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## Editorial

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**Biographical notes:** Samarjeet Borah is currently working as a Professor in the Department of Computer Applications, Sikkim Manipal University (SMU), Sikkim, India. He handles various academics, research and administrative activities. He is also involved in curriculum development activities, board of studies, doctoral research committee, IT infrastructure management, etc. along with various administrative activities under SMU. He is involved in three funded projects in the capacity of principal investigator/co-principal investigator which are sponsored by AICTE (Government of India), DST-CSRI (Government of India) and Dr. TMA Pai Endowment Fund out of which one is completed and two are undergoing.

A. Jayanthiladevi is awarded with a much-coveted PhD degree for her excellent work on spectrum efficiency in wireless networks. She has been steadfast and sincere in bringing forth pioneering research publications in her research topics. She has published several highly impactful research publications in Science Citation Indexed (SCI) and Scopus indexed journals. She has presented her discoveries and research contributions in Springer, IEEE and ACM international conferences and journals. She has acquired solid and significant experiences and expertise on the wireless communication area. She is an editor for a few highly popular peer-reviewed SCI and Scopus journals.

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This article following summarises the contributions of this special issue. The special issue includes a selection of articles submitted in the call for papers in *IJIPT*. The key findings from the special issue in many more articles are reviewed selected four articles and organised here, 'Analysis of factors affecting customer satisfaction in e-commerce applications using Condorcet – AHP method', 'ATM PIN generation – a formal mathematical model to generate PIN using regular grammar, context free grammar and recognition through finite state machine, pushdown automata', 'Security analysis of a cloud authentication protocol using applied pi calculus' and 'Improvement of WBAN performances by a hybrid model: design and evaluation of a novel inter-MAC layer exploited in medical applications'. Several potential next steps in improving effective research strategies are highlighted and new directions are suggested to overcome the resulting research challenges to implementing best practices for meta-analysis of new research findings and use of better analytic approaches and experimental methods will help advance new areas of research findings based on reviewer's comments. We are very grateful to Inderscience Publishers for the consideration of this special issue in *IJIPT* and we

would also like to express our heartfelt thanks to the Editor, Sherali Zeadally, the Journal Manger, Liz Harris, the reviewers, and the authors for their contribution in this special issue.

Thank you very much. Have a good time everyday!