

PREFACE TO THE EDITION

The forthcoming issue of the **Indian Journal of Jurisprudence and Reviews (IJJR)** brings together a collection of incisive and policy-relevant scholarship addressing some of the most pressing constitutional and regulatory challenges in contemporary India. The contributions in this volume engage critically with themes of digital governance, civil liberties, criminal justice accountability, technological regulation, and fiscal federalism—areas that lie at the heart of India’s evolving constitutional democracy.

A prominent theme in this issue is the regulation of emerging digital and technological domains. The article on cross-border data flows and digital trade examines the tensions between data localization mandates under the Digital Personal Data Protection Act, 2023, competition law enforcement, and international trade obligations. By proposing a risk-based and interoperable regulatory framework, the study highlights the need to balance data sovereignty with innovation and global integration.

The constitutional dimensions of state power are further explored through an in-depth analysis of sedition law under Section 124A of the Indian Penal Code. Revisiting landmark jurisprudence and contemporary democratic standards, the article critically evaluates the compatibility of sedition provisions with Article 19(1)(a) and the broader commitment to free expression in a constitutional republic.

Human rights and accountability form another significant focus of this issue. The examination of custodial torture addresses the persistent gap between constitutional guarantees under Articles 20, 21, and 22 and the realities of enforcement. Through doctrinal and institutional analysis, the study proposes structural reforms aimed at strengthening transparency, accountability, and protection of individual liberty.

Technological governance is revisited in the article advocating a rights-based legal framework for artificial intelligence in India. By grounding AI regulation in constitutional principles of dignity, equality, and privacy, the study argues for algorithmic transparency, impact assessments, and enforceable safeguards that ensure technological progress does not undermine fundamental rights.

Finally, the issue offers a critical examination of Centre–State financial relations in the aftermath of the 15th Finance Commission. By analyzing vertical devolution, conditional grants, and fiscal centralization trends, the article raises important questions about the trajectory of cooperative federalism and the preservation of state autonomy within India’s constitutional structure.

Collectively, the scholarship presented in this issue reflects IJJR’s commitment to rigorous doctrinal analysis, comparative insight, and reform-oriented legal research. The articles not only interpret existing frameworks but also propose thoughtful pathways toward strengthening constitutional governance in a rapidly transforming socio-economic landscape.

We extend our sincere appreciation to the authors and reviewers whose scholarly contributions sustain the intellectual vitality of *IJJR*. We trust that this issue will stimulate meaningful academic dialogue and contribute to the continued evolution of Indian jurisprudence.

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