

**EDITORIAL SECTION**

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Editor-in-Chief

It is with great pride and satisfaction that we present the second issue of the Journal of Odisha University of Health Sciences (JOUHS). The release of this issue marks yet another step in our collective endeavor to build a credible, scholarly platform that reflects the scientific vibrancy of our University. It also provides a forum to showcase the rich and diverse academic, clinical, and research contributions emerging from our university community and beyond.

Knowledge grows when ideas are shared, nurtured, and built upon with integrity. The first issue of JOUHS was received with enthusiasm and critical appreciation. With each successive issue, we reaffirm our commitment to promoting evidence-based learning, critical thinking, and ethical conduct. This edition brings together a wide array of original research articles, review papers, and case reports that address pressing issues across multiple health disciplines. The breadth of submissions reflects not only the expanding research ecosystem within Odisha but also the growing recognition of JOUHS as a trusted academic medium.

We take pride in providing an avenue where young researchers and clinicians can present their work to the wider health community. Academic publishing is not merely the act of disseminating knowledge; it is a commitment to the credibility of science—originality, transparency, and accountability. In this context, one of the greatest responsibilities that rests with both authors and editors is the prevention of plagiarism. Plagiarism is not merely a technical lapse; it is a breach of trust. The integrity of JOUHS rests not only on the novelty of the research it carries but also on the rigor with which it is reviewed and presented. We remain committed to international best practices in peer review, plagiarism screening, conflict-of-interest disclosure, and data transparency. Borrowed words and ideas, when presented without acknowledgment, compromise not only the reputation of an individual researcher but also the trust that society places in the academic community.

All manuscripts submitted to JOUHS are subject to plagiarism screening through reliable tools such as Turnitin, ensuring adherence to the highest ethical standards. More importantly, we view this not only as a safeguard but also as an opportunity to educate and mentor young

researchers about responsible authorship, proper citation practices, and the importance of originality in scholarly writing. Our goal is to nurture a culture where honesty in research is valued as highly as innovation.

Looking ahead, our vision is to develop JOUHS into a widely indexed, regularly cited, and academically impactful journal. To achieve this, we encourage contributors to submit high-quality original research, review articles, case reports, and case series, with special attention to issues of public health importance in Odisha and India.

As we move forward, we invite contributors and readers to continue engaging with the Journal in a spirit of collaboration and integrity. Let JOUHS serve not only as a source of knowledge but also as a model of ethical academic conduct. Together, we can strengthen the foundations of research in our state and contribute meaningfully to the global scientific community.

I sincerely thank the Vice-Chancellor, the University authorities, and all members of the academic community for their continued support. I also extend my gratitude to our editorial board members, peer reviewers, and contributing authors for their dedication in making this issue possible. Together, we shall ensure that JOUHS grows into a

beacon of scholarly excellence, reflecting both our regional priorities and our global responsibilities.

Warm regards,  
Prof. Pravat Kumar Thatoi  
Chief Editor  
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