This issue of TechScape commemorates IIT Jodhpur’s 6th Convocation ceremony where, in the middle of a global pandemic whilst battling numerous logistical, structural and emotional challenges, yet another batch of students will be ready to graduate. We are proud and happy; we cannot wait to see what they will do next. The occasion is graced by renowned scientist, Dr. Geoffrey Hinton, who once famously said, “In the long run, curiosity-driven research works better...real breakthroughs come from people focusing on what they’re excited about”. We could not agree more.

This issue of the journal features two articles by Dr. Rajlaxmi Chouhan and Dr. Vandana Sharma about online teaching and learning, a central aspect of education in 2020. Even as the world crests and ebbs through waves of the pandemic, Dr. Vidya Sarveshwaran’s article introducing the field of Environmental Humanities to a broader audience is a timely reminder about planetary crisis and our responses. In this issue, the reader will find milestones in research and teaching excellence achieved by IIT Jodhpur in the past few months. The Institute has made significant headway in the fields of AI, Data Science, Augmented and Virtual Reality through the inauguration of the School of Artificial Intelligence and the Samsung AR-VR Lab. For those interested in learning about Dr. Prakash Tiwari’s work on green electronics, you will find his article in this issue illuminating. Dr. Sushmita Jha’s article provides insights into the ways AI can be mobilized for progress in cancer research. Dr. Sampat Vadera’s article introduces the Jodhpur City Knowledge and Innovation Cluster, an ambitious multi-institutional collaboration combining the interfaces of government, academia and industry to augment and improve life in Jodhpur through innovations in medical technologies, water treatment, e-governance and craft. An exciting article on tissue engineering by Dr. Indranil Banerjee allows readers who are not from the field to gain useful perspectives. This and much more, you will find in this issue of TechScape, although this Editorial can only do meagre justice to describing all of it.

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