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## Who we are

The National Law University Delhi is a premier law university of India that aims to evolve and impart comprehensive and interdisciplinary legal education. We aim to shape our students as instruments of change who will be equipped to address the imperatives of the new millennium while upholding constitutional values. We take pride in our effective and impact-driven research and scholarship that has brought both national and international recognition to our name.

Since inception, we have seen more than 800 graduates, who have excelled in diverse fields, such as academia, legal practice, administrative services and entrepreneurship. The University strives to become a leading world-class institution in legal studies, pedagogy and research.

## Message from the Vice Chancellor Professor (Dr.) Srikrishna Deva Rao

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Globally, higher education institutions have been deeply affected by the pervasive impact of the pandemic and NLU Delhi was no different. But as often happens, in the most critical of all times, we discover our resilience.

Today, I am filled with immense pride as I look back on the year gone by. I extend my gratitude to our staff, students, and alumni, who stood by the University and ensured that we continue to function without compromising on the high standards and the outstanding quality that this institution's name has become synonymous with.

This report provides an insight into the work and accomplishments of our institution, including that of our research centres, faculty and students during the past year. It is meant as a testament of our resolve and commitment to strive for excellence even during critical times.

In the last year, we forged new relationships with world renowned institutes such as the School of Oriental and African Studies, London, and Harvard Law School and we partnered with institutes of eminence such as Indian Institute of Technology, Delhi and Indian Institute of Science, Bengaluru. Our research centres such as Centre for Communication Governance, Project 39A and Centre for Innovation, Intellectual Property and Competition, among others brought global recognition to the University through their work.

Undeterred in the face of adversity, our faculty produced meaningful research and scholarship that will serve as a continuous source of pride for the University. Our students made us proud with their academic excellence and professional achievements, which speaks volumes of their talent, ambition and intellect.

As an institution, we now stand at an exciting juncture. As our next academic cycle begins, the university is ready to welcome students and staff back on campus. In this new phase, our aims are bigger and our vision, far-reaching. The testing times of the pandemic have certainly made NLU Delhi strong as a community and I am certain that we will achieve the goals we have set for ourselves.

New Delhi, February 2022

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## Message from the Registrar Professor (Dr.) Harpreet Kaur

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National Law University Delhi upholds the values of equality, inclusivity, diversity and social justice. The University consistently strives to become a centre of great learning and a medium to implement social change. It has always aspired to provide its students with a transformative learning experience through its innovative and interdisciplinary programmes focussed on instilling in all students critical and creative thinking skills, and a profound sense of justice – social, economic and political. An intense focus on diversity and inclusion contributes to the University’s rich and holistic learning environment, inspiring its members to continually endeavour to expand the frontiers of legal learning.

Our central focus, since inception has been, to be outward-looking. We seek to proactively engage with different national and international universities, think-tanks, judicial institutions and government bodies. Our work with varied stakeholders and entities not only leads to a healthy exchange of ideas and best practices but also lends a position of credibility to the University on both domestic and international platforms. We are also committed to prioritizing internationalization, as espoused under the National Education Policy, 2020, to allow for a diversity of world views on our campus.

We are committed to building upon our position as one of the leading institutes of legal scholarship and research. Our faculty-driven autonomous research centres are engaged in robust, cutting-edge and socially relevant research, which further contributes to the University’s commitment to advanced learning and scholarship. Spread across dynamic fields of technology, business, banking, death penalty, intellectual property, criminal law, alternative dispute resolution, child rights, among others, they have done commendable work and have brought immense visibility and recognition our way. In the coming years, the University aims to facilitate, fund and support more innovative research to contribute to legal academia while creating an on-ground impact.

Lastly, our efforts are concentrated towards building a democratic legal system in order to fulfill one of the University’s founding principles of social justice.

The University has been fortunate to always have the support of its patrons, faculty, alumni and students. I urge them to continue their dedication to the University as it aims to reach fresh milestones and break new barriers.

New Delhi, February 2022

## Governance Structure

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### Visitor

Hon'ble Mr. Justice N.V. Ramana, Chief Justice of India

### Chancellor

Hon'ble Mr. Justice Dhirubhai Naranbhai Patel, Chief Justice, Delhi High Court

### Vice Chancellor

Professor (Dr.) Srikrishna Deva Rao

### Registrar

Professor (Dr.) Harpreet Kaur

## Members of Council

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### The Governing Council

Hon'ble Mr. Justice N. V. Ramana, Judge, Supreme Court of India & Visitor, National Law University, Delhi

Hon'ble Mr. Justice Dhirubhai Naranbhai Patel, Chief Justice of High Court of Delhi & Chancellor of NLU Delhi

Professor Srikrishna Deva Rao, Vice Chancellor, NLU Delhi

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Mr. K. Vivek Reddy, Sr. Advocate, High Court for the State of Telangana

Chief Secretary, Govt. of NCT of Delhi

Principal Secretary (Finance), Govt. of NCT of Delhi

Secretary (Higher Education), Govt. of NCT of Delhi

Principal Secretary (Law, Justice & Legislative Affairs), Govt. of NCT of Delhi

Professor (Dr.) Harpreet Kaur, Professor & Registrar, NLU Delhi-Secretary

## The Executive Council

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**Professor (Dr.) Balraj Chauhan**, Former Vice Chancellor, Dharamshastra National Law University, Jabalpur, Madhya Pradesh

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**Dr. Ritu Sharma**, Associate Professor (Sociology), NLU Delhi

**Professor (Dr.) Harpreet Kaur**, Professor & Registrar, NLU Delhi-Secretary

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**Mr. Sudhir I. Nanavati**, Sr. Advocate, Gujarat High Court, Ahmedabad, Gujarat

**Mr. Sidharth Luthra**, Sr. Advocate, Supreme Court of India, New Delhi

**Nominee of the Bar Council of India**

**Dr. Ritu Sharma**, Associate Professor (Sociology), NLU Delhi

**Dr. Daniel Mathew**, Assistant Professor (Law), NLU Delhi

**Professor (Dr.) Harpreet Kaur**, Professor & Registrar, NLU Delhi-Secretary



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**Professor (Dr.) Ritu Gupta**, Professor (Law), NLU Delhi

**Professor (Dr.) Harpreet Kaur**, Professor & Registrar, NLU Delhi-Secretary

## Distinguished, Honorary & Visiting Professors

### Distinguished Professors

**Professor (Dr.) Upendra Baxi**, Former Vice Chancellor, University of Delhi

**Professor B. B. Pande**, Former Professor of Law, Faculty of Law, University of Delhi

**Professor (Dr.) M.S. Sahoo**, Former Chairperson, Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India

### Honorary Professors

**Hon'ble Mr. Justice Madan B. Lokur**, Former Judge of the Supreme Court of India and Judge of the Non-Resident Panel of the Supreme Court of Fiji

**Hon'ble Mr. Justice A. K. Sikri**, Former Judge of the Supreme Court of India and Judge SICC Singapore

**Mr. Justice Khalil Ur Rehman**, Former Judge of the Supreme Court of Pakistan, Islamabad, Pakistan

**Hon'ble Mr. Justice Mohan Peiris**, Former Chief Justice of Sri Lanka

**Professor Marc Galanter**, Professor of Law Emeritus at the University of Wisconsin Law School, Wisconsin, USA

**Hon'ble Mr. Justice Markandey Katju**, Former Judge of the Supreme Court of India & Former Chairman, Press Council of India

**Professor Jay P. Kesan**, Technologist, Patent Attorney & Professor

**Professor Steve K. Ngo**, Founding President of Beihai Asia International Arbitration Centre, Singapore

**Professor Sophie M. Sparrow**, Professor of Law, University of New Hampshire School of Law, New Hampshire, USA

**Professor Olivier De Schutter**, Professor at the University of Louvain, Belgium

**Mr. Mehmood Mandviwalla**, Pakistani Lawyer & Former Caretaker Provincial Minister of Sindh

**Hon'ble Mr. Justice Lyonpo Sonam Tobgye**, Former Chief Justice of the High Court of Bhutan

**Ms. Jayashree Watal**, Counsellor in the Intellectual Property Division of the World Trade Organisation

**Dr. Vineet Kapoor**, IPS, Deputy Director of the State Police Academy of MP at Bhopal

**Dr. G. K. Goswami**, IPS, Inspector General of Police, State of Uttar Pradesh

**Dr. K. P. Singh**, IPS, Former Director General of Police (DGP), Haryana

**Professor Lain MacNeil**, School of Law, University of Glasgow, UK

**Dr. Pratima Murthy**, Head of Department of Psychiatry, National Institute of Mental Health & Neuro Sciences (NIMHANS)

**Professor Zachary Douglas**, Professor of International Law, The Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies in Geneva, Switzerland

**Professor Issa Shivji**, Advocate, High Court & the Court of Appeal of Tanzania

**Professor Kate O'Regan**, Former Judge of the South African Constitutional Court

**Professor J. Martin Hunter**, Visiting Professor, King College London, UK

**Professor Alan Norrie**, School of Law, University of Warwick, UK

**Professor Joseph Drexel**, Director, Max Planck Institute for Innovation and Competition, Germany

**Professor Anil K Gupta**, Ph.D. (Management), MSc. Biochemical Genetics; Fellow, NAAS, WAAS, & INSA; Founder, The Honey Bee Network

**Mr. Ujal Singh Bhatia**, Former Ambassador, Trade Negotiator and Chairman of the Appellate Body

### Visiting Professors of the University

**Professor (Dr.) M.S. Sahoo**, Former Chairperson, Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India

**Professor Sachidhanandam S.**, Former Vice Chancellor, T.N. Dr. Ambedkar Law University

**Ms. Roopa Madhav**, Doctoral Candidate at the Department of Law, School of Oriental and African Studies

**Ms. Mihira Sood**, Executive Director, Centre for Child Rights & Juvenile Justice, NLU Delhi

**Mr. Aniruddha Jairam**, Doctoral Candidate, Department of Political Science, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia

### Honorary Visiting Professors of the University

**Mr. G. P. Thareja**, Former Judicial Officer

**Mr. Sidharth Luthra**, Senior Advocate

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**Professor Irene Calboli**, Professor of Law at Texas A&M University School of Law, Academic Fellow at the School of Law, University of Geneva

**Professor Kung Chung Liu**, School of Law, Singapore Management University, Singapore

**Dr. Bjørnar Borvik**, Professor of Law at Faculty of Law University of Bergen, Norway

**Professor Chao Xi**, Chinese University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong

**Ms. R. V. Anuradha**, Partner, Clarus Law Associates, New Delhi

**Professor Prabha Kotiswaran**, King's College London, UK

**Professor Umakanth Varottil**, Director- NUS Law Academy National University of Singapore, Singapore

**Mr. Vikram Raghavan**, Lead Counsel - World bank Silver Spring, Maryland, United States

**Professor Jinee Lokaneeta**, Professor and Chair of Political Science and International Relations Dr.w University, United States

**Professor Christoph Van der Elst**, Professor of Business Law and Economics, Department of Private, Business and Labour Law, Tilburg University, Netherlands

**Professor Srividhya Raghavan**, Professor of Law and Director of India, Texas A&M University School of Law

**Professor Dev Gangjee**, Professor of Intellectual Property Law within the Law Faculty and a Tutorial Fellow at St Hilda's College

**Professor Jane K Winn**, Queen Mary College, University of London, London, UK

**Professor Phillippe Cullet**, Chair Centre of Law, Environment and Development, SOAS University, London, UK

**Professor Ariel Katz**, Associate Professor at the Faculty of Law, University of Toronto

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## A look back since 2020

### Our Excellence

For the fourth time in a row, NLU Delhi was ranked second in the Law category of the National Institute Ranking Framework (NIRF). Moreover, the University was accredited with an 'A' grade, and a score of 3.59 on a 4-point scale by the National Assessment Accreditation Council ( NAAC ). These recognitions showcase our commitment towards excellence in legal studies and research.

# Welcoming New Faculty

## New Leadership

Professor Harpreet Kaur assumed charge as Registrar w.e.f. 28 January, 2022. Professor Kaur teaches Corporate Laws, Securities Regulations and AntiTrust laws. She is also the Director, Center for Corporate Law and Governance. In 2021, she visited Emory School of Law on a Fulbright Nehru Academic and Professional Excellence Fellowship. She has been a Fulbright Scholar in Residence at Miami Dade College in 2016 and served as chair professor of Indian Studies established by the Indian Institute of Cultural Affairs at Faculty of Law, Leibniz University, Hanover, Germany. She has over two decades of teaching and research experience and has played an instrumental role in NLU Delhi's internationalisation, doctoral programme and curriculum development. NLU Delhi is privileged to welcome her to this position and wishes her the very best.



## Distinguished Faculty at NLU Delhi



Dr. M. S. Sahoo, founder & former Chairperson, Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India (IBBI) has joined NLU Delhi as a Distinguished Professor, w.e.f. 20 December, 2021. Dr. Sahoo comes with extensive experience of over four decades and has served as a Member of the Competition Commission of India (CCI), Secretary of the Institute of Company Secretaries of India, Whole Time Member of the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) and Economic Adviser with the National Stock Exchange of India (NSE). He has held senior positions within the Government of India as a Member of Indian Economic Service. We are honoured to have him onboard and look forward to his contribution towards enhancing and consolidating our position as a leading academic and research-intensive institution, particularly in regulatory studies.

## Appointment to the KL Arora Chair on Criminal Law

Mr. Dayan Krishnan, senior advocate and a leading practitioner in criminal law has joined NLU Delhi as the KL Arora Chair Professor. He has extensive experience of nearly three decades in litigation and has a distinction of being appointed as an amicus curiae in numerous matters by different courts. NLU Delhi is privileged to have him on board and looks forward to his contributions to the University.



## Assistant Professor (Law)

Gayathri D Naik joins NLU Delhi as Assistant Professor (Law). Ms Naik was a Commonwealth Scholar at SOAS, University of London, where she obtained her PhD in Environmental Law/Water Law. She holds a postgraduate in International Legal Studies with a specialisation in International Environmental Law, South Asian University.

## Academic Fellows

In November 2021, we launched the Academic Fellowship programme designed to train and mentor early career scholars in pedagogy and research. Under this fellowship, the University inducted seven Fellows in its fold. They will produce serious works of scholarship and will be given the opportunity to teach.

# New Beginnings

## Institution of Ph.D. Fellowships

The University is pleased to announce two fellowships for students admitted into the doctoral programme. We are also in conversation with different regulatory bodies to institute more such fellowships for doctoral candidates. We are committed to enhancing the academic rigours of our doctoral programme through such specialised partnerships, to give our scholars the opportunity to undertake niche research in emerging fields of law.

As per the Scheme for Pedagogy and Research in IPRs for Holistic Education and Academia (SPRIHA), IPR Chair Ph.D. fellowship is available to one doctoral student (full-time) admitted for Ph.D. Programme in the academic year 2022-23 at NLU Delhi. The fellowship is awarded for conducting full-time doctoral research in the area of Intellectual Property Rights under the supervision of the IPR Chair constituted by the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade, Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Government of India. The IPR Chair Ph.D. Fellowship will be for a total duration of five years subject to continuation of funding by the DPIIT.

The Centre for Innovation, Intellectual Property and Competition (CIIPC) at National Law University Delhi is offering a Ph.D. fellowship to one doctoral student (full-time) admitted for Ph.D. Programme in the academic year 2022-23 at NLU Delhi. The fellowship is awarded for conducting full-time doctoral research in the area of Intellectual Property Rights under the supervision of the Co-Director of CIIPC.

## Centre for Child Rights and Juvenile Justice

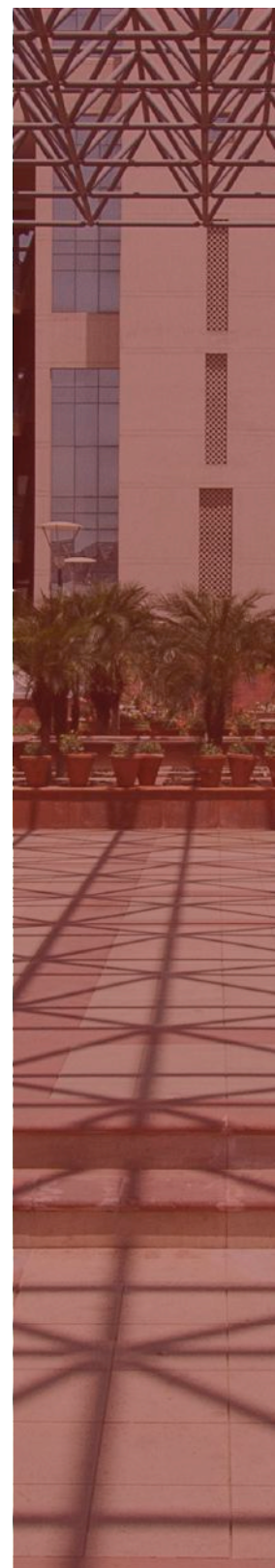
The Centre for Child Rights and Juvenile Justice (CCRJJ) is a new addition to the research centres at National Law University Delhi. Ms. Mihira Sood, Visiting Professor of Law, has been appointed as the Executive Director of CCRJJ. She has extensive experience in public policy and advisory work and has assisted the Justice Verma Committee and UN Women on various issues related to access to justice for women and girls. Ms. Sood has practiced on a variety of matters including child abuse, family law, domestic violence and public interest litigation.

