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EDITORIAL

It is with great pleasure that we present to you the latest issue of *Interviews*. This issue brings together high-quality research contributions that reflect the journal's commitment to promoting rigorous innovation, and academic excellence in the field of *multidisciplinary research*. The articles published in this issue address timely themes and emerging challenges, offering valuable theoretical insights and practical implications for researchers, academicians, practitioners, and policymakers. We believe that the studies presented here will contribute meaningfully to ongoing scholarly discussions and provide valuable directions for future research. I sincerely express my gratitude to all the authors for choosing *Interviews* as a platform for sharing their scholarly work. I also extend my heartfelt appreciation to the reviewers for their careful evaluation, constructive feedback, and valuable contributions, which are essential to maintaining the integrity and quality of the publication process. I hope that this issue will stimulate further academic discussion, encourage interdisciplinary collaboration, and inspire future research in the diverse fields of multidisciplinary scholarship.

In recent years, the research landscape has undergone a remarkable transformation, marked by the growing adoption of interdisciplinary approaches, methodological innovations, and an increasing emphasis on evidence-based solutions to complex and emerging challenges. The boundaries between traditional academic disciplines are becoming increasingly interconnected, encouraging researchers to draw upon diverse perspectives, theories, and methodologies to address multifaceted issues. This evolving research environment has created greater opportunities for collaboration, knowledge exchange, and the development of innovative approaches to both contemporary and longstanding problems. At the same time, the growing complexity of social, economic, environmental, technological, and cultural challenges has highlighted the importance of multidisciplinary research. Addressing such challenges often requires the integration of knowledge from different fields and the application of diverse research methods to develop comprehensive and practical solutions. In this context, multidisciplinary

research plays an important role in bridging disciplinary perspectives, generating new insights, and strengthening the connection between academic research and real-world applications.

As a scholarly platform our journal is committed to contribute towards the meaningful research and scholarly thoughts to this academic transformation through the quality research publications that are original, impactful, ethically conducted, and relevant to the academic and real-life applications. As we know that the scientific and quality publications are the foundation of a credible research journal, as they ensure that new knowledge is generated, verified, and communicated in a responsible manner. We are committed to the maintaining quality with high academic standards and looking forward to widening the horizon of research engagements by making our journal available in online platforms for the curious readers and the scholars. This issue brings together a set of carefully selected papers that address significant themes of the research. The diversity of the topics and methodologies presented in this volume illustrates the rich academic ecosystems that the journal seeks to nurture. The scientifically sound and high-quality articles always strengthen the scholarly discourse, support evidence-based decision making, and promote the advancement of research across disciplines. All the research papers contributed by the authors certainly reflect the rigorous investigation and contributing to the knowledge-based studies and advancements by offering fresh insights, improved methods, and contextual interpretations. This volume of our journal truly reflects the multidisciplinary character and broad academic vision that journal seeks to uphold. The present issue has been carefully curated by selecting and publishing research papers that represent diverse dimensions of contemporary academic and critical inquiry. The contributions included in this volume extend across socio-economic dimensions, literary dimensions, as well a media and cultural dimensions, thereby ensuring a wide-ranging and inclusive academic discourse. Some of the papers also explored socio-economic realities by examining issues of development, inequality, community life, governance, and new education arena. Through such diversity of themes and approaches, the issue provides a meaningful platform for researchers to present new perspectives, strengthen interdisciplinary dialogue, and contribute to knowledge production across disciplines. Overall, this volume stands as a comprehensive representation of multi-dimensional research discourse, reaffirming our commitment to publishing scientifically sound, socially relevant and academically rigorous research publications.

We hope that the research articles presented in this issue will provide meaningful insights into contemporary academic and practical challenges and inspire further research and scholarly inquiry. We believe that the findings and perspectives shared by the contributors will prove valuable to researchers, academicians, policymakers, practitioners, and other stakeholders working across diverse fields of knowledge. The contributions in this issue also demonstrate the importance of continued academic engagement, collaboration, and knowledge exchange in addressing emerging challenges and advancing the frontiers of multidisciplinary research. We warmly welcome future submissions from scholars and researchers and encourage them to contribute original, innovative, and high-quality research to the forthcoming issues of the journal. Through continued collaboration with authors, reviewers, and the wider academic community, we look forward to strengthening the journal as a platform for meaningful research, interdisciplinary dialogue, and the dissemination of knowledge.

Finally, I thank the editorial board and the journal team for their dedication and continued support. We look forward to receiving your feedback and future submissions.

With regards,



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UGC REGULATIONS IN THE INDIAN FEDERATION: ISSUES AND COMPLEXITIES

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Abstract: Dwelling on K. C. Wheare's theoretical enunciation that India is a quasi-federation, this paper explores the division of power between the Union and the States and demonstrates that in the field of education, it is the Union Government that occupies a dominant position, imposing its policies on the States due to the application of repugnancy principle, given the inclusion of education in the Concurrent List of the Seventh Schedule of the Indian Constitution. One of the instruments of imposition of the Union Government on the States in the field of Higher Education has been the regulations adopted by the University Grants Commission from time to time. However, this results in confrontations between the Union Government and the States, especially those ruled by the opposition parties, thereby affecting the smooth functioning of the state-run universities.

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Introduction

Article 1 of the Constitution describes India as a 'Union of States,' implying that India is an integrated federation with the states having no right to secede. In the Kesavananda Bharti case of 1985, the Supreme Court enunciated the *Basic Structure Doctrine* of the Constitution, and federalism is one such

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