

Editorial

Welcome to the first issue of *Amity Journal of Entrepreneurship*. Entrepreneurship is a hotbed of innovation and out-of-the box thinking and provides positive stimulus to any economy. So, it is of utmost importance to boost entrepreneurial ideas to facilitate the overall development of the economy. Therefore, as a journal to contribute to the overall entrepreneurial environment, *Amity Journal of Entrepreneurship* publishes advances in the entrepreneurial research and innovative practices in both developed and developing economies. It lays special emphasis on inter-disciplinary research to bring out the latest trends and developments in the field of entrepreneurship, to bridge the gap and provide a platform for academicians, corporate practitioners and research scholars from across the world to contribute scholarly articles for enhancement of entrepreneurship concepts for the benefit of academia, business and society at large.

Various diverse areas of entrepreneurship are selected for this first inaugural issue. Women entrepreneurship and its different aspects like self-employment, barriers facing women entrepreneurs, usage of ICT by women and gender gap in entrepreneurship, have found way to this issue. In addition, studies of microenterprises and entrepreneurial orientation of youth have also been discussed. This was followed by a viewpoint on a scientist entrepreneur.

Entrepreneurship is an important way to empower women and this comes out in the first paper of the journal which discusses various aspects of self-employment of women entrepreneurs of Agartala, India. The study found that age, education, family background and expertise have motivated them to start a business. Later in the journal, barriers facing women entrepreneurs in rural Haryana, India are discussed. The study revealed that women entrepreneurs face a lot of problems like lack of family support, knowledge, marketing skills and infrastructural facilities. In addition, the fifth paper explores the lack of awareness of technology and its usage among women entrepreneurs in Gujarat, India.

The second research paper of the journal discusses the occupational background of family on the entrepreneurial orientation among the youth in India. This is followed by a study on gender gap in entrepreneurship, where it is found that gap worsened in backward states in India.

The fourth paper discusses microenterprises, which are very important for any economy. The research throws light on the importance of the person behind any entrepreneurial venture and his personality traits. Finally, a viewpoint on scientist-entrepreneur show how world-renowned scientists displaying entrepreneurial spirit can help translating the most complex problems of the research community into commercial ventures. Overall, *Amity Journal of Entrepreneurship* is well represented with contemporary issues in entrepreneurship.

The high quality review process would not have been possible without the excellent support of our esteemed Editorial Advisory Board, Editorial Board and Editorial Review Board. It was their constant guidance that helped to make this inaugural issue remarkable. We also take this opportunity to thank the authors who have shown immense faith and contributed their research papers to Amity Journal of Entrepreneurship.

Improvement is an on-going process and so we invite suggestions from our readers to help us improve the quality of the journal further.

We hope that you would appreciate and enjoy the journal as much we were delighted to develop it.

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