## Academic and Research Planning Department (ARPD)

The Academic and Research Planning Department (ARPD) was set up to consolidate, strategise and execute the University's vision as an institution of higher education and research. Many institutions of higher learning in India and other countries have established academic and research planning boards, whose purpose is to recognize, nurture and build on institutional research goals. This includes identifying the means to generate and mobilise resources to advance these purposes. The ARPD is chaired by the Vice Chancellor, and its members include the Registrar and three faculty members.

## Our Communications Office

NLU Delhi has established a new office for communications to shape and implement an effective communications strategy in keeping with University's policies, principles and values. The office works with the University leadership, faculty and students to raise the University's profile and increase engagement with audiences that includes prospective students, global academic community, funders, policy makers and other stakeholders. The office manages the University's website and other social media channels, advises and assists the University



and its faculty in their communication needs and looks after media outreach.

## Alumni Association

In November 2021, National Law University Delhi registered the 'NLU Delhi Alumni Association' with the aim of facilitating alumni engagement and participation in University conferences, seminars, events etc. The association looks to strengthen alumni ties with each other and with our present student community and faculty members. This association will serve as a forum enabling healthy exchange of ideas towards institution building and promoting social and professional networking.



*Formalisation of NLU Delhi Alumni Association*

## Justice T.P.S Chawla Library

Justice T.P.S Chawla Library added to its repository of digital newspaper access by subscribing to the leading daily The Hindu and financial newspaper The Hindu Businessline. Both ePapers can be accessed by the faculty and the students body alike. The Library also subscribed to prominent digital portals LiveLaw and Bar&Bench, which pertain to legal news, information, debates and discussions. Justice T.P.S. Chawla Library aims to support teaching, research and scholarship by serving as a rich source of valuable knowledge. It strives to provide information not only through traditional means but also through latest technological mediums.

## Forging New Partnerships

### NLU Delhi- IIT Delhi Joint Research Seed Funding Scheme

In a unique partnership, National Law University Delhi signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the Indian Institute of Technology, Delhi (IIT Delhi) for initiating wide ranging research and academic collaborations in various interdisciplinary areas at the intersection of law, social sciences and technology, including artificial intelligence, forensic science, cyber laws and cybercrimes. Faculty members of IIT Delhi and NLU Delhi were invited to prepare proposals for the seed grant of a total of Rs. 10 Lakhs for two years. The idea being that these interdisciplinary research groups will attract strong support from external funding agencies and catalyze 'cross-research activity' between the two institutes, leading to joint research publications, policies, patents, etc. Two proposals were selected under the scheme and are currently works-in-progress. The sanctioned joint projects will analyze how forensic investigations involving human DNA samples are conducted and investigate the inherent algorithmic biases in such investigations and their legal ramifications for India. The outcomes from these collaborative initiatives are expected to have a profound impact at the national level.

### NLU Delhi - IISc Bengaluru Joint Course

National Law University Delhi signed a MoU with Indian Institute of Science (IISc), Bengaluru, one of the premier research institutions in India, to offer a new interdisciplinary joint short course titled 'Scholarly Publications and Copyright', for students and researchers at both institutions. Prof. T.A. Abinandanan (Department of Materials Engineering and Coordinator, DST-Centre for Policy Research, IISc) and Dr.Arul George Scaria, Associate Professor, NLU Delhi are the coordinators for fulfilling the objectives of the MoU.

### Department of Justice, Government of India Grant

The Centre for Law, Justice and Development (CLJD), under the leadership of Dr. Amita Punj, won a competitive grant offered by the Department of Justice, Ministry of Law and Justice, Government of India for their new project titled 'Adhikaron ka Gyan, Unnati ki Pehchan'. The two year project will focus on legal literacy and awareness around violence against women in Uttar Pradesh. Established in 2018, CLJD focuses on engaging with development issues impacting human rights at the national and international level and on offering a critical perspective to make law and development initiatives more inclusive.

### Legal Aid: Satya: Pro Bono Law

Satya: Pro Bono Law was officially inaugurated on the National Law University, Delhi campus by Justice (Retd.) Gita Mittal, Prof. Srikrishna Deva Rao, Alina Arora and Bharat Chugh. Ms. Arora approached the University with the idea of a pan India legal services clinic supported by law firms and housed in law universities. We believe therefore, that NLU Delhi is a natural ally for Satya Law to find its first home. The University has provided an office space for Satya Law associates, as well continuing infrastructural support. Satya Law will use this pilot partnership with NLU Delhi as a basis for similar collaborations in other law universities. We are proud to be the first law school to support this idea. In the background of the 2021 legal awareness campaign launched by the National Legal Services Authority, where the judiciary has called for more law firm involvement in legal aid, this collaboration can change the landscape of legal aid in India.





## NLU Delhi- General Counsels' Association of India Partnership

NLU Delhi signed an MoU with the General Counsels' Association of India (GCAI). On behalf of NLU Delhi, the MoU was signed by the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Srikrishna Deva Rao, and Ms. Lubinisha Saha (General Counsel, India & South Asia, Airbus) on behalf of GCAI. As per the MoU, NLU Delhi and GCAI will be collaborating on diverse activities including offering innovative courses which can provide practical insights in diverse areas of law for students and professionals. The first program under this collaboration- 'The Start-Up Mindset'- a short course that explores the practical aspects behind the growing start-up businesses in India, was launched in February 2022.



## Cyber Forensics Lab

The National e-Governance Division (NeGD), under the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology, Government of India signed an MoU with NLU Delhi, and National Law Institute University (NLIU), Bhopal, to set up a Cyber Lab for 'Online Capacity Building Programme on Cyber Law, Crime Investigation and Digital Forensics'. The cyber lab will allow police officers, cyber cells of states, law enforcement agencies, prosecutors and judicial officers to gain skills to deal with cyber forensic cases in an efficient manner by following the Indian Cyber Law. Under this partnership the officials will be provided a nine-months online PG diploma-certified course. While the officers will be trained at the designated cyber lab at the campus of NLU Delhi, the PG Diploma Certificate will be awarded by NLIU, Bhopal.

## Legal Training For Delhi Police

National Law University Delhi signed a MoU with Delhi Police to evolve and impart comprehensive legal education at all levels of basic police training. The partnership aims to disseminate legal knowledge and processes and relevant law-oriented learning among police personnel through lectures, seminars, workshops, role plays and other practical methods. NLU Delhi has designed the module of legal subjects for Delhi Police officers inducted at different levels i.e Delhi, Andaman and Nicobar Islands Police Service (DANIPS) officers, investigators & sub inspectors. The law module is designed to provide inputs to Delhi Police officers so that they are equipped to handle dynamic and complex problems in law-related matters.



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## L2Pro Master Classes

The Centre for Innovation, Intellectual Property and Competition (CIIPC) in collaboration with the IPR Chair at NLU Delhi and Cell for IPR Promotion and Management (CIPAM), Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT), Ministry of Commerce and Industry started a series of Master Classes on Introduction to L2Pro E-Learning Platform for IPR Training and Awareness. The Online Master Classes are aimed at raising awareness regarding intellectual property rights amongst students and to prepare them to navigate the L2Pro platform, its content and assessments. The course is being offered to all Indian university students across disciplines.

## Telecom Law Reform Project, 2021

The Department of Telecommunications (DoT), Ministry of Communications, Government of India has engaged National Law University Delhi for updating and overhauling India's current telecom laws - Indian Telegraph Act and Indian Wireless Telegraphy Act in the backdrop of the government's ambitious Digital India programme. The project team is led by the Vice-Chancellor, National Law University Delhi, supported by NLU Delhi faculty, research consultants including Senior Advisors from IIT Delhi, Indian Council for Research on International Economic Relations & Industry representatives.

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## Internationalisation

National Law University Delhi pro-actively explores possibilities of engaging and collaborating with reputed international universities. For this purpose, we have set up a dedicated International Relations Office (IRO) that coordinates our international engagements with universities across the globe. Our partnerships with international institutes have paved the way for several meaningful student and faculty exchange programmes that facilitate collaborative research, promote exchange of ideas, increase global awareness and build global networks.

The University of Bergen, Norway and Mykolas Romeris University, Lithuania regularly offer Erasmus Plus Scholarships to NLU Delhi students. In the last four years, University of Bergen has offered scholarships to 16 students and Mykolas Romeris University has offered such scholarships to three of our students. For the academic session 2022-2023, nine more of our students are selected for scholarships by the University of Bergen.

## CopyrightX: NLUD

A new edition of the 12 week hybrid course CopyrightX: NLUD commenced in February 2022. The course explores diverse legal aspects of copyright, copyright law, debates around its reform and its impact on different creative and innovative fields. This year NLU Delhi invited applicants from diverse backgrounds from across South Asia including, professionals, artists, students (undergraduate, postgraduate) and research scholars. CopyrightX: NLUD, is an affiliate course of the CopyrightX program, offered by Prof. William Fisher and Prof. Ruth Okediji at the Harvard Law School. (NLUD), in collaboration with Harvard Law School (HLS), offers this course by employing a unique pedagogical approach of combining recorded online lectures of Prof. Fisher and Prof. Okediji with live online lectures of Dr. Arul George Scaria (NLUD). This academic year, Dr. Arul Scaria in collaboration with Prof. Fisher and Prof. Okediji also offered an elective course titled 'Comparative Patent Law' for our LL.M. students. Advisors from IIT Delhi, Indian Council for Research on International Economic Relations & Industry representatives.

## Joint Summer School on Climate Change with SOAS, University of London

National Law University Delhi and School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London, UK together received the British Council's Going Global Partnership Exploratory Grant for a 'Short Course on Climate Justice and Climate Change Law and Policy'. The Going Global Partnership is aimed at an India-UK partnership for the co-creation of joint programmes of study and is usually given to a consortium of UK and Indian institutional partnerships. This grant is in line with NLU Delhi's larger vision of contributing to environmental consciousness and awareness through study and research, as well as internationalisation. The course will be led by Prof Philippe Cullet, Professor of International and Environmental Law,

SOAS-University of London with faculty at NLU Delhi.

## Study in India, 2021

The Study in India programme, a flagship project of Government of India, has been established to encourage the global student community to experience quality academic learning from premier NAAC and NIRF accredited institutions in India. The programme was launched in collaboration with the Ministry of External Affairs, Ministry of Education, and the Ministry of Home Affairs. For this the University has invited applications from across the SAARC, Africa, South East Asia, Central Asia, and the Middle East region. National Law University Delhi is one of the six public institutions partners offering courses in law under the programme.

### Our MoUs with International Universities

School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS), University of London

University of Passau, Germany

The University of Illinois

University of Bergen, Faculty of Law Bergen, Bergen, Norway

Universidad Pontificia Comillas, Madrid, Spain

Law Faculty of the University of Antwerp, Belgium

Lewis & Clark Law School, Portland, Oregon, U.S.A.

University of Sheffield, United Kingdom

The Law School of the Beijing Normal University, China

Trakya University, Turkey

South Ural State University (National Research University)

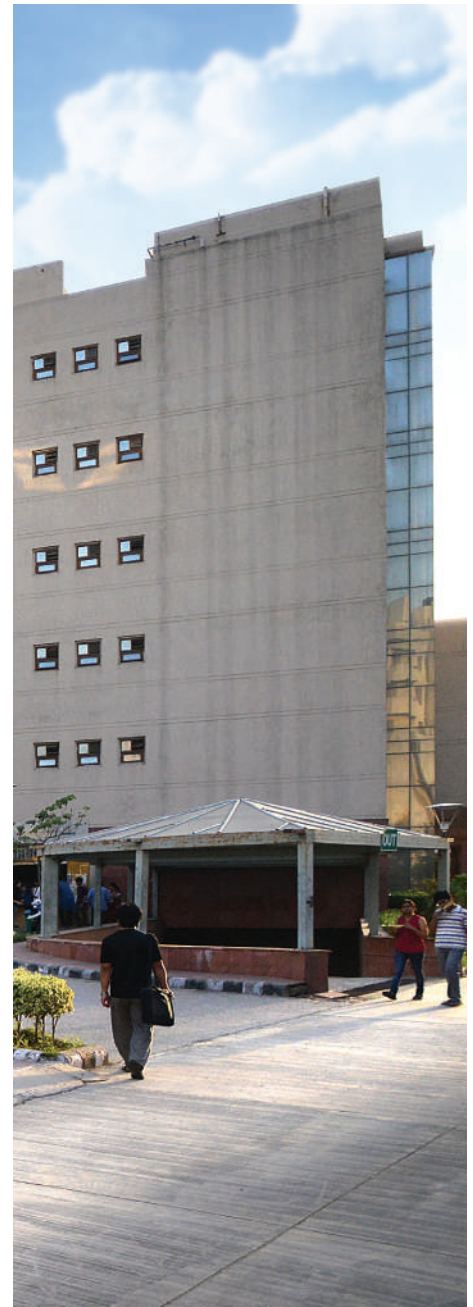
School of Law, Universidad Austral, Buenos Aires, Argentina

Queen's University at Kingston (Canada) on behalf of the Faculty of Law

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Masaryk University, Faculty of Law, Czech Republic



## In Focus: Research Centres

### Deathworthy: A Mental Health Perspective of the Death Penalty, Project 39A

'Deathworthy: A Mental Health Perspective of the Death Penalty' report presents empirical data on mental illness and intellectual disability among death row prisoners in India and the psychological consequences of living on death row. Led and conceptualised by Maitreyi Misra (Head, Mental Health and Criminal Justice, Project 39A, National Law University Delhi), the study was conducted under the guidance of Dr. Pratima Murthy (Director, NIMHANS), Dr. Sanjeev Jain (Senior Professor, Deptt of Psychiatry, NIMHANS) and Dr. Gitanjali Narayanan (Associate Professor, Dept. of Psychology, NIMHANS).



### Centre for Innovation, IP and Competition

Centre for Innovation, IP and Competition is undertaking a UNESCO funded project titled 'Open Science and Digital Inclusion in South Asia' which examines the strengths, challenges and opportunities in the area of Open Science and Digital Inclusion in the countries of India, Bangladesh, Nepal and Sri Lanka. The findings from the study will be published in the form of a report.

### Centre for Communication Governance's Book Launch

The Centre for Communication Governance's edited volume of essays titled 'The Future of Democracy in the Shadow of Big and Emerging Tech' was released by Arvind Kejriwal, Chief Minister of Delhi at NLU Delhi's 8th Convocation in the presence of the Chief Justice of India, Justice N.V. Ramana. The edited volume collates the work of experts on the relationship between democracy on the one hand and big tech and emerging tech on the other.



### Centre for Alternative Dispute Resolution-Journal Launch

National Law University's Delhi's Centre for ADR launched its official publication—CADR Journal of Dispute Resolution (CJDR). The Journal is dedicated to recognize and foster academic research and scholarship in ADR methods. This biannual Journal intends to examine the latest developments in the field of ADR and its interface with commercial law, particularly in light of comparative international perspectives. The first edition of CJDR was launched in July 2021 and the second edition was launched in December 2021.



## CCRJJs' Work With UNICEF & Govt. of India

The Centre for Child Rights and Juvenile Justice (CCRJJ) along with UNICEF organised a consultation with relevant stakeholders in the field of child rights and criminal law. The consultation was held in order to collate comments and suggestions to the draft amendments to the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Model Rules 2016, and submit it to the Ministry of Women and Child Development. The Centre also organised a webinar on child rights along with the Department of Justice, Govt. of India to mark legal literacy week.

## Student Achievements

### International Mediation Singapore (IMSG) 2021

National Law University Delhi team performed excellently in one of the biggest online international competitions, the International Mediation Singapore (IMSG) 2021- an international moot organised in Singapore that focuses on mediation advocacy and mediation. Our team comprising Chelsea Sawlani, Anurag Singh and Trishan Dollny won a gold medal in Mediation Advocacy and a silver medal in Mediation.

### 7th National Law School - Negotiation Mediation and Client Counselling Competition

The National Law University Delhi team, comprising third year student Shubhankar Tiwari and first year student Shraddha along with their coach Preksha Sharma (IV year) were adjudged as winners of the 7th NLS NMC (Client Counselling Segment). The competition was held from 28 April, 2021 to 2 May, 2021. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, this year's edition of NMC was organized in the virtual mode by the ADR Board of National Law School of India University, Bengaluru. Our team faced Government Law College, Mumbai in the finals and were judged by an esteemed three-member panel comprising Ambassador (Retd.) Menahem Kanafi- Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Israel, Mr. Atul Sharma- Managing Partner, Link Legal and Mr. CK Nandakumar-Advocate, FCI Arb.



