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VICE CHANCELLOR'S MESSAGE

In the last 35 years, there are many ways in which an NLS education has remained constant and unchanging. The University has prepared students for leadership and excellence in their chosen professions through a rigorous academic programme that emphasises a commitment to getting things done with scarce resources and time. This pursuit of excellence is grounded in the ethical commitment to economic and social transformation that realises constitutional values. We're confident that the 31st cohort of graduates will galvanise their talents in the legal and other professions, social service and through startups in legal technology and social enterprises. We're proud of the diversity of career choices our graduates make, and look forward to discovering with them, the breadth and depth of their potential to transform our world in new and yet to be imagined ways.



In 2021, the governing bodies of the University carefully deliberated and then adopted the NLSIU Inclusion and Expansion Plan 2021-25. This 5 year plan set out an ambitious agenda for the University; including a 340% increase in students from 500 to 2200; a 300% increase in faculty from 30 to 120 and a corresponding increase in University infrastructure, administrative capacity and technology to accommodate this meteoric growth.

I am glad to report today that, despite the considerable odds being stacked against us, we have implemented and delivered this Plan fully to this point. We began Academic Year 2023-24 with 1078 on-campus students of whom nearly 450 joined the University this Academic Year. As of July 2023, we have 77 faculty of whom 66 have joined the University in the last 3 Academic Years. While expanding the overall numbers, the University today has the most socially inclusive student and faculty body in its history. It is no surprise that admission to the National Law School is a coveted opportunity sought by all. We're committed to being the first choice of every aspiring young student from every community irrespective of their social and economic background. Our ability to remain a selective, yet inclusive, University will depend on our continued ability to expand and grow.

To accommodate this remarkable expansion, the University has invested in the expansion of physical and digital infrastructure at unprecedented rates. Earlier this morning we inaugurated a comprehensively redeveloped library which expands capacity from a little over 250 to 600 and reimagines the library to be the centre of student social life and collaborative learning practices. This redevelopment project was completed in six months and was generously supported by an external donor and the grants from the Government of Karnataka. We've also made considerable progress on an expansive digitization project to make all our library books available digitally to specially abled students to work towards universal accessibility of all library resources.

This University was envisaged as a fully residential University and hence, in the last year, we have increased the number of hostel beds available from around 780 to over 1000 while simultaneously improving and upgrading the room furniture, toilets and other amenities in each of the Hostels. For the first time in the University's history every hostel room has contemporary wooden furniture and bedding, and the interiors of every room is cleaned every week to ensure a healthy and clean living environment. These hostel facilities compare favourably with international University standards and we hope to constantly raise the bar with every passing year. The University remains committed to a residential academic community, but we will need the support of the Government of Karnataka and other philanthropic institutions to secure additional land and resources to build residential facilities for our fast expanding student and faculty body.

VICE CHANCELLOR'S MESSAGE

This rapid expansion of the University has been implemented in a manner that ensures that we maintain and enhance our academic leadership. Every public and private ranking agency that published a ranking of Indian law schools this year places NLSIU as the No.1 Law School in India. These rankings recognize the University's ability to reinvigorate its curriculum and pedagogy consistently to be at the leading edge of the academic field. In July 2023, the University adapted all continuous assessment practices and paper writing exercises to respond to the emergence of generative Artificial Intelligence. Our ability to respond to contemporary challenges in a timely and thoughtful manner, sets us apart from our peers.

For the University to deliver the highest quality of education while expanding, we need to build institutional capacity to operate at scale. The University has focused on developing institutional capacity along two dimensions: **first**, to enable the digital transformation of all academic and administrative processes, and **secondly**, to reimagine and restructure University administration with the support of the governing bodies. This unglamorous work is foundational to the University's current and future success but hidden from public view. So I particularly thank and acknowledge the herculean work of the staff who work tirelessly to give faculty and students a smooth and unruffled educational experience. The University is now prepared to embrace a future where learning is disaggregated by space and time - where in person, online and hybrid learning merge into a seamless experience. I'm confident that our sustained efforts to build institutional capacity will secure our place at the cutting edge of the future of higher education globally.

Recently, our governing bodies adopted several policies and decisions that will shape the University's near term future. I will emphasise two key initiatives: first, the deepening and broadening of academic Research. The University has now adopted a new research policy to democratise leadership of University Centres and Chairs and enhance participation of faculty in collaborative research projects. By investing University resources in supporting individual faculty, Chairs and Centres we're confident that these new beginnings will snowball into a quantum jump in research output at University. Our research output has increased by nearly 50% over the last NIRF ranking cycle. We're hopeful that the new Research Policy will catapult the University into the global league of research leaders.

The second initiative is to foster a greater integration of NLS with global peer Universities and to shape the evolution of law and the social sciences globally. The founders of the National Law School were acutely aware of the international role that the University must play as a global south law school that contributes to a multi-polar world. A world where knowledge is progressively decolonised. We admitted foreign students from neighbouring SAARC countries and Africa to our academic programmes some of whom will graduate today. This year we have adopted three initiatives towards this founding goal: **first**, to recommence admitting foreign students to academic programmes of the University using a new admission process; **secondly**, to develop twinning, dual and joint degree programmes with leading Universities around the world, **and finally**, to develop deep research partnerships with select Universities that facilitate the production of new and useful knowledge in various fields.

These initiatives taken together will allow the University to take its rightful place in global legal education and contribute to the development of a multipolar future. Our engagement with the Jigme Singye Wangchuck Law School in Paro, Bhutan is a guiding example of the nature of relationships we aspire to build beyond our national borders. The JSW Law School is the first and leading law school in Bhutan founded to educate a new generation of lawyers. These lawyers will support the development of the rule of law in Bhutan in a manner that incorporates Bhutanese national culture and values. NLS has engaged with the JSW Law School to support student and faculty exchanges, sharing library resources and facilitating student internships and professional development in India. Her Royal Highness Princess Sonam Dechan Wangchuck, the Founding President of the Jigme Singye Wangchuck Law School, has graciously agreed to be our Chief Guest at the 31st Annual Convocation and we look forward to cementing and deepening our relationship with the JSW Law School in the years ahead.

30TH ANNUAL CONVOCATION

September 18, 2022

As the COVID pandemic impacted nearly every aspect of daily life and prevented large events/gatherings, the University was forced to conduct its Convocation virtually for two years in a row during 2020 and 2021.

In 2022, after a gap of two years, NLSIU conducted its 30th Annual Convocation offline. The event took place at the Dr. Babu Rajendra Prasad International Convention Centre, Gandhi Krishi Vignana Kendra (GKVK) Campus, Bengaluru. A total of 829 degrees and 48 medals were awarded.

The Chancellor and Chief Justice of India, Hon'ble Justice Uday Umesh Lalit, presided over the ceremony. Shri. Nandan Nilekani, Chairman and Co-founder, Infosys and Chairman, EkStep Foundation was the Chief Guest and delivered the Convocation Address.

Watch the full video of the 30th Annual Convocation on the official [NLSIU YouTube Channel](#).

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These graduating batches have soldiered through an exceptional natural experiment: a COVID pandemic induced transition from physical to digital education in a few days from what may have otherwise taken a decade. They've emerged battle ready for the world of digital work and ready to embrace far deeper changes in our approach to the economy, politics and society. Your fortitude in pulling through these COVID disruptions will shape you in the years ahead and prepare you for the tectonic changes that await your generation.

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



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DEGREES AWARDED

Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) in Law	06
Master of Philosophy (M.Phil)	01
Master of Laws (LLM)	40
Master's Programme in Public Policy (MPP)	53
BA LLB (Hons)	76
Master of Business Laws (MBL)	138
Post Graduate Diploma in Human Rights Law (PGDHRL)	36
Post Graduate Diploma in Medical Law & Ethics (PGDMLE)	112
Post Graduate Diploma in Environmental Law (PGDEL)	70
Post Graduate Diploma in Intellectual Property Rights Law (PGDIPRL)	63
Post Graduate Diploma in Child Rights Law (PGDCRL)	26
Post Graduate Diploma in Consumer Law & Practice (PGDCLP)	34
Post Graduate Diploma in Cyber Law & Cyber Forensics (PGDCLCF)	174
TOTAL	829

30TH ANNUAL CONVOCATION | 18TH SEPTEMBER 2022

GOLD MEDAL WINNERS

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

1. Mr. Vrishank Singhania

- Indira Khaitan Medal for University First Rank (Instituted by Mr. Suman J. Khaitan, Advocate, New Delhi)
- Sarala Birla Medal for the overall topper (Instituted by the Birla Sanskriti Trust, Kolkata)
- Shanbogue Ragavendra Rao and Subbalakshamma Memorial Medal for Best Outgoing Student (Instituted by Mrs. & Mr. S.R.R.K. Sharma, Chartered Accountants, Bangalore)
- Singhania & Company Medal in Law & Economics (Instituted by Mr. D.C. Singhania, Advocate, New Delhi)
- Justice Alvaro Dias Medal in Jurisprudence (Instituted by Mrs. & Mr. Menezes, Panjim, Goa)
- Justice V. Govindarajachari Medal for Meritorious Student (Instituted by Mr. Srinivas and Late Shri. V. Ramanujachari, Hyderabad)
- Late Shri S.C. Javali Medal to the Best Outgoing Undergraduate Student (Instituted by Smt. Lata, D/o. Shri S.C. Javali and Mr. P.U. Bhavikatti, IOFS (Retd.)

