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Preface...

Intersections of Knowledge, Consciousness, and Change: Reflections from the Contemporary Asian Mind...

The present edition of the Asian Thinker Research Journal brings together a dynamic range of scholarly explorations that traverse the vast terrains of human cognition, education, media, spirituality, social structures, and technological frontiers. Each paper featured here illuminates a unique aspect of the contemporary Asian experience—an experience that balances between tradition and transformation, reason and revelation, mission and market.

In an age where knowledge is continuously reframed by digital evolution and socio-cultural challenges, the contributions in this volume remind us that intellectual inquiry must remain anchored in human values and experiential depth.

The issue opens with “A Study of Cognitive Style among College Students” by *Dr. Kalpnath Saroj* and *Shanvi Antal*, who probe how cognitive preferences influence learning and decision-making. Their study offers evidence-based insights into educational strategies that can enhance academic outcomes by understanding individual thinking patterns.

Following this, *Vibhash Kumar Jha* and *Dr. Dhanesh Joshi*, in “*From Sex to Super-Consciousness: Osho’s Concept of Sexual Praxis and Its Critics*”, revisit the radical philosophies of Osho. They unpack his tantric reinterpretation of sexuality as a transformative spiritual energy—inviting both admiration and controversy. Their analytical approach situates Osho’s ideas within broader discourses on consciousness, liberation, and societal morality.

Education and leadership reappear as pivotal themes in *Dr. Md. Akhlaqur Rahman’s* study, “*A Study of Planning Skills of Principals of Teacher Education Institutions in Telangana State.*” His work underscores how the quality of educational leadership determines institutional excellence, foregrounding planning as a vital managerial and visionary act.

Meanwhile, *Dr. Rohit Ganguly* and *Srestha Sarkar* lead us into the virtual realm with “*Brand Confluence in Metaverse and Human Culture.*” Their exploration of brand interactions in the three-dimensional digital universe opens conversations about identity, commerce, and cultural continuity in an evolving digital ecosystem.

In another critical study, *Dr. Omini Ering*, *Dr. Mumtak Ering*, and *Dr. Raja Rajhans* examine “*Cybercrime Awareness Among Undergraduate Students.*” Their findings serve as a wake-up call to educational institutions, highlighting the urgent need for digital literacy and ethical awareness in cyberspace.

Prof. (Dr.) Anu Shrivastava and *Ms. Shivali Shrivastava* shed light on gender and leadership in Indian media with “*To Study Glass Ceilings and Leadership Aspirations: Challenges Faced by Women in Madhya Pradesh Newsrooms.*” Their study vividly portrays the resilience of women journalists navigating patriarchal structures while aspiring to leadership.

The journal also delves into the historical and socio-economic evolution of Indian media in “*From Mission to Market: The Evolution of Indian Newspapers’ Business through Economic,*

Technological, and Social Shifts” by Dr. Chitralekha Agrawal—a timely reflection on how market dynamics have reshaped journalistic values and public discourse.

The intertwining of emotional health and education is insightfully addressed again by Dr. Omini Ering and colleagues in *“Mental Health Awareness as a Predictor of Academic Performance in Postgraduate Students.”* Their study reinforces that emotional resilience and well-being are foundational to sustained academic excellence.

Political communication finds representation in Nitish Kumar and Dr. Sunil Deepak Ghodke’s research, *“Role of Print Media during General Election 2024 of Bihar,”* which documents how media discourse shapes democratic participation and voter awareness at the grassroots level.

The inclusion of Hindi-language research adds depth and cultural resonance to this issue. Dr. Vandana Gupta’s article *“Pracheen Bhartiya Nari Shiksha ka Prateek : Brahmavadini* revisits the intellectual agency of women in Vedic India, challenging misconceptions about female exclusion from sacred learning. Dr. Megha’s study on *“Bhartiya Samaaj mein vyapt Vishamtaon Mein Dalit Vimarsh* situates caste realities within contemporary social justice narratives.

Sunil Kumar Sahu contributes two thoughtful explorations—*“Anuvad mein Rojgar ke Ayam”* and *“विश्व पुस्तक मेला 2025: ज्ञान, साहित्य एवं संस्कृति का संगम”*—that highlight translation as an emerging career domain and the World Book Fair as a confluence of literary diversity and cultural dialogue.

Finally, Vibhash Kumar Jha and Dr. Dhanesh Joshi, in their second collaborative work *“Osho evam Manovigyan”*, revisit Osho’s integration of psychology and spirituality, situating his thought as a bridge between modern therapeutic science and timeless philosophical inquiry.

Together, these contributions mirror the intellectual pluralism that defines *Asian Thinker*. They reveal how the contemporary scholar must think across disciplines—philosophy with neuroscience, technology with culture, education with empathy, and spirituality with reason.

As editors, we envision *Asian Thinker* as more than a journal—it is a dialogue between minds seeking not only to understand the world but to transform it. The diversity of voices in this edition reflects Asia’s greatest strength: its ability to hold multiplicity in harmony.

Let this issue serve as a reminder that research, when rooted in reflection and empathy, has the power to humanize knowledge, expand consciousness, and nurture change.

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