

From the desk of the editor

As early as 1665 there were only two journals in the world. They were

- 1) Philosophical Transactions of the Royal Society and
- 2) Journal des scavants

Both the journals were published from the Royal Society of England.

From these two journals today we have many thousands journals. The reason probably is the involvement of the Universities. Most of the Universities followed the famous dictum of Daniel coit Gilman, founder of Johns Hopkins University Press. Gilman asserted *It is one of the noblest duties of a University to advance knowledge and to diffuse it not merely among those who can attend the daily lectures - but far and wide.*

Presently, we find that the central responsibility of a modern research University is to release its publication and most of the Universities across the globe are doing this periodically.

Today, Sikkim Manipal University releases an on line medical journal, *SMU Medical Journal*, not only for involvement and enrichment of students, faculties and researchers but also to permit scientist and physicians to communicate with one another for greater interest of human being.

Let us join hands to make the venture success.



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