

From the Desk of the Chief Editor

We are pleased to announce the formal publication and uploading of Volume 2, No. 2 (June 2016) of *Social Science Spectrum*. We regret, however, the delay in timely publication of the issue. Due to several reasons and circumstances beyond our control, the publication of the current issue got delayed.

This issue contains five original research papers and one book review. Four of the five articles broadly fall under demography. In one of the interesting papers, Pradhan, Gouda and Prusty discuss the population control practices among the scheduled tribe population. On the other hand, Vartak has discussed the role of caste in migration with respect to a particular district, notably Beed district in Maharashtra. Kumar and Gupta in their joint paper have examined the health and economic issues related to safe delivery and inequality at state level, viz. Jharkhand. The paper by Maharana and Ladusingh sheds light on the changing pattern of household healthcare and food expenditure in the context of changing household age composition in India over time. In the remaining paper, using rigorous econometric techniques and on the basis of monthly data pertaining to the period January 1995 and December 2013, Sen Chowdhury and Mandal have attempted to find out whether there was any long-run equilibrium relationship among Gold, Equity, Government Securities, Foreign Exchange and Money Markets in India.

On behalf of the *Social Science Spectrum*, I convey my thanks to the authors for reposing faith in our journal and also for their patience and cooperation. We hope that in the coming days, we shall continue to receive patronage from the budding scholars and academicians. We pledge to strive hard to maintain the quality of the publication and hope to publish on time.

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