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## THE EDITORIAL NOTE

This issue of Kailash is a continuation in sequence, though not in chronology, following Volume XVIII Nos 3 & 4 (1996). It is dated 2000 to mark the arrival of the New Millennium at the editorial desk of the journal. As everyone else, we are trying to catch up with time. However, once in a while our efforts are in vain due to a scanty flow of acceptable and publishable material in Himalayan Studies reaching us.

We had to take a fast decision to do justice both to our contributors as well as readers. In the past 26-year long history of Kailash such drastic decisions had not been unprecedented. Between 1979 and 1981, there were two 1980 issues missing; between 1985 and 1987, the 1986 issues were missing; and finally, in 1990 to 1995, eight issues spanning four years were missing. However, the journal has continued to maintain its sequence in terms of Volume and Number with no discontinuity in between.

The current Editors have been trying to maintain a defensible balance between quality of the publication and its regularity. Once in a while, its chronology tends to be an unintentional casualty!

The Editors