

Editorial

Yet another issue of our journal is out during the ongoing pandemic. It seems the virus refuses to go away without a fight and mutation seems to be the order of the day. Asia and Australia are currently going through delta variant that seems to be intense compared to the original variant. Many Asian regions such as Vietnam, Thailand and Taiwan managed their initial corona impact very well due to low spread and prompt containment but the Delta variant seems to be a super spreader as is seen in India and other south asian regions. Now another one kappa has been identified in South America as well as Israel where booster dose is being given after 2 vaccinations to reduce the impact. While ordinary people around the world are confined to closed space, the virus seems to have a field day travelling merrily wherever it chooses.

Hope the end of the virus (and not the people) is around the corner.

Scientists in Canada have now identified the oldest water sample collected from 2 km deep gold mine and this water dates back to 1.5 billion years ago! Not drinkable since it is hypersaline but has many noble gases trapped from the then atmosphere and gives quite many clues to climate changes over time.

Our environmental news give a variety of information on current global situation. For example, in Japan, panda has given birth to twins (a very rare situation) and researchers were able to video live the whole activity without being invasive for the animal! It is also reported that the Great Australian coral reef is affected irreversibly due to human impact.

Hope our next issue will see a corona free world!

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