



## Editorial

Welcome to the last issue of the year 2020. This year will be memorable for all of us due to COVID-19 disease and as a milestone for changes in social-economic practices around the world. Despite having gloomy presentation of the disease and its consequences on the world population, we have also learnt how to continue our daily chores under this stressful environment. The newsletter is also a similar endeavor.

Our issue commences with the article on wild food and their importance in the life of “wild citizens”. The author, a veteran activist in promoting sustainable practices, shares his personal experience gathered from multiple places of Odisha, and Bangladesh on the survival strategy of the forest dwellers during the shortage of main food resources. The narrative also highlights the critical issues like, discrepancy in public distribution system, food availability and, knowledge on local food map. Like the wild food in the first article, our second article tells us about the generation of the food, but in a different way. We all know about the pollination, the key mechanism behind fruit production but hardly aware on the diverse structures and strategies to keep it fully functional. This illustrative article nicely builds the story around the forms and colors of the flowers, nocturnal pollinators, nectar robbers, energy conservation and impact of environmental pollution. Hope our readers will enjoy these articles for their core facts and lucid description.

The wild food section is portrayed with the species of *Physalis*, *Pithecellobium*, *Plantago* and *Polygonum* with their nutritional quality and culinary acceptance. *Physalis* with its inflated calyx, *Pithecellobium* with coiled fruit and *Polygonum* with creamy-white flowers are parts of the childhood memory for many of us with rural or peri-urban background. Their ubiquitous distribution and lesser known food values are providing opportunities to tap their economic potential and expand our food preference. Similarly, the glimpses of nature tell about *Aam aadmi*, Bamboo satellite, Neolithic pest and Mazri palm, a range of diverse ideas and practices.

Hope this issue satiates your hunger for knowledge. We are also inviting our readers to contribute to our newsletter either article or snippets. A collective approach is always welcome for sharing and development of knowledge. Wish you all a happy and better new year 2021.

Happy reading

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