

NATIONAL LAW SCHOOL OF INDIA UNIVERSITY

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# Annual Report



# 2021

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# MESSAGE FROM THE VICE-CHANCELLOR



In Academic Year 2018-19, this University began a determined process of renewal and reinvention. We had to simultaneously revive the rigour of our academic programmes; reverse budget deficits and restore prudential financial management; and rebuild our ageing physical infrastructure. In Academic Year 2020-21, we can confidently assert that the renewal of this University is well on its way.

We've added 19 new faculty members to our academic community and continue to add to our most vital academic resource. We've developed academic formats to invite and host over a hundred visiting faculty - both academics and professionals - who've added immensely to the academic vitality of our programmes. We remain the first choice for law students across India and unambiguously retain a No 1 ranking on all private and public University ranking systems that we've participated in. Our research profile has sharply risen as we recast our PhD programmes, recruit research active faculty and create new research projects and centres at the University.

I reported last year that the University has reversed its budget deficits through active fundraising and meticulous expenditure control. Despite the recruitment of new academic faculty and integrating several visiting faculty, we've reduced our overall expenditures and are able to redirect resources to essential academic and infrastructural upgrades. We've added exceptionally high quality staff to critical administrative functions.

This includes a new Registrar, a new Head of Accounts and Finance as well as dedicated staff for Fundraising and Student Welfare. We will continue to recruit staff to these critical roles and redesign all our internal administrative processes through a creative and determined digital transformation.

Despite the challenges of the COVID pandemic & the disruption to our everyday lives, the Governing Bodies of this University have intensively engaged with and approved the 'NLSIU Inclusion and Expansion Plan 2021-25.' Under this Plan, the University shall expand student intake from around 300 a year to nearly 700 a year and eventually house a student community of 2000 students. Our faculty will grow in tandem to about 120, and we will redevelop our infrastructure to accommodate these needs.

These are ambitious plans and the Honourable Chief Justice of India and the Judges of the Supreme Court and High Courts; the Chairman of the Bar Council of India and other senior Members; and the Chief Minister, Education and Law Ministers of the Government of Karnataka have all engaged and contributed to the successful adoption of this Plan. We will need the support of all our existing stakeholders and several new stakeholders to implement this Plan successfully. Today, we invite all those who are committed to public universities delivering a world class, socially engaged, and transformative education to the most inclusive nationally representative student community to join us on this journey.

# INCLUSION & EXPANSION PLAN

The Governing Bodies of the University reviewed and adopted the 'NLSIU Inclusion and Expansion Plan 2021-25' in April-May 2021. This Strategic plan anticipates and responds to two key developments:

- Increasing student diversity by admitting students from various marginalized and disadvantaged sections.
- The National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 encouraging larger multi-disciplinary higher education institutions that enroll significantly higher numbers of students.

The University has developed this Strategic Plan to ensure that NLSIU consolidates and builds on its status as India's No 1 Law University. The Plan rests on three key dimensions as detailed below.

## 1. Student Inclusion & Expansion:

The University currently has over 660 students enrolled in the on-campus programmes. By 2028-29, we plan to reach a projected size of over 2,200 students. We aim to reinvent the three-year LL.B. programme using NLSIU's unique curricular and pedagogical approach to legal education. This programme will commence with an intake of 120 students.

Further, the University is rapidly developing technology platforms for online and hybrid educational content to introduce courses for pre-law, law students and professionals. Parallely, the University will implement a new inclusion policy that provides for reservations for several categories in a phased manner over the next four academic years.

In addition to these reservations, the University will develop a stronger Financial Aid policy and Academic Support programmes to ensure all students benefit from a transformative education at NLSIU.

**2. Faculty and Research:** To ensure that NLSIU maintains the highest academic standards of teaching and research, we will strive to maintain a 1:15 faculty-student ratio across all programmes. We also aim to develop a research faculty structure to engage scholars in research projects, and re-organise research publications to achieve and sustain internationally peer-recognized scholarly output.

**3. Finance and Infrastructure:** To remain a residential campus, the University will need to expand academic and residential facilities. Fee revenues from on-campus and off-campus academic programmes and research grants will be utilized to provide for annual revenue expenditure. In AY 2021-22 the University will move from the planning phase and take the first steps towards the implementation of this Plan.



# 28TH ANNUAL CONVOCATION

September 27, 2020

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The 28th Annual Convocation of NLSIU was held on September 27, 2020 at 11 am. Due to the COVID Pandemic, the Convocation ceremony was held virtually for the first time in over three decades – a unique experience for the University as well as its students.

In 2020, 576 degrees and 48 medals were awarded. Chief Justice of India and Chancellor of NLSIU, Justice Sharad Arvind Bobde presided over the ceremony. Professor Niraja Gopal Jayal from Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi was the Chief Guest and delivered the Convocation Address on the occasion. Watch the full video of the 28th Annual Convocation on the official NLSIU YouTube Channel [here](#).



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The Coronavirus pandemic has ushered in the age of virtual Convocations and physical distancing, but it does not diminish the pride with which we present the graduating students from our various academic programmes.

NLSIU Vice-Chancellor  
Prof (Dr) Sudhir Krishnaswamy

# GOLD MEDAL WINNERS – 28th ANNUAL CONVOCATION 27th SEPTEMBER 2020

## B.A., LL.B. (HONS.) DEGREE PROGRAMME

### 1. MS. YAMUNA MENON

- i) Indira Khaitan Medal for University First Rank (donated by Mr. Suman J. Khaitan, Advocate, New Delhi).
- ii) Justice V. Govindarajachari Medal for Meritorious Student (donated by Mr. Srinivas and Late Shri. V. Ramanujachari, Hyderabad).
- iii) Shri S.K. Venkatarangiengar Medal for the outstanding graduating student (donated by Shri S.V. Rangaswamy, Former Professor, IISc, Bangalore).
- iv) Sarala Birla Medal for the overall topper (donated by the Birla Sanskriti Trust, Kolkata).
- v) Shanbogue Ragavendra Rao and Subbalakshamma Memorial Medal for Best Outgoing Student (donated by Mrs. & Mr. S.R.R.K. Sharma, Chartered Accountants, Bangalore).
- vi) Late Shri S.C. Javali Medal to the Best Outgoing UnderGraduate Student (donated by Smt. Lata, D/o. Shri S.C. Javali and Mr. P.U. Bhavikatti, IOFS (Retd.)).
- vii) Ms. Anuradha N. Memorial Medal for Best Outgoing Female Student sponsored by LEGAL EXCEL – Advocates, Solicitors and Health Care Consultants.
- viii) Sita Ram Jhunjunwala Medal in Business & Corporate Laws (donated by M/s. Sitakunj Memorial Trust through Mr. R.N. Jhunjunwala, Solicitor & Advocate, Calcutta).
- ix) Mr. Vedabrahma Venkatasubramanya Avadanigalu Medal in Torts Law (donated by Mrs. Prabha Sharma & Mr. S.R.R.K. Sharma, Chartered Accountant, Bangalore).
- x) Shri A.R. Udayasankar Medal in Public Law (donated by Ms. Krishna Udayashankar, Bangalore, Former B.A., LL.B. (Hons.) student of NLSIU).
- xi) Prof. Udai Raj Rai Medal in Constitutional Law (donated by Ms. Sheela Rai, Associate Professor, NLUO, Cuttack).
- xii) Mr. H.V. Subba Rao Medal in Contracts Law (donated by Mrs. Prabha Sharma & Mr. S.R.R.K. Sharma, Chartered Accountant, Bangalore).
- xiii) Laxmi Devi Jhunjunwala Medal in Criminal Law (donated by M/s. Sitakunj Memorial Trust through Mr. R.N. Jhunjunwala, Solicitor & Advocate, Calcutta).
- xiv) Ms. K.G. Pramila and Mr. D.C. Thammanna Medal in Transfer of Property Laws (donated by Mrs. Prabha Sharma & Mr. S.R.R.K. Sharma, Chartered Accountant, Bangalore).
- xv) Corporation Bank Gold Medal for securing highest marks in Banking Law (donated by the Corporation Bank, Corporate Office, Mangalore).

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## B.A., LL.B. (HONS.) DEGREE PROGRAMME

xvi) Justice P. Govinda Menon Medal for Best All-Round Graduating Student (donated by Mr. & Mrs. M. Sankaranarayanan, Former Chief Secretary, Karnataka).

xvii) Shri K.I. Bhatta Memorial Medal for Most Deserving Female Student (donated by Shri Shankar H. Pathak).

xviii) K.B. Jhunjhunwala Medal in Constitutional Law (donated by M/s. Sitakunj Memorial Trust through Mr. R.N. Jhunjhunwala, Solicitor & Advocate, Calcutta).

### 2. MS. SREGURUPRIYA AYAPPAN

i) Late Sri A.V. Gopalakrishna Bhat Memorial Medal for II Rank (donated by Mrs. Prabha Sharma & Mr. S.R.R.K. Sharma, Chartered Accountant, Bangalore).

ii) Basant Kumar Birla Medal for the II Rank Student (donated by the Birla Sanskriti Trust, Kolkata).

### 3. MS. MANASVINI JAIN

i) Sri. N.R. Rayalu Medal for III Rank (donated by Mrs. Prabha Sharma & Mr. S.R.R.K. Sharma, Chartered Accountant, Bangalore).

ii) Dr. D.V. Gundappa Medal in Professional Ethics (donated by Mrs. Vinoo Jayaram & Mr. A.N. Jayaram, Former Addl. Solicitor General of India, Senior Advocate, Bangalore).

iii) Prof. K.C. Gopalakrishna & Smt. Sarojini Gopalakrishna Gold Medal in Taxation Law (donated by Prof. K.C. Gopalakrishna, Bangalore). iv) Duttal Jhunjhunwala Medal in International Law (donated by M/s. Sitakunj Memorial Trust through Mr. R.N. Jhunjhunwala, Solicitor & Advocate, Calcutta).

### 4. MS. UNNATI ASHISH GHEA

i) Best Student Advocate Award (donated by Mr. V.R. Reddy, Senior Advocate & Addl. Solicitor General, New Delhi).

ii) Kumari Devi Menon Memorial Medal for All-round Best Graduating Girl Student (donated by Prof. N.R. Madhava Menon & Mrs. Rema Menon).

iii) Vikram Singh Medal for Young Leader of the Year, instituted by Karan Singh, Kolkata

### 5. MS. HRISHIKA JAIN

i) Singhanian & Company Medal in Law & Economics (donated by Mr. D.C. Singhanian, Advocate, New Delhi).

ii) Justice Alvaro Dias Medal in Jurisprudence (donated by Mr. & Mrs. Menezes, Panjim, Goa)

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## B.A., LL.B. (HONS.) DEGREE PROGRAMME

### 6. MR. ANIMESH SINGH R.

Keshava Iyengar Medal in Administrative Law (donated by Mr. K. Parasaran, Senior Advocate, New Delhi).

### 7. MR. DHANUSH DINESH

Smt. Rukmanidevi Arundale Medal in Environmental Law (donated by Mrs. Vinoo Jayaram & Mr. A.N. Jayaram, Former Addl. Solicitor General of India, Senior Advocate, Bangalore).

### 8. MS. SPOORTHI COTHA

i) Prof. P. Shivashankar Medal in Intellectual Property Law (donated by Mrs. Vinoo Jayaram & Mr. A.N. Jayaram, Former Addl. Solicitor General of India, Senior Advocate, Bangalore).

ii) Seervai Gold Medal for the Best Essay in Constitutional Law (Donated by Mrs. Navroz H. Seervai).

### 9. MR. TEJAS K.

Justice V.C. Ramachandran Medal in Clinical Courses (donated by Mrs. Vinoo Jayaram & Mr. A.N. Jayaram, Former Addl. Solicitor General of India, Senior Advocate, Bangalore).

### 10. MS. SHANNON ANOUSHKHA KHALKO

VICE-CHANCELLOR's Prize for outstanding personal achievement (donated by Prof. D.K. Sampath, Senior Advocate, Chengalpattu and Visiting Professor, NLSIU).

### 11. MR. SIDDHARTH P. CHOKKALINGAM

Smt. Sripada Subbalakshmi & Sri Sripada Vara Prasada Rao Memorial Gold Medal in "Health Law & Ethics – Seminar course" (Donated by Shri Sripada Joga Rao, Visiting Professor, NLSIU, Bangalore).

### 12. MS. APARNA SANJAY

Alyosha Kumar Gold Medal for excellence in Sports and Extracurricular Activities (donated by Cmdr. Arun Kumar, AVSM, NM (Retd.) Mumbai).