*Atharva Kotwal (left) and Siddharth Kaushal (right) won the ADR ODR International Negotiation Competition Dubai, 2021*

## ADR Competitions

The Alternative Dispute Resolution Committee of NLU Delhi annually conducts selections among the University students, called the Internal ADR Selections, to give students the opportunity to participate in and represent the University in ADR competitions. NLU Delhi has demonstrated a consistent trend of achieving excellence at these competitions and in 2021 our students again made us proud, yet again.

### ADR ODR International Negotiation Competition Dubai 2021

Atharva Kotwal and Siddharth Kaushal won the ADR ODR International Negotiation Competition Dubai, 2021. The team received a gold medal for being the Best Negotiation Team, and also received the award for the Best Negotiation Strategy. The competition took place in-person in Dubai from 23-26 November, 2021. The team was guided by the faculty advisor, Professor (Dr.) Bharti.

### Other ADR competitions where NLU Delhi students were position holders:

Second Runners-Up, Warsaw Negotiation Round 2021

World Finalists (Mediation Category) Special Recognition for Best Video Presentation, 20th INADR International Law School Mediation Tournament, 2021

Gold Medal (Mediation Advocacy) & Silver Medal (Mediation), Louis M. Brown and Forrest S. Mosten International Client Consultation Competition 2021

Winners, 2nd NLIU-Khaitan International Negotiation Competition 2021

Semi-Finalists Second Runners-Up (Negotiation Category), 3rd NUJS Mediation Competition 2021

Runners-Up Mediator Team, 5th Best Mediator (Preliminary Rounds), 9th NLIU-INADR International Mediation Tournament 2021

Runners-Up, 1st RGNUL National Negotiation Competition 2021

Runners-Up, 4th NLIU-Link Legal National Client Counselling Competition 2021

Runners-Up, 1st HPNLU Shimla National Mediation Competition 2021

### Other ADR competitions where NLU Delhi students were position holders:

Semi-Finalists (Negotiation Segment) Quarter Finalists (Client Counselling Segment), 4th Amity National ADR Tournament 2021

Quarter Finalist (Mediator), 4th ILSCA Intercession 2021

Octa-Finalist (Mediator), 3rd RGNUL Sports and Entertainment Law National Mediation Competition 2021

Octa-Finalist (Mediator), 1st SK Mishra Memorial International Mediation and Negotiation Competition 2021

Quarter-Finalists Best Mediator (Preliminary Rounds), NMIMS 1st National Mediation Tournament 2021

Semi-Finalists (Client Counselling Segment) & Quarter-Finalists (Mediation Segment), MAIMS 1st Justice J.S. Verma Memorial ADR & Client Counselling Competition 2021

Semi-Finalists Award for Second-Best Script Memorandum, Kerala Law Academy National Virtual ADR Competition 2021

## 25th Stetson International Environmental Law Moot Court Competition Surana & Surana Indian National Rounds

Team of Aparna Krishna Kumar, Ayan Gupta and Ghanavi Umesh, was declared as the winning team at the 25th Stetson International Environmental Law Moot Court Competition Surana & Surana Indian National Rounds. Ayan Gupta was adjudged as the Best Student Advocate in the competition as well as the Best Oralist in the final round. The team was placed 3rd, in the "Best Memorials" category in the competition. This year's problem was based at the intersection of international environmental law, public international law and international trade law, focussing on 'Protection of Bats and International Trade Measures'.

## Oxford International IP Law Moot 2021

Sahil Malhotra, Romit Kohli and Siddharth Kaushal, won the 2021 Oxford International Intellectual Property Law Moot Competition. The Grand Finale on 20 March, 2021 was judged by Lord Kitchin (Justice of the Supreme Court of the United Kingdom), Lord Justice Christopher Floyd (recently retired Lord Justice of Appeal of the Court of Appeal of England and Wales) and Lord Justice Birss (Lord Justice of Appeal of the Court of Appeal of England and Wales).

## International Commercial Arbitration Moot Championship 2021, Malaysia

Nandini Goel, Anisha Sharma and Harshit Nema from the 1st Year (Batch of 2020-25), won the Best Respondent Memorandum Award and emerged as semi-finalist at International Commercial Arbitration Moot Championship (ICAMC) 2021 organized by the University Utara, Malaysia. The prestigious moot competition was held between 29 -31 May 2021. The award ceremony was presided over by Hon'ble Judge of the Federal Court of Malaysia, Ms. Mary Lim Thiam Suan.



## Felix Scholarship

Pritam Raman Giriya won the prestigious Felix Scholarship to read for a Masters in Law at SOAS, University of London, UK. He is following in the footsteps of Gale Andrew and Salmoli Choudhuri, both alumni who received this scholarship in 2018 and 2015 respectively.

## Events

### 8th Convocation

The 8th Convocation of National Law University Delhi was held in the campus in accordance with strict Covid protocols and social distancing. In total, 330 students graduated with B.A.LL.B., LL.M., and Ph.D. degrees. The convocation address was delivered by Chief Guest, Hon'ble Mr. Justice N.V. Ramana, Chief Justice of India & Visitor NLU Delhi. The degrees were conferred by Hon'ble Mr. Justice D. N. Patel, Chief Justice, High Court of Delhi & Chancellor NLU Delhi. Present at the occasion was Hon'ble Mr. Arvind Kejriwal, Chief Minister, Govt. of NCT of Delhi as Special Guest of Honour.



### Medallists

#### Vice-Chancellor's Gold Medals For B.A. LL.B (Hons.) & LL.M. Programme (Batch of 2020)

Aakanksha Bhardwaj for Best Female Student  
B.A.LL.B.(Hons.)

Aditya Jindal for Best Male Student  
B.A.LL.B.(Hons.)

Vinodharani S R, for Best Female Student (LL.M.  
Programme)

Arihant R Sungay for Best Male Student (LL.M.  
Programme)

#### Vice-Chancellor's Gold Medals For B.A. LL.B (Hons.) & LL.M Programme (Batch Of 2021)

Anupriya Dhonchak for Best Female Student  
B.A.LL.B.(Hons.)

Vishvesh Vikram for Best Male Student  
B.A.LL.B.(Hons.)

Pooja Yadav for Best Female Student  
(LL.M. Programme)

Nitish Rai Parwani for Best Male Student (LL.M.  
Programme)



## Conferment of Degrees: Doctoral & Postdoctoral

In September 2021, Professor Syed Iqbal Ahmad, Research Associate, NLU Delhi, was awarded a Ph.D. degree on the topic "Human Trafficking in South Asia- Need for a Human Rights Perspective" from National Law University, Delhi and Professor Daniel Mathew, Assistant Professor, NLU Delhi was awarded a Ph.D degree on the topic 'Locating Human Rights within the investor state dispute adjudication paradigm: An analysis of utilisation of international human rights law in investment arbitration.'



Professor Syed Iqbal Ahmad awarded Ph.D.



Professor Daniel Mathew awarded Ph.D.

## Journals

The third volume of Journal of Legal Studies (JLS) was released during the 8th Convocation ceremony. JLS is an annual student-edited, peer-reviewed law journal that seeks to provide a forum for discussions on varied issues of contemporary importance in domestic and international law and policy. The inaugural issue of the Journal was launched by the Honourable Chief Justice of India, Ranjan Gogoi on 17 August, 2019. A new edition of The Journal of National Law University, Delhi (JNLUD) was also released during the Convocation ceremony. JNLUD is a peer-reviewed, faculty-edited, international journal that promotes inter-disciplinary and empirical discussions on diverse areas of law. The journal was founded in the year 2013. JNLUD is now published bi-annually and it publishes articles, comments, and book reviews.

## Faculty Seminars

National Law University Delhi held several faculty seminars throughout the year. The seminars are attended by NLU Delhi's students and faculty and their objective is to contribute to the intellectual life of the university by encouraging faculty interactions with students and fellow staff. Below is the list of some of the seminars that the University held:

- Dr. Arul George Scaria, Associate Professor (Law), spoke on "Open Science and Draft Science, Technology and Innovation Policy" on 27 January, 2021
- Dr. Aparajita Bhatt, Assistant Professor (Law), spoke on "Data Sovereignist Quintessential Model for the New World Order" on 4 February, 2021
- Dr. Risham Garg, Associate Professor (Law), spoke on "The Social and Economic Policy of the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code 2016" on 17 March, 2021
- Professor (Rd.) Sri Krishna Deva Rao, Vice-Chancellor and Sushila Singh, Associate Professor (Law), spoke on an article "Legal Pedagogy and its Discontents, International Law Journal in context (2020), Richard Abel, Connell Distinguished Professor of Law Emeritus and Distinguished Research Discontents, International" on 2 April, 2021
- Dr. Yogesh Pai, Assistant Professor (Law), spoke on "Will the WTO Members waver on India's TRIPS Proposal for Covid-19?" on 23 April, 2021
- Professor (Rd.) Neharika Vohra, Vice-Chancellor, Delhi Skill and Entrepreneurship University, spoke on "Understanding Multiple Perspectives" on 25 August, 2021
- Dr. Monica Negi, Assistant Professor (Law), spoke on "Global Value Chains and ASEAN: A Case for Diversification?" on 8 September, 2021

- Dr. Jeet Singh Mann, Associate Professor (Law), spoke on “Ethical Dimensions of Legal Education and Research” on 29 September, 2021
- Maitreyi Misra from Project 39A spoke on the report “Deathworthy: A Mental Health Perspective of the Death Penalty” on 25 November, 2021
- Ms Yolanda Van der Vyver, visiting Halle Institute Fulbright Scholar at Emory University- Centre on Law and Religion spoke on her research on the topic “Monuments, Law and Religion.”
- Pranav Ganesan, Academic Fellow, spoke on the topic “Under the Magnifying Glass goes COP26” on 22 December, 2021

## Commemorating 75 years of India’s Independence

NLU Delhi held events all the year round to celebrate 75 years of India’s Independence, ‘Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav’. The University held several talks by esteemed professors and dignitaries:

- ‘Duty to cherish the noble ideals which inspired our National Struggle for Freedom’ Dr. Ishwara Bhat, Professor of Law & Vice-Chancellor, Karnataka State Law University.
- ‘Law and Dharama’ by Dr. Makarand R. Paranjpe, Professor of English at Jawaharlal Nehru University.
- ‘Importance of the Constitution of India’, by Professor V. Vijajakumar, Vice-Chancellor, National Law Institute University Bhopal, as part of Constitution Day celebrations. In keeping with the tradition of Constitution Day, the university held the reading of the Preamble to the Constitution of India.
- ‘Jurisprudence of Right to know under the Indian Constitution’, by Professor Madabhushi Sridhar Acharyulu, former Central Information Commissioner

NLU Delhi also held an exhibition of books, newspaper articles, and other published materials discussing the role and sacrifices of revolutionary heroes and freedom fighters like Mahatma Gandhi, Sardar Patel, Dr. B R. Ambedkar, Sri Aurobindo, Subhas Chandra Bose and many others during the Independence Struggle. The exhibition was inaugurated by Professor (Dr.) Srikrishna Deva Rao, Vice Chancellor, National Law University Delhi in the presence of Professor (Dr.) Anupama Goel, Professor of Law and then Registrar, Professor (Dr.) Maheshwar Singh, Professor of Political Science, along with other senior faculty members and library staff.



NLU Delhi held exhibition on India’s Revolutionary Heroes as Part of Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav



NLU Delhi celebrates Independence Day

## NLU Delhi Unwinds

Though the past academic year kept our students away from campus, the NLU Delhi's cultural committee ensured that none of our students had to miss out on campus life. The Cultural Committee ingeniously utilised the online medium to ensure that a sense of communion and bonhomie amongst students was maintained.

The committee held an online Prom event specifically for the first years. The event served well for the new joiners to break the ice and familiarise themselves with each other. The students dressed up for the event, paired up and played games. They also created an online yearbook with pictures of them all.

An 'Open Mic Event' was conducted for the entire student body from across batches. The event turned out to be a huge success with performances including singing, poetry, stand-up comedy, dance videos and many more. At the end of the event, there was also an impromptu music session which was attended by all the participating students.

On the occasion of Diwali, a 'Rangoli' competition was conducted virtually. The participants were made to send-in their entries via pictures and videos. The event was judged by the faculty in-charge of the Committee and the best ones were given a cash award.

Continuing the annual tradition of organising 'Secret Santa' on Christmas, NLU Delhi's student body anonymously exchanged presents with each other. This was a great way for the students to make new friends and an opportunity for the juniors to get to know their seniors.

## Sports Committee

The Sports Committee successfully organised online yoga classes for the physical and mental well being of the NLU Delhi community through the pandemic.

## Philosophy Club

Under the supervision of Professor Maheshwar Singh, the Batch of 2025 has created the Philosophy Club to spread an appreciation for philosophy within the University and law schools in general. They have conducted various discussions on a host of fundamental philosophical texts and ideas, hosted lecture series by leading academics, disseminated easily accessible learning resources and notes, and much more. They also publish an Annual Newsletter, which contains a report of their activities and the best articles we received as entry submissions to their Blog.



## List of other yearly events

- Webinar for Awareness about Consumer Protection Laws on 24 December, 2021
- Round Table Discussion on Cross-Border Insolvency Rules and Regulations on 11 December, 2021
- National Law University Delhi in collaboration with Transparency International India, New Delhi, held online lectures on Integrity in Governance during the Vigilance Awareness Week 26 October to 1 November, 2021.
- Lecture on Understanding Corporate M&A and Creating Start-up Unicorns – A Lawyer’s Toolkit’ on 26 October, 2021.
- Virtual Capacity Building Programme on 25, 27 and 31 August, 2021
- 11th Faculty seminar on the topic “Law and Dharma” on 25 August, 2021
- Five Days Online Certificate Course on Consumer Law & Practice on 2-6 August, 2021
- Seminar on “Understanding Gender Mainstreaming” by Dr. Sanghamitra Dhar, Technical Coordinator (States) for Gender-Responsive Budgeting at the UN Women.
- Virtual lecture by Sh. Pramath Raj Sinha, Founder, Chairman and Managing Director, Harappa Education, on ‘Content and Delivery of Online and Digital Education’ on 26 July, 2021.
- Virtual panel discussion on Proposed Amendments to Consumer Protection (E-Commerce) Rules, 2020 in association with Department of Consumer Affairs, Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution, Government of India on 03 July, 2021.
- National Stakeholder Consultation with Civil Society Organisations in India for the Preparation of India’s Report under Article 40 of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights on 21 June, 2021.
- India’s Report under Article 40 of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights Consultation: (Covenant) for 2021 in association with Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India on 10 June, 2021
- Stakeholder Consultations – India’s Report under International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights in association with Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, 22 May, 2021.
- Discussion on the ‘activities of international intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations relating to space law’
- Online Course Lecture Series on “Forensics and Mental Health & Criminal Justice” on 21 December, 2021.



Study at NLU Delhi

# Degrees & Programmes

## Undergraduate Programme [B.A.LL.B. (Hons.)]

The five-year integrated B.A.LL.B. (Hons) Degree Programme is the flagship course of NLU Delhi. This is a comprehensive interdisciplinary law degree that is aimed at building a strong foundation of law along with an all-round socio-political and economic understanding. Admission to the course is on the basis of merit as assessed through the All India Law Entrance Test (AILET), conducted annually. In order to be eligible for the course, the students must have completed senior secondary (Class 12th) education in any stream. After the completion of the course, students are equipped for professional or academic pursuits.

## Post graduate Programme [LL.M. (one-year)]

NLU Delhi offers a one-year LL.M. Degree Program aimed at developing a deeper and focussed understanding in the area of specialization. The course is primarily designed to inculcate research skills and analytical abilities. At the end of the final semester, students have to compulsorily submit a dissertation on the topic of their choice. The course equips students to pursue careers in academia, research, legal practice, and administrative and judicial services. An LL.M. Degree is typically open for those who have completed their Bachelor's Degree in Law, however, students from other fields are also eligible to apply. Admission is on the basis of merit as assessed through the All India Law Entrance Test (AILET), conducted annually by NLU Delhi.

## Doctoral Programme [Ph.D.]

NLU Delhi's doctoral programme is a research-intensive programme designed for post-graduate students and equips them for careers in scholarship and teaching. As a University policy, NLU Delhi, encourages multidisciplinary research, thus, students can research in law or related subjects through the disciplinary perspectives of social sciences or humanities. The aim of the programme is to produce a substantial body of work that adds value to the academic field while enabling the students to become independent researchers and scholars in their respective fields.

## LL.M. Professional

LL.M. (Pro) is a one-year executive diploma programme which aims at providing and enriching legal knowledge of professionals. It is meant for individuals from different walks of life who are desirous of gaining expertise in laws in their areas of work or interest. It will be taught through a mixed mode of contact classes and distance learning. LL.M. (Pro) is not a degree programme, and will not qualify a candidate for academic and other jobs that require a full-time LL.M. or Master's degree as minimum qualification. It will also not qualify a candidate to appear for the UGC's National Eligibility Test (NET) and other similar tests.

