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VICE-CHANCELLOR'S MESSAGE



In Academic Year 2021-22, NLSIU announced a new 3-year LLB (Hons) programme. We admitted students based on a novel admission test, designed and implemented by NLS faculty. The initial cohort of 60 students has completed a term on campus and we're delighted with the progress they've made, and the promise they've demonstrated. We remain confident that NLS will transform the 3-year LLB (Hons) degree in India in the 2020s, much like we pioneered and electrified a new 5-year BA LLB (Hons) law degree in the 1990s. We certainly believe that the new curricular model and intense pedagogical practices in the programme will put us on the track towards a second transformation in Indian legal education.

This Academic Year, we've continued expanding our student intake in the BA LLB (Hons), LLM and MPP programmes. Significantly, we've reduced faculty-student ratios and the average size of the classroom from 80 to 60 even as we've expanded overall student intake. In the last year, we've redesigned the LLM and MPP curriculum based on feedback from faculty, students and our recruiters. In Academic Year 2022-23, we've begun a comprehensive redesign on the BA LLB (Hons) programme which will result in the foundational reset of the programme from Academic Year 2024-25.

The National Education Policy 2020 proposes radical reforms in higher education with an accent on more multidisciplinary programmes and larger university clusters. We are actively engaged in building such a university cluster with the Indian Institute of Science and the Indian Institute of Management in Bangalore.

Individually, these institutions are already India's best academic institutions in their respective fields. Together, we will be in a position to expand our academic programmes and research projects in new collaborative directions. We anticipate exponential rewards arising out of these collaborations, and early results should be visible this Academic Year.

For National Law School to remain 'national,' its students, faculty and staff must reflect our national diversity. This requires that our University community draws on all the States of the Union, reflects our social, religious and ethnic diversity, and from all classes and castes. I'm glad to report that the University has expanded its affirmative action programmes to ensure that we achieve the widest diversity in our University community. The expansion of faculty, students and staff has helped us reflect the national character more fully than the recent past. While the National Law University system remains under pressure of being subsumed by regional concerns, the National Law School in Bangalore has maintained and enhanced its national diversity and preserved its national character.

None of this expansion is sustainable unless we keep up the pace of infrastructure development on campus. In this Academic Year, we opened up a 'New Academic Block' with 7 new large classrooms and 2 new seminar rooms. This Block has additional faculty rooms and researcher workspaces. Simultaneously, we expanded hostel capacity in existing hostel blocks, and partly revamped hostel furniture and utilities ahead of the academic year. The overwhelming positive response to these infrastructural upgrades has motivated us to upgrade all other existing hostels, while we set out to build new hostel blocks. We've upgraded our maintenance of the University campus, and improved internet and other infrastructure utilities at a rapid pace.

This year, we completed a comprehensive Revised Master Plan with a leading architectural firm in Bangalore. We have developed a bold yet responsible plan for the future development of the campus. The plan commits us to treading lightly on the earth and minimises resource use.

VICE-CHANCELLOR'S MESSAGE

We will ensure universal access to all parts of the campus, and improve the lived experience of the University community by integrating common open spaces with academic and residential spaces on campus.

While the full implementation of the Revised Master Plan will take 3-5 years, the radical overhaul and redesign of the Sri Narayan Rao Melgiri Memorial National Law Library to expand capacity and to integrate adjoining open areas is underway. We expect to inaugurate these new facilities in the current academic year, and reposition this Library as the new core of academic and institutional life on campus.

While NLSIU has pioneered legal education reforms since its founding, it has also produced new and useful law and policy research that has anchored several areas of reform. However, we're yet to develop a robust institutional approach to research output that is scalable and replicable. One model may be to recruit the best faculty and assume that research results will follow. This view has some merit. The recent rankings confirm that NLS's enhanced research output by faculty has resulted in higher rankings. However, there is more to research production than rankings.

We've recruited a cadre of Academic Fellows beginning their academic careers with us. We've committed to recruiting dedicated research staff so that there are two researchers for every member of the teaching faculty at the University. This is an aggressive and ambitious goal. It will take us two years to realise this target. At that stage, we're certain that the University's research and public interventions will begin to have an outsize impact on Indian academic and policy circles.

The University has also launched a new unified publication platform. This research repository will initially host all the University peer-reviewed journals in an open access format that is digitally indexed in leading databases in India and around the world. This repository will transform access and visibility of our work, and we aim to make it the go-to portal for information on Indian law and public policy.

In the years ahead, we will add a monograph series and other research outputs that will act as an invaluable public knowledge resource.

In 2020-21, we developed a grand challenges model of research for the University. We identified 5 grand challenges for India in the 21st century: the climate crisis; state capacity and the rule of law; the labour transition; regulating technology (especially Artificial Intelligence); and legal system reform.

These grand challenges require committed resources and University investments across decades. Unless we recruit research staff committed to ground breaking work in these fields, India has a slim chance of developing a locally relevant model that can sustain global leadership.

For such a grand challenges model to take root and thrive, we need an ecosystem that prizes developing robust knowledge solutions to urgent national and global problems. Currently, we don't have a government funding institution (like the Defence Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA) or the National Science Foundation in the US), or a philanthropic funding imagination that prizes outcome focused research. The internet, autonomous vehicles, and supercomputing all emerged from grand challenges set out by DARPA. Pathbreaking scientific, social scientific, and legal research will not emerge from India unless we make investments in similar models now, and sustain them for a couple of decades.

At NLS, we hope to incubate, create, and then institutionalise these grand challenges research models, and adapt them to the fields that we work in. We aim to collaborate with philanthropists, entrepreneurs, and the government to make this real by the end of the decade. If NLS is able to germinate and sustain the legal system reform revolution that India desperately needs, we would have delivered on our founding vision and promise.

29TH ANNUAL CONVOCATION

October 31, 2021

As the COVID pandemic continued to impact every aspect of daily life and prevent large events/gatherings, the University conducted its convocation virtually for the second time in a row. The 29th Annual Convocation of NLSIU was held virtually on October 31, 2021 at 11 am.

In 2021, 866 degrees and 48 medals were awarded. Chief Justice of India and Chancellor of NLSIU, Hon'ble Justice Shri. N. V. Ramana presided over the ceremony. Former Secretary to the President of India & Former Governor of West Bengal, Shri. Gopalkrishna Gandhi was the Chief Guest and delivered the Convocation Address on the occasion. Watch the full video of the 29th Annual Convocation on the official [NLSIU YouTube Channel](#).

During this virtual Convocation, the Vice-Chancellor also announced the introduction of the new interdisciplinary 3-year LLB at NLSIU which is embedded in an experiential learning pedagogy.

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The 29th Annual Convocation coincided with the 75th year celebrations of India's freedom from colonial rule. This Convocation celebrated this historic milestone by inviting as our Chief Guest Shri Gopalkrishna Gandhi whose personal history and experience, career and public service and intellectual exertions have all been intricately intertwined with, and have shaped the history of our nation.

NLSIU Vice-Chancellor
Prof. (Dr.) Sudhir Krishnaswamy

29TH ANNUAL CONVOCATION | 31ST OCTOBER 2021

GOLD MEDAL WINNERS

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

1. MR. SAARTHAK JAIN

- Indira Khaitan Medal for University First Rank (donated by Mr. Suman J. Khaitan, Advocate, New Delhi). Sarala Birla Medal for the overall topper (donated by the Birla Sanskriti Trust, Kolkata).
- Shri A.R. Udayasankar Medal in Public Law (donated by Ms. Krishna Udayashankar, Bangalore, Former B.A., LL.B. (Hons.) student of NLSIU).
- Duttal Jhunjhunwala Medal in International Law (donated by M/s. Sitakunj Memorial Trust through Mr. R.N. Jhunjhunwala, Solicitor & Advocate, Calcutta).
- Justice V. Govindarajachari Medal for Meritorious Student (donated by Mr. Srinivas and Late Shri. V. Ramanujachari, Hyderabad).
- Shri S.K. Venkatarangiengar Medal for the outstanding graduating student (donated by Shri S.V. Rangaswamy, Former Professor, IISc, Bangalore).
- Best Student Advocate Award (donated by Mr. V.R. Reddy, Senior Advocate & Addl. Solicitor General, New Delhi).
- Late Shri S.C. Javali Medal to the Best Outgoing Under-graduate Student (donated by Smt. Lata, D/o. Shri S.C. Javali and Mr. P.U. Bhavikatti, IOFS (Retd.)).

2. MS. SIDDHI GUPTA

- Singhanian & Company Medal in Law & Economics (donated by Mr. D.C. Singhanian, Advocate, New Delhi).
- K.B. Jhunjhunwala Medal in Constitutional Law (donated by M/s. Sitakunj Memorial Trust through Mr. R.N. Jhunjhunwala, Solicitor & Advocate, Calcutta).
- Laxmi Devi Jhunjhunwala Medal in Criminal Law (donated by M/s. Sitakunj Memorial Trust through Mr. R.N. Jhunjhunwala, Solicitor & Advocate, Calcutta).
- 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).
- Prof. Udai Raj Rai Medal in Constitutional Law (donated by Ms. Sheela Rai, Associate Professor, NLUO, Cuttack).

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

3. MR. DAKSH KADIAN

- Sri. N.R. Rayalu Medal for III Rank (donated by Mrs. Prabha Sharma & Mr. S.R.R.K. Sharma, Chartered Accountant, Bangalore).
- Sita Ram Jhunjhunwala Medal in Business & Corporate Laws (donated by M/s. Sitakunj Memorial Trust through Mr. R.N. Jhunjhunwala, Solicitor & Advocate, Calcutta).
- Mr. H.V. Subba Rao Medal in Contracts Law (donated by Mrs. Prabha Sharma & Mr. S.R.R.K. Sharma, Chartered Accountant, Bangalore).
- 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).

4. MS. ANUSHREE GARG

- 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).
- Basant Kumar Birla Medal for the II Rank Student (donated by the Birla Sanskriti Trust, Kolkata).
- Ms. Anuradha N. Memorial Medal for Best Outgoing Female Student sponsored by LEGAL EXCEL – Advocates, Solicitors and Health Care Consultants

5. MR. PRABHAKAR YADAV

- 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).
- Corporation Bank Gold Medal for securing highest marks in Banking Law (donated by the Corporation Bank, Corporate Office, Mangalore).

6. MS. ADOORYA HARISH

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

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7. MS. SMRITI KALRA

- Justice Alvaro Dias Medal in Jurisprudence (donated by Mrs. & Mr. Menezes, Panjim, Goa).
- Shri K.I. Bhatta Memorial Medal for Most Deserving Female Student (donated by Shri Shankar H. Pathak).

8. MS. MALLIKA SEN

- Shanbogue Ragavendra Rao and Subbalakshamma Memorial Medal for Best Outgoing Student (donated by Mrs. & Mr. S.R.R.K. Sharma, Chartered Accountants, Bangalore).
- Justice P. Govinda Menon Medal for Best All Round Graduating Student (donated by Mr. & Mrs. M. Sankaranarayanan, Former Chief Secretary, Karnataka).

9. MS. JYOTSNA VILVA

- Kumari Devi Menon Memorial Medal for All-round Best Graduating Girl Student (donated by Prof. N.R. Madhava Menon & Mrs. Rema Menon).
- Vikram Singh Medal for Young Leader of the Year, instituted by Karan Singh, Kolkata).

10. MR. PRITHVI JOSHI

- 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).

11. MS. SHUBHANGI MAHESHWARI

- 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).

12. MR. MAYANK JAIN

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

13. MS. KASHISH MAKKAR

- Prof. K.C. Gopalakrishna & Smt. Sarojini Gopalakrishna Gold Medal in Taxation Law (donated by Prof. K.C. Gopalakrishna, Bangalore).

14. MR. NIKHIL PUROHIT

- Mr. Vedabrahma Venkatasubramanya Avadanigalu Medal in Torts Law (donated by Mrs. Prabha Sharma & Mr. S.R.R.K. Sharma, Chartered Accountant, Bangalore).

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GOLD MEDAL WINNERS

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

15. MR. ARJIT KUMAR

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

16. MR. YATHARTH VARDHAN SINGH

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

17. MS. RAJASHRI SEAL

- 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).

SEERVAI ESSAY COMPETITION

MR. AACHMAN SHEKAR

NALSAR University of Law, Hyderabad, for the Best Essay in Constitutional Law (Donated by Mrs. Navroz H. Seervai).

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GOLD MEDAL WINNERS

ONE-YEAR LL.M. PROGRAMME

1 MS. SHINDE SHEETAL NARAYANARAO

- Hunasagahalli Muthanna Parvathamma Medal for securing highest CGPA (LL.M.)(donated by Mrs. Prabha Sharma & Mr. S.R.R.K. Sharma, Chartered Accountant, Bangalore).
- 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).
- 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).
- M/s. Sitaram Jindal Foundation Gold Medal for Best Research Paper in Human Rights Law Stream (instituted by M/s. Sitaram Jindal Foundation).

2. MS.UDITA SINGH

- 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).
- Mrs. Chandra Sriram Gold Medal for securing highest CGPA in LL.M. (Business Laws) (donated by Mr. Justice Gopal Sriram, Judge, Malaysia).

3. MR. A B RAJASEKARAN

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

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PUBLIC POLICY & HYBRID EDUCATION PROGRAMMES

Two-Year MPP (Master's Programme in Public Policy)

MR. ROHIT RANJAN RAI

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

Master of Business Laws (Hybrid Education Programme)

MS. MEHAK GUPTA & MS. CHOKSHI PRIYANSHI MITIL NANDITA

- 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	04
Master of Philosophy (M.Phil)	04
Master of Laws (LLM)	46
Master's Programme in Public Policy (MPP)	45
BA LLB (Hons)	84
Master of Business Laws (MBL)	226
Post Graduate Diploma in Human Rights Law (PGDHRL)	25
Post Graduate Diploma in Medical Law & Ethics (PGDMLE)	105
Post Graduate Diploma in Environmental Law (PGDEL)	62
Post Graduate Diploma in Intellectual Property Rights Law (PGDIPRL)	88
Post Graduate Diploma in Child Rights Law (PGDCRL)	39
Post Graduate Diploma in Consumer Law & Practice (PGDCLP)	29
Post Graduate Diploma in Cyber Law & Cyber Forensics (PGDCLCF)	109
Total	866

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 the NLS community.

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 mandated students to have an RT-PCR report before coming to the campus and entry was allowed only in cases where the report was negative. The University arranged free rapid antigen testing, while also coordinating with other hospitals and BBMP Primary Health Centres for RT-PCR testing. This included testing for students, faculty, and staff residing on campus and their families. During AY 2021-22, these facilities were made available round the clock and was easily accessible on campus. 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 NLS community. Medication and masks were also provided free of cost on campus. Students who were isolated were provided full facilities for their recovery.

Sanitisation:

The University administration continued to carry 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 :

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. Everyone in the University has had at least had two doses of the vaccine. The University is conducting vaccination camps for booster doses in coordination with the BBMP and Fortis hospital to ensure a safe environment for the community.

INCLUSION & EXPANSION | AY 2021-22

The Governing Bodies of the University had 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 Plan rests on three key dimensions: of (i) Student Inclusion & Expansion (ii) Faculty and Research, and (iii) Campus & Infrastructure. The University has undertaken several measures in line with the vision of this Strategic Plan during the last academic year.

REVISED MASTER PLAN PROCESS

The Inclusion and Expansion Plan 2021-25 expands student and faculty numbers 3x and 2x respectively. The University commissioned a Revised Master Plan to provide for growth while ensuring sustainability, better accessibility and overall integration of the campus. The Master Plan help in reimagining the fundamental use of the campus with a vision to increase engagement both within and outside the classrooms.

After a rigorous and extensive tender process that began in September 2021, a jury selected M/s Venkataramanan Associates to develop the Revised Master Plan. The VA Group brings 50 years of extensive planning and architectural experience in urbanism and designing for several educational institutions, including the Indian Institute of Science.

CAMPUS INFRASTRUCTURE & UPGRADES

During AY 2021-22, the University undertook several measures to upgrade campus facilities including the Academic Blocks, the Library, Canteen, hostels, gym and sports facilities.

Renovation of Hostel & Mess Blocks

Making the most of an extended period of online teaching, the University undertook an extensive renovation project for its hostels during 2021-22 considering hygiene and COVID-safety requirements. To accommodate the expanding student body in the New Academic Year, the University renovated and refurbished the Yamuna, Annapurna and Gangothri Blocks. This included construction of new rooms and renovation of some of the existing rooms. The Girls' and Boys' mess blocks were also expanded to accommodate additional student capacity of about 30 and 40 students at any time.

An additional dining space was created on the first floor of the Boys' Hostel mess block to cater to larger numbers due to Covid restrictions. With this expansion, the Mess seats an additional 100 students at a time.

INCLUSION & EXPANSION | AY 2021-22

CAMPUS INFRASTRUCTURE & UPGRADES

Refurbishment and completion of the New Academic Block (NAB)

The University constructed the New Academic Block, named the Prof. (Dr.) N. R. Madhava Menon Nyaya Vidya Bhavan in 2014. As the building had never been actively used, core maintenance and revival work was undertaken in November 2021 to refurbish the building. This included water-proofing, completion of staircases and the construction of a parapet wall on the roof and terracotta tile walls to enclose the building.

New classrooms at the NAB

In June 2022, we completed the construction and interiors of seven new classrooms along with two conference rooms. With a seating capacity between 80 and 120 students, these classrooms accommodate nearly 700 students. These new classrooms are designed for a socratic model of teaching that allows students and faculty interaction visually and aurally. They are equipped with high-quality acoustic systems, projectors, retractable screens, LED lights and enhanced Wi Fi access at all times.

The Conference Rooms are designed for multiple uses with modular and flexible furniture that may be arranged in a lecture, seminar or conference format. We hope several co-curricular activities like moot courts, debates and events can be staged in these venues.



INCLUSION & EXPANSION | AY 2021-22

CAMPUS INFRASTRUCTURE & UPGRADES

Dining & Catering Facilities

In October 2021, the University invited tenders for catering services and after intensive scrutiny selected Quess as our catering partners on campus. In November 2021 we opened the 'Quess Cafe' at the Training Centre on a trial basis to offer a variety of meal and snack options. The Quess team developed a comprehensive plan for all catering services on campus including the Boys Hostel, Girls Hostel, Canteen and Training Centre areas.

To ensure chemical-free and good quality produce for the NLSIU community, the University engaged with Spudnik Farms for meals in the Men's and Women's hostels, and also worked with a nutritionist to help with menu planning.

