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## MESSAGE OF THE CHANCELLOR



I have nothing but admiration and respect for the team's well-blended efforts, dedication, enthusiasm, sacrifices, patience, and expertise which contributed in the success of this publication.

The importance of journals in academic life goes beyond providing a means of correspondence and a permanent record. Scientific journals are not simply records of performance and productivity but are piles of vital information, findings of researches that become an important voice in the global scientific community that may save a life or may improve lives--and here at MSU Naawan we have plenty to contribute.

The Journal of Environment and Aquatic Resources, better known as JEAR, is primarily focused on environmental and natural resources. It has established good roots and has encountered constraints but has retained its rigor and prestige. Through time, an enormous amount of work has gone into the development of this journal and I believe that everyone has seen that effort reflected in this edition and in the impact it will have on the field. JEAR endeavored to develop its ability to communicate and solicit with broad audiences.

Another development that JEAR exhibits is the great upsurge of interests among the new buds of researchers. Fresh and novel authors have been participating and contributing positively. With these developments, I have high hopes that this issue will open up to more publications on research activities with broader topics. As your Chancellor, I have been encouraging all faculty members to submit papers that are multidisciplinary and not limited to environment and natural resources. In time, this will become a major development which I am excited about. I have always encouraged contributions from all sorts of scientific studies. No matter how cliché it may sound, but it is a useful and straight fact that it is now, amidst the pandemic, the best time to make a difference not only in the field of environmental and natural resources but also in fields less ventured. The swelling cases of COVID-19 create an urgent necessity to include a wide array of researches in order to be more relevant. Consequently, this journal will provide opportunity to young researchers of MSU Naawan to highlight their contribution in the field of research. And ultimately, we become more committed to publish scientific outputs that will improve more lives and subsequently our communities.

Indeed, this is a moment of great pride and excitement!

The team deserves a loud and resounding applause!

**DR. ELNOR C. ROA**  
Chancellor

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