

Editorial

Is human development reaching its peak at this point? There are diverse viewpoints on this, but there is no certainty that an answer exists. Fortunately, convergence of ideas has been a reality in prioritizing the developmental agenda, with universal wellbeing being chosen as the top priority. This is reflected in the majority of proposed development models. This is now the 10th year of setting targets for 17 SDGs *i.e.*, with ambitious expectations of universal wellbeing within the next five years. With less than one-third of the targeted time in hand, and further accompanied by ever-increasing issues counteracting the developmental efforts, the timely achievement of the SDGs may not be universally possible. However, intensification of the optimistic efforts at all levels can reduce the uncertainty regarding the realization of the SDGs. In this context, focused and purposeful research has a greater role to play, where a multidisciplinary approach enhances the value of outcomes.

The Multidisciplinary Research Journal aims to contribute to sustainable developmental goals by fostering partnerships that transcend disciplinary boundaries. The supports of the entire community of Multidisciplinary Research Journal including authors, reviewers, members of editorial and managerial board and most importantly the readers are thankfully acknowledged while bringing its third issue.

Providing a robust platform for multidisciplinary research works since its inception, the current issue of the Journal presents nine articles based on the works of 21 authors covering the broad areas of (i) contemporary challenges rooted in social, cultural, political, managerial, commercial and environmental dynamics, and (ii) futuristic potentials of some emerging areas explored through recent trends.

Flooding remains a critical challenge in contemporary society, its escalating severity influenced by anthropogenic disturbances to natural systems and the pervasive effects of climate change. The conventional approaches towards prevention of the occurrence of floods have not been very effective, whereas a multidisciplinary managerial approach brings hope to mitigate the sufferings during and post-flooding periods. Multidisciplinary research-based management approaches are expected to empower flood-affected communities to reduce their losses through the prevalence of accurate weather forecasting methods and AI-enabled communication tools.

Another challenge experienced by modern society is deteriorating mental health, which remains invisible, unlike floods. This invisible disability has the potential to adversely impact development. The current issue of the journal presents a user platform to address mental health issues while taking care of the dignity and wellbeing. This is considered as one of the exemplary outcomes of multidisciplinary efforts of researchers belonging to psychiatry and AI domains.

Human trafficking is one of the social evils where society has a greater role to play to eradicate it. The effort in eradicating human trafficking in the Cachar district of Assam, its associated challenges and outcomes are presented to draw attention for the relevant stakeholders expecting rapid action on this complex issue.

The exploration of the rich cultural diversity of northeastern India has remained as priority of Multidisciplinary Research Journal. In the current issue, the research works of exploration of the socio-cultural, geographical, and linguistic contexts of a *Poumai Naga village* in the Senapati district of Manipur is presented.

Understanding the temporal pattern of the presence of specific air pollutants, as presented in the current issue, is expected to pave the way for re rescheduling the work plan to avoid pollution peak load. Such dynamic adjustment, backed by appropriate research, would protect individual health against pollution.

Similar to individual health, up-keeping of the health of small-scale businesses is also a major concern where small-scale business is considered a significant economic activity. Appropriate strategy, including cordial customer relationships, is identified as part of the strategy to take the benefits of technology-driven business protocol.

Rapid changes in the food sector have been witnessed and such development has potential to contribute positively towards SDGs. Analysis of the past, present and future of food sector linked with multidisciplinary approaches of development is presented in the current issue. Such holistic analysis will be useful for all engaged in different segments of the food production-processing-consumption chain. Like food, there has been remarkable development in molecular biology where uses of computational tools have empowered the scientific community to cross the barriers. Hope all such futuristic views justifying the multidisciplinary approaches of research continue to motivate scholars and researchers and benefit for advancement with wellbeing.

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