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Foreword

It is a matter of great pleasure to write the foreword for the inaugural volume of the RPNLU Law Review, the double-blind, peer-reviewed international journal of Dr. Rajendra Prasad National Law University, Prayagraj. Under the scholarly editorship of Prof. Usha Tandon, Vice Chancellor of the University, this first volume marks an important milestone in the University's journey toward establishing itself as a hub of rigorous, thoughtful, and globally relevant legal scholarship in its very early years.

The scholarly guidance of the two distinguished international editors— Prof. Erimma and Prof. Konasinghe —has given the journal an international character and academic depth from its very inception. The strict double-blind review process followed by the Journal lends credibility, integrity, and scholarly seriousness that are rarely witnessed in the inaugural issue of a new publication. From the beginning, the *RPNLU Law Review* positions itself as a space where ideas are evaluated purely on merit, and where intellectual curiosity is encouraged through fairness, critical engagement, and openness.

We are living in an era shaped by rapid technological transformations, environmental uncertainties, and shifting socio-political landscapes. In such times, research becomes not just important but indispensable for shaping informed public debate and guiding policy choices. It is in this context that the *RPNLU Law Review* arrives—offering a platform that bridges theory and practice, national concerns and global perspectives, and emerging societal challenges with innovative legal reasoning. The Journal aspires to promote scholarship that is contemporary yet reflective, critical yet constructive.

The inaugural volume of the RPNLU Law Review includes eleven original research articles and three book reviews, reflecting the diversity and vitality of contemporary socio-legal research. The articles examine a wide range of themes: corporate accountability, sustainability, intellectual property, organ donation policies, misinformation, digital rights, tribal entitlements under the Forest Rights Act, among others. Complementing these are the book reviews, which offer insightful reflections on recent works dealing with constitutionalism, national security, and India's legal traditions. Together, these contributions demonstrate a shared commitment to understanding law not merely as a set of rules, but as a dynamic force shaping society and human experience.

As the RPNLU Law Review takes its first leap, it reflects University's commitment to fostering meaningful research and enriching legal discourse. I hope this inaugural issue will initiate new conversations, deepen inquiry, and inspire students, scholars, and practitioners to engage more with the persistent research queries of our time. I am confident that in the years to come, the RPNLU Law Review will grow into a respected and influential voice in legal scholarship—within India and beyond.

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