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EDITORIAL

With this issue, *Summerhill* will be completing the first two years of its existence. These were years of challenge and often frustration, but never dull years for the editor and his colleagues. In these years we managed to transform the in-house journal into something larger and wider in scope, aiming at the wider world of scholarship and learning. This was the task envisioned by the Institute's Governing Body and the Director and we succeeded to a reasonable extent in carrying it out. It now provides space for meaningful discussion of issues of contemporary or perennial significance through the review of books. Its pages were initially restricted to the review of books published by the Institute done by reputed outside scholars and the review of books published outside done by our own Fellows. Now they are open to reviews that no longer confine to this narrow framework. However, there is further scope for change and improvement, and the present editor is sure that they will come about, especially in view of the fact that his distinguished successor, Udaya Kumar, will bring to bear on his editorial labour his rich personal and intellectual background, that cuts across narrow disciplinary cultures. We wish him well and feel confident that he will take *Summerhill* to greater heights.

This is the right time and place for the outgoing editor to record his gratitude to those without whose ungrudging support and co-operation he could not have achieved whatever little he may have achieved. Professor Mrinal Miri, the General Editor, should be thanked first for allowing the editor and his team to function with a free hand. The formal Advisory Committees associated with the journal always gave positive support and constructive suggestions. We thank them sincerely. The editor wants to acknowledge the splendid back-up he received at all times from his colleague, Shri S.A. Jabbar. Dr. Pankaj Singh worked hard to lighten the editorial burden of the editor first unofficially and later formally as Associate Editor. On the technical side, Shri N.K. Maini with regard to the production of the journal and Shri A.K. Sharma with regard to publicity and circulation, provided the material foundations for its functioning. I want to thank these colleagues. In general, the Fellows and Associates of the Inter-University Centre at the Institute extended to the editor full and friendly support. I thank them. Jyotirmaya Sharma should be mentioned for going out of his way to bail us out during a critical juncture. I acknowledge his help gratefully. Well, one must go, sooner or later; when is a matter of chance, but I can honestly go with a genuine sense of satisfaction.

K. Raghavendra Rao