

Editorial

Dear Readers,

Greetings!!

It gives me immense pleasure to bring XVII issue of SAMVAD - A double blind peer reviewed bi-annual international Journal of Management with e-ISSN 2348-5329, published by SIBM Pune. Samvad is also indexed in Indian Citation Index (ICI) now.

Like every issue of SAMVAD, this issue also comprises of articles on the important contemporary topics. In addition, it also has an interesting Case study for readers.

Capital Good industry is the backbone of manufacturing sector, yet it is a severely underdeveloped in India. This issue contains a paper on this topic which analyses the problems and suggests what can be done to improve this sector of the economy.

India is known for its Medical Tourism. Study on the various factors influencing medical tourism creates the value for a destination. It is a boon for inclusive growth. Read more on this in the paper 'Critical analysis of the factors influencing Medical tourism in India'.

In 2017, when GST was introduced as tax reforms, it received mixed reactions. But today, from the overall economic and fiscal management perspective, GST did result in increasing the indirect tax base and brought more businesses under the tax net. There is a detailed statistical analysis done on this aspect by the author of the paper 'GST reforms and its economic impact'. Do read.

High inflation volatility is the highest rated risk associated with inflation. Lack of price stability makes the economy more vulnerable by jeopardizing its efficiency and growth. Changes in crude oil and gold price are always considered playing devil's role in this regard. But do they really affect inflation in India? Read to get answers in the paper 'Asymmetries in Inflation Volatility: Evidence from India'.

Eradicating Hunger and providing universal education to all the citizens are the biggest challenges in developing countries. Almost all the countries in the world have adopted and implemented school feeding program to school going children in order to eradicate the hunger as well as to attract marginalized children to schools. Paper on Impact of Mid-Day Meal Programme on the Marginalized Children Social Development: Evidences from Mandya District, Karnataka, tries to make some contribution towards understanding social profile of the beneficiaries and social development factors of beneficiaries.

Different researchers have interpreted 'Spiritual Intelligence' in different ways. Does it have any link with organizational sustainability? Can it act as a predictor to organizational sustainability? Know more about it in the paper 'Spiritual Intelligence as a predictor of organizational sustainability: Mediating role of Academic Optimism'.

This issue of Samvad also contains a case study on 'Long-Term Association in Time Series and Simultaneous Equation Modelling'. This is an interesting read for those who are interested in Derivatives.

I am sure, readers will enjoy reading every contribution made by the authors for this issue of Samvad.

I take this opportunity to thank all the authors, reviewers, and editorial team members for their kind support and contribution. I am sure the issue will add value to the readers!

I look forward to march ahead with you all in this never ending journey of research.

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