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## FOREWORD

It is my pleasure to write this foreword for the coveted UPES Law Review. The fact that the journal is included in the UGC Care list, speaks volumes about its quality and commitment to quality legal research. I sincerely believe that this law journal will play a significant role in influencing the legal environment and be a priceless tool for academics, researchers, attorneys, and law students alike.

The present volume is an impressive collection of academically rigorous and thoroughly researched articles that cover a broad variety of subjects that are crucial to the functioning of the modern legal system.

The current theme of “Contemporary Issues in Law and Policy” is befitting to the ever-changing legal landscape of the world and successfully captures the significance of interdisciplinarity of legal research. It effectively encapsulates the interjections of law, society, and politics.

Without a doubt, UPES Law Review will be a useful tool for law libraries, legal practices, and academic institutions—not just in India but in other countries as well. Its carefully considered analysis, well-researched substance, and applicability to contemporary legal discourse will surely advance and improve legal studies.

I extend my heartfelt best wishes to School of Law, UPES for their outstanding contribution to legal education and research.

Finally, it gives me great pleasure to recommend UPES Law Review. I hope this foreword acts as a monument to its importance and influence,

encouraging all readers to interact with the content and contribute to the continuous development of our legal system.

I commend and hope for continued success for the. UPES Law Review and School of Law, UPES.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S.N. Babulkar', with a stylized flourish at the end.

**(S.N. Babulkar)**  
Advocate General

## EDITORIAL NOTE

With immense pleasure we hereby introduce you to the VIII Vol. of UPES Law Review (2023). In 2013 we begin with the release of our I Vol. of UPES Law Review and since then have been in progressive stage of research, collaboration and sharing of knowledge. The excellent contributions we have received throughout our journey of publishing VII volumes of the journal, have helped us in becoming a leading academic journal and thus making our place in the prestigious UGC CARE List. We have always ensured maintaining high standards of publication, integrity, transparency, and consistency towards creating a landscape to promote qualitative and scholarly research.

The present volume aims at promoting interest in academic research, deliberations and writing on the Contemporary Issues in Law and Society. For this issue we are delighted to publish two guest contributions, received from Justice Ashok Bhushan, Former Judge, Supreme Court of India and Justice Deepak Verma, Judge Allahabad High Court.

The Editorial Board had a tedious task selecting the articles for the present volume and could finalize only 12 articles based on their quality of content. Idea was to include discussions on important contemporary issues focusing on challenges relating to law and society relationship in 21<sup>st</sup> Century. Articles were reviewed by an independent peer review board members and authors were diligent in incorporating suggestions and changes from the editors. We sincerely acknowledge the efforts put in by our authors and reviewers of this Volume.

The volume begins with the article by Ananya Bharadwaj and Dr. Shreya Chatterjee whose research has dealt with the application of Blockchain Technology in curbing Online piracy and implementing blockchain-based anti-piracy strategies. The article also covers the major obstacles of deploying blockchain-based anti-piracy solutions.

Dr. Ayaz Ahmad and Prof. (Dr.) Yogesh Pratap Singhin their article, have highlighted the tense relationship between environmental and developmental concerns which requires the conceptual and practical

integration of environmental justice issues in the adjudicatory process, to improve the performance of different environmental bodies.

Dr. Ishita Sharmas' article analyses the safety of women in Sports in India, the factors responsible for institutionalised sexism in the light of the existing laws. Through a critical analysis with the help of secondary data, as well as data on the regulatory gaps in the compliance of POSH Act retrieved from the digital records of the NSF's, the author argues that there is a dire need for stringent enforcement of the POSH Act 2013.

Rachi Singh & Saurabh Mishra in their piece of research interpreted the role played by the Courts in balancing the competing rights of the private entities (contractors) and of Government Agencies in relation to Government Contracts. Focus of the article remains examination of the principles that is followed by the Hon'ble Apex Court and High Courts while exercising powers of judicial review *vis-à-vis* government contracts and related jurisprudence.

With the objective behind to convince on having a Code of Ethics for Artificial Intelligence which dwellson the same rationales as followed by other emerging technologies our next article is authored by Dr. Ivneet Kaur Walia.

Kanika Kadam & Dr. Vibhuti Gupta submission studies how gender, post qualification experience, workplace bullying, inclusivity and recovery experiences affect burnout among lawyers. Presents the exclusive research on workplace bullying, inclusivity, and recovery experiences together as predictors of burnout and evaluates all recovery experiences as moderators in the relationship between workplace bullying and burnout.

Dr. Priti Ramani's article examines constitutional protections and measures for unpaid care work in India, considering values such as equality, non-discrimination, the right to life, human dignity, and gender justice. It seeks to understand if the Indian Constitution addresses unpaid care and its impact on human rights, the legal and policy reforms needed to recognize, redistribute, and remunerate unpaid care work, and an effective methodology for measuring its extent and impact.

Dr. Garima Tiwari and Achintya Arora's qualitative research is majorly a descriptive case study of liquor prohibition-related legal developments in Bihar andtheir implications that are still unfolding in unexpected ways. The objective of this study is to bring the focus on power imbalance in

law-making that works for the elite club of lawmakers who may have a limited worldview.

Article by Dr. Veena Jose & Shivender Rahul suggests nuanced frameworks for balancing public welfare while preventing over-censorship are needed to maintain equitable digital discourse. Their study provides vital insights into policies governing online expression and content amidst the rise of social media worldwide.

Sammata Sengupta's research work embarks on issue of India being highly populous and climate-vulnerable, grapples with the urgent challenge of climate refugees. Erratic monsoons, heatwaves, coastal erosion, and melting glaciers displace many and thus India must bolster its legal framework, recognizing climate-induced displacement as a distinct category under broadened refugee definitions. Aligning domestic policies with international conventions is crucial.

Article analyzing the extent of India's compliance with obligations undertaken in international legal framework regulating psychological well-being with reference to persons with mental illness contributed by Dr. Ruchi, majorly focuses on international and national framework with challenges relating to enforcement and implementation of mental health laws, programs, and policies in India.

Our last research contribution by Dr. Sushma Singh & Dr. Tapan Prasad highlights how understanding the mental health concerns of destitute widows in religious places is imperative for developing tailored interventions and support systems. By exploring the mental health issues these widows face and the role of religious sites in aiding their well-being, their research article aims to expand the existing body of knowledge and inform policies aimed at enhancing the mental health outcomes of destitute widows in Uttar Pradesh.

It is an overwhelming feeling for us to present this volume to you all. We are sure you would enjoy reading this volume and enrich yourself on the different issues presented and discussed by the authors. We believe there is always a scope of improvement in research and hence please do not hesitate to send us your review and thoughts on any research contribution, we would communicate the same to the respective authors. On behalf of the Editorial Board of UPES Law Review, we wish to express our deepest gratitude to all the distinguished members of the Peer Review Board who have devoted their valuable time in reviewing the articles and providing

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