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Reimagining Knowledge Production for a World in Crisis

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The launch of a new interdisciplinary journal comes at a juncture when multiple planetary crises are being played out. The deepening climate crisis, accelerating biodiversity loss, fresh water stress,, pervasive pollution, wars and occupation, social deprivations and growing inequity, reflect a breakdown of the prevailing model of development and the inherent inability of the global institutional structures to prevent these from happening. These interconnected crises are systemic, rooted as they are in economic paradigms, power structures, and cultural assumptions that have treated ecological limits as externalities and marginalized ways of knowing that fall outside the dominant western frameworks. Generation of knowledge to comprehend and address these crises transcending the conventional disciplinary boundaries is, therefore, important and so is the communication of the knowledge. Hence this journal has special significance.

The urgency of the climate crisis cannot be overstated. It is weakening the resilience of the biosphere, threatening lives and livelihoods of peoples, and deepening existing inequalities. While climate change

is a global phenomenon, its causes and impacts are unevenly distributed. The Global South, which has contributed least to the accumulation of atmospheric carbon, bears a disproportionately large share of the human and ecological consequences. The corporate-driven destruction of the environmental endowments, often wrongly termed as human-made, is entangled with militarization, neocolonial resource extraction and socio-political exclusion, but the solutions to the crises often overlook such fundamentals.

Most thinkers tend to agree that the industrial civilisation will eventually collapse under its on weight. However that need not mean the extinction of the human species. Our species will continue to exist in areas outside the reach of industrial technology. One way to seek to avert the collapse of the modern civilisation is to build a new spirituality- a world view that connects us to our ancestors in the forests and savannahs of sub Saharan Africa. A spirituality that cherishes the ancestors that struggled hard in the difficult environment to hunt and gather food and to escape from predators- all for

sustaining the species.

This journal emerges from the understanding that no single discipline, policy domain, or epistemological tradition can adequately address the complexity of our ecological present and uncertain futures. It is grounded in the commitment to transdisciplinary inquiry, an approach that transcends disciplinary boundaries, engages with multiple knowledge systems, and integrates perspectives from the natural sciences, social sciences, and humanities. By fostering communication and dialogue across ecology, life sciences, natural

sciences, political economy, cultural studies, etc the journal provides this much needed platform.

As a developing country our research endeavours are still way behind the scale that is needed. Our academic institutions are still modest in their research outputs, though they have many reasons to explain it. The quantum jump of China in research outputs in natural sciences should set us on a healthy competition with our neighbour. It is my earnest hope that this journal would also inspire more research in the country and also address issues affecting our research output.