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We are pleased to present the first issue of the '**Journal of Disability Studies**' in collaboration with **Integrated Science Publications**, Delhi. The Journal of Disability Studies is an international, multidisciplinary, peer-reviewed/refereed open access biannual journal. This is our humble and sincere effort to fulfill a long standing need of an open access journal in the disability field. There are so many brilliant efforts to start journal in the disability field, some of the journals are successfully continuing since many years but there is dearth of open access journal particularly from India. There is no need to enlist advantages of open access journal over conventional print only or limited access online journal.

SCOPE OF THE JOURNAL

One may observe that 'Disability Studies' is an emerging academic discipline and it is quite inter-disciplinary in nature. That is why; the scholars and professionals from diverse academic disciplines are involved in this intellectual enterprise.

The Journal covers all type of disabilities is a wide range of fields - psychosocial perspectives on disability, disability assessment, disability prevention, treatment and rehabilitation, disability in academia, disability research, disability and social stigma, exclusion or discrimination, disability in the context of development, disability and gender, disability legislation, and other allied studies related to disability. Thus, there is a scope for contributions from the various disciplines such as sociology, social work, psychology, rehabilitation, social policy, law, ethics and related fields apart from disability studies.

CALL FOR CONTRIBUTION

We take the honor to invite your paper/scholar work to the Journal of Disability Studies. Your precious contribution will be an eminent source of development of the journal. We particularly welcome papers based on empirical data but we will accept all type of articles: original research papers, review articles, brief research communication, case reports, viewpoint, commentaries, book reviews, movie reviews, literary, my voice and letters to the editor

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IN THIS ISSUE

This issue includes three research papers¹⁻³, three review articles⁴⁻⁶, one short communication⁷, one book review⁸, a writeup from a caregiver in my voice⁹ section and a case report¹¹ apart from an editorial¹⁰.

We will be grateful to you for your valuable comments, suggestions and critics are welcome.

Happy reading and warm regards.

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