

Editorial Foreword

Welcome to the Special issue on **Soft Computing Models for Big Data** in ICTACT Journal on Soft Computing. The focus of this special issue was to throw light on the use of algorithms in Big Data. Big Data as a domain is unique in that the developments in the domain are driven by the consumers and then picked up by the academia. Businesses are far advanced in their use of the algorithms to manipulate and manage Big Data than academia. Thus, there is a talent gap in the domain which Universities and Colleges are addressing in the past few years.

In forming this special issue, we wanted to focus on the developments across the world and in a diverse set of domains. To this end, we have been successful with papers focusing a broad cross section of topics like language technology, gaming, grammar models and user interaction. The presence of authors from UK, Australia, Iran, Saudi Arabia, Malaysia and India is a testament to the hard work put in by the team here and also the wonderful support of the Research & Publication Team of ICT Academy of Tamil Nadu. There is a small preponderance of language focus in this Journal and it is unwitting as a result of my own interest in the domain. Language technology and Big Data are intertwined tightly and we are barely scratching the surface in terms of the work that has been done so far.

We received 22 papers and accepted only 7 papers thus giving an acceptance rate of 31.8 % which is par for a good Journal.

I would like to thank many people who created the opportunity for the journal to be born and who made it happen. The list includes all current Editorial Board, the Consulting Editor of ICTACT Journal and many others. In particular, my greatest thanks are due to my team at B.S. Abdur Rahman University, Dinesh, Ahamed Khabeer Bhadusha, Thiripurasundari and Radhika. The last, but not the least my greatest thanks goes to my University authorities for granting me the independence and encouragement for the tasks.

Dr. Shriram R

B.S Abdur Rahman University, India