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From the Desk of the Chief Editor

The landscape of academic inquiry in the 21st century is defined by an unprecedented merging of disciplines, perspectives, and technologies. Knowledge, once neatly contained within the boundaries of singular fields, now expands through dynamic interactions between diverse domains. It is within this rich and evolving context that *The NEHU Journal* continues to position itself as a space where scholars from across disciplines converge to generate meaningful dialogue, original insights, and new possibilities for collective understanding. As we present this issue *The NEHU Journal, Vol. XXII, No. 1 & 2, 2024 (2025)*, I reaffirm our commitment to promoting high-quality research that not only reflects the breadth of contemporary academic engagement but also speaks to the unique social, cultural, environmental, and intellectual realities of our region and beyond. This issue of *The NEHU Journal* reflects that ethos by bringing together contributions from the social sciences, humanities, environmental studies, technology, education, and health sciences, among other domains. Each article undergoes a rigorous peer-review process involving experts from various disciplines, ensuring that research meets the standards of clarity, originality, and methodological soundness.

I wish to recognize the exceptional work of both the Guest Editors, Prof. Nirmalendu Saha, Department of Zoology, NEHU and Dr. S. Majaw, Department of Biotechnology and Bioinformatics, NEHU and our editorial team whose efforts have been instrumental in preserving the publication's high standard of academic rigor and integrity. I remain deeply grateful to the reviewers who dedicate their time and expertise to strengthening the quality of published work. Their thoughtful assessments and constructive critiques uphold the scholarly integrity of *The NEHU Journal* and contribute significantly to its reputation. Likewise, I extend my appreciation to the authors who trust this journal with their research. Their intellectual contributions are at the heart of every issue and help shape the journal's identity as a credible space for multidisciplinary scholarship.

In closing, I extend my gratitude to everyone who has contributed to the making of this issue—the authors, reviewers, editorial board members, production team, and our readers. I hope that the articles presented here will inspire inquiry, stimulate debate, and foster new collaborations. I would like to encourage all the readers to explore the diverse ideas contained within these pages and to join us in celebrating the spirit of academic curiosity, critical reflection, and collaborative knowledge that defines *The NEHU Journal*.

Prof. Fameline K. Marak
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