## Bridge Course

NLU Delhi has been nominated by the Bar Council of India to offer bridge courses along with four other National Law Universities in the country. This course is taken by an applicant who seeks equivalence of his/her LL.B. degree obtained from abroad with an Indian LL.B. degree. The course is mandated by BCI for candidates holding foreign LL.B. degrees and seeking admissions in Indian Universities. It can be undertaken either in one year or two years as per the choice of the candidate.



# Admissions

National Law University Delhi annually conducts a national level test - All India Law Entrance Test (AILET) for admissions into B.A.LL.B. (Hons.), LL.M. (OneYear) and Ph.D. Programmes. The application forms are released only online during the month of January and the exam is conducted in the offline mode, usually, during the month of May. Candidates are chosen to the eligible courses based on their performance in the AILET.



## B.A.LL.B. (Hons.)

There are a total of 120 seats for the undergraduate programme; 110 seats for students based on AILET merit; additionally, 5 seats each are reserved for foreign nationals and OCI/PIO\* through direct admission. While, foreign nationals/OCI/PIO are all exempted from AILET, they should have at least 65% marks in the qualifying examination in order to be eligible for the course.

### Intake Data - Academic Year 2020-2021

1. **Total Candidates Applied** - 16752
2. **Total Candidates Appeared** - 13824
3. **Intake Capacity** - 123

Category	Total Students
General Category	50
Other Backward Classes (Non Creamy Layer) 22%	24
Schedule Caste Category 15%	17
Schedule Tribe Category 7.5%	08
Economically Weaker Sections (EWS) 10%	11
Foreign National + OCI/PIO	10 (5 + 5)
Kashmiri Migrants	01
Jammu & Kashmir Residents	02
<b>Total Students</b>	<b>123</b>

5% Horizontal Reservation across the categories has been provided to the PwD Category candidate.

\*Overseas Citizen of India/ Person of Indian Origin

#### 4. Students Admitted

Category	Male	Female	Total Students
General Category	28	23	51
Other Backward Classes (Non Creamy Layer) 22%	18	06	24
Schedule Caste Category 15%	09	08	17
Schedule Tribe Category 7.5%	05	03	08
Economically Weaker Sections (EWS) 10%	08	03	11
Foreign National + OCI/PIO	02	07	09
Study in India	02	01	03
Kashmiri Migrants	-	01	01
Jammu & Kashmir Residents	02	-	02
<b>Total Students</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>126</b>

#### 5. State-wise number of Students admitted in B.A.LL.B. (Hons.) Programme – 2021

S.no	Name of States/UTs	Students Admitted
1	Andhra Pradesh	01
2	Bihar	05
3	Chhattisgarh	03
4	Delhi	18
5	Haryana	16
6	Jammu And Kashmir	04
7	Karnataka	01
8	Kerala	03
9	Madhya Pradesh	14
10	Maharashtra	06
11	Odisha	01
12	Punjab	04
13	Rajasthan	08
14	Uttar Pradesh	23
15	Uttarakhand	02
16	West Bengal	04
	<b>Total</b>	<b>113</b>



## List of Foreign National/OCI & PIO Students admitted to B.A.LL.B. (Hons.) Programme – 2021

S.no	Name of the Country	Students Admitted
1	United States of America	06
2	Nepal	03
	<b>Total</b>	<b>09</b>

## List of Students admitted in Study in India Scheme to B.A.LL.B. (Hons.) Programme – 2021

S.no	Name of the Country	Students Admitted
1	UK	01
2	Nepal	01
3	Bangladesh	01
	<b>Total</b>	<b>03</b>



## LL.M. (One-Year) Programme

There are a total of 80+1 seats available for the one-year postgraduate programme; 70 seats for students based on AILET merit; 5 seats each are reserved for foreign nationals and OCI/PIO through direct admission with the inclusion of 1 additional supernumerary seat reserved for Kashmiri migrants. Foreign nationals are exempted from AILET. For the LL.M. course, NLU Delhi reserves 15% and 7.5% of the seats for individuals belonging to the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes communities, respectively. Additionally, 5% of the seats are reserved for individuals belonging to the Persons with Disabilities category.

## Intake Data - Academic Year 2020-2021

1. Total Candidates Applied	-	2869
2. Total Candidates Appeared	-	2235
3. Intake Capacity	-	81

Category	Total Students
General Category	32
Other Backward Classes (Non Creamy Layer) 22%	15
Schedule Caste Category 15%	11
Schedule Tribe Category 7.5%	05
Economically Weaker Sections (EWS) 10%	07
Supernumerary: Kashmiri Migrants	01
Foreign National + OCI/PIO	10 (5 + 5)
<b>Total Students</b>	<b>81</b>

5% Horizontal Reservation across the categories has been provided to the PwD Category candidate.

#### 4. Students Admitted

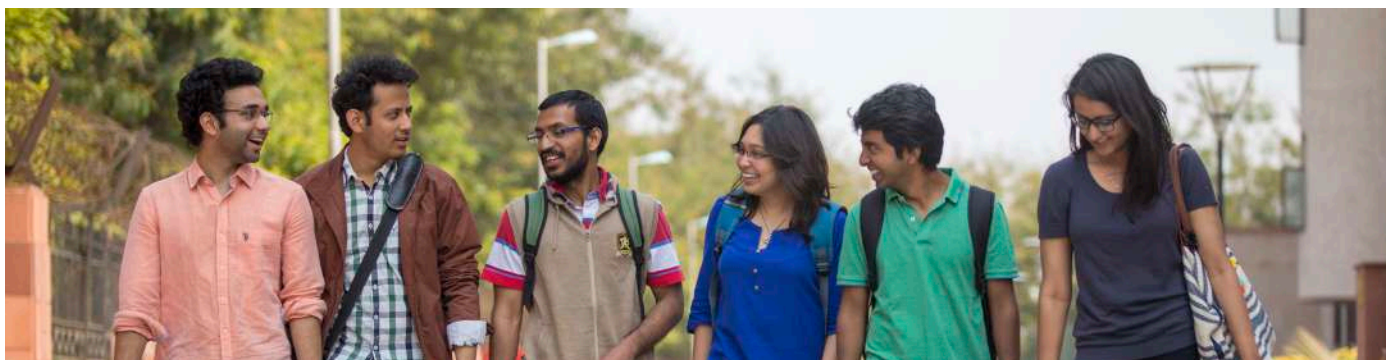
Category	Total Students
General Category	42*
Other Backward Classes (Non Creamy Layer) 22%	15
Schedule Caste Category 15%	11
Schedule Tribe Category 7.5%	05
Economically Weaker Sections (EWS) 10%	07
Supernumerary: Kashmiri Migrants	01
<b>Total Students</b>	<b>81</b>

\*Unfilled seats of Foreign Nationals/ OCI & PIO converted to the Unreserved Category.

#### 5. State-wise number of Students admitted in LL.M. Programme – 2021

S.no	Name of States/UTs	Students Admitted
1	Bihar	01
2	Chandigarh	01
3	Chhattisgarh	03
4	Delhi	15
5	Haryana	10
6	Himachal Pradesh	02
7	Jammu And Kashmir	01
8	Jharkhand	02
9	Kerala	05
10	Madhya Pradesh	04
11	Maharashtra	02

S.no	Name of States/UTs	Students Admitted
12	Punjab	04
13	Rajasthan	07
14	Telangana	01
15	Uttar Pradesh	21
16	Uttarakhand	02
	<b>Total</b>	<b>81</b>



### Ph.D. Programme

For admission into the doctoral programme the candidates must have a LL.M. or an equivalent law degree with 55% marks (50% in case of SC/ST/Persons with Disabilities). There are a total of 15 seats; 13 seats are reserved for students selected based on AILET merit and 2 seats are reserved for foreign nationals. Foreign nationals are exempted from AILET as they are eligible for direct admission to the Ph.D. programme based on the merit of their research proposals.

### Intake Data- Academic Year 2020-2021

A total of 311 applications were received for the Ph.D. programme out of which 215 candidates appeared in the All-India Law Entrance Test (AILET-2021). 51 candidates including one Foreign national candidate were invited for submission of their research proposals. After screening, 14 candidates out of the total were selected (13+1 foreign national) for the doctoral programme.

### LL.M. (Professional) Programme

Candidates are selected for the LL.M. Professional Programme based on the percentage of marks secured in the qualifying graduation exam. The merit cut-off list is prepared by the University, accordingly. National Law University Delhi, reserves 15% of the seats for individuals from Scheduled Castes and 7.5% of the seats for individuals from Scheduled Tribes communities. Additionally, 3% of the seats are reserved for individuals belonging to the Persons with Disabilities category.

### Seminar Courses

The University offers optional seminar courses for its students in the IV and V year of the B.A.LL.B. (Hons.) programme. In order to provide students with a wide range of specializations, we invite lawyers, practitioners, industry experts, academics, social scientists, doctoral students, and even our alumni, to offer seminar courses. The aim behind introducing these courses is to allow students the opportunity to gain insights and experience into specialised topics, and to engage with diverse voices in the classroom. Our list of seminar course instructors over the last two years is below:

Name of Instructor	Area of Law
Abhilasha Nautiyal & Aditya Gupta	Technology Law/ IP and contract
Abhinav Sekhri	The Criminal Process
Eashan Ghosh	Advanced Indian Trademark Law, Indian Trade Marks/Design Law, Indian Intellectual Property Law: Advanced Issues
Jahnvi Sindhu & Vikram Aditya Narayan	Decoding Separation of Powers
Kritika Agrawal	Structuring Business Transactions through Contracts
Mihira Sood	Feminist Political Theory & Privacy and Feminism
Puja Priyadarshini	Conceptualizing Justice
Shivam Singh	Sports Law
Shriya Maini	International Criminal Law; Supreme Court Practise and Procedure; Modern Laws of Armed Conflict
Vrinda Bhandari	Privacy Law and Data Protection in India
Ashutosh Kumar	Commercial Arbitration Practice
Manini Brar	International Commercial Arbitration
Shalini Butani	Biodiversity Law
Gowthaman Ranganathan	Law and Social Justice
Trideep Pais & Sanya Kumar	Criminal Practice- Special Laws
Hemant Kothari	Debt Restructuring and Insolvency Regime in India
SN Ghosh	Security Transactions Law
Shuchi Sinha	Principles and Practice of Finance Law
Radhika Chitkara	Feminism: Law, Theory and Praxis
Sai Deepak J	Commercial Litigation
Ananya Ghosh	Legal Writing and Drafting
Puneeth Nagaraj	Technology and Platform Regulation
Sanhita Ambast	International Human Rights Law
Gopa Kumar	IP and Public Health
Adarsh Ramanujan	Advanced IP Law/ Commercial Arbitration
Anirban Bhattacharya	M&A Transactions
Ankita Goel De Mallik	The Law on Financing
Puneeth Puttaiah	Judicial Process and the Supreme Court



Name of Instructor	Area of Law
Himanshu Agarwal	The law on self incrimination
Nehaa Chaudhari& Anirudh Rastogi	Technology Law (co-taught with Anirudh Rastogi)
Suchindran Baskar Narayan	Constitutionalism
Danish Sheikh	Law, Love and Literature
Nupur Chowdhury	Law, Technology and Development
Sumant Batra	Corporate and Individual Insolvency Resolution
Prabhash Ranjan	Trade Law
Aahna Mehrotra	Sports Law
Kapil Sankhla	Anti Corruption Laws with Special Emphasis on the Prevention of Corruption Act, Becoming a Criminal Lawyer: A Practical Approach, White Collar Crimes in India- Law and Analysis
Prerna Peshori	International Tax Framework in the Post BEPS World
Tasneem Deo	Crime: Commission and Prevention, Indian Criminal Justice Reform
Aradhana Cherupara Vadakkethil	Sexual Offences, Law and Philosophy & Gender, Family and State, Criminal Justice and Human Rights
Akshay Sreevatsa	Genocide-Humanity's Tragic Secret
Atul Sharma & Manu Sanan	Dispute Settlement in International Trade and Investment
Prerna Peshori	International Tax and Double Tax Avoidance Agreements
Professor (Dr.) Prasannanshu	Forensic Linguistics
Rajiv Yadav	Legal and Regulatory Framework for the Electricity Sector in India - Issues and Challenges
Risham Garg	Insolvency, Restructuring and Entrepreneurship: Law & Policy
Ruhi Paul	International Commercial Arbitration
Samir Gandhi	Competition Law and Practice
Shantanu Mukherjee	Healthcare and Life Sciences: A Practical Introduction
Shriya Maini	Immigration Laws
Sidharth Luthra	From Policing to Prisons: Need for Urgent Reform
Anirban Bhattacharya	Private Equity Transactions
Anuja Agrawal & Lavanya Singh	The Evolving Technology Policy Landscape in India



Name of Instructor	Area of Law
Professor MS Sahoo & Dr. Risham Garg	Regulations, Regulator, and Regulated
Professor MS Sahoo & Professor Ritu Gupta	Competition Law & Practice
Gunjan Chawla	Technology and National Security Law and Policy
Kaustav Saha	Remedies for Breach of Contract
Rahul Bajaj	Private Law and Fundamental Rights
Rony John	Tax and Regulatory Litigation Workshop
Shrutanjaya Bhardwaj	Free Speech Law

## Institution of Chairs in Specialised Areas of Law

**The Bodh Raj Sawhny Memorial Trust** established a Chair on Professional Ethics in the name of Justice Bodh Raj Sawhny on 27 April 2012. The objectives of the Chair are to promote research in the field of Professional Ethics; Organize seminars and conferences of national and international importance on Professional Ethics in the legal profession in consultation with Bar Council of India; Formulate and develop the details of the projects, curriculum, teaching and research methodology, training and advocacy work. Justice J.S. Verma was appointed as the Chair between August 2012–April 2013. Subsequently, Professor KPS Mahalwar was appointed as Chair Professor from 2015-17 and Professor Ranbir Singh, Vice Chancellor of NLU Delhi from 2017-20.

**The IPR Chair at NLU Delhi** was instituted by the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT), Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Government of India in 2018 with the vision to “facilitate intellectual property education and research”. The overall objectives of the IPR Chair are laid out in the Scheme for Pedagogy and Research in IPRs for Holistic Education and Academia (SPRIHA). Since its inception, the IPR Chair has contributed to new research and insights into several areas of IP such as IP and Vaccines, IP and Public Health, Standard-Essential Patents and Sci-Hub litigation. It has organised panel discussions and events namely on, IP and the Pandemic, Global SEP Litigation post Huawei/Unwired Plant, WIPO-WTO-WHO Trilateral Report on IP and Health Innovation), student training programs (A Series of Master Classes on L2PRO IP-eLearning Platform), formal and informal Policy Support to the DPIIT in relation to SEPs, IP issues in Vaccine Tech-Transfer, Academic/Industry norms for collaborative research, Copyright Reforms, National Education Policy and IP and Certain Aspects on Implementation of Parliamentary Committee Report on Intellectual Property. It has launched new courses in the area of international IP and health innovation for students of NLU Delhi, and at NLSIU Bengaluru (as a seminar course). It has now launched a fellowship programme for a Ph.D. in IPR at NLU Delhi. The Chair also provides editorial support to the Editorial Board of WIPO-WTO Colloquium Research Papers. It maintains a repository of books purchased under the SPRIHA Scheme at NLU Delhi.

**The KL Arora Chair in Criminal Law** was set up in the memory of late Shri Kundan Lal Arora, Senior Advocate with a view to promote teaching, research and advocacy in the field of Criminal Law. Chair Professors include Professor K. Chockalingam (2012 to 2014), Professor B. B. Pande (2015-18) and Professor G.S. Bajpai (2018-20), Mr. Dayan Krishnan (2022-2025).

**The Chair on Consumer Law** has been established at the National Law University, Delhi by the Department of Consumer Affairs, Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution, Government of India in the year 2019. The Chair was set up to act as a Think Tank for Research and Policy related issues on Consumer Law & Practice, and to develop Consumer Law as a distinct subject of study both at undergraduate and postgraduate levels. Dr. Sushila, Associate Professor, NLU Delhi oversees the activities of the Chair.



## Faculty & Research Centre Achievements

Many of our faculty also serve as directors of specialised research centres that they founded at NLU Delhi. Their achievements in this capacity are mentioned here, along with individual accomplishments.

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# Professor (Dr.) Harpreet Kaur

## Registrar & Proctor

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### Fulbright Fellowship

In 2021 Professor (Dr.) Harpreet Kaur received the Fulbright Nehru Academic and Professional Excellence Fellowship for 6 months. Under the fellowship, she taught Indian Competition Law at Emory Law School, Atlanta, Georgia, USA. She also received Outreach Lecture Fund during the Fulbright Fellowship for taking online lectures at Miami Dade College, USA on 19- 20 October, 2021 on Women's Rights in India and Doing Business in India.

