

## EDITORIAL

With the advent of the New Year and a new editorial board, this issue of *SHSS* is a veritable smorgasbord of topics ranging from literature and economy to politics, and culinary overtones in literary writing. In the environs of the crisp mountain air and blue, sunny skies of Shimla; as the wind rustles through the fragrant deodars and the golden rays on the balcony tempt one to venture out and bask there, to watch the cavorting monkeys and the everchanging shadows on the stone façade of the majestic IAS building, reading the papers sent by so many from all the corners of this vast country has been a true learning experience.

As Dryden said of Chaucer, here is God's plenty! It is a delight and a privilege to edit this journal, conscious of the highest standards it has always upheld and it will be our endeavour to bring to our readers the best that academic minds have to offer so that the journal will continue to encourage the pursuit of knowledge, innovative thinking, and excellence in research.

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