

PRESS NOTE

July 26, 2021

NLU Delhi and IIT Delhi Initiate Joint Faculty Research Projects

National Law University Delhi (NLU Delhi), one of the premier law universities in India, and Indian Institute of Technology, Delhi (IIT Delhi), an institution of national importance, have signed an MoU. Diverse research and academic activities at the intersection of law and technology are envisaged as part of the MoU. This includes joint supervision of Ph.D. candidates, joint research projects, joint seminars and new certificate programmes. The Ph.D. candidates will also be allowed to attend lectures and courses in their areas of research in both the institutions.

As a first major step in the collaboration, both the institutions have released a joint call for research proposals, wherein faculty members from both the institutions are invited to submit joint project applications. Upto five collaborative research projects will be funded under this scheme and each faculty member will receive a grant of Rupees Ten lakhs over two years. The interdisciplinary projects under the scheme are expected to make profound social impacts and may pave way for many long term collaborations between the two institutions.

Professor Srikrishna Deva Rao, the Vice Chancellor of National Law University Delhi has heralded this development as the beginning of a historic partnership between two premier institutes of higher education in India. “With the National Education Policy 2020 emphasising interdisciplinary research and academia, we felt this was the right time to collaborate with IIT Delhi. As a legal institution we must work more with partners outside the law so that our work has broader public engagement and depth. IIT Delhi and NLU Delhi also have the geographical advantage of being located in the same city, and therefore we are keen to expand into offering joint courses, initiating student and faculty exchanges, and other kinds of collaborative activities.”