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"Symbiosis Student Law Review" (SSLR) continues its commitment to contemporary student scholarship. Volume II comprises research articles from international essay competitions, conferences, seminars, law reform consultations and case discussions after a double-blind review by internationally reputed scholars.

We present the works of student researchers on topics of contemporary relevance from the field of Constitutional Law, International Law, International Trade Law, Corporate Law, Private Law, Intellectual Property Laws and Technology Laws. These articles range from jurisprudential insights on contemporary themes to empirical surveys with concurrent data.

The context and the rationale for such an endeavor emerged from the crying needs for an optimistic vision for legal education in India. There had long been a stress on the need for a holistic approach of learning with an intrinsic reverence for life and a passionate love of learning. The training at a law school should be a wholesome recipe combining the quality ingredients of skill, concepts, values, expertise and encouragement of original thinking by research.

The generic range of contributions in Volume II caters to contemporary and interconnected developments in law. The theme on International Law combines original jurisprudence with issues such as theoretical analysis of tax havens from a socio-economic point of view. The themes also include international relations, trade, and diplomacy addressing the idea of an Asian Union focusing on trade and cooperation between the members of majority world. Further it incorporates theoretical concepts of trade and discusses free trade agreements among such countries in terms of trade creation and trade distortion.

The domain of Public Law in India has increased by leaps and bounds. India has faced some of the catastrophic and most heart-wrenching terrorist attacks in the world in the recent past. The country has been battered by issues ranging from female exploitation to delinquent juveniles and politico-legal issues. The theme on one hand, encompasses the lacunae in laws governing terrorism and the tribulation faced in its implementation and on the other hand, encounters the fragile issue of juvenile delinquents vis-à-vis heinous crimes considerably influenced by the recent *Nirbhaya* case. Further, the revulsion of female exploitation is succinctly portrayed, bringing a balance between the empathy for victims and the vehemently debated rights of the accused.

The theme of general commercial laws covers as multifarious aspects as common competition regimes and critical review of dominant position in competitive markets. So, is the related intellectual property facet of the socio-legal dilemma of copyright of religious texts and its jurisprudential aspect in India and United States. Further, it comprises a blend of technology and law by incorporating the contemporary issues of privacy, informed consent, ethical concerns, and regulatory flaws emanating from the astounding technological invention of genomes. The crucial theme of environmental law envisages the intricate legal facet of e-waste with the technological advancement.

With the wide publicity and appreciation received for Volume I, the current Volume intends to enrich the readers with original thoughts on many relevant contemporary legal issues. We look forward to showcase scholarly contributions from a wider community of students from around the globe in times to come.

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