

NATIONAL LAW UNIVERSITY DELHI

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NOTIFICATION

Subject: Relaunching of Project 39A

The Project 39A, has been one of the most distinguished and impactful centres of NLU Delhi. Over the years, the Centre has earned national and international recognition for its substantial contributions to the fields of access to justice, legal aid, criminal justice reform, and empirical legal research. NLU Delhi has decided to relaunch Project 39A and has made the following appointments:

- a) Sh. Sanjay Vashishtha, Executive Director (Honorary) - Project 39A (Advocate, Supreme Court of India)
- b) Dr. Pupul Dutta Prasad, Honorary Director - Project 39A (serving IPS Officer)

Patron: The Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor shall act as Patron of Project 39A and shall oversee all major policy decisions and administrative matters concerning the Centre's functioning.

Shri Sanjay Vashishtha brings with him significant professional and academic credentials. He holds an M.Sc. in Criminology and Criminal Justice from the University of Oxford, United Kingdom, and a LL.M. in Comparative Law from McGill University, Canada. He has extensive experience in constitutional and criminal law practice and has contributed to academic discourse through research and publications.

Dr. Pupul Dutta Prasad is a serving IPS Officer with considerable expertise in criminal justice administration, policing, and policy implementation who is presently on deputation as Professor of Practice at Lloyd Law College, Greater Noida. He holds two Masters degrees: an MSc in Human Rights from the London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE), London and an MA in International Relations from Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU), New Delhi. He also has an LLB degree from the University of Delhi. He earned a PhD in Social Policy from the LSE where he was Commonwealth scholar.

The University by relaunching Project 39A, not only reaffirms its commitment to constitutional values and social justice but also strengthens its leadership in evidence-based legal policy and reform initiatives. This team will lead and develop Project 39A at NLU Delhi with a focus on research, training, capacity-building, and systemic reform.

This is issued with the approval of the Competent Authority.



Registrar

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