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From Editors' Desk

Research studies are always recognised and appreciated by the world of knowledge since it provides a slot for further advancement and acts as a source of inspiration to the area concerned. Education is no way different from this as it is the most important source of reproduction of mature, qualified and wise human resources for the world awaiting us. As the contemporary world moves ahead with slogans such as Universalisation of Education and Spread of Excellence, it is true that the present system of education confronts with all sorts of apprehensions and hope. It is also evident that in the pursuit of seeking knowledge, we strive in all dimensions with innumerable targets and concerns. In order to survive the challenges and to conquer horizons, it necessitates daring attempt and unequalled efforts in the present educational scenario. Whenever these attempts surmount heights of knowledge and awareness, humanism has to be envisaged and assured with an uncompromising spirit. Hence the need for academic discussions and debates on research and studies which can provide a sense of direction for the future attempts. It is in this spirit that discussion on quality research articles turn to be a pre-requisite and a cause of excitement and thrill among all educational endeavours. The problems, issues and concerns as well as good practices in the field of education act as an impetus to all educational institutions and agencies to undertake novel and creative steps at macro level. We strongly believe that DIETs can play a major role by dressing up a platform for debating the reflections in the field. It is of course a matter of pride and delight for DIET Palakkad, Kerala to publish 'Edu-Reflections', being our first edition of Educational Journal of this kind.

The very first issue comprises research articles related to various areas of education. The first article is related to the research conducted by DIET Palakkad on Inclusive Education. It touches all the major dimensions of the intervention highlighting the qualitative and quantitative aspects. The article on concept mapping is a genuine attempt to unveil the misconceptions and to provide a gleam of hope to Teacher Education with regard to its glaring sides. The piece of work in the area of inclusive classroom helps the readers to know the emerging trends in the area with all its strength and weakness. Another article in this edition discusses the need of strategic change with respect to primary teacher training programme. The journal also depicts through another article how an institution could be converted as a centre of excellence through systematic research oriented attempts and programmes. ICTs have become one of the basic building blocks of modern society. The article in this connection presents the review of the effective use of ICT in teacher training with a pedagogic concern.

The journal is made rich with an evaluation of the Teacher Transformation Training Programme. Since it is treated as a prestigious one on the part of the Government, the study acquires special significance. The article 'Bhashyam' on Distant Mode Training discusses the effort and results of a daring attempt from DIET Palakkad to create an impetus in teacher training programmes. Apart from the above, efforts are made to brief the experience of two practising teachers in the form of Action Research. The journal also provides space for discussing a research article related to Mathematics with special focus on communication skill. Articles on book review are the other speciality of the journal. As the one focuses on what, why and how of inclusive education, the second one is based on personality and personal growth which discusses the subject in a wider perspective, based on the experiences of eminent educational psychologists.

I hope the articles will help each researcher to enrich the knowledge, enhance the thought and to mould the character so as to convert the career noble and sublime.

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