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Editorial

It gives me immense pleasure to present the inaugural issue of *Confluence: Journal of Humanities, Social Sciences & Commerce* (ISSN: 3107-5568), a multidisciplinary peer-reviewed open-access e-journal published by Seth Soorajmull Jalan Girls' College, Kolkata, a centre for academic excellence affiliated to the University of Calcutta, West Bengal, India.

The title *Confluence* symbolizes the journal's vision — to serve as an intellectual convergence of diverse streams of thoughts, ideas, perspectives, voices, disciplines, and scholarship, among others. In this spirit, the present issue is organized into five thematic sections that reflect the journal's commitment to interdisciplinarity, critical thinking, and relevance to contemporary concerns.

While *Section I* explores identity, trauma, and philosophical inquiry through literary analysis, *Section II* shifts the focus to ethical philosophy. *Section III* highlights cultural studies and historical inquiry, whereas *Section IV* engages with contemporary issues in commerce and sustainability. *Section V* presents critical reflections on Bengali literature, with essays on Kazi Nazrul Islam's prose, Amar Mitra's fiction, and Rabindranath Tagore's *Shesher Kobita*. Together, these contributions seek to bridge the conventional disciplinary divides, making *Confluence* a vibrant space for ideas, inquiry, and scholarship.

We are grateful to our contributors, reviewers, and the esteemed members of the Editorial and Advisory Boards, whose expertise and encouragement have been invaluable in shaping this issue. We also extend our sincere gratitude to the Hon'ble Administrator of Seth Soorajmull Jalan Girls' College for his unwavering support and motivation in launching this academic venture.

We hope this inaugural issue of *Confluence* will inspire further inquiry, dialogue, and insights across disciplines. We invite scholars, researchers, educators, and students to contribute to and engage with future issues of the journal as we continue on this exciting interdisciplinary journey.

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