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EDITORIAL

Communication, Media, and Governance in a Transforming World

Dear Authors,

It is my pleasure to welcome you to the latest issue of *Journal of Communication and Management (JCM)*, a platform dedicated to advancing knowledge and fostering academic excellence in journalism, mass communication, and management.

As we present **Volume 5, Issue 1 (2026)**, this edition is anchored in the evolving discourse of **development journalism practices** a paradigm that emphasizes socially responsible reporting, inclusive narratives, and the role of media in facilitating sustainable development. In an era marked by rapid socio-economic transitions and digital transformations, development journalism serves as a critical bridge between policy, people, and progress.

This issue brings together a diverse collection of high-quality research contributions that reflect interdisciplinary engagement. Scholars from fields such as psychology, sociology, journalism, management studies and mass communication have contributed insightful studies that interrogate contemporary media practices through a developmental lens. The plurality of perspectives enriches our understanding of how media can influence, inform, and empower communities.

The articles featured in this volume address a wide spectrum of themes, including social media, managerial communication, print and digital media, political communication and election coverage. These studies collectively underscore the expanding scope of development journalism from grassroots communication initiatives to digital media ecosystems.

At JCM, we strongly believe that research is a catalyst for societal advancement. Accordingly, we are committed to publishing original, rigorous, and impactful scholarship. Each submission undergoes a stringent double-blind peer review process to ensure adherence to the highest standards of academic integrity, methodological soundness, and scholarly relevance.

Beyond dissemination, this journal aspires to function as a dialogic space. We encourage readers to critically engage with the published work, contribute their perspectives, and participate in ongoing academic conversations. Such intellectual exchange is essential for generating innovative ideas and addressing complex developmental challenges.

I extend my sincere gratitude to our authors, reviewers, and readers whose continued support and scholarly contributions make this publication possible. Their dedication sustains the quality and relevance of this journal.

I hope this issue stimulates meaningful discourse, inspires further research, and contributes to strengthening the practice and understanding of communication and management studies.

Warm regards,

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