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From the Desk of the Chief Editor

I have immense pleasure to disclose that Bihar Journal of Public Administration, being in UGC-CARE list since June 2019, is indexed by some agencies like Cosmos and has earned Impact Factor 6.129. As the Chief Editor, I have the pleasure to present this special issue of the Bihar Journal of Public Administration on the theme "UNSDGs and Public Administration" which is the result of the offer given to us by the Department of Public Administration, MANUU, Hyderabad to publish selected papers presented in International Conference organised by the Department in January, 2025. It will not be out of place to mention that we intend to accommodate the new ideas and issues of our focus area of research. We also encourage those young researchers whose papers contain assessment of recent trends of research in Public Administration and allied disciplines, especially covering the ground reality.

No doubt we feel over stressed due to resource crunch, large numbers of paper submissions since its inclusion in UGC-CARE List and strains of management, however, we have been able to manage to publish it regularly. I, in personal capacity as Vice Chancellor of Magadh University, Bodh-Gaya, commit myself to facilitate the regular publication of the Journal by involving institutions of higher education, falling in this part of the state. I express my thanks to the learned contributors, the entire Editorial team and the anonymous referees for carrying the venture of publication of BJPA and that too by maintaining quality.

Prof. S.P. Shahi

Vice Chancellor, Magadh University, Bodh Gaya

Chief Editor

Editorial

Achievement of any development goals depends on how policies are made and implemented. This involves performance of administrative machinery in utilisation of available resources and meeting the socio-economic challenges. In the light of this concern, the offer of the Department of Public Administration, Maulana Azad National Urdu University (MANUU), Hyderabad to bring out a thematic issue of BJPA on the 'UNSDGs and Public Administration' for publishing the selected papers presented in the International Conference on the topic "SDGs for a Better World: Role of Public Administration" organised by the Department held during 21-22 January, 2025 was accepted by us. The theme is not only relevant at this point of time when the target year 2030 is approaching closer, but also for rendering suggestions for appropriate reforms in public administration in India for achieving the goals. As such, we are happy to present this thematic supplement of BJPA before the academics, administrators, policy makers and readers. We shall be contented, if the Issue is proved even partially useful for the policy makers.

The present Special Issue of BJPA covers a wide range of subjects related to achieving the UN sustainable development goals vis-à-vis Indian public administration, such as, need of strengthening institutions and capacity building, strengthening role of artificial intelligence (AI), technology integration and Big data, local self-governments like panchayati raj institutions (PRIs) and urban local bodies (ULBs) and international organisations as well. The issues of community culture, cultural capital, education and health services, transformation of urban slums, waste to resource (W2R) approach to solid waste management, inequality, gender based discrimination and crimes, dignity to labour and environmental issues for achieving the SDGs have been covered in the present special number of BJPA.

The IIPA Bihar Regional Branch and the Editorial team express thankfulness to external support from expert reviewers and the contributors. At last, though utmost care has been taken to maintain the quality, yet we shall feel obliged to have suggestions from readership for improvements in the Journal.

– Editor

Note of the Guest Editor

It is fortunate on my part that the Editorial Team of Bihar Journal of Public Administration entrusted me to edit the present special issue of the Journal as the Guest Editor. The present issue is an outcome of the International Conference organized by the Department of Public Administration, Maulana Azad National Urdu University (MANUU), Hyderabad, India held on 21–22 January 2025. The conference brought together eminent scholars, practitioners, and policymakers from India and abroad to deliberate on the crucial role of public administration in realizing the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)—a universal agenda aimed at achieving inclusive growth, environmental sustainability, and social justice by 2030. I was part of the organising team of the Conference.

The discussions at the conference underscored that public administration stands at the heart of the SDG implementation process. Effective governance, sound policy frameworks, institutional capacity, and citizen engagement are indispensable for translating global aspirations into local realities. From ensuring clean water and sanitation to promoting quality education, gender equality, and climate resilience, administrative systems act as the backbone for coordination, policy execution, and accountability. The SDGs, therefore, not only demand technical and financial resources but also a renewed commitment to ethical, transparent, and participatory governance. The Bihar Journal of Public Administration has been liberal enough to provide a platform for these scholarly engagements that link theory with practice.

This special issue seeks to extend these vital conversations. It features research papers, policy analyses, and case studies that explore how administrative reforms, decentralization, digital governance, and public sector innovation can accelerate SDG progress. The contributions collectively highlight the need for collaborative governance, where government institutions work hand-in-hand with academia, civil society, and the private sector. Moreover, they emphasize the importance of capacity building among public servants to deal with complex, cross-cutting challenges such as climate change, urbanization, and poverty reduction. As we approach the midpoint of the 2030 Agenda, this special issue invites readers to rethink administrative systems as dynamic instruments of change, capable of shaping a more equitable and sustainable world.

I express my gratitude to the Editor (BJPA), contributors, reviewers, and the organizing committee of MANUU's International Conference for their valuable insights and academic rigour. It is our hope that this special issue will inspire further research and policy dialogue on strengthening public administration as a key driver of sustainable development in India and beyond.

