

# Editorial

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'The Odyssey of the Olive Ridley' by Kartik Shanker is a tragic and a haunting tale of a species of turtle that might indeed disappear soon from Indian waters if adequate steps are not taken immediately. The last two sections (of this article) 'Saving Sea Turtles' and 'Current and Future Research in Support of Conservation' do bring some cheer, and remind us of the lines of the Bard '*Great lords, wise men ne'er sit and wail their loss, but cheerly seek how to redeem their harms*'.



In this issue, *Resonance* features that remarkable scientist, Alfred Wegener, astronomer turned meteorologist. However, it was yet another science, geophysics, which brought him fame – he is justly given the credit for the theory of continental drift. All this and much more are described in the articles of Ramesh Chander and A B Roy.

In a few weeks from now, our country will be getting ready for another general election. The article on opinion polls and statistical surveys by Karandikar and Basu comes at a particularly appropriate time.

The variety of articles in this issue of *Resonance* is an affirmation of our philosophy that every student of science should find out about areas of science which may not be related to her own specialization. We offer you here Bagchi's article on Fermat's two squares theorem, a theorem which G H Hardy ranks as one of the finest in arithmetic, Chandru and Rao on linear programming, Gadre and Bhadane on electrostatics in chemistry ... So, read and enjoy!

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