



**Edited Book Proposal on
“COVID-19 and Climate Change:
Legal Issues and Challenges”**

TITLE OF THE BOOK: **COVID-19 and Climate Change: Legal Issues and Challenges**

ABOUT THE BOOK:

While responding to the Petersberg Climate Dialogue in April 2020, the UN Secretary General AntónioGuterres observed that *“in planning the corona virus pandemic recovery, there is “a profound opportunity” to steer the world on “a path that tackles climate change, protects the environment, reverses biodiversity loss and ensures the long-term health and security of humankind.”*

Recognizing that both Coronavirus and greenhouse gases do not respect territorial boundaries dividing the international community, Mr Gueterres maintained that isolation may not be the answer for the world at large to tackle such global challenges and the solution still lies in international cooperation by implementing the common framework of action under the aegis of Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and the Paris Agreement on Climate Change.

The connection between the pandemic of Covid-19 and the issue of Climate Change requires deeper analysis for policy making and environmental governance. What is required is the realistic assessment of the effect of pandemic on people, vulnerability induced by climate change, combating of climate change induced infectious diseases to avoid any such future pandemics, legal and policy strategies that promote transition to low-carbon, climate-resilient growth where we create a world that is clean, green, safe, just and more prosperous for all.

Today, the satellite images and pollution indicators are depicting dramatic drop in air pollution and water pollution levels across the world. The experts are mentioning the measure of lockdown which has contributed toward significant reduction in anthropogenic interferences with environment as the major reason for this achievement. But one has to be mindful of the huge climate crisis that might unfold at the end of lockdown with the passage of the pandemic i.e. when the industrial and other human activities resume. With an increased thrust by the nations on providing a boost to the economic growth, an adverse impact on environment is the most likely collateral damage.

The fear is that the urgency of addressing the severe economic derailment suffered due to Covid-19 crisis might push a different yet the major concern of Climate Change to the back seat. On the other hand, the current crisis may also provide an opportunity to accelerate the shift from conventional sources of energy to non-conventional sources of energy such as solar, hydropower and wind energy. Indigenous solutions to develop eco-friendly technologies may play a major role in this context.

With these concerns in mind, Law Centre - I , Faculty of Law , University of Delhi , Delhi has organized a webinar on this topic on May 17, 2020 with the involvement of **Dr. BalakrishnaPisupati**, Chairman, FLEDGE, Former Vice-Chancellor, TransDisciplinary University (TDU, India), Former Chairman, National Biodiversity Authority-Government of India (NBA, India); **Prof. Amar Pal Singh**, Dean, University School of Law & Legal Studies, GGS Indraprastha University, New Delhi; **Prof. Kavita Shah**, Dean and Head, Institute of Environment & Sustainable Development (IESD), Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi; **Prof. Debi Prasad Mishra**, Department of Aerospace Engineering, Indian Institute of Technology , Kanpur, **Prof. Sarabjit Kaur**, Professor Incharge, Law Centre-I, **Dr. L. Pushpa Kumar**, Law Centre-I, and **Dr. VikeshTripathi**, Law Centre-I. The Webinar generated very significant viewpoints that gave prompted the organizers to go for an edited book with the contributions of the speakers and other contributions from the academia.

THEMES:

- Covid-19 And Climate Change: Establishing the linkages
- Covid-19: Finding an opportunity to steer the world on the path to tackle Climate Change effectively
- Tackling new challenges of Environment Protection and sustainable development
- Planning economic revival for a post-Covid-19 world: The need to accelerate the shift to renewable energy sources
- Economic, Legislative and Policy reforms required to aid post-Covid India to achieve its emission reduction targets under the Paris Agreement
- Need to adopt the bottom-up approach towards building the Action Plan for a Climate Positive Recovery for the post-Covid world

The above list is illustrative. The authors may choose to write any other topic which may be relevant to the theme of the book after discussing with the editors.

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2. The Chapter must be between 4000 to 6000 words including footnotes.
3. The Chapter must be in Times New Roman Font Size 11, Foot Note Size 10.
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DATES:

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2. **CONFIRMATION OF ABSTRACT:** 20th August, 2020
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4. **REVIEW OF CHAPTERS AND COMMENTS :** 15th October, 2020
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