

A message from the Founder and Managing Editor of  
*Global Media Journal*  
To the readers of the inaugural issue of  
*Global Media Journal—Indian Edition*

Greetings and welcome to the inaugural issue of the Indian Edition of *Global Media Journal*—"The Global Network of Communication Scholars"—with 15 confirmed and established editions throughout the world.

I commend the foresight of the Calcutta University administrators, particularly Vice Chancellor and Professor Suranjan Das, for authorizing and supporting this significant global initiative, and congratulate Professor Saumendranath Bera, Editor of *Global Media Journal—Indian Edition*, for his expressed enthusiasm, commitment, and kind cooperation. I also applaud Professor Bera's colleagues in the Department of Journalism and Mass Communication for their interest and support of this exciting and rapidly expanding global academic project.

It should be noted that Professor Burashiva Dasgupta, who is currently Programme Director of Development Communication Course at Rabindranath Tagore Centre for Human Development Studies (a joint initiative of the Institute of Development Studies Kolkata and the University of Calcutta), was instrumental in introducing and releasing the very first issue of GMJ-Indian Edition, in 2005, while serving as the Director of Communication Institute at Manipal University. His continued commitment to the establishment and development of the only leading academic online journal in the world, and India, is indeed appreciated.

Your collective vision in realizing the outstanding potential of digital technologies—particularly the Internet—is displayed by your enthusiasm in joining this innovative electronic journal which continues to expand and connect major universities, scholars, students, and academic organizations around the globe.

The first issue of *Global Media Journal* was launched in fall of 2002. As the founder and managing editor of GMJ, I am pleased to note that since then this groundbreaking and open-access publication has steadily and firmly established itself as a credible and respected journal and is routinely cited by media professionals, communication scholars, and researchers. Several global editions, including the American, Mediterranean, Iberoamerican, Persian and others, are indexed in ProQuest CSA, EBSCO, and other major lists.

Furthermore, a growing number of universities and scholars are realizing the inevitable growth and legitimacy of digital publishing by giving credence to the articles published in the GMJ editions. In fact,

many universities in the US and elsewhere routinely accept papers published in the “refereed” section of the journal for promotion and tenure purposes.

The consistent goal of GMJ is to address diverse interests of media and journalism scholars, researchers, teachers, students, and institutions engaged in international activities, particularly global media, journalism, communication, and cultural studies.

My goal is to establish an edition of GMJ in every major language and region of the world, thereby creating a truly global research and communication network for scholars, students, teachers, journalists, and institutions around the globe. Ultimately, this unique academic network will facilitate exchange of information and dissemination of knowledge in a timely and efficient manner. It will, thus, serve as powerful channel for enhancing and promoting intercultural communication, international understanding, inter-campus collaboration, and global cooperation among diverse peoples, cultures, and institutions.

Once again, congratulations to Professors Das, Bera, Dasgupta, and the advisory board, administration, students, and faculty members of the Calcutta University on your successful launching of the *Global Media Journal-Indian Edition*. I join you in proud recognition of yet another accomplishment in the history of your progressive and highly regarded university.

Welcome to the most progressive, rapidly expanding, and forward-looking family of the *Global Media Journal*: “The Global Network of Communication Scholars.”

With warm regards,

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