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EDITORIAL NOTE

It gives me great pleasure to inform the readers that the Annual Research Journal “The Woman” is recognized in the “Z” category by the HEC (Higher Education Commission) Islamabad. No doubt it is a dream comes true, for I have many dreams for the Institute, and one has already become a reality. Furthermore, the Institute of Gender Studies at University of Sindh Jamshoro is pleased to announce our partnership with EBSCO Information Services. This journal will soon appear in the world’s largest academic multi-disciplinary database in EBSCO host™.

The present issue addresses various concerns of the gender, society and culture, which is so typical of a multidisciplinary journal. The journal opens with the article of Dr Najia Asrar Zaidi & Dr Misbah Bibi Qureshi on “Autobiography and women Empowerment with reference to Tehmina Durrani’s My Feudal Lord”. This article throws light on the institution of marriage and family that are widely embedded in the cultural practices. The authors blame patriarchy, feudalism and cultural norms for women’s oppression.

The next contribution is by Dr Anka Lawal Mohammad and Professor Dr Taherani Abida which is titled as “The Impact of family Support Programme on Rural Women in Maru Local Government area of Zamfara State, Nigeria”. This paper is mainly written to assess the effect of the FSP (Family Support Programme) and investigate the problem that affects the proper implementation of the FSP’s objectives.

The themes of this issue are countless, covering social, economic and legal aspects of women’s lives. The closing article is by Dr Shamim Soomro, Professor Dr Nasreen Aslam Shah & Professor Dr Khalida Jamali’s on “Status of Women in Sindh”. This paper provides an in-depth analysis and discusses the social position of women in Sindhi society in which women faces honor killings, rape, murder attempts, female infanticides, and so forth and also offer recommendations regarding the solution to this heinous practice.
Before concluding this note, I am grateful to the honorable Vice Chancellor of the University of Sindh, Professor Dr. Nazir Ahmed Mughal for his support in this professional development process. The Institute of Gender Studies is thankful to the admirable Dean, Faculty of Social Sciences, University of Sindh, Professor Dr. Abida Taherani for providing moral support and assistance for this issue. The Institute of Gender Studies, University of Sindh, Jamshoro, is highly indebted to the national and international peer reviewers for communicating and giving valuable comments and suggestions. I am also obliged to the Advisory board Members for guiding us to enhance the quality of this research journal. In this regard, we have been assisted by the Professor Dr. Saleem Chandio, Focal Person of the University for the Turnitin Plagiarism Test to ensure originality and transparency in research as per HEC policy.

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