

From the Desk of Editor-in-Chief

It is with great pleasure that I present the Inaugural Volume of the RPNLU Law Review - an international, double blind peer-reviewed journal published by Dr. Rajendra Prasad National Law University, Prayagraj. This Journal marks an important step in the University's ongoing commitment to fostering a vibrant culture of academic inquiry and interdisciplinary research. The RPNLU Law Review aspires to be a forum where scholars, practitioners, and students from across the globe engage in rigorous legal and social science scholarship that reflects both theoretical depth and contemporary relevance.

In a rapidly transforming world shaped by technological advancements, environmental challenges, and evolving socio-political realities, academic research assumes a pivotal role in shaping law and policy. The RPNLU Law Review emerges at this crucial juncture to provide a platform that not only facilitates high-quality academic dialogue but also reflects the University's vision to contribute meaningfully to national and global discourses on justice, sustainability, and governance. This journal is significant for RPNLU as it reinforces the institution's growing academic identity as a center of excellence in legal education, research, and intellectual leadership.

The Inaugural Issue features eleven Research Articles and three Book Reviews, covering diverse and pressing areas of contemporary legal scholarship. The articles range from critical doctrinal analyses to empirical and policy-oriented studies. Prof. (Dr.) Harpreet Kaur's piece on "Lifting the Corporate Veil in India" interrogates the jurisprudential boundaries of corporate personality and constitutional accountability. The article "Loss of Profit or Loss of Profitability" examines evolving judicial reasoning in commercial claims and evidentiary standards. Another notable contribution, "Constitutional Perspectives of *Viksit Bharat @ 2047* Mission", explores the constitutional imperatives of economic justice within the broader vision of national development.

Sustainability and intellectual property feature prominently in this volume. The articles "IPR, Sustainable Development and SDGs: Examining the Intersection from Legal and Policy Perspectives" and "Balancing Green Innovation and IP Protection" offer critical insights into how intellectual property regimes intersect with environmental innovation and global sustainability goals. The discussion extends further in "Harnessing Law and Technology for a Sustainable Future: Legal Pathways to Eco-Innovation", which elucidates how legal frameworks and international cooperation can foster eco-innovation and sustainable progress.

Other contributions address equally vital themes of public policy and social justice. The article on "Comparative Analysis of Opt-Out Organ Donation Laws in Developed Countries: Lessons for India" offers a nuanced comparative study with actionable implications for Indian lawmaking. The pieces "Misinformation and Disinformation: Threats to the Information Ecosystem in the Modern Era" and "Freedom of Speech in the Digital Age: Legal and Judicial Responses to Fake News in Indian Democracy" address urgent concerns of democratic discourse and information integrity in the digital age. The

remaining works, such as “Awareness and Access: Whether Western Himalayan Tribe Knows Their Rights under the FRA, 2006” and “Sustainable Development and Social Justice: Perspective from India”, highlight critical intersections of environmental justice, governance, and inclusion.

The Book Reviews covered under this volume include 'Constitutionalism and the Rule of Law - In a Theatre of Democracy (2023) written by Justice A.K. Sikri; 'Artificial Intelligence and National Security' (2024) by Vijay S. Khare and Amit Sinha; and 'Legends in Law: Our Great Forebears' (2024), By V. Sudhish Pai. These recent writings were selected to cover different domains and perspectives in the socio-legal fields and scholars had reviewed them very meticulously.

I extend my deepest appreciation to Prof. Konasinghe and Prof. Erimma for their invaluable editorial insights, which have greatly enriched this volume. My gratitude also goes to the reviewers whose meticulous evaluations ensured academic rigor and integrity. I commend the Editorial Board of the RPNLU Law Review for their editorial assistance. Dr. Prakash Tripathi and Yash Saxena deserve special mention for their meticulous editing of the final drafts.

I express our sincere gratitude to Prof. Vinay Kumar Pathak, President of the Association of Indian Universities and Vice-Chancellor of CSJM University, Kanpur, for graciously contributing the foreword. His insightful words lend great strength and vision to this inaugural volume.

It is my sincere hope that this journal will not only enrich academic discourse but also inspire meaningful reflection and innovation among researchers, policymakers, and practitioners. The RPNLU Law Review stands as a testament to the University's growing scholarly legacy and its aspiration to contribute to the global pursuit of knowledge, justice, and sustainable development.

It is anticipated that readers will find the articles within these pages both engaging and thought-provoking, reflecting the diverse and dynamic landscape of contemporary social science research. As we embark on this endeavor, we warmly invite constructive feedback and suggestions for improvement. This feedback will be invaluable in shaping the future direction of this publication and ensuring that it remains a vibrant platform for academic excellence.

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