

*From the Editor-in-Chief*

*jnanam jneyam pariijnata tri-vidha karma-chodana  
karanam karma karteti tri-vidhah karma-sangraha*

~Bhagavad Gita, Chapter 18, Verse 18

According to the Bhagavad Gita, knowledge, the object of knowledge and the person who has the knowledge are the primary inducers of actions. The systems of knowledge in India are diverse, and India derives its strength from this diversity. Hence, our theme for the current issue of Vantage explores the various systems of knowledge that have shaped India as we know it today, and as we further march as a nation towards self reliance. In the editorial, Gopi D Tripathy questions the perception of 'India' as a singular idea. Her article emphasises the heterogeneity and diversity of the systems of knowledge in India and the importance of both, the textual Sanskritic as well as vernacular wisdom to comprehend India. The various articles in the current issue of *Vantage* cutting across disciplines, collectively draw on resources within to explore a myriad of issues around the world.

The invited article by Professor Sudhir Lal, *Sanskrit and Society*, draws attention to the close link between language and culture. Prof. Lal highlights Sanskrit as a reservoir of knowledge in and about India which embodies ancient wisdom. He underlines how it continues to be relevant and can contribute towards cultural self-reliance.

The review article by Irfan et al., discusses the serious global threat posed due to antibiotic resistance and highlights the need to regulate antibiotic usage to avert the emergence of antibiotic-resistant pathogens.

Scientific research is always in the quest to develop easier techniques that can yield quality products. The original research article by Raghuvanshi and her group describes the isolation of chicken erythrocyte total histones from chicken blood (a waste product of the slaughterhouse), by a high-speed centrifugation method. They demonstrate that the histone isolated by the novel protocol does not compromise on the quality and could be used as a substrate for histone-specific protease assays.

The research article by Ayush Srivastava discusses how contemporary psychology has integrated neuroscience and cognitive science and could provide insights to elucidate the multifaceted roles of dreams.

In her research article Manisha Saluja critically examines the representation of ethical and moral dilemmas regarding gene editing in Indian science fiction narratives, within the larger context of contemporary scientific advancement. She explores how these offer perspectives on the consequences of unrestrained technological progress

The current issue also includes a book review by Harshvardhan Tripathy. He has reviewed a book by Mahindranath Thakur entitled *Gyan Ki Rajneeti: Samaj Adhyayan aur Bhartiya*

*Chintan* (Politics of Knowledge: Social Studies and Indian Thought) published by Setu Prakashan. The book, as reviewed by Tripathy, is an attempt to develop a social science framework that is free from power relations and is capable of capturing social reality – both Indian and global.

The theme of the current issue of *Vantage*- “Systems of Knowledge in India: Moving towards Self Reliance” was debated and critically analysed in “Equinox-2024: The 4<sup>th</sup> Annual International Conference.” The report of the conference by Taanisi Soni, Meghna Mishra and Aditi Behera, students of 3<sup>rd</sup> year Honors Sociology, elaborates on the various technical sessions held in the conference and provide a glimpse of this successful event held in Maitreyi College.

We hope that you enjoy reading the Volume 5 issue 2 of *Vantage: Journal of Thematic Analysis* and look forward to your contribution in the upcoming issues.

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