Canteen in the Old Academic Block

The University recently expanded the canteen area in the basement, and made improvements to make it a more open, accessible, and inviting space with better ventilation and natural light. With this expansion, the seating capacity has been doubled in the canteen. A recent grant from former student Alyosha Kumar's father, Commodore Arun Kumar, aided the expansion of the canteen which has been integrated with the previously existing common room.

Sports Facilities

The University has made several upgrades to its existing sports facilities including a new 200-metre running track near the football field. The cricket pitch and the nets were refurbished and the available rooms in the sports field were redeveloped to function as sports storage rooms and a mini yoga and exercise centre.

Gym

Last term the gym, which was located in a 990 sq ft. indoor space earlier, was moved to a newly-developed 1,575-sq ft. space in the Training Centre. The new space is well ventilated, with adequate toilets, showers and changing rooms. With the revised safety guidelines in place, housekeeping staff ensure regular cleaning and sanitising of the facility.

In March 2022, the University purchased new high quality gym equipment to supplement our existing facilities. Later this April, a third instalment of high grade training equipment was delivered and installed. This includes advanced equipment for targeted workouts and high-intensity interval training.

LIBRARY REDEVELOPMENT

In 2021, NLSIU came up with a comprehensive plan to redevelop and further improve the physical and digital resources of the Sri Narayan Rao Melgiri Memorial National Law Library. The plan aims to respond to the following concerns:

- Integrating the Library with the surrounding spaces and the New Academic Block,
- New Interiors Plan for the Library,
- Enhancing access to resources, and
- Digitisation of existing resources.

Digitisation:

The University has been working towards digitising its entire holdings, wherein all out-of-copyright books and documents are being scanned and uploaded to the Internet Archive where they will be accessible by the public. The digitisation of in-copyright material will not only help students but also help curb piracy.

All in-copyright material will be restricted to students, with an extension to visually challenged students across India, who can avail a library scholarship. Eight top-of-the-line scanning machines are currently being utilised at our Library to enable us to complete this process by 2023.

The draft concept plan for the Digital Lending Facility is ready, and being reviewed. By March 2023, we will implement it in a phased manner as we continue to maintain existing operations.

Physical Redevelopment:

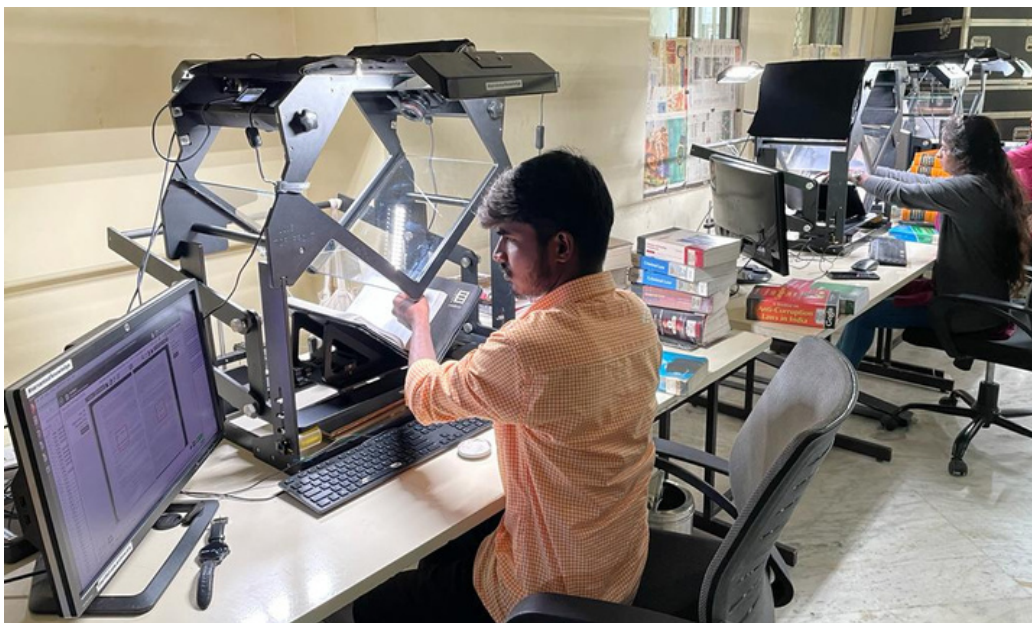
As a first step, we repurposed the basement of the library as a segregated student working area with extended working hours.

This improvement was made to address two critical student needs:

1. Workspace with extended working hours
2. A non silent Library zone where students will be permitted to bring refreshments.

Further this augments seating capacity and is Covid safe as it provides for sufficient air circulation.

We are also working out an interiors plan to identify separate zones within the library, as well as integrate it with the New Academic Block for seamless access between core academic spaces of the University.



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.

Resuming Services Post COVID-19

The Library's gradual but determined restoration of physical services after the lockdowns due to the pandemic included:

- A plan to incrementally reopen reading rooms to a limited number of registered readers;
- Restore limited access to Library buildings for the general public; and
- Transition of staff working remotely back into the office environment. The Library team continued to assist faculty and students with finding, using and referencing information relevant to their research or study as well as assisting with LMS, remoteXS, and research databases.

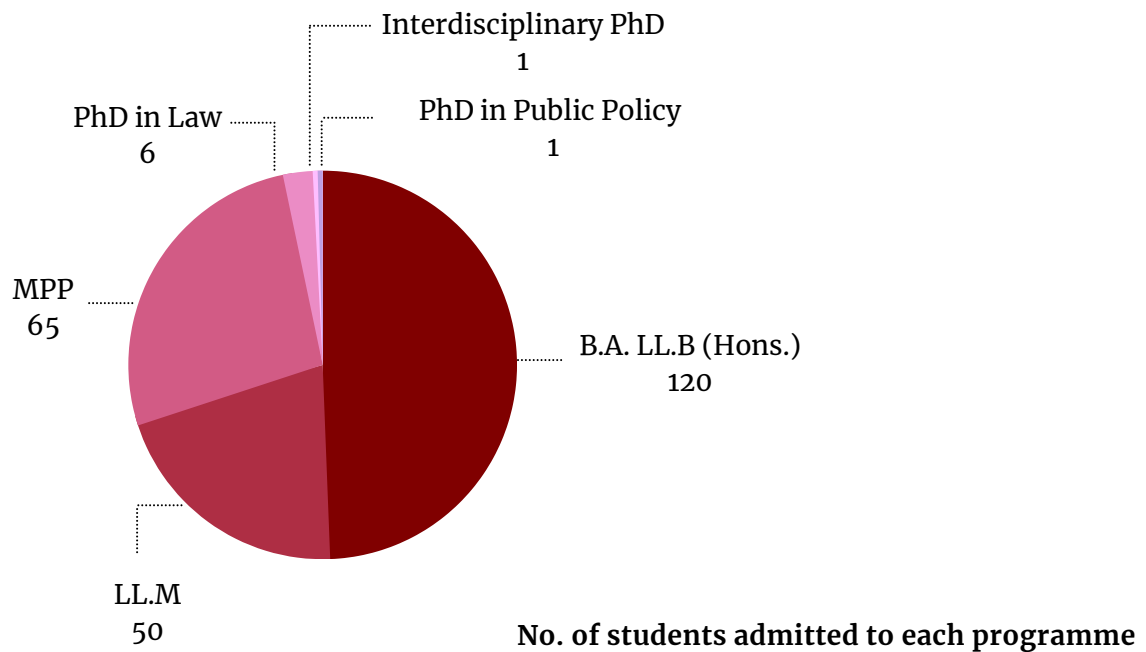
During AY 2021-22, the library added 600+ print books and a couple of new journals & databases during the period and also organized webinars and training programmes for the NLSIU user community for optimum use of the library resources including databases.



ACADEMIC EXPANSION | AY 2021-22

REFRESHING & EXPANDING OUR ACADEMIC PROGRAMMES:

NLSIU admitted 243 students to our on-campus programmes and 2550 students to our off-campus programmes during the Academic Year 2021-22. As part of the Inclusion & Expansion Plan, a total of 120 students were admitted to the BA LLB (Hons) programme. The University currently has 790 students enrolled in the on-campus programmes. By 2028-29, we plan to reach a projected size of over 2,200 students.



3-YEAR LLB (HONS) PROGRAMME

Three decades after NLSIU introduced the 5-year integrated BA LLB (Hons) programme, the University announced its plan of launching a new interdisciplinary 3-year LLB (Hons) programme which reimagines legal education for the 21st century.

In October 2021, NLSIU announced its plan of launching the 3-year LLB (Hons), a postgraduate professional degree programme that is open to graduates from all disciplines. The programme is structured around interdisciplinary study of the law combined with experiential learning. It is a qualifying degree for admission to legal practice.

Admissions was conducted through a three-stage process. The first two stages comprised an all-India written admissions test, the National Law School Admissions Test (NLSAT) which was held on April 24, 2022. The third stage was an interview process that was held in May 2022 following which the admission list was released in June 2022.

The inaugural batch with 60 students began classes in July 2022.

ACADEMIC EXPANSION

GROWING NUMBER OF ELECTIVE COURSES

In Academic Year 2021-22, the elective programme in particular has seen an expansion with a diverse basket of courses offered across the three terms. In AY 2021-22, we delivered a total of 76 elective courses as compared to the 62 elective courses offered during the previous Academic Year. These not only included emerging areas of law but also several interdisciplinary electives. About 25-30% of our electives involved topics related to humanities, or at the intersection of law and humanities.

Besides NLSIU's own faculty, electives are taught by practitioners and other experts who come in as visiting faculty. In AY 2021-22, a total of 64 external faculty taught electives at NLSIU – either individually or through co-teaching methods. Here, too we saw an increase in the number of external faculty - During AY 2020-21, a total of 55 external faculty delivered their courses at the University.

Growing role of alumni in teaching electives:

We saw increased participation of our alumni in teaching electives at NLSIU with some returning in different terms to continue offering their electives to new batches. In the last term, as many as 14 alumni expressed interest in teaching electives of which 10 were selected to offer courses. In the March 2022 term, seven of our elective courses were taught by alumni.

FACULTY DEVELOPMENT

The University successfully completed two rounds of faculty recruitment in 2020 and 2021 with the appointment of 19 exceptionally talented faculty. In order to further strengthen our teaching and research initiatives, and accommodate the expansion in student intake, we completed a third round of faculty recruitment in 2022 where we welcomed 11 full-time faculty to our University community. We are confident our exceptional new faculty will bring diverse and remarkable strengths to our University community.

INCREASING STUDENT DIVERSITY

As part of the NLSIU Inclusion and Expansion Plan 2021-25, the University aims to admit students from various marginalized and disadvantaged sections while expanding the overall University student intake in a phased manner.

The University brought out a new inclusion policy that provides for vertical reservations for students from Scheduled Caste families, Scheduled Tribe families, Other Backward Classes and students from Economically Weaker Sections. Further, it provides for horizontal reservations for the categories of Persons with Disability, students with Karnataka domicile, and women students.

ACADEMICS

ONLINE & HYBRID EDUCATION PROGRAMMES

DISTANCE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT REBRANDED AS: PACE - PROFESSIONAL AND CONTINUING EDUCATION

As the University expands its efforts to provide educational and training programmes of the highest standards to its off-campus community, it is simultaneously deepening its commitment towards improving levels of professionalism and learning in the legal profession. In this context, the Distance Education Department was renamed the Department of Professional and Continuing Education (PACE) to better reflect its vision and nature of work in February 2021.

The PACE will continue to offer online and hybrid programmes that leverage technology to assist remote learners and provide access to NLSIU's faculty, among the best in the country, to as wide a range of learners as possible. The PACE will also provide refresher, upskilling, and capacity-enhancing programmes to members of the civil services, judiciary, and professionals engaging with the law in private organisations and in the non-governmental sector.

PACE 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); and Cyber Law & Cyber Forensics (PGDCLCF)

KEY STATISTICS

Enrolments

2020-21: 2561

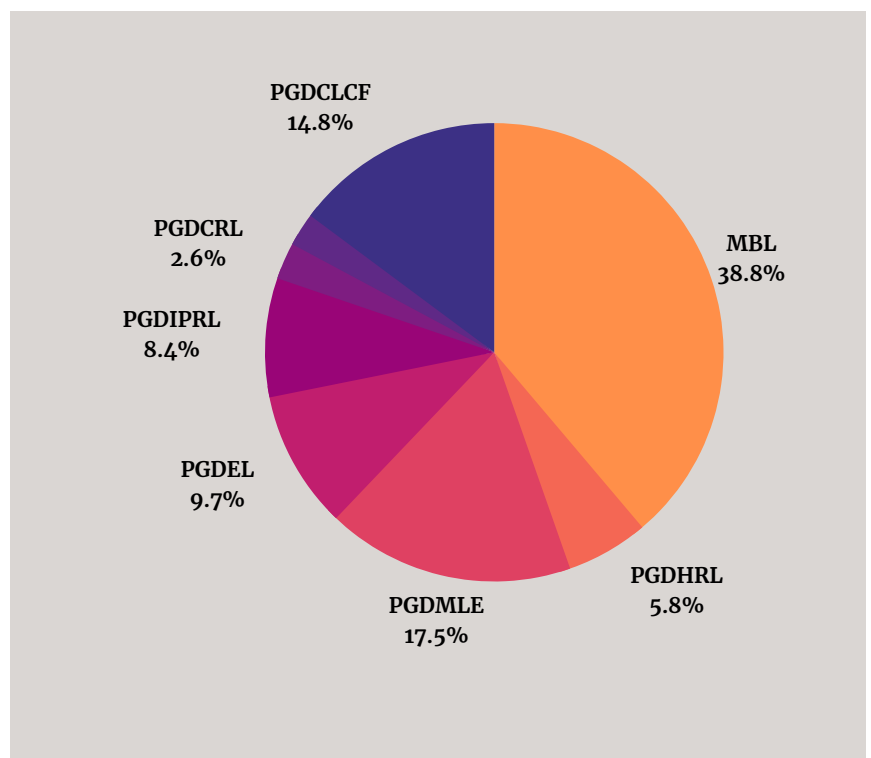
2021-22: 2550

No of Graduates

2020-21: 421

2021-22: 683

Programme	Enrolments
MBL	990
PGDHRL	148
PGDMLE	446
PGDEL	248
PGDIPRL	214
PGDCRL	66
PGDCLP	60
PGDCL	378
Total	2550



ACADEMICS

ONLINE & HYBRID EDUCATION PROGRAMMES

Key Activities during AY 2021-22

INTRODUCED A NEW SYSTEM OF ASSESSMENTS

For over a decade, the PACE has been following a summative examination pattern consisting of descriptive questions. Given our experience with the logistics of the evaluation and to facilitate an application oriented form of assessment, a cumulative assessment approach with formative and summative assessments was adopted from the Academic year 2021-2022. The particulars are mentioned below:

Sl.No	Type	Mode	Timeline	Weightage
1.	Formative	MCQs (Online)	December / January	20%
2.	Formative	MCQs (Online)	March/ April	30%
3.	Formative	Subjective	June/ July	50%

- All three assessments were successfully completed despite the challenges presented by the pandemic.
- The new assessment pattern i.e formative and summative Assessment has been largely welcomed by students and has helped them maintain continuity with the courses and teaching in class.
- This has also led to an increase in the attendance for assessments (ranging from 30% to 50% (depending on the programme)
- The online classes allowed a mix of practitioners and academicians to lend their expertise to the classroom and engage students in meaningful ways.

ACADEMICS

ONLINE & HYBRID EDUCATION PROGRAMMES

Key Activities

FACULTY

- PACE broadened its faculty pool by getting experts from all over the country to teach in its programmes.
- A faculty conclave was organised before the commencement of classes for the Academic Year. This was a new initiative started by the department and helped in bringing together faculty members across programmes to discuss pedagogy, assessments, study materials and their learnings from the past years. The hybrid nature of the conclave allowed faculty members from all over India to join and present their views.

LEARNING MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

- The Learning Management System (LMS) was further enhanced with appropriate reading and study materials.
- Discussion forums on the LMS were activated to enable peer-to-peer learning and the exchange of knowledge. Discussions forums were also facilitated by some faculty and academic fellows in some cases.

FOUNDATIONS FOR A LEGAL EDUCATION COURSE

- The second iteration of the Foundation for a Legal Education Certificate Course was completed in the AY 21-22. Overall, 235 students from across 110 cities in India participated in the programmes.
- In the second iteration of the FLE, new faculty joined hands with the faculty from the foundational year to increase the breadth of perspectives and expertise in the programme.

TRAINING & EXECUTIVE EDUCATION PROGRAMMES

In AY 2021-22, PACE led 11 training and executive education programmes with public and private partners.

- These programmes were conducted in hybrid, in-person and online modalities.
- Executive Education and Training Programmes were specifically designed and curated to meet the requirements of the partner organisations and ensure that their executives have an intensive and enriching experience during the programme and gain useful practical skills for their day-to-day work.
- Around 350 members from various professional and educational backgrounds participated in these programmes.

Going forward, PACE plans to further enhance its offerings and make quality education available to all.

FACULTY ACHIEVEMENTS

PROF. ABDUL AZIZ

- Speaker at the one-day National Seminar organised by the Institute for Social and Economic Change (ISEC) on October 8, 2021. The book "Public Policy in India" was also released on the occasion in honour of Prof B S Srikantaradhya of Mysore University.
- Participated as an expert member on the panel at the 44th Bi-Annual Seminar held on December 8-17, 2021.
- Participated as a Member of the Governing Council of the Evaluation Authority, Government of Karnataka in its meeting, and gave comments and suggestions on its work.

DR. ANWESHA GHOSH

- Invited to a panel by Global Urban History Project on 7 April 2022 to speak on the topic, "Urban Theory from the Global South". The event was part of Global Urban History Project's ongoing conversations on "Urban Theory of, For, and By Urban Historians". It was organised in collaboration with the African Urban Dynamics Collective Research Group. The event was recorded and is available for viewing here.
- These conversations have been pitched to an Urban Geography journal, Antipode and will come out as part of an Antipode Interventions series later in 2022.

