

Editorial

We are happy to release online the first issue of Bhatler College Journal of Multidisciplinary Studies as a humble attempt on our part to negotiate globally with certain issues, which demand multidisciplinary focus and holistic approaches. With the 21st century settling on, we are becoming increasingly conscious of numerous problems besetting mankind today. It is our sincere belief that we can understand those problems more clearly if we follow multidisciplinary approaches based on team-work, mutual communication and collaboration. The sheer magnitude of certain issues has made it impossible for any discipline to comprehend and prepare defence mechanisms in a unitary fashion. It is high time for all of us to acknowledge this paradigm shift and work together for a singular objective. In other words, various disciplines, one goal.

The journal is also an Open Access initiative. We have full conviction in Open Access philosophy and support open nature of knowledge. The journal is free to access from any corner of the earth. We encourage its online distribution for academic non-commercial purposes.

We also take note of the crisis of the indigenous languages in our digital age (or postdigital), and we believe that the indigenous languages cannot withstand the linguistic imperialism if we do not use it both as scholarly language and working one on the networked digital environment. In accordance with this belief we have made this journal a bilingual one, containing articles and book reviews in English and Bengali.

For this inaugural issue we selected the theme *Earth, Nature, Environment, Ecosystem and the Human Society* and we received whole-hearted responses from scholars and communities from various parts of the world. I thank all the contributors (even if we could not publish many of their articles) for making the inaugural issue an international one with sharing ideas, insights, observations and experiences. We would also like to thank the reviewers from various universities for reviewing the articles with comments and suggestions for improvement. Finally we express our gratitude to the Chief Patron, Prof. Swapan Kumar Pramanik, Vice Chancellor, Vidyasagar University, and to the members of the Advisory Board for guiding us to a successful publication.