### 13. MR. AVINASH V. RAO & MR. APURVA SINGH

Mrs. Madhu Bhasin Noble Student Award for Legal Aid Clinic (donated by Mr. Lalit Bhasin, Advocate, Supreme Court of India, New Delhi).



# **GOLD MEDAL WINNERS – 28th ANNUAL CONVOCATION 27th SEPTEMBER 2020**

## **ONE-YEAR LL.M. PROGRAMME**

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### **1. MS. SHREYA**

- i) Mr. M.L. Mitra Memorial Medal for the Best Academic Performance in LL.M. (Business Laws) (donated by Prof. N.L. Mitra, Visiting Professor, NLSIU, Bangalore).
- ii) Mrs. Chandra Sriram Gold Medal for securing highest CGPA in LL.M. (Business Laws) (donated by Mr. Justice Gopal Sriram, Judge, Malaysia).
- iii) Hunasagahalli Muthanna Parvathamma Medal for securing highest CGPA (LL.M.)(donated by Mrs. Prabha Sharma & Mr. S.R.R.K. Sharma, Chartered Accountant, Bangalore).

### **2. MS. KHUSHILEKHA BAJPAI**

Shri Nani A. Palkhivala Memorial Medal for securing highest CGPA in LL.M. Human Rights Law (donated by Shri Nani A. Palkhivala Memorial Trust, Mumbai).

### **3. MS. GOURI SAXENA**

Indian Army, Navy, Airforce Medal for securing highest marks in Refugee & Humanitarian Law (instituted by M/s. S.R.R.K. Sharma Associates, Chartered Accountants, Bangalore).

### **4. MR. AMBER JAIN SINGHAL & MS. SHREYA**

M/s. Sitaram Jindal Foundation Gold Medal for Best Research Paper in Business Law Stream (instituted by M/s. Sitaram Jindal Foundation).

### **5. MS. KHUSHILEKA BAJPAI**

M/s. Sitaram Jindal Foundation Gold Medal for Best Research Paper in Human Rights Law Stream (instituted by M/s. Sitaram Jindal Foundation).

### **6. MR. ABHILAKSH**

M/s. Sitaram Jindal Foundation Gold Medal for Best Outgoing LL.M. Student from Business Law and Human Rights Law hailing from marginalized background (instituted by M/s. Sitaram Jindal Foundation).

# GOLD MEDAL WINNERS - 28th ANNUAL CONVOCATION 27th SEPTEMBER 2020

## PUBLIC POLICY & DISTANCE EDUCATION PROGRAMMES

### Two-Year MPP (Master of Public Policy) Programme

#### 1. MS. ANOGRYA PARTHASARATHY

MPP Faculty Medal for Best Outgoing Student (donated by MPP Faculty, NLSIU, Bangalore).

### Master of Business Laws (Distance Education Programme)

#### 1. MR. SUBRAHMANYA PRASAD

Mr. P.K. Das Memorial Medal to the Best in Master of Business Laws (MBL) Distance Education Programme (donated by Prof. N.L. Mitra, Visiting Professor, NLSIU, Bangalore).

## DEGREES AWARDED

Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) in Law	03
Master of Laws (LLM)	45
Master's Programme in Public Policy (MPP)	40
BA LLB (Hons)	77
Master of Business Laws (MBL)	145
Post Graduate Diploma in Human Rights Law (PGDHRL)	17
Post Graduate Diploma in Medical Law & Ethics (PGDMLE)	90
Post Graduate Diploma in Environmental Law (PGDEL)	28
Post Graduate Diploma in Intellectual Property Rights Law (PGDIPRL)	43
Post Graduate Diploma in Child Rights Law (PGDCRL)	14
Post Graduate Diploma in Consumer Law & Practice (PGDCLP)	09
Post Graduate Diploma in Cyber Law & Cyber Forensics (PGDCLCF)	65
<b>Total</b>	<b>576</b>

# COPING WITH THE PANDEMIC

## ACADEMIC MEASURES

Since the announcement of the initial lockdown in 2020, NLSIU adopted robust technical infrastructure to ensure all academic and most co-curricular activities were delivered online. During the past Academic year, the University made rigorous efforts to maintain academic standards and keep up with our demanding academic calendar.

- The University built and deployed an online learning management system that ensures a structured syllabi for every course and the easy availability of reading materials. This learning platform was integrated with video conferencing and the administrative platform to make online learning a seamless experience.
- NLSIU's Elective Course programme integrated external and internal faculty offering new and intellectually challenging courses.
- Digital access to books/journals/study material was made available to students and faculty through the University's library website and the students' learning management portal. Visually impaired students were sent scanned, screen-reader friendly readings/books to support their learning process.
- The University worked overtime to migrate rapidly to a fully online academic programme, innovated around our examination practice, and ensured that we had high levels of student attendance, exam taking and successful course completion.
- The examination process was facilitated via the Learning Management System (LMS) and remotely proctored. Evaluations were facilitated online and special arrangements were made to make the examination process accessible to differently-abled students. Students with limited or poor access to the internet and other related facilities were given financial subsidies.

These efforts have been possible due to the collaborative efforts of the faculty, staff and students of the University.

# COPING WITH THE PANDEMIC

## HEALTH & SAFETY MEASURES

In light of COVID-19 safety guidelines issued by the Government of Karnataka, the University implemented several measures to ensure a safe environment for its staff and students.

Ms Malini from NLSIU's Health Centre spearheaded COVID care and testing protocols on campus. NLSIU partnered with the city's civic body Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) for COVID-19 management. This included measures to not only prevent the spread of the virus, but also to provide the best care in case of any detection of COVID positive cases.

### COVID Testing:

To ensure health and safety of the NLS Community, the University along with the BBMP carried out COVID tests since November 2020. This included testing for staff residing on campus and their families. During AY 2020-21, eight rounds of COVID testing was conducted where 1087 RT-PCR samples were collected. This has now become a continuing practice with regular COVID testing on campus.

### Medical Arrangements:

In case of identification of any COVID positive cases, necessary arrangements were made by the University for isolation at the Health Centre on campus and all COVID care protocols were strictly followed. Meanwhile, NLSIU coordinated with BBMP officials and identified two hospitals for COVID-19 related emergencies to ensure availability of resources and timely care to the NLSIU community. Medications to treat COVID-19 and masks were also provided free of cost on campus.

### Sanitisation:

The University administration carried out daily extensive fumigation and sanitisation on campus including hostels, canteen, academic block, learning centre, library, staff quarters, and the security blocks to maintain hygiene. Thermal screening at the campus entrance was made mandatory for visitors.

### Vaccination Camps:

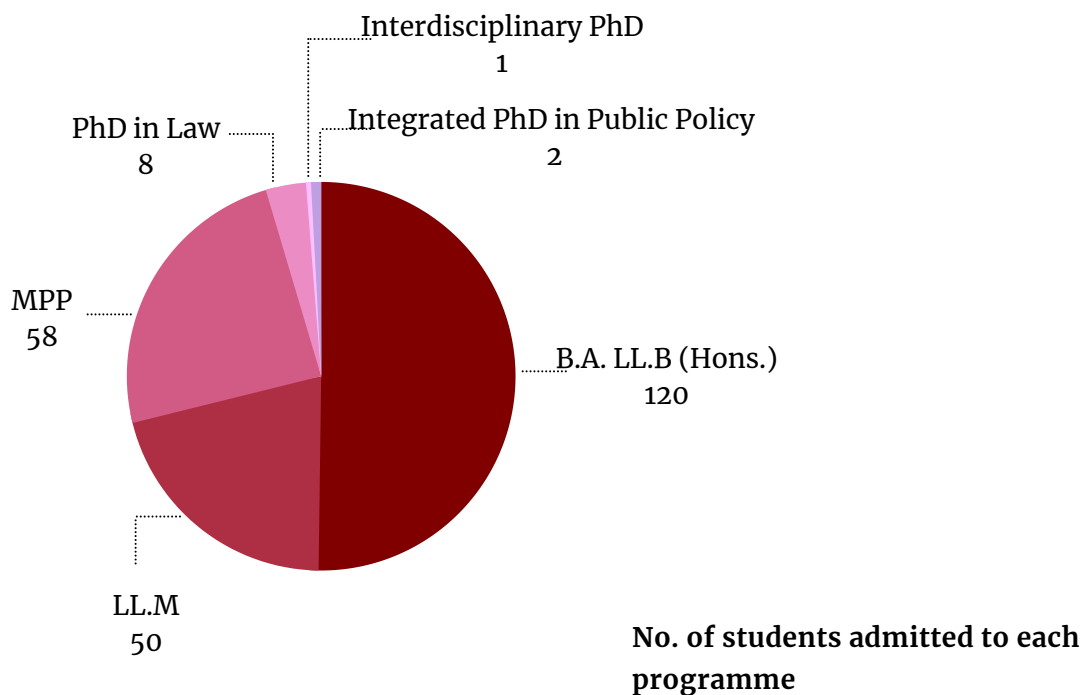
The University, in coordination with the BBMP, arranged for COVID Vaccination camps on campus since April 2021. The camps were open to all faculty, staff and their family members on campus. A total of 57 people received their first dose of the vaccine until June 2021. The University continues to conduct vaccination camps to ensure a safe environment for the NLSIU community.

# ACADEMICS

## REFRESHING & EXPANDING OUR ACADEMIC PROGRAMMES:

The University adopted new Academic and Examination Regulations for three major academic programmes after a 11-year period to streamline academic processes at the University and strengthen our ability to deliver high quality programmes at scale.

NLSIU admitted 239 students to our on-campus programmes and 2561 students to our off-campus programmes during the Academic Year 2020-21. All classes were conducted online owing to the pandemic.



## EXPANSION OF THE B.A., LL.B. (HONS.) PROGRAMME

For the first time since the introduction of the BA LLB (Hons) Programme, the University increased the intake of the programme to 120 students in 2020. Students from 21 States/UTs secured admission to the University for the programme.

This expansion was carried out in line with the NLSIU Inclusion and Expansion Plan 2021-25. Going forward, student intake will continue to increase across academic programmes in the years ahead. This will include the introduction of the three-year LLB Programme in AY 2021-22.

# ACADEMICS

## ELECTIVES

The Elective Course programme has integrated external and internal faculty offering new and intellectually challenging courses. The University offered a total of 62 elective courses including 21 intensive elective courses during the AY 2020-21.

The elective courses were delivered in 2 weeks where students undergo an immersive deep dive into their chosen subject. These courses were delivered by 67 faculty involving as many as 55 external/visiting faculty that included several eminent personalities in the legal profession and academia.

## FACULTY RECRUITMENT

After a period of 10 years, the University recruited 19 exceptionally qualified and motivated young faculty from some of the top universities. This is part of our effort to further strengthen the University's teaching and research initiatives in the years to come.

## INTRODUCTION OF THE PHD SCHOLARSHIP

In September 2020, the University introduced its first PhD Scholarship in 2020 titled the 'Dr N R Madhava Menon Doctoral Scholarship.' The three-year programme sponsors three meritorious students admitted to NLSIU's PhD Programme. GE India partnered with the University to fund three scholars for 2020-2023. We look forward to supporting bigger cohorts through this scholarship programme to attract talented young scholars and faculty to the University.

## ONLINE LANGUAGE CLASSES

To respect the heterogeneity on campus, the University decided to introduce online language classes for students. In 2020, this initiative began with spoken Kannada classes for students to familiarise themselves with the local language that could aid them with research and fieldwork with local communities.

# ACADEMICS

## DISTANCE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

The Distance Education Department offers hybrid, off-campus programmes that enable self-paced learning. Our programmes are designed to empower students to expand their knowledge of the law and critically engage with legal systems. The programmes have a contemporary curriculum with faculty comprising academicians and industry experts. These unique and carefully curated programmes have helped students advance in their careers and gain expertise in the given subject. Our classrooms are diverse as we welcome students from all disciplines and across various age groups.

