

### Editorial

We are happy to launch the first issue of the Journal *Space and Culture, India*. This first issue is a tribute to *Nirbhaya* (Fearless), who was brutally gang-raped and left in a 'vegetative state' to die, who subsequently succumbed to her injuries on December 29, 2012. Alongside, we also pay our last respect to Chief Justice Jagdish Charan Verma (January 18, 1933 – April 22, 2013), who headed the government-appointed panel, Justice Verma Committee that came out with the recommendations on enhancing women's safety and security.

The journal is very grateful to all the members of the editorial board for their strong commitment and support. We also thank the contributors of the first issue. We are committed to encourage young scholars and researchers to submit their theoretically informed original research, commentaries and reviews on any social issues of India and make an impact to the society.

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Looking forward to your valuable contributions! Happy reading!

Thank you,

Executive Editor, *Space and Culture, India*