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Art is the stored honey of the human soul.

Theodore Dreiser

From the quill of imagination, we sketched *Literati* in 2013, it is not just a magazine, but a movement of minds, a gathering of hearts. Now, it turns a new page in its journey, embracing the digital realm through its E-ISSN version, reaching wider shores and illuminating fresh voices in the ever-expanding landscape of literature. It gives me immense pleasure as I present to you *Literati* 2025, a spectacle of art and literature, imagination and creativity in varied ways by young literary enthusiasts. It is a kaleidoscope of emotions, ideas, and perspectives that showcases incredible talent and dedication.

Contemporary volatile world escalates fragility, of mind and body, in beings, in such scenario it becomes imperative to provide an unabashed platform to the youth where they may express, learn, be inspired and find satiety in the art that sustains us. Literature and all forms of expressions, of the diverse human (and beyond) experiences, give meaning to existence. *Literati* is one such platform that urges you to explore, create and, evolve for a better and brighter future. It is only befitting, that before I put an end to my message, I should extend a special note of gratitude to the editorial team led by Dr. Atiq Kelsy whose tireless efforts have elevated the literary magazine to new heights and Mr. Rohan Thomas Cherian's whose Art Nouveau-sque literary aesthetics have been instrumental in infusing *Literati* with chic freshness and yet rooted in its legacy.

Keep writing, dreaming, and inspiring!