The DED offers a Masters degree in Business Laws (MBL) and Postgraduate Diplomas in:

- Human Rights Law (PGDHRL)
- Medical Law & Ethics (PGDMLE)
- Environmental Law (PGDEL)
- Intellectual Property Rights Law (PGDIPRL)
- Child Rights Law (PGDCRL)
- Consumer Law & Practice (PGDCLP)
- Cyber Law & Cyber Forensics (PGDCLCF)

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## KEY STATISTICS

### Enrolments

2020-21: 2561 (Up by 10.6%)

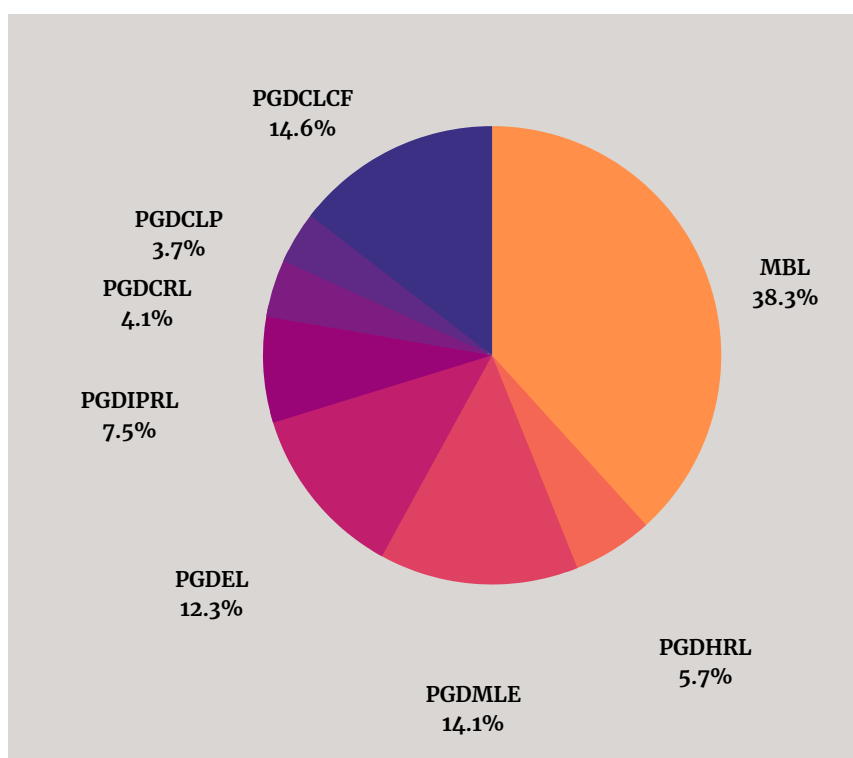
2019-20: 2314

### No of Graduates

2020-21: 421 (Up by 12.56%)

2019-20: 374

Programme	Enrolments
MBL	980
PGDHRL	145
PGDMLE	360
PGDEL	314
PGDIPRL	191
PGDCRL	104
PGDCLP	94
PGDCLCF	373
<b>Total</b>	<b>2561</b>



# ACADEMICS

## Key Activities

During the Academic Year 2020-21,

1. The DED has successfully transitioned from pen and paper-based learning to online & hybrid learning which has enabled students to:
  - Attend classes from the comfort of their homes and;
  - Regularise their learning
2. In order to meet the unique challenges outlined by the pandemic, the department was able to successfully offer the facility to take examinations online and complete their programmes in a timely manner. This is reflected in the highest ever graduation rates this year.
3. DED students also had access to the Learning Management System (LMS) where they could access:
  - Class recordings, class presentations
  - Track their academic progress, and organise their learning
  - Interact with their peers and take notes in a central space

## Launch of the FLE Certificate Course

The Distance Education Department launched the Foundations for a Legal Education (FLE) Certificate Course on January 26, 2021 to motivate bright high school students to consider and pursue a legal education, and help them make an easy transition from high school to law school. This 4-week intensive course was specially designed to help students acquire skills and intellectual abilities they need for their journey into the world of academia and the legal profession.

As very few students receive a structured introduction to legal education and the legal profession, this course was introduced as a foundations programme for anyone interested in legal education. Three different variants of the programme were offered to the 580 students who enrolled for the course.

In commemoration of Republic Day, 26 scholarships were also offered to students who enrolled for the course. Through the FLE Course, NLSIU will continue its commitment to deepen and broaden the pool of students interested in pursuing a legal education.



# FACULTY ACHIEVEMENTS

## DR. APARNA CHANDRA

- Authored a chapter titled 'Equality and Diversity in Constitutional Discourses' in 'Democratic Constitutionalism in India and the European Union'
- Signed a contract with Cambridge University Press to edit the 'Cambridge Companion to the Constitution of India' (forthcoming 2023)
- Taught a course on 'Comparative Constitutional Law' along with Prof. Philipp Dann, Humboldt University; cross-listed at NLSIU, Humboldt University, National Law University, Delhi and Jindal Global Law School, April-May, 2021

## DR. ASHOK R PATIL

- As a member of the Standing Committee/Drafting Committee and Central Consumer Protection Council (CCPC), was actively involved in drafting Rules and Regulations of Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Government of India, under Consumer Protection Act 2019. The Act came into force in July 2020
- Authored two books titled 'Online Dispute Resolution through Mediation', and 'Tobacco Control Law in India Origins and Proposed Reforms'
- Represented India at an international level as member of Consumer International (CI) and International Association of Consumer Law (IACL)

## DR. ATREYEE MAJUMDER

- Delivered a talk on 'Leaving the Secular Home: Anthropology and the Journey of Faith' at the Centre for Studies in Social Sciences, Kolkata, April 2021

## BABU MATHEW

- Co-authored the article titled 'The Journey of Labour Regulations,' Seminar 738, February 2021
- Co-authored "L'histoire des nouveaux Codes du travail en Inde" Revue de droit comparé du travail et de la sécurité sociale

# FACULTY ACHIEVEMENTS

## DR. H K NAGARAJA

- Delivered a lecture on 'The Evolving Status of Human Person in International Law' at the Faculty Development Programme organised by Karnataka Law University, Hubballi, August 2020

## KUNAL AMBASTA

- Authored an article titled 'Designed for Abuse: Special Criminal Laws & Rights of the Accused' in Nalsar Student Law Review, 2020
- Authored a book review titled 'Storm in a teacup' - a review of Tripurdaman Singh's 'Sixteen Stormy Days: The Story of the First Amendment to the Constitution of India,' in Biblio: A Review of Books
- Panelist for webinars on:
  - 'The Criminal Justice System: The Value of Due Process', The Alternative Law Forum, June 2020
  - 'Death Penalty: Caste and Access to Justice in India', The Polis Project, October, 2020
  - 'Presumption of Innocence and the Constitution', Vidhi Centre for Legal Policy, New Delhi, December 2020

## DR. M K RAMESH

- Appointed as a member of the Expert Committee Constituted by Government of India that drafted Amendments to the Biodiversity Act, 2002
- Shared expert opinions with:
  - Government of India: On Draft EIA Notification, 2020; Pesticides Bill, 2020; Three farm-related Legislations, 2020
  - Government of Karnataka: On Law Reforms Amendment Bill 2020; Role & responsibilities of the Pollution Control Board on waste management and conservation of lakes
  - Karnataka Lokayukta: On the status and functions of the Pollution Control Board on matters concerning riverine pollution

## MOHAN MANI

- Co-authored the Poverty and Vulnerability Report titled 'Migration in South Asia of South Asia Alliance for Poverty Eradication (SAAPE)'
- Co-authored the platform study report titled: 'Is Platform Work Decent Work?: A case of Food Delivery workers in Karnataka' - Institute of Public Policy Occasional Papers Series No. 10

# FACULTY ACHIEVEMENTS

## DR. MRINAL SATISH

- Authored a chapter titled 'Religious Penal Clauses in India' in the book 'Religious Offences in Common Law Asia,' published by Hart Publishing, UK
- Co-authored a report titled 'Legal Barriers to Accessing Safe Abortion Services in India: A Fact Finding Study', a collaborative project between the Center for Reproductive Rights, New York, Centre for Constitutional Law, Policy, and Governance, NLU Delhi, and NLSIU

## DR. NAGARATHNA A

- Appointed as Individual Consultant, Bureau of Police Research & Development (BPR&D) for preparation of Prison Training Manuals for Prison Personnel from May 2021
- Nominated as Member (Legal), Institutional Ethics Committee of Indian Council of Medical Research - National Centre for Disease Informatics and Research, Bangalore from February 2020
- Contributed to the framing of India's first 'BIS's National Data Privacy Standard' since 2016; implemented from January 2021, by the Bureau of Indian Standards, Government of India

## PREETI PRATISHRUTI DASH

- Won the Indian Law Review Best Article Prize 2021 for her article: 'Rape adjudication in India in the aftermath of Criminal Law Amendment Act, 2013: findings from trial courts of Delhi'
- Awarded the Eddie Dinshaw-Chevening Scholarship to pursue research in criminology at the University of Oxford

## PRERNA DHOOP

- Co-authored an article titled "Raising the 'Labor Question' in a Deliberative Democracy," Economic & Political Weekly, Vol. 55, Issue No. 51, December 2020
- Participated as a Resource Person for an Expert Conversation on 'Corporate Human Rights Duties' at the Kumaraguru College of Liberal Arts and Science (KCLAS), School of Commerce

# FACULTY ACHIEVEMENTS

## **RAAG YADAVA**

- Delivered a lecture titled 'Sri Aurobindo's Vision for India on the Global Stage' at the Aarna International Law Study Group, Bengaluru
- Received the GE Dr. Madhav Menon Scholarship at NLSIU
- Instituted the Student Leadership Council at NLSIU, in partnership with Creatnet Education, New Delhi

## **DR. SARASU ESTHER THOMAS**

- Co-edited a special volume titled 'The Gendered Contagion: Perspectives on Domestic Violence during COVID-19'
- Edited an article titled 'De-Constructing Inheritance Rights of Women Under Tribal Customary Laws: A Comparative Study of Khasi and Mizo Tribes in Gender, Human Rights and Law'

## **DR. T S SOMASHEKAR**

- Presented a paper titled 'Cartel Leniency Program in India - No Rush Here' at the 6th International conference on Law and Economics, Indian Association of Law and Economics, December 2020
- Participated as a panelist at 'The Future of Mobile Ecosystems: Enabling a Choice for Market Players and Consumers in India,' held by Competition Policy International, December 2020
- Held a master class on 'Law and Economics with a Focus on Crime' at the National University of Advanced Legal Studies (NUALS), Cochin, February 2021

## **DR. SONY PELLISSERY**

- Authored a chapter titled 'Social Policy in India: One Hundred Years of the (Stifled) Social Question' in the book 'One Hundred Years of Social Protection,' Palgrave MacMillan, 2021
- Co-edited special issue of Social Policy and Society (Cambridge University Press) on Property and Social Citizenship, Vol. 19, No. 2
- Nominated to the Board of Studies of the Liberal Arts Graduate Programme of Christ University, Bangalore

# FACULTY ACHIEVEMENTS

## SRIJONI SEN

- Anchored a series of panel discussions and co-authored the subsequent report on the proposed Non-Personal Data Governance Framework, along with faculty from IISc and IIIT-Bangalore
- Set up a research project taking an empirical look at regulatory governance in India and co-authored its approach paper
- Initiated a research project looking at the governance of public records in India in the 21st century

## DR. SUDHIR KRISHNASWAMY

- Selected for the Distinguished Alumni Hall Portrait, Pembroke College, Oxford. The initiative recognises alumni who have been distinguishing themselves in their respective professional fields, or achieved prominence in the public eye, or have been significant benefactors of the college
- Recipient of the OBA Award for Significant Achievement 2020 by Old Boys' Association, St. Joseph's Boys' High School. The Association recognizes Old Boys who have gone above and beyond the call of duty in the true spirit of *Fide et Labore*
- Addressed attendees at an event organised by University College Dublin, Ireland on the topic 'Gandhi's legacy and the future development of the Constitution of India: a good or a bad influence?', October 2020

## DR. YASHOMATI GHOSH

- Authored a book chapter titled 'Case Flow Management Rules in India' in the book 'Gestion DU Tribunal/Court Management,' IRJS, University of Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne
- Organised the one day consultation cum validation programme on the 'Impact of Litigation on Public Infrastructural Projects,' sponsored by Government of India Scheme for Action Research and Studies on Judicial Reforms, March 2021
- Published an article titled 'Carving a Fair Deal to Secure Right to Education within Copyright Framework,' v. 25 n. 3 (2020): Revista Direitos Fundamentais & Democracia, Journal of Fundamental Rights and Democracy, UniBrasil

# NLS FACULTY SEMINARS

- **'Cross-Border Data Access for Law Enforcement: What Are India's Strategic Options?'** by Smriti Parsheera

December 2020



- **'In the Shadows of the State: How Rent Shape Our Cities'** by Dr. Sushmita Pati

January 2021



- **'Whither Evidence (Act) based reasoning?: Towards an Effects-based Approach in Indian Competition Jurisprudence'** by Rahul Singh

January 2021



- **'All that Glitters...Recent Law Reforms and their Impact on Child Marriages'** by Dr. Sarasu Esther Thomas

March 2021



- **'Religious Penal Clauses in Context: Country Studies in Common Law Asia'** by Dr. Mrinal Satish

March 2021



- **'Rape adjudication in India in the aftermath of Criminal Law Amendment Act, 2013: Findings from trial courts of Delhi'** by Preeti Prathishruti Dash

April 2021



# NLS PUBLIC LECTURE SERIES

- **Gender and the “Faith” in Law: Equality, Secularism, and the Rise of the Hindu Nation**

Prof. Ratna Kapur, International Law, Queen Mary University of London, analyzes how concepts of gender, gender equality, and secularism have been addressed by the higher judiciary in India in cases dealing with matters of religion. The discussion focuses on three landmark decisions of the Indian Supreme Court on gender equality.

