

Editorial

Journal of the Indian Association for Environmental Management (JIAEM) is published by Indian Association for Environmental Management (IAEM) society for the last four decades. The IAEM Journal is dedicated to all the areas of Environmental Science and Engineering and published quarterly. IAEM Journal published several articles covering the wide spectrum of environmental issues, case studies, remediation, policy issues etc. The journal's readership includes academics, scientists, researchers, regulators and students. The journal could not be continued after 2012 and need for continuing the journal was felt by its wide readership, especially the members of the Alumni Association of CSIR-NEERI. Dr. Rakesh Kumar, Director, CSIR-NEERI, supported re-launch of the Journal generously in all possible ways. New Editorial Board members were inducted, under the chairmanship of Dr. Rajesh Gupta, Professor of Civil Engineering, VNIT, Nagpur.

In this digital era, with more journals switching over to only online publication, the need to bring IAEM online with full functionalities such as manuscript submission, review, communication of decision to authors and publication process was felt by the editorial team. At this juncture, CSIR- National Institute of Science Communication and Information Resources (CSIR-NISCAIR), New Delhi came forward to extend help through open access publishing platform. Dr. Sanjay Burde, Sr. Principal Scientist of CSIR-NISCAIR helped immensely by providing training to editorial team on the various aspects of online publishing. The editorial committee owe special thanks to Dr. Burde for bringing JIAEM in a fully functional online platform, which could be accessed at the URL. <http://op.niscair.res.in/index.php/JIAEM>.

Editorial team gratefully remembers the contribution of its one of the visionary Director of CSIR-NEER, Prof. P. Khanna who took various Research and Development initiatives and interfaced various scientific disciplines to work under the domain of "Environment". IAEM takes pride in reproducing Prof. P. Khanna's article published in "Yojana" as a tributary to its former visionary leader.

Editorial team especially thank all the authors and esteemed reviewers who have contributed to this relaunched issue of the journal. The team is committed to maintain quality of published articles and plans to introduce various special editions, guest editorials from eminent scientists, academicians and practitioners in the near future. In the forth coming issues of the journal, various sections such as, letters to editor, news, commentaries, opinion, communications would be introduced to make the readers interesting and engaging. Hence, the editorial team solicit Academicians, Researchers, Research Scholars, Regulators and Policy makers to contribute their work to JIAEM.

We appreciate the efforts taken by the Production team headed by Mr. Rajesh Lohiya, for his coordination with CSIR-NISCAIR and also in bringing this relaunched issue in an elegant form. Editorial Team also thanks Dr. Pawan Labhasetwar, CSIR-NEERI for assisting in bringing out the issue and Dr. Atul Vaidya, Honorary Secretary, IAEM along with other office bearers for concurring the re-launch IAEM.

We sincerely hope the JIAEM would provide a great platform for researchers working in the field of "Environmental Science and Technology".

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