

From the Editorial Desk

Corruption is an age-old problem. It is pervasive in nature and no country in the world, small or big, rich or poor, is immune from it. The extent of the problem, however, may vary from country to country. Despite the rhetoric and efforts to curb corruption by government agencies, international organisations and civil society groups, corruption remains as a major stumbling block in achieving a country's economic growth and social development.

One significant difficulty that academics and governance practitioners face regularly is in understanding the nature of this problem and measuring it. As the context and approach differ significantly across cultures and societies, the concept of corruption often becomes entrenched with perceptual considerations and idiosyncrasies.

This special issue is dedicated to a better understanding of the various corruption-related matters. It deliberates on a wide-range of issues including country-specific corruption concerns, judicial corruption and gender-related corruption. In addition, it discusses some of the possible ways of combating corruption including e-governance and social accountability.

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Truly yours,

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