April 2021







# RESEARCH CENTRES

## CENTRE FOR INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RESEARCH AND ADVOCACY

### ACTIVITIES

- GI Registration and Study in Jharkhand
  - Sohrai Khovar Painting
  - Mandar of Jharkhans
  - Ranchi Papaya
  - Tusser Silk of Jharkhand
  - Laah (lac)
  - Devghar Peda
  - Patthar Kala
  - Paitkat Painting
  - Chiraunji Seeds
  - Dokra Art
  - Palaash Daana
  - Chhau Mask
  - Bamboo Basket and Cane products
  - Jadu Patiya Painting
- Collaboration with WIPO on the Study of Practical Dimesnions of ABS Rights Management
- GI Registration and Study in Karnataka
  - Mysore Mallige
  - Nanjangud Banana
  - Bangalore Blur Grapes
  - Channapatna Toys
- Roundtable on 'Geographical Indications - Protection and promotion in India', and Roundtable on Intellectual Property as a Security Asset for Credit: Issues and Prospects
- International roundtable on Achieving Global Food Security through Instrumentalities of Plant Variety and Other related Disciplines

### OUTPUTS

Submitted reports to the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade on the following:

- Round table on 'Geographical Indications - Protection & Promotion in India' held in August 2020
- Round Table on 'Intellectual Property As A Security Asset for Credit: Issues and Prospects' held in October 2020
- International Round Table on 'Achieving Global Food Security through instrumentalities of Plant Variety and other related disciplines (Patent, Trade Secret, ABS & Regulatory framework)' held in March 2021
- Expectations of IPR Chair University selected under the Scheme of Pedagogy and Research in IPRs Holistic Education and Academia (SPRIHA)-Implementation of National Education Policy 2020 held in April 2021
- 'Monitoring of IPR Chair under the SPRIHA Norms'

# RESEARCH CENTRES

## CENTRE FOR ENVIRONMENTAL LAW EDUCATION, RESEARCH AND ADVOCACY

### ACTIVITIES

- Webinar on 'Right to Information: Practice and Procedures, August 2020
- Two-day webinar on 'The Future of Environmental Litigation', August, 2020.
- Five-day online training programme on 'Environmental Legislations, Interpretation, Enforcement, Legal and Statutory Requirements', in association with the Central Pollution Control Board, February 2021
- Online Consultative Workshop on 'Industrial Use and Handling of Mercury in India ', in collaboration with IIT, Hyderabad and MoEF&CC, May 2021
- Online Consultative Workshop on 'Legislating Climate Change Law' under CEERA's initiative towards drafting a climate protection bill, June 2021

### OUTPUTS

- CEERA was identified as a Key Resource Centre (KRC) for the National Jal Jeevan Mission, Department of Drinking Water and Sanitation, Ministry of Jal Shakti, Government of India. The centre seeks to organize training programmes and workshops for senior and mid-level officers. The deliverables under the project shall be aimed at strengthening the legal and governance framework on water governance in India
- In furtherance of the MoU entered into by the University with Tata Consultancy Services, CEERA published a special edition of the IN LAW Magazine focusing on Law and Technology. Members of the TCS team were invited to contribute and/or collaborate for this special edition of the IN LAW Magazine
- Prof. Sairam Bhat and Prof. M.K Ramesh assisted by the team at CEERA administered two courses with NPTEL and IIT Madras on 'Right to Information and Good Governance,' and on 'Constitution of India and Environmental Governance: Administrative and Adjudicatory Process.'
- CEERA in collaboration with the Chair on Urban Poor under the Ministry of Urban Affairs and Poverty Alleviation, Government of India and the Directorate of Municipal Administration, Government of Karnataka, organized a two-day webinar on 'Migrant Workers and Urban Governance' on July 3-4, 2020.

# RESEARCH CENTRES

## CENTRE FOR CHILD AND THE LAW

### ACTIVITIES

- Puppet show for children on Right to Food in Hindi
- Child Rights Conversations on Malnutrition with Dr M.S. Tara, Former Regional Director, NIPCCD, Bengaluru and Member, SDG 2 Action Committee, Government of Karnataka
- Child Rights Conversations on Moving towards Nutrition with Dr K.C. Raghu, Food expert
- The Asia Chapter on Joint COVID-19 monitoring report on the impacts of RTF and Nutrition by Global Network for RTF and Nutrition
- Jointly to Implementing SDGs in India: Poverty, Hunger and Gender issued by Foundation for Global Governance and Sustainability

### OUTPUTS

- Published Citizen Report Card: A performance Evaluation of Entitlement Programmes under NFSA, 2013 from the Rights holders' perspective
- Published Right to Food and Nutrition: Enhanced Role of Media
- Published Eradicating Malnutrition in Karnataka: What should we do to achieve Sustainable Development Goal 2.2? A Resource for People's Representatives
- Published My Food My Right! A comic book for children on Right to Food

# RESEARCH CENTRES

## CENTRE FOR WOMEN AND THE LAW

### ACTIVITIES

- Research Project on 'Reintegration and Rehabilitation of Acid Attack Victims' funded by the National Human Rights Commission, New Delhi
- Research Project on Gap Analysis of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities funded by UNDP/ UNRCO
- Bridging Silos: Dovetailing Curriculum Development, Research and Training of Young Lawyers and Law Students to strengthen synergies between law, practice and policy, to facilitate access to justice” funded by the Ford Foundation
- Session by Prof. Karen Busby on Sex Work Context and Law in Canada (with Some Comparisons to India) as a part of the research project on Sex Work Laws in India and Canada: A Comparative Analysis held in April 2021
- Webinar on Strengthening Justice Education initiative in South Asia, August 2020

### OUTPUTS

- Released a Volume titled 'The Gendered Contagion: Perspectives on Domestic Violence during COVID 19', April 2021
- Regional Consultation (Southern) on Law Review of Protection of Women from Domestic Violence Act, 2005 organised by the National Commission for Women, February 2021
- Sex Work Laws in India and Canada: A Comparative Analysis funded by the Shastri Indo Canadian Institute

# RESEARCH CENTRES

## CENTRE FOR THE STUDY OF SOCIAL EXCLUSION AND INCLUSIVE POLICY

### ACTIVITIES

- Extended policy advice to the University Grants Commission on 'Promoting equity and ending exclusion in higher education: A response to New Education Policy 2020'
- One-day round table conference on evolving modern technologies to eradicate manual scavenging in Karnataka in collaboration with Safai Karmachari commission and Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore dated 07 July 2020
- One-day State-level seminar on Devadasi Mothers and children's status in Karnataka (Dated 04-September-2020) in collaboration with Institute for Community Development and Policy Research (ICDPR) and SAKHI Trust, Hospet
- District level convention on 'Our walk towards quality education for the dignity of grassroot communities' at Ambedkar Bhavan, Koppla dated 09 January 2021

## INSTITUTE OF PUBLIC POLICY

### ACTIVITIES

- Delivered a Bihar Election Preview lecture titled 'Fragmentation of social identity: A rear view mirror'
- Held a public seminar on 'Changing Paradigms and Evolving Governance', February 6-7, 2021
- Hosted NASPPA-Batten Policy simulation competition, in which more than 400 students from 120 universities across 30 countries participated, March 2021
- Organised a lecture series to commemorate the 50th anniversary of John Rawls' 'A Theory of Justice'. Speakers at the event included: Thomas Pogge, Rajesh Sampath, Narendar Pani, Chandran Kukatas, Jeremy Seekings, Armando Barrientos, Kuruvilla Pandikattu, Ruth Abbey, Ben Davy

# RESEARCH CENTRES

## CENTRE FOR LABOUR STUDIES

### ACTIVITIES

- Completed the South Asia Alliance for Poverty Eradication (SAAPE) triennial Poverty Report. The Report covered eight countries in South Asia: India, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, Nepal, Afghanistan, Bhutan and The Maldives
- Completed a study of platform work with focus on the Food Delivery sector in Karnataka
- Completed a project commissioned by the Chhattisgarh Government on a Framework for Labour Policy for the State; Critique of the Labour Codes; and Rules for Chhattisgarh labour regulation based on the new Labour Codes
- Started work on an analysis of Industrial Relations in Jordan, focussing on the Export Garment Sector, commissioned by the ILO
- Started work on a post-Covid study of platform work with focus on the Food Delivery sector in Karnataka. This study will build on the earlier platform study and seek the nature of platform work from a legal perspective, and the impact of the pandemic on the sector. This study is supported by the Rosa Luxemburg Foundation

# RESEARCH CHAIRS

## CHAIR ON URBAN POOR

### ACTIVITIES

- Organised a two-day webinar on 'Migrant Workers and Urban Governance' in collaboration with CEERA, on July 3-4, 2020. Deliberations in the webinar spanned across themes like responsibilities of Urban Local Bodies in protection of migrant workers under the Constitutional scheme, executive functions of the municipalities, the role of the municipalities in transporting migrant workers, judicial response to the migrant workers crisis, labour entitlements of the workers, role of non-State actors, issues of urban poor and the law and migrant worker protection in smart cities

## CHAIR ON CONSUMER LAW

### ACTIVITIES

- Published two books titled 'Online Dispute Resolution through Mediation' and “Tobacco Control Law in India Origins and Proposed Reforms”
- The Chair is acting as a think-tank for the Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Government of India and Government of Karnataka, with active involvement in drafting the Consumer Protection Act 2019, Rules and Regulations, which came into force on July 20, 2020
- Published an International Journal titled ‘International Journal on Consumer Law and Practice (IJCLP), which was recently indexed in Scopus and UGC Care List
- Organized Law Enforcers Training Workshop on 'Implementation of the Prohibition of Electronic Cigarettes (Production, Manufacture, Import, Export, Transport, Sale, Distribution, Storage and Advertisement) Act, 2019
- Organised a webinar Release of Report on “Tobacco Control Laws In India: Origins And Proposed Reform”, November, 2020
- Organised National Webinar on “Online Dispute Resolution under Consumer Protection Act, 2019”, December, 2020

# RESEARCH PROJECTS

## REGULATORY GOVERNANCE PROJECT

### ACTIVITIES & OUTPUTS

- Launched the website reg-gov.nls.ac.in to publish blogs and working papers, collate key reports and maintain an accessible a database of Indian regulators
- Collaborating with the Reserve Bank of India's Regulations Review Authority (RRA 2.0) to streamline and rationalise the RBI's regulatory functions
- Collaborating with NCAER on a project for IBBI to assess whether IBBI has been an effective regulator
- Authored Op-Eds and articles:
  - Bar Council's social media rules are regressive. Adopt the reformatory approach in Hindustan Times, written by S. Vivek, February 2021
  - An analysis of the SEBI WhatsApp Orders: Some observations on regulation-making and adjudication in The Leap Blog, written by Rajat Asthana and Renuka Sane and S. Vivek, May 2021



# LIBRARY SERVICES

The Sri Narayan Rao Melgiri Memorial National Law Library, was established with the generous assistance of Mrs. Sudha Narayanamurthy of Infosys. The library houses a collection of over 50,000 books and 20,000 journals covering a wide range of general and special subjects, comprising of textbooks, reference books, back volumes of journals and reports, apart from current legal periodicals. Computerized catalogues have been introduced to assist the students & research scholars in locating information in their areas of research.

## Key Statistics | July 2020-June 2021

- Number of books in library - 38,344
- Number of books added in the library - 240
- Number of journals added in the library - 5
- Number of electronic databases in library - 3
- Number of national journals in library - 45
- Number of international journals in library - 25
- Number of online journals to which student have access - Over 10,000

## Services During COVID-19

For the first time in the history of NLSIU, the library was physically closed for two months due to the outbreak of the Coronavirus pandemic. However, the library continued to assist faculty and students with finding, using and referencing information relevant to their research, as well as assisting with LMS, RemoteXS, and research databases. The library has also taken efforts in arranging webinars relating to information literacy and research databases to further educate their users on the use of digital resources.