2. Mr. Saurabh Gupta

- Basant Kumar Birla Medal for the II Rank Student (Instituted by the Birla Sanskriti Trust, Kolkata)
- Late Sri A.V. Gopalakrishna Bhat Memorial Medal for II Rank (Instituted by Mrs. Prabha Sharma & Mr. S.R.R.K. Sharma, Chartered Accountant, Bangalore)
- Mr. H.V. Subba Rao Medal in Contracts Law (Instituted by Mrs. Prabha Sharma & Mr. S.R.R.K. Sharma, Chartered Accountant, Bangalore)
- Ms. K.G. Pramila and Mr. D.C. Thammanna Medal in Transfer of Property Laws (Instituted by Mrs. Prabha Sharma & Mr. S.R.R.K. Sharma, Chartered Accountant, Bangalore)
- K.B. Jhunjunwala Medal in Constitutional Law (Instituted by M/s. Sitakunj Memorial Trust through Mr. R.N. Jhunjunwala, Solicitor & Advocate, Calcutta)
- Duttal Jhunjunwala Medal in International Law (Instituted by M/s. Sitakunj Memorial Trust through Mr. R.N. Jhunjunwala, Solicitor & Advocate, Calcutta)
- Laxmi Devi Jhunjunwala Medal in Criminal Law (Instituted by M/s. Sitakunj Memorial Trust through Mr. R.N. Jhunjunwala, Solicitor & Advocate, Calcutta)
- Prof. Udai Raj Rai Medal in Constitutional Law (Instituted by Ms. Sheela Rai, Associate Professor, NLUO, Cuttack)

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GOLD MEDAL WINNERS

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

3. Mr. Anshul Butani

- Sri. N.R. Rayalu Medal for III Rank (Instituted by Mrs. Prabha Sharma & Mr. S.R.R.K. Sharma, Chartered Accountant, Bangalore)
- Shri S.K. Venkatarangiengar Medal for the Outstanding Graduating Student (Instituted by Shri S.V. Rangaswamy, Former Professor, IISc, Bangalore)

4. Ms. Pallavi Khatri

- Smt. Rukmanidevi Arundale Medal in Environmental Law (Instituted by Mrs. Vinoo Jayaram & Mr. A.N. Jayaram, Former Addl. Solicitor General of India, Senior Advocate, Bangalore)
- Shri A.R. Udayasankar Medal in Public Law (Instituted by Ms. Krishna Udayashankar, Bangalore, Former B.A., LL.B. (Hons.) student of NLSIU)
- Kumari Devi Menon Memorial Medal for All-round Best Graduating Girl Student (Instituted by Prof. N.R. Madhava Menon & Mrs. Rema Menon)
- Justice P. Govinda Menon Medal for Best All Round Graduating Student (Instituted by Mr. & Mrs. M. Sankaranarayanan, Former Chief Secretary, Karnataka)
- Smt. Sripada Subbalakshmi & Sri Sripada Vara Prasada Rao Memorial Gold Medal in “Health Law & Ethics – Seminar course (Instituted by Shri Sripada Joga Rao, Visiting Professor, NLSIU, Bangalore)
- Ms. Anuradha N. Memorial Medal for Best Outgoing Female Student sponsored by LEGAL EXCEL – Advocates, Solicitors and Health Care Consultants

5. Mr. Soumil Jhanwar

- Dr. D.V. Gundappa Medal in Professional Ethics (Instituted by Mrs. Vinoo Jayaram & Mr. A.N. Jayaram, Former Addl. Solicitor General of India, Senior Advocate, Bangalore)
- Prof. P. Shivashankar Medal in Intellectual Property Law (Instituted by Mrs. Vinoo Jayaram & Mr. A.N. Jayaram, Former Addl. Solicitor General of India, Senior Advocate, Bangalore)
- Prof. K.C. Gopalakrishna & Smt. Sarojini Gopalakrishna Gold Medal in Taxation Law (Instituted by Prof. K.C. Gopalakrishna, Bangalore)

6. Ms. Shruti Kunisetty

- Mr. Vedabrahma Venkatasubramanya Avadanigalu Medal in Torts Law (Instituted by Mrs. Prabha Sharma & Mr. S.R.R.K. Sharma, Chartered Accountant, Bangalore)
- R. Keshava Iyengar Medal in Administrative Law (Instituted by Mr. K. Parasaran, Senior Advocate, New Delhi)

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GOLD MEDAL WINNERS

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

7. Ms. Vishu Surana

- Sita Ram Jhunjhunwala Medal in Business & Corporate Laws (Instituted by M/s. Sitakunj Memorial Trust through Mr. R.N. Jhunjhunwala, Solicitor & Advocate, Calcutta)
- Shri K.I. Bhatta Memorial Medal for Most Deserving Female Student (Instituted by Shri Shankar H. Pathak)

8. Ms. Subhashini Damodharan

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

9. Mr. Gurfateh Singh Khosa

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

10. Mr. Sumit Chatterjee

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

11. Mr. Kanishka Singh

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

12. Ms. Riddhi Singh

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

13. Mr. Vihit Ashish Shah

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

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GOLD MEDAL WINNERS

ONE-YEAR LL.M. PROGRAMME



1. Mr. Yashvardhan Singh

- Hunasagahalli Muthanna Parvathamma Medal for securing highest CGPA (LL.M.) (Instituted by Mrs. Prabha Sharma & Mr. S.R.R.K. Sharma, Chartered Accountant, Bangalore)
- M/s. Sitaram Jindal Foundation Gold Medal for Best Dissertation (instituted by M/s. Sitaram Jindal Foundation)
- Nani Palkhivala Gold Medal for securing highest marks in LL.M. course & Comparative Public Law and Governance (Instituted by Nani A. Palkhivala Memorial Trust, Mumbai)

2. Ms. Anna Anu Priya

- "Indian Army, Navy Airforce" Gold Medal for securing highest marks in LL.M. course & Changing Conceptions of Law and Justice in a Globalising World & (Instituted by SRRK Sharma, Chartered Accountants, Bangalore)

3. Mr. Harshit Jain

- Mrs. Chandra Sriram Gold Medal for securing highest marks in LL.M. course "Research Methodology" (Instituted by Mrs. Chandra Sriram)

4. Ms. Lakshmi Movvar

- M/s. Sitaram Jindal Foundation Gold Medal for securing highest marks in LL.M. course "Law and Society" (instituted by M/s. Sitaram Jindal Foundation)

5. Mr. Shenoy Gaurav Narasinha Rekha

- M.L. Mitra Memorial Gold Medal for securing highest marks in LL.M. course "Foundation of Private Law" (Instituted by Prof. N.L. Mitra, Visiting Professor, NLSIU, Bangalore)

6. Ms. Kanishka Singh

- M.L. Mitra Memorial Gold Medal for securing highest marks in LL.M. course "Foundation of Private Law" (Instituted by Prof. N.L. Mitra, Visiting Professor, NLSIU, Bangalore)

7. Ms. Ashwini O

- M/s. Sitaram Jindal Foundation Gold Medal for Best Outgoing LL.M. Student hailing from marginalized background (instituted by M/s. Sitaram Jindal Foundation)

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GOLD MEDAL WINNERS

PUBLIC POLICY & HYBRID EDUCATION PROGRAMMES

TWO-YEAR MPP (MASTER'S PROGRAMME IN PUBLIC POLICY)

1. Mr. Sourav Das

- MPP Faculty Medal for Best Outgoing Student (Instituted by MPP Faculty, NLSIU, Bangalore)

2. Ms. Dishna Sikidar

- Best Dissertation Award for MPP Programme (Instituted by Prof. N. Jayaram)

MASTER OF BUSINESS LAWS (HYBRID EDUCATION PROGRAMME)

Mr. Chetan Bhardwaj

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

INSTITUTIONAL RANKINGS

AY 2022-23

The National Law School of India University, Bengaluru was ranked as the top law school in every significant University/College Rankings published during AY 2022-2023. The list includes NIRF (announced by the Ministry of Education), EducationWorld, India Today, Outlook, The Week, Open Magazine, and Careers 360 among others.

These rankings confirms and extends NLSIU's leadership in Indian legal education. Since 2020, the University has committed itself to a radical and comprehensive transformation to redefine the future of legal education in India. This has been carried out through:

- Expanding intake across our academic programmes from 190 (AY 2020-21) to 560 (AY 2023-24)
- Reducing class sizes for core and elective courses by adopting various academic and pedagogic innovations to deliver the best learning outcomes
- Upgrading physical infrastructure to accommodate the expansion on campus - new classrooms, a reimagined and redeveloped library, improved hostels and residential amenities
- A comprehensive digital transformation of all academic, administrative and residential processes
- Enhancing our research output
- Recruitment of highly accomplished faculty
- Rebuilding of our administrative teams to deliver seamlessly on these transformation plans

Further details of each of above-mentioned measures have been elaborated in this Annual Report.

We thank our students, staff and faculty for their efforts to deliver these exceptional outcomes and our Governing Bodies, including the judges of the Supreme Court and High Courts, the Bar Council of India and the Government of Karnataka, for their steadfast commitment and support to the University's efforts to become a leading global law school in the next decade.



LIBRARY REDEVELOPMENT

The Shri Narayan Rao Melgiri Memorial National Law Library, was established with the generous assistance of Smt. Sudha Murty of the Infosys Foundation. The library houses a collection of over 50,000 books and 20,000 journals covering a wide range of general and special subjects, comprising textbooks, reference books, back volumes of journals and reports, apart from current legal periodicals.

