Editorial



Greetings from A₹tha and the Financial Research and Trading Lab (FRTL) at IIM Calcutta. You will be glad to know that A₹tha is a peer-reviewed, open-source, practice-oriented journal featuring articles on topics from accounting, finance, and corporate governance. Each piece undergoes a constructive peer review and editing process to enhance the article's value.

Indeed, A₹tha has come a long way. I am grateful to our editors, reviewers, contributors, and readers for their support. I am optimistic about A₹tha's greater significance in sharing knowledge and enabling informed conversations. We celebrated its 10th Anniversary in August 2022. As I reflect on its journey over the decade, I find A₹tha increasingly engaging our stakeholders. It is so joyful to see its readers and contributors growing every issue. Now, the journal reaches the entire IIMC community: its alumni, students, faculty, and staff. Students, alums, and faculty members of other institutions also read the published articles. As I go over the profiles of the contributors of articles over the last three years, I am overjoyed to find articles not only from several IIMC students, alums, and current and retired faculty members but also from other scholars and industry experts from India and abroad. Importantly, we have a strong board of a dozen editors to steer A₹tha steadfastly to an even higher level.

I complete my tenure as A₹tha's Chief Editor at the end of the current academic year. Allow me the pleasure of sharing with you the final issue under my editorship. Kudos to the editors and reviewers for their thoughtful comments for improving the manuscript, and congratulations to the authors for their publication in A₹tha. The December 2022 issue has six articles on various topics, such as financing of zero hunger targets, the evolution of money, risk mitigation in M&A, reputational risk in financial services, financing of large-scale infrastructure, and learning from the CSR mandate in India. Enjoy reading these articles and consider contributing your writings and constructive thoughts to us at artha@iimcal.ac.in.

As the year 2023 dawns, I sincerely hope that your plans include a work-life balance and that you will also give due importance to your and your family's well-being. May I also wish, you would do something meaningful to you for A₹tha, FRTL, and IIM Calcutta during 2023-24?

Happy Holidays and a joyful and prosperous New Year 2023.

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Chief Editor