DR. APARNA CHANDRA

- Guest editor, Indian Law Review , 5(3) (2021) on the Indian Feminist Judgments Project
- Co-author, Legal Barriers to Accessing Safe Abortion Services in India: A Fact Finding Study (2021)
- Co-author, Prohibiting Hijab in Educational Institutions: A Constitutional Assessment (2022)
- My article "Proportionality in India: A Bridge to Nowhere?", OXFORD HUMAN RIGHTS HUB JOURNAL (2020) was cited by the Supreme Court of India in the following two cases:
 - 1.State of T.N. v. National South Indian River Interlinking Agriculturist Association, C.A. No. 6764/2021; and
 - 2.Akshay Patel v. Reserve Bank of India, C. A. No. 6522/2021)

FACULTY ACHIEVEMENTS

DR. ARUN K THIRUVENGADAM

- Co-edited a volume on 'Democratic Constitutionalism in India and the European Union' published by Edward Elgar in late 2021. This is the first work that seeks to compare India and the EU as sub-continental polities that have made bold experiments with democracy and constitutionalism.
- Invited to contribute and subsequently published a chapter on India in the 'Routledge Handbook of Illiberalism', published by Taylor and Francis in early 2022. The Handbook is the first authoritative reference work dedicated to illiberalism as a complex social, political, cultural, legal, and mental phenomenon. Edited by leading scholars of political theory and constitutional law, this Handbook comprises sixty individual chapters authored by an internationally recognized group of experts who present perspectives and viewpoints from a wide range of academic disciplines.
- Teaching assignments:
 1. Taught an intensive course on 'Comparative Constitutionalism in southern Asia' at the Faculty of Law, National University of Singapore between Jan-Feb 2022.
 2. Co-taught a seminar on 'Constitutionalism in India and Switzerland' held at the University of Zurich in July 2022.
 3. Taught a course on 'Constitutionalism and Rights in South and South East Asia' at the Central European University, Vienna in May 2022. All these were online courses in 2022.

DR. ASHOK R PATIL

- Presented the following papers:
 1. "E-Consumer & E-Commerce Entity Disputes Settlement Through Mediation: During Covid 19" at 19th Asian Law Institute Annual Conference (Virtual) hosted by the University of Tokyo, 28th May, 2022.
 2. "Regulate Direct and Indirect Advertising of Tobacco Products: A Critique" at 18th Asian Law Institute Conference on Law, Technology and Diversity in Asia (Webinar) hosted by the Universitas Pelita Harapan (UPH), Indonesia, 17th September, 2021.
- Authored the following books published by Chair on Consumer Law and Practice, NLSIU & World Health Organization-India:
"Analysis of Legal Framework to Regulate Advertising and Surrogate Advertising of Tobacco Products"; "Assessment of Consumer Protection Laws and Policies to Support Tobacco Control in India"; and "Assessment of Legal Metrology Act, 2009 to Support Tobacco Control in India."
- Authored the following books published by Chair on Consumer Law & Practice, NLSIU along with Ministry of Consumer Affairs, GoI: "Consumer Handbook on Mediation Frequently Asked Questions"; and "Landmark Judgements on Consumer Law & Practice 2008-2020."
- Appointed Member of Committee for preparation of a framework to protect consumers from Fake and Deceptive Reviews; and Committee for conferring statutory status to the 'Right to Repair' under the statutory framework of the Consumer Protection Act, 2019, constituted by Ministry of Consumer Affairs, GoI where he is actively involved in recommending policy changes.

FACULTY ACHIEVEMENTS

DR. ATREYEE MAJUMDER

- Published a peer-reviewed article in the SCOPUS-indexed journal Religions 13 (2022): 538. Using the ethnographic method in capturing religious life in Vrindavan in northern India, this article unpacks a dichotomy: how is it possible to conduct participant observation of a religious phenomenon when the researcher is also performing the role of a devotee. This article demonstrates a possibility of the ethnographer herself staking claim in the religious truth claims of the community that constitute the subject of research.
- Published a peer-reviewed ethnographic poem in SCOPUS-indexed interdisciplinary journal Anthropology & Humanism (March 2022, coming out in print in Dec 2022).
- Presented a Conference paper: “Contestations between Sacrality and Cleanliness: Thinking with the Yamuna”. Annual South Asia Conference, Madison, USA. October 22, 2021.
- Edited and curated a special issue Fantasy for the semi-academic online magazine Cafe Dissensus (Issue 61).
- Book review: “On Matter, Manner, Method: Notes on Oishik Sircar’s Violent Modernities”. Law and Other Things blog. 16 May, 2022.

PROF. BABU MATHEW

- Anchored exhaustive Rule making along with six scholars under the four new labour codes for the Government of Chattisgarh which was gazetted by them.
- Completed ILO sponsored study of Industrial Relations along with Mohan and Kavya among migrant garment workers from South Asian countries in Jordan.
- Lectures delivered:
 1. October 23, 2021: “Future tasks of Working People’s Coalition” -at National Conference of WPC, (Hyderabad)
 2. March 25, 2022: “Question of Minimum Wage” -First Global Symposium on Labour and Employment at Bhopal (NLUD and NLIU, Bhopal)
 3. April 19, 2022: Duarte Baretto Memorial Lecture on “Challenges before Indian Labour”(Indian Social Institute, Bangalore)
 4. April 22, 2022: “Impact of the four new labour Codes” at South Asia Workshop of Automotive Sector Union (Hybrid mode from Bangalore)
 5. May, 25, 2022: “Emerging People’s issues in South Asia” as Keynote speaker at General Assembly of South Asia Alliance for Poverty Eradication. Kathmandu, Nepal.

FACULTY ACHIEVEMENTS

MR. GOVINDRAJ G HEGDE

- Elected as Member, Executive Council, Indian Society of International Law (ISIL), New Delhi, in the triennial elections held on November 20, 2021.
- Established in 1959, the ISIL endeavoured to promote study and research in the field of international law.

MS. JASMINE JOSEPH

- Panelist for a panel discussion "India at 75: Experiences, Challenges and Reflections on Teaching Constitutional Law" held on August 18-19, 2022 by the Tamil Nadu National Law University, Trichy.

MR. KUNAL AMBASTA

- Publications:
 1. Opinion Piece in the Deccan Herald dated 2nd August. "SC's Suspension of Sedition Law: an incomplete win."
 2. Opinion Piece in the Nyaya Patha dated 24th August. "Special Laws and the Constitution: PMLA" (Kannada)
- Panelist in:
 1. Profiling by Design: The DNA Bill and Its Implications. July 28, 2021. Alternative Law Forum. Virtual.
 2. The Demand for Transgender Rights and Democracy. December 11, 2021. 5th National Conference on Transgender Rights and the Law by the Centre for Law and Policy Research.
 3. 75 Years of Legal Education in India: The Experiments and Experiences of the NLSIU Model and the Way Forward. August 13, 2022. TNNLU. Virtual.
- Presented a Paper on the Indian Evidence Act at the Faculty Seminar on 18th May, 2022, NLSIU. Title of the paper: "Hidden in Plain Sight: The Indian Evidence Act, 1872 as a Guide for Law Reform".

DR. MRINAL SATISH

- Co-authored report titled "Legal Barriers to Accessing Safe Abortion Services in India: A Fact Finding Study"
- Panellist in discussion organized by the Bangalore International Centre, titled "Guilty Until Proven Innocent: Examining Ethical Foundations of Criminal Justice", September 15, 2021
- Delivered a lecture on "Approaches to Sentencing," Government Law College, Kozhikode's Golden Jubilee Monthly Lecture Series, October 4, 2021.
- Panellist in a discussion organized by The Print and the Vidhi Centre for Legal Policy, titled "Accountability in the Judiciary and its Interaction with Law Enforcement Agencies", November 9, 2021.

FACULTY ACHIEVEMENTS

DR. NAGARATHNA A

- Nominated as the President of the Editorial Board, International Journal of Digital Law, Brazil, July 2022.
- Nominated as a Member of the Expert Committee, Academy of Prisons & Correctional Administration [APCA], Vellore, July 2022.
- Member, Institutional Ethics Committee of ICMR – NCDIR, Bengaluru - [Reconstituted IEC 2022], from February 2022.
- Recently published an article titled “The State’s access to data and internet intermediary response – an assessment of India’s attempt to reallocate the legal framework to ensure national security”, International Review of Law, Computers & Technology, Taylor & Francis, 2022
- Guest Editor, Rostrum’s Journal – Special issue on Cyber laws, by Rostrum legal.com journal for the upcoming special issue on & "Cyber laws," 2021, [UGC Care listed Journal].

DR. NIGAM NUGGEHALLI

- Appointed as a Member of government panel on General Anti-Avoidance Rules.
- Appointed by the Finance Ministry as a Member in the Approving Panel for implementation of General Anti-Avoidance Rulings (GAAR) under the provisions of the Income Tax Act, 1961.
- Appointed as member of the Advisory Council for BML Munjal University School of Law.
- Appointed as member of Board of Studies in Law, KLE Technological University, Hubballi, Karnataka.

MS. PRERNA DHOOP

Co-authored the following publications:

- "How Did West Bengal Perform in the ‘Firecracker Ban Test’ Amid COVID-19?" Economic & Political Weekly, Vol. 57, Issue No. 9, Feb. 26, 2022
- “New Avatar of Gender Based Violence against Muslim Women” Deccan Herald, Jan. 21, 2022
- “Admitting women is just the first step. Is NDA really ready for female cadets?”, Scroll.in, Jan. 11, 2022
- “Centre ‘Delighted to Induct Women in NDA- But What Took it so Long to Allow”, The Quint, Sept. 8, 2021
- “Judges Decide for Spouses: Stay Back Don’t Leave”, The Leaflet, Aug. 1, 2021

FACULTY ACHIEVEMENTS

MR. RAAG YADAVA

- R Yadava, On Fantasy and Reality 30(1) Namah (2022) was published, considering the claim of subjectivity in religious experience with reference to the poem Savitri. This is part of ongoing research and publication on the Collected Works of Sri Aurobindo.
- Delivered the inaugural talk for the Festivale des Arts and de la Culture Francophone, Pondicherry, 2022 entitled "Rousseau and Sri Aurobindo: Is Democracy Working?"
- Member, Joint Committee Indian Institute of Science - National Law School, Bangalore on joint educational collaboration under the National Education Policy, 2021.

MR. RAHUL SINGH

- Authored the following publications:
 1. "Supreme Court of India's Respite to the State of Mizoran from Competition Law Proceedings", Oxford Business Law Blog, 15 February 2022
 2. "The Meld Model: The Holy Grail of Indian Corporate Jurisprudence", National Law School Business Law Review, vol 7 (2021-22)
- Invited by the Indian Institute of Corporate Affairs, Ministry of Corporate Affairs, Government of India to train officials from several regulatory agencies such as the Competition Commission of India, Telecom Regulatory Authority of India, Central Electricity Regulatory Commission and Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India.
- Engaged with Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited in several consultancy assignments.

DR. T RAMAKRISHNA

- Conducted and Spoke in the "Ideathon" as part of World IP Day and World Environment Day at Rewa University in association with Bangalore Bio Innovation Centre. This competition involves presentation of innovative ideas by scholars in different fields of technology.
- Worked towards securing the GI Tag status for "Sohari Kovar painting " - Certificate number – 370 and Filed Geographical Indication for " Mandar of Jharkhand" Application number 777 through Research team at Jharkhand.
- Provided the requisite research inputs for assisting in the FTA negotiations by Ministry of commerce and Industries, India with UK, EU, Canada 2021-22 on:
IPR Clauses related issues pertaining to 'Data Exclusivity protection in India'; Relevance of Singapore Treaty on Trademarks to India; and Enforcement of Trade secrets in India among others. These reports were submitted to the Ministry of Commerce, GoI.

FACULTY ACHIEVEMENTS

MS. RASHMI VENKATESAN

Authored the following publications:

- "The Evolution of Property Rights in India: From a Law and Development Perspective," *Law and Development Review* 14(1): 273 – 308.
- "To Ban or Not to Ban: How Head and Face Coverings are Treated under UN Human Rights Treaties," *The NLS Blog*, 20th April, 2022.
- "Reduction of Unemployment Required to Tackle Inequality," *Insights*, 15th February, 2022.
- "What Does International Human Rights Law Say About the Hijab Ban," *The Wire*, 14th February, 2022.
- "Without lowering unemployment rates, India cannot effectively address inequality," *The News Minute*, February 8, 2022.

DR. SAIRAM BHAT

- Appointed as Conciliator in a Central Public Sector Undertaking to resolve commercial disputes.
- Taught a new MOOC course on "Advance Contracts, Tendering and Public Procurement" in association with NPTEL-IIT Madras & Swayam Portal.
- Co-authored articles on:
 1. "Global Developments on the Protection of Ozone Layer" in the *Yearbook of International Environmental Law* (December 2021). The article provides a critical perspective on the developments across the globe (including India) on the prevention of Ozone layer depletion.
 2. "Shipping Industry in India and its Environmental Challenges" Vol. 3 of *CMR University Journal of Contemporary Legal Affairs* (Feb. 2022).
 3. "The Intersection of Public Policy, Labour Law and Human Rights the Migrant Workers' Crisis" in *NLUO Law Journal* published by EBC. This article investigates the migrant workers' crisis, that was magnified during the Covid-19 pandemic, from a public policy, legal & humanitarian dimensions. It looks at both international as well as national perspectives.
- Edited the books: "Chemical and Hazardous Waste in India: A Sectoral Analysis" (2021); and "Agricultural Water Governance: Sustainable Practices & Strategies" (2021).

FACULTY ACHIEVEMENTS

DR. SARASU ESTHER THOMAS

Publications:

1. Authored an article in the NHRC Journal titled "Human Rights Education: Teaching and Pedagogical Challenges in the COVID-19 Pandemic and Beyond," NHRC Journal, Vol 20, 2021, 51.
 2. A newspaper opinion on the split decision on marital rape by the Delhi High Court in The Indian Express titled "The marital rape exception in the law must be challenged."
- Research initiatives included gap analysis, policy studies and scoping studies with UNDP, NITI Aayog (in collaboration with CCL) and the Centre for Reproductive Rights among others. These were on areas of disability law and child marriage.
 - Attended international conferences including a Conference on Gender and Forced Migration at Arba Minch University, Ethiopia and online sessions on pro bono lawyering at the Law and Society Conference, Lisbon and the International Legal Ethics Conference, UCLA, USA.

DR. SAURABH BHATTACHARJEE

- Published a journal article on Universalisation of Minimum Wages as a Pipe dream: Many Discontents of the Code on Wages 2019, Socio-Legal Review (2020)
- Seminars and Conferences:
 1. Panelist, for a Panel Discussion on Gaming Addiction and Policy Responses, at the Gaming Law Conference, NLSIU, April 30, 2022
 2. Presented a Paper on Employment Relations with special reference to Non-standard Work in an Online Conference on Social Policy for Informal Economy: Challenges and Innovations, organised by Institute of Public Policy, NLSIU and University of Nagoya, Japan – March 3, 2022
 3. Panelist on an Online Discussion on Dilemmas of Ableism, NALSAR University of Law, February 24, 2022
 4. Panelist for a Session on Laws Regulating Platform Work as part of the Workshop on Platform Work organised by the Centre for Labour Studies on December 28, 2021

MS. SHARADA SHINDHE

- Wrote a chapter in a book titled A Handbook for Para-Legal Volunteers (2022) edited by Prof. P Ishwara Bhat, published by Karnataka State Law University, Hubballi.
- Co-investigator of the Minor Research Project titled "Report of the Study of Dispute Resolution System in Budubuduke Tribe, Kattemanne at Nannivala and Hombuja Jain Temple" published in a book titled Non State Justice Systems in Karnataka, edited by P Ishwara Bhat and C. S. Patil, published by Karnataka State Law University, Hubballi.

FACULTY ACHIEVEMENTS

MS. SNEHA THAPLIYAL

- Co-authored the article titled "How the environment ministry lets Coal India break the rules" published in The Morning Context. This article is a follow-up of a published journal article reviewing the exemptions to public hearing (under the Environmental Impact Assessment notification, 2006) given to requests for expansion in coal mining sector since 2017.
- Co-authored the article titled "Trails of Environmental Jurisprudence in India: National Green Tribunal v/s Urban Air Pollution" published in The Bastion. This article reviews the National Green Tribunal's (NGT) judgements related to urban air pollution. This is part of a larger project where we review the NGT's judgements between 2011-2020.

DR. T S SOMASHEKAR

- Panel member, Reforming India's Competition Act: Considerations & Best Practices, Towards a Competition Enabling Framework in Asia Pacific: Opportunities & Challenges. Competition Policy International, December 14 , 2021.
- Speaker, Interdisciplinary Studies, Webinar on Law and Economics, Tamil Nadu National Law University, May 11, 2021
- Delivered the Valedictory address on "Apple's Pricing Behaviour and Competition Law Enforcement" at the 5th International Conference on Law Economics and Public Policy, 11th March, 2022.
- Taught a Post-Graduate Course on Law and Economics as Visiting Professor at Dr. B.R. Ambedkar School of Economics University, September – January 2021.
- Guest faculty at Fiscal Policy Institute, Government of Karnataka

DR. SONY PELLISSERY

- Nominated to be life member of the Institute of Social and Economics Change, Bangalore.
- Nominated to the Board of Directors of Foundation for Inclusive and Sustainable Habitat (FISH)
- Appointed as member of curriculum development committee for Master of Public Policy programme of Central University of Tamilnadu.

FACULTY ACHIEVEMENTS

MS. SRIJONI SEN

- Co-authored a journal article titled "State as a data Fiduciary in light of the Fundamental Right to Privacy" in the Journal of the National Human Rights Commission, Vol. 20
- Hosted a workshop on Digital Public Records, attended by a select group of stakeholders across the bureaucracy, academia, civil society, and the developer community to exchange their perspectives and experiences. A paper arising from this conference has been accepted at the Data for Policy Conference, 2022 organised in partnership by the Alan Turing Institute and Cambridge University Press.
- Co-hosted, with faculty members from IIT-Bombay and IISc, a series of discussions on Non-Personal Data in response to the proposed governance framework, and co-authored a working paper based on the proceedings.
- Co-ordinated the Regulatory Governance Research Project that gave detailed inputs to the RBI's Regulatory Review Authority, headed by a Deputy Governor. The Authority's report acknowledged and appreciated the research team's inputs, which included recommendations on the drafting and dissemination of regulatory instructions.

MS. SUDIPA SARKAR

Co-authored the following publications:

- "Measuring the impact of AI on jobs at the organization level: Lessons from a survey of UK business leaders" (with Wil Hunt and Chris Warhurst) - published in Research Policy Volume 51, Issue 2, March 2022, 104425.
- "COVID-19 and (mis)understanding public Attitudes towards Welfare: Re-setting the Debate" (with Michael Orton) - published in Critical Social Policy May, 2022.

