

Editorial

Penning an editorial for a belated issue is always a difficult task. The best I can possibly do is to begin on an apologetic note, and to say that the delay in bringing out this issue is sincerely regretted.

There are six articles in it contributed by professional science communicators, science historians and popular science writers.

The article 'Rise of Totalitarianism, Migration of Scientists and Creation of Atomic Bomb' traces the history of the emergence of totalitarian regimes in Europe after the First World War and subsequent migration of civilian scientists to other countries, which enriched the wartime R&D in countries like USA and UK leading to the creation of the atom bomb.

The article 'Science Museums: Improving Science Education' discusses proven methods for science museums working with teachers and their classes in the United States and India. Individual experiences of the authors from USA and India in teacher training for bettering formal science teaching in school education set-up in their respective countries enrich the content of the article.

'Rev. Felix Carey: Medical Missionary and Linguist' gives a brief historical account of the multi-faceted and gifted personality that he was and also of his contribution to the Indian society.

The article 'Waterpower Technology in India: Traditional Knowledge' traces the history and traditional practices in India in the area of development and management of water resources.

'NANOLAB: The Role for Science Centers in Capacity Building' is an article based on the authors' experiences in the development and running of the Nanotechnology laboratory in Science City Kolkata and speaks about how this facility is being used for exposing the students and the general public to this cutting-age technology as well as in developing a reasonable expertise among them in handling the technology for investigative purposes.

The last article of this issue 'Historiography of Plant Taxonomy in India' provides a historical account of plant taxonomy as it existed in India from ancient to the modern times.

We hope our readers will find the articles in this issue interesting and useful, and we look forward their feedback and constructive suggestions.

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Chief Editor