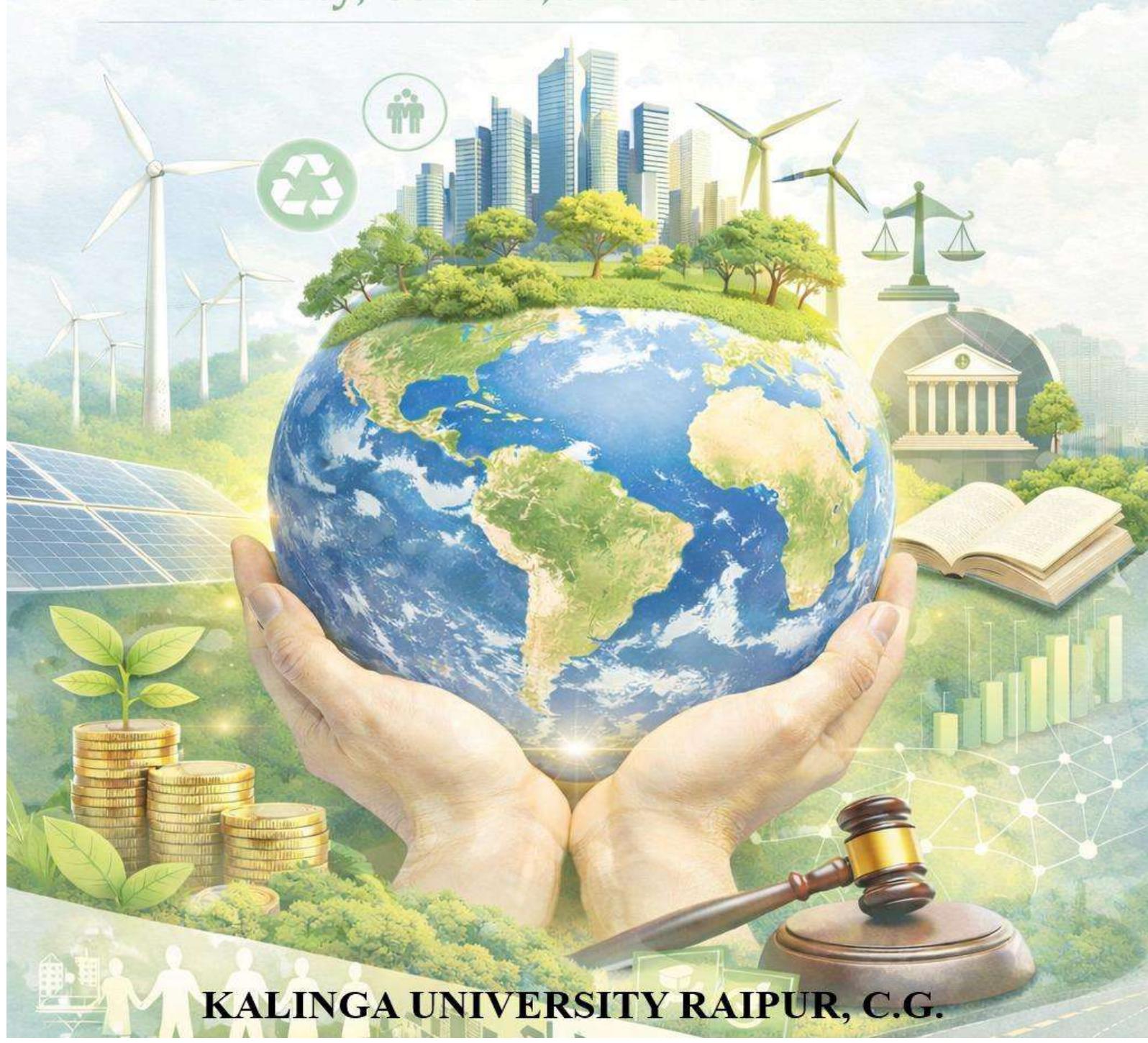




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**26 लाख**

से अधिक परिवारों को पक्की छत देने वाले

### महतारी वंदन योजना



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महिलाओं को आर्थिक रूप से आत्मनिर्भर बनाने वाले

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संग्राहक परिवारों के चेहरे पर मुस्कान लाने वाले

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भूमिहीन कृषि मजदूरों को प्रतिवर्ष ₹10,000 की आर्थिक सहायता देने वाले

