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From the VC & Director General's Desk

It gives me great pleasure to present the July 2026 issue of *Samriddhi*, the seventh issue of the journal, marking the completion of three years of its publication journey. This issue is particularly significant as it is being brought out during the Golden Jubilee year of the Institute, commemorating fifty years of service and excellence from 1976 to 2026.

The present issue brings together a diverse range of perspectives on governance, development, ethics, society and contemporary challenges, reflecting the multidisciplinary character of the journal. It features insightful contributions on women-led development, governance innovation, the Sustainable Development Goals, sociocultural influences on appearance-related behaviours, and globalization and its implications for India. The articles offer valuable perspectives on public administration, social development and emerging societal concerns.

I congratulate all the contributors for their thoughtful and valuable contributions and appreciate the editorial team for its dedicated efforts in bringing out this issue of *Samriddhi*. I hope readers will find this volume informative, engaging and thought-provoking, and I look forward to *Samriddhi* continuing its journey of intellectual engagement in the years ahead.

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