—Reyaz Ahmed,
Guest Editor

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— Editor

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- स्नातक और स्नातकोत्तर स्तर पर पारंपरिक और व्यावसायिक पाठ्यक्रमों के विभिन्न सत्रों को नियमित करने हेतु वर्षों से लंबित परीक्षाएँ आयोजित कर परिणाम घोषित किए गए एवं शेष प्रगति पर है।
- मार्च 2023 से आज तक 5,50,409 से अधिक प्रमाणपत्रों का निराकरण करते हुए संबंधित विभाग / महाविद्यालयों को भेज दिए गए हैं।
- सत्र 2023-2024 से स्नातक स्तर पर "राष्ट्रीय शिक्षा नीति 2020" लागू कर दी गई।
- विश्वविद्यालय में 409 से अधिक सेमिनार, कॉन्फ्रेंस एवं वर्कशॉप किए जा चुके हैं।
- विश्वविद्यालय एवं महाविद्यालयों में वर्ग संचालन सुचारू रूप से हो तथा छात्र-छात्राओं की 75 प्रतिशत उपस्थिति सुनिश्चित हो, इसके लिए गंभीर प्रयास लगातार जारी है।
- मगध विश्वविद्यालय ने व्याख्यानों, संगोष्ठियों और कार्यशालाओं का आयोजन कर अकादमिक उत्कृष्टता में उल्लेखनीय वृद्धि की है।
- शिक्षण कौशल अंतर-विषयक अध्ययन और शोध में नवाचारों को बढ़ावा देने के लिए यू0जी0सी0 द्वारा स्थापित मानदण्डों को लागू किया गया है।
- अवकाश प्राप्त 90 प्रतिशत एवं शिक्षकेत्तर कर्मियों की समस्याओं का समाधान किया जा चुका है।
- जन शिकायत कोषांग का गठन किया गया है और प्राप्त आवेदनों का ससमय निष्पादन किया जा रहा है।
- विश्वविद्यालय द्वारा मार्च 2023 से आज तक कुल 150 से अधिक परीक्षाएँ आयोजित की गई हैं।
- अवकाश प्राप्त शिक्षक एवं शिक्षकेत्तर को सेवानिवृत्ति के दिन ही पेंशन भुगतान करने की परम्परा पुनः आरंभ की गई है।
- नैक में अच्छी ग्रेडिंग हेतु विश्वविद्यालय परिवार दृढ़ संकल्पित है।
- विश्वविद्यालय के भवनों के जीर्णोद्धार एवं नवीन भवनों के निर्माण हेतु अंतर्राष्ट्रीय स्तर के वास्तुकार द्वारा DPR तैयार कर कार्यारंभ किया जा चुका है।
- विश्वविद्यालय के छात्र हित में गठित प्लेसमेंट सेल के अंतर्गत परिसर स्थित प्रबंधन विभाग के 12 छात्रों का बंधन बैंक में कैपस प्लेसमेंट हुआ इसे और अधिक बढ़ाये जाने की योजना है।
- IIT, Patna के Computer Science Department में Artificial Intelligence प्रारंभ के लिए मगध विश्वविद्यालय, बोधगया के प्राध्यापकों की Training एवं पढ़ाई प्रारंभ करने के लिए विभिन्न Statutory Bodies द्वारा अनुमोदन प्राप्त कर लिया गया है।
- Permanent IQAC Cell Functional है।
- विगत 9 वर्षों का AQAR (2015-2024) नैक पोर्टल पर सफलतापूर्वक अपलोड कर दिया गया है।
- शोध को बढ़ावा देने के लिए Research Development Cell की स्थापना की गई है। इस प्रकोष्ठ के तहत Research Project के लिए शोधार्थियों को वित्तीय सहायता देने हेतु 05 करोड़ रु0 की राशि आवंटित की गई है।
- विद्यार्थियों की सुविधा के लिए दो बसों का संचालन परिवहन विभाग, बिहार सरकार पटना के द्वारा करवाया गया है।
- माननीय कुलपति महोदय के नेतृत्व में विश्वविद्यालय एवं महाविद्यालय के राजनीति विज्ञान विभाग के पाँच शिक्षकों के साथ सियोल (South Korea) में आयोजित अंतर्राष्ट्रीय राजनीति विज्ञान अधिवेशन में शोध पत्र प्रस्तुत किया और सत्र की अध्यक्षता की जो समावेशी शोध Inclusive Research का अन्यतम उदाहरण है।
- एक दशक के बाद मगध विश्वविद्यालय द्वारा दीक्षांत समारोह 22वें का भव्य आयोजन किया गया और 23वें दीक्षांत समारोह की तैयारी आरम्भ कर दी गई है।
- सत्येंद्र नारायण सिन्हा A.J. Centre का शिलान्यास महामहिम श्री आरिफ मोहम्मद खान, राज्यपाल-सह-कुलाधिपति, बिहार एवं श्री हरिवंश जी, माननीय उपसभापति, राज्यसभा, नई दिल्ली के द्वारा किया गया।
- दो अंतर्राष्ट्रीय समझौता ज्ञापन-प्रबोरोमार्पणनीक संस्थान, लोक स्वास्थ्य मंत्रालय, थाईलैंड एवं एस्पायर संस्थान हार्वर्ड विश्वविद्यालय, अमेरिका के साथ किए गए। इसके अतिरिक्त 09 विभिन्न संस्थानों से राष्ट्रीय समझौता ज्ञापन भी हस्ताक्षरित हुए।
- जंतु विज्ञान और गृह विज्ञान के शिक्षकों और शोधार्थियों ने 03 पेटेंट भारत सरकार से हासिल कर विश्वविद्यालय को अत्याधुनिक फलक पर गौरवान्वित किया।

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