EDITORIAL NOTE

VIPS Student Law Review is an annual, blind peer-reviewed journal which provides a platform to law professionals, research scholars and students to meaningfully engage in discussions pertaining to law, justice and society. It helps in bringing to the forefront the contemporary issues which are relevant for academic as well as legislative research. The inaugural issue of VIPS Student Law Review, Volume 1 received an overwhelming response and was a great success. VIPS Student Law Review, Volume 2 occupies a unique place in the developing legacy of our journals. Its timely publication during the time of ongoing pandemic was a challenging task. The global, unprecedented pandemic of COVID-19 implied calling on special measures to deal with the task at hand. The unwavering perseverance of all the stakeholders, ranging from authors to faculty to the student team, ensured the timely publication of this issue. This era has also taught us the importance of technology and the need of its adaptability in the education sector. It reflects the committed tenacity and motivated effort of our institute to continuously contribute to the ever growing area of law.

We are, thus, extremely pleased to present VIPS Student Law Review, Volume 2. Our Journal received an overwhelming response of 136 submissions to the call for papers and we are sincerely humbled by the same. The articles selected for publications are lucid, nuanced and tackle contemporary discussions. The research papers selected are not only addressing the issues erupted due to COVID-19 pandemic but are also covering various other relevant contemporary issues which needs to be highlighted.

Ms. Anuja Misra and Ms. Chitra Ahluwalia have critically examined the position of colour trademarks and their acceptability. Ms. Nikita Mittu has compared the system of corporate governance in India and the U.S.A. Dr. Raghuvinder Singh and Ms. Arti Sharma have comprehensively analysed the various aspects of the right of Muslim women to marry on divorce. Mr. Jayanta Boruah has addressed the relevance of international humanitarian law and the Syrian refugee crisis. Ms. B. Yamuna Saraswathy and Mr. R.B. Rishabh have addressed the position of scientific criminal investigation in India. Ms. Ananya Jain undertakes a deep study of the DRM technology and the principles of copyright law in lieu of copyright in ebooks. Ms. Akanksha Badika and Ms. Pragya Mishra write about the intermediary liability regime in India. Ms. Kanak Mishra writes about Narco-Analysis and the Brain Mapping tests through 'Fluid' consent. Mr. Akshit Bhardwaj has expressed his views on sports law jurisprudence in India and the challenges that lie ahead. Mr. Manan Katyal analyses the legality and application of single-color trademarks in India with

reference to *Christian Louboutin S.A.S. v. Abubaker and Ors*. Ms. Merrin Muhammed Ashraf discusses the feasibility of adoption of an inquisitorial model and the impact on the criminal justice system in India. Mr. Rishabh Soni examines the reliance on force majeure clauses to escape liability; with special reference to COVID-19. Ms. Ananya Sanjiv Saraogi and Ms. Vallabhi Rastogi discuss the impact of the pandemic on various walks of life. Ms. Mansi Mishra comprehensively evaluates the relation between merchant bankers and the function of due diligence. Mr. Rupesh Sunil Dhengre and Ms. Omeshwari Pancham analyse the issue of mercy petitions from a socio-religious perspective along with the legal dimension. Ms. Adiba Khan and Ms. Gunjan Kanoongo assess the increased domestic violence cases in light of COVID-19 and the subsequent lockdown. Ms. Nidhi Chhillar and Ms. Ritika Sharma give a holistic account of honour killings. Ms. Samavi Srivastava and Mr. Rounak Doshi critically assess the Biological Weapons Convention. Ms. Manasvita Tejsi and Mr. Mridull Thaplu call upon the criminalisation of marital rape.

The Journal presents three articles under the 'Case Comments' section. Mr. Hartej Singh Kochher explores two contradicting verdicts, delivered by the Competition Commission of India on the issue of "buyers' cartel". Mr. Raj Krishna and Mr. Kumar Mukul Choudhary discuss custodial death in light of *Rathnayake Tharanga Lakmali v. Niroshan Abeykoon*, 2019 SCCOnLine SLSC 14 (Sri Lanka). Mr. Jaideep Singh Lalli analyses the Supreme Court verdict of *Chebrolu Leela Prasad Rao & Ors. v. State of A.P. & Ors*.

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