DR. SUDHIR KRISHNASWAMY

- Member, Search Committee for Selection for appointment of a Professor for Sh. T.N. Seshan Chair for Election Commission of India during 2021.
- Speaker, Panel Discussion on "Will NEP 2020 flexibility in awarding undergrad degrees dilute quality in higher education," organised by EducationWorld India Higher Education Rankings 2022-23. Received the award for the No 1 ranked Law University on 28th May 2022.
- Participated in the Visioning Workshop of the Proposed World's Largest Multidisciplinary Convention for Strategizing & Transforming the Higher Education in India. The workshop was organized by MIT World Peace University, Pune at Washington DC, USA, on 16 and 17 June 2022.

FACULTY ACHIEVEMENTS

DR. SUSHMITA PATI

- Authored a monograph titled *Properties of Rent: Capital Community and Politics in Globalising Delhi* (Cambridge University Press, 2022)
- Conferences:
 1. In and Out of South Asia, University of Michigan, Feb 25–26 2022.
 2. City Drafting Workshop, CASI, University of Pennsylvania, May 23, 2022
- Invited Talks–
 1. CPR-CSH Workshop, Centre for Policy Research & Centre de Sciences Humaines, 27 July 2021
 2. Centre for Political Studies, JNU, November 17, 2021
 3. Centre for Writing Studies, Jindal Global University, 5th CWS Research Majlis, 26th April 2022
 4. Centre for History, Bankura University, 27th November 2021
 5. Frontier Urbanism Research Group, Royal Holloway, University of London, 14th June 2022
- Supervised 5 masters dissertations and served as a reviewer for 6 internationally recognised journals from Sage, Wiley-Blackwell, Taylor and Francis etc.

DR. YASHOMATI GHOSH

- Presented a paper at the 19th ASLI Conference (2022) titled "Lawyers sans Frontiers - Continuing Legal Education to Prepare Indian Lawyers for Global Legal Practice"
- Presented a paper titled "The curious case of Aadhar – Use of Technology to secure fundamental right to public delivery of services in India" at II Brazil-India Seminar on Fundamental Rights, Technology and Education, organized by the Pontifical Catholic University of Parana (2021)
- Valedictory Speaker at the Seminar on Cyber Law at the Kirti P. Mehta School of Law of Narsee Monjee Institute of Management Studies (2021)
- Delivered a talk on "Maladministration and Corruption" as Keynote Speaker at the International Seminar on Role of Judiciary in Controlling Maladministration - A Comparative Study at Kerala Law Academy (2022)

NLS FACULTY SEMINARS I

Introduction: Liberalism and Its Encounters in India | August 11, 2021

- Speakers: Dr. Atreyee Majumder, Assistant Professor, Sociology, and Dr. R. Krishnaswamy



Revered 'Routines' in Medical Examination of Rape Accused | August 18, 2021

- Speaker: Shreya Shree, Assistant Professor of Law



Designed for Abuse: Special Criminal Laws and Rights of the Accused | August 25, 2021

- Speaker: Kunal Ambasta, Assistant Professor of Law



Marking the Market : Municipalizing Calcutta's Spaces of Exchange | September 8, 2021.

- Speaker: Dr. Anwesha Ghosh, Assistant Professor, History



Legal Barriers to Accessing Safe Abortion Services in India: A Fact-Finding Study | September 29, 2021

- Speaker: Dr. Aparna Chandra, Associate Professor



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- Speaker: Tasneem Deo, Visiting Faculty



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- Speakers: Varsha Aithala, Doctoral Candidate, NLSIU; and Karthik Suresh, Candidate for the European Master in Law and Economics, Erasmus University, Rotterdam



Open Courts and the Regulatory Framework for Judicial Data | January 27, 2022

- Speakers: Aakanksha Mishra, Dual Qualified Attorney (India and New York) | Law and Policy | Masters in International Trade Law; and Siddharth Mandrekar Rao, DAKSH'S Research Associate



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- Speaker: Rohan J Alva, Counsel, Supreme Court of India



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- Speaker: Dr. Saurabh Bhattacharjee, Associate Professor of Law



Reconsidering SEBI Disgorgement | March 30, 2022

Speakers:

- Renuka Sane, Associate Professor at the National Institute of Public Finance and Policy
- S. Vivek, Research Fellow, Regulatory Governance Project, NLSIU



The Evolution of the Right to Property in India: From a Law and Development Perspective | April 27, 2022

- Speaker: Ms. Rashmi Venkatesan, Assistant Professor of Law



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- Speaker: Dr. Nanda Kishore, Visiting Faculty



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- Speaker: Kunal Ambasta, Assistant Professor of Law



A Life of Contradictions: Group Inequality and Socio-Economic Rights in the Indian Constitution | May 25, 2022

- Speaker : Dr. Aparna Chandra, Associate Professor of Law



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Coding Nature's Code November 11, 2021	Prof. Katharina Pistor, Edwin B. Parker Professor of Comparative Law at Columbia Law School & Director of the Law School's Center on Global Legal Transformation
Artificial Intelligence and the Limits of Legal Personality November 18, 2021	Prof. Simon Chesterman, Dean and Provost's Chair Professor of the National University of Singapore Faculty of Law and Senior Director of AI Governance at AI Singapore
Dimapur Matters November 24, 2021	(i) Dolly Kikon is an anthropologist. She teaches at the University of Melbourne. (ii) Duncan McDuie-Ra is professor of urban studies at the University of Newcastle with an interest in urban cultures.
The Politics of Expendability: State Suppression of Police Workers in India December 8, 2021	Prof. Beatrice Jauregui, Associate Professor, Centre for Criminology and Socio-Legal Studies, University of Toronto
Double Feminist Book Salon December 17, 2021	(i) Dr. Srila Roy, Associate Professor, Sociology, University of Witswatersrand (ii) Dr. Swethaa S. Ballakrishnen, Assistant Professor, Law, University of California, Irvine
Every Vote Counts: The Story of Indian Elections January 13, 2022	Navin Chawla, Former Chief Election Commissioner of India

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Swami Medhananda, Senior Research Fellow, Ramakrishna Institute of Moral and Spiritual Education

All that you want to know about politics and elections
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Dev Gangjee, Professor of Intellectual Property Law, University of Oxford

The Indian Jail Committee 1919-20 and International Penology
April 28, 2022

Radhika Singha, Professor (Retired), Centre for Historical Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University

Genetically Modified Democracy Transgenic Crops in Contemporary India
May 19, 2022

Aniket Aga, Associate Professor of Environmental Studies, Ashoka University

Social Reproduction and Pandemic Neoliberalism
May 26, 2022

Alessandra Mezzadri, Senior Lecturer, School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London

RESEARCH INITIATIVES

Over the last Academic Year, the University has taken several steps to nurture and augment research and increase its output in terms of publications, projects, and contribution to policy framework.

KEY INITIATIVES

Academic Fellowship Programme:

The University announced a two-year full-time fellowship programme aimed at recent law and non-law graduates and post-graduates who are preparing to enter law practice or academic careers in law, public policy or the social sciences. Fellows will contribute to the ongoing research initiatives at the University and will also have the opportunity to assist faculty with classroom teaching. The University welcomed its first cohort of nine Academic Fellows in AY 2021-22.

Restructuring of the PhD Programmes:

The PhD programmes have been recently restructured with improvements in the selection process and course work. The University will attract intellectually curious and driven young scholars to undertake the PhD, by offering support through scholarship, and engaging them in various academic and research programmes at the University.

The NLS Blog:

Launched in November 2021, the NLS Blog publishes original research by faculty and research scholars at NLSIU. This platform is part of an overall initiative to reorganize research publications at the University.

Faculty Seminars:

Faculty and researchers present their ongoing research work at faculty seminars for feedback, guidance and support. These seminars spark conversations that help augment the quality of research at the University and enable our faculty to engage with ongoing research in a variety of disciplines.



Strengthening Access to Legal Scholarship: Digital Commons

Given the diversity of scholarly outputs that NLS produces, from journals and working papers to theses and commentaries, we adopted a new 'Digital Commons' platform at the University. 'Digital Commons' is a widely used tool for creating institutional repositories and ensuring the systematic management of publication workflows. It is part of the University's overall re-organisation of research publications to achieve and sustain internationally peer-recognised scholarly output, and more importantly, to keep it open-access.

The Digital Commons will:

- Help build an integrated open-access platform to showcase faculty, researcher and student writing.
- Allow streamlining of review and editorial processes for all journals.
- Ensure that NLS publications get visibility help track its impact.

Digital Scholarship Programme:

Through a grant received by the University in AY 2021-22, the NLS Library will offer need-based scholarships to 100 deserving candidates across the country to access digital resources on an annual basis.

RESEARCH INITIATIVES

RESEARCH CLUSTERS:

Driven by the need for India-focussed research in certain areas, the University had identified five focus areas to develop research clusters during the previous Academic Year. The clusters are: Labour and Work; Climate Justice; State Capacity and Reform; Access to Justice & Legal System Reform; and Law, Technology and Society. NLSIU, through its research centres and projects, will continue to focus on consistent and meaningful research output under these clusters.

Some of the key highlights under these clusters during 2021-22 are:

NLSIU's Support on Regulatory Reform Recognised by RBI

In 2021, NLSIU announced a collaboration between its Regulatory Governance Project and RBI's Regulations Review Authority (RRA 2.0) in streamlining and rationalising the RBI's regulatory functions. The Regulatory Governance team collaborated with the RRA 2.0 headed by RBI Deputy Governor M Rajeshwar Rao from July 9, 2021 to April 12, 2022 to assist them in achieving their mandate. In a detailed report of its recommendations, the RBI acknowledged NLSIU's support on regulatory reform.

MoU with Meghalaya Government to offer Fellowships for Legal and Policy Research

NLSIU signed an MoU with the Government of Meghalaya in April 2022 to jointly offer Fellowships for Legal and Policy Research. The one-year fellowship will allow NLSIU graduates to work in the Meghalaya Government and gain experience on the current challenges of law and policy. The MoU will also facilitate capacity building exercises and training for Meghalaya Government officials by NLSIU.

Announcement of the Thakur Foundation PhD Scholarships in Public Health & the Law

This scholarship was set up to help contribute to issues that lie at the interface of law & public health while developing research capacities of early career researchers. The programme is supported by the Thakur Foundation, an organisation investing in capacity building for an empowered society through participative, socially-just governance.

Plenary Workshop on Digital Public Records

The Digital Public Records Project of NLSIU organised a Plenary Workshop on Digital Public Records on April 8-9, 2022. The Workshop aimed at assembling a select group of stakeholders across the bureaucracy, academia, civil society, and the developer community to exchange their perspectives and experiences, and inform research priorities under the project between April 2022-March 2023. The project approaches the issue of government transparency in aid of securing the public's socio-economic and political rights through the lens of sound information management.

RESEARCH PROJECTS

Continuing our research efforts in 2021-22, NLSIU entered into a slew of collaborations both at the local and international level. We hope to collaborate more in the coming year to produce innovative and relevant research outcomes. Some of our recent research projects include:

BENCHMARKING AND STRENGTHENING THE ROLE OF WOMEN IN KARNATAKA POLICE

NLSIU is undertaking a project in partnership with the Karnataka Police on the status of policewomen in the state. The project is supported by Hanns Seidel Foundation, a German foundation engaged in political development cooperation.

DIGITAL PUBLIC RECORDS PROJECT

The University embarked upon a two-year research project on Digital Public Records. The Thakur Foundation-funded project is another initiative under the State Capacity Programme, which is tied closely to the vision for 'Universally Accessible Digital Resources' in the Union Government's Digital India programme. The Project is closely engaged with the adoption of the Vision Document prepared by the Supreme Court's E-Committee, which focuses on adoption of technology to ensure access and inclusion for all users, to achieve equity and efficiency.

LAW AND TRANSFORMATION: OPENING CONVERSATIONS BETWEEN INDIA AND GERMANY

NLSIU has embarked on a collaboration with the Chair for Comparative and Public Law, Humboldt University, Berlin under the Indo-German Partnership in Higher Education (IGP) programme of the University Grants Commission, in collaboration with DAAD. Founded in 1925, The German Academic Exchange Service or DAAD (Deutscher Akademischer Austauschdienst) is the German support organisation in the field of international academic cooperation.

CYBER SECURITY CHALLENGES FOR WOMEN

Noting the growing instances of violence against women in cyber space in the form of cyber bullying, stalking, uploading of objectionable content and threats, NLSIU has initiated study titled 'Cyber Security – Challenges under Cyber Space specially for women users'. The one-year research project is supported by the National Commission for Women.

ISSUES IN PRE-TRIAL PROCESSES IN INDIA

The project, supported by Thakur Foundation will focus on two broad themes – excessive pre-trial detention, and the scope and implementation of search and seizure provisions in the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973 (Cr.P.C) and special criminal statutes. In the context of excessive pre-trial detention, the project will study the extent of unnecessary arrests, and bail related issues. When dealing with search and seizure, it will focus on the impact that quasi-criminal statutes have had on the criminal justice process, and also the emerging issue of search of digital devices.

PREVENTIVE DETENTION IN KARNATAKA

This project will focus on studying Karnataka-specific issues relating to preventive detention, including legislative history of preventive detention laws, judicial decisions, and analysis of preventive detention orders. Considering the wide ambit of offences for which individuals may be preventively detained, the reasons for which individuals are being preventively detained, as well as the manner in which due process guarantees are being implemented is a matter that needs study. This research project is an endeavour in that direction.

RESEARCH CENTRES

CENTRE FOR INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RESEARCH AND ADVOCACY (CIPRA)

The activities of CIPRA are conducted in collaboration with the DPIIT Chair on Intellectual Property Rights at NLSIU under the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade, Government of India.

ACTIVITIES

- Organised 'A Roundtable on Trade Secret Protection in India: Road Map for a Legislation,' and conducted a Two Day Online Workshop on "Developing a Legislative Framework for the Protection of Trade Secret in India" in association with Kalinga Institute of Industrial Technology (KIIT School of Law), Bhubaneswar Odisha.
- Organised an International webinar Discussion on "Security Exception and the WTO" in association with Centre for Trade and Investment Law, New Delhi.
- IP Sensitisation program: Session on "Measures to prompt and faster IPR creation in India especially for Telecom sector, Joint celebration of World IP Day and World Environment Day as 'IDEATHON' with Bangalore Bioinnovation Centre [BBC] and Rewa University.
- Research inputs for assisting in the FTA negotiations by Ministry of commerce and Industries, India with UK, EU, Canada.2021-22 on the IPR Clauses related Issues.

OUTPUTS

- Prepared a detailed report on the Relevance of Singapore Treaty on the Law of Trademark in India arising if India moves forward to sign the Singapore Treaty on the Law of Trademarks. The report was submitted to the Ministry of Commerce and Industry.
- DPIIT Chair on IPR, CIPRA facilitated filing and Securing the Geographical Indications status for "Sohari Kovar Painting" handicraft product from the state of Jharkhand. Sohari Kovar Painting is the 1st Geographical Indications Product registered from the state of 'Jharkhand" and 370th GI product in India.
- DPIIT Chair on IPR, CIPRA facilitated in filing Geographical Indications for "Mandar of Jharkhand" (Application number 777). Mandar locally called as Tumdak , is one of the oldest playback musical instruments from India.
- DPIIT Chair on IPR, CIPRA facilitated in Drafting and filing of the following Patents and Designs:
 1. Automated ayurvedic device for Kayasheka therapeutic procedure (Application number 202141023369).
 2. Automated Oil Retainer Apparatus for the treatment of Human Body (Application number 202111022671).
 3. Industrial Design titled "Clustray Cabinet" (Application number 365420-001).

RESEARCH CENTRES

CENTRE FOR ENVIRONMENTAL LAW EDUCATION, RESEARCH AND ADVOCACY (CEERA)

ACTIVITIES

- The Centre has undertaken a two-year Project by the Department of Justice, GoI, on “Pan India Legal Literacy and Legal Awareness Programme” under the Designing Innovative Solutions for Holistic Access to Justice (DISHA) Scheme. Under the Project CEERA has prepared IEC material, conducted workshops in association with local law colleges, and also organised the “Prof. V.S. Mallar Memorial Legal Aid Competition 2022.”
- Conducted research on proposing a plan to promote (Make in India), protect (Indian enterprises) and standardize (Indian products) under a two-year project on “Evaluating the Legal & Policy Framework on Promotion, Standardization and Protection of Indian Business: Towards Effective Implementation of the Aatma Nirbhar Bharat Mission”.
- Conducted research under the project "Collaborative Engagement for Research, Training and Development in Handling of Chemical and Hazardous Waste" granted by Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change. Under the project, CEERA has published two books, conducted workshops & stakeholder mapping under the various laws and regulations that deal with chemical and hazardous waste management.
- Drafted and submitted the Karnataka Municipalities Bill, 2020 to Directorate of Municipal Administration (DMA). This Bill aims to codify, consolidate, and reform the urban planning and development laws in Karnataka.

OUTPUTS

- Published Final Report titled “Contract Enforcement and Ease of Doing Business in India”.
- Drafted Climate (Protection) Bill, 2021. The primary emphasis of this Bill is on the identification, protection, and advancement of relief towards vulnerable areas and persons affected by adverse climate events, the establishment of a Climate Protection Commission of India, providing Climate Risk Insurance, and the adoption of Climate Sustainability Plans for businesses and activities that are likely to have a material adverse effect on climate.
- Publication of books:
 1. “Agricultural Water Governance: Sustainable Practices & Strategies” (2021), published by CEERA- NLSIU, ICAR-IIWM, & Dept of Agricultural Sciences-UALS.
 2. “Chemical and Hazardous Waste in India: A Sectoral Analysis” (2021), published by CEERA-NLSIU and Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEFCC).
- Publication of INLAW Magazine Vol. 7 (September 2021) in association with Tata Consultancy Services (TCS) which is a special issue on Law & Technology.

RESEARCH CENTRES

CENTRE FOR CHILD AND THE LAW

ACTIVITIES

- A PIL has been filed in the Hon'ble High Court of Karnataka regarding the infrastructure in Karnataka Public Schools. CCL acted as amicus curiae and made submissions regarding the infrastructure that is to be present as per the legislative framework.
- Conducted a study to ascertain the adequacy and status of anganwadi centres in tribal areas in Karnataka. Secondary research was undertaken to identify the number of anganwadis required and field visits are being carried out to ascertain the status.
- Capacity building programmes were conducted for stakeholders (Members of Bala Vikasa Samitis, Panchayat Raj Institutions, School Development and Monitoring Committees and Vigilance Committees) in Vijayapura and Ramanagara districts on their roles and responsibilities in the implementation of the National Food Security Act, 2013.
- Capacity building session was carried out for the staff of the Bengaluru Observation Home (established as per the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2015) on Child Psychology and their roles under the Act.

