



EDITORIAL

This year began with a positive note on the home ground but the world was divided into two groups due to Russia and Ukraine. The longstanding Russo-Ukrainian War which started in 2014 further aggravated in 2022. There is no denying the fact that the war between two states affects trade and economies of other nations negatively in one way or another in this globalized world. While the ongoing war has a deep rooted history in the ancient trade road, an article in this edition on Raging Silk Route with a broader perspective of the Ukrainian crisis briefly mentions the past power play to conquer this trade route.

At the national front, our country is more determined with each passing day to streamline its governance pattern and bring transformation in line with the growing needs of the nation. Mission Karmayogi which is a national programme on capacity building of civil services in India is one such move to enhance the training and recruitment policy in India under the aegis of Department of Personnel and Training. An article on Transforming Bureaucracy: Theoretical Underpinnings penned by an in-service civil servant highlights the same. Likewise, the article on Technovation in the BFSI sector in India sheds a light on the innovative technology India is adapting in this sector.

The article on the proposed Indian Data Protection Act in this edition analyses the complexities of data available in different forms and ways to protect it considering the right to privacy of the citizens. Another writeup on Vocal for Locals highlights the reservation policies of Indian states for the local inhabitants citing a few recent judgements of judiciary.

Another interesting material in this edition is on Output - Outcome Framework which covers the historical perspective and the benefits of the outcome-based governance in India. A descriptive analysis of the water woes and conservation methods are majorly discussed in the article on blueprint for water resources management.

A writeup on the dynamic and committed leadership of Dr. Agarala Eswara Reddi, former writer and politician from Andhra Pradesh has been memorialized in this edition followed by a dedicated section on the governance at work.

Hope this diverse range of articles in this issue of IIPA Digest will make an interesting read for you. ■

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