

Editorial

As your Editor, I am happy to write this maiden editorial for Spicer Adventist University Research Article Journal (SAURAJ) which is a bi-annual, peer reviewed, online journal that publishes articles and book reviews digitally and is available as a free download for all its readers.

Research and Innovation go hand in hand and is at the heart of any institution of higher learning. The dissemination of research findings through an online digital medium is important in today's world. It crosses borders seamlessly and is available to anyone anywhere in the world across time zones.

Spicer Adventist University offers several divisions of studies: Arts and Social Sciences, Commerce, Music, Sciences and Mathematics, Education, Business Administration, and Sciences. Therefore, SAURAJ is a miscellany journal; it contains a variety of research articles by writers from different departments; its aim is to publish high quality and original research papers contributed by students, faculty, and alumni of Spicer.

The present volume contains six papers:

Obviously, the Covid -19 Pandemic has overshadowed all our activities all these few last months including the educational arena. So, one of the articles in this inaugural issue of SAURAJ is about the new imperative of online teaching and how the digital tools have helped teachers and students during these difficult times when there were no in person interactions in the classrooms.

Another fascinating article is about sustainable learning. It provides ideas on learning activities that are life-long as opposed to short-lived. Suggestions of how to enhance learning are outlined to acquire and balance the essential factors to have a successful, fulfilled, and complete life.

Gender diversity is in the news today and we have also included an article which explains the leadership styles and differences due to gender. This is an enlightening article which gives logically the differences in both male and female leadership which are then connected to occupational, social, cultural, religious, and economic factors which shape them.

Next, we have a very interesting article on how the Tangkhul Community in Nagaland underwent a complete transformation in the 19th century when the educationist, William Pettigrew, through the teaching of English Language and Literature civilized the fierce Naga tribes in the Northeast.

We have also included a very revealing research paper on informal leadership and followership in informal groups. This research paper was based on the university students studying at Spicer Adventist University, Pune, India and the respondents were part of various student groups approved by the University authorities.

Finally, we (the editorial team) also thought it would be nice to introduce a Book Review on the comparative study of the concept of salvation in Christianity and Islam. This book written by Santosh Kumar will make interesting reading to our readers.

It is hoped that in future we will be able to present the papers section wise, according to the different departments, to fulfill the expectations of students and scholarly readers.

I must thank all the contributors to this Inaugural Issue of SAURAJ for taking the time out to submit their contributions and meet our deadlines. I must also thank the Vice Chancellor and

the University Management for this first-time initiative of encouraging the publication of this online journal and for leveraging the digital platform for both the teachers and the students.

Happy reading!

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