OUTPUTS

- Conducted research to examine the role of State Food Commissions in ensuring food and nutrition security in the context of COVID-19. Insights were gathered from members of the various State Food Commissions on the actions initiated by them during this period.
- Conducted an empirical study on the role played by state and judiciary in ensuring food and nutrition security in India in the context of the first wave of COVID-19 to highlight the positive measures of these crucial players.
- Carried out an analysis on the questions asked by Parliamentarians on the issue of nutrition from 2000 to 2021 to understand the factors acting as triggers and encouraging parliamentarians to seek answers.
- Prepared a resource manual for members of State Food Commissions which aims to aid them in carrying out their duties under the National Food Security Act, 2013 effectively.

RESEARCH CENTRES

CENTRE FOR LABOUR STUDIES

ACTIVITIES

- Research on Jordanian Garment Industry in collaboration with ILO: Centre for Labour Studies (CLS) was invited by ILO Jordan to carry out a research study of Industrial Relations in the Garment Sector in Jordan. Production was carried out through women workers from Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, Nepal, Pakistan, Myanmar, Syria and India. The study involved extensive interaction with all stake holders. A report containing recommendations for decent conditions at work highlighting the misuse of overtime work in conjunction with hostel accommodation was submitted to ILO. The report has been accepted and is under publication. (May 1 to August 31, 2021)
- Research on working conditions among Gig and Platform workers in the Food delivery sector: Two studies (one before Covid and the other after Covid) have been completed with active involvement of the workers in this employment and their trade unions. The usual propaganda that Gig workers are entitled to handsome incentives was found to be non-existent. We found that even after 10 to 12 hours of work, food delivery workers hardly earned a minimum wage. The use of algorithms and cell phones coupled with designating them as “partners” proved to be control devices to deny workers basic labour rights. Our research has contributed to the State Government reluctantly exploring better systems to alleviate exploitation of Gig & Platform work and has approached CLS from time to time to explore better legal interventions. (June 1 to December 21, 2021)
- Rulemaking under the four Labour Codes for the Government of Chhattisgarh: The CLS won this assignment through competitive bidding. This mammoth work running into more than 500 pages was carried out with the help of six scholars and the labour department through online weekly meetings. Among opposition ruled states this state was the first Government to complete the Rule making process (not yet completed in many States) and notify the draft rules through its gazette for public consumption. (March 31 to September 30, 2021)
- Work on the four labour Codes: The first phase of work on the four labour codes was completed in June 2022. Each Code was examined in detail and a critique of its main features was undertaken. The repeal of 16 sectoral laws and 13 general laws was studied. A comparative study of the newly incorporated sectoral laws with its repealed version clearly reveals major deficits and further erosion of labour rights—especially in the informal sectors. During the ongoing second phase, we will undertake proposals for concrete amendments to each Code and revisit all the repealed sectoral laws. (May 1 to June 30, 2022)

RESEARCH CENTRES

CENTRE FOR THE STUDY OF SOCIAL EXCLUSION AND INCLUSIVE POLICY (CSSIEP)

ACTIVITIES

- Organised a Roundtable Meeting with Nomadic Tribe and Denotified Nomadic Tribes on 25 November 2021 which was attended by 38 members from these marginalized communities. The purpose of the meeting was to make assessment on the issues facing these communities to recommend to the Justice Nagmohan Das Commission.
- Seminars/Webinars:
 1. International collaborative seminar on “Social Policy for informal economy” between University of Nagoya and NLSIU was held on 3 March 2022. This project was funded by ICSSR under India-Japan Collaboration fund in 2021.
 2. Seven day national webinar on "Technologies for social science research for Ph.D students" in collaboration with Talasamudaya Adhyayana Kendra (a project under CSSIEP) and Karnataka State Council for Science and Technology during 02 August 2022 to 08 August 2021.
- Completed the research project “Social Function of Property in slums” funded by the Nudge Foundation in 2021-2022. The findings of the research were presented on 9th March 2022 at the Property Rights Research Consortium.
- Organised a one-day State-level consultation on:
 1. COVID -19 impact on devdasi families in collaboration between SAKSHI Trust and Talasamudaya Adhyayana Kendra on 14 July 2021.
 2. Rule making for minimum wage and special recruitment of paurakarmikas was organized jointly between Karnataka State Commission for Safai Karamcharis and Talasamudaya Adhyayana on 27 July, 2022.
- Researchers at CSSEIP edited a book on “Caste Matters in Public Policy” (published in Routledge).

RESEARCH CENTRES

INSTITUTE OF PUBLIC POLICY (IPP)

ACTIVITIES

- Organised a panel discussion at NASPPA South Asian conference (12-14 November 2021) on “Do leaders need scholars? Epistemic crisis in Public Policy practice”.
- Organised the annual conference of the Institute of Public Policy titled “Real Governance in India: The game of norms” in webinar mode on 27-28 November, 2021. Keynote speakers for the annual conference were Prof. G. Haragopal (Hyderabad) and Prof. Tom De Herdt (Antwerp).
- Initiated a collaborative fellowship with the government of Meghalaya titled “P. A. Sangma Fellowship in legal and policy research”. The fellowship supports graduates of NLSIU to research and advice to improve governance systems of Meghalaya. Four fellows from the first cohort of this fellowship joined the government of Meghalaya in July 2022.
- Organised a public webinar titled “Shifting Bengaluru – 2031-41” to deliberate the latest master plan of Bengaluru Metropolitan Corporation. The speakers on this panel included Dr. Anjali Karol Mohan, Leo Saldanha and Dr. A. Ravindra.
- In collaboration with Environment Support Group a national consultation was organised on 18 July 2022 on the proposed amendments to Environmental laws in India. Recommendations to the proposed amendments of Environment Protection Act, 1986, Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1974, Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1981, Public Liability Insurance Act, 1991, Forest Rights Act, 2006, Indian Forest Act, 1927, and Biological Diversity Act, 2002 were submitted to the Ministry of Environment at the of the consultation.
- Researchers at IPP edited a book titled “Theorising Urban Development from the Global South” published by Palgrave MacMillain.

RESEARCH CENTRES

ADVANCED CENTRE ON RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT AND TRAINING IN CYBER LAWS & FORENSICS (ACRDTCLF)

ACTIVITIES

- The Centre received the Data Security Council of India [DSCI]'s Excellence Award 2021 in the category of Law Enforcement Segment - "Excellence in Capacity Building in Cybercrimes, Cyber laws & Digital Forensics by Academia" in December 2021.
- Organised an international seminar on "Data Protection and Data Privacy" in collaboration with Law Mantra on December 21, 2021. The program was inaugurated in august presence of Hon'ble Justice A. Muhamed Mustaque, Judge, High Court of Kerala, Ms. Mishi Choudhary, Technology Lawyer, Legal Director at SFLC, New York and Partner, Moglen & Associates, Prof. (Dr.) Manoj Kumar Sinha, Director, The Indian Law Institute, New Delhi, Prof. (Dr.) G. S Bajpai, Vice-Chancellor, Rajiv Gandhi National University of Law, Punjab and Mr. Kishor Kumar Mishra, President, Law Mantra Trust.
- Organised an international seminar on "Globalizing World and Cybercrime" on January 30, 2021 in collaboration with Law Mantra. The event was inaugurated in august presence of Hon'ble Justice A. Muhamed Mustaque, Judge, High Court of Kerala, Mr. Vikramjit Banerjee, Additional Solicitor General of India, Supreme Court of India, New Delhi, Prof. (Dr.) Anand Pawar, Vice Chancellor Officiating, Rajiv Gandhi, National University of Law, Punjab, Dr. A. Nagarathna, Associate Professor of Law, National Law School of India University, Bengaluru, Dr. Himanshu Pandey, Associate Professor of Law, Maharashtra National Law University, Nagpur and Mr. Kishor Kumar Mishra, President, Law Mantra Trust.
- Conducted an Online Panel Discussion on "Online Safety of Children – Issues and concerns" on Children's Day in November 2021 in collaboration with Ramaiah College of Law, Bengaluru. Panel speakers included Hon'ble Mr. Justice Suraj Govindraj, Judge, High Court of Karnataka; Mr. Aravind S., Deputy Commissioner of Police, Tiruppur, Tamil Nadu, Mr. Vineet Kumar, Founder and President, Cyber Peace Foundation, New Delhi; Dr. Nigam Nuggehalli, Registrar, NLSIU, Dr. Nagarathna, Coordinator, ACRDTCLF.

CENTRE FOR WOMEN AND THE LAW

ACTIVITIES

- The Centre conducted a few short-term research programmes. Research initiatives included gap analysis, policy studies and scoping studies with UNDP, NITI Aayog (in collaboration with CCL) and the Centre for Reproductive Rights among others. These were on areas of disability law and child marriage.
- Our earlier research on acid attack survivors which had come to a halt because of the Covid19 pandemic, was also restarted.

RESEARCH CHAIRS

CHAIR ON CONSUMER LAW AND PRACTICE

ACTIVITIES

- Publications:
 1. International Journal on Consumer Law & Practice (IJCLP) Vol. 9, 2021. IJCLP Journal is indexed in SCOPUS/UGC-CARE/HeinOnline/Google Scholar/SCC OnLine
 2. Bi-Annual Newsletter “March on Consumer Law and Practice”.

- The Chair has been fighting against the menace of Tobacco Control since 2017 and in its endeavour, has organized the following webinars:
 1. National Webinar on “Building Tobacco Free Generation in India” on 27th May, 2022;
 2. National Webinar on “Law Enforcers Training Workshop on Implementation of the Prohibition of Electronic Cigarettes (Production, Manufacture, Import, Export, Transport, Sale, Distribution, Storage and Advertisement) Act, 2019” on 07th February, 2022;
 3. National Webinar on “Strengthening Legal Framework for Protecting Youth from Tobacco” on 21st October 2021;
 4. National Webinar on “Smoke Free Hotels/Restaurants: Win-Win for Health and Business” on 14th July, 2021 which involved active participation and support from the Ministry of Health and Family, GoI.

- Organised
 1. “Online Single Credit Course on Consumer Protection Law and Practice” from 19th March, 2022 to 26th March, 2022;
 2. “Brain Storming Workshop on Consumer Protection Act 2019” on 19th March, 2022;
 3. Virtual Roundtable Discussion on “Challenges under Consumer Protection Act, 2019 and Way Forward” on 9th October, 2021 and
 4. “One Year Celebration of Enactment of Consumer Protection Act, 2019” on 20 th July, 2021 to spread the consumer awareness and to train the members and president of Consumer Forum with respect to new concepts of Consumer Protection Act 2019.

- The Chair is actively involved in recommending Policy Changes to Ministry of Consumer Affairs, GoI, specifically on “Amendment to Criminal Laws from Consumer Welfare Legislations Perspective”; Amendment to Consumer Protection (E-Commerce) Rules, 2020; to the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare Government of India; and to State Government of Karnataka.

This includes suggestions for effective implementation of Karnataka Municipal Corporations and Karnataka Municipalities (Regulation and inspection of places used for sale of cigarettes and other tobacco products) Rules, 2020.

RESEARCH CHAIRS

CHAIR ON RELIGIOUS MINORITIES

ACTIVITIES

During this year, the Chair took up a field-based research study and organised two seminars.

- At the request of the Government of Karnataka, the Chair took up a research study under Pradhan Mantri Jan Vikas Karyakrama (PMJVK). The Study was meant to carry out the field survey of the minority concentrated villages of six taluks in Bidar, Uttara Kannada and Dakshina Kannada Districts of Karnataka. The purpose of this study was to identify deficits in the social and economic infrastructure in the minority community concentrated villages. We have collected data from these minority community concentrated villages and a report has been completed and submitted to the Department of Minorities Welfare, Government of Karnataka.
- Organised a seminar on “Social and Economic Conditions of Jains” on 6th May 2022. Three papers were received from academicians and discussed in the seminar. Prof. Hampa Nagarajaiah, an eminent member of the Jain Community and well-known writer delivered the key-note address. A report on the seminar will be submitted to the Government.
- The Chair commissioned six papers on the topic of “Impact of Covid Pandemic on the Social and Economic Conditions of Minority Communities in Karnataka”. The concept note was prepared by Prof. Abdul Aziz and pre-circulated among seminar participants. These papers are now being edited and will be published as a volume, and submitted to the Department of Minorities Welfare, Government of Karnataka.

RESEARCH CHAIRS

DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE CHAIR

ACTIVITIES

- During the period July, 2021 to June, 2022, studies were conducted by the DOR Chair on the following two topics identified by the Management Committee during its meeting held on 13th January, 2022:

1. Study on the working of the Authority / Appellate Authority for Advance Rulings in the GST regime and suggestions for the revamp of the mechanism in the light of international best practices including putting in place a mechanism for issue of clarifications / information to stakeholders.
2. Comprehensive study of all the existing provisions of the NDPS Act, 1985 including those relating to punishment for personal consumption and procedural lapses by licensed entities not leading to diversion, in order to make the provisions of NDPS Act in line with the current socio-economic conditions.

Reports on these two studies conducted have since been submitted.

- A One Day Workshop was held on 9th March, 2022, under the chairmanship of the DOR Chair at the CBIC Center of Excellence, New Delhi on 'Amendments required in NDPS Act, 1985' which was attended by stakeholders from law implementing agencies, trade and academia.
- A Module on 'Intellectual Property Rights' was prepared for use by the National Academy of Customs, Indirect Taxes and Narcotics (NACIN) for training of departmental officers. Further, fifteen lectures were delivered at NACIN to officer trainees during this period.

RESEARCH CHAIRS

HAL CHAIR ON BUSINESS LAWS

ACTIVITIES

- The Chair conducted the following sessions:
 1. Business Laws and contracts as part of the Certification program on Business Law and Contract Management for Grade IV and above Officers of HAL, May 7, 2022
 2. Sessions on Business Laws and Contracts and Labour Laws as part of the Capability Building for Finance Executives Programme, January 4-6, 2022
 3. Sessions on Business Law and Contracts as part of the Contract Management for Leaders Programme, September 27-29, 2021
 4. Sessions on Labour Reforms for HR Managers at HAL on December 10, 2021
 5. Session on "Legal Acumen for Senior Executives" in a Workshop for General Managers of HAL

- HAL Chair Professor Dr. Saurabh Bhattacharjee was invited to teach modules on Consumer Law, Competition Law, Intellectual Property Law and Law of Alternate Dispute Resolution to PGDiploma in Aviation Management Students of the HAL Management Academy – March-April 2022

- Other extension activities:
 1. Conducted Workshops on Labour Codes for Executives of HPCL, June 8-10, 2022
 2. Conducted workshops on Labour Laws and Laws of Disciplinary Proceedings for BEL, October and December 2021

RESEARCH CHAIRS

MINISTRY OF HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION (HUPA) CHAIR ON URBAN POOR AND THE LAW

ACTIVITIES

- Organized an online collaborative seminar on “Social Security Measures: Affordable Housing and Sanitation” on November 26th, 2021. The seminar invited paper presentations on right against homelessness; slums and squatter settlements; forced evictions and constitutional remedies; affordable housing and land rights in post-disaster scenario; development induced displacement; landlessness and urban poverty; protections of migrant workers; and access to drinking water and sanitation.
- Organized a virtual national seminar on “Affordable Shelters for Women and Children in Delhi” in association with Campus Law Centre, Faculty of Law, University of Delhi on July 23, 2022. The seminar aimed to create awareness amongst all stakeholders about the pernicious issue that is the lack of affordable and adequate shelter in Delhi, especially for vulnerable sections of the society. It invited paper presentations on the issue of right to shelter; violence against homeless women and children, the role of judiciary in ensuring the right to adequate and affordable shelter etc.
- Conducted an inter-College competition titled “People’s Public Policy Case Competition 2022” in association with Christ Academy Institute of Law in March 2022 on the theme of Urban Poverty.
- Published a Research Study Report “Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojna – Housing for All (Urban): A study with reference to the Credit Linked Subsidy (PMAY-CLSS).” The study was conducted in association with Christ Academy Institute of Law, Bengaluru.

GOVERNING BODY MEETINGS

ACADEMIC COUNCIL

51ST ACADEMIC COUNCIL MEETING | 25TH, OCTOBER 2021

- Special Exemptions for students affected by Covid-19
- Interpretation of Reg. V (1) and V (7) of the B.A.,LL.B. (Hons.) AER 2020
- Application by Gajendra Singh of 2018-19 LL.M Batch
- Application by Tarun Singh Rathore
- Revision of Academic Regulations of the LL.M Programme
- 3 Year LL.B Admission and Rollout Plan
- 5 Year B.A.,LL.B, LL.M and MPP Expansion Plan

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

96TH EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING | 27TH OCTOBER, 2021

- Annual Report the Academic Year 2020-21
- Proposed Amendments to IT Policy 2020
- Audited Annual Accounts for the Financial Year 2020-21
- Financial Approval Matrix
- Shifting of University CPF to Government EPF
- Shifting of Gratuity and Earned Leave Funds to LIC
- Appointment of Statutory Auditors
- Appointment of Internal Auditors
- List of Graduating Students for the Academic Year 2020-21
- List of Gold Medal winners for the Academic Year 2020-21
- 3 year LL.B. Admission and Rollout Plan
- Requests for Amendment of Karnataka Student Category Criteria
- Request by Gajendra Singh of 2018-19 LL.M Batch to resume LL.M studies
- Second Extension of Mr. Tarun Singh Rathore to continue in B.A.,LL.B. (Hons.) programme beyond eight years
- Special Exemptions for students affected by Covid-19
- Revision of Academic Regulations of the LL.M. Programme
- Confirmation of the Recruitment of Faculty - CSSEIP
- Appointment of Chief Finance and Administrative Officer
- Sanction of Faculty Posts and Recruitment
- Sanction of Lien to Prof. V. Nagaraj
- Sanction of Leave to Ms. Preeti Pratishruti Dash, Assistant Professor of Law
- Sanction of Sabbatical Leave to Prof. O.V. Nandimath
- Pension benefits to the family of Late Mr. Ravi C.B.

