

Editorial

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Resonance is no longer a teenager – but still has one year to adulthood at twenty one. A look at older issues in the archives tells us that, in many ways, the original design has stood the test of time. Most of the features have stayed and been appreciated – the back-cover icon, articles-in-boxes, the wide margins and highlights, the cartoons. At the same time, there has been gradual evolution – we see fewer series, a wider spectrum of authors and topics. And some features have been hard to sustain – Think it over and Classroom are two examples.

The Academy has now given us the mandate to brainstorm over the next one year. The broad goal is surely still to make an impact on young people taking to studying science after school, and those who teach them. That community has changed over twenty years. We have a great increase in the number of colleges and universities, and wider opportunities to use science-based skills and training in many fields. There is increasing realization of the role of science in the crucial issues of our time – food, water (see Classics on p.93), energy, health, sustainability, and the environment. Perhaps the biggest change we have to reckon with is the rise of the internet and social media, and the restless young fingers on keyboards and smartphones!

What we hope remains unchanged is curiosity, the urge to learn new things and master new skills, the urge to ask questions and answer them by doing things by oneself, and with like-minded companions. We will not lack for readers if we can find the right notes which – advance apologies for the pun – Resonate with their needs and aspirations. This is the challenge, and it is not just an Academy matter, but involves the whole community. We look forward to hearing from you at resonanc@ias.ernet.in. A very happy 2016 to readers and authors, and may your tribe increase.



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