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From the Desk of Chief Editor

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I am happy and honored to place amid the galaxy of academicians, the December 2023 issue (i.e., Vol. IX No. 2) of the journal. For the present issue of the journal, the editorial board has selected twenty-six research-based articles including the Lead Article. The researchers have touched upon different aspects of issues relevant to the society. The present Editorial Board of the Journal was appointed in 2021 for three years. The present issue is the last issue with the ongoing Board. It is not out of context to take a cursory view of the history of the journal.

In the year 2015, Mizoram University decided to come out with its own Journal for the social sciences and allied areas. An editorial board was constituted for the tenure of three (03) years and Prof Margaret Ch. Zama (Professor in Department of English, Mizoram University) was appointed as the Chief Editor of the Journal. The board was entrusted to bring out first six issues of the journal in next three years. The first issue (i.e. Vol 1, Issue 1) was released in June 2015 with Prof. Srinibas Pathi as volume editor. The volume incorporated 13 papers and one book review. The second issue of the journal was published in December 2015, which included 14 papers and a book review. Prof. NVR Jyoti Kumar was the volume editor. Prof. Lalhmasai Chuaungo edited the 3rd issue of the journal which covered 16 research papers. The fourth issue, i.e. Vol 2, Issue 2, included 19 research papers and was edited by Prof. Sanjay Kumar. Fifth and Sixth issues of the journals were edited by Prof. J. DOUNGEL and Dr. V. RATNAMALA respectively. Both the issues included 15 papers each.

After the expiry of the period of the first Editorial Board in 2017, the Board was reconstituted for a fresh period of three years w.e.f. 2018. Prof. Srinibas Pathi (Professor in the Department of Public Administration, Mizoram University) was appointed as Chief Editor of the journal. The first issue under the second editorial board (i.e., Vol 4, Issue 1) was edited by Prof. J. DOUNGEL, which came out with 15 research papers. Next issue was edited by Dr. Hmingthanzuali, who considered 16 research papers for the 8th issue of the journal. Ninth issue of the journal was edited by Dr. Ruth Lalremruati, and she considered 21 papers for the issue. The tenth issue (i.e., Vol 5, Issue 2) was edited by Prof. NVR Jyoti Kumar. He selected 12 research papers for the journal. The next two issues, i.e., 11th and 12th, were edited by Prof. Sanjay Kumar (selected 20 papers for the issue) and Dr. V. Ratnamala (selected 24 papers for the issue) respectively.

With the expiry of the period of the 2nd Editorial Board in 2020, 3rd Editorial Board for the Journal was notified by the University authorities. Prof. Bhartendu Singh (Professor in the Department of Commerce, Mizoram University) was appointed as Chief Editor. The tenure of the present Board is 2021 to 2023. The first issue under the present Board (i.e., Vol 7, Issue 1) was edited by Prof. Lynda Zohmingliani. She selected 22 research papers and 01 book review for the issue. 14th issue of the journal was edited by Prof. Sanjay Kumar, which covered 22 papers. Next issue of the journal was edited by Prof. Margaret L. Pachuau, which included 21 research papers. Prof. Ayangbam Shyamkishor edited 16th issue of the journal. He selected 20 papers for the issue. Next issue (i.e., Vol 9, Issue 1) was jointly edited by Prof. K. Robin & R. Lalhrualiana. They selected 13 papers for the issue. The last issue under the present Editorial Board is edited by Dr. H. Elizabeth, she has selected 25 papers for the present issue of the Journal.

On behalf of the editorial board, I extend heartfelt gratitude to Prof. Sanjai Bhatt (Delhi University), for authoring the Lead Article in the current issue of the journal. We also express our sincere thanks to all the contributors whose valuable articles made this issue possible. Without their dedicated efforts, this issue would not have materialized. Additionally, we acknowledge the commitment of our reviewers, who invested their precious time in reviewing the submitted articles. Their critical insights and feedback significantly enriched the content. Our appreciation extends to Prof. Akhandanand Shukla (Department of Library & Information Science, North Eastern Hill University, Shillong). He serves as the website consultant, diligently maintaining the journal's online presence. Lastly, I want to recognize the unwavering support provided by the members of the Editorial Board and the advisory board throughout this academic endeavor. Their guidance and encouragement were invaluable. Special recognition goes to the editor of this issue Dr. H. Elizabeth, Department of Social Work, Mizoram University. Her determined efforts played a pivotal role in bringing this issue to fruition.

The commitment of the Journal and contributors has undoubtedly enriched academic discourse in the region. May the 'Mizoram University Journal of Humanities & Social Sciences (MzU JHSS)' continue to thrive and foster scholarly engagement for years to come!

!! Greater Deeds Remain !!

Bhartendu Singh
Chief Editor