from Commerce, Economics and Management to Education, History, Social Works and Languages, our journal has served as a platform for scholars to present their innovative research and insights. We have worked to elevate voices from underrepresented regions and communities, ensuring that our content reflects the rich tapestry of human experiences. In doing so, we have not only broadened the scope of discussions in social sciences but also enriched the academic landscape with a plurality of viewpoints. We are thrilled to share that researchers from 118 countries have visited our journal's website, bringing us to the cusp of a remarkable achievement—approaching 100,000 visitors. This growing global engagement underscores the importance of our work and the relevance of the research we publish. As we look ahead, we encourage submissions that continue to challenge

established narratives and explore emerging trends that shape our understanding of the human condition.

We recognize that nurturing the next generation of social scientists is crucial for the future of our field. As such, our journal has actively sought to support emerging scholars by providing them with opportunities to share their work alongside seasoned academics. We believe that by investing in young scholars, we lay the groundwork for innovative research that will drive the social sciences forward. As we celebrate our successes, we are also mindful of the challenges that lie ahead. The landscape of academic publishing is continuously evolving, and we must remain adaptable to changing circumstances. The COVID-19 pandemic, for instance, has underscored the importance of research that addresses public health and social resilience, revealing how interconnected our societies truly are. The need for interdisciplinary approaches has never been more critical, and our journal is committed to facilitating cross-disciplinary conversations that yield actionable insights.

Moreover, as we strive for inclusivity, we must also address issues of equity within our own practices. We encourage discussions around implicit biases in research and publishing as well as strategies to ensure diverse representation among our editorial board and reviewers. Our goal is to create an environment where all voices are not only heard but valued, reflecting the diversity of thought that enriches the social sciences. We are pleased to present the 20th issue of our journal, a significant milestone in our journey of fostering scholarly communication and advancing knowledge in our field. This volume incorporates ten research papers that reflect the diversity and richness of contemporary research. Each paper contributes unique insights, methodologies, and discussions that not only engage with current trends but also challenge existing paradigms.

In summation, our journal has made significant strides in promoting accessible, diverse, and impactful scholarship in the social sciences since its establishment. We are grateful to our contributors, readers, and supporters who have been integral to this journey. As we continue to publish biannually in June and December, we invite the research community to engage with our platform, share their insights, and join us in shaping the discourse that navigates the complexities of our world. Let us move forward together, fostering a vibrant community of inquiry that inspires change and deepens our understanding of the social fabric that binds us all.

!! Greater Deeds Remain !!

Prof. Bhartendu Singh
Chief Editor