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Right from its inception in 2022, the IMPACT AND POLICY RESEARCH REVIEW (IPRR) has aimed to promote scientific research to broaden the understanding of the processes of development. As always, our aim is to provide a platform for insightful discourse, fostering a deeper understanding of the complex issues that shape our world.

In the **INSIGHTS** section, we start with an article by Md. Lawha Mahfuz, who delves into the ethical dimensions of economic downturns in developing nations, advocating for a collective approach to moral responsibility. Manjula Bharathy's piece follows, highlighting the urgent need for gender-responsive interventions in addressing climate change-induced high-tide flooding in Kerala's coastal regions.

Our **SPECIAL ARTICLE** section features thought-provoking contributions on diverse topics. Divyanshi Sharda offers a nuanced exploration of social equity in India's rural education system through the lenses of libertarian, utilitarian, and subaltern ethics. Akmal Ali's article underscores the significance of urban forestry in fortifying climate resilience in cities, while Vaishali Singh examines the persistent issue of child labour in India, scrutinizing current policies and their efficacy.

The **POLICY PERSPECTIVES** section presents a reflective analysis of India's G20 Presidency by Shashank Shah and Swapnil Morande, highlighting key learnings and implications. Ranjan Chatterjee and Saumya Seal investigate the dual impact of the Wildlife Protection Act on denotified tribes, weighing its empowering and encumbering effects. Disha envisions a future of inclusivity for same-sex couples in India, advocating for the amended Special Marriage Act in their thought-provoking piece.

In **YOUNG VOICES**, Kinshuk Kandpal charts a path for integrating AI into the management of undertrial prisoners in India, emphasizing the potential for empowering justice. Monisha Dey revisits the Mahad Satyagraha, exploring its enduring relevance and the ongoing struggle for water justice and caste equality.

Lastly, our **BOOK REVIEW** by Shreya Biswas provides an insightful critique of "Digital Sociology," offering readers a comprehensive overview of this emerging field.

We hope this issue inspires robust discussion and thoughtful reflection. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to all contributors for their dedication and scholarly rigor. As we continue to navigate the challenges and opportunities of our times, we remain committed to fostering informed dialogue and contributing to the advancement of knowledge.

We thank the Journal Advisory Board and Editorial Review Committee for their enthusiastic support of the journal. We congratulate the authors for their insightful and well-researched articles. We would like to express our sincere appreciation to the reviewers, and editorial team for their dedicated efforts in bringing this issue to fruition. The IPRR Journal is committed to maintaining the highest standards of academic and policy-related discourse, and we are proud of the quality of work featured in this edition.

With Gratitude,
Editors,
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