

From the Desk of the Managing Editor

I am glad to state that this Volume 34 number 5 September 2020 issue of Indian Science Cruiser is a Special Issue- I which contains a number of full-length articles presented in the Two-Day International Webinar on “**History of Science**” held on July 27-28 2020 and organized jointly by the Department of Chemistry, Shri Shikshayatan College, Kolkata and Institute of Science, Education and Culture in collaboration with Indian Chemical Society. Apart from these articles, regular columns are also there in this issue. There will also be another Special Issue-II containing some more articles from this webinar and that will be included in the November 2020 issue of this journal.

The history of science is multifaceted and is quite interesting. In the current academic scenario, where students and members of the faculty have to finish a certain set syllabus within a fixed time, the scope to discuss historical development of science is generally limited. Examinations and marks automatically take precedence over knowing the history of a scientific topic. Considering this, the International Webinar was organised to make an attempt to bring this background history to the front.

Knowing the contribution of different individuals and communities towards the development of science would help one follow the advancement of various scientific topics in a better way. It is expected to help science move forward to benefit a large section of people in the society. Another aspect of studying the history of science of different branches is to bring close interactions between scientists, researchers, academicians and students who work in varying

and segmented areas of science. As now science has become multi-disciplinary in nature, there is utmost requirement for joining hands together with strong bonding within varying groups of scientists such that Interdisciplinary research activities get promoted to usher in new advancements in science and technology. Hope, the webinar organized was able to keep a humble foot print in this direction, and putting in black and white the theme of presentations in this journal will be considered worth by the readers.

The Editorial Board of Indian Science Cruiser and the Guest Editors, Agnita Kundu, Madhulika Ghose and Sohini Chakrabarti of the Special Issue from the Department of Chemistry, Shri Shikshayatan College, Kolkata, express sincere acknowledgement to all the contributing authors who have taken pains to extend and revise their articles upon review comments and plagiarism checking reports on their respective articles. The reviewers also deserve special mention for their relentless endeavour to raise and/or maintain the standard of this publication.

Hope the Special Issue of this journal will be of much interest to the learned scholars who have the thirst for knowing the History of different branches of science representing a wide variety of domain knowledge. I expect this attempt will be able to quench the thirst of such persons to some extent, and will inspire some young minds to have their focus on some aspects of the History of Science in specific areas of their interest.

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