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From the Desk of the Editors

Greetings!!!

It is with great pleasure that we present the **first issue of 2025 of the *Journal of Contemporary Law and Society***. With every edition, the Journal continues its mission to provide a forum for rigorous, interdisciplinary engagement with issues that shape law and society. This issue reflects both the breadth of themes and the depth of scholarship that our contributors bring to the discourse.

The opening article revisits questions of governance in Bengal, interrogating the idea of regional exceptionalism and offering a fresh lens on political and administrative practices. This is followed by a critical reflection on the use of restorative justice in cases of sexual violence, drawing on global perspectives to examine whether such approaches can empower survivors while balancing the demands of accountability and fairness.

Another significant contribution turns to the phenomenon of disaster-induced displacement, situating India within comparative regional frameworks and highlighting lessons that can be drawn from the Kampala Convention and beyond. Alongside this, a theoretical piece examines pathways to offending and victimization, expanding our understanding of the complex factors that shape patterns of crime and justice.

Attention then shifts to the evolving field of intellectual property law, with a discussion on the newly established Himachal Pradesh Intellectual Property Division and comparative insights from emerging IP forums across India. The case comment in this issue analyses *State of Madhya Pradesh v. Surendra Singh*, providing a sentencing perspective within the framework of the new criminal laws and engaging with their implications for penal policy and jurisprudence.

This issue concludes with *Profession Moves*, a section devoted to academic and professional developments in the field of law. By spotlighting such contributions, the Journal aims to connect scholarship with practice and to recognize the dynamism of the legal community.

Collectively, these articles engage with pressing questions of governance, justice, displacement, victimology, intellectual property, sentencing, and professional practice. They reflect the Journal's continuing endeavour to foster critical inquiry, encourage meaningful debate, and contribute to the advancement of knowledge.

We extend our deepest gratitude to the authors for their thoughtful contributions, and to our readers whose engagement sustains and enriches this platform. We warmly invite scholars, practitioners, and students to share their original research with us and to take part in this evolving dialogue on contemporary issue in law and society.

Best wishes,
The Editorial Team