



FOREWORD

It gives me immense pleasure to pen the Foreword to Volume XI, Issue II of the "RGNUL Financial and Mercantile Law Review", a distinguished scholarly journal that has anchored itself at the confluence of intellectual rigor and practical jurisprudence. The interplay of law, policy, and academia forms the bedrock of a vibrant and progressive legal system. As the world witnesses a rapid evolution in socio-economic paradigms, the role of legal academia becomes paramount in providing the intellectual foundation for transformative jurisprudence.

This Issue is yet another testament to its excellence, as it delves into pertinent and complex areas of legal study with profound insights and analytical depth. I extend my earnest appreciation to Prof. (Dr.) Anand Pawar, Editor-in-Chief, and Mr. Yuvraj Mathur, Managing Editor, for their commendable leadership and vision in steering this distinguished journal toward continued success. Their efforts, along with the dedication of the editorial board, have elevated RFMLR into a platform of unparalleled repute.

This Volume presents an intellectually stimulating array of articles that address some of the most pressing issues in the contemporary legal landscape. The unprecedented proliferation of the fantasy sports industry in India is scrutinized through a comparative lens, offering insights drawn from jurisdictions such as the USA, UK, and Australia. Further, the integration of Artificial Intelligence into corporate governance structures is explored with commendable depth, addressing critical concerns of liability and deployment while envisioning regulatory paradigms aligned with India's socio-economic context.

Equally noteworthy is the examination of Standard Essential Patents, which unpacks the complexities of intellectual property and competition law, balancing the imperatives of innovation with the tenets of market fairness. The discourse on dispute resolution revisits the critical facets of arbitration jurisprudence, offering an incisive critique of its perceived cost-efficiency and analyzing the Supreme Court's rulings on default rules governing arbitration contracts. The phenomenon of "finfluencers" and their impact on financial markets is explored through the lens of regulatory accountability, drawing upon comparative analyses from global jurisdictions to recommend robust safeguards for investor protection and enhanced financial literacy.

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Each article reflects the authors' scholarly rigor and the editorial board's diligent curation. This volume, by dissecting the interplay of legal principles with technological and economic advancements, underscores the necessity for an adaptive and resilient legal framework in an increasingly globalized world.

It is heartening to note that RFMLR, through its steadfast dedication to academic excellence, continues to serve as a beacon for practitioners, academicians, and policymakers alike. I extend my congratulations to the authors for their thought-provoking contributions and to the editorial board for their unwavering commitment to uphold the journal's illustrious legacy.

I have no doubt that this issue will enrich its readers and inspire them to engage deeply with the multifaceted challenges of financial and mercantile law. May this volume serve as an invaluable repository of legal thought, fortifying the foundation of a progressive and dynamic legal system.


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