



Editorial

The Journal and Publication Society, School of Law, CHRIST (Deemed to be University), takes pride in placing on record, the twenty second issue of the *Christ University Law Journal*. This issue of the journal comprises of researched articles, spanning a variety of legal topics and a case comment. The academic writings are authored by legal practitioners, academicians, and students.

Articles

Manjunath Gangadhara's article titled *Overplaying Welfarism and Social Security: The Case of the Karnataka Building and Other Construction Worker's Welfare Board* identifies the flaws in the programmes framed by the Karnataka Building and Other Construction Workers Welfare Board, as it fails to meet some of the conditions prescribed by the Model Welfare Scheme. The paper focuses on the numerous ways in which the unorganized workers have been excluded from the various benefits under the new labour codes, in spite of substantive recommendations made by the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Labour. In fact, in 2012, the Supreme Court had expressed serious concerns about the ineffective utilization of funds by State Welfare Boards. The author examines the Model Welfare Scheme along with the ILO'S Convention 102 on Social Security and emphasises that although India is a non-signatory to the Convention, it needs to follow the minimum standards of social security. The paper concludes by recommending significant policy reforms so that the welfare of the construction workers can be taken care of.

The article, *Legal Academia and Legal Aid clinics: The two invisible pillars for Dispute Resolution*, co-authored by Nagarathna A and Rhea Roy Mammen examines the role of law schools in the justice delivery process. In India, law schools follow different

formats for imparting legal education that could lead to delivering social justice. Legal academia and legal aid clinics are two instruments, that help in this process. The authors feel that these resources are not efficiently utilized for imparting justice, causing exorbitant delay in disposing off cases. The paper analyses the problems arising out of this and highlights different methods, as to how the legal academia and the legal aid clinics can help in expediting the delivery of justice.

Deepika Chhangani and Afrin Khan's article titled *The Traditional Knowledge Bill, 2016: Biopiracy and Protection of Cultural Rights*, examines the urgent need to explore the market potential of traditional knowledge through substantive and procedural law, as traditional knowledge is not regulated in India. The authors examine the historical background of the various cases of biopiracy to understand the urgency to have a proper regulatory framework to prevent commercial misappropriation of traditional knowledge. The paper examines the United Nations Declarations on the Rights of Indigenous People's 2007, to comprehend the extent to which traditional knowledge can be protected. In this context, the authors examine in detail the salient features of the Traditional Knowledge Bill, 2016 and highlight the inadequacies that need to be addressed so as to effectively safeguard the misappropriation of traditional Knowledge.

The article, *Misappropriation of Trade Secrets Under the Indian Legal Framework: An Analytical Study*, by Veena T N examines the concept of misappropriation of trade secrets in India and how it could be prevented through a proper legal framework. The paper highlights the importance of protecting the trade secrets from a commercial perspective as it includes strategies and other confidential information that are pertinent for the survival of a business. The author analyses the provisions pertaining to trade secrets as per TRIPS Agreement and the need to incorporate some of them in to the Indian laws governing trade secrets. The paper concludes by highlighting

the inadequacies present in the current regulatory framework concerning trade secret misappropriation and the urgent need for change in the Indian legal system.

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