

From the Editor-in-Chief

Time is not only the Best Healer, but also the Greatest Teacher

-Simon King

At the outset, I hope all of you have continued to stay safe and happy during these difficult 'COVID times'.

The past ten months have thrown up multiple challenges to all sections of our society. However, the willingness to survive in the face of all odds, along with the enhanced tenacity and perseverance, has helped each one of us emerge as a winner. The acceptance of the 'new normal' (a term which has become synonymous with use of PPEs, efforts to enhance self-immunity and advocating social distancing), has been a great coping mechanism for many, but its effect on the physically-challenged members of our society, who sought and received help earlier, also needs to be evaluated.

A lot has been discussed at various forums on the struggle and contribution of our frontline warriors, who certainly deserve much appreciation and gratitude for their selfless efforts. At the same time, there are many other segments of society whose silent battle with this menace still needs to be explored and voiced. The unprecedented situation has instigated academicians and researchers from different domains to dwell on these problems and propose sustainable mitigation strategies.

This issue of the journal is a compilation of invited articles, research papers and review articles focussing on the theme "**COVID-19: Impact and Implications**". An effort has been made

to provide a holistic view on the experiences of various segments of our society who are trying to grapple with the crises occasioned by the pandemic .

I acknowledge the contribution of all authors who have provided valuable insights into the physiological, psychological, emotional, social, economic and educational impact of the pandemic on all sections of society - be they students, housemakers, physically-challenged members of our society, or our 'Corona Warriors'.

I profusely thank our external reviewers for their time and effort in the detailed critical analysis of the selected papers. Their invaluable comments have been instrumental in getting the best out of the papers for publication in the current issue.

I extend my appreciation to the Editorial Board for their dedicated teamwork in bringing out this issue during these challenging times and extended hours of work.

I hope this issue would greatly benefit our diverse segments of readers and also open up new avenues for research that aid society at large.

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