Spread over 30,000 sq.ft. built-up area, the Library has been a central node of the NLS campus, and seated at least 250 persons. However, on account of the incremental development on campus, the Library needed to be integrated with the New Academic Block and its surrounding precinct in a usable manner.

In AY 2022-23, we completely redesigned the Library to respond to our community's needs for a space that could be used for teaching and self-study, as well as social use. The Library can now seat 600 persons across its three floors and the terrace. Modernisation of the Library improves accessibility, accommodates increased use of devices, and revamps displays and storage. The Library precinct too is being redeveloped to allow for a seamless connection between the outdoors and the Library space.



Our new Library is reimagined to be the hub of intellectual life on campus, with emphasis on collaboration and collective learning. It accommodates the growing student, research and faculty community and is organized into Zones adapted to various uses.

This massive project was possible because of the support of the Infosys Foundation and the Government of Karnataka. The architects' team at Venkataramanan Associates developed designs, and contractor teams working with the University teams led by our COO, Mr. Shailesh Agarwal with support from Ms. Meenakshi Chauhan, Manager - Projects and Facilities, have delivered this project.

With its proximity to the New Academic Block and the Halls of Residence, the Library will be the hub of University intellectual student life, to be augmented with the development of the Student Activity Centre later this year.

LIBRARY REDEVELOPMENT

Phase I of the Library Redevelopment was completed in May 2023. This included:

ZONING:

- With a mix of soft seating and workstations, the Lower Ground Floor (LGF) is the most informal, social space of the Library. The SBA Common Room and common areas for students are located here, and the Library's light reading/ fiction section shall be housed in the LGF.
- The Ground Floor (GF) houses user seats, the reference section, dedicated research areas, meeting rooms and the dedicated room for Specially Abled Persons. Books on social science topics are located on this floor, along with spaces for displays and exhibits. The balcony is accessible from the GF.
- The First Floor (FF) is intended for quiet reading and working. This floor houses books on legal topics, workstations and an enclosed quiet reading room for users. The Library Terraces are accessible from the FF.

ACCESSIBILITY:

A key goal of the Library redevelopment was to increase ease of use for all, but especially our Specially Abled users. All floors of the Library have been laid with tactile pathways to allow for independent navigation. The Library lift offers access to all floors. Lastly, a designated room on the Ground Floor is equipped with Braille printers, JAWS Talking Reader, desktop magnifiers, smart readers and an Online Daisy Player.

TERRACES:

For the first time, the Library's terrace areas are accessible to users, and have been set up with furniture for working, small meetings and grabbing a quick snack in between. A small tuck shop will serve ready eats on the Terrace. However, no food or beverages are allowed into the library.

ACCESS TO BOOKS/ JOURNALS:

The Library's collection of print volumes has been split between closed stacks (i.e compactors) and open stacks (i.e display bookshelves). Compactors are located in the Lower Ground Floor and the NAB basement, and are accessible for the Library staff.

A REIMAGINED LIBRARY SPACE



INCLUSION & EXPANSION | AY 2022-23

HALLS OF RESIDENCE

During the previous AY, the University undertook several measures to upgrade campus facilities including construction of new rooms and renovation of some of the existing rooms. The Girls' and Boys' mess blocks, along with dining spaces were expanded.

One of the most significant changes on campus during the Academic Year 2022-23 is the work on expansion of student residential facilities. We have increased the on-campus residential capacity by more than 30% to 1000+ student residences, through the addition of 100 new residential rooms on the newly constructed floors in Narmada and Yamuna Halls of Residence for the women and the Learning Centre block (that will be named Brahma Putra).

Due to this dramatic expansion, all students who required residence space for AY 2023-24 have also been accommodated on campus. This expansion has been possible thanks to the immense effort by the University teams which worked even during term breaks.

Amenities:

All new rooms are constructed to modern standards, including electrical upgrades such as Hi-Speed USB charging ports on the wall. The optimised layout of these rooms allows installation of furniture with increased functional space, and state of the art pocket spring mattresses on the beds.

Rooms in all Halls have been upgraded with new standardised furniture installed in all rooms, and improved lighting. Each Hall continues to have a Pantry equipped with a microwave, hot plate, kettle and a small fridge, as well as seating for common use by all students. Five washing machines are operational across all residential complexes, and two more are getting installed in the Learning Centre.



INCLUSION & EXPANSION | AY 2022-23

FOOD AND DINING ON CAMPUS

Over the past Academic Year the University has made several upgrades to our Housekeeping and Catering Services as well as changes in dining options on campus. The University worked with our nutritionist to closely review the Mess menu to introduce more variety, preserve nutrition, and enhance taste in the dining menus. It also introduced Takeaway Breakfasts, and Vending Machines for quick meal/snack options for students, and a common dining area in the Annapurna Mess. Deep cleaning of all the mess spaces, necessary repairs as well as replacement of equipment have been done to ensure a safe and hygienic environment.

UPGRADED CRECHE FACILITY:

To provide a safe, stimulating, and nurturing space for children of our faculty and staff, the University re-opened its in-house creche at a quieter location behind the Training Centre in 2022. The creche has been recently refurbished and equipped with an indoor play and outdoor play area. It is staffed with a Centre Manager/Teacher as well as nannies, depending on the number of children availing the facility.

Recognising the need for skilled and professionalised resources to run the creche, the University has partnered with *Learning Age Pvt Ltd* to operate the NLSIU creche. The Learning Age Preschool & Child Care (2013) operates day care centres, crèches and preschools in Bangalore and currently operates centres in tech parks, residential apartments, corporate houses and universities. It also offers an infant programme, a toddler programme, a pre-school programme, and an after-school programme for children in the age range of 6 months to 8 years. The Learning Program will focus on the child's holistic development across Physical, Social-Emotional, Cognitive and Linguistic domains.



DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION

The University is undergoing a thorough digital transformation which permeates several aspects of its functioning. During AY 2022-23, the University implemented a comprehensive digital transformation of all academic, administrative and residential processes to ensure an enabling and friction-free teaching and learning environment.

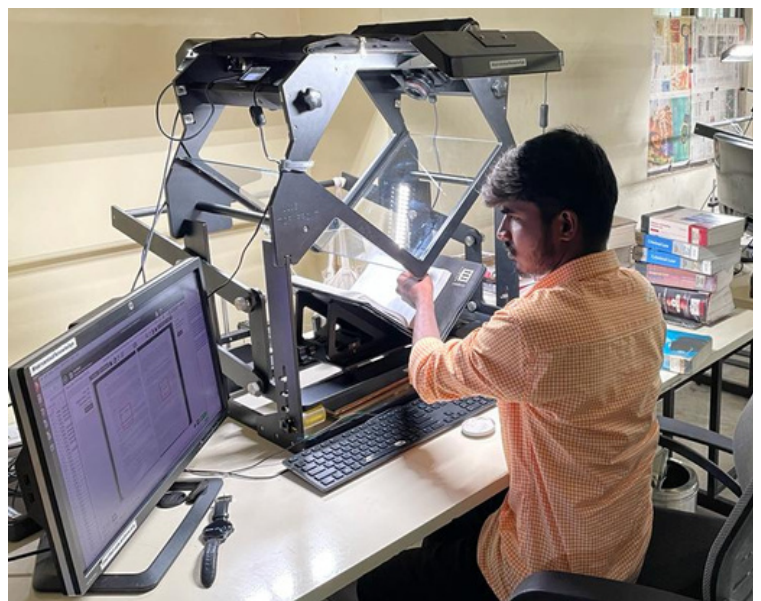
- **LMS:** The University has built and deployed an online learning management system that ensures a structured syllabi for every course and the easy availability of reading materials. This learning platform is integrated with video conferencing and the administrative platform to make online learning a seamless experience.
- **ERP:** The University procured a new (Enterprise Resource Planning) ERP system to reorganise the University's People & Culture and Finance functions. Staff and faculty services (e.g. leave and reimbursement requests) and student services (fees and scholarships) will be delivered efficiently and completely integrated with academic administration to ensure greater integrity and trust in systems.
- **Productivity Suite:** In addition to the Google Workspace platform, the University has procured licences to the Microsoft Productivity Suite which includes Microsoft Office, Outlook and Teams. All staff, faculty and students will secure access to the Online and Desktop versions of the Suite. We will roll out training opportunities for all users to become more familiar with this Suite and gradually move many University collaboration practices to this Suite.
- **Classroom Attendance:** In 2023, the University shifted to classroom attendance being marked through classroom readers and University ID cards. A pilot run was conducted before the process was implemented. This process will help track attendance with ease as the details will be uploaded on the University portals directly.

We are developing a mobile-first approach that will allow users to visualise academic progress and resolve their service issues remotely and quickly. To help carry out these processes, the Academic Administration team has also been upgraded with rigorous training and the inclusion of new members.

LIBRARY DIGITISATION:

The University has been working steadily 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. We have completed the digitisation of **25,000 volumes** already by June 2023.

