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## Editorial Note

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Sophos is an annual, academic, peer-reviewed and open access electronic journal, hosted at its own domain, and published by Women's Christian College, generally in June on interdisciplinary topics with a thematic focus in every issue.

The first issue of the online publication Sophos (Vol 1 No 1) of Women's Christian College is not only a historic first of its kind for the institution but the source of what I hope will be a long tradition of intellectual enquiry and academic research undertaken under the aegis of the same.

The inaugural issue concerns the Covid 19 pandemic and its repercussions in India, especially in the socio-economic and higher educational sectors. From its effect on Indian agriculture, women's education, in particular, and higher education in general, the media environment and changing cultural sensibilities, marginalized demographics such as the transgender community to the "shadow pandemic" - the research papers have addressed a variety of topics through engaging and thought-provoking enquiries, and succeeded in generating a lively discourse on the contemporary understanding of pandemic in its recent manifestations.

It is to be hoped that these reflections will contribute significantly to the growing corpus of work on the first pandemic of the present millennium, refracting the rays of insight which will surely enrich the cumulative vision that ensues as a result of such cross-cutting studies.

If we regard the activity of research after Charles Franklin Kettering to be a condition of "not knowing but (being) willing to find out," in the best traditions of investigative and empirical exploration then not knowing the truth will, be truer than magisterial suppositions, and may, in fact, be an incentive to search for the same.

The motto of the present journal may, therefore, be to move from antithesis through hypotheses to synthesis - that superior organization of truth accessed through methodologies specific to the disciplines chosen.

May Sophos go from strength to strength in the coming years, and shed its light of wisdom on the world around it, illuminating the dark, and modulating the bright to a perfect chiaroscuro that yields the best balance in knowledge, and makes life worth living.