



Message from
Honourable Vice Chancellor, NSOU

With great pride and pleasure, the warmest greetings are extended to all as a new academic endeavor is embarked upon at Netaji Subhas Open University in West Bengal. The publication of Volume. 4, No.1 of NSOU Journal of Social Sciences ISSN No. 2581 5512 (Double Blind Peer Reviewed Journal), by the School of Social Sciences gives me immense pleasure. This volume of the Journal comprises research papers submitted by researchers on the theme of the multifarious ways of producing knowledge in Colonial Indian Society which covered the imperial agencies as well as the indigenous undercurrents from the regional peripheries.

A special place is held by Netaji Subhas Open University, not only as a pioneer in open and distance education but also as a testament to the transformative power of knowledge. The commitment to excellence and inclusivity has allowed the building of a wide network of Learner Support Centers, reaching far and wide across the landscape of the beloved state, West Bengal. This extensive reach is a testament to the dedication to making quality education accessible to all, irrespective of geographical constraints. In the realm of academia, immense pride is taken in being the first State Open University in India to receive accreditation from NAAC with Grade 'A'. This achievement not only reflects the dedication of the faculty and staff but also underscores the unwavering commitment to maintaining the highest standards of education and academic engagement.

Heartfelt congratulations are extended to the authors, peer reviewers, faculty members, Editors as well as the Editorial Board members and last but not the least the Director, School of Social Sciences for their invaluable contribution to the creation of the Journal. The dedication, scholarly insights, and expertise of the contributors have greatly enriched the literary landscape of the institution.

The Journal stands out as a testament to the profound impact that collaborative effort can have in shedding light on a social melange that amplified the underlying process in producing knowledge in colonial Indian society through its imperial agencies and native undercurrents that often went unheard. The culmination of the Journal is a reflection of the tireless hours spent in research, thoughtful discussions, and the articulation of ideas. The collective efforts have not only expanded the horizons of the institution but have also added a significant chapter to the academic discourse.

Endeavors like this thrive, and the spirit of academic inquiry contributes to positive societal change. As the launch of this volume of the Journal is celebrated, encouragement is given to all to continue fostering a culture of intellectual curiosity, critical thinking, and empathy. Let this legacy at NSOU serve as an inspiration for further collaborative projects that bridge the gap between academia and the wider world, addressing issues that matter most.

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