The University has enabled access to visually impaired students, and plans to extend the digital lending platform to all students shortly. The Library's extensive digital materials will be available through <https://eresources.nls.ac.in>



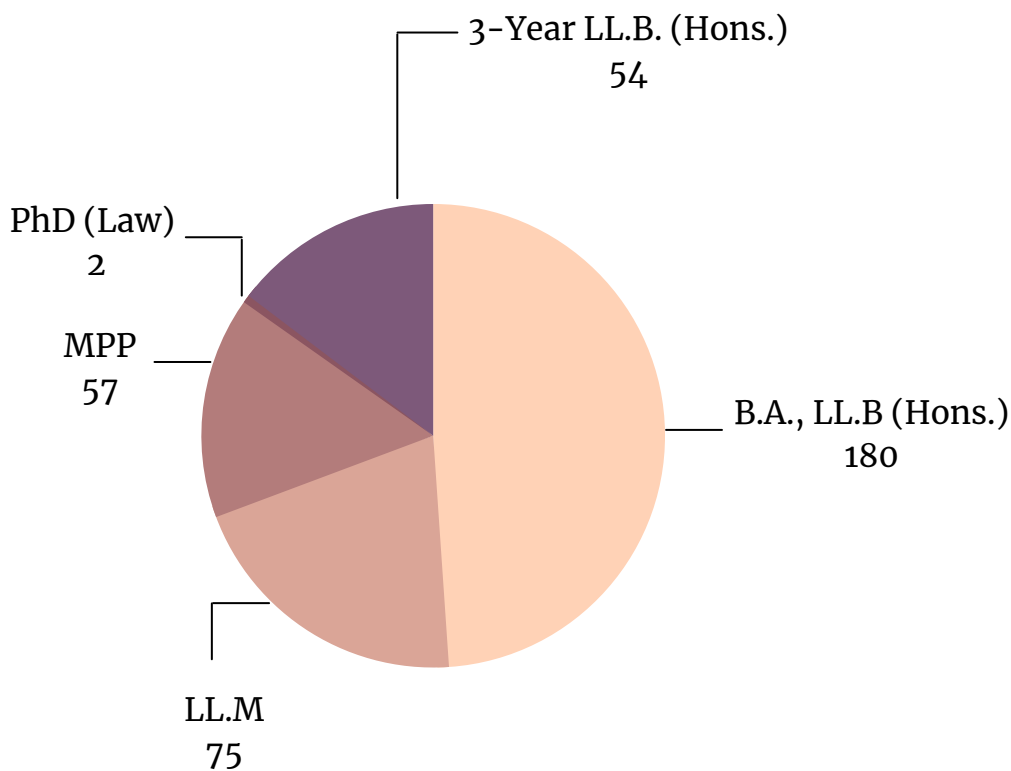
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EXPANSION OF ACADEMIC PROGRAMMES:

NLSIU admitted **368** students to our on-campus programmes and **2193** students to our off-campus PACE programmes during the Academic Year. As part of the Inclusion & Expansion Plan, the number of students admitted across our programmes were higher (numbers provided in chart below). The University currently has over **900 students** enrolled in the on-campus programmes.

The increased intake has allowed the University to accommodate students from diverse backgrounds from across the country and Karnataka. While increasing aggregate student intake, we have reduced class sizes for the core and elective courses by adopting various academic and pedagogic innovations to ensure that we continue to deliver the best learning outcomes in any Indian law school.

No. of students admitted to each programme in AY 2022-23:



ACADEMIC EXPANSION

FACULTY DEVELOPMENT

To accommodate our expanded student intake, and further strengthen our teaching and research initiatives, the University completed another round of faculty recruitment in February 2023, for law and social sciences. With 22 new faculty joining us, this was the largest cohort of faculty to join the University in a single hiring round. These faculty members were drawn from well-established schools in the country and overseas, including Stanford and Cambridge University, University of South Carolina, NALSAR Hyderabad, NLU Delhi, XLRI Jamshedpur, KREA University, Jindal Global Law School, and Azim Premji University.

The University recruited 11 core faculty in March 2022, and 22 core faculty in February 2023 for law and social sciences. Additionally, we recruited 10 Assistant Professors for a period of one year during AY 2022-23. We also had 55 external faculty and practitioners delivering elective courses in AY 2022-23. This has not only strengthened our exceptionally talented faculty pool, but has also resulted in providing an unparalleled learning environment for legal education in the country.

Our outstanding faculty continue to contribute to the development of new and useful social and legal research and policy reform at international, national, and local levels.

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CORE FACULTY
RECRUITED FOR
LAW & SOCIAL
SCIENCES IN
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CORE FACULTY
RECRUITED FOR
LAW & SOCIAL
SCIENCES IN
AY 2021-22

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CORE FACULTY
JOINED NLS OVER
TWO ROUNDS OF
RECRUITMENT
IN 2020 & 2021

55

EXTERNAL
FACULTY
TAUGHT
ELECTIVE
COURSES

90

ELECTIVE
COURSES
(APPROX.) WERE
OFFERED DURING
AY 2022-23

25%

OF OUR ELECTIVES
INVOLVED TOPICS
RELATED TO
HUMANITIES, OR AT
THE INTERSECTION
OF LAW &
HUMANITIES.

ACADEMIC EXPANSION

ELECTIVE COURSES

NLSIU offers Elective Courses which allow students to undergo an immersive deep dive into their chosen subject. These courses involve 40 hours of teaching in each trimester and are taught by senior law practitioners, advocates, judges, and prominent members of academia who can provide a more practical knowledge of the law.

In AY 2022-23, the University offered close to 90 elective courses. These courses were delivered by both internal and external faculty. This included as many as 55 external/ visiting faculty that included several eminent personalities. Our elective courses cover the widest range of enquiry in law, public policy and the social sciences - we offer one of the highest number of elective course options of any Indian law university.

These electives cover not only 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.

CLINICAL AND EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING

Clinical electives play a significant role in exposing students to the practice of law and policy. These courses are traditionally taught by practitioners who lend real life experience inside and outside the classroom, including exposure to live cases or clients, thereby bridging the gap between academics and practice.

In AY 2022-23, the University reinvented its experiential learning curriculum to include several new Clinical Courses (e.g. Defending Capital Punishment Cases, Criminal Procedure - Investigations, Data and Criminal Justice). All senior students are expected to take up at least one clinical course during the programme. Additionally, the University offers Externships in collaboration with leading professional organisations including India's top law firms, advocates, and the non-profit sector. Students have the option of signing up for externships in lieu of elective courses.



DEPARTMENT OF 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 domains. In AY 2021-22, the Distance Education Department was renamed the Department of Professional and Continuing Education (PACE) to better reflect its vision and nature of work.

In AY 2022-23, the department delivered more number of 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 continues 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.

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:

2021-22: 2550

2022-23: 2193

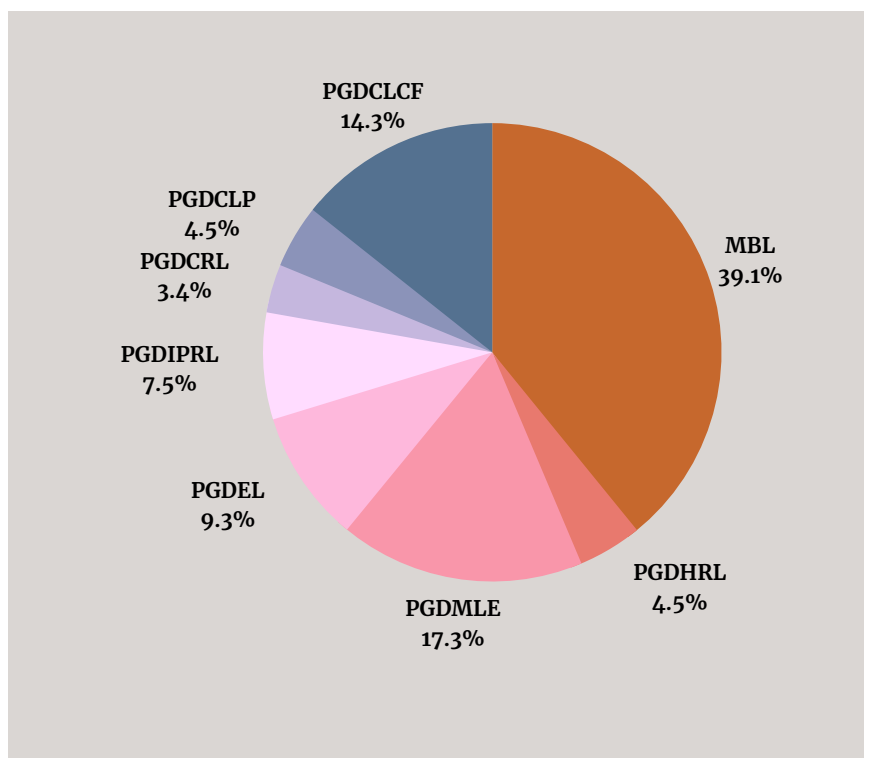
NO. OF GRADUATES DURING:

2021-22: 653

2022-23: 1490

(This includes two batches of graduates: 868 + 622)

Programme	Enrolments
MBL	858
PGDHRL	99
PGDMLE	379
PGDEL	205
PGDIPRL	165
PGDCRL	75
PGDCLP	98
PGDCL	314
Total	2193



DEPARTMENT OF PACE

KEY ACTIVITIES

FOUNDATIONS FOR A LEGAL EDUCATION COURSE

- The third iteration of the Foundation for a Legal Education Certificate Course was completed in the AY 22-23. Overall, 375 students from across 110 cities in India participated in the programmes.
- In this third iteration, 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 2022-23, PACE led 20 training and executive education programmes with public and private partners. These programmes were conducted in hybrid and in-person modalities.