# LIBRARY SERVICES

## New Library Website Launched

Over the last year, we made several efforts to augment the University's library resources and present them in a more organised, user-friendly and accessible manner. As a result, the use of library resources has grown manifold, and student & faculty academic learning and research has been uninterrupted.

In early 2021, the University launched its newly redesigned library site ([library.nls.ac.in](http://library.nls.ac.in)) where users can find all library resources and services on a single portal. We aim to build a library that foregrounds digital access and proactively provides library services.

## Key Features:

- OPAC: Relocation of the OPAC search at the centre of the library page and enhancing the scope of coverage.
- Library Services: Online request form for various library services and technical support.
- RemoteXS: Links to databases and journals under RemoteXS – a cloud based secure access service.
- DANS: A digital repository containing links to various in-house publications and digital collections of NLSIU.
- Rules & Regulations: Guidelines for NLSIU, DED and External members on borrowing, renewing, and returning library material.
- Other Assistance: 'Write to Us' box to request additional assistance from library staff.
- Staff Page: A page introducing our library staff members.

The University has also begun working on several new additions to library resources and testing upgrades to the technology.



# GOVERNING BODY MEETINGS

## **48TH ACADEMIC COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON SEPTEMBER 25, 2020**

- Approval of List of Graduating Students for the Academic Year 2019-20
- Approval of List of Gold Medal Winners for the Academic Year 2020-21
- Extension to Continue B.A., LL.B. (Hons.) Programme
- Approval of Dr. N.R. Madhava Menon Doctoral Fellowship
- Approval of Draft Annual Report for the Academic Year 2019-20
- Approval of Revised Time Table and Syllabus for the COVID year
- Report/Review on National Law Admission Test (NLAT)

## **49TH ACADEMIC COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON OCTOBER 24, 2020**

- B.A., LL.B. (Hons.) & LL.M. Time Table and Syllabus for the AY 2020-21
- Bridge Course Programme
- Approval of Report on Award of PG Diploma for NADT, NACIN, L&T and ICLS Programme
- Admission Process 2020-21

## **50TH ACADEMIC COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON FEBRUARY 27, 2021**

- Approval of Curriculum Plan for 3 year LL.B Programme
- Approval of Revision of Academic Regulations of the B.A.,LL.B., LL.M., Ph.D and LL.D Programme

## **91ST EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON AUGUST 12, 2021**

- Rescheduling of CLAT 2021 and Admission to the NLSIU for the Academic Year 2020-21
- Approval of Report on Reservation Policy

## **92ND EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON SEPTEMBER 26 2020**

- Approval of List of Graduating Students for the AY 2019-20
- Extension to continue B.A.,LL.B. (Hons.) beyond 8 years
- Approval of Rustication of Mr. Rehan Gupta
- Approval of Dr. N.R. Madhava menon Doctoral Fellowship
- Approval of Annual Accounts and Audit Report for the year 2019-20
- Approval of List of Gold Medal Winners
- Sale of Vehicles
- Approval of Annual Report 2019-20

# GOVERNING BODY MEETINGS

## 94TH EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON NOVEMBER 7, 2020

- Decision with respect to Bridge Course
- Appointment of Registrar
- Appointment of Finance Officer
- Approval of NLS IT Policy
- Permission to Begin Appointment Process to the HAL DPSU Chair, Dept of Revenue Chair and Ford Foundation Chair

## 95TH EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MARCH 6, 2021 (SESSION 1)

- Curriculum Plan for the Proposed 3 year LL.B. (Hons.) Programme
- Revision of Academic Regulations- B.A.,LL.B. (Hons.), LL.M., Ph.D and LL.D
- Confirmation of Recruitment of New Faculty
- Confirmation of the Recruitment of the Ford Foundation and the HAL chair Professors
- Confirmation of the Recruitment of the Registrar
- Changing the Designation and Qualification for the Finance Officer
- Revised Budget for the Financial Year 2020-21
- Proposed Budget for the Financial Year 2021-22
- Action Taken Report on the Internal Auditor's Report
- Appointment of Statutory and Internal Auditors
- Fee Revision for the B.A.,LL.B., LL.M. and MPP Programme for the incoming batches from the AY 2021-22
- Opening New FCRA Account of SBI, New Delhi in compliance with the Amendments to FCRA Act, November 2020
- Report on the University IT Policy
- Prof. M.K. Ramesh's Report on research and other work undertaken by him during his sabbatical
- Department of Revenue Chair

## 95TH EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MARCH 21, 2021 (SESSION 2)

- NLSIU Inclusion and Expansion Plan 2021-25
- Career Advancement Scheme (CAS), Faculty Promotions

## 33RD GENERAL COUNCIL MEETING

- Approval of List of Graduating Students for the AY 2019-20
- Approval of Annual Accounts and Audit Report for the year 2019-20
- Approval of List of Gold Medal Winners
- Approval of Sale of Vehicles
- Annual Report 2019-20

## 34TH GENERAL COUNCIL

- Approval of NLSIU Inclusion and Expansion Plan 2021-25

# FACULTY

EMPLOYEE REPORT (APR 2020 - MAR 2021)

<b>NAME</b>	<b>DESIGNATION</b>
1. Dr. Sudhir Krishnaswamy	Vice Chancellor
2. Dr. Sarasu E. Thomas	Registrar and Professor of Law
3. Dr. M.K. Ramesh	Professor of Law
4. Dr. V. Nagaraj	Professor of Law
5. Dr. T. Ramakrishna	Professor of Law (until 31.7.2020) Adjunct Professor (from 1.8.2020)
6. Dr. V.S. Elizabeth	Professor [on lien]
7. Dr. O.V. Nandimath	Professor of Law
8. Dr. Ashok R. Patil	Professor of Law & Chair Professor, Consumer Law and Practice
9. Dr. Sairam Bhat	Professor of Law
10. Dr. T. S. Somashekar	Professor of Economics
11. Prof. Govindraj G. Hegde	Associate Professor of Law
12. Mr. Rahul Singh	Associate Professor of Law
13. Dr. Yashomati Ghosh	Associate Professor of Law
14. Dr. Nagarathna	Associate Professor of Law
15. Prof. H.K. Nagaraj	Adjunct Professor
16. Dr. S.V. Joga Rao	Visiting Professor
17. Prof. Babu Mathew	Visiting Professor
18. Prof. Haragopal G	Visiting Professor
19. Prof. N. Jayaram	Visiting Professor
20. Dr. Makkalanban D.S.	Assistant Professor in Political Science (Adhoc)
21. Mr. Kunal Ambasta	Assistant Professor (Law)
22. Dr. Prashant S. Desai	Assistant Professor (Adhoc)
23. Ms. Priya Misra	Assistant Professor (Adhoc)
24. Dr. Manjeri Subin Sunder Raj	Assistant Professor (Adhoc)
25. Ms. Rashmi Venkatesan	Assistant Professor (Law)
26. Ms. Sanyukta Chowdhury	Assistant Professor (Law)
27. Dr. Rahul Choragudi	Assistant Professor in Sociology (Adhoc)
28. Dr. Nanda Kishore	Visiting Professor
29. Mr. Mohan Mani	Visiting Fellow
30. Ms. Srijoni Sen	Visiting Assistant Professor
31. Dr. Chiranjib Sen	Visiting Faculty
32. Mr. Akshay Baburao Yadav	Teaching Associate
33. Ms. Jasoon Chelat	Researcher cum Teaching Associate

# FACULTY

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## Faculty Recruitments

1. Dr. Mrinal Seekay Satish	Professor of Law
2. Dr. Aparna Chandra	Associate Professor of Law
3. Dr. Sushmita Pati	Assistant Professor, Political Science
4. Ms. Shreya Shree	Assistant Professor (Law)
5. Mr. Raag Yadava	Assistant Professor (Law)
6. Dr. Atreyee Majumder	Assistant Professor, Sociology
7. Ms. Preeti Pratishruti Dash	Assistant Professor (Law)
8. Ms. Sharada Shinde	Assistant Professor (Law)
9. Ms. Prerna Dhoop	Assistant Professor (Law)
10. Dr. Anvesha Ghosh	Assistant Professor (Social Science-History) on a Contract Basis
11. Ms. Nitya Gundu	Visiting Assistant Professor
12. Dr. Sebanti Chatterjee	Teaching Associate
13. Mr. Paresh Hate	Teaching Associate
14. Ms. Raushan Tara Jaswal	Teaching Associate
15. Ms. Ms. Shreya Singh	Teaching Associate
16. Dr. Muneeb Hussain Gattoo	Teaching Associate
17. Ms. Avni Choudhary	Research Fellow

## Faculty Departures

1. Dr. Prashant S. Desai	Assistant Professor (Adhoc)
2. Ms. Jasoon Chelat	Researcher & Teaching Associate
3. Prof. Haragopal G	Visiting Professor
4. Dr. Manjeri Subin Sunder Raj	Assistant Professor (Adhoc)
5. Dr. Makkalanban D.S.	Assistant Professor in Political Science (Adhoc)
6. Ms. Priya Misra	Assistant Professor (Adhoc)
7. Mr. Akshay Baburao Yadav	Teaching Associate
8. Ms. Shreya Singh	Teaching Associate
9. Ms. Raushan Tara Jaswal	Teaching Associate
10. Dr. Sebanti Chatterjee	Teaching Associate
11. Mr. Paresh Hate	Teaching Associate

# ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF

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NAME	DESIGNATION
1. Mrs. M. Padmavathi	Examination Officer
2. Dr. Kumbar R.S.	Librarian (I/c)
3. Mrs. Usha A.	Finance Officer (I/c)
4. Dr. Gayathri Devi S.	Information Scientist
5. Dr. Mahesh A. Yaranal	Assistant Librarian
6. Mr. Ramesh Kumar	Assistant Librarian
7. Mr. Suryanarayana V.N.	Estate Officer cum University Engineer
8. Mrs. Savithri Bhat	OMS Grade - III
9. Mr. Madhu K.S	Assistant Librarian
10. Mr. Chandrashekar	Technical Assistant - Hardware
11. Mr. Zabiulla	Driver
12. Mr. Manjappa	Office Assistant
13. Mr. Beerappa	Office Attender
14. Mr. S.A. Muralikrishna	Attender
15. Mr. K.G. Babu	LMS Grade - IV
16. Mr. Ranjit Patro	LMS Grade - IV
17. Mrs. Rathnamma	LMS - III
18. Mr. Channe Gowda	LMS - III
19. Mr. N. Babu Rao	Electrician
20. Mr. Manikandan	Caretaker, Training Centre
21. Mrs. Manjula	LMS - III
22. Mr. B. Jayaramu	Plumber
23. Mrs. Vidya S.G	Accounts Assistant (Jr.)
24. Mr. Umesh P.	Office Assistant
25. Mrs. Prema Kumari	Office Assistant
26. Mr. Somashekar Naik	Hostel's Assistant
27. Mr. Naveen Kumar	Gym Instructor
28. Mrs. Susheela Suresh	Facilitator, DED
29. Mrs. Baba R.S	Secretary
30. Mr. Gopinathan	Electrical Assistant
31. Mrs. Geetha Y.C.	Office Assistant
32. Mrs. Beena N.	Office Assistant
33. Ms. Prathibha V.K.	Office Assistant
34. Mr. K.V. Sheshachala Murthy	Accounts Assistant (Jr.)
35. Mrs. Usha D.S	Office Assistant
36. Mrs. Malini M.C.	Resident Nurse
37. Mrs. Bharathi	Helper

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38. Mrs. Tulasi	Helper
39. Mrs. Rajamma	Helper
40. Mr. Krishnamurthy P	Attender
41. Mr. Shankar Y.	Attender
42. Mrs. Sakina Begum	Helper
43. Mr. Radhakrishna S	Cook, Hostel
44. Mrs. Arpitha K	Helper, Hostel
45. Mr. K. Raju	Helper, Hostel
46. Mr. P.V. Krishna	Helper, Hostel
47. Mrs. Kanthamma	Helper, Hostel
48. Mrs. Sunandamma	Helper, Hostel
49. Mrs. Rajamma	Helper, Hostel
50. Mr. H.B. Kumar	Helper, Hostel
51. Mr. Krishne Gowda	Helper, Hostel
52. Mrs. Rudramma	Helper, Hostel
53. Mr. Puran Singh Dhami	Helper, Hostel
54. Mrs. Rathnamma	Helper, Hostel
55. Mr. Srinivas	Helper, Hostel
56. Mrs. Narayanamma	Helper, Hostel
57. Mrs. Jayalakshmi	Helper, Hostel
58. Mr. Narasimha Murthy	Cook, Training Centre
59. Mr. Nagaraja Y.J.	Helper
60. Mrs. Shivarajamma C.V.	Helper
61. Mr. C.B. Ravi	Helper, Training Centre
62. Mr. Yogesha	Helper
63. Mr. Ramakrishna	Helper, Training Centre
64. Mr. M. Krishnamurthy	Driver
65. Mr. D.K. Keshava Murthy	Data Entry Operator
66. Mrs. Geetha H	Helper
67. Mr. Mari Gowda	Assistant Cook. Training Centre
68. Mr. Nagaraj R	Helper, DED
69. Mr. Lingaraju	Office Assistant
70. Mrs. Kempamma	Helper, Hostel
71. Mr. Ramakrishna	Attender
72. Mrs. Roopashree M.N.	Office Assistant



# ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF

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73. Mrs. Rohini	Documentation Assistant
74. Mr. M.C. Chetan	Driver
75. Ms. Shruthi P	Office Assistant
76. Ms. Manuja G	Accounts Assistant (Jr.)
77. Mr. Sameerulla Z	Accounts Assistant (Jr.)
78. Mr. Mahadeva	Helper
79. Mr. Narayana H	Attender
80. Mr. Chikka Byraiah Gowda	Helper, Hostel
81. Mr. Hanuman Naik	Helper, Hostel
82. Mrs. Mangamma	Helper, Training Centre
83. Mrs. Rajamma	Helper, Hostel
84. Mrs. Vasanthamma	Helper, Training Centre
85. Mr. Ranju Kumar T.P.	Cooking Assistant, Hostel
86. Mrs. Nagarathna	Helper, Hostel
87. Mrs. Rathnamma	Helper, Training Centre
88. Ms. Lakshmi Devi Y	Office Assistant
89. Mr. Narayanappa	Cook, Hostel
90. Mr. M. Gururaj	Executive Assistant
91. Mr. Nisar Ahmed	Driver
92. Ms. Apoorva Gupta	Assistant Coordinator, DED & Student Welfare Officer
93. Ms. Manojna Yelluri	Communication Consultant

## Staff Recruitments

1. Ms. Vinayashree Jagadeesh	Communications Consultant
2. Ms. Nithya Rhea Rajashekhar	Legal Consultant
3. Mr. Nandan Gowda H.A.	Helper, Retainer basis
4. Mr. Suhas Dhruvakumar	Consultant – Digital Transformation

# ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF

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## Staff Retirements

1. Dr. Kumbar R.S.
2. Mr. Beerappa
3. Mrs. Baba R.S

Librarian (I/c)  
Office Attender  
Secretary

## Staff Departures

1. Ms. Manojna Yelluri
2. Mrs. Beena N.
3. Mr. Narayanappa

Communication Consultant  
Office Assistant  
Cook, Hostel

# RESEARCH STAFF

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## • CENTRE FOR CHILD AND THE LAW

Dr. V.P. Niranjanaradhya	Fellow – Prog. Head - Education
Dr. Neetu Sharma	Fellow and Programme Head – Right to Food
Mr. Kumaraswamy T	Assistant Project Co-ordinator (Field)
Ms. Shruthi Raman	Research Assistant
Ms. Bharati R.C.	Project Coordinator (Field) – JJ Admin Assistant
Ms. Hellen Kumari	Administrative Assistant, Right to Food Program
Ms. Sudha Sreenivasa Reddy	Community Outreach Coordinator (Full time)
Ms. Astha R	Research Assistant (Full time)
M.s Nehal Bharti	Research Assistant (Full time)

## Staff Recruitments

Ms. Jyotsna Sripada	Research Associate (Full time)
Ms. Diya Dasgupta	Research Assistant (Full Time)

## Staff Departures

M.s Nehal Bharti	Research Assistant (Full time)
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## • CENTRE FOR STUDY OF SOCIAL EXCLUSION & INCLUSIVE POLICY

Dr. Sony Pellissery	Associate Professor cum Deputy Director
Dr. Kaushik Basu	Assistant Professor cum Assistant Director
Dr. Pradeep Ramavath Jayanaik	Assistant Professor cum Assistant Director
Mrs. Shashikala	Professional Assistant
Mr. Asif C	Attendant
Dr. R.V. Chandrashekar	Assistant Professor and Fellow

## Staff Departures

Dr. Kaushik Basu	Assistant Professor cum Assistant Director
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# RESEARCH STAFF

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- **COMMONS/CEERA**

Mr. Raghav Parthasarathy	Teaching Assistant
Ms. Madhubanti Sadhya	Teaching Associate
Mr. Vikas Gahlot	Teaching Assistant
Ms. Geethanjali K.V.	Legal Associate

## Staff Recruitments

Ms. Lianne Lucia D`Souza	Research Fellow
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- **CENTRE FOR WOMEN AND THE LAW**

Ms. Ashwini C	Secretarial Assistant
Mr. Robin Christopher	Part-time Researcher

## Staff Departures

Mr. Robin Christopher	Part-time Researcher
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- **CHAIR ON CONSUMER LAW**

Mrs. Komala Bai	Clerk
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## Staff Recruitments

Mr. Ranjit Singh	Investigator
Mr. Arjun Singal	Student Researcher
Ms. Vasavi Hegde	Research Assistant
Mr. Akshay Baburao Yadav	Research Associate
Ms. Vidushi Gupta	Student Researcher

## Staff Departures

Mr. Ranjit Singh	Investigator
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# RESEARCH STAFF

## EMPLOYEE REPORT

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- **DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE CHAIR**

Mr. P.R. Chandrasekharan                      Chair Professor

### **Staff Departures**

Mr. P.R. Chandrasekharan                      Chair Professor

- **RELIGIOUS MINORITIES CHAIR**

Prof. Abdul Aziz                                  Visiting Professor  
Mr. H.K. Govinda Rao                          Office Assistant  
Mr. Charles Nelson                              Research Assistant

- **DIPP CHAIR**

Ms. Sadhana E                                      Office Assistant  
Mr. Jnana Teja Bandi                              Research Assistant  
Ms. Siddhi Suman                                  Research Assistant

### **Staff Recruitments**

Ms. Jothsna Chikkodi                              Research Assistant

### **Staff Departures**

Ms. Siddhi Suman                                  Research Assistant

# RESEARCH STAFF

## EMPLOYEE REPORT

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- **CENTRE FOR LABOUR STUDIES**

Ms. Kavya Bharadkar

Teaching Assistant cum Researcher

### **Staff Recruitments**

Ms. Kavya Bharadkar

Teaching Assistant cum Researcher

- **INSTITUTE OF EXCELLENCE ON IPR AND STANDARDS - IPR**

### **Staff Recruitments**

Mr. Inder Mohan Chawla

Research Assistant

- **THINK TANK ON HEALTH PROJECT**

Ms. Arpitha H.C.

Assistant Professor (Adhoc)

- **NCW PROJECT - CYBER SECURITY AND WOMEN**

### **Staff Recruitments**

Ms. Tasneem Ravindra Deo

Research Fellow

- **THE NUDGE FOUNDATION**

### **Staff Recruitments**

Mr. Varun Panickar

Research Fellow

# RESEARCH STAFF

## EMPLOYEE REPORT

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- **REGULATORY GOVERNANCE PROJECT-OMIDIYAR NETWORK**

### **Staff Recruitments**

Mr. Rajat Asthana	Student Researcher
Mr. S. Vivek	Research Fellow
Dr. Dakshina Chandra	Research Fellow
Ms. Rishika Rangarajan	Research Fellow
Ms. Mamta Bhardwaj	Communications Associate

- **REINTEGRATION & REHABILITATION OF ACID ATTACK VICTIMS PROJECT**

### **Staff Recruitments**

Ms. Sumitra Acharya	Field Investigator
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### **Staff Departures**

Ms. Sumitra Acharya	Field Investigator
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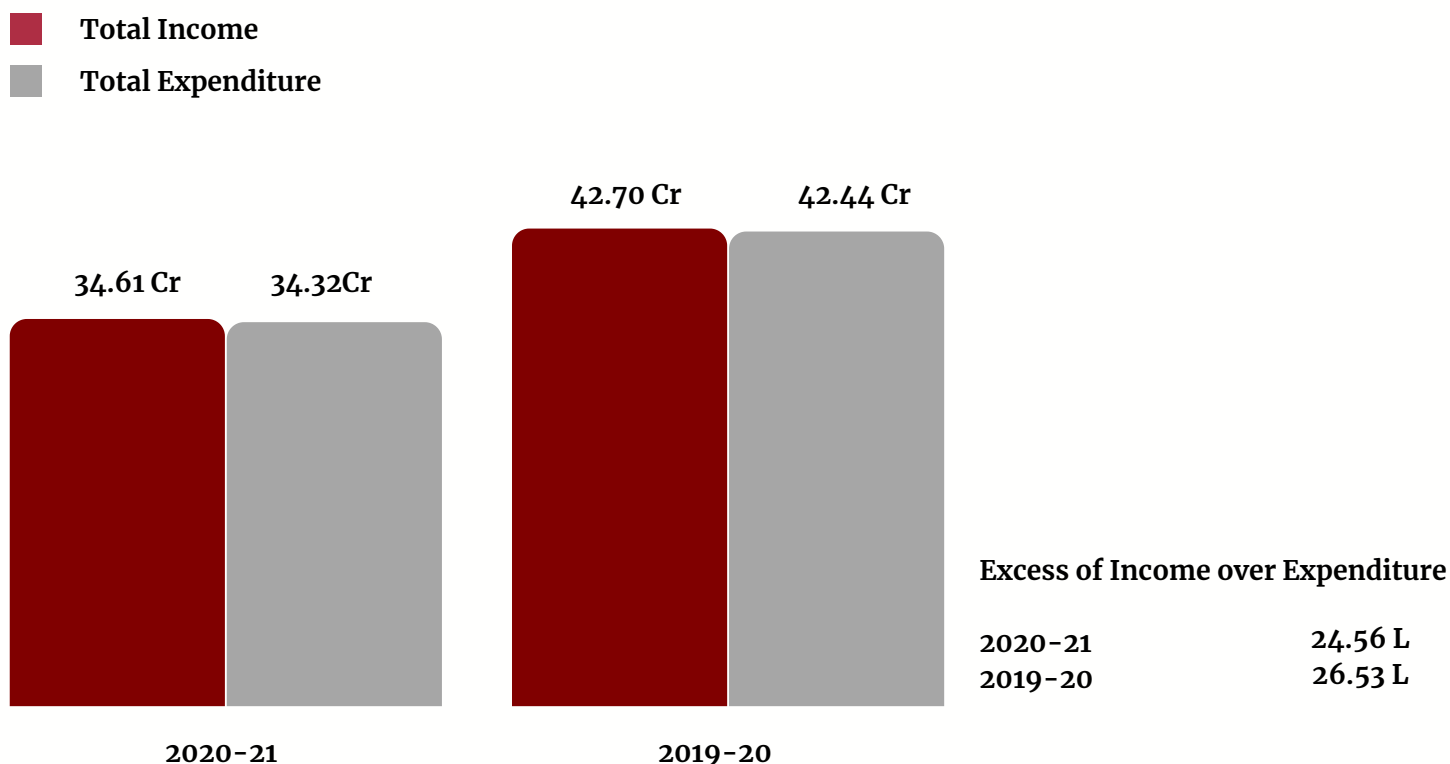
# FINANCE - KEY HIGHLIGHTS

## INCOME

- As the University has reorganised its accounts on an accrual basis, a portion of student fees received this Financial Year has been allocated to the months of April, May and June of the next Financial Year
- No government grants were received this year (vs. Rs.2 crores received in FY 2019-20)
- Reduction in interest income is on account of reduction in interest rates given by banks on term deposits

## EXPENDITURE

- 46% reduction in spend on Projects & Schemes in FY 2020-21
- Reduction in other expenses is due to: staff retirement, cost optimization initiatives, and reduction in expenditure on account of the impact of the pandemic





# FINANCIAL REPORT

## INCOME

PARTICULARS	2020-21	2019-20
Academic Receipts	22,49,04,779	22,85,55,927
Other Operating Income	7,34,40,825	13,46,41,124
Income from Investments	4,40,48,794	5,65,97,058
Other Income	37,40,630	72,68,831
<b>Total</b>	<b>34,61,35,029</b>	<b>42,70,62,940</b>

