



## **Editorial**

I am glad to present the third and fourth issue of year 2020 clubbed together of Journal de Brahmvart to the members, readers, subscribers, researchers and students for their enrichment in the field of Indology, Archeology and history. Journal de Brahmvart is the literary effort of Brahmvart Research Institute, Kanpur. Although the Brahmvart Research Institute is committed to explore and enquire into the antiquity of the area in and around Kanpur district but it also provide an appropriate platform for exchanging ideas and research findings ,among its various stakeholders, through field trips, seminar and publication. The present issue contains a wide variety of papers of different dimensions. Quality of research publication has gathered a salience seen never before. Today, terms such as impact factor, double blind peer review, ABCD journals, Scopus and Web of Sciences have captured the imagination of the academia as never before. This has ensured mainstreaming of 'quality' in research publications. The University Grants Commission, which is the apex body of Higher Education in India mandated with the task of ensuring quality in higher education, has come up with the list of approved journals.

Quality of research publication and hierarchisation of research publication on the basis of indexing and impact factor have its own advantage and disadvantages. No doubt, indexation and hierarchisation of journals on the basis of their quality and citations have improved quality of publication. However, in some other way, it is an anachronism in the sense that research by its very nature needs to be contributing something new to the body of knowledge. Whether a research publication fulfils this criterion only on the basis of its accession and indexing to reputed consortium controlled by Print Capitalism or genuinely does so irrespective of its accession and indexation also needs to be thought of. The larger issue that has emerged in this mad scramble for quality publication is the silent suffering and death of many of the old reputed journals which had their in-house publication by old research institutes or old universities and their department. This point needs to be highlighted in greater details. Lastly, I would like to thank all the members of Brahmvart Research Institute and assistant editors of Journal de Brahmvart for their kind support and help. I would like to thank all the researchers for their valuable papers and articles.

Your observations and suggestions are welcome for the betterment of the Journal de Brahmvart.

**Chief Editor**