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“Climate change isn’t something people get to choose to believe or not: it’s happening.”

Matt Gaetz

The international community’s effort in bending the curve of greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions globally has remained insufficient. The UN Climate Change Report of October 2022, highlighted that the current commitments by the countries to reduce GHG emissions were increased by 10.6 per cent as compared to 2021. However, the path that the countries are undertaking, would increase the emission by 13.7 percent approximately. Therefore, the combined pledge of the 193 countries under the framework of the Paris Agreement is not enough to address the devastating consequences of climate change and the road to sustainability.

With the global mission to keep the downward trend in emissions progressing, there is a need for the national governments to strengthen their climate action plan through effective policies directed towards addressing climate change and its impact. Though the countries are adopting Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) in their effort to implement the mechanism under the Paris Agreement, it cannot be effective enough unless the countries focus on ‘limits to growth’ and implement effective policy alternatives at the local level too.

Acknowledging the fact that there are communities that face direct and catastrophic consequences of climate change is crucial. It is high time that the States and the local authorities also realise their duty to operate the in public interest keeping in mind the local consequences of climate change. The vulnerable communities require a comprehensive response at the local level to adapt to the impact of climate change. Hence, the mitigation efforts at the global level also need to

integrate adaptation strategies for vulnerable communities at the local level to achieve the goal of sustainable development.

We, at CeRSSE, committed to our social responsibility of inculcating social awareness among our readers, are bringing to you a selection of editorial articles, also, presenting our interdisciplinary social approach reflected through our various activities. This is the ninth edition of TSSP covering the period between January and March 2023. The introductory piece analyses the economic crisis in Pakistan, followed by the recent earthquakes in Turkey and Syria and their impact on refugees, and the judicial reforms in Israel to capture *The World Perspective*. The other original articles cover vital issues such as a reflective essay on the changing goals of Indian foreign policy in *India Matters*; an insight into challenges in Research in Language and Literature in *Approaching Research*; and issues of the Pakistani Hindu refugee women in Jodhpur, Rajasthan in *The Gender Perspective*. We have an essay by a student of Master of Arts in Public Policy and Administration (MAPP) analysing the Union Budget 2023-2024 in *Student Essay*. Along with this, we also share with you the reports on the events organised and attended by the Centre during this period and a comprehensive report on students' field visit to Ramanagara Zilla Panchayat in the *Students Field Trip Report*. This issue also includes a section on *Faculty Achievements* to highlight the work that the faculty have been involved in during this period. This issue also highlights the activities of the students from the MAPP as part of the *Students' Corner*. Besides, with much pleasure, we have showcased the academic achievements of the PhD scholars from JAIN. We hope you enjoy reading this issue as much as we took pleasure in curating it for you.

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