## EXPENDITURE

PARTICULARS	2020-21	2019-20
Staff Payments & Benefits	15,20,35,234	18,82,12,854
Academic Expenses	2,29,95,570	2,70,36,562
Projects, Grants & Schemes	4,90,98,962	9,16,39,443
Administrative & General Expenses	4,20,69,004	6,59,65,897
Repairs & Maintenance	72,15,202	1,74,00,581
Finance Costs	61,986	1,64,278
Depreciation	2,79,09,556	3,33,30,375
Other Expenses	18,92,859	6,58,969
Designated Funds*	4,00,00,000	--
<b>Total</b>	<b>34,32,78,373</b>	<b>42,44,08,959</b>

\*Designated Funds include Building Fund and Depreciation Fund

# FINANCE - BALANCE SHEET

SOURCE OF FUNDS	As on 31.03.2021	As on 31.03.2020
<b>UNRESTRICTED FUNDS</b>		
General Fund		
- School Fund	51,66,19,417	50,98,04,317
Designated Funds	39,89,49,180	35,15,71,653
<b>RESTRCITED FUNDS</b>	23,15,87,743	22,63,57,755
<b>NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		
Provision for Employee Benefits	53,92,13,989	50,43,56,030
Other non-current Liabilities	1,11,192	1,11,192
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES AND PROVISIONS</b>	17,83,60,621	12,84,32,136
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,86,48,42,142</b>	<b>1,72,06,33,084</b>
<b>APPLICATION OF FUNDS</b>		
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>		
Tangible Assets	21,39,48,399	23,93,22,478
Intangible Assets	81,270	3,494
Capital Work-In-Progress	2,12,767	2,12,767
<b>LONG-TERM INVESTMENTS</b>	1,10,86,29,281	90,91,50,745
<b>OTHER NON-CURRENT ASSETS</b>	21,36,206	20,33,796
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>	4,76,35,776	2,52,65,582
<b>SHORT-TERM INVESTMENTS</b>	45,79,91,987	46,91,22,547
<b>SHORT-TERM LOANS, ADVANCES AND DEPOSITS</b>	3,42,06,456	7,55,21,675
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,86,48,42,142</b>	<b>1,72,06,33,084</b>

# FINANCIAL AID

NLSIU's core financial aid principle is to ensure that any student admitted to the University through its rigorous selection process receives a high-quality education irrespective of their financial background. We aim to ensure that students from diverse social, linguistic and economic backgrounds from across India benefit from a rigorous and transformative education delivered in the classrooms, through common residential and dining facilities, and extracurricular engagements.

In AY2020-21, the following students received financial aid:

## University Financial Aid

ID No.	Student Name	University Scholarship	University Stipend	SPaRK
2133	Dharma Teja Numburi	2,19,955	18,000	
2288	Arjit Kumar		18,000	
2325	Rajashri Seal		18,000	
2416	Sayed Aamir Sultan		42,000	
2441	Aditya Krishna	2,19,955	18,000	
2520	Anushya Ramakrishna		18,000	
2599	Vigyan Prakash Verma	1,33,555	18,000	
2622	Anshuman Kishor Mishra	25,000	42,000	
2630	Arushi Tiwari		18,000	
2691	Ritik Raj		18,000	
2692	Ritvij Ratn Tiwari			27,000
965	Umang Bhardwaj		18,000	
349	Suman Kasana		18,000	
2644	Devansh Shukla	3,00,000		

## MUKHYAMANTRI MEDHAVI VIDYARTHI YOJNA - MP SCHOLARSHIP

ID No.	Student Name	Amount
2376	Himanshu Anshwani	1,99,875
2400	Priyanshu Jain	1,99,875
2554/2019	Harsh Tomar	1,99,875
2570/2019	Mouli Kaushal Jain	1,99,875
2579/2019	Sandli Pawar	1,99,875
2614/2020	Akshat Baldwa	2,27,650
2616/2020	Aman Patidar	2,27,650
2633/2020	Ashi Gautam	2,27,650
2677/2020	Nayan Anand	2,27,650

# FINANCIAL AID

## ADITYA BIRLA SCHOLARSHIP

ID No.	Student Name	Amount
2279	Ambarin Munir Khambati	1,80,000
2291	Atharv Gupta	1,80,000
2306	Jyotsna Vilva	1,80,000
2397	Patwardhan Ananya Harshad	1,80,000
2414	Satyajit Bose	1,80,000
2434	Vishu Surana	1,80,000
2444	Akshat Dangayach	1,80,000
2450	Ankit Kapoor	1,80,000
2457	Apoorva Nangia	1,80,000
2516	Vidisha Singh	1,80,000
2545	Chaudhuri Aarohi Saumya	1,80,000
2565	Lahar Jain	1,80,000
2570	Mouli Kaushal Jain	1,80,000
2584	Saumya Singh	1,80,000

## MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT

ID No.	Student Name	Amount
2599	Vigyan Prakash Verma	1,81,000
2623	Anju Walia	2,85,725
2718	Tushar Marmat	2,85,725
2723	Vivek Kumar Dhirhe	2,85,725
2451	Ankit Singh	2,77,850
2438	Mukesh	2,77,850
935	Kiran Gopi	2,09,600

## ALUMNI FINANCIAL AID

ID No.	Student Name	Amount
2429	Sushant Khalko	30,000
2324	Rahul Kumar	30,000
2021	Thangminlal Haokip	1,35,555



# STUDENT PLACEMENTS

## ONLINE HIRING

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All activities related to campus hiring were shifted online due to the pandemic. While a more flexible approach in carrying out placements had to be adopted to cater to this shift, the hiring trends have remained consistent with previous years. Despite the pandemic, there was no dip in hiring. While some firms couldn't participate this time, new firms hiring from the 2021 batch was encouraging.

## JOB INSIGHTS

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Among the students who sought placement, 34% received pre-placement offers from top Indian law firms and training contracts with London-based Magic Circle firms. The rest of the students who sought placements received offers from law firms, litigation chambers, banks, a start-up and a management consulting firm. Students who did not appear for placements pursued postgraduate studies or opted for Civil Services and Judicial Services exams.

# OFFICE OF STUDENT AFFAIRS (OSA)

During the Academic Year 2020-21, the Office of Student Affairs (OSA) along with the NLS Administration worked with the Student Bar Association (SBA) to carefully review the mental health and emotional well-being needs of the student community.

In light of this, the following services were made available to the student community:

## **1. Counselling Services**

Four dedicated counsellors were made available for one-to-one counselling sessions upon request. This service was made available to students free of charge. Due to the pandemic, all meetings were organized online.

## **2. Clinical Therapy and App-based Services via InnerHour**

Clinical therapy services with InnerHour's therapists were provided to all students. InnerHour is a self-help app that enables mental health and well-being support for each user. It facilitates early intervention by providing a series of clinical self-help tools (remote, anonymous, 24/7).

## **3. Psychiatric Referrals**

The University has collaborated with a well-qualified and experienced Bangalore-based psychiatrist for referrals.

## **4. Consultation Hours with the Student Welfare Officer**

Consultation sessions were made available with NLSIU's Student Welfare Officer to address all student-related concerns. These meetings were also organised online.

Additionally, sensitization workshops were planned to build awareness and address existing gaps in mental health awareness. The OSA will continue to work on our mental health policy to make it more inclusive and expansive.

# STUDENT BAR ASSOCIATION (SBA) ACTIVITIES

## **SBA Office Bearers for 2020-21:**

President: Vignesh R

Vice President: Kanishka Singh

## **SIAC Lecture | July 10-11, 2020**

The Singapore International Arbitration Centre (SIAC) conducted a two-part lecture on International Arbitration with a focus on institutional arbitration. The topics covered were: 1. Difference between institutional and ad-hoc arbitration, 2. Drafting of effective arbitration agreement 3. Special mechanisms in institutional arbitration, 4. Various stages of an arbitration. The lectures were delivered by Ms. Swetha Bidhuri, South Asia Head, SIAC, and Mr. Kevin Nash, Deputy Registrar and Centre Director, SIAC, and the associate counsels of the SIAC Secretariat.



## **Panel discussion on Careers in International Law and Relations | November 27, 2020**

The Panel Discussion on ‘Careers in International Law and Relations’ was organized by the SBA and Prof Raag Yadava. The webinar boasted a very diverse panel of alumni from different career paths in International Law – from diplomats to lawyers working in the International tribunals, and including alumni engaged in academia and private international law practice.



## **Webinar on the Trials & Tribulations of a First Gen Litigator organized with the Alumni Association | March 12, 2021**

The Webinar on ‘Trials and Tribulations of a First Gen Litigator’ involved a very diverse panel of alumni who narrated their successful journeys of carving out a space and establishing themselves in a highly competitive field.



## **COVID Support**

SBA assisted the joint efforts of the alumni and the University to help the NLS community find COVID support resources. This functioned as a helpline where volunteers would help find hospital beds, oxygen centers, and provide assistance to enrol in the government portal, reach out to war rooms, etc.

# STUDENT BAR ASSOCIATION (SBA) ACTIVITIES

## Mentorship Programme

In the start of the academic year for the first years, SBA allotted each student an SBA mentor from the senior batches. This helped freshers familiarise themselves with the academic requirements, University environment, various rules, procedures and so on. The SBA also allotted project guides and mentors to COVID affected students. These project guides helped students streamline their research and conducted periodic consultations to gauge the progress of students.

## Committee Selections

The SBA conducted elections for all Activity Based Committees (ABC), non-ABCs, and class representatives in compliance with the prescribed procedure.

## Meetings

**Scholarships:** The SBA was involved in the scholarship process and liaised between the administration and the student body regarding the process and formalities required. It was also present for meetings of the scholarship committee to discuss the modalities of the scholarship policy for the year and engaged extensively with the alumni to streamline donations to the scholarship fund.

**Addressing concerns:** The SBA frequently scheduled meetings with the UG Chairperson and the Vice Chancellor to discuss pertinent issues. Examination guidelines, hostel reopening, moderation policy and examination grievance redressal were some of the many important issues that were elaborately discussed with the respective authorities.

It also conducted open houses, Coordination Committee (CoCo) & General Body Meetings meetings to understand collective concerns and take decisions on various matters.





# STUDENT ACTIVITIES

## MOOTING ACHIEVEMENTS

### **FOREIGN DIRECT INVESTMENT INTERNATIONAL ARBITRATION MOOT**

Team Members: Vidisha Singh, Vrishank Singhania, Kaustubh Chaturvedi, Tansa Shah

South Asia Regionals- Winning Team

Vidisha Singh received Best Advocate for the Final Rounds while Vrishank Singhania received Best Advocate for Preliminary Rounds

World Rounds- Quarter-Finalists, achieved 5th position in the Team Oral Rounds

### **MONROE E PRICE MEDIA LAW MOOT COURT COMPETITION**

Team Members: Aman Sadiwala, Sumit Chaterjee, Aarohi Chaudhari

South Asia Regionals- Runners-up

Sumit Chaterjee received Best Speaker

World Rounds- Winning Team

Aman Sadiwala received 8th Best Speaker

### **WILLIEM C. VIS EAST INTERNATIONAL COMMERCIAL ARBITRATION MOOT COURT COMPETITION**

Team Members: Lahar Jain, Soumil Jhanwar, Meghana Senthil Kumar

Quarter-Finalists

### **MANFRED LACHS SPACE LAW MOOT COURT COMPETITION**

Team Members: Anandita Tayal, Sanyukta Fauzdar, Rhea Prasad

Regional Rounds- Winning Team

World Rounds- Qualified for final rounds, which are scheduled for 26th October, 2021.

### **JOHN H. JACKSON MOOT COURT COMPETITION**

Team Members: Vignesh R, Mugdha Mohapatra, Kasvi Thakkar

Regional Rounds- Runners-up

### **H V PERERA QC MEMORIAL MOOT COURT COMPETITION**

Team Members: Vihit Shah, Rajat Maloo, Harshit Goyal

Best Memorial- Respondent

### **INTERNATIONAL COMMERCIAL ARBITRATION MOOT CHAMPIONSHIP 2021**

Team Members: Shweta Shah, Bhanu Pratap, Siddhanth Choudhury

Best Memorial- Claimant

### **ILNU NATIONAL MOOT COURT COMPETITION**

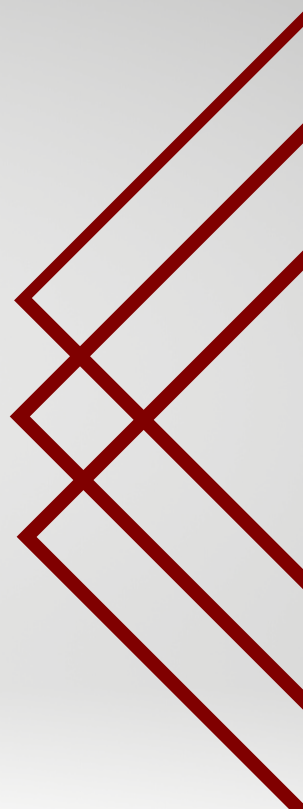
Team Members: Anhad Kaur, Krishanu Paul, Akshat Kabra

Runners-up

### **NLUJ ANTITRUST LAW MOOT COURT COMPETITION**

Team Members: Manas Agarwal, Anushya Ramakrishnan, Ritu Bhatia

Octa-Finalists



# STUDENT ACTIVITIES

## ALTERNATE DISPUTE RESOLUTION (ADR) BOARD

### 1. Demo Negotiation | November 7, 2020

ADR conducted Demo Negotiation for the benefit of the I Years and others unfamiliar with this method of dispute resolution.

