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From the VC & Director General's Desk

It gives me great pleasure to present the first issue of *Samriddhi* for the year 2026, a year designated by the United Nations as the International Year of the Woman Farmer and the International Year of Volunteers for Sustainable Development. These global observances highlight the importance of gender equity, unpaid care work and community, concerns that are reflected in the articles featured in this volume.

The issue brings together a diverse set of articles covering themes such as the emerging care economy, Constitutional rights and public health legislation, the historical development of health services, women's leadership in education, emotional intelligence and taxation. The discussions on gender, women's empowerment and emotional well-being draw attention to the human dimensions of development and highlight the importance of inclusive approach to governance.

I congratulate all the contributors for their thoughtful work and appreciate the efforts of the editorial team in bringing out this issue. I hope readers will find this volume of *Samriddhi* informative and engaging, and I encourage them to continue their association with the journal in the years ahead.

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