- Around 450 members from various professional and educational backgrounds participated in these programmes.
- 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.
- NLSIU hosted the 9th batch of Forest Range Officer Trainees from the Tamil Nadu Forest Academy as a part of their study tour to get an overview on environmental laws. As many as 45 Officer Trainees from the states of Rajasthan, Himachal Pradesh, Meghalaya, West Bengal and Tamil Nadu visited the NLSIU campus and were also made aware about the online & hybrid education programmes run by PACE.

FIRST-TIME INITIATIVES:

- This is the first time that executive education was also delivered in Kannada for the Rani Channamma Training Programmes for the women city constables of Bangalore City Police.
- This is the first time that NLSIU has inked MoUs with the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change to offer a PG Diploma in Environmental Law to the Indian Forest Service Officer Trainees' at the Indira Gandhi National Forest Academy (IGNFA), Dehradun for five years
- This is the first time that NLSIU has inked an MoU with the Army Training Command (ARTRAC), Shimla to train 150 officers of Indian Army on cyber law and procurement law at the University campus for 3 years.

The details of the various programmes are provided in the following s.

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

DEPARTMENT OF PACE

TRAINING & EXECUTIVE EDUCATION PROGRAMMES

JULY 2022

- Post Graduate Diploma in Business Laws (NACIN) - 73rd Batch National Academy of Customs, Indirect Taxes and Narcotics (NACIN), Ministry of Finance
- Accreditation Programme on Legal Systems & Commercial Laws Management for L & T Executives - 8th Batch Larsen & Toubro (L&T), India

SEPTEMBER 2022

- Contract Design, Bidding Process, Negotiations, Monitoring of Contracts, Minimising & Managing Litigation for Department of Economic Affairs (DEA), Ministry of Finance

DECEMBER 2022

- Government Contracts and Litigation Management for Department of Economic Affairs (DEA), Ministry of Finance

JANUARY 2023

- Rani Chennamma Training Programme - First Batch of Women Constables, Bengaluru City Police

FEBRUARY 2023

- Capacity Building Programme for Members of Consumer Dispute Redressal Commission of Kerala, Ministry of Consumer Affairs, GoI
- Rani Chennamma Training Programme - Second Batch of Women Constables, Bengaluru City Police
- MoU Signing Ceremony with Indira Gandhi National Forest Academy, Dehradun, MoEFCC, to offer PG Diploma in Environmental Law to Indian Forest Service Officers for 5 years
- MoU Signing Ceremony with the Army Training Command, Shimla to offer Management Development Programmes in Cyber Law and Procurement Law for 3 years to 150 Officers of the Indian Army

DEPARTMENT OF PACE

TRAINING & EXECUTIVE EDUCATION PROGRAMMES

MARCH 2023

- Government Contracts and Litigation Management for Department of Economic Affairs (DEA), Ministry of Finance
- Post Graduate Diploma in Environmental Law (PGDEL) - 53rd RR Batch of Indira Gandhi National Forest Academy, Dehradun, MoEFCC

APRIL 2023

- Post Graduate Diploma in Environmental Law (PGDEL) - 53rd RR Batch of Indira Gandhi National Forest Academy, Dehradun, MoEFCC
- Environmental Legislations, Interpretations, Enforcement, Legal and Statutory Requirements - Case Studies for Central Pollution Control Board, MoEFCC, in collaboration with CEERA, NLSIU
- Leadership Development Programme (LDP) for Sixth Batch of Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) Officers - Certificate Programme on Contracts Management

JUNE 2023

- Management Development Programme (MDP) on Cyber Law for Officers of the Indian Army
- Management Development Programme (MDP) on Procurement Law for Officers of the Indian Army
- Post Graduate Diploma in Environmental Law (PGDEL) - 53rd RR Batch of Indira Gandhi National Forest Academy, Dehradun, MoEFCC, GoI
- 5th Post Graduate Diploma in Business and Allied Laws (PGDBAL) for the Indian Corporate Law Service (ICLS) Officers, Ministry of Corporate Affairs, GoI

FACULTY ACHIEVEMENTS

PROF. ABDUL AZIZ

- Delivered a lecture on the Socio-economic Conditions of Minorities in Karnataka under the auspices of the Golden Jubilee Celebrations organised by the Institute for Social and Economic Change (ISEC), Bangalore.
- Guiding two Ph D students in the Department of Management Studies of R N Shetty College, Bangalore.
- Expert Panel Member in respect of about ten PhD students who presented their Research work in the Institute for Social and Economic Change (ISEC), Bangalore.
- Member of the Governing Council of the Department of Planning and Implementation, Government of Karnataka.

DR. AKHILA BASALALLI

- Co-edited the book titled 'Emerging Trends in Water Law and Management' (co-edited it with P. Ishwara Bhat) 2022. This book is a collection of articles on water laws, water crisis and management, groundwater conservation and management, traditional irrigational systems, water disputes and interlinking of rivers.
- Authored a book chapter titled 'Vachanas: A Relic of Feminist Movements and Women's Rights' published in Socio-Legal Values in Mitakshara, Vachana, Dasa and Folk literature in Karnataka eds. J. Shivaraj Patil, P. Ishwara Bhat and C. S. Patil eds. 2022. The chapter interprets the Vachanas of Dasimayya, Basaveshwara, Allamaprabhu, Akka Mahadevi, Satyakka, Akka Lakkamma, Molige Mahadevi and Sankavva to have resemblances with contemporary feminist thought through bride mysticism and contesting gender binary and constraints
- Delivered guest lecture on 'Re-Imaginations: Sources of International Law' at Jindal Global Law School on 5 th November 2022
- Delivered lecture on 'Laws Relating to Child Labour in India' for Pan India Legal Literacy and Legal Awareness Programmes, Department of Justice, Government of India organised by CEERA NLSIU on 23 rd September 2022
- Presented papers titled "Farmers' Movement and the Indian Farm Legislation: A Real Subaltern Struggle, Staked Livelihoods and Sympathetic Global Audience' for the Panel International Law and South Asian Politics; and "Early Career Female Academicians of the Global South during the Pandemic: Coping Up with the Neutral'" for Panel Real Struggles in Women's Rights of the ISA Annual Convention 2023

FACULTY ACHIEVEMENTS

DR. ANIKET NANDAN

- Published Book Review: Sushmita Pati. 2022. Properties of Rent: Community, Capital and Politics in Globalising Delhi. Cambridge University Press. 295 pp. in NLSJ, Bengaluru. (Vol 16, issue 1, pp 135-140)
- Published Book Review: Christophe Jaffrelot, 2021. Modi's India: Hindu Nationalism and the Rise of Ethnic Democracy. Translated by Cynthia Schoch. Princeton University Press. 656 pages, (eBook) in International Quarterly for Asian Studies, Arnold Bergstraesser Institute, Freiburg, Germany (Vol 53, issue. 2, pp 313-315)

Paper presentations:

- 'Memories of a Caste at the Margins: Exploring the past and present of the Musahars in Bihar' at the international memory studies conference Memory in a Digital Age organized by Centre For Memory Studies, IIT Madras, 23-25 August, 2022
- 'Between Scylla and Charybdis: Impact of COVID-19 on the Transgender Migrants in Tripura,' at Two-Day International Conference on Facets of COVID-19 on Migration and Informal Sector Workers, organized by Institute of Social and Economic Change, Bangalore, 24-25 November 2022
- 'Forging identities and politics of assertion: Mapping the Bangalee identity assertion,' at the BASAS Annual Conference 2023, an international conference held at the University of Leeds, UK, 3-6 April 2023.

DR. ANWESHA GHOSH

- Selected as an 'Emerging Scholar' in the Global Urban History Project (2022 cohort) and presented a paper, "Municipal Calcutta: Economic Life in a Colonial City" at the Project's monthly working group in January 2023
- Publications include: (i) a piece on "Doing Urban History in the Global South" in the Antipode: Intervention Symposium on "Urban Theory in the Global South" (March 2023); and (ii) book review in Social Change's special issue on contemporary writings on urbanism (June 2023)
- Moderated an online conversation with leading historians on "The History and the Politics of Rewriting History" organised by Law and Society Committee (LawSoc) in collaboration with Karwaan: The Heritage Exploration Initiative (May 2023)
- Presented a conference paper, "Living in Italics: Southern Vocabulary and the Politics of Untranslatability" in an international Global History conference held in Vienna, Austria (May 2023)
- Contributed a response piece, "The Indiscipline of the Streets" in Society & Space: Book Forum for Ritajyoti Bandyopadhyay's Streets in Motion (June 2023)

FACULTY ACHIEVEMENTS

DR. APARNA CHANDRA

- Book chapter titled 'Life of Contradictions: Group Inequality and Socio-Economic Rights in the Indian Constitution, in Shreya Atrey and Sandra Fredman eds., *Exponential Inequalities: Equality Law in Times of Crisis* (OUP, 2023)
- Edited special theme issue on The Indian Feminist Judgments Project, published in *World Comparative Law Volume 1* (2023). Co-authored the Introduction for the volume titled, *Righting Together: A Introduction to the Indian Feminist Judgments Project*
- Authored: *Constitutional but Criminal: Abortion in India*, *VerfBlog*, 2023/1/26

DR. ARUN K THIRUVENGADAM

- Published "Teaching Law and Development in India: Reflections, Insights and Challenges", Vol. 55 (2), *VRU/WORLD COMPARATIVE LAW* (2022), pp. 147-169. (with Neeraj Grover), 22 pp.
- Presented a public lecture on 'Changing conceptions of Equality in the Age of Authoritarianism: A case study of the Indian constitutional experience' at the University of Zurich on May 04, 2023 as part of the URPP Equality of Opportunity project.

