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FOREWORD

This special issue *Sustainability, Inclusiveness and Social Entrepreneurship* brings together a carefully selected collection of scholarly contributions addressing contemporary challenges at the intersection of sustainable development, responsible management, technological innovation, and inclusive growth. While the studies span diverse domains, they are united by a common objective of generating evidence-based knowledge that advances both academic understanding and practical decision-making. Collectively, the articles reflect the increasing importance of interdisciplinary research in responding to complex economic, organizational, and societal issues.

The papers published in this special issue are drawn from selected contributions presented at the International Conference on Sustainability, Inclusiveness and Social Entrepreneurship (ICSISE-2025), organized by Shanti Business School, Ahmedabad, on 11–12 December 2025. The conference received an overwhelming response with more than 180 research submissions, out of which 15 high-quality papers were carefully selected for publication following a rigorous peer-review process.

A defining strength of this special issue lies in its methodological diversity and analytical rigor. The contributions employ a range of contemporary research approaches, including advanced statistical and econometric modelling, multivariate analysis, financial diagnostic frameworks, structured decision-making models, spatial analytics, and artificial intelligence-enabled decision support, alongside qualitative and mixed-methods investigations. Rather than focusing on isolated problems, the studies collectively explore themes such as financial sustainability, macroeconomic expectations, ESG performance, industrial development, consumer behaviour, social entrepreneurship, educational transformation, sustainable supply chains, environmental responsibility, and AI-driven business innovation. Together, they demonstrate how rigorous empirical inquiry can generate meaningful insights for both scholarship and practice.

Beyond their academic contribution, the articles offer valuable perspectives for researchers, practitioners, industry leaders, educators, and policymakers seeking to address emerging global challenges. By integrating theoretical perspectives with robust empirical evidence, the studies contribute to informed policy formulation, responsible managerial decision-making, and the development of sustainable and inclusive organizational practices. The diversity of topics and research approaches represented in this issue highlights the evolving nature of management research and reinforces the value of interdisciplinary collaboration in advancing knowledge.

We hope that this special issue will serve as a valuable resource for researchers, academicians, practitioners, and policymakers, fostering further scholarly dialogue and interdisciplinary collaboration. It is our belief that the ideas and insights presented in these contributions will inspire future research while advancing the collective pursuit of sustainability, inclusiveness, and social entrepreneurship.

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