### Ongoing Project

Professor Kaur is working on the Scheme for Promotion of Academic and Research Collaboration (SPARC) Project on 'Re-examining Shareholder Voting and Engagement in Emerging Economies of PR China and India'. The project which was sanctioned in March, 2019 has been extended till March 2022. The international Principal Investigator for the project is Professor Chao Xi for Chinese University of Hong Kong.

### Edited Books

- Edited the textbook on Law of Evidence written by Dr. Avtar Singh published by Central Law Publications, 24th edition, 2020.
- Edited the book "Women and Entrepreneurship in India: Governance, Sustainability and Policy", Routledge, September 2021.
- Edited the book "Facets of Corporate Governance and Corporate Social Responsibility in India", Springer, 2021.

### Book Chapter

Wrote a book chapter 'Achieving Sustainable Development Goals in India' in Cambridge Handbook on Corporate Law and Corporate Governance, edited by Professor Beate Kristine Sjøfjell and Professor Christopher Bruner published in 2020.

### Special Lectures

- Participated as a speaker in a Webinar on Legal Services Industry- Challenges and Opportunities in Quality and Productivity organised by Udyog Manthan on 25 January, 2021.
- Participated as speaker in the online programme organised by IEPF- 'Journey of IEPFA so far- Achievements and the way forward' on 28 January, 2021.
- Organised two Power Panels with Indian Institute of Corporate Affairs on 'Board Performance and Evaluation' and 'Future Boards' for Independent Directors Data Portal on 5 March, 2021 and 26 March, 2021. Mr. Chao Xi, Professor at CUHK, Hong Kong, Dr. Christoph Vander Elst, Professor, Tilburg University and Professor Anne Lafarre, Tilburg University, The Netherlands participated in the panels with Professor (Dr.) Harpreet Kaur.
- Delivered a special lecture on 'Doing Business in India' at the Graduate Colloquium at Maurer School of Law, Indiana University, Indianapolis, USA on 5 November, 2021.

### Outreach activities

Member, Sub- committee on Legal Services constituted by Bureau of Indian Standards, India, 2021.



# Dr. M.S Sahoo

## Distinguished Professor

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### Editorials

- Time to institutionalise valuation profession (Jointly with CKG Nair), The Hindu Businessline, 30 December, 2021
- Insolvency proceedings in slow motion (Jointly with CKG Nair), The Business Standard, 22 December, 2021.
- Need to build regulatory capacity, The Financial Express, 28 October, 2021

### Speaker

M.S. Sahoo addressed as a special Guest in Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India's (IBBI) webinar on 'Platform for Distressed Assets - An Integrated Technology Solution' on 21 December, 2021.

# Professor (Dr.) Bharti

## Professor of Law

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### Publications

- Module on 'Environment and Business as part of Business Law' (MMPC – 013), School of Management Studies IGNOU, December 2021
- Reviewed manuscript ESPR – D – 21 – 11045, 'Decade of NGT of India: Judgement Analysis and Observations for Environmental Science and Pollution Research', Springer Nature, Journals, Editorial Office, September 2021

### International Conferences

- National Law University, Jodhpur – Intensive Training Program for Capacity Building of Judges from Bhutan on Climate Change Law, April 2021

### Webinars/Conferences/Workshops/Debates

- Discussant in Panel 6, 'Environmental Pollution in the Authors Workshop', organized by South Asian Research Colloquium on Environment and Climate Change by South Asian University, GNLU, JNU with support from ADB and UNEP, December 2021
- Speaker on Constitution Day, 'Indian Constitution: Foundation for Social Transformation', IIT Goa, November 2021
- Speaker at Virtual National Conference on Higher Education, 'Recent Development in Higher Education and Future of Online Education', Law Insider, November 2021
- Chair, Technical Session III, in International Conference on 'Human Rights and Criminal Justice System in Contemporary World', Sharda University, NCR, November 2021
- Session Chair on Environment in National Conference cum training by NIDM, Ministry of Home Affairs, GOI and Christ (Deemed to be University), Delhi – NCR, 6 October, 2021

- Resource person in Refresher Course conducted by University of Rajasthan, Jaipur, on 'International Background to Human Rights in India', September 2021
- World Environment Day, Justice ML Pendse Chair in Environmental Law, Chief Guest, MNLU, 5 June, 2021
- National Webinar on Challenges before the Criminal Justice System in India during Covid-19 pandemic, Surendranath Law College, Kolkata, May, 2021
- Guest of Honour in Valedictory Ceremony - National Conference on Environment Conservation: Philosophy, Policy and Ethics, Graphic Era Hill University, Dehradun, 22 April, 2021
- National Symposium on Marine Biodiversity and Sustainability, School of Business and Law, Nav Rachna University, Vadodra, April 15, 2021
- Guest of Honour in Valedictory Ceremony - National Seminar on Issues and Challenges of Environment Impact Assessment, ICFAI University, Dehradun, 3 April, 2021
- Webinar on Post-pandemic Environmental Challenges, G.J. Advani Law College, Mumbai, 23 March, 2021
- International Webinar on Role of Women in 21st century, Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj University and St, Wilfred's College OF Law, Mumbai, 8 March, 2021
- Keynote Speaker - Benevolent Sexism in India, Law Culture and RMNLU SECLLP, RMNLU, Lucknow, 8 March, 2021
- Conference on Right to Breathe Clean Air...Health and Environment-related SDGs, under the Golden Jubilee Conference and Lecture Series Grant of Shastri Indo-Canadian Institute, Symbiosis Law School, Pune, 4 March, 2021
- Invited as Resource Expert outside Delhi, Jammu University (2021)
- Public Interest Litigation: The novel justice paradigm, Sister Nivedita University, Kolkata – 25 January, 2021

### Other Important Activities

- Panellist in interview of legal consultants at Delhi Police Headquarter, December 2021
- Convenor, NLU Delhi for Workshop in association with DJA on 'Capacity Building for Law Graduates prior to their Enrolment as Advocates and for Final Year Law Students of Delhi-NCR region'
- Panellist for Recruitment of Assistant Professor at Parul University, Gujarat (May 2021)

## Professor (Dr.) Ritu Gupta

### Professor of Law

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#### Member & Panellist

- Member of the NHRC Core Group of Women as well as the Advisory Board of the National Human Rights Commission's Hindi Magazine 'Maanav Adhikar: Nayee Dishaayein', 2021.
- Member of the Executive Committees of NLUD and Dr.B R Ambedkar NLU Sonapat.
- Completed the ongoing NLUD-NHRC Major Research Project on Workplace Sexual Harassment of Women at

Workplace.

- Invited as a Resource Person to deliver a lecture in the Faculty Induction Programme organized by HRDC-JNU on 9 December, 2021
- Invited by Hidayatullah National Law University, Raipur (HNLU) to Chair a technical session in a Two-Day National Conference on 'Tribal Transition in India: Issues, Challenges and the Road Ahead' held on 26-27 November, 2021.
- Invited as a co-panelist with Mr Rupinder Singh Suri, ASG on Sansad TV in an episode of its flagship programme '75 Years: Laws That Shaped India' on 27 October, 2021.

## Lectures & Workshops

- Conducted Gender Sensitisation/POSH Act workshops for the following Institutions:
  - Gender Champions Club, VIPS on 12 November, 2021
  - Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) on 20 October, 2021.
  - Haryana Academy of Public Administration (HIPA), Gurugram 5 October, 2021.
  - NTIPRIT, ALT, Gaziabad on 9 September 2021.
  - IIIDEM, Dwarka, 17 August, 2021.
  - Mohan Lal Sukhadia University, Udaipur 3 April, 2021.
  - National Institute of Technology, Srinagar, Uttarakhand, 8 March, 2021.
- Delivered lectures on Law of Banking/Contract for the Faculty and students of:
  - Bharati Vidya Peeth (BVP) School of Law
  - Maharaja Agrasen Institute of Technology (MAIT) School of Law
  - Gitarattan International Business School (GIBS) School of Law

Dr. Sushila

Associate Professor (Law)

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## Publications

Contributed One Unit/chapter titled 'Consumer Protection' under MMPC-13: Business Law- Block IV: Sustainability & Business Unit 14) for School of Management Studies (SOMS), IGNOU (Indira Gandhi National Open University) 2021.

## Research

- Sent detailed Comments to the Ministry of Consumer Affairs Food and Public Distribution, Government of India on the 'Proposed Amendments to Consumer Protection (E-commerce) Rules, 2020'. On invitation from the Ministry, she also made a presentation on the proposed amendments.

- Made presentation on 'New Initiatives under the Legal Metrology' as a Panelist under the Panel Discussion organized by the Ministry Consumer Affairs Food and Public Distribution, Government of India on the occasion of "Celebration of National Consumer Day-2021" (24 December, 2021).
- Made presentation on 'Central Consumer Protection Authority' as Panelist under Consumer Protection Act 2019 during the Virtual Roundtable Discussion on "Challenges under Consumer Protection Act 2019 and Way Forward" organised by Chair on Consumer Law and Practice, National Law School of India University, Bangalore on 9 October, 2021
- Moderator under the Panel Discussion on the Proposed Amendments to Consumer Protection (E-commerce) Rules, 2020 organised by the Chair on Consumer Law, NLU Delhi on Saturday, 3 July, 2021.

## Dr. Amita Punj

### Associate Professor (Law)

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#### Publications

- Guardianship of Hindu Minor: A Critique of the Law (Co-Authored) 63 JLI (2021) 172-189
- Misplaced Idea of Honour enables Violence against Women op. ed. Hindustan Times, 8 March 2021, available at: <https://www.hindustantimes.com/opinion/a-misplaced-idea-of-honour-enables-violence-against-women-101615128193230.html>
- Entries titled Hunger and Common but Differentiated Responsibility in Encyclopedia of Law and Development, Edward Elgar (2021), pp. 121-123, 36-39

#### Lectures

In 2021, Dr. Amita Punj delivered lectures at the Sustainable Development and Global Justice Master's Programme offered by the University of Antwerp.

## Dr. Jeet Singh Mann

### Associate Professor

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#### Research Note

Research Note: titled An Empirical Scrutiny of the Competency and Commitments of Legal Aid Services in India, VOL V 2019, CTAG, NLUD-2019

#### Article

Stimulating Reforms in Legal Education and Research, in book titled "Reforms in Legal Education and Research" (Publisher-Mohan Law House)

#### Edited Books

- Edited book titled "Reforms in Legal Education and Research" 2020 by Mohan Law House New Delhi

- Edited Book titled "Labour Law Reforms" -CTAG, NLUD

## Dr. Risham Garg

### Associate Professor

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#### Speaker/ Key Resource Person

- Insolvency and Bankruptcy Symposium by the Institute of Company Secretaries of India
- Faculty Development Programme (FDP) organised by Gitarattan Law School, New Delhi
- UGC Refresher Course organised by JNV University Jodhpur

#### Research

Working (Research) Paper: "Covid-19 and its impact on Commercial Contracts" Research Working Paper (CTCL-NLUD) December 2021.

## Dr. Aparajita Bhatt

### Assistant Professor (Law)

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#### Paper published

Data Sovereignty: The Quintessential Model for the New World Order, published in ILI Law Review, Summer Issue 2021.

#### International Conference / Webinar

- Presented a paper on Searching for Cyber Peace and Cyber Cooperation in the Transient Times in International Conference on Cyberlaw, Cybercrime and Cybersecurity organised by Cyberlaws.net and Pavan Duggal Associates on November 2021
- Addressed a session in the Annual Event of APSIG on Cybercrime and Role of Governance organised by Asia Pacific School of Internet Governance (Sri Lanka) on 14 December, 2021.
- Fake News and Cyber Propaganda- TERI- UNESCO Webinar on Fighting Fake News: Misinformation and Cyber Security Issues organized on 5 March, 2021.

#### Resource Person, Invited Lectures & Talks

- "Data privacy: The Overlooked Human Right"- Session organized by the Table, Ashoka University on 27 November, 2021
- "Data Sovereignty & Data Protection in the New World Order"- Webinar organized by Amity Law School on 8 October, 2021
- Legal Admissibility of Evidence in Electronic Form" - 12th Course on Speaker Identification and Tape Authentication on 5 August, 2021 organized by LNJNI National Institute of Criminology and Forensic Science

- Laws Related to Forensic Photography and Forensic Videography and Acceptability of Digital Evidence in the Court of Law- Online Certificate Course on Forensic Audio, Forensic Photography, and Video Technology organized on 26 March, 2021 organized by LNJN National Institute of Criminology and Forensic Science
- IT Act and Laws related to admissibility of Digital Evidence- 7th Course on Forensic Accounting for Law Enforcement Officers from 2-6 August, 2021 organized by LNJN National Institute of Criminology and Forensic Science, MHA, Govt. of India.

## Dr. Suryaprakash Mishra

### Assistant Professor (Economics)

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#### Publications

- Optimum Size of the Informal Credit Market – A Political Economy Perspective. (2021). (with Sugata Marjit), CESifo (Ludwigs-Maximilians University's Centre for Economic Studies & Ifo Institute) Munich, Germany.
- Tax Evasion by Tax Deferment: Sham Litigation with an Informal Credit Market. (2021). (with Sugata Marjit and Sandip Mitra), European Journal of Political Economy.
- Competition, Technology, Innovation and Exports: Contemporary Theoretical Insights. (2021). (with Sugata Marjit and Moushaki Roy), in Purnamita Dasgupta, Anindita Roy Saha and Robin Singhal (Eds), Sustainable Development Insights from India, 85–106, Springer Nature.
- Post Covid-19 Impact on Local and Global Economy. (2020). (with Sugata Marjit) Lead article, Trade and Development Review, Vol. 13, Issue 1, 1–15.

## Dr. Sophy K.J

### Assistant Professor

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In March 2021, Dr.Sophy completed her Post-Doctoral Fellowship, affiliated to the King's College of London,UK, sponsored by the European Research Council.

#### Policy Research

- Chhattisgarh State Labour Department:
- Preparation of Comprehensive State response on Labour Codes.
- Formulation of a Labour Policy Framework
- Drafting state rules in response to the Labour Codes
- Formulating a compliance system

#### Invited Lectures

- Webinar on 'Industrial Relations and Legal framework: New Challenges' at CSI Institute of Legal Studies, Cheruvarakonam, TVM on the theme "Labour Reforms: Industrial Relations and Labour Rights"

- Annual Lecture Series on the theme “The Food Security in India” at the Centre for Legal Studies, GIBS, Delhi
- Workshop Training of IIS Trainees on “Criminal Defamation in India” at the Indian Institute of Mass Communication, Delhi
- Workshop Training of IIS Trainees on “Enforcement of Media Regulations in India” at the Indian Institute of Mass Communication, Delhi
- Webinar on the “Status of Dalit Christians in Indian Law” organized by the Dalit Christian Discussion Forum, Kerala.

### Reviewed

- Cambridge University Press, UK - Prophylactic Rights: Sex Work Movement, HIV/AIDS and Anti-Trafficking in Sonagachi, India
- Journal of National Law University Delhi

## Dr. Syed Iqbal Ahmad

### Research Associate

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In 2021, Dr. Ahmad began work on a project sanctioned by the Ministry of Minority Affairs, Government of India, 2021 on the topic ‘Study On Issues Relating to Waqf Properties’ (Eviction of Unauthorized Occupants, Bill-2014)

### Articles

Article titled “Human Trafficking- Need for an Effective Prosecution Response” published in the book titled, Exploring Asia: Concepts and Context, Asian Association of Law Professors, International Law & Affairs Series, Lex & Juris Publications, Bhaktapur, Nepal in July 2021.

### Online Lectures

- Delivered online lecture on the topic “Female Victims of Trafficking- Developing a Victim Centered Approach” at the International Seminar on Human Rights & Gender Justice, organized by the Kerala Law Academy {CALSAR} {KLA} and Center for Advanced Legal Studies and Research, {CALSAR} at Thiruvananthapuram, on December 2021
- Delivered online lecture on the topic “Need for an Effective Prosecutional response to Human Trafficking for promotion of Social and Global Calm”, at the International Conference organized by the Institute of Objective Studies, New Delhi on the theme “Identification of Principal Foundation on the Ts for Global Peace” on January 2021
- Delivered online lecture on the topic “Career Counseling” for the students of VPSK International School Delhi, organized by Helphen India, Vellore, Tamil Naidu in February 2021.

## Dr. Priya Rai

### Deputy Librarian

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### Edited Books

- Changing Dimensions of Education and Librarianship during COVID-19. AKB Publication, Bhagalpur (Priya Rai, and

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etal. (Eds.) (2020).

- Emerging Technological Innovations in Libraries. Vidit Publication House, New Delhi. Rai, Priya Rai and etal. (Eds.) (2020).
- Redesigning and Reimagining Libraries in New Technological Era. Vidit Publication House, New Delhi. ( Priya Rai and etal. (Eds.). (2020).

