

Editors' Note

This combined issue of *Kindler Journal* (Volume XXIV, Nos. 1 & 2), covering January–June and July–December 2024 and published in December 2025, brings together a diverse set of scholarly contributions that reflect contemporary concerns and emerging directions in business, management, and finance.

A unifying thread across the volume is the growing emphasis on sustainability and responsible economic practice. Several articles indirectly engage with the ways financial systems, markets, and institutions are aligning with broader environmental and social objectives, signalling a shift towards long-term value creation. Alongside this, the interrelationship between different sectors of the Indian economy is explored, highlighting questions of resilience, balance, and sustainable growth.

The volume also captures the transformative influence of technological change on learning, work, and professional development, while foregrounding the continuing importance of human and emotional competencies in academic and managerial contexts. Insights into consumer behaviour and market choices further enrich the discussion, offering perspectives on evolving preferences in a changing socio-economic environment.

Empirical reflections on corporate adaptability during periods of disruption, discussions on ethical and philosophical foundations of management thought, and examinations of evolving global and Indian regulatory frameworks collectively add depth to this issue.

The decision to publish the two issues as a single combined volume was taken to ensure coherence, quality, and completeness. While the issues pertain to the calendar year 2024, their publication in December 2025 underscores our resolve to prioritize careful peer review, editorial integrity, and scholarly excellence over adherence to rigid timelines. We are grateful to our contributors for their patience and cooperation during this process, and for their confidence in the journal as a platform for disseminating original research.

We also wish to place on record our sincere appreciation to our Patron & Chief Advisor, Brig. (Dr.) Sujay Ranjan Chaudhuri (Retd.), the members of the Editorial Board and Advisory Committee for their sustained guidance and support. The smooth completion of this volume would not have been possible without their counsel, as well as the dedicated efforts of the editorial and production teams.

Overall, this volume reaffirms the journal's commitment to interdisciplinary scholarship and contextual relevance, and we trust it will contribute meaningfully to ongoing academic and professional discourse.

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