### 2. University Selection Rounds of Negotiation | November 21– 23, 2020

The University Rounds, organised by the University Steering Committee, was to determine rankings of all negotiating teams in the university for offering them various national and international negotiation competitions. The selections took place over three days and saw the participation of over 75 teams.

### 3. VII Edition of the Negotiation, Mediation and Client Counselling Competition | April 28 – May 2, 2021

This edition was conducted in collaboration with the International Negotiation Competition, MediateGuru and Ex Curia International. The competition saw 70 teams and more than 160 students participate, and brought together lawyers and ADR experts from India and abroad. The Winner and Runner-up of the Negotiation segment qualified to represent India at the International Negotiation Competition 2021, organized by National University of Singapore and Singapore International Mediation Institute.

## EVENT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE (EMC)

### 1. Teacher's Day

The EMC, in collaboration with the student body planned out a program on the occasion of Teacher's Day for professors and lecturers of the University. Owing to the pandemic, the committee delivered Teacher's Day messages online. The committee put together messages from the student body for every member of the faculty and delivered the messages over a personal email to them.

### 2. Strawberry Fields XXIV | Jan 9-10, 2021

Organised the 24th edition of Strawberry Fields online where 40 bands participated from all over the country along with five headlining acts: Spotlight, Cinema of Excess, Haiku Like Imagination, Khan and Tangerine Stoned. Live streaming of the event on SkillBox, sound and recording mode of operation for artists, and co-ordinating with international artists and participants was carried out by the EMC along with the Strawberry Fields Committee. The preliminary rounds were held on 20th December, 2020, where 40 competing bands performed and sent their live recordings. After the scores were released by the judges, 21 bands were chosen to perform on the two days. Five highest-scoring bands qualified for the final round and winners were announced at the end of the final day.

# STUDENT ACTIVITIES

## SPORTS COMMITTEE

### 1. Inter-batch Chess

The matches were conducted on "lichess" which is an online platform for playing chess competitively. The thrilling tournament was conducted over a period of 2 months where all the batches fought hard to win the competition. In the end, the 3rd year LLB batch emerged victorious with the 5th year LLB batch bagged the runners-up position.

### 2. Online Chess Tournament

With the global pandemic weighing everyone down emotionally and physically, the Committee thought that the students ought to have something fun to uplift them and stay connected with each other. The two-week tournament saw much drama, rigour, fierceness, and competitive spirit from the 11 teams that competed against each other. After trading off pieces and strategizing their moves, PawnZScheme was declared the ultimate champion.

### 3. Call of Duty (CoD) Tournament

This four-day tournament had four teams participating in the event where each team was required to play two preliminary rounds. Teams with the highest score moved on to the final round where 'THE A TEAM' was declared as the winner of the tournament.

## ACADEMIC SUPPORT PROGRAM (ASP)

### 1. Orientations for First-Year students

To facilitate smooth transition for the first-year batches to the academic culture at NLSIU, the ASP conducted various orientation sessions including sessions on MS-Word, Databases, and a project writing workshop. The session recordings were also uploaded on the ASP database.

### 2. ASP's RWS Initiative

The committee revived its 'Reading, Writing, and Speaking' initiative to provide robust and personalised English language support to first-year students, who needed assistance to improve their English skills. High-quality English language training material was also uploaded for the benefit of all students.

### 3. ASP Alumni Guidance in Dissertation Writing for MPP

The ASP initiated this Writing Programme and connected second-year MPP students to MPP alumni, to provide valuable guidance in writing their dissertations which they have to submit as part of their academic requirements.

### 4. ASP Peer Discussion Sessions

Peer discussion sessions for a particular course are hosted by students currently studying that course, who explained the key concepts involved to the batch.

# STUDENT ACTIVITIES

## MOOT COURT SOCIETY (MCS)

### 1. XIVNLS-Trilegal International Arbitration Moot | May 20-23, 2021

This event was organised by MCS and Trilegal virtually in association with Singapore International Arbitration Centre (SIAC), SAARC Arbitration Centre (SARCO), WilmerHale and Wolters Kluwer, & Centre for Online Dispute and Resolution (CORD). Five international universities participate for the NLSTIAM for their first time, with teams from the US, UK and Bangladesh, including Oxford University. Overall, more than 100 participants and 50 arbitrators participated in the event that was facilitated across 108 rooms over 60 hours of video conferencing.

### 2. The 3rd NLS-Trilegal International Arbitration Conference | May 16, 2021

The conference, organised online in association with Trilegal, provided a unique opportunity for students, researchers, arbitration professionals, lawyers and academicians to engage on pertinent issues impacting the practising of arbitration in the ever-evolving legal and economic environment. Two sessions were conducted: Multi-Party and Multi-Contract Arbitrations, and Contemporary Issues on Interim Reliefs in Arbitration.

### 3. University Moot Court Selection Rounds

For the purpose of selecting teams to represent the university at several International and National Moot Court Competitions, the MCS successfully organized the University Moot Court Selection Rounds in the First Trimester of the Year. The University Selection Rounds were conducted in four rounds with benches comprising of 2 Judges each. 48 students from across batches participated in the University Selection Rounds.

## LEGAL SERVICES CLINIC (LSC)

1. LSC worked on a total of 30 cases to provide research support and assistance in obtaining legal representation. Areas of law in which assistance was provided include domestic violence, transfer of property, inheritance, adoption, tenancy disputes and other civil disputes.

2. Legal advice was also rendered on labour laws, contract disputes, insurance claims, cyber crimes and fraud, as well as areas of criminal law including abortion and criminal intimidation. Based on requests, the clinic also assisted clients by undertaking actions such as explaining court procedures and filing of complaints, drafting legal notices and advising on the legal issues involved in building a startup.

3. LSC also initiated several projects with the goal of effecting legal change including: Criminal Reforms Committee project, The RTI project, Collaboration with Bangalore International Mediation, Arbitration and Conciliation Centre, Nightingale Trust/Elders Helpline, Project Aristotle, & Disability Rights Project.

# ALUMNI RELATIONS

## OVERVIEW

Since the commencement of its first batch in 1988, the University's alumni numbers have grown to a strength of over 9000 members including those from our off-campus programmes. Today, the NLSIU alumni community is made up of vibrant, successful and socially engaged graduates who are reshaping their corner of the world.

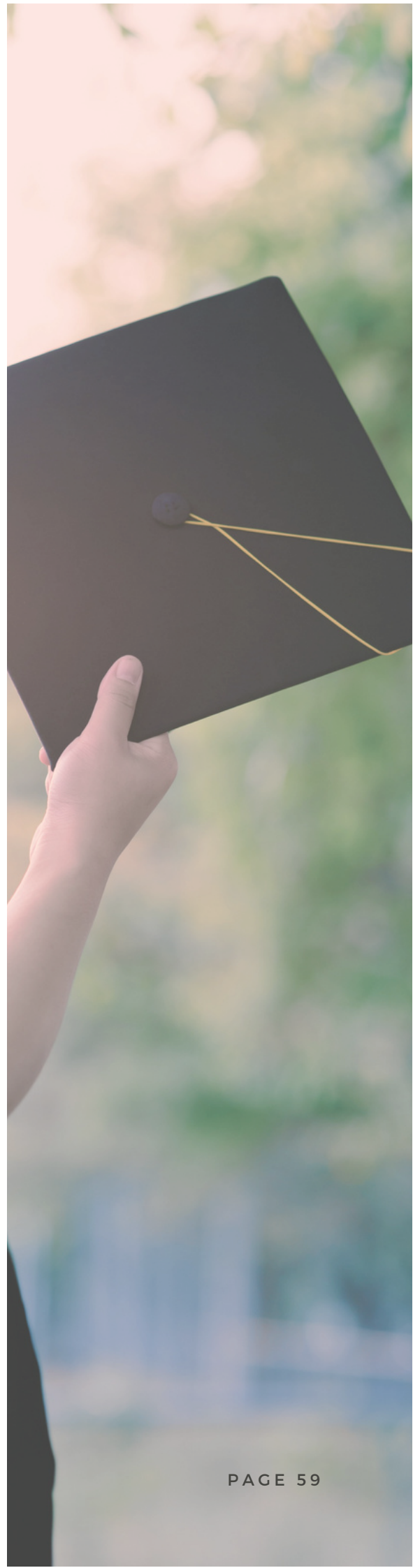
In 2019, the University made a significant shift in terms of appointing its first Vice Chancellor from the alumni community. Over the last year, alumni engagement with the University has grown significantly:

- A number of alumni have been recruited as faculty while several others have offered seminar/elective courses to our students;
- Several alumni have returned to the University to pursue advanced degree programmes like LLM and PhD programmes;
- Alumni have also functioned as examiners and external supervisors for PhD theses;
- They have contributed financially to the University, in terms of scholarships, COVID relief, and general contributions to the University;
- The Alumni Association has stepped forward to build strong alliances with the University.

We hope to further strengthen our alumni services in the years to come.

## ESTABLISHING THE NLSIU ALUMNI OFFICE

To build on the remarkable engagement we witnessed in 2020 – 2021, the University planned to establish an Alumni Office to systematise its continuous engagement with alumni, deepen the relationship and broaden access to include all its on-campus and off-campus programmes. This is in line with the other initiatives under the University's Inclusion and Expansion Plan.



# ALUMNI NEWS

## **JEYDEV C S, NLS 'LLB 2018, RANKED 5TH IN UPSC RESULTS**

In 2020, Jeydev joined a growing list of alumni who have joined the Civil Services and served with distinction. Jeydev, who has joined the Indian Administrative Services secured one of the top ranks in his second attempt after his first try in the summer of 2018 when he was still in his final year of NLS. Srikar M S, IAS, NLS 'LLB 1998, was the first NLS graduate to enter the civil services and is presently the Commissioner – Commercial Taxes Department, Government of Karnataka. The University is proud to be a part of his journey and have educated future leaders in our national life. You may read a detailed interview with Jeydev, along with reactions from other alumni in the civil services, on our website [www.nls.ac.in](http://www.nls.ac.in).

## **NLSIU ALUMNI RAISED OVER RS. 50 LAKH FOR COVID RELIEF TO THE NLSIU COMMUNITY**

In the second half of April 2021, we witnessed the peak of the second wave of COVID-19 during which several members of the NLSIU Community were affected. It was around the same time that two beloved members of the Community, Prof. V S Mallar and Dr. R S Kumbhar, also succumbed to the virus.

This led to discussions on alumni discussion groups where alumni expressed their willingness to help those in need of funds. They suggested that a formal fund be set up by the University, to which contributions could be made. Accordingly, the NLSIU COVID Relief Fund was set up within the next 24 hours. The response to the call was overwhelming – nearly Rs. 48 lakh was collected within days of the Fund being set up. The first chunk of ₹21 lakh was raised in the first 24 hours while another chunk of ₹27 lakh came in during another slot of 24 hours. The Alumni Community rose to the occasion with around 250 members contributing to the Fund.

The COVID Relief Fund effort demonstrates the ability of the University and our alumni community to work collaboratively, effectively and transparently to resolve challenges.

# CONCLUSION

We trust that what you've read so far in this Annual Report confirms that NLSIU has returned to its founding roots! In 1989, a small upstart University with high ambitions, few resources, and an exceptionally talented and dedicated founding faculty seeded the biggest transformation in Indian legal education in the 20th century. In 2021, we return to these pioneering values and principles to prepare NLSIU to lead a second wave of transformation in Indian legal education for the 21st century.

We trust that with the support of our resolute stakeholders, an exceptional alumni community, and visionary philanthropic support, we will succeed again. This success will contribute irrevocably to a just and prosperous India embedded in a vibrant liberal constitutional democracy - an outcome that all Indians and the world will embrace without hesitation!