

From the Desk of Editor-in-Chief

It is with immense pleasure that I present the Inaugural Volume of the *Annual Survey of Allahabad Law (ASAL)*, published by Dr. Rajendra Prasad National Law University, Prayagraj. Motivated by the longstanding legacy of the *Annual Survey of Indian Law (ASIL)*, published by the Indian Law Institute, New Delhi, since 1965, I drew inspiration to publish the *ASAL*. The primary objective of *ASAL* is to present a rigorous, authentic and systematic review of legal developments emanating from the Allahabad High Court, one of India's most significant and influential Constitutional Courts. The Allahabad High Court, with its historic legacy and wide jurisdiction, plays an instrumental role in shaping the legal discourse significantly influencing the development of law and justice.

In this digital age, while various digital platforms offer plentiful online case summaries, and case analyses, the reliability of such popular legal material is often questionable. In this scenario, *ASAL* aims to offer a credible and scholarly review of the legal developments flowing from the Allahabad High Court. What distinguishes this survey from other publications is that its academic foundation is provided by eminent legal scholars and experienced academicians having long-standing expertise in their respective areas of specialization. Their analyses do not merely list judgments; they evaluate doctrinal shifts, highlight emerging legal patterns, and contextualize the decisions within broader legislative and policy frameworks. Through their expertise, the survey provides readers with clarity, depth, and a grounded understanding of the judicial trends of Allahabad High Court that shaped the year.

The Inaugural Volume covers eleven key legal fields: Administrative Law, Civil Procedure Code, Constitutional Law, Corporate Law, Criminal Law, Environmental Law, Family Law, Intellectual Property Law, Labour Law, Property Law, and Women and Law. Each Chapter reflects sustained academic engagement with the Allahabad High Court's decisions and provides critical insight into their impact on legal thought and practice. This ensures that the publication meets the needs of a diverse readership that includes researchers, academicians, scholars, practicing lawyers, judicial aspirants, and policymakers etc. The University will gradually expand the horizon of *ASAL* to include other significant branches of law in the years to come.

The preparation of this Inaugural Edition has been a collaborative effort. I extend my sincere gratitude to our distinguished contributors whose scholarship and dedication have shaped the quality of this Volume. I also acknowledge the efforts of the Editorial Team who has worked diligently to bring this annual survey to completion. Dr. Prakash Tripathi and Yash Saxena deserve special mention for their meticulous editing of the final drafts.

I express my deep gratitude to Hon'ble Mr. Justice Arun Bhansali, Chief Justice, Allahabad High Court and Hon'ble Chancellor, RPNLU, Prayagraj for graciously contributing an insightful and inspiring foreword that enriches the intellectual depth of this inaugural edition of the *Annual Survey of Allahabad Law*.

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As we present the first Volume of the *Annual Survey of Allahabad Law*, we reiterate our dedication to quality research and the progression of legal scholarship. It is our hope that this publication will serve as a reliable and authoritative point for all those who seek to understand and engage with the evolving jurisprudence originating from the prominent Allahabad High Court.

We invite valued feedback from our esteemed readers, whose engagement will shape the growth and direction of this publication in the years to come.

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