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**EDITORIAL NOTE**

The need to continue to explore albeit scientifically driven thoughts and empirically generated recommendations remains pivotal to the achievement of scholarly engagements. This maiden volume is an assemblage of very relevant and trending topics, for example from constitutional matters bordering on issues of lifting the corporate veil, Forest Governance/Rights, Sustainable Development and Social Justice, to discourse on legal Pathways to Eco-Innovation. Even the book reviews are hot and freshly baked from the press, each of them bear prints of careful analysis that most readers cannot resist the urge to savor the content of the books. It is indeed my considered opinion that this special issue is a very significant contribution to the growing body of knowledge in the field. Comprising of fourteen well researched academic articles, I am convinced that policy makers and practitioners will leverage this knowledge and bring it to bear in their policy decisions, ensuring effective implementation and compliance with the laws. A glimpse into the content of some of the papers will bear this out.

This volume sets out with a discussion on a very topical issue namely providing Civil and Constitutional Perspectives on the issues of Lifting the Corporate Veil in India drawing from the recent case of *Dhanush Vir Singh v Dr. Ila Sharma & Ors*. Its apposite and scintillating discussion makes further reading irresistible. It argues that while the judgment in that case underscores the importance of legal certainty, it simultaneously raises constitutional and societal concerns regarding access to justice and protection of weaker parties. By drawing comparative insights from other jurisdictions, the article reflects on whether Indian law requires calibrated statutory or constitutional interventions to reconcile corporate autonomy with the imperatives of accountability in a democratic society.

In a similar vein the duo of Anuj Kumar Vaksha and Shivani Pundir analyzed the Constitutional perspectives of *Viksit Bharat @ 2047* Mission. The analysis is robust, very instructive and appear quite novel. In the paper titled, IPR, Sustainable Development and SDGs: Examining the Intersection from Legal and Policy

Perspectives ; legal and policy perspectives, the authors examined the role of IPR, in the pursuit of SDGs especially as it relates to Sustainable Development innovations, patents, trademarks and the need for openness, and an inclusive and collaborative approach to finding sustainable solutions. On the other hand , Parikshet Sirohi in 'Balancing Green Innovation and IP Protection' attempted to explore the intersection of environmental innovation and IP, and how patent laws can both vitalize and obstruct the development of green technologies. The author believes that promoting a thriving green technology sector, while also meeting our environmental commitments on a global scale depends on our ability to strike the right balance between IP protection and accessibility. Furthermore, the comparative analysis on the opt-out system of organ donation of various countries like France, Spain and Austria by the article on Comparative Analysis of Opt-Out Organ Donation Laws in Developed Countries: Lessons for India, is a good contribution to knowledge especially from the angle of Health law. The discussions on digital age and its impact on news especially in the absence of a legal frame work is equally informative.

Overall, there is no doubt, that this edition presents well-researched works, offering overarching solutions to diverse issues and challenges. Therefore, I strongly recommend it to law students, legal practitioners, Judges, researchers and policy makers.

Finally, I must at this point commend my dear friend of many years Snr. Prof Usha Tandon, an astute academic and intellectual giant for her unremitting efforts that has produced this Journal. Indeed the national and international academic community owe her a lot for her numerous academic publications and contributions to knowledge.



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