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Editorial

A strong critique of the much-acclaimed Carnegie Report on legal education points to its flaw of pleasing the dominant section of the profession namely, the bench and the bar. It argues for teaching the students to think on their feet without losing sight of law's socio-economic and political context. Needless to say, it asks for a critically thinking law teacher who can create the aura and culture of learning and thinking by questioning the system.

In India, the issue of legal education's poor contribution to the critical evaluation of the legal system is seldom addressed, in comparison to other countries in the Commonwealth and in the global family of nations. The Indian picture portrays a system and personnel, who by and large, have yet to wake up from the slumber caused by the colonial and imperial restraint on thoughts. They seem reluctant to bask in the sun of native and original jurisprudence and to defy the underpinnings of a post-colonial society. In addition, the role of knowledge-creation as the core attribute of higher legal education is invisible, if not absent, in the current guidelines governing legal education in India.

Floating in such a matrix of questions, a flagship Journal carries the spirit, history and context of its nation, university-faculty ethos, inspiring ideals of its patrons and of the editorial team. The Symbiosis contemporary Law Journal, as a flagship journal, is an adventurous new Avatar of its well-received multiple predecessors with a recombinant DNA. It has extracted thematic genes from the erstwhile *Journal of Symbiosis Society's Law College, Pol-Sym, En-Sym, On-Sym and Symbiosis Law Times*, their quarterly companion. Thus it is embodying different core themes and a broad range of focus. At the same time, it meaningfully consolidates the thin spread of issues lacking much of in-depth, in-house contribution. It continues the knowledge-entrepreneurship at its best and the legacy much-respected by judicial officers, students, teachers and lawyers alike.

This inaugural Volume presents a bouquet of contemporary issues, themes and trends covering corporate law, techno-legal issues and IPR, international trade law, international humanitarian law, combined questions of domestic law and public international law, constitutional law and governance, mixed questions of law and ethics, case comment and book review. Further, the Journal harnesses the current intersection of various compartments of legal and juridical science along with interdisciplinary flow, trans-border collaborative give and take have underscored the contemporary and emerging approaches in legal and justice work.

More so is the rich experience of contributors and esteemed editors, which draws on the scholarly facets of judges, eminent lawyers, academicians, other law professionals, besides the doctoral as well as Masters students in-house and from the leading centers of excellence in legal education in India and elsewhere. The Journal is an attempt to expose and encourage such researchers and is an ambitious resource for legal research. It also serves to capture the cross-borer knowledge sharing and creation of ideas in an increasingly shrinking world aligning institutional activities with the current state of law and its trends.

Editorial

The content reflects several possible themes and streams for legal research increasingly intersecting in search of the similarities, differences and reforms. The contributors have engaged in analytical, descriptive and exploratory and often, a triangulated approach to issues. The probe into primary sources of legislation and cases is quite welcoming and adds value to the content. The ray of rule disperses into a spectrum, where the rainbow of hope emerges in strengthening the quest for justice.

However, a rainbow is a visual illusion. Being an inaugural volume, the journal does not shy away from being labeled so. With our eminent publishers and editors in unison, we have polished the language to make it as objective and inclusive as we could, needless to point to its political correctness and gender neutrality. True to the Symbiosis essence, we submit it to readers with the promise of excellence. The promise is about causing law reform and inspiring the work of justice in leading the concerned to think and to think differently!

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