Presentations at conferences:

- 'Social Rights in India and Asia' presented at the Faculty seminar at Humboldt University at the Chair of Public Law of Professor Philipp Dann in Berlin on June 05, 2023.
- 'Assessing Judicial 'Hero' figures in the Age of Authoritarianism: A comparative assessment' presented at a symposium on 'Between Philosopher King and Juristocracy: The ambivalence of adventurous apex courts in South Asia' at Central European University, Vienna between May 19-20, 2023.
- As part of the inaugural JSW-NLS-NUS Summer School held at the JSW Law School, Bhutan, taught an intensive course on 'Comparative Constitutionalism in Asia' between June-July 2023. Also taught an intensive elective course on "Constitutionalism and Rights in South and South East Asia" at the Central European University, Vienna between May-June 2023

FACULTY ACHIEVEMENTS

DR. ARUL SCARIA

- Established an academic partnership with Harvard Law School, introducing a comparative copyright law course titled 'CopyrightX: NLSIU' for students and professionals from across South Asia.
- Initiated a research collaboration with the Max Planck Institute for Innovation and Competition in Munich, focusing on data sharing in emerging economies.
- Acted as an independent expert, delivering a comprehensive report on Sec. 52(1)(za) of the Copyright Act 1957, in response to a request from the IP Division of the Delhi High Court.
- Invited to serve as a faculty for the training of trainers programme for the WIPO-Harvard Law School course on Patent Law and Global Public Health.
- Published an article in the Nature Machine Intelligence titled 'A Global South perspective for ethical algorithms and the State', as part of an interdisciplinary, collaborative research project.

DR. ASHNA SINGH

- Panellist in a webinar on 'Law & Marginalization: Reflections from India' organized by the Indian Institute of Dalit Studies, New Delhi, and Rosa Luxemburg Stiftung, August 22, 2022
- Panellist in discussion organized by the Law & Society Committee, NLSIU on the topic "FIFA, Worldcup, Labour Rights, and Underlying Politics," December 20, 2022
- Panellist in discussion organized by the Bangalore International Centre, on the book "Caste Pride" by Manoj Mitta, May 21, 2023
- Presented a paper titled "Ambedkarism and Social Transformation through Organization Institutionalization" at the 2nd Ayyankali Conference on Critical Caste Studies held at Nagpur between 24/03/2023 and 27/03/2023

MS. ASHRITA PRASAD KOTHA

- Published a book chapter: Earmarking of Taxes for Disruption and Recovery, in Harris/ de Cogan/Brassey (eds), Tax Law in Times of Crisis and Recovery, Hart Publishing (2023), 75-94
- Acted as Assistant Editor (with Stephanie Gombotz) for the book volume Mandatory Disclosure Rules, IBFD Books 2023, Kofler/Lang/Owens/Pistone/Rust/Schuch/Spies/Staringer/Szudoczky (eds)
- Selected for a poster presentation on my doctoral thesis (Earmarked Taxes: A Tax Treaty and EU Law Analysis) at IFA Congress in Berlin in September 2022
- Presented my doctoral work (Earmarked Taxes: A Tax Treaty and EU Law Analysis) at Max Planck Institute for Tax Law and Public Finance (Munich) on 18th July, 2023

FACULTY ACHIEVEMENTS

DR. ASHOK R PATIL

- Published his book titled: “Commentary on Consumer Protection Act-2019 ”, (ISBN No:978-93-93702-78-4), NLSIU, Bangalore, published by Thomson and Reuters. The foreword is written by Justice R K. Agrawal, President, National Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission, New Delhi, 2022.

Published 4 Articles in National Journals and 2 International Book Chapters. This included:

- Book Chapter on “National Report of India” in Consumer Protection in Asia, HART Publishing, Bloomsbury, Oxford, UK, 2022;
- Article on “Legal Framework for Implementation of Trans-fat Regulations in India”, published in IJCH, National Journal of Indian Association of Preventive & Social Medicine, Vol. 34(2) (2023);
- Article on “Suggested Legal Framework for Strengthening the Consumer Protection in E-Commerce Transactions” published by EBC Publication in GNLU Journal of Law, Development & Politics, Vol.12/Issue 2/October 2022 (ISSN- 0975-0193) Pg. no. 206-233 (UGC CARE).
- Presented a paper on “Technology in Legal Education: Specific Reference to Online Dispute Resolution”, in CLEA GOLDEN JUBILEE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE, 2023 on “Augmenting Legal Education through Technology: Issues and Challenges” held from 2nd March to 4th March 2023, organized at Lloyd Law College, Greater Noida.

DR. ASMITA GOSWAMI

- Awarded MPhil in Planning and Development by Indian Institute of Technology, Bombay on 20th August, 2022.
- Awarded PhD in Economics by Indian Institute of Technology, Bombay for the thesis titled “Productivity, Exports and Technology: A Study of the Service Sector in India” on 20th August, 2022
- Published a journal article on Productivity and Exports: An Industry-Level Analysis of the Service Sector in India in Millennial Asia

FACULTY ACHIEVEMENTS

DR. ATREYEE MAJUMDER

- Article in SCOPUS indexed journal Religions, emerging from my ongoing research on Bhakti in Vrindavan. “Devotee/Ethnographer: My Struggle at the Boundary Walls of Participant Observation.” *Religions* 13, no. 6, 538 (2022)
- Co-authored bibliographic essay on Hinduism and British Colonialism in Oxford Bibliographies in Hinduism. “British Colonialism and Imperialism.” Bibliographic *essay* in the Oxford Bibliographies in Hinduism, ed. Tracy Coleman. Oxford UP. Introduction, commentaries and 115 annotated entries. 11,149 words. Co-authored with Sandeep Banerjee. 2023
- Authored two journalistic essays in The India Forum, one emerging from the fieldwork in Vrindavan, and one on English translation of Bhakti poetry: a. “Of Speech and Song in the Shadow of Krishna.” 22 February 2023; and b. “Love’s Verse: Craving Krishna in Modern Times.” 21 October 2022
- Anchored two podcast episodes: Conversations with Prof. Jack Hawley, Barnard College, New York City, (20 December 2022), and with Prof. Francis Cody, Univ. of Toronto, Canada on his new book *The News Event*. (14 June, 2023) on *New Books Network*;
- Co-hosted podcast episode with Manhar Bansal on “Who’s Afraid of Universals?” (2 February, 2023) on *Anthropological Airwaves* Season 05 Episode 01

PROF. BABU MATHEW

- Conducted a critical review of four labour codes and collaborative work with senior leaders of unorganised workers from Kerala, Tamilnadu, Andhra, Karnataka and Delhi
- Delivered lecture series on the labour codes to unorganised workers trade unions across five states and in national gatherings in-person and online
- Convened and conducted over 12 working group meetings on “Comprehensive Legislation for informal workers.” The first draft of this is in circulation
- Involved in the project on “Universal Pension Scheme for informal workers” in collaboration with Employees Provident Fund Organisation. Report presented to Secretary Labour, GoI and Chief P.F. Commissioner
- Provided support to research work on “Discrimination at work” in six countries and empirical research on food delivery workers and Ride Hail workers followed by draft legislation for Platform based gig workers. (Draft-2.5 submitted to Labour Ministry, Govt. of India)

FACULTY ACHIEVEMENTS

DR. CHANDRABHAN P. YADAV

Published articles and Book Chapters:

- 'Buddhist Attitude towards Forest Dwellers: Luddakas in the Jātakas' in Uma Chakravarti et al., eds, Of Thieves and Theris, Potters and Pativratas: Essays on Early Indian Social History for Kumkum Roy, Delhi, Primus Books, 2022, pp.138-170. The article explores Buddhist attitudes towards forest dwellers at the pretext of forest dwellers; dependency on animal killing for their livelihood and Buddhist's prescription for non-violence.
- 'बृजदुलाल चट्टोपाध्याय (1939-2022): इतिहास की मुश्किल राह का सफल राही', सृजन संकल्प, अक्टूबर 2022. The piece is a commemorative note on the famous historian B. D. Chattopadhyaya's work for the Hindi audience published in a Hindi print magazine.

Invited for lectures on:

- 'Article 17 and Untouchability's Lifeworld', invited lecture at Discussion Forum, Indraprastha College for Women, Delhi University, 19 April 2022.
- 'Negotiating Marginality: An Untouchable Protagonist in a Buddhist Narrative' invited lecture at Department of History and Archaeology, Shiv Nadar University (Delhi-NCR), 20 October 2022.

