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Editorial

So many things have been being paralysed due to the lockdown to contain the pandemic COVID-19, which initially started at the midnight of 24-25 March 2020. Anyway, this situation has given birth to several good things starting from the mitigation of our deteriorating environment to digitisation. Thus, this journal has been the brainchild of a group of people now known by the name **Team JoBLLAC**. The inception of this team is 18 December 2020 followed by its first ever meeting at Pioneer Academy, Barama on 3 January 2021 at 11.30 hrs (IST), which was chaired by Prof. Anil Kumar Baro.

The aims and objectives of this journal include promotion of Bodo group of languages, literature, art and culture worldwide and up to the research heights. Another important objective of this journal is to encourage the Bodo scholars to publish their research work in Bodo language as the language has been a medium of education up to university level.

We are very excited to bring out the first ever issue of this journal i.e. Vol-1, No.-1 (January-April 2021) today i.e. 22 March 2021; 21.30 hrs (IST).

The journal follows latest APA guidelines (ref. *Publication manual of the American Psychological Association*, 7th Edn. 2020) to a large extent. The guidelines of this journal include a standardised spelling system of Bodo based on the latest 17 Bodo language writing rules recommended by Bodo Thunlai Aphad (Bodo Sahitya Sabha) in November 2016, which is uploaded in this website (<https://www.bodojournal.org/announcements>).

This issue contains a diverse selection of very important and interesting but reviewed research articles, especially on languages and linguistics, literature, society and folk culture, written by very fresh and very senior scholars. I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the esteemed authors and reviewers from the bottom of my heart on behalf of the Team JoBLLAC.

We hope this issue will be able to occupy an important and necessary part of your library. We request you with much encouragement to submit your fresh and valuable research articles to publish with us. We also invite your valuable suggestions, queries and feedbacks about the journal and the issue.

Again, on behalf of the Editor-in-Chief, I would like to take this opportunity to thank and congratulate one and all of the **Editorial Team**, the **Advisory Board** and the **Thunlai Publications**, Barama, Bodoland Territorial Region, Assam, India for their constant supports and success in bringing out this issue.

I wish you all safe and good health! Thank you.

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