

Editorial

The Journal and Publication Society, School of Law, Christ University, takes pride in placing on record the sixth issue of its law journal. This issue of the Christ University Law Journal encompasses articles on various contemporary issues of national and international relevance in addition to a book review. This issue comprises well researched articles on diverse areas of legal jurisprudence authored by academicians, practitioners and students, both from national and international spheres. A meticulous study of the transition of the judicial system in Ethiopia and its legacy from being an empire to a military junta and finally a federal democratic republic has been highlighted. The optimistic change in the company law framework following the mandatory inclusion of women in the Board of Directors has been elucidated via the Companies Act, 2013. A study of the paradigm shift brought forth by the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (UNCRPD), 2006 is also included, with specific reference to India. An examination of the lacunae in the regulatory regime governing the international air law in the context of the increasing incidents of aircraft disasters has also found its place in this edition of the CULJ. Section 124A of the Indian Penal Code which pertains to sedition is also revisited by deploying Austin's Speech Acts theory. An evaluation has also been carried out concerning the European Union's involvement in cultural issues post the entry into force of the Lisbon Treaty, 2008. Further, a review of Margaret Radin's Book on contract law in the United States has also been discussed.

Articles

In *The Judicial System of Ethiopia: From 'Empire' to 'Military Junta' to 'Federal Democratic Republic': A Legacy Perspective*, Dr K I Vibhute traces the history of the judicial system in Ethiopia. The article portrays the transformation of the nation from an empire to a federal democratic republic, its subsequent adoption of the Constitution and the modern judicial system in Ethiopia which is reflective of its revised Constitution. The article concludes by

analyzing the extent of independence of the judiciary in Ethiopia and suggests an alternative model that may help overcome the vices of the existent model.

Representation of Women on the Board of Directors under the Companies Act, 2013 discusses the mandatory inclusion of atleast one woman director on the Board of Directors in every prescribed class of companies in India. Through their article, Vaibhavi Tadwalkar and Soundarya Lahari Vedula has further examined similar legislations enforced in other countries and how the same has contributed to better practices of corporate governance in the said jurisdictions.

The New Human Rights Paradigm: Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and its Implementation in India provides insight into the legal framework that pertains to the rights of persons with disabilities in the international and national regimes. Dr. Smitha SNizar has also laid special emphasis on the need for human rights discourse on disability and has concluded by affirming the need for rigorous implementation of the *United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities* (UNCRPD) for an inclusive society.

Jaideep Kodali in his article, *Examining the Lacunae in the International Aviation Regime in the Context of the MH 17 Crash* has made a fair evaluation of the inadequate payment of compensation to the victims of aircraft disasters with specific reference to the MH 17 air crash in Ukraine in 2014. Reliance has been placed on the aircraft carriers' liability as envisaged under the Warsaw Convention, 1929 and the Montreal Convention, 1999. The paper concludes by examining the urgent concerns that need to be addressed to enhance the passenger confidence and for better regulation under the International Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO).

Aishwarya Narayanan in *A Theoretical Analysis of the Law on Sedition in India*, primarily focuses on the present law on sedition in India, its scope and applicability. The researcher deduces her arguments by placing reliance upon Austin's Speech Acts theory and Sorial's expositions based on Austin's theory. The article is concluded by seeking to provide an amended Section 124A which is in

consonance with the theoretical framework and necessary judicial interpretations.

In her article *Implementing Cultural Diversity Within and Outside the European Union: A Test for the Delineation of Competences in Cultural Matters?*, Dr Laura Maria Crăciunean evaluates the conferral of a social and cultural dimension to the European Union which was originally meant to be an economic project. In her article, she examines as to whether cultural competences are still limited to the political discourses level or has gone beyond the same in the light of the adoption of the UNESCO Convention, 2005 and the Lisbon Treaty, 2008. She has further explained the theoretical approaches as well as the political and practical, internal and external dimensions to the European Union in the context of cultural competences.

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