GOVERNING BODY MEETINGS

97TH EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING (SESSION-I) | 28TH, MARCH, 2022

- Revised Budget for the Financial Year 2021-22
- Proposed Budget for the Financial Year 2022-23
- Action Taken Report on the Internal Auditor's Report for Q1 & Q2 of the Financial Year 2021-22
- Fee revision/ fixation for the B.A.,LL.B. (Hons.), LL.M. and MPP programmes for the incoming batches from the Academic Year 2022-23
- Confirmation of the recruitment of new faculty to various positions
- Confirmation of Promotions under Career Advancement Scheme (CAS)
- Non-teaching Staff Reorganization Plan
- Confirmation of the NLSIU Residence Life Policy, 2021

97TH EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING (SESSION-II) | 11TH APRIL, 2022

- Career Advancement Scheme

GENERAL COUNCIL

35TH GENERAL COUNCIL MEETING | 29TH OCTOBER, 2021

- List of Graduating Students for the Academic Year 2020-21
- List of Gold Medal winners for the Academic Year 2020-21
- 3 year LL.B. Admission and Rollout Plan
- Revision of Academic Regulations of the LL.M. Programme
- Proposed Amendments to the Information Technology Policies, 2020
- Annual Report for the Academic Year 2020-21
- Audited Annual Accounts for the Financial Year 2020-21

FACULTY

EMPLOYEE REPORT (JUL 2021-JUN 2022)

NAME & DESIGNATION

1. Prof. (Dr.) Sudhir Krishnaswamy - Vice Chancellor
2. Prof. (Dr.) T. S. Somashekar - Registrar up to 31.7.2021, and Professor of Economics
3. Prof. (Dr.) M.K. Ramesh - Professor of Law
4. Prof. (Dr.) V. Nagaraj - Professor of Law [on lien from 1.7.2021]
5. Prof. (Dr.) V.S. Elizabeth - Professor [on lien from 30.12.2019]
6. Prof. (Dr.) O.V. Nandimath - Professor of Law [on Sabbatical from 1.11.2021]
7. Prof. (Dr.) Ashok R. Patil - Professor of Law & Chair Professor, Consumer Law & Practice
8. Prof. (Dr.) Sarasu E. Thomas - Professor of Law
9. Prof. (Dr.) Sairam Bhat - Professor of Law
10. Prof. (Dr.) Mrinal Seekay Satish - Professor of Law
11. Mr. Govindraaj 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 A - Associate Professor of Law
15. Dr. Aparna Chandra - Associate Professor Of Law
16. Mr. Kunal Ambasta - Assistant Professor (Law)
17. Ms. Rashmi Venkatesan - Assistant Professor (Law)
18. Ms. Sanyukta Chowdhury - Assistant Professor (Law)
19. Dr. Sushmita Pati - Assistant Professor, Political Science
20. Ms. Shreya Shree - Assistant Professor (Law)
21. Mr. Raag Yadava - Assistant Professor (Law)
22. Dr. Atreyee Majumder - Assistant Professor, Sociology
23. Dr. Anwasha Ghosh - Assistant Professor (Social Science-History)
24. Ms. Preeti Pratishruti Dash - Assistant Professor (Law) [on EL from 1.11.2021]
25. Ms. Sharada Shinde - Assistant Professor (Law)
26. Ms. Prerna Dhoop - Assistant Professor (Law)
27. Dr. T. Ramakrishna - Adjunct Professor
28. Prof. H.K. Nagaraj - Visiting Professor
29. Prof. Babu Mathew - Visiting Professor
30. Dr. S.V. Joga Rao - Visiting Professor
31. Prof. N. Jayaram - Visiting Professor
32. Dr. Rahul Choragudi - Assistant Professor in Sociology (Adhoc)
33. Dr. Nanda Kishore - Visiting Professor
34. Mr. Mohan Mani - Visiting Fellow
35. Dr. Chiranjib Sen - Visiting Faculty

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36. Ms. Srijoni Sen - Visiting Assistant Professor
37. Ms. Nitya Gundu - Visiting Assistant Professor
38. Dr. Muneeb Hussain Gattoo - Teaching Associate
39. Ms. Avni Choudhary - Research Fellow

RECRUITMENTS (as per DOJ)

1. Mr. Harsha N - Assistant Professor (Law) - 16.4.2021
2. Ms. Smitha Krishna Prasad - Assistant Professor (Law) - 1.6.2021
3. Dr. Sebanti Chatterjee - Teaching Associate - 1.7.2021, Academic Fellow - 25.2.2022
4. Mr. Paresh Hate - Teaching Associate - 1.7.2021
5. Dr. Saurabh Bhattacharjee - Associate Professor, HAL Defence Public Sector Chain in Business Laws - 1.7.2021
6. Prof. (Dr.) Nuggehalli S Nigam - Registrar - 1.8.2021
7. Ms. Jasmine Joseph - Assistant Professor (Law) - 9.9.2021
8. Prof. (Dr.) Arun Thiruvengadam - Professor of Law - 24.9.2021
9. Mr. Avantik Tamta - Visiting Assistant Professor - 8.11.2021
10. Mr. Sahil Mathur - Teaching Associate-Property Law - 29.11.2021
11. Ms. Amulya Purushothama - Junior Academic Fellow - 21.2.2022
12. Ms. Shinde Sheetal N - Junior Academic Fellow - 2.3.2022
13. Ms. Anushka Sachan - Junior Academic Fellow - 2.3.2022
14. Ms. Ishika Saxena - Junior Academic Fellow - 2.3.2022
15. Ms. Nishtha Sinha - Junior Academic Fellow - 2.3.2022
16. Ms. Nitya Gundu - Visiting Assistant Professor - 7.3.2022
17. Ms. Radhika Nair - Junior Academic Fellow - 14.3.2022
18. Ms. Aishwarya Birla - Junior Academic Fellow - 1.4.2022
19. Dr. Manpreet Singh Dhillon - Senior Academic Fellow - 18.4.2022
20. Ms. Pawani Mathur - Junior Academic Fellow - 1.4.2022
21. Prof. (Dr.) Sanjay Shrikant Jain - Professor of Law - 31.5.2022
22. Prof. (Dr.) Kamala Sankaran - Professor of Law, Ford Foundation Chair in Public Interest Law - 15.6.2022
23. Dr. Betsy Rajasingh - Assistant Professor (Law) - 16.6.2022
24. Dr. Ashna Singh K - Assistant Professor (Law) - 16.6.2022
25. Ms. Sahana Ramesh - Assistant Professor (Law) - 20.6.2022

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EMPLOYEE REPORT (JUL 2021-JUN 2022)

RETIREMENTS

1.Prof. (Dr.) M.K. Ramesh - Professor of Law – 30.11.2021

DEPARTURES

- 1.Dr. Rahul Choragudi - Assistant Professor in Sociology (Adhoc) – 30.6.2021
- 2.Ms. Avni Choudhary - Research Fellow – 30.6.2021
- 3.Prof. H.K. Nagaraj - Visiting Professor – 30.9.2021
- 4.Dr. S.V. Joga Rao - Visiting Professor – 31.10.2021
- 5.Ms. Nitya Gundu - Visiting Assistant Professor – 31.10.2021
- 6.Dr. Sebanti Chatterjee - Teaching Associate – 31.10.2021
- 7.Mr. Paresh Hate - Teaching Associate – 31.10.2021
- 8.Dr. Muneeb Hussain Gattoo - Teaching Associate – 30.11.2021
- 9.Mr. Sahil Mathur - Teaching Associate-Property Law – 31.12.2021
- 10.Dr. Chiranjib Sen - Visiting Faculty – 31.1.2022
- 11.Mr. Avantik Tamta - Visiting Assistant Professor – 28.2.2022
- 12.Ms. Amulya Purushothama - Junior Academic Fellow – 28.2.2022
- 13.Prof. N. Jayaram - Visiting Professor – 31.5.2022
- 14.Ms. Nitya Gundu - Visiting Assistant Professor – 30.6.2022

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF

EMPLOYEE REPORT (JUL 2021 - JUN 2022)

NAME & DESIGNATION

1. Mrs. M. Padmavathi - Examination Officer upto 5.8.2021, Special Officer from 6.8.2021
2. Mrs. Usha A. - Accounts Assistant
3. Dr. Gayathri Devi S. - Information Scientist
4. Dr. Mahesh A. Yaranal - Assistant Librarian
5. Mr. Ramesh Kumar - Assistant Librarian
6. Mr. Suryanarayana V.N. - Estate Officer cum University Engineer
7. Mrs. Savithri Bhat - OMS Grade - III
8. Mr. Madhu K.S - Assistant Librarian
9. Mr. Chandrashekar - Technical Assistant - Hardware
10. Mr. Zabiulla - Driver
11. Mr. Manjappa - Office Assistant
12. Mr. S.A. Muralikrishna - Attender
13. Mr. K.G. Babu - LMS Grade - IV
14. Mr. Ranjit Patro - LMS Grade - IV
15. Mrs. Rathnamma - LMS - III
16. Mr. Channe Gowda - LMS - III
17. Mr. N. Babu Rao - Electrician
18. Mr. Manikandan - Care Taker
19. Mrs. Manjula - LMS - III
20. Mr. B. Jayaramu - Plumber
21. Mrs. Vidya S.G - Accounts Assistant (Jr.)
22. Mr. Umesh P. - Office Assistant
23. Mrs. Prema Kumari - Office Assistant
24. Mr. Somashekar Naik - Hostel's Assistant
25. Mr. Naveen Kumar - Gym Instructor
26. Mrs. Susheela Suresh - Facilitator, DED
27. Mr. Gopinathan - Electrical Assistant
28. Mrs. Geetha Y.C. - Office Assistant
29. Ms. Prathibha V.K. - Office Assistant
30. Mr. K.V. Sheshachala Murthy - Accounts Assistant (Jr.)
31. Mrs. Usha D.S - Office Assistant
32. Mrs. Malini M.C. - Resident Nurse
33. Mrs. Bharathi - Helper
34. Mrs. Tulasi - Helper

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EMPLOYEE REPORT (JUL 2021 - JUN 2022)

NAME & DESIGNATION

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

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EMPLOYEE REPORT (JUL 2021 - JUN 2022)

NAME & DESIGNATION

69. Mrs. Rohini - Documentation Assistant
70. Mr. M.C. Chetan - Driver
71. Ms. Shruthi P - Office Assistant
72. Ms. Manuja G - Accounts Assistant (Jr.)
73. Mr. Sameerulla Z - Accounts Assistant (Jr.)
74. Mr. Mahadeva - Helper
75. Mr. Narayana H - Attender
76. Mr. Chikka Byraiah Gowda - Helper
77. Mr. Hanuman Naik - Helper
78. Mrs. Mangamma - Helper
79. Mrs. Rajamma - Helper
80. Mrs. Vasanthamma - Helper
81. Mr. Ranju Kumar T.P. - Cooking Assistant
82. Mrs. Nagarathna - Helper
83. Mrs. Rathnamma - Helper
84. Ms. Lakshmi Devi Y - Office Assistant
85. Mr. M. Gururaj - Executive Assistant
86. Mr. Nisar Ahmed - Driver
87. Ms. Apoorva Gupta - Assistant Coordinator, DED cum Student Welfare Officer up to 28.3.2022, Assistant Director, DED cum Student Welfare Officer from 29.3.2022
88. Ms. Vinayashree Jagadeesh - Communications Consultant
89. Ms. Nithya Rhea Rajashekhar - Legal Consultant
90. Mr. Nandan Gowda H.A. - Helper, Retainer basis
91. Mr. Suhas Dhruvakumar - Consultant - Digital Transformation

RECRUITMENTS (as per DOJ)

1. Mr. Ramu M - Carpenter - 5.9.2021
2. Ms. Shubha Subramanian - Chief Finance & Administrative Officer - 6.9.2021
3. Ms. Akanksha Sharma - Alumni Officer - 15.9.2021
4. Ms. Anjali Varma - People & Culture Officer - 8.11.2021
5. Ms. Nishtha Vadehra - Editor, Journals - 15.11.2021

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF

EMPLOYEE REPORT (JUL 2021 - JUN 2022)

RETIREMENTS

1. Mrs. Sakina Begum - Helper – 30.4.2021
2. Mrs. Rathnamma - LMS – III – 30.6.2021

DEPARTURES

1. Ms. Lakshmi Devi Y - Office Assistant – 30.9.2021
2. Mr. Hanuman Naik - Helper – 30.6.2021
3. Mrs. Vasanthamma - Helper – 31.12.2021
4. Mr. Chikka Byraiah Gowda - Helper – 31.12.2021
5. Mr. Puran Singh Dhami - Helper – 31.3.2022
6. Mrs. Roopashree M.N. - Office Assistant 31.5.2022
7. Mr. M. Gururaj - Executive Assistant – 31.5.2022
8. Mrs. Rajamma - Helper – 30.6.2022
9. Mr. Ramakrishna - Helper – 30.6.2022
10. Mr. D.K. Keshava Murthy - Data Entry Operator – 30.6.2022
11. Mr. Nagaraj R - Helper – 30.6.2022
12. Mr. Lingaraj - Office Assistant – 30.6.2022
13. Mr. Ramakrishna - Attender – 30.6.2022
14. Mrs. Rohini - Documentation Assistant – 30.6.2022
15. Mr. M.C. Chethan - Driver – 30.6.2022
16. Ms. Shruthi P - Office Assistant – 30.6.2022
17. Ms. Manuja G - Accounts Assistant (Jr.) – 30.6.2022
18. Mr. Sameerulla Z - Accounts Assistant (Jr.) – 30.6.2022
19. Mr. Mahadeva - Helper – 30.6.2022
20. Mr. Narayana H - Attender – 30.6.2022
21. Mrs. Mangamma - Helper – 30.6.2022
22. Mrs. Rajamma - Helper – 30.6.2022
23. Mr. Ranju Kumar T.P. - Cooking Assistant – 30.6.2022
24. Mrs. Nagarathna - Helper – 30.6.2022
25. Mrs. Rathnamma - Helper – 30.6.2022
26. Mr. Nisar Ahmed - Driver
27. Mr. Suhas Dhruvakumar - Consultant – Digital Transformation – 31.5.2022
28. Mr. Ramu M - Carpenter – 30.6.2022

Condolences:

The University mourns the loss of our colleague Mr. C.B. Ravi, Helper - 30.4.2021 .

RESEARCH STAFF

EMPLOYEE REPORT (JUL 2021-JUN 2022)

• CENTRE FOR CHILD AND THE LAW

1. Dr. Neetu Sharma - Fellow
2. Mr. Kumaraswamy T. - Assistant Project Co-ordinator (Field) upto 30.9.2021, Lead Community Mobiliser - 1.10.2021 to 30.11.2021, Trainer from 1.12.2021
3. Ms. Shruthi Raman - Research Assistant upto 30.9.2021, Project Coordinator from 1.10.2021
4. Ms. Bharati R.C. - Project Coordinator [Field] upto 30.9.2021, Sr. Finance & Admin Assistant from 1.10.2021
5. Ms. Hellen Kumari - Administrative Assistant upto 30.9.2021, Sr. Administrative Assistant upto 1.10.2021
6. Ms. Sudha Sreenivasa Reddy - Community Outreach Coordinator [Full time] up to 30.11.2021, Facilitator - from 1.12.2021
7. Ms. Astha R - Research Assistant [Full time]
8. Ms. Jyotsna Sripada - Research Associate [Full time]
9. Ms. Diya Dasgupta - Research Assistant (Full Time)

Departures

1. Ms. Astha R - Research Assistant [Full time] - 31.7.2021
2. Ms. Diya Dasgupta - Research Assistant (Full Time) - 31.7.2021

• CENTRE FOR STUDY OF SOCIAL EXCLUSION & INCLUSIVE POLICY

1. Dr. Sony Pellissery - Associate Professor cum Deputy Director up to 26.10.2021, Professor-cum-Director from 27.10.2021
2. Dr. Pradeep Ramavath Jayanaik - Assistant Professor cum Assistant Director
3. Mrs. Shashikala - Professional Assistant
4. Mr. Asif C - Attendant
5. Dr. R.V. Chandrashekar - Assistant Professor and Fellow

Recruitments (as per DOJ)

1. Dr. Aniket Nandan - Assistant Professor - 1.12.2021
2. Dr. Sudipa Sarkar - Assistant Professor - 1.4.2022
3. Dr. Sneha Thapliyal - Associate Professor - 4.4.2022
4. Dr. Rinku Lamba - Associate Professor - 7.6.2022

RESEARCH STAFF

EMPLOYEE REPORT(JUL 2021-JUN 2022)

Departures

Dr. Pradeep Ramavath Jayanaik - Assistant Professor cum Assistant Director
- 30.4.2021

- **COMMONS/CEERA**

- 1.Mr. Raghav Parthasarathy - Teaching Assistant
- 2.Ms. Madhubanti Sadhya - Teaching Associate
- 3.Visiting Assistant Professor from 7.3.2022 to 30.6.2022
- 4.Mr. Vikas Gahlot - Teaching Assistant
- 5.Ms. Geethanjali K.V. - Legal Associate
- 6.Ms. Lianne Lucia D`Souza - Research Fellow

Recruitments

Ms. Anuja Shah - Research Fellow - 15.3.2022

Departures

- 1.Mr. Raghav Parthasarathy - Teaching Associate - 31.10.2021
- 2.Ms. Geethanjali K.V. - Legal Associate - 15.11.2021
- 3.Ms. Lianne Lucia D`Souza - Research Fellow - 28.6.2022
- 4.Ms. Madhubanti Sadhya - Teaching Associate - 30.6.2022

- **CENTRE FOR WOMEN AND THE LAW**

Ms. Ashwini C - Secretarial Assistant

Departures

Ms. Ashwini C - Secretarial Assistant - 18.10.2021

- **CENTRE FOR LABOUR STUDIES**

Ms. Jasoon Chelat - Research Associate

RESEARCH STAFF

EMPLOYEE REPORT(JUL 2021-JUN 2022)

- **CHAIR ON CONSUMER LAW**

- 1.Mrs. Komala Bai - Clerk
- 2.Mr. Arjun Singal - Student Researcher
- 3.Ms. Vasavi Hegde - Research Assistant
- 4.Mr. Akshay Baburao Yadav - Research Associate
- 5.Ms. Vidushi Gupta - Student Researcher

Recruitments

Mr. Sanjay Utagi - Research Assistant – 6.5.2021

Departures

- 1.Ms. Vidushi Gupta - Student Researcher – 31.7.2021
- 2.Ms. Vasavi Hegde - Research Assistant – 28.2.2022
- 3.Mr. Arjun Singal - Student Researcher – 31.5.2022
- 4.Mr. Sanjay Utagi - Research Assistant – 30.6.2022

- **RELIGIOUS MINORITIES CHAIR**

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

- **DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE CHAIR**

Recruitments

Mr. M. Vinod Kumar - Professor of Practice – 17.9.2021

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

Departures

Mr. Inder Mohan Chawla - Research Assistant – 31.7.2021

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EMPLOYEE REPORT(JUL 2021-JUN 2022)

- **DIPP CHAIR**

1. Ms. Sadhana E - Office Assistant
2. Mr. Jnana Teja Bandi - Research Assistant
3. Ms. Jothsna Chikkodi - Research Assistant

