## **PREFACE**

The Journal of the Indian Chemical Society, a Scopus Indexed (h-indexed, 31) abstracted in Chemical Abstract and enlisted in all leading Science Publishing Agencies, is publishing its 12th issue of Vol. 97, 2020 (December Issue) as Convention Special Issue. This publication comprises 19 original research articles and Reviews submitted by eminent chemists of the country. Endowment Awardees (2019) and some of the Invited Speakers attending the 57th Annual Convention of Chemists to be held during December 26-29, 2020 have submitted the full papers of their lectures. The cover page depicts the photograph of Acharya Prafulla Chandra Ray, the pioneer in foundation of Chemical Industries namely, Bengal Chemicals and Pharmaceuticals Works in the then British ruled India in 1901, symbolising the dream of an individual entrepreneur for poverty allevation and employment generation for his countrymen.

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