

EDITORIAL

The present day world is passing through an unprecedented situation created by the pandemic outbreak of Covid-19. It has brought the world into a standstill. The movements of people both at global and local levels have been stopped virtually. The Corona virus which primarily attacks the respiratory system has already caused death to more than three lakhs people globally and infected over five million individuals. The technologically and materially advanced western countries are severely affected. The governments across the world are trying to contain the spread of virus by adopting various mechanisms. They have announced lockdown and quarantine measures so that people would remain confined to their respective places and home maintaining appropriate physical distances. The experts are suggesting people to be very much careful with regard to personal hygiene by wearing masks and gloves, washing hands with soaps and sanitizers. All these measures and activities have given rise to a new set of practice which is a matter of great concern for the social scientists in general and anthropologists in particular. The changed world of the day has brought many new challenges before the anthropologists. They are to ponder over the ways our subject will be going to take. But it is sure and certain, a new battery of theories and methodologies are in the offing.

The present volume contains nine articles and two book reviews. The articles represent all the major branches of the discipline – social-cultural anthropology, biological anthropology and prehistoric anthropology. We are also happy that the journal has been successful in keeping up its global as well as national character by accommodating papers from United States, Sri Lanka and Bangladesh along with contributions from Indian scholars. In this regard, we have a representation from very senior scholars with the mid-career and younger scholars. We hope to receive more and more thought provoking articles in future.

The publication of the journal is disturbed and delayed due to unprecedented pandemic situations. Moreover, our plan to bring out a special centenary commemoration volume of the journal is also to be rescheduled. But, we hope that it will surely be materialised.

Wish you all a healthy and safe life,

1st June, 2020
New Delhi

Dr. Sumahan Bandyopadhyay
Editor
Man In India