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Foreword

It gives me immense pleasure to release the first issue of We the People DSNLU Journal of Social Sciences, along with other journals of Law under the auspices of DSNLU. The University has taken this initiative in view of the integrated programme of Legal Education, being offered to the students of National Law Schools in the Country. Social Sciences would contribute a great deal for providing necessary inputs for the advancement of the Legal Education. Knowledge is an integrated whole and law has become borderless discipline, encompassing every sphere of human life, physical, biological, social and psychological Components. The students of law are supposed to acquaint themselves with all the sciences and social sciences in some context or other.

The Journal is Interdisciplinary with half-Yearly periodicity. It caters to the needs, academic and research pursuits of the schools of Social Sciences Humanities and Law. I am Confident that the Journal would instill and explore the spirit of creativity and bring out the creative and innovative research articles, in order to establish, understand and maintain harmony, integration and coherence among different disciplines and spheres.

The purpose is to extend the frontiers of knowledge and to disseminate an authentic and systematized body of knowledge, understanding and to promote an intellectual exercise among the research fraternity.

I owe an inestimable debt to Hon'ble Justice Shri N.V. Ramana, Judge Superme Court of India, Visitor of DSNLU and Patron-in-Chief of the Journal, whose enlightening wisdom and juridical expertise would stand us in good stead for enhancing the quality of Legal Education.

I acknowledge with gratitude the unflinching support and able guidance extended to me by Hon'ble Justice Shri Arup Kumar Goswami, Chief Justice of High Court of Andhra Pradesh, Chancellor of DSNLU and Patron of the

Journal, under whose able stewardship, we are able to undertake the Academic and Research pursuits of the university successfully.

I have no words to express my deep sense of gratitude and reverence to Hon'ble Justice Shri A. V. Sesa Sai and Hon'ble Justice Shri M. Satyanarayana Murthy, Members of Academic Council and Executive Council, DSNLU for extending to us unfailing support, advice and guidance in all matters relating to the university.

I congratulate the faculty of Social Sciences and the editorial team in bringing out this first issue of the Journal.

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Editor's Note

WE THE PEOPLE DSNLU Journal of Social Sciences is a DSNLU Publication. The Journal is interdisciplinary in that it covers the disciplines of Social Sciences, Humanities including Sociology, History, Political Science, Economics, Anthropology, Psychology, Literature, Law and Allied Subjects.

One finds no hard and fast boundaries between social sciences and scientific approach to the understanding of the law. Since law itself is interdisciplinary by its very nature, all sciences, social sciences and humanities are related to it in some way or other. At times, they stand at different points on a continuum of analysis and differentiated more based on different questions they pose and the orientation of the subject. The Social Sciences, Humanities, Literature, and allied disciplines help to promote comprehensive understanding of this field of study.

The Journal aims at the following

Objectives:

1. Since National Law schools are intended to offer integrated programme of legal education which includes the components of Social Sciences such as History, Economics, Political Science and Sociology, the Journal would fulfil the academic requirements of integrated programme of the Legal Education.
2. The Social Sciences would contribute a great deal for providing the necessary inputs for advancement of Legal Education.
3. Social Sciences would provide the basis for the development of legal education.
4. To promote the interdisciplinary research in Social Sciences and law
5. The Journal would invite articles pertaining to Socio Legal Issues.

With the above objectives in view, we have started this journal to cater to the academic needs and requirements of the University.

During this year 2021, the University started five journals. This Journal is one of them. The Journal is not confined to any particular theme, since it is interdisciplinary. Articles on various themes are invited in this first issue of the journal.

In the first article, Prof. Ganga Bhushan M. Molankal, and Chayan Deb in their empirical study intend to identify the level of awareness among the people who are somehow confronted with this pandemic. It tries to identify the precautionary measures taken by the respondents and his/her family as well as the society to tackle the spread of the pandemic. The author states that a culture of safeguarding the interest of the vulnerable people without any stigmatization; is the prerequisite for establishing resilience among the people.

Mr. Adit Nath and Ms Alina Dutta Roy, in their empirical study found that the issues like academics, job prospect, citizens' behaviour and the role of Media, have affected the students mentally and hampered their cognitive, behavioral, psychological, emotional and social development irrespective of their gender.

Prof. Srinivas Subba Rao Pasumarti in his research paper makes a distinction about the best practices that are implemented by activity business for betterment and development of both internal and external Stakeholders in the business environment. The paper focuses on the ability that business needs to adopt for bringing the change in the macro environment and the existing trade and industry; political and community challenges through CSR have been demonstrated.

Ms. Soudeepya Chinni, presents work place issues and challenges that small and medium business units face in the COVID 19 pandemic situation and suggests that using behavioural sciences principles, knowledge and organisational development practices, the chief Executive Officer tries to work

on how to create the edge for the firm in a competitive market and make his business thrive in the long run

Dr. Viswajit Giri seeks to examine if the ancient Indian environmental ethics, particularly environmental teachings of the Vedas can be applied to address the current environmental crises of the world.

