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Editorial Introduction

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The latest issue, Volume 11, Number 1, 2023 is up online now. The Bhatter College Journal of Multidisciplinary Studies has always been at the forefront of publishing research works in emerging areas. The multidisciplinary nature of the journal provides us with scope to approach the significant areas in a holistic manner resulting in antidisciplinary prismatic perspective. In the new century when disciplinary boundaries of the disciplines are getting effectively blurred, we insist on the principle of interdisciplinary cooperation among researchers from various fields to approach the problems from varied angles.

This issue was planned to bring out research on “Local Area Development” following the deconstructive approach of reaching out to the centre from the margin. With this aim, the Research Advisory Council of the college funded several research projects on various problems at Dantan and its surrounding areas. The projects are mostly action research set within the framework of the United Nations’ Sustainable Development Goals. The published articles have been categorically marked with those 17 SDGs. We are also committed to our professed mission of open-access dissemination of knowledge without any barrier. Open Access enabled by the institution helps the global scholarly community and thus helps us in reaching the SDGs.

The issue is also significant in the context of the ambitious National Educational Policy 2020 as it explores new pedagogies from the local and general contexts and follows the five pillars of NEP: Affordability, Accessibility, Quality, Equity, and Accountability. The issue will excite

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interest among both the students and teachers. I appreciate the academic contribution of all authors who kindly responded to our invitation and contributed their articles.

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We believe that the present issue will be warmly accepted by both scholarly and general readers. We look forward to receiving suggestions and feedback from the readers for future improvement.