

From the Editor's Desk

The information technology in the present global world has opened new vistas and infinite spaces for the publication and dissemination of knowledge. With the creation of unlimited cyber space, knowledge now has not remained confined to printed pages. In the eighteenth century, Steele and Joseph Addison when launched 'The Tatler' and 'The Spectator' aimed at bringing knowledge out of the bounds of closets, libraries and schools and colleges. The dream of these visionaries has now come true. The web technology has advanced and reincarnated the printed newspapers, journals and magazines to Electronic journals, magazines, papers and blogs to make them accessible to common man who can view them on his PC, Laptop, Tablet and Smartphone at the click of a mouse anywhere and anytime. This impact of IT can be felt in the realm of literature too. Literature has never remained stagnant and always welcomed changes. It has always served humanity by transcending the narrow walls of regionalism, caste, colour and creed and striving towards innovations and inventions by soaring in the realm of the infinite. Like a pole star, it guides the path of humanity and leads it towards righteousness, humility, philanthropy, progress and prosperity. It is once again ready to equip itself to contribute to the welfare of humanity through the use of technology. IT has advanced and accelerated the growth of literature in the present world. The world is growing with leaps and bounds and so is literature. IT has brought the entire world to proximity and has made it a global village. It has also brought literature – be it international, national, regional and local at par by providing ample space for publication and making it available to all the readers by bringing it to their pockets, laps and tables. Never before have had the creative and critical writings enjoyed such optimum resources to express and publish. The boundaries of the global and the local have now blurred. Through technology, the global has access to the local and the local has the access to the global. The voices of the regional and the local literatures that earlier remained in oblivion can be heard now and the beauties and fragrance of these literatures can be felt by anybody. Anybody who wishes to be heard and has some message for the people can give vent to his urge by twittering on the infinite space created by the Web technology.

ELTAI Literature SIG too has geared itself to the new opportunities provided by the IT World by regularly publishing its open access Journal of Teaching and Research in English Literature. The present issue of our journal is one more attempt in this direction. It includes articles from contributors from India as well as abroad and on a wide variety of themes including the local as well as the global.

We wish all the members, friends and readers a very happy, prosperous and academically fruitful New Year and invite them to participate in our academic endeavours through attending our conferences and publishing in our journals.

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