DR. DEBANGANA CHATTERJEE

- Published a research paper on 'Sanctions in Ukraine War: The Racial Tilting of International Politics', Economic & Political Weekly, 57 (40): 23-28 (Scopus Indexed)
- Published book chapter, 'Intersectionality in Gender Mainstreaming: An Inclusive Tool for Pluralism' in A. Ravindra and Priyanca Mathur (eds.) Discovering New India: Engagements with Multiculturalism, Pluralism and Social Harmony, Bengaluru: JAIN University Press. ISBN No.- 978-93-85327-68-1
- Completed a six-month research project titled "Pandemic and the Peripheralisation of Sex Workers: Narratives, Agency, and the Saga of Survival from Bengaluru", funded by the Indian Council of Social Science Research- Southern Regional Centre (ICSSR-SRC). The research revolves around identifying the points of peripheralization, caused by the effects of the Covid-19 pandemic, on the lives of Bengaluru's women sex workers (mostly, home-based)
- Presented a paper on "Solidarities in Crises" at an international workshop organised by the British International Studies Association (BISA)- Gendering International Relations Working Group (GIRWG) in November 2022. The theme of the event was 'Feminist solidarities in times of crises'
- Published a number of opinion pieces in various outlets including a piece on "Selective Kindness" in The Telegraph (ABP), 6 April 2023; and a piece on "How international conferences fail scholars from the global South" on International Affairs Blog, 5 August, 2022

FACULTY ACHIEVEMENTS

DR. DHIVYA JANARTHANAN

Publications:

- 'Beyond contiguity: Space, caste, and statues in Tamil Nadu,' Contributions to Indian Sociology 56(2): 186–211, 2022. (Peer-reviewed Research Article)
- 'Learning and everyday life: Access, participation, and changing practice, by Jean Lave,' Anthropologica 64(2), 2022. (Book Review)
- Paper presentation: 'Is good paraphrasing demonstrable? Academic reading and writing pedagogy and the "new student" in Indian higher education,' at the conference on Carving Fields of Knowledge: Disciplines, Institutions and Practices in Colonial and Postcolonial India, Max Weber Forum for South Asian Studies (MWF Delhi), 3–4 December 2022
- Invited for lectures on 'Structure and flow in academic writing,' and 'Sense and style in academic writing,' Invited Lecture, Research Methodology Course in Social Sciences, Council for Social Development, New Delhi, in April 2023.
- Facilitator for workshops on 'Structure, Flow and Argument in Academic Writing' for postgraduate students, Centre of German Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University; and on 'Reading, Writing and Reasoning in Sociology' for undergraduate students, Department of Sociology, Jesus and Mary College, University of Delhi

DR. ELIZABETH V

- Published a chapter titled, "The Necessity of Teaching History to Law Students" in the Indian Yearbook on Law and Interdisciplinary Studies (ed.) Prof. (Dr.) Ranita Nagar, Routledge, 2022.
- Was the resource person for the theme "Human Rights: Fair and Impartial Investigation" organised by the National Judicial Academy, Bhopal for the Judicial Officers of Bangladesh on 17th November, 2022.
- Was the resource person for the theme "Human Rights: Fair and Impartial Investigation" organised by the National Judicial Academy, Bhopal for the Judicial Officers of Maldives on 14th December, 2022.
- Delivered two lectures on Historical Methods for the scholars of the Ph.D. programme of NALSAR on 3rd and 4th March, 2023.
- Delivered a talk on "Use of Feminist Legal Methods for a more Collaborative Decision Making" at the one-day law symposium 'LexiCon' organised by the Madurai Bench of the Madras High Court Bar Association, at the World Tamil Sangam campus in Madurai on 8th April, 2023.

FACULTY ACHIEVEMENTS

DR. GAURI PILLAI

- Awarded the Max Weber Post-Doctoral Fellowship at the European University Institute, Florence (2023-24)

Invited to present work at:

- Conversations on Social Reproduction, Kings College, London (2023)
- The Courts and the Constitution-2022 in Review (2023): Panel on 'Developments in Gender Rights Jurisprudence'

Worked on the following publications:

- Gauri Pillai, 'Imagine to Re-Imagine: Bringing Inter-Asian Law to Abortion' (Matthew S. Erie and Ching-Fu Lin eds), Inter-Asian Law (forthcoming)
- Gauri Pillai, 'The Judiciary' (Aparna Chandra, Gautam Bhatia, Niraja Jayal eds), Cambridge Companion to the Indian Constitution (Cambridge University Press, forthcoming)
- Gauri Pillai, 'Shades of Life in Indian Abortion Law' (2022) 16(1) National Law School Journal 128-34

DR. GAYATHRI D NAIK

- Conducted Lectures on Water Law in the Value Added Course on 'Water Law and Policy', Christ University, Bengaluru in March 2023.
- Conducted a session on 'Experiences of Socio-Legal Research in PhD' for Research Methodology Class for PhD students in South Asian University, New Delhi, February 2023.
- Presented a paper titled 'Judicial contribution to Transformative Water Justice: From Anthropocentric Human right to water to Eco-centric Legal Personhood for waterbodies in India and Bangladesh' at 2022 IUCN WCEL Oslo International Environmental Law Conference with the theme "The Transformative Power of Law: Addressing Global Environmental Challenges"

Research Publications:

- Content Developer for the Book 'Accountability in WASH' as a part of the curriculum of BBA in Rural Management, Mahatma Gandhi National Council of Rural Education under the Ministry of Human Resource Development- E book published 2022
- Dr. Stellina Jolly and Dr. Gayathri D Naik, 'Rivers as Legal Personalities in India and Bangladesh From an Eco-Centric Perspective: Balancing Developmental Needs and Environmental Protection' [special issue on Water Law] (2022) 6 Chinese Journal of Environmental Law 253; ISSN: 2468-6042

FACULTY ACHIEVEMENTS

MR. GOVINDRAJ G HEGDE

- Participated in the 'WCP Workshop on Methodological Issues in International Economic Law: Integrating South Asian Perspectives', Organised by the Centre for Trade & Investment Law & Centre for WTO Studies in Association with National University of Advanced Studies, Kochi, Kerala, December 21-22, 2022.
- Panelist, Recruitment for the Post of Assistant Professor/ Consultant (Legal), Centre for Trade & Investment Law, New Delhi, January 19, 2022.
- Participated in the Executive Council (EC) Meeting, Indian Society of International Law (ISIL), New Delhi - September 22, 2022 & June 17, 2023

DR. HARISANKAR K SATHYAPALAN

- Presented my paper on “Indo-Pacific and the International Rule of Law: Lessons from the Diverging Approaches of Super Powers at the Asian Society of International Law Regional Conference 2022, “Power and the Development of International Law: Asian Perspectives”, Hosted by the Nepalese Society of International Law (Nepal Chapter Of AsianSIL) at the Nepal Administrative Staff College, Kathmandu, Nepal
- External Expert Member of the PhD Selection Committee of the School of Integrated Coastal and Maritime Studies (SICMS), Rashtriya Raksha University, Gandhi Nagar, Gujarat. Interviewed Officers from the Indian Navy and Coast Guard for the University’s PhD Programme for Practitioners (2022-2023)
- Invited to deliver a session on “State Practice: Naval Operations and San Remo Manual” at the International Workshop on 21st Century Naval Warfare and International Humanitarian Law: Implications for Coastal and Maritime Security Organised by the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) at Rashtriya Raksha University, Gandhi Nagar
- Participated in a conference: WTO Chairs Programme Workshop on Methodological issues in International Economic Law: Integrating South Asian Perspectives, Organised by the Indian Institute of Foreign Trade, New Delhi
- Course Instructor for the Capacity Building Workshop on International Investment Law Organised by the Maharashtra National Law University, Mumbai

FACULTY ACHIEVEMENTS

DR. KAMALA SANKARAN

Publications:

- Journal article 'Transition from the Informal to the Formal Economy: The Need for a Multi-faceted Approach', *The Indian Journal of Labour Economics* (2022) 65:625–642, Springer/ISLE.
- Book chapter 'Democracy, universalism and informal employment: The Committee on Freedom of Association and South Asia' in Karen Curtis and Oksana Wolfson (eds) *70 years of the ILO Committee on Freedom of Association: A Reliable Compass in Any Weather* ((ILO, Geneva, 2022)
- Country Reporter: India, *International Labour Law Reports*, Vol 41, Brill Nijoff (2022)
- Book chapter 'Family, Work and Matrimonial Property: Implications for Women and Children' in Kalpana Kannabiran (ed) *Routledge Readings on Law, Development and Legal Pluralism: Ecology, Families and Governance* ((Routledge, 2023) (South Asian edition)
- Served as Member of ILO Committee of Experts on the Application of Conventions and Recommendations; Jury of the Infosys Prize in the Humanities, 2022; and ILO Research Review Group

DR. KARTHICK RAM MANOHARAN

- Nominated for short residency at the Stanford Humanities Center by the Center for South Asia, Stanford University, to tentatively begin in late September 2023
- Publications include: Book Review: Zahi Zalloua, Žižek on Race: Toward an Anti-Racist Future, Bloomsbury Academic, London, New York, 2020; and Research essay: "Sudras and the Nation: Periyarist Explorations." *Economic and Political Weekly*, Vol 57, Issue No 44-45

Presentations:

- "Critique as Tradition: Exploration of Dissent in Anti-Caste Thought". Panel discussion with Gopal Guru, Mukti Mangharam and Umesh Bagade, organized by *Economic and Political Weekly*. 11 April
- "From Self-Rule to Self-Respect: Dravidianist & Pan-Africanist Exchanges". Panel discussion at the Center for South Asia, Stanford University. 7 February
- "The Political Atheism of Periyar E.V. Ramasamy". Centre for the Study of Developing Societies. Book discussion with Nishikant Kolge. 11 November
- "Politics, Dignity, and Empowerment". Panel discussion with Indrajit Roy. Chair: Anastasia Piliavsky. 26 October

