

## Editorial

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The year 2015–2016 has been eventful and rewarding for *Decision*. *Decision* was able to scale new heights in terms of the number of manuscripts submissions, research width of the manuscripts, and international reach in terms of access and subscription across four thousand plus institutions. The journal saw a phenomenal increase in the number of submissions from across management disciplines, and the manuscript acceptance rate was at less than 20 %. The journal was also able to maintain the balance between disciplinary breadth without compromising on the academic rigor.

*Decision* also became a member of the Committee on Publication Ethics (COPE) a globally recognized forum for editors and publishers of peer-reviewed journals to discuss all aspects of publication ethics. Membership in COPE sends a signal to authors and reviewers that our journal upholds the highest ethical standards that the journal intends to follow COPE's Code of Conduct and that the journal will take appropriate action in cases of possible misconduct. I am also glad to share that the Indian Institute of Management Calcutta, the institute that publishes *Decision*, has become the first Indian business school to achieve the 'Triple Crown' in accreditation (AACSB, AMBA, EQUIS), i.e., accredited by all the

three major accreditation agencies in the world of management education.

After the June 2016 Special Issue on 'Supply Chain Management in Emerging Economies,' we bring yet another regular issue of *Decision*. This September issue 3, vol. 43, covers a wide range of research articles and a perspective article from Ashok Lahiri on 'The vexed land issue: a triple jeopardy' in which he elaborates on the three jeopardies or three dangers associated with it: (1) determining land ownership and titles; (2) land being needed most where it is most scarce; and (3) how many of the people affected by the proposed land acquisition for a project have to give their consent before it can go ahead. He concludes in favor of moving to a Torrens system of land registration.

The research articles in this issue include an fascinating and comprehensive study by Jaiswal and Bhattacharyya on 'The role of operating efficiency and asset productivity in relative performance evaluation and CEO compensation in Indian firms' that investigates how RPE usage in CEO compensation in Indian private sector firms is associated with a firm's operating efficiency and asset productivity. The article by Saha and Dash on 'Consolidation in Indian banking' is timely in the context of the SBI's move toward consolidation. Saha and Dash present a justification for consolidation in the Indian banking space by evaluating the efficiency performances of banks including its drivers and findings that 'size' does

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matter significantly in determining the efficiency profile of banks in India.

Two papers in this volume also study different aspects of the Indian stock market. The article by Sehgal and Dutt titled ‘Domestic and international information linkages between NSE Nifty spot and futures markets: an empirical study for India’ examines the information linkages between NSE Nifty Index spot and futures in India and Nifty futures traded on international platforms from 2008 to 2015. The second article is by Garg, Mitra, and Kumar titled ‘Do foreign institutional investors herd in emerging markets?’ which examines the presence of herd behavior among the foreign institutional investors when investing in Indian stock market.

We have also included the research review article by Jha, Sahay, Charan on ‘Healthcare operations

management’ which provides a comprehensive literature review covering a total of 177 research papers on healthcare operations management with a view to identify key dimensions of healthcare operations management, highlight the present trend in research on healthcare operations management, and suggest areas for future research.

We are also glad to inform that the 2017 June Special Issue of Decision shall be on ‘Urban Management in Developing Economies: Challenges for Public Policy.’ For call for paper and more information, please visit <http://www.springer.com/journal/40622>.

In our endeavor to strengthen the journal, we welcome your support and feedback.

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