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#### **Message from the Editors**

Many forms of art expression keep getting added to what human beings can create and do. This has been part of our historical legacy. The twentieth century saw Cinema becoming a popular form of art expression, particularly in the second half of the century and in the first two decades of the present century. In fact, it has had very vast and varied forms over the last couple of years. It has imbibed many facets and contexts of historically developed art forms - theatre, literature, painting, music, etc. They have all shaped cinema. In Education, it is important for us to recognize that cinema represents a very important cultural tool of society. It is probably one of the most powerful cultural mediums, reaching millions of people in the world, cutting across social and geographical barriers. Cinema may be understood as a modern medium of human expression. In movies, typically various dimensions of human experience are displayed and various forms of imagination are also shown.

Cinema creates a structure of reality and when we watch cinema, it becomes a part of our mental structure taking us inside the reality. Sometimes, cinema-made reality is accepted by us in its totality. We think like we view and emote as it makes us and even dare to dream as it takes us along. It is about visible and invisible shaping of our identity, our sensibilities, our notions, our world view and many more such constructs. It also gives us critical overviews, alternatives and new ways of looking at issues. Cinema almost always supports multiple realities, especially art cinema and fantasy based cinema. There is a subjective context to how cinema impacts us and what potential for imagination it can create. For instance, every reader who reads the literary piece Maila Anchal will imagine the village differently in their mind, whereas cinema based on it presents a physical form of the village, yet it opens up different windows to reflect upon or associate with life and society in the village. There is thus a dynamism to cinema.

In this issue of the journal the big question that is addressed is, what kind of socio-cultural political environment does contemporary popular cinema display? What impact does the concept of modernism, terrorism, gender etc. make on the psyche of children? Also, what is the potential of cinema in promoting the mental health and well-being of school students? How can it be used to sensitise, expand awareness, build perspective, negotiate reality, accept multiple interpretations and truths? A number of films have children as the protagonists and their interaction with society. Such films have immense potential to touch students' minds and hearts. They help to identify biases, prejudices, stereotypes etc which lead to sectarian identities and marginalization of children. Lost childhood is often a theme depicted by cinema. Happy childhoods and adolescences, societal structures and practices which have an enabling positive impact are also the themes of many a film.

It is a well-known fact that films can be a powerful educational tool especially in the country like ours, where classrooms have students from different socio-cultural-linguistic background. Films make an emotional connect. They can enrich both teachers' and students' learning experiences. Moreover, in diverse classrooms like ours, films can be great levelers. But how to actually use films as an effective pedagogical tool and place them at the heart of student-teaches' learning experience, remains largely unexplained and unaddressed. Also, Teachers may not have the time or confidence to use films effectively in real classroom scenarios. The need of the hour is that we should place cinema in the academic discourse of school education.

This issue on "Cinema in the Classroom" tries to address all these aspects.

Dr. Samaresh Bharaty & Dr. Chandan Shrivastava

#### **Message from the Patrons**

It is a matter of great happiness to note that the latest issue of the Indian Journal of School Health & Wellbeing published by the Expressions India is being released. It is a well known fact that Research publications and Journals in particular are the most authentic sources of verified knowledge and experiences. The sharing of such knowledge and experiences not only amongst the Researchers, Scientists, Policy Planners and Implementers, but also the Activists working in the concerned area and persons having special interest in that area benefits all. It is our privilege to reiterate that the Expressions India has been doing pioneering work since long, in the field of Health Education under its banner of "Holistic Health and School Wellness Programme" to enable the school education and teachers holistic facilitation in realizing the goal of Health Education in Schools. The present publication is a momentous indicator of this initiative.

The major bottleneck in the way of achieving the objective of Health Education has been the particularistic conceptualization of its transaction process. The goal of development of holistic health and wellbeing of young learners cannot be attained by making them gather certain information and rote-learn those. It can be attained only by a transaction process focused on experiential co-scholastic methodology that ensures active participation of learners and substantially contribute to the development of life skills enabling young children to manage their lives more competently and grow as truly empowered human resource of the nation and human society at large. To facilitate this process it is very critical to encourage and empower the teachers, so that they act like facilitators and mentors.

The formal school education system need to look towards interacting and taking the support from the initiatives like the one taken by Expressions India under its National Life Sills Education & School Wellness Programme aimed at realizing the Goal of "HEALTHY SCHOOL......HEALTHY INDIA". It is pertinent to state that the Schools and other educational institutions that have been associated with such endeavours have strongly felt the need for such programs to be a adopted by all schools including Higher Education System.

It is this context the Journal of School Health has potential to reinforce the process of realizing the vision of Health Promoting Schools getting integrated into the education system in India. We are more than confident that the present issue of the Journal will strengthen this grand endeavour and empower all who are creatively engaged in the promotion of Health Education in Schools. With immense pleasure we would like to express our gratitude for Advisory group, Editorial Board and Members of the Executive Editorial Committee for their valuable contribution, ungrudging cooperation and keen interest and also for making available the benefits of their rich experiences and knowledge.

"If there is will, there is way, and if the will is reinforced by enlightened path-breakers, the way would lead to the destination at the earliest".

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