

EDITORIAL

The Centre is pleased to place before the readers **Volume 2 Issue 1** of **NUJS Journal of Regulatory Studies**. The present Volume is an outcome of a National Seminar that was conducted by our Centre at WBNUJS on the occasion of completion of 25 years of Panchayati Raj System in India. This Volume mainly focuses on the 73rd Amendment, 1992 which mandated the formation of a three-tier Panchayat system and the challenges relating to it. Many eminent speakers from the West Bengal Panchayati Raj Department and from the legal academia attended the Seminar and gave their valuable insights. It was followed by paper presentations where the presenters focused on the ground realities circumscribing the issue. The present Volume of the Journal covers wide areas on the Panchayati Raj System such as role of women in Panchayats, effective participation, capacity building, implementation of PESA, role of Panchayats in handling environment-related issues and so on.

The researchers worked hard to bring out the second Volume. In this Volume, we are able to provide to the readers as many as six articles.

On the eve of the publication of this second Volume, I sincerely thank the Hon'ble Vice-chancellor Prof. (Dr.) P. Ishwara Bhat for the constant support in meeting all our requirements. Special thanks to all the contributors for their support in the publication process. In this Volume, we tried our best to publish scholarly articles which may contribute towards reshaping the legal and social views relating to the functioning of PRI institutions in India. I hope this Volume meets the expectations of the readers.

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