

## **EDITORIAL NOTE**

### **‘DIVERSE PERSPECTIVES ON INDIA’S FUTURE’ – VOLUME 7, 2023**

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While India has made significant progress in its journey to become a strong and self-reliant nation, some challenges need critical attention for it to achieve the goal of becoming a developed economy (*Viksit Bharat*) by 2047. The 2023 Volume encompasses a wide range of issues discussed in ten research papers on India's achievements and challenges in the coming years. The college organized an International Conference partially funded by ICSSR on the theme “India @ 2030: Third Largest Economy of the World?”, in January 2024. Since this Volume was delayed, it was decided to include a few selected papers presented at the conference after a rigorous blind peer-review process and revisions.

Phenomena such as the glass ceiling, glass escalator, and glass cliff portrayed evidence of the bias towards the professional developmental trajectories of working women everywhere in the world. These biases and stereotypes are further exacerbated by interpersonal conflicts and strains suffered by women owing to their care responsibilities and duties in their personal/family spaces. The suffering of women is underpinned by a plethora of social vicissitudes perpetrated through societal norms and expectations. Furthermore, in Indian society, such discrimination towards young girls and women is experienced in their workplace spaces is evident. Two papers of this volume talk about the specific problems women face in business and other organisations.

The future of any nation depends on the quality of education imparted to its young. Two papers analyse the National Educational Policy 2020- one from the point of view of access, quality and financing of higher education and the other from the perspective of multilingualism. One of the papers informs us about Arunachal Pradesh being a gateway to cultural, religious and spiritual riches in India’s Act East Policy. Other papers in the Volume are meant to enlighten the readers with scholarship on managing climate change, achieving food security in India, Thailand’s perspective of India, enhancing India’s interests in Southeast Asia, entrepreneurial intent among the youth, etc.

The Volume also includes reviews of four well-written books- *Pandemic Perspectives*, *Kairos*, *The Power of Geography*, and *India, that is Bharat*.