EDITORIAL

In the words of Lord Acton 'Learn as much by writing as by reading' the process of writing brings, indubitably lots of new learning and insights into academic circles. Academic writing helps researchers make public the insights thrown up by their studies, apart from facilitating readers focus on related areas of research. Not surprisingly, therefore research and publication go hand in hand and are pillars of higher education. Accordingly, Madras School of Social Work publishes a peer-reviewed journal, the Journal of the Madras School of Social Work (JMSSW), to support both research and publication in the field of social science.

As associate editors of the journal, we are glad to note that the contributors of papers to this particular volume have made a great effort to consolidate their experiences in specific areas that particularly interest them. The paper by Gurneet Kaur Kalra and Agathumariyan Michael highlights how children who were victims of early childhood abuse are more likely to suffer from post-traumatic stress disorder, commit delinquent acts, and be addicted to drugs and alcohol, compared to children who were not victimized. Lakshmi Jayapal, in her paper on women and self-help groups, has assessed the degree to which empowerment has helped women who constitute self-help groups in Tamil Nadu. Arul Suresh has presented employees' perceptions towards effective human resource development practices in the hotel industry in Chennai. A book reflection on Malala Yousafzai's "I am Malala" by S. Rajesh Khanna and B. Poornima highlights how the young author has portrayed the sorry state of women's education in Pakistan, her fight against the Taliban, and the Malala Fund she has set up to support education for women.

The Editorial Board places on record its appreciation for the meticulous work carried out by the contributors of every paper, and to the Board of Reviewers as well. The contribution of the members of the Editorial Team needs a special mention, and their valuable time and inputs are much appreciated. We believe the content of the journal will add value to the existing domain of knowledge.

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