



## *Principal's Message*

Concepts and theories related to Mind, Brain and Consciousness have intrigued both philosophers and scientists since time immemorial. This international seminar is an attempt to present their salient reflections and findings. The expectation is that the robust body of interdisciplinary knowledge that results from the deliberations here will serve as a foundation for further enquiry in this intriguing, and vastly unexplored, field.

This seminar will hopefully also help us fill the knowledge gap — between mind and body, body and consciousness, and mind and consciousness. The concept of mind in Indian thought also needs a special consideration, and hopefully, will be seriously deliberated upon in this seminar.

Our attempt in organizing this seminar is to bring together scholars and intellectuals from diverse streams to evolve a body of knowledge that will help further philosophical/scientific enquiry in this challenging area of research.

I also wish to most heartily thank our sponsors, the *Mens Sana Monographs*, the World Psychiatric Association [Philosophy and Humanities Section], and the Indian Council of Philosophical Research who have so kindly lent their names to this effort, and associated with us at various stages in organizing this seminar. Our advertisers need special mention too. The teaching and non-teaching staff, and the college management, has been extremely supportive, for which I am especially thankful. Dr V.V. Bedekar, our Chairman, has been very encouraging and supportive of our efforts. The different committees have toiled day [and even, sometimes, at night] to see all goes well with this seminar. My special thanks to them. My thanks also to Perfect Prints who have toiled very hard to bring out this book in a record time. I must also thank all the paper presenters who sent in their full papers for these *Proceedings*.

How can I forget our delegates who have come from far and near to grace this seminar? As also our keynote and plenary session speakers who are recognized authorities in their fields. I also wish to thank the other paper presenters who have decided to attend and present their research. I would also like to thank our paper presenters of the two workshops that preceded this seminar.

A seminar of this nature and stature is taking place in the town of Thane probably for the first time. We hope this will further encourage this institution, and others, to take up such challenges.

I welcome all the delegates, speakers, guests and the press, and wish the seminar every success.

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