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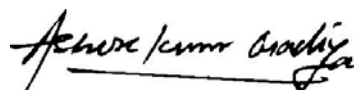
It gives me great pleasure to present this issue of the *Journal of Indian Research*, a volume that once again reflects our founding conviction: that meaningful scholarship rarely respects disciplinary boundaries, and that a journal serious about intellectual rigour must be willing to hold law, science, engineering, and management in the same conversation.

This issue bears that conviction out. Learned Judge Dheeraj Kumar's study on the recall of witnesses under Order XVIII Rule 17 of the Code of Civil Procedure revisits a deceptively simple procedural question with real consequence for how Indian courts balance the litigant's right to a fair hearing against the imperative of a speedy trial — a tension made vivid through the Supreme Court's evolving jurisprudence, down to a decision as recent as August 2026. From the pharmaceutical sciences, Sakshi Kuchekar and her co-authors offer a methodologically careful assessment of Adapalene's pH-dependent solubility, work with direct bearing on how a widely prescribed topical therapy might be reformulated for better bioavailability. Dr. Anand Kumar Singh's case study of air-conditioning energy consumption in a small-scale hotel brings quantitative discipline to a sector — India's small hospitality establishments — that is too often left out of the energy-efficiency conversation, and his finding that occupancy predicts energy use far more strongly than ambient temperature has genuine operational value for owners working with limited resources.

Pravalika Paul and Dr. Kruti Dave turn to a different kind of behaviour entirely: why India's Generation Z, fluent in fintech interfaces, still struggles to convert financial knowledge into sound financial habits. Their finding — that attitude, not information, is the decisive mediator — speaks to designers of financial products and educators alike. And from Baku Engineering University, Parviz Mammadov and colleagues extend lean manufacturing theory itself, proposing that hazardous-waste treatment costs be made an explicit, visible component of total waste accounting rather than a compliance afterthought.

Read together, these papers make a case I find worth stating plainly: rigour is not the property of any one discipline. A judge's careful reading of precedent, a pharmacy student's calibration curve, an engineer's regression analysis, a management scholar's structural equation model, and a conceptual framework built from an Azerbaijani manufacturing example are, at bottom, the same intellectual activity practised in different registers. This journal exists to give that activity a common home.

I extend my thanks to the authors for their patience through the review process, to our reviewers for the care evident in their comments, and to our readers, whose engagement is what gives this scholarship its purpose beyond the page. I hope this issue rewards your attention as much as it has rewarded ours in bringing it to print.



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