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Social Science Researcher, when we began this effort exactly a year ago, was meant to be an attempt to centre-stage the Cartesian principle – I Think Therefore I Am – and desist from clinching all the arguments one way or another and put an end to arguments for ever. We have strived, in the short period of our existence to be a platform where scholars who have a view get to express that. Social Science Researcher is not a means to score points both in the literal and figurative sense.

We had decided, at the outset, to stray out of disciplinary silos and restore the space for free flow of ideas in all aspects of humanities and social sciences. And the current issue, third in the short period since Social Science Researcher was revived in September 2018, has a range of articles; anthropology, economics, history and literature.

Bijoy Gogoi, a researcher from the OKD Institute deals with the nexus between the colonial state and the dynamics that groomed the tea garden labour while Homang Chetri indulges in econometrics studying the state domestic product and trends in growth therein during 2017-18. We have, in this issue a long piece by Firdaus Ahmed Reshi on the concept of social justice and human rights in Islam; the author does tell us a story of what the scriptures hold in the arena of human rights and even while some of these points seem sticking out, the point is we decided to carry it as it is. And this also led to the choice of two books picked up for review; the books chosen, both published in recent months, call for a tradition of debate as Islamic and not otherwise as held by the clergy.

Swapnali Gogoi's ethnographic study on the Tai-Kamtis and Vaidyanath Nishant's commentary on poetry from Manipur make this issue somewhat complete from the brief that

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