

Editorial

Greetings!

It is my pleasure to wish you all a happy new year, even if this issue will not be published until March 2022. For the past two years, human life worldwide has been under the threat of a dreadful virus. Several measures were taken, protocols were prepared, guidelines were provided, only to eradicate the pandemic from its root. Millions lost their lives, jobs, health, family, and whatnot! Nevertheless, the beauty of humanity is that we can always get back on our feet. The pandemic experience was similar to walking on a pitch-black path towards an unknown dark direction. However, like every dawn that lightens the world with colors and meanings, we must revive and fill our lives with colors that bring joy, peace, and love among us.

This “The Spicerian” issue is dedicated to colors that fill our lives, revive and rejuvenate us to connect with divine being. The magazine's cover picture displays the breathtaking aerial view of Spicer Adventist University Pune (SAU) that stands as an example of fighting during the chaos and still being bright and beautiful. The greenery at SAU signifies life, growth, renewal, energy, and healing. Amidst challenges, The Spicerian celebrates the life and dedication towards the progress and growth of the institution towards a greater height, renewing faith, acknowledging life, and assuring health to the community.

As the theme color represents, this issue is unique, and it attempts to establish a new culture of the magazine that provides information about education, research, administration, and celebrating life. Began as a newsletter in 1948, today, The Spicerian has progressed to grasp huge information in its bosom.

The magazine begins with a farewell to the editor-in-chief of the Spicerian magazine, Mrs. Irene Moses and includes a few farewells to some of our colleagues who are either retired or released from given responsibilities. This issue provides information on the academic facilities currently functional at SAU. Deans of various divisions have written from their desks to provide information about the degree programs at Spicer. Another feature that is newly added to the magazine is the Office of Research and Innovation updates. Research is the lifeline of any growing university, and therefore the magazine will provide adequate updates, articles, and research-related information that will benefit everyone who is a seeker of knowledge.

There are seven articles added to this issue for the readers. The first article, “Patience During Pandemic Crisis,” is enriched with several authors' perspectives as they suggest their views on patience during the pandemic crisis. The second article presents the uniqueness of Adventist health messages that has impacted the society on health concerns. The following article is “Patriotism and Christianity,” which encourages patriotism towards the nation and loyalty towards God is possible together. The following article deals with overcoming mental health during the pandemic crisis with interesting tips. The sixth article, “The NAAC Experience,” reports the university's efforts to prepare the Self-study Report (SSR) towards NAAC accreditation. The final article in the issue is the information on the Agro-bio innovation and Incubation centre established at Spicer Adventist University.

I am delighted to offer you a brand new adventure to “The Chronicles of Spicer,” which will retell Spicer’s amazing history and its 100-year journey, which is still ongoing. For each issue, the stories will be published in episodes. I am thrilled with this new addition to the magazine, which adds to the heritage of this wonderful institution.

Next, we have several departments providing information about them and their contribution to the university. A list of seminars and webinars that were conducted in the year 2021 is displayed in the next section. Also, we have a new feature, “Doctor says,” that provides health guidelines and advice from SDA doctors from around the world. Further, we have a new addition of cooking recipes exclusively for health benefits as suggested for the unique Adventist lifestyle.

I am honored and delighted to serve the magazine and be part of history in the making. I want to thank everyone who has contributed to the magazine to enhance its reachability. I want to thank the university administration, the church administration, deans of all divisions, faculty, staff, and students for showing love to the university magazine and contributing to its growth. I wish all the readers the best of life as you grow, renew, heal, and reenergize with life.

Happy reading!

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