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We have in the following pages readings of contemporary films and related genres. At a time when we celebrate a century of Indian Cinema, these studies open up the infinite scope of multiple approaches to this creative art and rightly prove that Cinema is not just about entertainment. The readings in this issue vary from feminist to postmodern and queer to postcolonial, besides offering insightful commentaries on new generation films. We also have, as always, a space for poetry in these pages.

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We dedicate this issue of *Diotima's* to the brain behind it and its founder editor: Dr.M.D.Radhika, former Head of the Department of English, Providence Women's College.

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