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## EDITORIAL

It is essential for law students and professionals alike, to be conversant with the happenings in the legal field. Determining what piques one's interest and merits investing time is a difficult task considering the plethora of literature available on every possible aspect of law. The Thirteenth Volume of the RMLNLU Law Review, by collating a variety of well thought out and impeccably researched articles, ensures that there is something for everyone's liking.

Natural law has a lengthy history and distinct connotations for different individuals. Analysing its relationship to positive law, application, and the term 'natural' is necessary to comprehend its development. *Deepa Kansra*, in *Conceptualising and Contextualising Natural Law*, talks about how natural law has endured for ages despite being exclusive, even among jurists who support legal positivism and explores the growth and application of natural law and explains its numerous dimensions.

*Ridhi Aggarwal*, in *Ecocide: Re-Initiating the Debate of Ecocentric vs Anthropocentric and Civil vs Criminal*, delves into two major approaches to conceiving environmental protection, anthropocentric and ecocentric, with the former focusing on preserving humans and the latter on environmental preservation. The author further puts forward four approaches to environmental law and has ranked them from lowest to highest deterrence regime based on the severity of punishments and necessary legislative prerequisites.

The establishment of Algeria's exclusive economic zone (EEZ) in 2018 has encountered resistance due to concerns over conflicting territorial boundaries and disagreements. In *Instituting an EEZ is anything but easy: Evolution of Maritime disputes as a consequence of the Algerian exclusive economic zone*, *Ahan Gadkari* explores these disagreements and confrontations, as well as the comparatively assertive political actions made by states to protect their EEZs. The paper talks about the unique factors in the Mediterranean region, the crucial need to plan for the best possible energy security strategies carefully and the way forward.

Through *My Reputation is My Reputation, None of Your Reputation: Unfurling Celebrity Rights*, *Nandini Biswas* explores the concept of celebrity rights. Renowned individuals often encounter situations where their name, image, or likeness is distorted or used without permission to promote items, falsely implying their endorsement, which harms both their reputation and finances. He

dives into the workings of John Locke, who endorses reaping the rewards of one's work. The paper makes an effort to compile in one place the development, characteristics, justifications, legal framework, and jurisprudence surrounding celebrity rights.

*Anshul Dalmia*, in his paper '*Relevant*', '*International*', and '*Standards*' under the *Technical Barriers to Trade Agreement: Three sides of a Golden Triangle*, addresses the issue of an undefined term 'relevant international standards' within the Technical Barriers to Trade (TBT) agreement and how the absence of clarity around the term leads to uncertainty and hampers effective implementation. The paper aims to navigate the jurisprudential underpinnings of the undefined term and attempts to contextualise them using interpretative tools.

*Sayan Dasgupta* in '*Something New and Something Borrowed*': *Interplay of Fanfictions and Copyright Law in India* seek to offer a deep insight into the transformative world of fanfiction and copyright laws. He highlights how fanfictions writers devote time, energy, and love to creating works that can be longer than conventional novels, despite the fact that their legal status is unclear. Plagiarism in fanfiction is frequently ignored, and there is little oversight in the fanfiction community. The study emphasises the legal safeguards accessible to fanfiction writers and the regime that may or may not grant fanfiction copyright protection.

Despite advancement on a global scale, Indian laws regarding foreign custody jurisprudence still remain ambiguous. *Prof (Dr) Ghulam Yazdani* and *Syed Muftaba Athar*, in their paper *The Need for Recognition and Enforcement of Foreign Custody Orders in India in the Context of International Parental Child Abduction*, discuss this issue and imply that the problem might be solved by rule-based norms with regard to the best interest of the child. The paper examines the current deadlock in international custody law and suggests solutions.

We hope that the readers of the journal find the articles as interesting and helpful as the editing team did.

Happy Reading

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