### Articles and Research Papers

- Trends of Law Journal Publishing by Indian Law Universities: Catering law journals visibility on essence of Bethesda Statement? International Journal of Legal Information. Vo.48.1, Cambridge University Press. (Akash Singh, Sonam Singh and Priya Rai (2020).)
- Protection of People with Disabilities: A Perspective of Legal Instruments with UK, USA and India. Indian Journal of Information Library and Society. Vol.34.3&4: 250-256. (Priya Rai (2021)

## Dr.Akash Singh

### Assistant Librarian

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### Edited Books

- Public Digital Estate: Role of Commons in Legal Education and Research, ABGRA Argentina, AILL, and Satyam International.(Akash Singh, Priya Rai). Available at <https://archive.org/details/public-digital-estate-online-single-page> (International publisher)
- Changing Dimensions of Education and Librarianship during COVID-19. AKB Publication, Bhagalpur (2020). (Akash Singh and etal. (Eds.))
- Emerging Technological Innovations in Libraries. Vidit Publication House, New Delhi (2020). (Akash Singh and etal. (Eds.))
- Redesigning and Reimagining Libraries in New Technological Era. Vidit Publication House, New Delhi (2020). (Akash Singh and etal. (Eds.))

### Journal Articles/ Book Chapters

- Remote Access Mechanism Exploring Electronic Databases in Law Schools in India: A Lifeline during COVID-19 Lockdown. Library Philosophy and Practice. Accessible at <https://digitalcommons.unl.edu/libphilprac/5746/> (Scopus Indexed)
- Trends of Law Journal Publishing by Indian Law Universities: Catering law journals visibility on the essence of Bethesda Statement? International Journal of Legal Information. Vo.48.1, Cambridge University Press. (Akash Singh, Sonam Singh & Priya Rai ) (Scopus Indexed)
- Bibliometric Analysis of Journal of Indian Law Institute (ILI): A Study of Legal Scholarship published during 2000-2018. Journal of Indian Library Association Vol.56.3: 76-87. (Sonam Singh, Shalendra Singh and Akash Singh (2020) (UGC Care List Indexed)



## Research Centres

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### **Centre for Communication Governance** Director, Dr. Daniel Mathew

#### **Privacy Law Library (PLL)**

The PLL website was launched in August 2020. It is a freely accessible repository tracking privacy jurisprudence across the globe. The PLL has 200+ privacy case summaries from sixteen key jurisdictions across emerging, developing, and developed economies, including India, Nepal, Sri Lanka, Pakistan, Bangladesh, South Korea, Singapore, Japan, Europe (ECJ and ECtHR), US, Canada, South Africa, Kenya, Estonia, and Inter-American Court of Human Rights.

#### **Privacy High Court Tracker (HCT)**

In June, 2021, CCG launched the Privacy High Court Tracker. It is a resource consisting of decisions on the constitutional right to privacy passed by all High Courts in India post the pronouncement of the Justice (Retd.) K.S. Puttaswamy vs. Union of India (Puttaswamy) judgement. Currently, the tracker reports a total of 76 cases.

#### **DIGITAL Fellowship 2021**

At the beginning of 2021, CCG commenced a ten-month Fellowship to work towards supporting the development of digital rights. Three Fellows were selected for a period of ten-months and placed with various host organisations, and had the opportunity to provide research support on various cases that have supported legal and policy developments in this sphere. Besides this, under CCG's guidance, they have produced legal and policy research in the form of blogs, op-eds and other writing around the theme of digital rights.

#### **Technology and National Security Law and Policy Seminar Course**

Between February, 2021 and June, 2021, CCG organised the Technology and National Security Law and Policy Seminar Course. The course is offered for the fourth and fifth-year students of NLU Delhi and contains six modules, which are taught over 12 weeks.

#### **UNHCR Cites CCG's Report**

Centre for Communications Governance (CCG) submitted policy inputs to the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights for their report on 'The Right to Privacy in the Digital Age'. The inputs submitted by CCG were cited by UNHCR in their recently published report on the subject.

## CCG's Exec. Director Joins GPAI's Working Group for a 3-Year Term

In another major achievement for the centre, Jhalak M. Kakkar, Executive Director, Centre for Communications Governance, has been nominated to the Global Partnership on Artificial Intelligence (GPAI)'s Multistakeholder Experts Group Plenary (MEG) and will be joining the Working Group on Data Governance for a three-year term. Launched in June 2020 with 15 members, GPAI is the fruition of an idea developed within the G7. It is a multi-stakeholder initiative that aims to bridge the gap between theory and practice on AI by supporting cutting-edge research and applied activities on AI-related priorities by bringing together expertise from science, industry, civil society, governments, international organisations, and academia to foster international cooperation.

## Events Hosted

CCG conducted an online paper launch and discussion on 'The Puttaswamy Effect: Exploring the Right to Abortion in India' on 29 September, 2021, to discuss the recent amendment to the abortion law in India and the accessibility of abortion rights in the backdrop of the Puttaswamy judgement, which reaffirmed the right to privacy. The events saw participation from the members of the academia, civil society, and industry members.

## Participated

Apart from in-house events, CCG was regularly invited to speak at and share insights on panels, seminars, workshops and conferences. In the past year CCG participated as a speaker in 40+ events. Some of the notable events are listed below -

- Roundtable Discussion on 'Quad Cooperation on Artificial Intelligence' organised by the Observer Research Foundation (ORF) on 10 June, 2021.
- Session on 'AI Governance in the Global South: The Indian Perspective' - at the Istanbul Summer School on AI organised by the IT Law Institute at Istanbul Bilgi University and KUIS AI Center at Koc University on 25 August, 2021.
- Berkman Klein Center's Workshop on 'Social Media As A Crisis Discipline: Understanding the Catastrophes and Successes of Collective Online Behavior' held on 4 November, 2021.
- UNESCO Panel Discussion on 'Digital Transformation and AI Adoption Across Justice Systems' at Africa Legal Innovation Week held on 2 December, 2021.
- Article 21 Roundtable Discussion on 'Digital Courts Vision & Roadmap- 'Puttaswamy Judgement and Ideas of Purpose Limitation in Context of e-courts' on 15 May, 2021.
- RightsCon Panel Discussion on 'Asia Pacific civil society and academia on digital rights'
- Observer Research Foundation (ORF) & Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India - 'Third ASEAN-India Track 1.5 on Cyber Issues' to discuss about encryption, 5G infrastructure, critical infrastructure, on 20 October, 2021.
- India Internet Governance Forum Discussion on 'Cybernoms: Ensuring an open, interoperable and trusted internet' held on 25 November, 2021.
- Paris Call Working Group 3 kick-off meeting - "Supporting the UN Negotiations through a strong multistakeholder approach" held on 24 March, 2021
- UN Open-Ended Working Group on State use of ICTs in the context of international Security held on 1 March, 2021.
- UNDP Discussion on the 'Future of Technology and Institutional Governance in Identity Management - Digital vaccine certificates and the future role of health data in identity systems' held on 18-19 May, 2021
- Module on 'AI Adoption across Justice Systems' for UNESCO Massive Open Online Course (MOOC) for judicial

operators on AI and the Rule of Law.

### CCG's on-going engagements

- The Centre has embarked upon various projects, details on some key projects are listed below:
- UNDP - Report on Data Protection: The UNDP has tasked CCG to author a report on how to frame robust data protection legislation to ensure the privacy of individuals, recognising the Centre's expertise on global privacy and data protection regulations.
- Singapore Management University (SMU) - AI & Data Governance: CCG is working on a paper on AI and data governance focusing on the trends in Asian countries. CCG is the Indian member of the Asian Dialogue on AI organised by SMU and Microsoft.
- Cybersecurity, Social Media and Information Regulation: A cross-jurisdictional analysis of law and policy practices across India, Sri Lanka and Bangladesh which aims to unpack the evolving legislative and policy approach to cybersecurity and information security within the select countries.
- Edited Volume on Data Governance: The Edited Volume will discuss the emerging trends and concepts within data governance in India and share academic thinking that may be relevant across the world, particularly in the Global South.
- Intermediary Liability Report: The Report analyses the legal and regulatory ecosystem in the context of online intermediaries in India.
- Media Freedom Panel: CCG served as the regional clinic for thirteen Asian countries, where the Centre analysed media freedom laws in these countries and also specifically drafted the report on blasphemy laws. The analysis was submitted to the High-Level Panel of Legal Experts on Media Freedom, which is an independent body convened at the request of the UK and Canadian governments. The Panel Chair is Lord Neuberger of Abbotsbury, and the Deputy Chairs are Mr. Can Yeginsu and Ms. Catherine Amirfar.

### Centre for Innovation IP and Competition (CIIPC) Co-Directors, Dr. Arul George Scaria & Dr. Yogesh Pai

#### New Projects

Project on Intellectual Property and Healthcare in India, funded by the Thakur Family Foundation.

#### Other academic contributions

- Dr. Yogesh Pai was invited as a Scholar at the Centre for Protection of Intellectual Property, George Mason University, Washington D.C. <https://cip2.gmu.edu/about/our-team/yogesh-pai/>
- Dr. Yogesh Pai offered a course on International IP as a visiting faculty at National Law School of India University Bengaluru. (NLSIU) (November, 2020 to January, 2021)
- Dr. Yogesh Pai was invited to edit the WIPO-WTO Colloquium Research Papers (2020) as its Board Member during the year 2021.
- Dr. Yogesh Pai was interviewed by Trade Promotion Council of India on the issue of IP waiver at the WTO: <https://www.tpci.in/indiabusinesstrade/blogs/the-ip-waiver-is-an-ideological-answer-to-a-real-world-situation/>
- Dr. Yogesh Pai was interviewed by NDTV Hindi and English News channel on the issue of vaccine waiver (May, 2021).

- In November 2021, Dr.Yogesh Pai served as a panelist on a webinar which was organized as part of the 2021 Annual Global Justice Program Conference at Yale University. The webinar was on the theme 'Indian Perspectives on Innovation Incentives: Health Impact Fund and GIFT' and was hosted by Research and Information System for Developing Countries (RIS) – a New Delhi–based autonomous policy research institute. Dr.Pai, discussed the Health Impact Fund, its implementation in India and its effect on India's IP & Innovation policy. He addressed several benefits and challenges of the Impact Fund while also discussing the health R&D and innovation landscape in India.

## Publications

- Arul George Scaria, 'A Parliamentary Standing Committee Report that Challenges the Fine Balances Within the IP System' (26 July, 2021), <https://www.bloomberquint.com/law-and-policy/a-parliamentary-standing-committee-report-that-challenges-the-fine-balances-within-the-ip-system>
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- Yogesh Pai 'WTO IP Waiver Too Simplistic: Global Vaccine Tech-Transfer Needs Other Strategies' (Express Pharma April, 2021) <https://www.expresspharma.in/wto-ip-waiver-too-simplistic-global-vaccine-tech-transfer-needs-other-strategies/>
- Yogesh Pai 'Even if WTO waives IP on vaccines, India will face challenge translating this into mass production' (with Prashant Reddy T.) (Scroll) (June, 2021) <https://scroll.in/article/996079/even-if-wto-waives-ip-on-vaccines-india-will-face-challenge-translating-this-into-mass-production>
- Yogesh Pai 'What's the point of continuing a discussion on the unworkable TRIPs COVID-19 waiver proposal?' (with Prashant Reddy T.) (IPKat) (July, 2021) <https://ipkitten.blogspot.com/2021/07/whats-point-of-continuing-discussion-on.html>
- Yogesh Pai, Shutting Sci-hub is not Anti-Science (January, 2021) (Part I and Part II) <https://scholarship.ciiipc.org/2021/01/06/shutting-sci-hub-is-not-anti-science-courts-government-and-the-parliament-must-explore-alternative-remedies-part-ii/>

## Presentations

- Arul George Scaria, Invited lecture - 'Embracing Openness in Research', NLSIU, 11 January, 2021.
- Arul George Scaria, Invited talk - 'IPR, Patent and Ethical Framework in the Informal Sector', Biotech Innovation Ignition School, organized by SRISTI in collaboration with BIRAC (Biotechnology Industry Research Assistance Council, Department of Biotechnology, Government of India), 6 February, 2021.
- Arul George Scaria, Invited talk - 'Sci-Hub Litigation in India: Why the courts should protect the public interest in access to knowledge resources? Azim Premji University, 22 March, 2021.
- Arul George Scaria, Panelist – 'The Future of Geographical Indications and Traceability post-COVID', Global Digital Encounters, 6 April, 2021.
- Arul George Scaria, Invited talk - 'Intellectual Monopolies and the Covid19 Pandemic', NUALS, 23 September, 2021.
- Arul George Scaria, Invited talk - 'Copyright, Fair Use, and Open Access', IGIDR, 24 November, 2021.

- Arul George Scaria, Invited lecture – ‘Intellectual Property Rights and Open Science’, UGC-HRDC, University of Calicut, 8 November, 2021.
- Yogesh Pai, invited lecture- ‘IP Licensing and Assignment’, CRIP and IPR Chair, Maharashtra National Law University, Mumbai (5 August, 2021)
- Yogesh Pai, invited lecture- ‘IP Licensing and Commercialization’ MNLU Mumbai & RGNIIIPM on the 16 November, 2021.
- Yogesh Pai, invited as a panel discussant on ‘The Role of IP for ending the Covid-19 Pandemic’ (24 May, 2021)
- Yogesh Pai, invited as a panel discussant for an online webinar on ‘COVID-19’s Intellectual Property Rights (IPRs) Waiver: Will suspending IPRs bring COVID-19 vaccines to Mexico and the world more rapidly’ organized by Fundacion IDEA A.C, Mexico (August, 2021).
- Yogesh Pai invited lecture on IP and Competition Law at ILS Law College in its third edition of ‘Certificate Program in Advance IPR’ (27 September, 2021)

### **Centre for Corporate Law and Governance (CCLG)** **Director, Professor (Dr.) Harpreet Kaur**

#### **Research Projects**

- SPARC Project on ‘Re-examining Shareholder Voting and Engagement in Emerging Economies of PR China and India’ sanctioned in March, 2019 extended till March.
- Regulatory Impact Assessment Study of tobacco, liquor and processed food industries, June 2021.
- Preparation of Commercial Courts Guide, project given by Department of Justice, Government of India, June 2021.

#### **Online Programme**

Conducted Three months’ Online Programme on Business and Commercial Laws in collaboration with the Department of Justice, Government of India.

### **Centre for Transnational Commercial Law** **Director, Dr. Risham Garg**

The Centre for Transnational Commercial Law (CTCL) National Law University, Delhi organised an online symposium on ‘Transnational Commercial Law, Insolvency, Restructuring, Entrepreneurship: Promoting Trade and Development post the Pandemic’ at NLU, Delhi in collaboration with the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India (IBBI), the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law Regional Centre for Asia and the Pacific (UNCITRAL RCAP) and INSOL India. The symposium was supported by Nottingham Law School, Nottingham Trent University, UK, Norman Adrian Wiggins School of Law, Campbell University, USA, Centre for Transnational Business and the Law, Georgetown Law USA, International Law Institute, Washington DC, INSOL India, UNCC India.

The symposium had sessions spread across two days:

- Day 1, 6 January, 2021: Covered topics of general transnational commercial law
- Day 2, 7 January, 2021: Focused upon various contemporary issues of insolvency & bankruptcy

## Event

The centre organised its flagship International Insolvency and Bankruptcy Moot Competition where School of Law, Christ University was adjudged as the winner. Dr. Ram Manohar Lohiya National Law University emerged as the second best team.

## Roundtable and Working Papers

The CTCL organised a roundtable on Cross-Border Insolvency on 11 December, 2021  
It is working on a research paper titled 'Covid-19 and its impact on Commercial Contracts'

## Project39A Executive Director, Dr. Anup Surendranath

### Papers published

- Penological Justifications as Sentencing Factors in Death Penalty Sentencing - Anup Surendranath, Neetika Vishwanath and Preeti Pratishruti Dash (Journal of National Law University Delhi)
- Ethnographic Study Of Rape Adjudication In Lucknow's Trial Court - Neetika Vishwanath (Socio Legal Review)
- Shapeshifting And Erroneous: The Many Inconsistencies in the Insanity Defence in India - Soumya A.K, Maitreyi Misra and Anup Surendranath (NUJS Law Review)
- Feminism and Its Discontents: Punishing Sexual Violence in India - Preeti Pratishruti Dash (Indian Journal of Gender Studies)

### Op-eds published

- Punitive Responses To Sexual Violence Need Rethink, Given Perverse Consequences - Neetika Vishwanath and Preeti Pratishruti Dash (Indian Express)
- A prisoner's tragedy, a nation's shame - Anup Surendranath and Trisha Chandran (The Hindu)
- Trying Young Offenders As Adults Won't Fix India's Child Sexual Abuse Problem - Neetika Vishwanath (Times of India)
- Bitter Truths - Shreya Rastogi (The Telegraph Online)
- Méndez's Anti-Torture Vision is Still Distant for India - Devika Prasad and Zeba Sikora (The Hindu)
- Making Trafficking a Capital Offence in India - Zeba Sikora (Open Democracy)
- Voyeuristic Narratives of 'Bad' Women: What The Media Gets Wrong In Depicting Women On Death Row - Adrija Ghosh and Hrishika Jain (NewsLaundry)
- The Lens of Reformation in Death Penalty Cases: A Complex Enquiry - C.P Shruthi (Oxford Human Rights Hub)

### Ongoing projects

- Death Penalty: Project 39A has undertaken three quantitative studies documenting gaps in the sentencing process at the trial court, High Court and Supreme Court level the results of which will be published in 2022. The team has begun work on a study of trial court judgements involving a conviction under section 302 IPC that resulted in a sentence of life imprisonment. Project 39A is also in the process of publishing an edited volume on the death penalty in India.

