





The successful publication of this Conference Special Issue No. 1 of ENSEMBLE on the interesting theme of "Equality, Diversity, and Inclusivity: Issues and Concerns" is significant in this troubling time when the world has been struggling to be recovered from the fatal effects of the unprecedented global Covid-19 pandemic outbreak that has had devastating effects in all sphere of lives and livelihoods.

I am thankful to the School of Education of the prestigious institution, the Lovely Professional University, for the valuable collaboration with Dr. Meghnad Saha College in organizing the international conference on "Equality, Diversity and Inclusivity: Issues and Concerns," held on 25 September 2021 in online mode.

This volume houses nineteen interesting articles selected by the Editors from the papers presented at the international conference, which have remarkable contributions in addressing the issues of equality (or inequality), diversity (or sameness), and inclusivity (or exclusions) as experienced by the scholars and academicians assembled in the conference from different corners of India and abroad.

ENSEMBLE serves its role as a common platform to portray our researched facts and exchange our views from the lens of different philosophies. These objectives set the path of launchings a journal entitled ENSEMBLE principally to work for academic solidarity. Sincere cooperation from the scholarly world has facilitated the journal to growth. My heartfelt recognition goes collectively to all Authors, Readers, Members of the Publishing Support Teams, Web Consultants, and all others, without whose active support in different aspects, this Conference Special Issue would not have seen the light of day.

In the venture of publication of the special conference issue of ENSEMBLE, the Reviewers, who are academicians from different Colleges & Universities, have extended their enormous support to maintain the quality of the publication. The impartial judgments and tireless effort of the Editors-in-chief of this special conference issue – Professor Dr. Nimisha Beri and Mr. Raju Singha, and the Joint Managing Editor – Md. Yusuf Azim has ensured the academic & qualitative excellence of ENSEMBLE.

I extend my sincere thanks to all the Authors who have submitted their works for consideration. However, each volume has a limitation of printable space. Therefore, we have prioritized the sustenance of quality and valuable commentary on relevant issues in selecting the articles. ENSEMBLE is a fresco of intellectuals and innovative thoughts, and we are always committed to being the same.

I do hope the readers will find this special conference issue of ENSEMBLE useful.

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PREFACE