Departures

1. Ms. Jothsna Chikkodi - Research Assistant – 19.4.2022

- **THINK TANK ON HEALTH PROJECT**

Ms. Arpitha H.C. - Assistant Professor (Adhoc)

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

Ms. Tasneem Ravindra Deo - Research Fellow

- **THE NUDGE FOUNDATION**

Departures

Mr. Varun Panickar - Research Fellow – 31.7.2021

- **DIGITAL PUBLIC RECORDS PROJECT**

Recruitments

Ms. Trishi Jindal - Research Fellow – 2.8.2021

- **QAMRA ARCHIVAL PROJECT**

Recruitments

1. Mr. Siddharth Shanthala Ganesh - Consultant – 1.2.2022
2. Ms. Shalom Gauri - Consultant – 1.2.2022

Departures

Ms. Shalom Gauri - Consultant – 30.6.2022

RESEARCH STAFF

EMPLOYEE REPORT (JUL 2021-JUN 2022)

• REGULATORY GOVERNANCE PROJECT-OMIDIYAR NETWORK

- 1.Mr. Rajat Asthana - Student Researcher
- 2.Mr. S. Vivek - Research Fellow
- 3.Dr. Dakshina Chandra - Research Fellow
- 4.Ms. Rishika Rangarajan - Research Fellow
- 5.Ms. Mamta Bharadwaj - Communications Associate

Recruitments

- 1.Ms. Suman Kasana - Student Researcher – 15.6.2021
- 2.Ms. Ayana Bannerjee - Student Researcher – 15.6.2021
- 3.Mr. Harshvardhan Lahiri - Student Researcher – 1.7.2021
- 4.Mr. Pranav Bajaj - Student Researcher – 11.9.2021
- 5.Ms. Samiksha Godiyal - Visiting Fellow – 1.11.2021
- 6.Ms. Neeti Bhatt - Visiting Fellow – 15.11.2021
- 7.Mr. Bharat Harne - Student Researcher – 7.3.2022

Departures

- 1.Mr. Rajat Asthana - Student Researcher – 12.6.2021
- 2.Ms. Ayana Bannerjee - Student Researcher – 15.8.2021
- 3.Mr. Harshvardhan Lahiri - Student Researcher – 15.8.2021
- 4.Mr. Pranav Bajaj - Student Researcher – 31.10.2021
- 5.Ms. Suman Kasana - Student Researcher – 31.12.2021
- 6.Ms. Neeti Bhatt - Visiting Fellow – 31.3.2022
- 7.Mr. Bharat Harne - Student Researcher – 31.5.2022
- 8.Ms. Mamta Bharadwaj - Communications Associate – 10.6.2022
- 9.Mr. S. Vivek - Research Fellow – 30.6.2022
- 10.Ms. Samiksha Godiyal - Visiting Fellow – 30.6.2022

• WOMEN IN KARNATAKA POLICE PROJECT

Recruitments

- 1.Ms. Laksha Kalappa Baleyada - Consultant - Junior Fellow – 1.10.2021
- 2.Ms. Devyani Srivastava - Consultant - Principal Investigator – 11.10.2021

RESEARCH STAFF

EMPLOYEE REPORT (JUL 2021 - JUN 2022)

- **LAW TECHNOLOGY & SOCIETY PROJECT**

Recruitments

1. Ms. Nandita Ramanathan - Programme Development Officer and Alumni Development Officer – 1.6.2021
1. Ms. Madhavi Singh - Research Fellow – 2.8.2021
2. Ms. Geetha Hariharan - Research Fellow – 15.9.2021

Departures

1. Madhavi Singh - Research Fellow – 24.2.2022
2. Ms. Nandita Ramanathan - Programme Development Officer and Alumni Development Officer – 8.6.2022

- **CHILD MARRIAGE UNDER NITI AAYOGA PROJECT**

Recruitments

1. Ms. Shinde Sheetal N - Researcher [Full Time] – 27.11.2021
2. Ms. A.G. Padmavathi - Field Investigator [Full Time] – 30.11.2021

Departures

1. Ms. Shinde Sheetal N - Researcher [Full Time] – 26.2.2022
2. Ms. A.G. Padmavathi - Field Investigator [Full Time] – 30.1.2022

- **ACCESS TO JUSTICE FOR CHILDREN IN CONFLICT WITH LAW**

Recruitments

1. Ms. Amaidhi Devaraj - Project Director [Full Time] – 2.2.2022
2. Ms. Akanksha Natesan - Lawyer – 9.3.2022
3. Ms. Vani Sharma - Lawyer – 7.3.2022
4. Ms. Riddhi D' Souza - Research Associate – 2.3.2022
5. Ms. Annmary Jacob - Social Worker – 6.6.2022
6. Ms. Arshita Satsangee - Social Worker – 26.6.2022

FINANCE - KEY HIGHLIGHTS

INCOME

Increase in Academic Receipts is on account of:

- Increase in fee recognition in FY 2021-22 on account of realignment of financials as per format prescribed by MHRD and ICAI, and
- Share of application fee received from CLAT – Rs.1.6Cr

Increase in other operating income is on account of:

- Rs.5 Crore maintenance grants received from Government of Karnataka, and
- 29% Increase in the Projects & Schemes receipts

EXPENDITURE

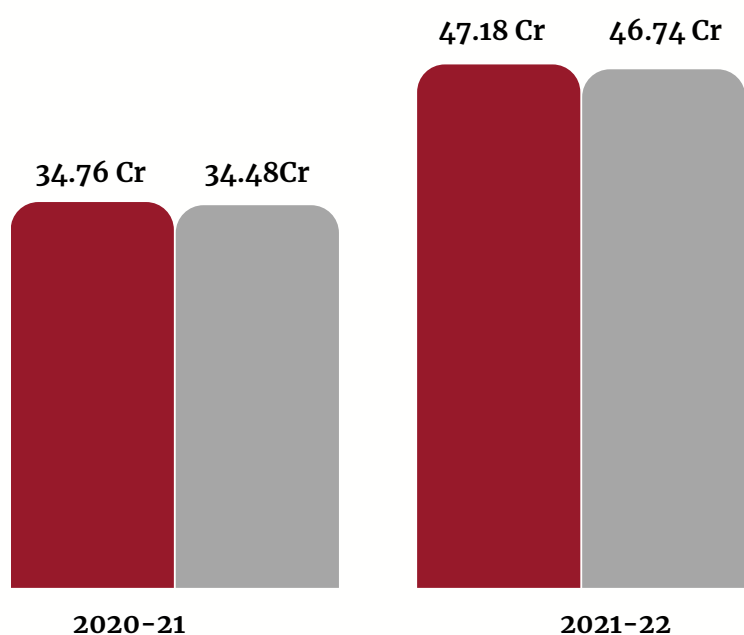
Increase in staff payments & benefits is on account of:

- Increase in staff appointments and
- Annual increments and retirement benefits to staff

Increase in repairs and maintenance is on account of renovation of academic buildings, hostel and student facilities (canteen, gymnasium, fencing of football field etc)

■ Left Bar - Total Income

■ Right Bar - Total Expenditure



FINANCIAL REPORT

INCOME

PARTICULARS	2020-21	2021 - 22
Academic Receipts	22,49,04,779	27,57,17,866
Other Operating Income	7,49,86,945	14,43,89,534
Income from Investments	4,40,48,794	4,47,30,355
Other Income	37,40,630	69,85,322
Total	34,76,81,149	47,18,23,077

EXPENDITURE

PARTICULARS	2020-21	2021-22
Staff Payments & Benefits	15,20,35,234	19,10,64,956
Academic Expenses	2,26,39,834	3,16,28,313
Projects, Grants & Schemes	4,90,98,962	6,34,86,717
Administrative & General Expenses	4,39,70,859	4,89,84,163
Repairs & Maintenance	72,15,202	1,91,52,590
Finance Costs	61,986	1,12,447
Depreciation	2,79,09,556	2,75,53,981
Other Expenses	18,92,859	4,59,926
Designated Funds*	4,00,00,000	8,50,00,000
Total	34,48,24,493	46,74,43,093

- *Designated Funds include Building Fund and Depreciation Fund

FINANCE – BALANCE SHEET

SOURCE OF FUNDS	As on 31.03.2021	As on 31.03.2022
UNRESTRICTED FUNDS		
General Fund		
- School Fund	51,66,19,418	57,33,71,573
Designated Funds	39,89,49,180	50,95,00,978
RESTRCITED FUNDS	23,15,87,743	26,02,90,018
NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Provision for Employee Benefits	26,07,49,030	25,67,69,169
Other non-current Liabilities	1,11,192	7,35,192
CURRENT LIABILITIES AND PROVISIONS	19,11,84,926	28,79,50,025
Total	1,59,92,01,489	1,88,86,16,956
APPLICATION OF FUNDS		
FIXED ASSETS		
Tangible Assets	21,40,26,698	21,01,30,230
Intangible Assets	2,970	39,936
Capital Work-In-Progress	2,12,767	2,08,97,893
LONG-TERM INVESTMENTS	83,01,64,323	1,41,62,86,395
OTHER NON-CURRENT ASSETS	21,36,206	21,35,206
CURRENT ASSETS	5,75,33,032	13,26,41,338
SHORT-TERM INVESTMENTS	45,79,91,987	6,57,13,255
SHORT-TERM LOANS, ADVANCES AND DEPOSITS	3,71,33,505	4,07,72,704
Total	1,59,92,01,489	1,88,86,16,956

FINANCE

NOTE ON EMPLOYEE BENEFITS:

- Effective from financial year 2021-22, the University implemented Accounting Standard (AS) 15 (Revised 2005) dealing with employee benefits, issued by the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India, AS 15. To fund the obligations related to employee benefits (Gratuity, Earned Leave and Pension), the University contributes to Life Insurance Corporation of India, which in turn has invested the same substantially in the government securities.
- As per Government of Karnataka notification dated 20.10.1990, NLSIU was operating its provident fund under the Provident Fund Act, 1925. In FY 2021-22, the Governing Bodies of NLSIU approved the transfer of the University's contributory Provident Fund Scheme to EPFO. From November 2021, monthly PF contributions have been remitted to EPFO.
- The figures of the previous year 2020-21 have been regrouped or reclassified wherever necessary (as seen in the above tables).

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.

Financial Aid at the University is of three main types:

- University Aid which is administered and funded by University managed funds
- External Aid which is administered by the University but funded by third parties
- Third Party Aid that is facilitated by the University but administered and funded by third parties

In AY 2021-22, the following students received financial aid:

UNIVERSITY FINANCIAL AID

TOTAL AID - 4,998,344.50

ID No.	Student Name	Programme	Amount
2754	B.R.Yazhini	BA LLB	300,535.00
2802	Ravi Jonwar	BA LLB	75,361.25
2831	Suyash Pandey	BA LLB	52,000.00
2832	Swabhiman Jayant Patil	BA LLB	283,625.00
2618	Anand Kumar	BA LLB	98,195.00
2656	Jai Singh Rathor	BA LLB	71,396.25
2677	Nayan Anand	BA LLB	156,375.00
2599	Vigyan Prakash Verma	BA LLB	162,375.00
2768	Galaxy Tyagi	BA LLB	283,625.00
2781	Krishnapriya Nair	BA LLB	25,000.00
2622	Anshuman Kishor Mishra	BA LLB	264,412.50
2692	Ritvij Ratn Tiwari	BA LLB	122,925.00
2724	Yashwant Kumar	BA LLB	143,887.50
2644	Devansh Shukla	BA LLB	300,000.00
2691	Ritik Raj	BA LLB	25,000.00
2630	Arushi Tiwari	BA LLB	25,000.00
2559	Kashish Gupta	BA LLB	230,500.00
2594	Tushar Agarwal	BA LLB	43,312.50
2235	Mahendra Singh	BA LLB	143,500.00
2441	Aditya Krishna	BA LLB	230,500.00
2509	Sourav Kumar	BA LLB	43,312.50
2520	Anushya Ramakrishna	BA LLB	248,500.00
2368	Bhaskar Kumar	BA LLB	201,875.00
2438	Mukesh	BA LLB	173,250.00
2416	Sayed Aamir Sultan	BA LLB	86,312.00
968	Aanchal Goel	LLM	56,927.50
976	Dhruv Suri	LLM	25,000.00

FINANCIAL AID

UNIVERSITY FINANCIAL AID

ID No.	Student Name	Programme	Amount
413	Sidra Ali	MPP	268,540.00
390	Mahesh Krishnan Ramesh	MPP	25,000.00
366	Airodi Tejas	MPP	208,290.00
383	Gursimer Singh Gulati	MPP	25,000.00
385	John Philip	MPP	25,000.00
349	Suman Kasana	MPP	148,687.50
311	Chavan Tanmay Ramkrishna	MPP	226,875.00
323	Md Dilshad Ahmad	MPP	198,250.00

ADITYA BIRLA SCHOLARSHIP

TOTAL AID - 2,340,000

ID No.	Student Name	Programme	Amount
2397	Patwardhan Ananya Harshad	BA LLB	180,000.00
2414	Satyajit Bose	BA LLB	180,000.00
2434	Vishu Surana	BA LLB	180,000.00
2450	Ankit Kapoor	BA LLB	180,000.00
2457	Apoorva Nangia	BA LLB	180,000.00
2516	Vidisha Singh	BA LLB	180,000.00
2545	Arohi Chaudhari	BA LLB	180,000.00
2565	Lahar Jain	BA LLB	180,000.00
2584	Saumya Singh	BA LLB	180,000.00
2829	Sukarm Sharma	BA LLB	180,000.00
2727	ADITI	BA LLB	180,000.00
2741	Anish Gupta	BA LLB	180,000.00
2827	Spriha Garg	BA LLB	180,000.00

FINANCIAL AID

MUKHYAMANTRI MEDHAVI VIDYARTHI YOJNA - MP SCHOLARSHIP

TOTAL AID - 1,453,185

ID No.	Student Name	Programme	Amount
2376	Himanshu Anshwani	BA LLB	198,875.00
2400	Priyanshu Jain	BA LLB	198,875.00
2761	Devanshu Agrawal	BA LLB	239,035.00
2554	Harsh Tomar	BA LLB	198,875.00
2570	Mouli Kaushal	BA LLB	198,875.00
2579	Sandli Pawar	BA LLB	198,875.00
2654	Induja Sharma	BA LLB	219,775.00

MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT

TOTAL AID - 1,730,185

ID No.	Student Name	Programme	Amount
993	Pradeep Singh	LLM	234,060.00
2802	Ravi Jonwar	BA LLB	307,265.00
2518	Yashaswi Bablu Kadbe	BA LLB	259,250.00
2623	Anju Walia	BA LLB	271,850.00
2718	Tushar Marmat	BA LLB	217,850.00
2451	Ankit Singh	BA LLB	219,955.00
2438	Mukesh	BA LLB	219,955.00

FOUNDATION FOR EXCELLENCE ORGANIZATION

TOTAL AID - 60,000

ID No.	Student Name	Programme	Amount
2768	Galaxy Tyagi	BA LLB	60,000.00

STUDENT ACTIVITIES

SBA Office Bearers for 2021-22:

Anshul Vats

Darsan Guruvayappan

The student-led committees at NLSIU conducted various activities during the Academic Year. Below are some of the key activities of each of the committees.

MOOT COURT SOCIETY (MCS)

- **University Selection Rounds, 2021-22** - The Problem was drafted by Mr. Murali Neelakantan and Mr. Karthik Seshadri on a relevant banking law issue. The rounds were conducted online successfully, and moot teams were constituted on the basis of these rounds.
- **XV NLSTIAM, 2022** - MCS organized its flagship event, the NLS - Trilegal International Arbitration Moot. The event had to happen online due to the COVID 19 pandemic. Teams from all over the country and abroad participated in the event.
- **Mooting Achievements** - In AY 2021-22, the moot teams of NLSIU achieved the below feats, among others:
 1. Runners up, World Rounds, Manfred Lachs International Space Law Moot.
 2. Sterns and Tennen Award for Best Oralist at the World Rounds – Rhea Prasad, Manfred Lachs International Space Law Moot.
 3. Eliene Galloway Award for Best Memorial at the World Rounds, Manfred Lachs International Space Law Moot.
 4. Reached Round of 16, Willem C. Vis East Moot Court Competition.
 5. Runners up, 1st Cross Examination Moot.
 6. Reached Round of 64, Willem C. Vis Moot Court Competition

STUDENT LEADERSHIP CELL

- **Interactive Session with Mr. Hrishikesh Arvind Datar (NLS BA LLB 2010)** who was featured in the Forbes list of 30 under 30 Asia in the category of Enterprise Technology. He is a lawyer by trade who founded Vakilsearch, an online platform that provides legal services to startups, corporates, and professionals in India. The interaction focused on opportunities of entrepreneurship after law, which forms an important constituent of Alternate Career Options after Law.
- **Fireside Chat with Mr. Brandon Wilson (Senior Legal Counsel, ExxonMobil)** - The event featured NLSIU Registrar Prof. Nigam and Mr. Wilson who discussed their experiences across various avenues of legal practice. It helped students understand the contours and challenges of working as a global lawyer.
- **Interactive Session with Tasneem Deo (NLS BA LLB 2011)** - With an extensive career experience in academia, she guided students in career prospects of pursuing a higher education i.e., LLM or other degrees from foreign universities.

STUDENT ACTIVITIES

EVENT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

- **SBA Mentor-Mentee Meet-Up** - The SBA Mentor-Mentee Meet up is the first introduction of freshers to the essence of the senior-junior bond at NLSIU. Organized by the Event Management Committee, the meet up helps facilitate greater interaction between mentors and their mentees, and also among the student body at large. The annual event is aimed at giving a warm welcome to each incoming batch. EMC arranges a number of activities, games and interactive sessions, followed by refreshments for all to facilitate the same.
- **University Week** - The Event Management Committee, organises the day events of the University Week. EMC provides a theme for each day of the week for the student body to dress up such as 'ethnic day', 'batch colour day' and so on. Music was played during the break, and we saw all batches come and enjoy together.
- **Strawberry Fields XXV** - Strawberry Fields is EMC's flagship event, and is rated as the 'best college rock festival' by the Rock Street Journal. The Event Management Committee (EMC) organized the twenty-fifth Legacy Edition of Strawberry Fields on 23rd and 24th April, 2022. It was a two-day event which saw participation by 30 bands from all over the country along with five headlining acts, namely: Space is All We Have, The Yellow Diary, Ailaan (previously known as 'One by Two'), T.ill Apes, and Seedhe Maut.

