

Editorial : From the Vice-Chancellor's Desk

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It was in January, 1983 that NIMHANS Journal came into being. Since then, the Journal has been coming out every six months without any break. The Journal till now published papers of NIMHANS staff only. It has entered its 14th Volume this year.

As you are aware NIMHANS has been accorded the stature of Deemed University since November 1994. As a Deemed University I feel it is befitting that we try to improve our publication activities to cater to the needs of wider population. Several steps have been taken up this direction.

The Editorial Board of NIMHANS Journal had decided to publish NIMHANS Journal as quarterly instead of the present biannual and bring out the issues in the months of January, April, July and October every year starting from 1996. By reducing the gap between issues, there would be rapid communication of research information far and wide and also helps the Journal to be indexed by the international agencies.

Further, we have also decided to publish in the Journal, papers in the area of Mental Health and Neuro Sciences in its broad sense, from scientists working in other Institutions, Universities, in India and abroad. It is also proposed to bring out the Journal in electronic form on INTERNET WEBServer and also to publish on CDROM.

Another decision taken is to introduce Letters to the Editor Column. I request our readers to respond to the articles published in the Journal. Other letters relevant to the area of Mental Health and Neuro Sciences are also welcome.

I would like to thank all the contributors, and readers who have been very supportive throughout. I would like to place on record the cooperation I have been receiving from our panel to referees in evaluating papers regularly. They have been very helpful in bringing out the Journal on time. I hope they would continue to extend their help in bringing NIMHANS Journal as a quarterly Journal.

As a result of increase in the frequency of publication, the subscription rates have been revised. Subscribers may kindly note this.

The number of individual and institutional subscribers are on the rise from year to year. This is a sign of popularity and prosperity to our Journal. I hope to disseminate more and more research finding through NIMHANS Journal in the years to come.

Wishing you a happy and prosperous 1996