

Message from the Chief Reviewer

In an age where most academic frameworks still orbit around Western epistemes, I feel an urgent need to realign this academic polarity, to shift the axis of thought back to Bharat, where knowledge is not merely produced but lived, transmitted, and realized. For me, the *Journal of Sanātana Dharma* is not just another initiative; it is a civilizational necessity, a conscious act to reclaim our frameworks, reassert our narratives, and reaffirm our truths.

Sanatana Dharma, along with all our epistemic roots, cannot and must not be studied through borrowed categories. It must be engaged with through its own foundational *drishtis*, *pramanas*, and lived cosmologies. This journal is our small but determined contribution towards that shift, a turning point from being objects of someone else's study to becoming subjects and authors of our own knowledge.

I invite fellow scholars, seekers, and thinkers to join in restoring the rightful centrality of Bharatiya thought in the global discourse, not as a mere counterpoint, but as the originating point. Let this be a space where thought finds its way back to its *dharmic* roots, where *shruti* inspires scholarship, and where we stop seeking validation and instead embody wisdom.

While working through the review process and selecting reviewers for the papers, I did face certain challenges: the persistent use of Western categories for Indian subjects, the excessive dependence on Western references even when we have profound Indian thinkers, and topics framed through borrowed lenses. Yet, amidst these, I also felt a quiet pride in seeing our reviewers willingly accept and encourage a shift towards Indic perspectives.

I hold a strong hope that in the days to come, we will see a more positive narrative change, where our academic frameworks truly reflect the Indic mind, rooted deeply in our own civilizational vision.



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