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We are pleased to present Volume 5, Issue 1 of the Impact and Policy Research Review (IPRR), a biannual journal dedicated to fostering critical scholarship and policy-relevant research. This issue brings together a range of contributions that reflect the journal's core commitment to interdisciplinarity, evidence-based analysis, and engagement with urgent socio-political and developmental challenges.

The articles featured in this issue reflect the breadth and diversity of contemporary public policy scholarship, bringing together interdisciplinary perspectives on some of the most pressing governance and development challenges facing India and the world. The contributions span themes including climate resilience and sustainable urbanisation, urban inequality, artificial intelligence governance, regional social development, student mental health, women's economic participation, labour market transformation, public administration, environmental governance, international relations, maritime security, digital governance, and inclusive policymaking.

This volume also features thought-provoking contributions under the Young Voices section, showcasing emerging scholarship on labour market precarity, institutional reform, and contemporary policy challenges. Alongside the Insights, Policy Perspective, and Report Review sections, the issue offers critical reflections on governance innovation, sustainable development, technological transformation, social inclusion, and evidence-based policymaking. Collectively, these contributions reinforce the importance of rigorous research in informing policy decisions, encouraging interdisciplinary dialogue, and supporting academics, practitioners, policymakers, researchers, and civil society stakeholders.

We extend our sincere gratitude to our authors, reviewers, editorial board, and readers for their continued support and intellectual engagement. We hope this issue stimulates meaningful dialogue and contributes to informed policymaking and impactful research.

With Gratitude,
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