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FROM THE DESK OF EDITORS:

History is the way we look at the past, and in doing so we are conditioned by time, place and circumstance. As History cannot be written one for all, it must be rewritten and reinvented from generation to generation as time moves on and the perspectives, views change accordingly.

We are extremely fortunate to announce that a long cherished dream of publishing our own Departmental Journal is going to come true and throughout the journey and the long tedious process we are thankful to number of people, persons without whose determination and relentless efforts it would not see the rays of sunshine today.

The present and first issue of Sidho- Kanho -Birsha University Journal of History is primarily dealt with “Recent trends in Indian historical writing” that incorporate various subjects from Revolutionary Activities among the Hindi speaking people of Calcutta to Education, Medicine, Christianity in the North-East Frontiers, from land acquisition sagas to the Gastronomic Milieu in Early Modern Bengal ,from the Hunting Diaries of the Princely states to the Folk literature and culture of Purulia. Though the subjects and specialized areas differed from one to another we have tried to build up a harmony and emphasize on original ideas and researches at large.

We are happy to declare that this year is nonetheless special as we could have successfully organize our First Prof.(DR.)Partha Dutta Memorial Lecture in the memory of our Late Professor Partha Dutta on June 17th ,2021.To commemorate the 250th birth anniversary of Raja Rammohan Roy the topic was ‘Raja Rammohan Roy: The Vision of a Grand Symbiosis’ .The memorial lecture was delivered by Professor(Dr.)Mahua Sarkar, Department of History, Jadavpur University and The Honourable Guest and Chair was Professor(Dr.) Arabinda Samanta, Retired Professor,Department Of History, Burdwan University. The Convenors of the event were Dr.Suvankar Dey,Assistant Professor, Department of History, Sidho Kanho Birsha University and Shri Naju Hansda,Assistant Professor, Department of History, Sidho Kanho Birsha University. The lecture is being published as a Memorial Lecture article in this issue.

The first issue contains a sub total of eight articles, one book review and one memorial lecture, article covering diverse topics at a time. The contributors are Professor, Assistant Professors, researchers, Scholars and students.

The journal ensures a continuum of nurturing young scholars and researchers, students beyond pedagogical teaching to enable them think, write and publish their original works and findings. To be more specific, the journal will be a platform for them to share ideas and thoughts with experts in the same podium and be inspired by their scholarships and develop and continue intellectual exercise and interactions with each other.

At the end we would first like to thank our honourable Vice Chancellor Professor (Dr.) Dipak Kumar Kar for his encouragement and support providing the necessary funds to carry forward the idea of publishing the journal. We do thank Dr. Nachiketa Bandyopadhyay (Registrar), Professor Sonali Mukherjee (Publication Officer) and Professor Narugopal Dey (Dean of Humanities), Dr. Jatisankar Mondal, for their energy , enthusiasm and

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With the collective efforts we look forward to publish more with different themes and structures in future.

With warm regards

Sincerely yours,

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