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From the Desk of the Chief Editor

Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi, the Father of the Nation, was of the view that the economic constitution of India as well as that of the entire world should be such that no one starves. Everybody should be able to get sufficient work to make the two ends meet. Furthermore, this idea could be realized only if the means of production of the elementary necessities of life remain in the control of the masses. These words of Gandhiji, one of the greatest humanists ever witnessed by the world embody universality and timelessness.

In the post-second world war era, the so-called state-led and western development model-induced thinking, policy formulation, planning and implementation aspects resulted in development coupled with poverty, illiteracy, social inequality and unbridgeable gaps in most of the newly independent and developing societies. The last decade of the twentieth century bore testimony to a new world economic order and consequent restructuring of national political economies. While primary importance was given to economic development; an uncritical support to the market-driven logic has been overemphasized to render negligible social sector spending, jobless growth, rampant corruption, and faceless citizenry as its direct yet undesirable outcomes. The advent of twenty-first century has reinforced a centralized and all-pervasive development model that controls the lives and livelihoods of individuals by means of the internet, mobile technology, and the Orwellian dictum of “big brotherly” surveillance.

The world has shrunk into a supposedly global village due to technology-based networking. However, human values, interpersonal contact, and empathy have taken a back seat. Thinkers, researchers, and writers bear immense responsibility in ensuring that the humanness in humans is preserved without succumbing to the overpowering political economy and the undue pressures of technology.

On behalf of the new editorial board, I would like to express my gratitude and deep sense of appreciation to the authorities of Mizoram University, the advisors, the outgoing Chief Editor and her team, members of the national advisory board, authors, contributors, reviewers, printer, support staff, well-wishers et al. for their encouragement and support. I solicit the same in the years to come for ensuring successful publishing of the journal.

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