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"The world is too much with us; late and soon,
Getting and spending, we lay waste our powers;—
Little we see in Nature that is ours;
We have given our hearts away, a sordid boon!"
- From "The World Is Too Much With Us" (1807) by William Wordsmith

It is with great pleasure that we present the Fifth Volume of the prestigious GLC-SPIL International Law Journal, 2025. The Journal has consistently served as a platform for engaging with contemporary global issues and making meaningful contributions to legal discourse. This year, we focus on International Environmental Law, a field that has become increasingly critical in addressing the world's most pressing ecological challenges.

As custodians of our planet, we are entrusted with the duty to safeguard its natural resources and uphold ecological balance, not merely as a legal obligation but as a moral imperative. The choices we make today will define the world that future generations inherit and with environmental threats escalating at an unprecedented pace, the need for decisive action has never been greater. It is this growing need for legal and policy interventions that led us to select International Environmental Law as the theme for this year's Edition which reflects the urgent responsibility we bear as stewards of the Earth.

Through this Volume, we seek to foster critical discussions and provide a forum for scholars, practitioners and policymakers to engage with the evolving landscape and jurisprudence of International Environmental Law. The contributions within this Journal not only examine the current legal framework but also highlight the ethical, policy-driven and regulatory measures necessary to secure a sustainable future.

We were privileged to receive submissions from scholars across the globe, each offering unique perspectives on environmental challenges that often go unnoticed yet demand urgent attention. Additionally, the Journal also features the submissions of the top three winners of the National Legal Article Writing Competition (NLAWC), further enriching the discourse with insightful and thought-provoking analyses on pressing environmental issues.

The Peer Review process was an intellectually enriching experience, allowing us to engage with novel ideas. Our aim through this Journal has been to uphold the highest standards of academic rigour while bringing forth insights that contribute meaningfully to the global discourse on International Environmental Law.

On behalf of the Student Editors, I extend my heartfelt gratitude to all the authors who entrusted this platform with their work and to the esteemed members of the Editorial Board, Dr. Manimuthu Gandhi, Dr. Monish Tourangbam and Dr. Vinai Kumar Singh for their invaluable guidance and efforts.

We remain deeply grateful to our Editor-in-Chief and Principal, Dr. Smt. Asmita Adwait Vaidya and the Advisory Board members, Prof. Kishu Daswani, Prof. Rooprekha Chhabria and Asst. Prof. Rohit Bokil whose unwavering support and mentorship have been instrumental in shaping this Journal.

Lastly, I would like to take a moment to acknowledge the tireless dedication and efforts of the Student Editors of the Journal comprising the Senior Student Editors, Mr. Shoaib Shaikh, Ms. Sanika Bhoye, and Ms. Mahek Mulani, and the Associate Student Editors, Mr. Aditya Kumar, Mr. Tanay Musale, Ms. Vishwaja Shinde and Mr. Yash Bhandari. Their commitment, meticulous attention to detail and perseverance have been integral to the successful materialisation of this Volume. This Journal is a cumulative testament to their hard work and I hope it serves as a valuable resource for all those engaged in the study and practice of International Environmental Law.

On behalf of the Student Editors,
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