

EDITORIAL

Welcome to the latest edition of IIPA Digest. In this issue, we cover a range of pressing topics that are dominating the headlines and sparking debates across the globe. From climate change to public service delivery, our contributors have delved into these issues to provide you with a comprehensive analysis of the latest developments.

Self-Help Groups (SHGs) have become increasingly prevalent under the National Rural Health Mission and their impact on promoting social inclusion. While these women's collectives have been particularly effective in reducing poverty in southern India, their expansion under the Rural Livelihood Mission presents an opportunity to provide financial support to vulnerable groups and disadvantaged households, allowing for rural enterprises of significant size and scope. This has been explained in the article under Spotlight. Inclusive public service delivery is a crucial component of building a fair and equitable society, the same has been highlighted under Governance@work.

A write up under Foreign Desk covers the diplomatic and strategic relationship between India and Switzerland that has grown and developed over the past 74 years. It is important to understand the history of this bond and how it has progressed in areas such as the economy, trade, education, health, infrastructure, clean technology, and research and development. A project Report on North-East rural livelihood analysis the existing gap between North-eastern region and rest of India despite its rich natural resources. The article under National Desk talks about the need of Uniform Civil Code in India. The Tech Talk section discusses the constantly evolving and important field of intellectual property and how IPRs are taking on increasingly significant roles and responsibilities.

The article In Focus this time suggests a minor amendment in the 'Companies Act 2013' so that the concept of shared value can be incorporated in CSR policies of companies operating in India. An article on urbanization and revamping of wetlands talks about urbanization and wetland protection as complex issues that require a multifaceted approach. By incorporating wetlands into urban planning, raising awareness of their importance, and undertaking restoration projects, we can find a sustainable balance that benefits both urban communities and the environment. Similarly, a write up on Climate Change and its impact on the health discusses its severe impact on global health. Climate change is a major factor that affects the occurrence of infectious diseases in humans. This edition also publishes an anecdotal piece of an IAS officer sharing her experience as a Deputy Commissioner of a district in Karnataka.

At the end we just wish that our readers will find this edition informative and engaging. ■

— Surendra Nath Tripathi