

From the Desk of the Editor

I am elated to inform all concerned that the second issue of the Activism Foundation's E-Journal '*Criticality*' has been published in December 2023 with the ISSN number assigned by the National Science Library & ISSN National Centre, India. Henceforth, it will be considered as an "open Access Peer Reviewed -E-Journal with ISSN Registration". This journal's objective is to explore critical-practical thinking regarding issues encountered in daily life using knowledge obtained from social science research conducted at different scales. Six essays, one commentary, and one book review on various aspects of everyday life offered by experienced scholars to junior researchers are published in this edition. The articles and commentary delved into various aspects of commonplace concerns, such as Periyar's Self-Respect Movement, the evolution of *Dalit* identity, the correlation between internally displaced individuals and terrorism, intending mothers' coping strategies with assisted reproductive technologies and sociological perspective on depression, and the role of education and intellect in upholding and contesting hegemony. A critique of the current book "India's Undeclared Emergency" by Arvind Narrain and commentary on consumerism, portion distortion, and eating behavior are particularly noteworthy, in addition to the comprehensive pieces.

The authors' varied contributions increased the issue's complexity and diversity of viewpoints. I would like to thank all of the contributors on behalf of Activism's Foundation and the Journal Editorial Board for their hard work in ensuring that "Criticality's" intentions are taken seriously. Nevertheless, all typographical errors belong to us.

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