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### EDITORIAL

At the time of bringing out this volume, India nay the whole world was affected by corona virus pandemic. We are aware that the situation with the spread of the corona virus is very serious and could well get worse. We also know that it will eventually retreat, but we don't know how fast this will happen. Not only lives are lost, but also rising financial costs that reduce the ability to spend. In a word, the whole economy of the world is affected and recession has set in. In February 2020, I had been to Australia to visit my children and was held up till June due to lock down. I was air lifted by 'Vande Bharat' Air-India flight. So, the delay in publishing this volume.

This issue of the journal contains six useful articles on diverse topics. The paper by Saheli Chowdhury, *Is Technology Gendered? Assessing Social Transformation through Technology and Media Representation in 21<sup>st</sup> Century India*, utilizes feminist intersectional approach to assess social transformation through media representation of gendering of technology in 21st century India. Feminist critiques have acknowledged gender along with other social variables like class, race, religion, and sexuality as a decisive amalgam of constructing gender power relations that shape the everyday life experiences for women. However, Indian sociological discourse has been mostly oblivious to the relationship between gender and technology and more specifically to the distorted media depiction of the gendered nature of technology. This paper hence explicates how the present Indian visual media culture expresses and consolidates power relationships between technology and women; secondly this paper also elucidates how the inter-section of gender, class and sexuality accentuate such stereotypical representation.

The paper by Shreyansh Singh, *Lost Illusions: India's Solar Cell Case at the World Trade Organization*, examines the case between the US and India in the WTO. The Panel and the Appellate Body of the Dispute Settlement Body (DSB) of the WTO ruled against India in a case initiated by the US against the Indian 'National Solar Mission' policy alleging that it is discriminatory in nature. The paper