

Editorial

Much research work is carried out in the Maldives though little is disseminated in the form of published journal articles resulting in limited data being available nationally and internationally.

The purpose of the Maldives National Journal of Research (MNJR) is to provide a platform to encourage researchers in the country and abroad to present critical integrative reviews and disseminate their research work as published journal articles to a broad international audience. A particular focus is given to support and encourage the students of the Maldives National University (MNU) to contribute to the journal. The emphasis is on high-quality articles which are of national and international interest.

This issue comprises four articles in English and one in Dhivehi. The articles included in this issue are from a variety of fields such as aeronautics, education, water consumption and Sharia. The first article describes the design of a four-seat reverse delta WIG craft with an extensive literature review of WIG craft and discusses the design considerations in the light of operational designs. The second article gives a synthesis of literature on blended mode of delivery in higher education, which is currently a fast-growing area of research. The next two articles focus on Maldivian public perception of drinking water consumption and student perceptions of gender differences of English language teachers, respectively. The final article in this issue, in Dhivehi, stresses the importance of punishment of the accused from a shariah' perspective.

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