CULTURAL AND FINE ARTS COMMITTEE

- **Competitions & Games** - The Committee organised several online competitions such as Reel It Up! - an online Instagram Reel making challenge that involved dancing/singing, comedy and travel diaries. In September 2021, an ice-breaking session called NLS Games Night was held for the incoming first years, a substitution of the traditional Freshers Night that could not be conducted on campus owing to the COVID-19 pandemic.
- **Freshers '21** - Once the student community was back on campus in November 2021, the Committee organised Freshers '21. Continuing the tradition from previous years, students were asked to dress up in themes of "My Inner Bollywood/Hollywood Celebrity" and "Retro Look". In December 2021, the Committee invoked the spirit of Christmas by inviting Christmas nominations from the student community. Notes and small gifts were collected and distributed among the NLS community.
- **Univ Week** - The Committee's flagship event was held in the final week of May 2021 - the biggest intra-college platform for students to display their talent in the forms of music, dance and art. Keeping COVID distancing guidelines in mind, the Committee organised Art Mela, Western Music and Dance, and Eastern Music and Dance and the NLS Ball. The Batch of 2025 won the Culcomm Shield.

STUDENT ACTIVITIES

FINANCE COMMITTEE

- **Negotiating the annual SBA budget with various committees** - We negotiated with various ABCs, non-ABCs, and the student collectives to finalise their budget for the academic year. For this, we reviewed the reasonableness of their proposed budgets with reference to their past years' budgets, spending, and activities.
- **Processing requisitions** - We helped various committees and coordinated with the University administration to process requisitions pertaining to the past years' budgets and the current budget. We also oversaw the solicitation and use of sponsorship money. We vetted requisitions to ensure the legitimacy of bills and accuracy of the amount being requisitioned. In case of any concerns by committees, we coordinated with the SBA Faculty Advisor to decide the issue in accordance with our policies.
- **Drafting amendments to financial policies** - We drafted amendments to the Finance Guidelines, Student Financial Assistance Policy, and the Sponsorship Policy to ensure that they are in line with the current processes and requirements of the University administration.

CAMPUS DEVELOPMENT AND MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Events & Campaigns

- CDMC successfully hosted a Holi, Shab-e-Baraat and Hola Mohalla event for the University community.
- The committee organised a blood donation camp.
- CDMC launched an innovative online and offline anti-littering campaign. This included a campus photography competition to highlight the need for a clean campus.
- In its effort to ensure better management of common spaces on campus, the committee drafted a common room policy and helped with the digitisation of the AIR café.

STUDENT ACTIVITIES

SPORTS COMMITTEE

- **Trilateral 2022** - A contingent of 97 NLSIU students participated in this annual sporting event held at NUJS, Kolkata. The Sports Committee managed team selections, logistics and co-ordination along with the Committee Faculty Advisor, Ms. Prerna Dhoop.
- **Intra-college basketball leagues** - The Committee successfully organised three basketball leagues: the Premier Futsal League, the Gully Cricket League, and the Premier Basketball League. Each League saw the participation of about 100 students across batches and genders. Teams were constituted through auctions using imaginary currency. The committee formulated the rules and regulations for each League and ensured compliance.
- **Fitness activities** - The Committee coordinated with the administration to introduce fitness activities including strength training, Zumba, running and Ultimate Frisbee on campus. These included weekly coaching sessions. The Ultimate Frisbee sessions were particularly well attended, with Mr. Vijay Rao, former captain of the Indian team, at the helm.

COUNCIL FOR INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS AND INTERNATIONAL LAW

- **Essay Competition** - CIRIL held its first essay competition on International Trade Law in collaboration with the Centre for Trade and Investment Law (CTIL), EBC/SCC and IJIEL. It received 140 registrations from law schools across India. Winners received cash prizes worth Rs. 27,000, EBC subscription prizes worth Rs. 1,15,000, and internship opportunities.
- **Panel Discussion** - On UN Day, CIRIL conducted a panel discussion in collaboration with the LawSoc on 'International Law and Constitution Making' in the context of the Taliban takeover of Afghanistan. The panel, comprising Prof. Amal Sethi, Azin Tadjini (formerly employed with the UN) and Abhimanyu George Jain (visiting faculty at NLS), explored the viability, need and ramifications of introducing liberalism through the constitution drafting process.
- **Introduction of #CIRILupdates** - CIRIL launched #CIRILupdates, a weekly series of Instagram posts on recent developments in international relations and international law. The use of caricatures and other illustrations to make these subjects more engaging led to a 200% increase in the Committee's social media reach.
- **Interactive session with Vikram Raghavan** - The committee hosted this session with Mr. Raghavan, the lead counsel of the World Bank for first-year students. He spoke to students regarding the importance of economics for lawyers, and reflected on his own professional experience at the World Bank.

STUDENT ACTIVITIES

THE LAW AND SOCIETY COMMITTEE

- **Panel Discussion** - The committee organised a vibrant panel discussion on the draft National Disability Policy, 2022. The resulting recommendations—currently being consolidated—will be sent to the Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities in the Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment, Government of India.
- **Sessions with legal experts** - The committee invited senior advocates Rebecca John, Mihir Desai and Abhinav Sekhri to speak on bail jurisprudence under the UAPA. The event proceedings were published on the Socio-Legal Review Forum.
- **Research Panel** - The committee constituted a student research panel on 'Identifying Outdated Legislations in Karnataka'. The resulting recommendations will be sent to the Government of Karnataka.

LAW AND TECHNOLOGY SOCIETY (L-TECH)

- **L-Tech-The Dialogue Law and Technology Debate Competition** - We successfully organized a national debate competition in partnership with the think-tank *The Dialogue* on "Competition Law in Digital Space", which received over 200 registrations. This was the first ever debate competition on the intersection between law and technology organized by the committee. The jury board included prominent names like Ela Bali, Mr. Amol Kulkarni, etc.
- **L-Tech-The Dialogue Law and Technology Essay Competition** - We partnered with think-tank *The Dialogue* to organize a national essay competition on "Competition Law in Digital Space", which received over 180 registrations. The jury board included prominent names like Mr. Samir Gandhi, Mr. Rahul Rai, Ms. Nidhi Singh and Ms. Modhulika Bose.
- **L-Tech Gaming Law Conference** - This year, L-Tech attempted to diversify and broaden the engagement that students have with the intersection between law and technology. In collaboration with Sports Committee, LawNk, and the Sports Law and Policy Centre ('SLPC'), we organized a Gaming Law Conference in April-May 2022 on campus. It involved panel discussions on gaming law and policy, and two e-sports tournaments.

The panel discussions were on the following topics:

1. Decoding the Karnataka High Court's Gaming judgment
2. Understanding Gaming Addiction and Policy Responses
3. Careers in Gaming Law

STUDENT ACTIVITIES

NLS FEMINIST ALLIANCE

- **Privilege Walk** - Every year, the NLS Feminist Alliance organises a privilege walk for incoming students. The activity begins with us asking students to reflect on what privilege means followed by filling out questionnaires indicating various kinds of privilege. The activity closes with a reflection circle, where students are asked to reflect on what they learnt from the walk.
- **Yamuna Nights** - The NLSFA periodically organises "Yamuna Nights" which are aimed at being spaces for women, trans and non-binary students to gather and have discussions on various issues on campus. In the past we have hosted Yamuna Nights on various themes - as an introductory mixer for all WHOR residents, to discuss issues of gendered leadership on campus, gender in the classroom, etc.
- **Constitutional Amendment to ensure Gendered Representation on the SBA** - The NLSFA gathered inputs from the student body on how to ensure gendered representation at the level of SBA Office Bearers, and framed a constitutional amendment for the same. The amendment put in place a model of two Co-President spots, one of which would be reserved for a woman, or a person from gender minorities. The NLSFA campaigned and gathered support for the amendment, and the amendment was passed by a majority.

NLS QUEER ALLIANCE

- **Sensitisation Sessions** - We conducted sensitisation for incoming batches to inculcate a culture of respect for queer persons on campus. We covered the difference between sex, gender, and sexuality; various labels and identities; hypothetical situations and how to respond in a respectful manner. These sessions are engaging and interactive and are meant as a space where students can ask questions about queerness generally and on how to respond to situations while interacting with queer persons.
- **Research on Queer Issues** - We worked with Orinam, a queer NGO based out of Chennai; CLPR, a legal research and policy centre in Bengaluru; and QAMRA, a queer archival project in Bengaluru to research queer issues in India. We reviewed the training manual for judges on queer issues to make it more queer sensitive (with Orinam) and researched on conversion therapy and laws surrounding it in other jurisdictions (with CLPR). We are working with QAMRA to prepare a primer on queerness and for parents on accepting and respecting their children's queer identities.
- **Hosting Listening Groups** - We have hosted support group meetings, pub-pools, and listening circles for queer students on campus to build a sense of community and belonging. We coordinated one such session with the campus therapist Ms. Keerthana to help and intervene during a listening circle.

STUDENT ACTIVITIES

LEGAL SERVICES CLINIC

- **Collaboration with CCL** - Since March 2022, LSC has been working on providing legal assistance to boys in observation homes in relation to their cases as well as sensitizing them on issues such as their right to bail and legal representation. LSC members make biweekly visits to these observation homes and assist CCL members with research for cases, translation of documents, and content/poster generation to spread awareness.
- **Collaboration with KSLSA** - The LSC assisted the KSLSA in conducting the 'Mega Lok Adalat' in December 2021. LSC, along with 100+ volunteers from the University visited the High Court, City Civil Court, and Chief Metropolitan Magistrate's Court for 18 days and assisted in preparing synopses for 500 case files to be referred by judges during the Lok Adalat.
- **Collaborations with Nyaaya, an initiative of the Vidhi Centre for Legal Policy:**
 - (i) LSC continued its practice of providing free legal aid to disadvantaged groups by assisting legal counsel for the clients. This was done with the help of our pro-bono panel of about 16 lawyers largely comprising NLS alumni. This year, we worked on 40 cases in the areas of family law, property law, labour law, and criminal law amongst others.
 - (ii) Helped provide answers to legal queries received by Nyaaya.
 - (iii) Assisted Nyaaya with their online database on government welfare schemes in Karnataka. Members of the LSC researched on COVID State Schemes, and Schemes for Unorganised Sector Workers, to frame information on how to apply to these schemes in an accessible manner. This database will help people access information regarding State-wise schemes on a single platform.

SOCIETY FOR NON HUMAN PERSONS

Initiatives

- Vaccination drive for dogs across campus: The 20 dogs who reside on campus were vaccinated with ARV (Anti-Rabies) as well as DHPPIL.
- Installation of water bowls across campus to provide drinking water for dogs and birds.
- Sterilization of dogs on campus.

ALUMNI RELATIONS

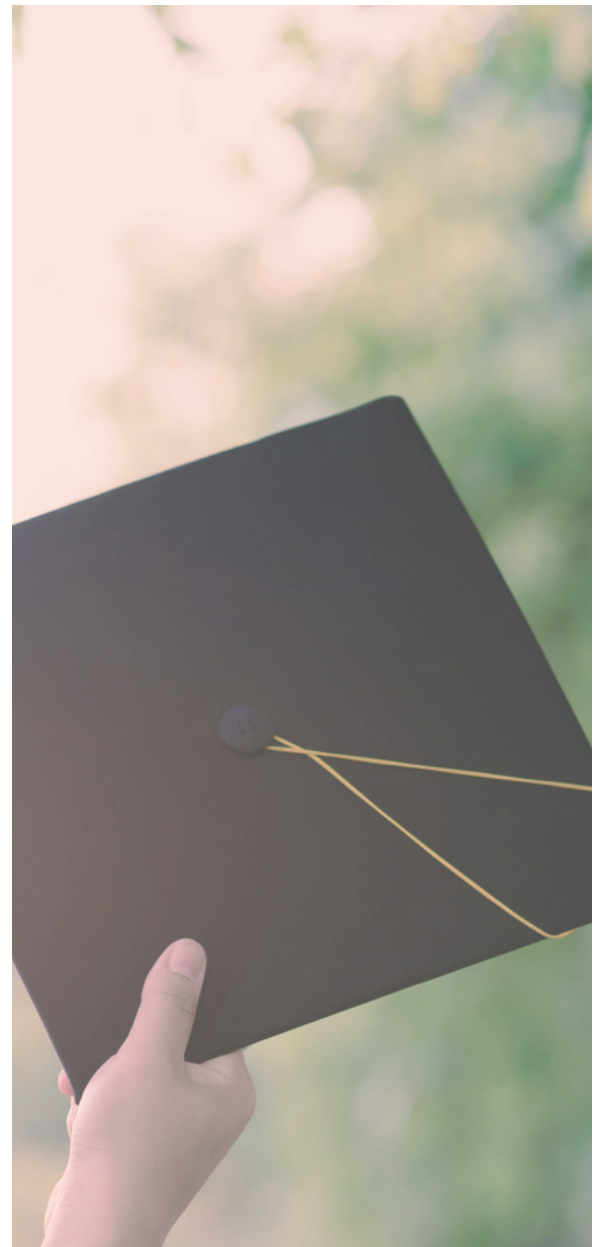
ALUMNI OFFICE

The University established its Alumni Office in September 2021, to systematise its continuous engagement with alumni, deepen the relationship and broaden access to include all our on-campus and off-campus programmes, in line with the other initiatives under NLSIU's Inclusion and Expansion Plan.

The Alumni Office has been involved in all the University's outreach and engagement activities, and particularly in organising reunions, student-alumni interactions and alumni engagement with various University activities, including teaching of elective courses by alumni with significant experience as practitioners.

With 737 registered members across courses and batches, the official NLS alumni platform continues to be the primary point of interaction between the University and its alumni across batches. Alumni can access the member directory, view and share vacancies on the job board, receive updates on University events and use the platform's message boards to stay in touch with fellow alumni.

Continuing to spotlight alumni, in AY 2021-22, the University's website featured interviews with various alumni working in different fields, ranging from academics, public policy, litigation to entrepreneurship.



ALUMNI SUPPORT

In the face of the adverse situations faced by several members of the NLSIU community during the pandemic, in July-August 2021, the University conducted a fundraising drive to support Financial Aid for students in need at NLSIU. More than 50 members of the alumni community contributed Rs 15.7 lakhs towards financial aid assistance, from both India and overseas.

ALUMNI GIVING MONTH

The University ran its first alumni Giving Month campaign during February 2022, using the initiative to communicate updates on recent developments at the University to our alumni while providing an opportunity for alumni to lend support in jointly achieving our development goals. Through Giving Month, the University raised contributions of Rs 29 lakhs with further commitments in excess of Rs. 40 lakhs to be donated in the next five years. These commitments include individual and class gifts. Thirty alumni from India, Singapore, Hong Kong, Switzerland and the UK donated to various development initiatives, and the BA LLB Classes of 2002, 2011 and 2014 also pledged support for specific projects/ scholarships. Student financial aid received the most interest and support from alumni, but contributions were also made for infrastructure projects such as redevelopment of the pathway and exterior works at the canteen situated in the Old Academic Block.

ALUMNI RELATIONS

ALUMNI-FUNDED SCHOLARSHIPS

- Shri Ray Sharda Ranjan Prasad Scholarship: set up with the support of alumna Swarnika Prasad Kashyap, BA LLB 2005, in memory of her father. The scholarship of Rs 15 lakh will cover annual student fees for deserving students for a period of five years.
- Col. Prakash Manik Bhat Memorial Scholarship: set up with the support of Aditya Vikram Bhat, BA LLB 2003, in memory of his father, and supports students of the BA LLB (Hons) programme.
- Ajoy Halder THB Scholarship: set up with support from the Class of 2004, in memory of their classmate Ajoy Halder. The scholarship supports students of the BA LLB (Hons) programme.

NOTABLE ALUMNI ACHIEVEMENTS

- Justice Maralur Indrakumar Arun, BA LLB 1993, was elevated as permanent judge of the Karnataka High Court in September 2021.
- Global law firm White & Case LLP appointed Dipen Sabharwal QC, BA LLB 2001, as its new Executive Partner in London, effective January 2022. Allen & Overy appointed Gautam Narasimhan, BA LLB 2000, as the joint managing partner of the firm's Singapore office effective May 2021 and Pallavi Gopinath-Aney, BA LLB 2004, as joint chair of the India group.
- Kalyani Ramnath, BA LLB 2009, Assistant Professor of History at the University of Georgia, won the Surrency and Jane Burbank Prizes from the American Society for Legal History in 2021 for her article, "Intertwined Itineraries: Debt, Decolonization and International Law in Post-WWII South Asia".
- Priyasha Saksena, BA LLB 2010, Lecturer in Law at the University of Leeds was the co-winner of the 2021 Sutherland Prize from the American Society for Legal History for her article "Jousting Over Jurisdiction: Sovereignty and International Law in Late Nineteenth-Century South Asia".
- Avinash V, BA LLB 2020, secured an all India rank of 31 in the Civil Services Examination 2021 and bagged the top rank in Karnataka in his first attempt. NLS graduate Shraddha Gome, BA LLB 2018, secured an all India rank of 60 in the Civil Services Examination 2021. They join a growing list of alumni who have joined the Civil Services and served with distinction.

ALUMNI RELATIONS

MEETINGS, REUNIONS AND STUDENT MENTORING SESSIONS

- As we cautiously moved out of pandemic mode, the University sought to organise and facilitate alumni engagements in different cities. Starting with a meet-up of NLSIU alumni based overseas in Dubai and neighbouring Middle East countries in October 2021, our next city-based alumni get-together was in London which was attended by around 40 alumni from the BA LLB, LLM and MPP programmes. Senior members of the NLSIU administration team joined these get-togethers over video conferencing. In May 2022, the Alumni Association and Alumni Office jointly organised a get-together for over 125 alumni litigating in Delhi NCR.
- Our alumni took out the time to guide and mentor students in group settings throughout the Academic Year. In January 2022, four alumni conducted a resume writing workshop for students, bringing to the table their years of experience in academia, law firms, research and career transitions.
- Students had a chance to interact in informal 'fireside chat' format sessions with alumni from diverse areas of practice such as Pramod Rao, BA LLB 1996 (Executive Director, SEBI, formerly Group General Counsel, ICICI) and Hrishikesh Datar, BA LLB 2010 (Founder and CEO, vakilsearch).
- Alumni batches also commemorated their graduation milestones with in-person reunions delayed by the pandemic. In July 2022, alumni from the BA LLB (Hons) batch of 2011 met up on campus to commemorate 10 years of their graduation by spending the day together as well as interacting with faculty and current students. The University now looks forward to hosting an Alumni Weekend on the campus in the coming month for alumni across batches and programmes.



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. Now, 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!