

## From the Desk of Editor-in-Chief

It is great pleasure to me that the December 2022 issue of the Journal **SKBU Business Review** is going to be published. The present volume of the Journal contains five quality research papers on the following areas:

(i) Gender Diversity in Boards ;

(ii) A Comparative Study between Private and Public Life Insurance Companies in India with regard to earnings and profitability ;

(iii) A comparative study between Islamic banking system and Conventional banking system ;

(iv) A Field Survey in Purulia on Child Deprivation and Its Link with Poverty; and

(v) A Multinational Study on Sustainability Practices in Agricultural Sector and International Trade .

In one write up by taking information from NSE-listed top companies the author has attempted to find out whether the matter of gender diversity in boards can influence the corporate performance and growth, and with the help of some statistical analyses has arrived at a decision that the issue of board gender diversity exerts a favourable and substantial sway in explaining corporate success.

In another paper the researchers have made a comparative analysis between public sector LIC and other select five private sector life insurance companies based on total insurance premium collection, and their earning and profitability have been analysed by using t-test and assessed with the help of CARMEL framework.

Another paper by an author deals with a comparative study between conventional banking and Islamic banking.

In another paper describing child deprivation as a global problem, through a field survey in two villages of Purulia District of West Bengal, the author has analysed the various aspects of this problem and established a link of child deprivation with poverty.

Another study conducted jointly by two authors deals in addressing the issue of diverse practices of sustainability of the agricultural sector across the nations and their determinants.

Through all these papers, the authors have covered a wide variety of contemporary issues in the field of Commerce including Finance. I believe that the research papers contained in the

present volume of the journal will enrich the readers and the researchers academically to a great extent.

I convey my sincere thanks and gratitude to the Editorial Board Members, the Reviewers and the Managing Editor for extending their kind help for bringing out the present issue of the journal. I also convey my sincere thanks to the authors without whose contributions the present issue could not be published.

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