Prof. M. Lakshmi pathi Raju and Mr. Abhishek Duppala state that the problems of environment degradation are posing threat to human security. Most of the problems have roots in the destruction of environment. The destruction is the result of western mode of development pattern

Prof. Adarasupally Nataraju, observes that separateness is a fact of life. We have not created it. It is out there, it is part of our very existence. If we can stay with this idea, then we may start working without ‘me’ and mine. It is then that there is some real work, expansion of self that embraces the ocean of life which is the goal of any philosophy in India. It is with this identification with vast suffering humanity that lead people like Gandhi to work for a Sarvodaya society.

The empirical study of Smt. Jaysree and Prof. G. Venkata Ramana revealed that the Adolescence is a unique and formative time. This period is vulnerable to many psychological problems. Hence, there is a need to urgent intervention to tackle the psychological problems among school going urban adolescent girls.

Ms. Indu Nair V and Dr. Mohan A.k selected research studies in the Indian context with the objective of knowing the impact of the term ‘anorexia nervosa’ in Indian literature, and identified studies from International context also to understand the socio-cultural factors contributing to this from a social work perspective.

Dr.Saswati Raju Iyer and Shammu in their empirical study of coping mechanisms of people living with HIV/AIDS (PLHIV) co-infection with Tuberculosis reported that why most of the PLHIV are suffering with side

effects and physical weakness during TB treatment, support from the families is becoming quite vital, Counselling and support group meeting are the key coping up mechanisms that should be made available for all the clients at the ART or DOT centres and in community,

Dr. T. Y. Nirmala Devi emphasizes the importance of international human rights instruments in the context of mental health because, they are the only source of Law that legitimizes International security of Mental Health policies and practices within a sovereign country and also because they provide fundamental protections.

Prof. K. Visweswara Rao and Ms. K. Nikhita highlight the problems and issues of transgenders such as stigma, discrimination, exclusion, violence against gender non-conforming. They are deprived of many of the rights and privileges which other persons enjoy as citizens of India. The transgender community is treated as a legal non-entity in violation of Articles, 14, 15, 16 and 21 of the Indian Constitution. The authors opined that the initiatives and policies/ legislations of the Governments are recent and should address the issues and problems confronting them.

Ms. Aruna. L, in her empirical study, observed that the legislation has only provided protection for women at work place. Similar situations at work place should however be open to all employees. Many countries have now adopted gender-neutral protection to employees against sexual harassment at their work place. The author emphasises the need for a gender-neutral work place Act. It is clearly felt that not providing a safe work place environment is a clear violation of Articles 14, 15, and 21 of the constitution of India.

Dr. P. Subbarama Raju, in his empirical study of self help groups, the findings revealed that effective participation, the increased awareness on various welfare programmes, sensitization about various social evils, changes in the aspirations and attitudes, maintaining cordial relationship with the members, participation in the decision making related to the family matters, have ultimately led to the

empowerment of rural women to a considerable extent.

Prof.V.Subrahmanyam, observes that tribal communities, especially the PVTGS are one of the excluded social groups in the human world and they are experiencing the problems of geographical isolation, segregation, deprivation and marginalization. He identifies factors responsible for exclusion of PVTGS and recommends necessary measures, inclusive policies and future plan of action to be undertaken for inclusive growth and development of PVTGS

Dr. V. Venkateswarulu and Dr. Naveen Kumar in their exploratory study observed that Education was conceived as a means for promoting the overall development of the tribes and the Government adopted it as a strategy for maintaining them. The paper also explores that education is one of the key aspects for the human development among tribal people.

Ms. Chanjana Elsa Philip critically examined the theory of deterrence and its applicability in the sentencing policy followed by the present Indian courts with emphasis to death Penalty. The author further observed that deterrence and its principles remain the same even today, but it is the existing correctional institutions like the police and the courts that have not risen to the level of providing justice at the earliest be it either to the victim or the offender

Dr. Laxmi and Anoop c. Choodayil in an empirical study of Institutionalized female seniors observed that institutionalized older adults experience lesser opportunities of gaining new social roles compared to their community-dwelling counter parts. This study aims at deciphering the nature of socialization of institutionalized female seniors.

We express our deep sense of gratitude to our beloved vice-chancellor Prof. S Surya Prakash, for taking the initiative to start the Journal for the first time in our University. We acknowledge our respectful thanks to Prof. Bhavani Prasad Panda, Academic Advisor and Professor of Eminence; Prof. C.M. Rao, Prof. K. Madhusudhana Rao, Registrar, Incharge and Dr. Dayananda Murthy C.P.,

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