

## Editorial Preface

A Liberal Arts education makes its novitiates more than just employees but true citizens. The Romans sought to separate certain branches of study as higher than others and necessary for all members of a polity who wish to become political participants in that system – given the major challenges ahead for India, whether in welfare, development, or the environment, will only be solved by a curious and politically engaged youth, a foray beyond technical education may be essential, into *ars liberalis*: knowledge for free thinkers. Modern day liberal arts extends beyond the ancient disciplines of rhetoric, philosophy, and such. Political science and sociology today helps in understanding the civic system and political behaviour; history and the visual arts broaden cultural perspectives; and psychology and geography paint the lay of the mental and physical landscapes in which students make their lives and careers. Thus, it is Liberal Arts that provides a holistic education to budding citizens.

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