- Fair Trial Fellowship Programme: The Fair Trial Fellowship (FTF) supports lawyers empanelled with the DLSA Pune and DLSA Nagpur to provide legal representation to undertrials in Pune (Yerwada) and Nagpur Central Prisons. The Fellowship, offered to lawyers and social workers, was launched in January 2019. In 2020, the global pandemic severely restricted access to prisons. However, the team worked with the prisons and DLSA to identify at-risk inmates (women prisoners with children, aged inmates and those suffering from co-morbidities) and those entitled to interim bail under the High Powered Committee (HPC) guidelines. The fellowship had a total outreach of 1644 inmates at Pune and 1209 at Nagpur, as on December, 2021. The team has worked with empanelled legal-aid lawyers towards representing these inmates in trials and pre-trial proceedings. This includes 17 courts in Pune district and 18 courts in Nagpur district.
- Forensics: In August 2018, Project 39A began a quantitative and qualitative survey of the forensic science laboratories in India to examine the challenges that these laboratories are facing with respect to budget, case management, personnel, equipment and quality management. In 2021, based on the data analysed from the survey, the forensics team submitted an interim report along with recommendations to the Women Safety Division, Ministry of Home Affairs. Currently the team is working towards submitting the final report to the Ministry along with detailed recommendations on improving the forensic science ecosystem in India.
- The forensics team was invited to make written and oral submissions as part of an expert group to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Science & Technology on the DNA Technology (Use And Application) Regulation Bill, 2019. The report of the Standing Committee was tabled before the Parliament in February, 2021.
- Further, Project 39A has created a 4 week course on forensic science and law in collaboration with Eleos Justice at Monash University. The course, which will be released in February 2022, will be hosted on Future Learn, a leading learning platform.
- Torture: A paper reviewing recent inter-disciplinary literature on torture and policing in India is underway. The team also conducted preliminary research and consultations, and conceptualised a pilot empirical study to monitor the implementation of a Supreme Court order directing installation of CCTV cameras in all police stations. This pilot study will be initiated in 2022.
- Legal Aid: A paper providing a quantitative analysis of utilisation of legal aid among undertrial prisoners has been approved for publication by Indian Law Review and will be printed in the journal in early 2022. The team has also undertaken an analysis of approximately 3000 Delhi Sessions Court bail orders towards documenting the gaps in decision-making in bail matters, which will be published in 2022.
- Mental Health and Criminal Justice: A doctrinal study on the insanity defence case law is underway for which over 200 High Court judgements (2010-2020) have been collated and are currently being analysed on various parameters. The team will be contributing to academic discourse on mental health and criminal justice on issues of competence to stand trial and the death penalty. In collaboration with Eleos Justice at Monash University, a 4-week course on Forensic Mental Health and Criminal Justice has been developed. It will be hosted on the online learning platform FutureLearn in February 2022. The mental health team also focuses on capacity building of stakeholders and contributes to and organises training workshops for the Delhi Judicial Academy.
- Assistance to court: Project 39A provides pro bono legal representation for death row prisoners across India. Since its inception, we have represented 130 prisoners in 169 cases across 18 states. Amongst the decided cases where Project 39A was involved, the death sentence was commuted for 33 prisoners and 6 prisoners were acquitted. Out of these, in 2021, Project 39A secured an acquittal for 3 prisoners sentenced to death and commutation of sentence to life imprisonment for 5 prisoners.

## Events Organised

- Workshop on Mental Health Law - Dr. Achal Bhagat, Mihir Samson, Arti Mohan and Maitreyi Misra (in collaboration with the Delhi Judicial Academy)

- Workshop on Mental Health Law and Practice of Forensic Mental Health - Dr. Achal Bhagat, Mihir Samson, Dr. Danny Sullivan, Arti Mohan and Maitreyi Misra (in collaboration with Delhi Judicial Academy)
- Workshop on Comparative Mental Health Law - Dr. Sanjeev Jain, Judge Michael O'Connell, Dr. Danny Sullivan, Mihir Samson, Arti Mohan and Maitreyi Misra (in collaboration with Delhi Judicial Academy)
- Release of 'The Punished' Stories of Death Row Prisoners' - Anup Surendranath and Jahnvi Misra in conversation with Ananya Bhardwaj (The Print)
- Stories Inside and Outside the Courtroom: Death Penalty in India - Anup Surendranath and Aparna Chandra (LiveLaw)
- 4th Project 39A, Annual Lecture: "Looking Beyond the Crime: Bio Psycho Social Insights for Criminal Law" - Dr. Pratima Murthy
- Panel discussion on Women on Death Row and the Future of Death Penalty in South Asia - Sara Belal, Chow Ying Ngeow, Ambika Satkunanathan and Anup Surendranath (in collaboration with Anti-Death Penalty Asia Network and Justice Project Pakistan)
- Panel discussion on 'Deathworthy: A Mental Health Perspective of the Death Penalty' - Maitreyi Misra, Dr. Mai Sato and Dr. Danny Sullivan (in collaboration with Faculty of Law, Monash University)
- Lawyer's Consultation on the Death Penalty

#### **Panel Discussions/ Conferences**

- Discussion on 'The Punished: Stories of Death Row Prisoners in India' - Jahnvi Misra and Anup Surendranath (LawOctopus)
- Discussion on 'The Punished: Stories of Death Row Prisoners in India' - Jahnvi Misra, Nisha Susan and Anup Surendranath (The Wire)
- Panel discussion 'Anti-Trafficking Law: the Indian Experience' - Zeba Sikora ( King's College London)

#### **Miscellaneous**

- Eight podcasts released on The P39A Criminal Law Blog
- Women In India Respond To A Sexual Assault Verdict - Video in collaboration with Vitamin Stree
- Video interview with (Retd.) Justice Madan B Lokur on the death penalty
- Decoding the DNA Bill - Interview with Shreya Rastogi (Suno India)
- Why does justice inequality persist in India? - Interview with Anup Surendranath (All Indians Matter)
- How mentally ill people end up on death row - Interview with Maitreyi Misra (Suno India)
- Prisoners, Criminal Justice and Mental Health - Interview with Maitreyi Misra (The SOS Podcast)
- Should we hang those who commit heinous crimes? - Interview with Anup Surendranath (Maharani Talks)
- Why should we care about mental health of death row prisoners? - Interview with Maitreyi Misra (The Hindu)
- Interview on Deathworthy - Interview with Maitreyi Misra (RightsUp Pop, Oxford Human Rights Hub)



- Why we should care about the mental health of death row prisoners – and their families - Interview with Maitreyi Misra (The Scroll)

## **Centre for Alternative Dispute Resolution (CADR)** **Director, Professor Dr. Ruhi Paul**

- In 2021, CADR undertook various initiatives and activities in furtherance of its objectives of increasing legal awareness regarding methods of dispute resolution and promoting use of alternative dispute resolution methods (ADR). The Centre succeeded in its endeavours and has striven forward to realize its objectives through the following events:
- Quarterly Digest on Arbitration Judgements - 'Quarterly Digest of Arbitration Judgements' is a flagship publication of the Centre in furtherance of its objective to stimulate academic research culture and raise awareness about the alternative methods of dispute resolution mechanisms and practice and conflict management. The Digest is intended to cover the study of the judgements delivered by the Hon'ble Supreme Court and various Hon'ble High Courts of India by examining the latest developments in the field of arbitration and to serve as a practical resource guide for international and domestic practitioners, parties and the arbitrators. The Digest also has the unique distinction of aiding the parties and the practitioners to make informed decisions while referring a dispute to a particular court.
- Arbitration Clinic – The Centre organized a fundraiser workshop in 'Indian Arbitration Practice' in association with YOUFund Hope on 28, 29 and 30 May, 2021 for Covid-19 relief. The three-day workshop was intended to equip students with practical skills in Arbitration from Industry front runners including Professor (Dr.) Ruhi Paul, Adv. Shashank Garg and Adv. Prerna Arora. The Workshop was attended by more than 120 people including students, academicians and practitioners.
- CADR Survey on Practice of Arbitration - The 'CADR Survey on Practice of Arbitration Survey' is the Centre's pilot project that is intended to identify the principal drivers and stakeholders that the arbitration community expects to influence the future direction of arbitration in India. This is an ongoing project of the Centre wherein it has prepared and published questionnaires pertaining to the practice of Arbitration in India to the identified stakeholders and preparing a report on the basis of the responses received.
- National Consultation on Draft Mediation Bill, 2021 to critically discuss the Draft Mediation Bill which was released for public comments by the Department of Legal Affairs, Government of India. The inaugural address was given by Hon'ble Justice M.L. Mehta, Chairman, Delhi Dispute Resolution Society and the Opening Note was read by Sriram Panchu, Senior Advocate and Mediator. The mediation panel included India's leading mediators including Amarjit Singh Chandhiok, Senior Advocate, Chitra Narayan, Advocate and Accredited Mediator, Dr. Aman Hingorani, Advocate-on-Record and Mediator, Uma Ramanathan, Advocate, Mediator and Mediation Trainer. Detailed comments were prepared by the Centre in the form of a report which was sent to the Ministry of Law and Justice.

## **Centre for Study of Consumer Law & Policy** **Research Director, Dr. Sushila**

### **Faculty seminar**

- Organised various legal aid/ outreach activities & awareness campaigns, webinars, panel discussions & a capacity building programme/ Certificate Course on consumer Protection & Practice through online mode.
- Celebrated the 'National Consumer Day' by organising a Webinar on 'Consumer Protection in Digital Era' today (24 December, 2021). Dr. Pavan Duggal, Advocate, Supreme Court of India & Cyber Law Expert was the main speaker under the session.
- Celebrated 'World Consumer Rights Day' by organizing a panel discussion on the Salient Features of Consumer Protection Act, 2019 on 15 March, 2021

## Centre for Environmental Law Policy and Research (CELPR) Director, Professor (Dr.) Bharti Kumar

- Workshop on Game Theory and Climate Change by EnviPol and GPODs, November, 2021
- World Environment Day, June, 2021 Panel – Justice Gita Mittal, Professor Philippe Cullet, Mr. Ritwick Dutta

## Centre For Law, Justice And Development Executive Director, Dr. Amita Punj

### With Ministry of Education

- CLJD is currently working on a research project titled “Sustainable Development as Inclusion: Law, Gender and Educational Curriculum”. The research explores the elaboration of the Sustainable Development Goal of gender equality within the context of education. This project is funded by the Ministry of Education, Government of India and is in progress.

## Azim Premji University Grant

CLJD is engaged in significant research funded by Azim Premji University. The research is titled “Un-othering the “Other” in Law and Development Discourse: A Study of Social Movements and Property Rights of Adivasis in Chhattisgarh”. The research seeks to study the relationship between Adivasis and their land and the role that social movements play in this relationship.

## Centre for Cyber Laws Director, Dr. Aparajita Bhatt

- Organized a Panel Discussion on the Personal Data Protection Bill 2019 on 30 January 2021. The expert panellists who presented their views were Dr. Gulshan Rai, Former National Cyber Coordinator of India, Professor (Dr.) Sudhir Krishnaswamy, Vice-Chancellor, NLSIU, Bangalore, Sh. Vijayashankar Nagaraj Rao, Chairman, Foundation of Data Protection Professionals of India and Ms. Rama Vedashree, CEO, Data Security Council of India. The moderator of the session was Ms. Kritika Agrawal, Advocate-on-record, Supreme Court of India.
- Organized a Talk on Role of ICANN in Internet Governance by Mr. Samiran Gupta, Head of India, ICANN
- The Centre has released three issues of Webzine on Cyber Laws in the month of October, November and December 2021. The Webzine focusses on different issues of cyberspace & cyber laws and attempts to bring awareness amongst the readers.

## Centre for Child Rights and Juvenile Justice Executive Director, Mihira Sood

- POSH awareness and sensitisation workshop was conducted for the Academic Fellows on 24 November, 2021.
- Participated in an online interaction with “Rebel Girls” - an initiative of school students to provide mentoring to youth on 24 November, 2021.
- Participated in a National Roundtable on Criminalised Youth Sexuality: Issues of Reproductive & Sexual Health Rights” organised by Oxfam India on 14 December, 2021.



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## Our Committees & Cells

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### Legal Services Committee

The Legal Services Committee engages in various legal aid initiatives and activities that include para-legal volunteer training workshops, writing petitions, providing legal assistance to organisations like National Human Rights Commission (NHRC), conducting legal awareness and community outreach programs, and participating in client counselling and representing at court, alongside selected external lawyers. Functioning of the committee is undertaken by NLU Delhi's students under the guidance of faculty and other related authorities. Below are some of its initiatives:

#### The Legal Aid Clinic

The Legal Aid Clinic was established in November 2012 by National Law University, Delhi to pursue cases of people seeking legal counsel. In pursuit of this, the Committee has set up dedicated office space on the campus premises where the Legal Aid Clinic operates. The Clinic is managed by the 11 elected and nominated members of the Legal Services Committee. The Clinic has its own helpline number that is managed by the student members of the Committee on a rotation basis. The Clinic has an affiliation with the South West Delhi Legal Services Authority (DLSA-SW). The DLSA-SW sends a lawyer once every week. The Committee members fix appointments with the lawyer on behalf of the clients who call the helpline every week and help the lawyers with these cases along with helping clients in filing complaints, writing letters to various authorities, sending RTIs, applying for certificates online, etc. The Committee additionally refers the cases to lawyers other than the DLSA legal aid lawyers, who are involved in pro-bono lawyering. The Committee handles a wide range of cases including inter alia property and domestic violence, consumer issues, fraud and cheating, land disputes, matters related to sexual offences, motor vehicle accident matters, service matters etc.

#### Pro-Bono Panel

The Committee has been engaged in the process of constituting the Panel since November 2017. At present, there exists an informal panel which consists of lawyers like Mr. Jawahar Raja (Advocate, practising at the Supreme Court, Delhi High Court, and various courts and tribunals across Delhi), Mr. Deepak Biswas (Partner, Bharucha and Partners), Mr. Nipun Saxena (Advocate, practising at the Delhi High Court, and various courts and tribunals across Delhi) and Mr. Rohit (Advocate, practising at the Delhi High Court, and various courts and tribunals across Delhi). In 2021, five important cases were referred to the Pro Bono Panel by the Legal Aid Clinic and were actively followed up by the Committee members. The members of the Committee are actively participating in the process of client counselling and representation in court alongside these lawyers. The Legal Aid Committee is currently consulting NLU Delhi's Alumni base to constitute a formal pro-bono panel.

Pro-Bono cases undertaken from January 2021- December, 2021

- Filed a Domestic Violence Petition in collaboration with Wadhwa Chambers
- Filing protection for a same-sex couple taken by Advocate Rohit.
- Legal Advice on family dispute and domestic violence in Uttar Pradesh, under Mr. Nipun Saxena

The Committee has constituted an Advisory Panel of the faculty members of National Law University Delhi from various streams of law. This model can be replicated by other law schools facing a paucity of resources. This arrangement has helped us in giving immediate advice in cases where clients cannot wait for an entire week to meet the government lawyer. This Panel has also been helpful in providing and checking the content of our legal literacy and awareness materials.

#### Mohalla Legal Aid Clinic Project

The Legal Services Committee formulated the Mohalla Legal Aid Clinic, in collaboration with the Government of NCT of Delhi under the supervision of Dr. Anup Surendranath. The objective behind the Mohalla Legal Aid Clinic Project was to

decentralize legal aid services and ensure wider access to justice for even the poorest citizens in the most marginalized areas.

### **Collaboration with Family Justice and Gender Rights Law Clinic, Jindal Global Law School**

The Legal Services Committee, NLU Delhi was approached by students of Jindal Global Law School for the establishment of the Family Justice and Gender Rights Law Clinic. Thus, the clinic was founded upon four principles: legal advocacy, outreach, education and forming a robust activist network. The clinic functions as a legal aid center for people facing any form of discrimination due to their gender or any gender-related attribute and an information center concerning the rights of trans- gender and other non – binary and binary genders. It serves both individuals and organizations and works towards establishing and maintaining a network of Gender Rights and Advocacy groups across the country.

The Legal Aid Committee, National Law University helped Family Justice and Gender Rights Law Clinic, Jindal Global Law School to establish a pan-India NLU network for the implementation of Legal Aid on Family Justice and Gender Rights and collate a database of lawyers for pro bono legal assistance for cases of domestic violence and gender based violence.

