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Editorial

Dear friends, researchers, readers and subscribers of the “Kanpur Historiographers” an International Journal of Historical Studies and Research; published biannually by “New Archaeological and Genological Society” Kanpur, India, the winter issue of “Kanpur Historiographers” is in your hands.

The current issue contains different shades of Indian history and its past for a joyful reading. Two papers are focused on the volcanic year of 1945-46 of the pre independence history of India, a deciding year of the fate of Indian subcontinent. Both the papers unveil the various dimensions of the events and politics of the year. Another paper is tracing the history of local self-governing bodies in pre-colonial southern India, which is rooted there since ancient times.

A paper explores various dimensions of the policy of *Sulh-i-kul* of Akbar and another highlight the life of traditional Muslim society in 18th century India. Two more papers are focused on the academic contribution of Sayyid Qutub and Samir Amin. The criticism of Euro centralism can be seen from the works of Samir Amin and in another paper on the role of Saddam Husain in Gulf War. Over all the issue is presenting more on modern Indian history.

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