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Editorial Note

I am delighted to announce that the 26th volume of the Rajshahi University Journal of Social Science and Business Studies (RUJSSBS) has come out in print after some delay from its schedule. The delay is due to several problems, including dearth of quality papers and COVID-19 induced situation. As a central journal of the University of Rajshahi, RUJSSBS always emphasizes publishing articles on the subjects and fields relevant to development of society, economy, culture and business aspects involving national and international concerns. The journal always encourages researchers and academics to write thought-provoking articles and include empirically tested hypotheses using various theories and models of social science and business studies.

As the journal aims to encourage interdisciplinary research on various aspects of society, economy, politics, business, and development across the Faculties of Social Science and Business Studies departments, this issue presents various submissions by the contributors. The seven articles contained in this volume covered essential and contemporary topics, including Access of Rural Employed Women to Safety-Net Programs, Economic Analysis of Sugarcane Production in the North Bengal Sugar Mills Area, Consumer Attitudes toward Organic Foods, Rethinking Sufism and Baulism in Bangladesh from a Post-colonial Perspective, Nexus between Remittance and Real Exchange Rate in Bangladesh, Factors Affecting Income Diversification of Rural Households, and Human Right to Social Security of the Elderly People in Bangladesh.

I am inspired to see that many young scholars and faculty members from around the country have contributed some insightful and provocative papers to this volume. I am pretty confident that this publication would further stimulate them to engage in their research endeavour in the future and encourage other researchers as well. Anonymous internal and external reviewers critically review the papers from the relevant fields of specialization. I am also thankful to them for their critical evaluation and insightful comments. I thank the contributors for their trust, patience and timely revisions.

Publication of this volume is the fruit of untiring efforts and dedications of the members of the Editorial Board. The Member-Secretary of the journal and the staff of the Publications Office assisted the Editorial Board in doing the secretarial and printing jobs. On behalf of the Editorial Board, I remain thankful to all of them.

Finally, I recognize the encouragement and support given by the top management of the University of Rajshahi in publishing this volume of the journal.

Professor Dr. Md. Elias Hossain
Editor-in-Chief

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