

## Editorial

Welcome to the first issue of the *Journal* for the calendar year 2017. The year has not started well from the point of view of air pollution. Many cities in China as well as in Northern India are facing issues of air quality several times higher than the WHO safe limits. On one hand the Paris agreement among most countries gave us some hope for the future but evolving political scenes around the world seems to suggest that Paris goal at best may turn out to be a pipe dream! Clean water and air cannot be seen in isolation of global politics; the transboundary rivers such as the Indus and Brahmaputra are facing uncertainty due to international political diplomacy—questions such as divert the river in upper reaches, dam the river wherever possible or simply abstract all water from the river are all alarming. Human footprint on all things natural does not do any good for generations to come. Hope some sense will prevail in different societies and nations so that earth resources, including air, soil and water, have no borders and are truly global properties for betterment of all mankind!

Have a good reading!

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'V. Subramanian', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

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