Feedback on July 2019 Issue

Though the emphasis of the magazine is largely on gender inequality and discrimination, it is interesting to see the diversity in content- health issues among women, commodification of beauty, inspiration from Arunima Sinha and women in politics. I would also like to specially mention the primary research on domestic help in India- hope to see more research based articles in future editions. Good to see contributions from varied sectorsdoctors, journalist, students and professors. Most of the articles were quite interesting to read. However, Some grammatical errors remain and need to be proofread more rigourously.

> Ms. Priyanka Singhal Ex Treasure of college GB

Thank you so much for the in-depth analysis of the magazine. Suggestions are welcome and we will be more careful.

Dr. Haritma Chopra

Congratulations on bringing out the volume II half yearly e magazine, Samvedana. The initiative to provide such kind of forum to the youngsters is really appreciable. I like the name of the magazine, just apt for it.

The designing of the magazine, articles both in English and Hindi, news analysis etc. are very nice and refreshing..

I congratulate the patron, chief editor, other editors and all the supporting members for bringing out such a nice and meaningful volume.

> **Prof. Rashmi Agrawal** Department of Business Economics South Campus, University of Delhi

अंग्रेजी का पहला संस्मरण (Memoir) पढ़ा – 'Against All Odds'. बहुत दिनों बाद इतना बेहतर कुछ पढा। आँखो में नमी है अभी भी। अंग्रेजी की एक कहनी है- 'The price of Flowers'। इसे प्रभात कुमार मुखोपाध्यय ने लिखा है। उसी कहनी की याद आ गयी।

सबसे बेस्ट लाइन वो है जहाँ डाक्टर अपने आप से ही पूछते हैं - वास्तव में?

> ज्योति शौधार्थी जवाहर लाल नेहरु यूनिवर्सिटी

I happened to come across a contributor to your magazine who explained to me that the mission of your magazine is to shed light on the social issues faced by women in India. Hearing this my curiosity was piqued, and I asked him to share the link to your magazine. I thoroughly enjoyed reading every article. Thank you and the authors for compiling a thought provoking and informative magazine! The beauty of your magazine is that the social issues faced by women, the poor, and the working class, you and your authors address, transcend cultures and borders. Social, racial, and gender inequality are issues faced by people around the world. Thank you and the authors for your bravery to bring awareness about these challenging issues to the public. Keep up the good work and the good fight.

I look forward to reading future issues.

An unexpected fan

Stephen Howe Assistant Nurse Manager ICU CEO, Howe Stweet It Is USA

Many thanks for sharing this wonderful and thoughtful issue of the magazine. I read through several articles and loved them. Some of them stuck a chord with me and some made me sad. The article 'Against all Odds' is amazingly written. The author is so right in that children in India face so many odds and still are enthusiastic. And some actually work hard and get themselves to better situations physically and economically. I also strongly feel that education is the key to progress and liberation from ignorance. Disha Gupta's article made me sad ! Unfortunately that seems to be norm and no matter how educated and progressive our society seems to be, beneath the veneer there are so many abominable acts that are covered up or ignored and are so prevalent that nobody cares. I have been privy to many of my friends being at the receiving end of many such retrogressive thoughts such as 'हम तो बेटी के घर का पानी भी नहीं पीते'. 'पहला तो बेटा ही होना चाहिए' and much more crap.

It saddens me no end that marriage which is supposed to be a joyous union of two people, is fraught with umpteen number of ugly issues which mostly take a toll on the mental and physical health of a women.

I applaud you for your persistent, tireless efforts in raising such pertinent issues and giving voice to people, especially women to tell their stories.

> Dr. Prerna Das Informatics Research Assistant Oregon Health & Science University, New Oregon, USA

It's a pleasure to read erudite articles by learned people. I am glad you are trying to sensitise people to the discrimination and injustices prevalent in our society. I personally think that we all need to bring about a sea-change in the way people in our country interact with each other. It is high time that we learn to respect each other irrespective of gender and class. For this to happen, we need to present examples of interactions that cut across social divides. So stories of women achievers and men who helped the women in their lives should be included. Also real life stories of ordinary women breaking stereotypes can be included.

At the end of the day, we all want to read something that makes us happy and upbeat about life. So the tone of the magazine should not be very depressing. Sounds difficult when you are talking about crimes against women but one has to do it for the sake of making the material engaging.

Ms. Neera Jain Writer & Editor of Children's books Executive Committee member of Association of Writers and Illustrators for Children

I had the opportunity to read the July 2019 issue of your college magazine Samvedana. I was highly impressed by the quality of articles in the magazine.

Please accept my heartfelt congratulations for your wonderful work of editing Samvedana which is full of very enlightening and thought provoking articles. Your magazine is a step towards raising the profile and confidence of girls and women in our Indian society.

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