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**37 लाख**

महिलाओं को धुएं से मुक्ति दिलाने वाले

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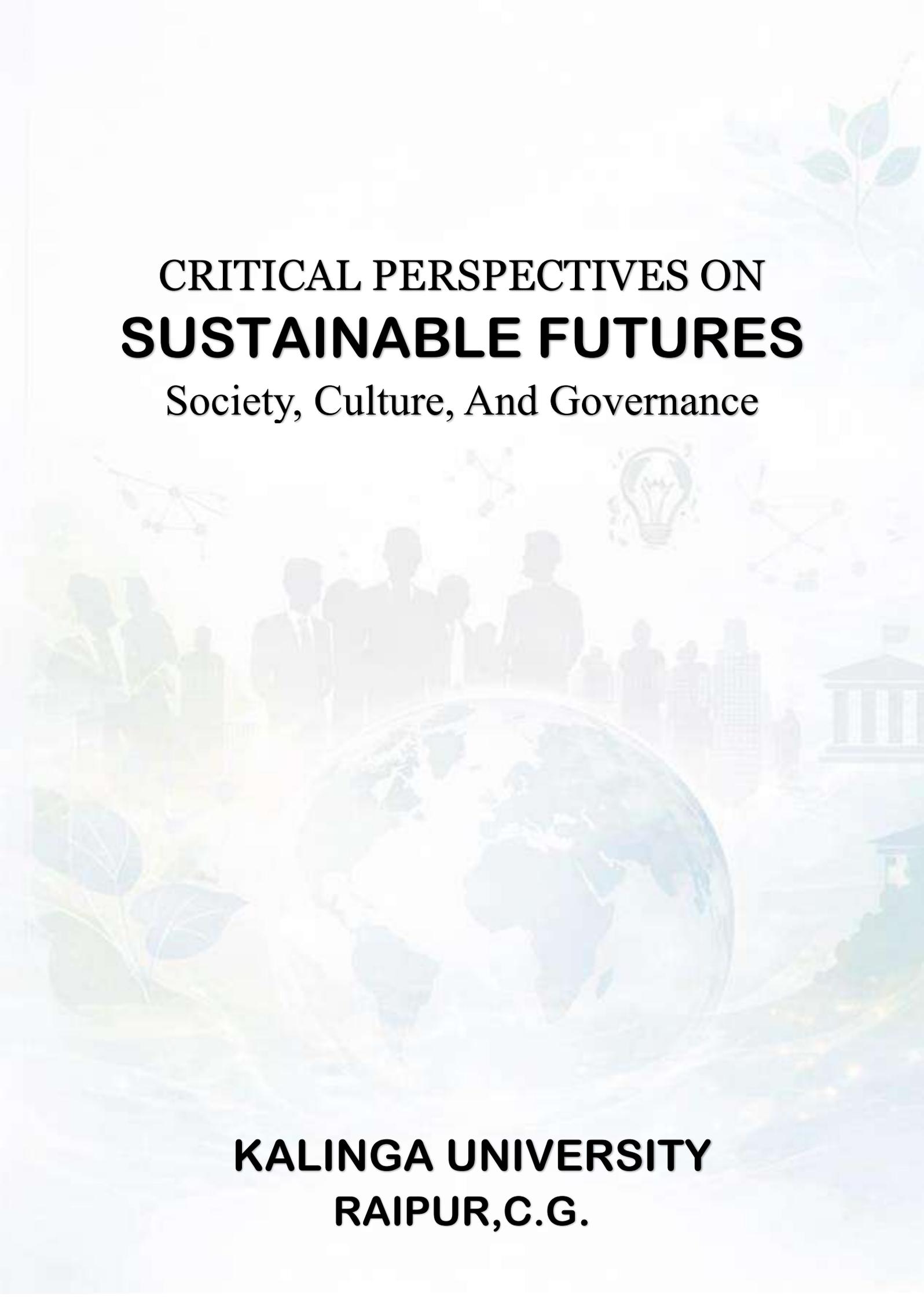
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## *Message from the The Vice-Chancellor*



It gives me immense pleasure to extend my warm greetings and best wishes on the publication of the edited volume *Critical Perspectives on Sustainable Futures: Society, Culture and Governance*. This significant scholarly endeavor reflects a timely engagement with the pressing concerns of sustainability that shape our collective present and future.

In an era marked by rapid transformation, the pursuit of sustainable development requires thoughtful dialogue that bridges disciplines and integrates diverse perspectives. The contributions compiled in this volume — representing academic voices from across the country — exemplify the commitment of scholars to address complex societal, cultural, and governance-related challenges through critical inquiry and research. Such intellectual initiatives strengthen the role of higher education institutions as catalysts for responsible knowledge creation and social progress.

I commend the editors, contributors, and the Faculty of Arts and Humanities for their dedication and academic rigor in bringing together this comprehensive collection. Their efforts reaffirm the university's commitment to fostering interdisciplinary scholarship and promoting research that is both socially relevant and globally conscious.

I am confident that this volume will serve as a valuable resource for researchers, students, policymakers, and practitioners, inspiring meaningful reflection and further exploration in the domain of sustainability studies.

I extend my heartfelt congratulations to everyone associated with this publication and convey my best wishes for its wide readership and lasting impact.

Dr. R. Shridhar  
Vice-Chancellor  
Kalinga University

## Preface



*Sustainable Futures: Society, Culture and Governance*, is a volume that emerges from a collective recognition that the challenges confronting our world today demand interdisciplinary dialogue, critical reflection, and intellectual responsibility. Sustainability is no longer confined to environmental discourse alone; it has evolved into a multidimensional framework encompassing social justice, cultural continuity, ethical governance, and equitable development. This edited book brings together chapters contributed by scholars from across India, reflecting a wide spectrum of academic traditions, methodological approaches, and critical engagements.

I am deeply gratified to witness the convergence of voices represented in this collection. The contributions span diverse domains — literature, culture, public policy, history, sociology, governance studies, and allied disciplines — demonstrating the central role of the humanities and social sciences in shaping sustainable futures. These chapters do not merely respond to contemporary crises; they interrogate dominant paradigms, foreground marginalized perspectives, and propose frameworks for inclusive and ethical progress. The editorial process of this book has been marked by intellectual rigor, dialogue, and shared commitment to advancing scholarly inquiry that is socially meaningful.

I extend my sincere appreciation to all contributors whose research and reflections have shaped this volume, and to the editorial team whose dedication ensured its realization. Their efforts exemplify academic integrity and collaborative spirit. I hope that this book will serve not only as a repository of knowledge but also as a catalyst for further research, policy engagement, and pedagogical innovation in the field of sustainability studies.

May this work inspire readers!

Dr. Shilpi Bhattacharya  
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