

## **FOREWORD**

I am delighted to pen these few words of introduction to SAMUDRA, a multidisciplinary journal of research of Stella Maris College. This inaugural issue comes at a very special time in the history of the College: a time of celebration as we approach the milestone 75th Jubilee of our founding which falls on August 15, 2022. It is but appropriate that a liberal arts and science College like ours embarks on new paths of inquiry that will prepare the community to take on the world of tomorrow and the variegated challenges it will present.

SAMUDRA takes stock of current work in several key disciplines, seeking to promote a holistic, yet analytical approach to the interconnectedness between disciplines, while moving towards new discoveries and innovative directions of academic endeavour.

The thematic focus of the first issue is Anthropocene, a word that describes the current age of human supremacy and influence over the planet, and the consequent destructive changes caused to the environment, particularly in the context of the effect of global warming. The five articles in the issue span a range of concerns of this new geological epoch and touches on related subthemes, including studies and perspectives on economics and the environment, theatre and the visual arts.

I express my sincere appreciation of the efforts of the editorial team that brought this long-awaited dream alive. I wish them all success in sustaining this initiative and bringing new knowledge into the global arena.

Congratulations and God bless.

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