### **Collaboration with the Legal Aid Centre, University of Lucknow**

The Legal Services Committee, NLUD collaborated with the Legal Aid Centre, the University of Lucknow regarding a project on the rights of LGBTQIA+. The committee made a list of civil rights that are absent for LGBTQIA+ persons in law and mapped out possible areas where policy reformation is needed in order to lend equal treatment to LGBTQIA+ persons such as equal marriage rights, the revision of understanding kinship within Indian laws, revisions in family law especially on succession, inheritance and the meaning of family in itself. It also deliberated on the intersection of privacy and proposed law reformation for LGBTQIA+ couples and measures to best protect them from familial violence and possible abuse.

### **Pro-Bono Club in collaboration with the Department of Justice**

Free legal services for marginalised persons from registered Pro Bono Advocates, available on Nyaya Bandhu Mobile App. Nyaya Bandhu Mobile App allows marginalised persons (referred to as “Applicants”), seeking free legal services, to easily connect with registered Pro Bono Advocates. Nyaya Bandhu Mobile App is available in Hindi and English all over India. The Legal Services Committee organized a lecture series for students in the Pro Bono Club in order to train them on labour laws, domestic violence and family law, property law and constitutional law. The lecture series was instructed by lawyers like Advocate Malavika Rajkotia (Practising lawyer in Delhi High Court and Supreme Court), Advocate SK Mittal (Practising lawyer in Delhi High Court and lower courts).

### **Tihar Jail Project**

The Legal Services Committee drafted the The Tihar Jail Project proposal with the objective to increase the availability of quality pro bono legal services to under trial prisoners, and to improve access and quality of legal aid to under trial prisoners. The project was initiated because despite the constitutional mandate and strong provisions for free legal aid services, a large number of under trial prisoners have limited or no access to lawyers. Additionally, the quality of legal aid provided is inadequate, records and registers are not maintained which obstructs smooth and efficient administration of free legal aid services to under trial prisoners. After a round of consultation with Ms. Gale Andrew (Associate, Legal Aid, P39A) and Dr. Anup Surendranath (Director, P39A) the project proposal is undergoing the second stage of revision.

### **LAAbH Foundation**

The Legal Services Committee took up a joint project alongside the LAABh foundation. Legal Aid & Awareness for Bhartiya, or LAABh is a nonprofit organisation, aimed at generating blog articles on the theme of legal aid. The project seeks to enhance legal education and awareness.

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## The Curriculum Development Committee (CDC)

The mandate of the Curriculum Development Committee is to encourage the regular and periodic review of the curriculum to keep abreast with emerging developments in teaching and learning modules. The committee focuses on incorporating contemporary themes, issues, policies and landmark cases in the courses.

## Online & Distance Learning Committee

On 14 June, 2021, National Law University Delhi, reconstituted the Online and Distance Learning Committee with Prof. Bharti as Convener.

## Institutional Repository Committee

Institutional Repository Committee (IRC) at NLU Delhi serves as an archival committee that documents all events, activities, visits and consultations of which NLU Delhi is a part. The Committee serves as a record-keeping wing for the University.

## Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC)

National Law University has an Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) which is an important institutional mechanism in the University to promote best practises and measures for quality assurance and enhancement of legal education. IQAC is a post-accreditation quality sustenance measure which is tasked to develop a system for conscious, consistent and catalytic improvement in the overall performance of the institution. It is constituted as per the mandate of National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC).

## National Academic Depository (NAD)

National Academic Depository (NAD) is an initiative of the Ministry of Human Resources Development (MHRD), Government of India to facilitate digital issuance, storage, access and verification of academic awards issued by academic institutions. National Law University Delhi was one of the first universities in Delhi, to upload degrees and certificates within the prescribed time, in cooperation with Central Depository Services (India) Limited (CDSL).

## Our Personnel

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### Senior Administration

- Professor Srikrishna Deva Rao, Vice-Chancellor
- Professor (Dr.) Harpreet Kaur, Registrar

### Professors, Associate Professors & Assistant Professors

- Dr. G. S. Bajpai, Professor of Criminology & Criminal Justice
- Dr. Anupama Goel, Professor of Law
- Dr. Anju Tyagi, Professor of Law
- Dr. Prasannanshu, Professor of English

- Dr. Ritu Gupta, Professor of Law
- Dr. Maheshwar Singh, Professor of Political Science
- Mr. Anil Kumar Rai, Professor of Law
- Dr. Ruhi Paul, Professor of Law
- Dr. Vinod Kumar, Professor of Law
- Dr. Bharti, Professor of Law
- Dr. Jeet Singh Mann, Associate Professor of Law
- Dr. Amita Punj, Associate Professor of Law
- Dr. Risham Garg, Associate Professor of Law
- Dr. Ritu Sharma, Associate Professor of Sociology
- Dr. Mukul Raizada, Associate Professor of Law
- Dr. Niraj Kumar, Associate Professor of Law
- Dr. Arul George Scaria, Associate Professor of Law
- Dr. Sushila, Associate Professor of Law
- Dr. Anup Surendranath, Assistant Professor of Law
- Dr. Jasper Vikas, Assistant Professor of Law
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- Dr. Monika Negi, Assistant Professor of Law



- Dr. Gayathri D Naik, Assistant Professor of Law

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- Dr. Sarita Sangwan, Research Associate
- Dr. Syed Iqbal Ahmed, Research Associate
- Ms. Monal Gera, Research Associate

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- Mr. Pranav Ganesan
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- Mr. Zaid Deva

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- Dr. Akash Singh, Assistant Librarian
- Dr. Samar Iqbal Bakhshi, Assistant Librarian
- Mrs. Sangita Singh, Library Assistant (Professional)
- Ms. Reena Khatri, Library Assistant (Professional)
- Ms. Sunita Devi, Senior Assistant

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- Mr. Subhash C. Lather, Deputy Registrar
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- Mr. Ashish Kumar, Assistant
- Ms. Savita, Assistant
- Ms. Indu Sharma, Stenographer
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- Mr. Jagdish Chandra Lohumi, Jr. Assistant
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- Mr. Virender Singh Negi , Section Officer
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- Mrs. Bhawna, Senior Stenographer
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- Mr. Vijay Kumar, Jr. Assistant

### Information Technology Department

- Mr. Gurjinder Singh, Technical Officer
- Mr. Rohit Nayak, Technical Assistant



## Communications Office

- Ms. Sania Ashraf

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- Mr. Sher B. Chhetri, Electrician

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- Mrs. Ompati Devi, ANM

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- Mr. Ravi Kanojia, Private Secretary

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- Mrs. Savitri Negi
- Mr. Rattan Singh
- Mr. Amit Kumar
- Mr. Ramesh Kumar
- Mr. Sachin Kumar
- Mr. Kamal P. Belbase
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- Mr. Pankaj Kumar
- Mr. Rajpal
- Mr. Subhash
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- Ms. Usha
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- Mr. Umesh Saini
- Mr. Manish Kumar
- Mr. Roshan Lal
- Mr. Sheoraj
- Mr. Surender Singh





## Summary of accounts

# Grants received by NLU Delhi

## State Government Grants

The following Grants have been released by State Government to NLU Delhi:

- 2020-21: ₹ 1037.50 lakh
- 2021-22: ₹ 262.50 lakh

A sum of ₹ 775.00 lakh is yet to be released by the Government. of NCT of Delhi for the financial year 2021-22.

## Grants Received by the Research Centres from Other Funding Agency:

### Project 39A

P39A Centre is headed by Dr. Anup Surendranath, Assistant Professor of Law. The Centre has received the following grants from the various funding agencies during the year 2020-21:

Title of the Project	Funding Agency	Amount Received (INR)
Fair Trial Fellowship - Reducing the under trial prisoner population in Pune and Nagpur in collaboration with the Legal Services Authority concerned.	Azim Premji Philanthropic Initiatives Pvt Ltd	₹12,058,678.00
Plead for India Initiative	Lal Family Foundation	₹2,500,000.00
The individual rights to freedom, particularly for marginalised groups with regard to the death penalty, freedom of information and criminal justice reform, are strengthened.	Friedrich Naumann Foundation	₹1,344,725.00
To understand the pervasive practice of custodial torture through in-depth empirical research in three states, and promote best practices among doctors in detecting custodial torture.	OAK Foundation	₹13,882,722.00
<b>Total</b>		<b>₹ 2,97,86,125.00</b>

### Centre For Communication Governance

The Centre is headed by Dr. Daniel Mathew, Assistant Professor of Law & Jhalak M Kakkar, Executive Director, CCG. The Centre has received the following grants during the financial year 2020-21:

Title of the Project	Funding Agency	Amount Received (INR)
For the CCG's Programme and Activities	Friedrich Naumann Foundation (FNF)	₹3,341,494.00
State Sovereignty in the Cyberspace and the Free Flow of Data	Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung Ltd (KAS)	₹39,130.00
Media Freedom Project - International Standards Blasphemy Report	International Bar Associations	₹2,940,213.00

Title of the Project	Funding Agency	Amount Received (INR)
DIGITAL Fellowship 2021	Access Now	₹1,786,074.00
2019-2021 ONI Grant: Global privacy and data protection related academic and policy research	Omidyar Network	₹6,259,400.00
SMU Asia Dialogue on AI Governance - Paper on AI	Singapore Management University	₹362,250.00
Cyber Initiative 2019- 2021	The William and Flora Hewlett Foundation	₹8,085,000.00
Legal Identity for All: Data Protection and Privacy Report	United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)	₹1,199,536.00
Freedom on Net 2020 Report	Freedom House	₹159,505.00
Report: Analysis of Surveillance Laws in India	Global Network Initiative (GNI)	₹4,29,000.00
<b>Total</b>		<b>₹ 2,46,01,602.00</b>

#### Other Research Projects & Training Programme

Principal Investigator	Title of the Project	Funding Agency	Amount Received (INR)
Yogesh Pai, Assistant Professor of Law (Research)	Scheme for Pedagogy and Research in IPRs for Holistic Education and Academia (SPRIHA)	Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade, Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Government of India	₹1011186.00
Prof. Srikrishna Deva Rao Vice-Chancellor & Professor of Law	Draft Telecommunication Laws for India	Department of Telecommunications, Ministry of Communications, Government of India	₹897000.00
Prof. G S Bajpai Professor of Criminology & Criminal Justice	Hate Crimes- Prejudices and Violence Faced by People from North Eastern States and Measures to Counter- An Empirical Study	Indian Council Of Social Science Research (ICSSR)	₹750000.00
National Law University Delhi	Reforms in Criminal Laws of the Country	Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India	₹4925000.00
Prof. Srikrishna Deva Rao Vice-Chancellor & Professor of Law Dr. Amita Punj, Associate Professor of Law & Dr. Daniel Mathew, Assistant Professor of Law	Preparation of UPR and report under ICCPR along with preparation of Common Core Document (CCD)	Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India	₹1616000.00
National Law University Delhi	4th Advance Course in Law Enforcement for MP Police	Police Academy Bhopal	₹8,22,500.00

# Balance sheet 2020-21



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## BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31-3-2021

SOURCE OF FUNDS	Schedule	Current Year	Previous year
<b>UNRESTRICTED FUND</b>			
General Fund	1	10,49,05,653	12,27,40,656
<b>Reserves and Surplus</b>			
Earmarked \Endowment Fund	2	24,40,20,237	25,59,18,413
Current Liabilities and Provisions	3	1,88,28,538	1,54,82,950
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>36,77,54,428</b>	<b>39,41,42,019</b>
<b>APPLICATION OF FUNDS</b>			
Fixed Assets	4	8,66,90,911	10,56,29,101
Investment in Bank Fixed Deposit - From Earmarked \Endowment Funds	5	12,61,50,641	14,39,01,477
Investment in Bank Fixed Deposit - From other funds	6	50,14,323	36,22,164
Current Assets	7	12,24,34,728	10,60,05,152
Loan, Advances & Deposits	8	2,74,63,825	3,49,84,125
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>36,77,54,428</b>	<b>39,41,42,019</b>
Significant Accounting Policies	20		
Contingent Liabilities and Notes on Accounts	21		

As per our Report of even date.

For Sahni Bansal & Associates  
Chartered Accountants

CA Pardeep Surinder Sahni  
Partner

Place: New Delhi  
Date: 22-12-2021

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# Income and expenditure account 2020-21



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## INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE PERIOD 2020-21

Particular	Schedule	Current Year	Previous Year
<b>(A) INCOME</b>			
Grants/Subsidies	9	10,50,00,000	10,37,50,000
Transfer from AILET Fund	10	3,60,00,000	4,55,00,000
Fees/Subscriptions	11	8,30,42,690	10,62,07,096
Interest earned	12	8,31,343	17,49,784
Other Income	13	20,16,671	1,16,92,825
<b>TOTAL (A)</b>		<b>22,68,90,704</b>	<b>26,88,99,705</b>
<b>(B) EXPENDITURE</b>			
Establishment Expenses	14	14,32,47,546	13,90,70,447
Academic Expenses	15	1,31,42,162	2,72,59,170
Administrative and General Expenses	16	5,02,96,317	6,36,68,755
Repair & Maintenance	17	1,61,41,811	1,63,18,172
Transportation Expenses	18	7,31,372	9,62,307
Finance Costs	19	15,274	15,030
Depreciation (Net Total at the year end- corresponding to Schedule 4)		2,11,51,223	2,45,78,228
<b>TOTAL (B)</b>		<b>24,47,25,707</b>	<b>27,18,70,109</b>
Balance being excess of Expenditure over Income		(1,78,35,003)	(29,70,404)
<b>Balance being surplus/(Deficit) carried to General Fund</b>		<b>(1,78,35,003)</b>	<b>(29,70,404)</b>

As per our Report of even date.  
For Sahni Bansal & Associates  
Chartered Accountants

CA Pardeep Surinder Sahni  
Partner

Place: New Delhi  
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# Receipt and payment account 2020-21



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## RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS FOR THE PERIOD 2020-21

Receipts	Amount In Rupees		Payment	Amount In Rupees	
	Current Year	Previous Year		Current Year	Previous Year
<b>I. Opening Balances</b>			<b>I. Expenses</b>		
Bank Balances	10,80,05,152	10,27,91,687	(a) Establishment Expenses	14,32,47,548	13,90,70,447
Fixed Deposit	14,75,23,641	15,50,76,242	(b) Administrative Expenses	8,03,11,662	10,82,06,454
<b>II. Grants Received</b>			<b>II (a) Payments against earmarked funds</b>	19,89,58,129	19,56,33,930
(a) From NCT Govt of Delhi	10,50,00,000	10,37,50,000	<b>II(b) Payments against fund for various projects</b>		
(b) Transfer from AILET	3,60,00,000	4,55,00,000	<b>III Investments and deposits made</b>		
<b>III Income on Investments</b>	82,76,979	1,33,66,195	<b>IV Expenditure on Fixed Assets</b>		
<b>IV Interest Received</b>			Computer Parts	1,98,888	21,34,570
On Bank Account	4,31,896	5,91,792	Electrical Installation	-	15,930
<b>V. Other Income</b>			Furniture & Fixtures	3,51,837	28,78,361
<b>Fees</b>			Library Books	10,38,971	1,83,18,936
Academic fee	6,72,08,927	6,75,74,871	Motor Vehicle	-	20,22,771
Examination Fee	18,55,271	19,70,020	Plant Machinery and Equipments	6,25,336	30,04,044
L.L.M. Prof. Course fee	1,32,91,603	1,84,50,049	<b>V. Finance Charges</b>	15,274	15,030
Other fees	38,60,389	35,03,877	<b>VI Other payments</b>		
Sale Publication	-	36,079	Other current liabilities	-	7,365
Other Income	20,16,671	2,83,65,025	Sundry Debtors	-	1,08,60,514
<b>VI. Any other receipts</b>			Students Security Deposit	-	-
Students Security Deposit	-	-	Sundry Creditors	21,19,618	-
Sundry Debtors	38,35,062	-	Security Deposit with other bodies	-	-
Sundry Creditor	27,86,968	79,71,753	Prepaid Expenses and subscriptions	-	4,00,885
Loans and Advances	-	7,13,050	Other security deposit	-	-
Receipt from Earmarked Fund	17,86,75,975	18,39,35,956	Loans and Advances	4,34,954	-
Advance received out of Earmarked	45,58,117	5,82,928	TDS	92,997	21,889
Assets written off	-	6,75,751	Room Rent Reversed	15,03,000	-
Prepaid expenses & Subscriptions	(3,85,068)	-	Hostel Charges Reversed	16,70,500	-
Loan to Mess Account	-	14,25,695	<b>VII Closing Balance</b>		
			Bank Balances	12,24,34,727	10,60,06,152
			Fixed Deposit	13,11,64,964	14,75,23,641
				68,41,26,267	73,42,80,970
	68,41,26,267	73,42,80,970			

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For Sahni Bawa & Associates  
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