

## *Editorial*

### **Scientific temper and social responsibility**

The first issue of *Northeast Journal of Contemporary Research* (NeJCR) got overwhelming responses from educationists, universities, colleges and well-wishers. Such support encourages us for strengthening our next publication in a more better way. In starting our journey for depicting current and new knowledge in a more determined way we ponder a while asking within- how such knowledge can be of societal utility. If the research, studies and project works are not aimed for societal needs and for meeting future societal aspirations then such studies will make increase the pages of literature, instead of adding to the progression of society. Such a dilemma engrosses us!

It is also evident that the output of new knowledge in our country cannot be considered satisfactory compared to countries like the USA, China, Australia and Great Britain. This is clearly stated in the section on Science and Technology in the Twelfth Five Year Plan (2012-2017). The report states that the full Time Equivalent R&D professionals in India have stagnated for long and we are ranked ninth in the world. In terms of share in world output of science papers in 2012 stood at around 3.6% compared to more than 14% for China. According to one estimate, in terms of scientific publications our position was 7<sup>th</sup> in the world in 2013.

Such a scenario of the country is no different for our states of North East India. However, considering high literacy rates in the region and increasing supports from the state and national governments, research output need to be augmented. In this context the objective of research ought to find the remedies for diverse and complex problems of the region, be it exploration/ conservation of diverse natural resources, preservation and planning for ethnic and cultural diversities, policy orientations for public health management and other so many areas which remain hitherto untouched.

Here lies the emphasis for social responsibility in pursuing research and its publications. The outlook of every researcher should be in creating some amount of, be it too small, new knowledge/ new ideas for social well being which entails two ways of benefit, apart from adding knowledge – it makes the time and energy worth spending as well as makes oneself happy!

I wish this second issue of volume-I will certainly be well received by the knowledge fraternity.

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