



Editorial

Covid-19 was the major highlight of the year 2020. Every individual's life was changed by the virus, and so was every organization and sector. As we entered into 2021, business and the economy of India looked different. The online platform became the new normal. While the world was ready to address the novel coronavirus, suddenly there was news of the second wave which turned out to be more devastating and deadlier.

With the ongoing pandemic we all are accommodating our lives and work in concurrent with the virus. At IIPA a few of our employees were infected with the virus and many were quarantined. Most of the staff were working from home, however, were determined to continue operations. Though the pandemic is far from over and the economic impacts will be felt for years to come, we are grateful to our dedicated staff and authors for steering IIPA through this year.

The highlight of this edition is the significance of the 'Dr Ambedkar Chair in Social Justice' established in IIPA. The edition also covers two noteworthy features on the 'Digital Challenges of Classical Indian Arts' and 'Death of a Classical Language: A Case Study of Sanskrit in India'. The article on 'Shilpa Gurukul Revisited', 'Relevance of Ancient Indian Philosophy', 'Gautam Buddha: The Glorious Master', 'The Glory of Bhabha Atomic Research Centre' and 'Child Sexual Abuse: Causes and Consequences' are also worth reading.

This edition of Digest also includes a writeup on the lecture delivered by H.E. Hon'ble Barry O'Farrell AO, Australia's High Commissioner to India. Besides, under the slug Policy Watch and Ministry Watch we included an article on 'Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Yojana: Implementation is the Key' and another on 'Jal Shakti Abhiyan: Catch the rain initiative of the Government to Save Water' respectively.

We have tried to memorialize former faculty of IIPA, Prof Asok Kumar Mukhopadhyay in a biographical note penned by his son Samik Mukherjee.

Hope this diverse range of articles that we publish in IIPA Digest will make an interesting read for you.

Meanwhile, we urge you to stay safe and get vaccinated.

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