FACULTY ACHIEVEMENTS

DR. KARTHIKEYAN DAMODARAN

- Submitted a co-authored chapter (accepted) titled “Caste, Incivility and the Prospects of Civil Repair” for The Civil Sphere in India book project headed by Prof. Jeffrey Alexander, Centre for Cultural Sociology, Yale University. February, 27, 2023
- Submitted a co-authored chapter (in press) titled “Dalit Movements in India,” in Surinder Jodhka and Jules Naudet (eds) Oxford Handbook of Caste in India. Oxford University Press. May, 3, 2023
- Submitted a co-authored chapter (accepted) “Ambedkar Movement in Tamil Nadu.” In Shailaja Paik and Anupama Rao (eds) Cambridge Companion to Ambedkar. Cambridge University Press. April 24, 2023
- Presented a paper titled From Cemeteries to Televisual Space: Mapping the Travel of Gaana Songs as a Form of Protest Culture at the “Caste Community Capital: New Research on the Performing Arts of South India,” conference held at the University of Pennsylvania, from September 9-10, 2022
- Presented a paper on "Caste, Incivility and the Prospects of Civil Repair" (co-authored) at The Civil Sphere in India Workshop held at Yale University from October 22-23, 2022

DR. KENA WANI

- Invited to present a paper at a conference in December 2022 on “Carving Fields of Knowledge: Disciplines, Institutions and Practices in Colonial and Postcolonial India.” The conference was organized by the Max Weber Forum for South Asian Studies (MWF Delhi) in their New Delhi office. My presentation was titled “Factory and the World: Managerialism in Industrial Ahmedabad and Beyond”
- Published a paper titled “Pedagogies of Development, Conceptions of Efficiency: Modern Managerialism in Industrial Ahmedabad, 1950s–1960s” in Enterprise and Society (a Scopus-indexed peer-reviewed journal) in February 2023. In March 2023, the article was also included in a curated collection of economic and business history articles published by Cambridge University Press Journals
- In June 2023, I was commissioned to write a book review for Nikhil Menon’s book Planning Democracy: Modern India's Quest for Development by the journal Isis: A Journal of the History of Science Society (University of Chicago Press Journals). The review has been accepted and being published in one of their forthcoming issues

FACULTY ACHIEVEMENTS

MR. KUNAL AMBASTA

- Undertook a PhD Exchange Programme at the University of Humboldt, Berlin under the aegis of DAAD-UGC. (May, June, 2023)
- Author, A Hundred (and Fifty) Years of Solitude: The Indian Evidence Act, 1872 as a Lost Project of Law Reform, Indian Law Review. (Accepted for Publication)

DR. MADHUBANTI SADHYA

- Delivered a talk on "Pre-emptive Psychological Mapping: Psychometric Scanning to Pre-empt Litigation Risk" at the Medico-Legal Index Program organized by Bioquest Solutions and Eris Oaknet Healthcare on 23rd January 2023 for members of the medical fraternity specialized in plastic and aesthetic dermatology and surgery.
- Invited as a Guest Lecturer for Sensitization Programme for 10 batches of Civil Judges on Environmental Law and Ecology organized by the Karnataka Judicial Academy.
- Invited to be a Reviewer for the Asian Bioethics Review, Springer
- Contributed a revised book chapter on "Medical Negligence and Misconduct through the lens of Consumer Laws" in Sandeep Bhat ed. Reflections on Medical Law and Ethics in India (Second Edition) Eastern Law House

DR. MRINAL SATISH

- Session on "In the Quest for Fairness" in the "Sensitization Programme on Justicing: Balancing Rules, Principles, and Social Context", Delhi Judicial Academy, July 2022
- Session on "Sentencing and Doctrine of Proportionality" in the National Seminar on Judicial and Leadership Skills, National Judicial Academy, September 2022.
- Discussant, Prof. Mitra Sharafi's Paper on "Lessons on Forensic Science: Why History Matters", LASSNet Webinar Series, September 2022
- Session on "Rethinking Appreciation of Evidence in Child Sexual Abuse Cases" at the Review Consultation on the POCSO Act, 2012, SAMVAD-NJA Programme for High Court Judges, National Judicial Academy, February 2023
- Panellist, LASSnet Webinar Series 2023 on "Questioning Impunity: Reflections on One Decade of the Criminal Law Amendment Act, 2013", April 2023
- Podcast on "Imagery of the Good Victim", Sexual Justice Project, Ashoka University's Centre for Studies in Gender and Sexuality & Young India Fellows, May 2023

FACULTY ACHIEVEMENTS

DR. NAGARATHNA A

- Authored three 'Prison Officers Training Manuals' and 1 Hand book on issues related to prison administration and submitted the same to Bureau of Police Research and Development [BPR &D], Ministry of Home Affairs, GoI. These books were digitally released by Shri. Amit Shahji, Hon'ble Minister of Home Affairs, GoI on 4th September 2022. Additionally, received BPR&D's Director General's Disc & CC Award in recognition of contribution made towards preparation of prison training manuals during the BPRD's Investiture Ceremony held at New Delhi on 13th April 2023
- Received Rotary club's "Nation Builder Award – 2022" on the occasion of Teachers' day celebration held on 6th September 2022
- Interview published in the "Interviews with Great DFIR Brains" column of Digital Forensics: 4N6 Magazine, February 2023 issue
- Panellist in the Expert Panel Discussion on "UK's Online Safety (Bill) aired by Sansad TV [DD'S Rajyasabha] channel on 10th December 2022.
- Nominated as a Law Expert, Institutional Ethics Committee Meeting of the Institute of Bioinformatics (IEC-IOB), Bengaluru
- Co-authored the article titled "Online Pharmacy and Consumer Protection: An Attempt to balance the Legal Regulatory Framework", RGNUL Law Review, ISSN 2231-4938, Vol. XI, No.1, January- June 2021 issue, published by EBW

MS. NANDITTA BATRA

- Published a paper on "Lessons from India's implementation of Doha declaration on TRIPS and Public Health", South Centre Research Paper 166 South Centre, Geneva (October, 2022)
- Published an Opinion Piece titled "Reading black as orange: Supreme Court of India on Section 173(4) of CrPC", The Leaflet

Invited Lectures:

- Legal Issues in Prescription of Medicines on 16th July, 2022 by South West District Legal Services Authority, Delhi State Legal Services Authority, Delhi
- Off-Label use of Anti-VEGF drugs: Where do we stand? on 22nd July, 2023 by Indian Retinopathy of Prematurity Society at their annual conference organised by Swami Vivekanand Netra, Mandir, Surat (Gujarat)

FACULTY ACHIEVEMENTS

DR. NIGAM NUGGEHALLI

- Appointed for the second term as member of government panel on GAAR (General Anti-Avoidance Rules)
- Appointed as a member of the SEBI (Securities and Exchange Board of India) Advisory Committee on FPI (Foreign Portfolio Investment)
- Columnist for Indian Express - fortnightly column addressing college students
- Member, Governing Board, ITRAF (International Tax Research and Analysis Foundation)
- Presented a paper in the ITRAF Conference on International Taxation, titled 'Tax Avoidance in Tax Treaties', forthcoming as a chapter in a volume edited by Dr. Parthasarathy Shome

MR. PRANAV VERMA

Publications:

- Article titled 'COVID-19 and Rule by Decree – A Case Study of The NCT of Delhi' in the Indian Law Review (Taylor and Francis), Vol. 7, Issue 1 (February, 2023), 118-136
- Article titled 'The Fate of Essential Religious Practices In India's Constitutional Courts' has been formally accepted (on 11.05.2022) for publication in the Journal of Asian Studies (Duke University Press) and is slated to appear in Volume 83.3, August 2024
- Awarded the NALSAR's Excellence in Research Award by the Hon'ble Chief Justice of India Dr. D.Y. Chandrachud on 25.02.2023
- Conducted multiple training sessions on 'New Penal Philosophy and Approaches to Punishment: Introduction to PO Act and its Applicability to Indian Context', for Trial Court Judges and Probation Officers, Odisha Judicial Academy, during July-December 2022
- Invited for a talk on 'Researching the Master of Roster – Computers and Judicial Discretion' at the International Institute of Information Technology, Hyderabad on 24.8.2022

MS. PREETI PRATISHRUTI DASH

- Roger Hood Prize in Criminology awarded by the Institute for Criminology, University of Oxford
- Routledge Prize for best dissertation for M.Sc. in Criminology, University of Oxford
- Selected to participate and present my research on carceral feminism at the Annual Law and Society Conference, San Juan
- Published an op-ed titled "A Court recall that impacts the rights of the accused" in the Hindu (May 2023)

FACULTY ACHIEVEMENTS

MS. PRERNA DHOOP

Published the following articles among others:

- Prerna Dhoop & Vandana Dhoop, “Another hole in India’s data tapestry”, July 13, 2023
- Prerna Dhoop, “Litigation is more than courtroom victories”, Deccan Herald, Jun. 20, 2023
- Prerna Dhoop & Vandana Dhoop, “Marriage matters for same sex couples”, Deccan Herald, May 20, 2023
- Prerna Dhoop & Vandana Dhoop, “Let's Talk About Sex Education and The Great Indian Story”, Feminism In India, May 18, 2023
- Prerna Dhoop & Vandana Dhoop, “UGC's lazy copy-paste guidelines on sexual harassment won't do”, Deccan Herald, Mar. 10, 2023
- Prerna Dhoop, Book Review: “Reimagining Neoliberalism: Blog Symposium on ‘From Free to Fair Markets’”, Law School Policy Review and Kautilya Society, Dec. 12, 2022

MS. RAGINI AHUJA

- Litigated a death sentence case in Karnataka High Court praying for commutation of death sentence on grounds of delayed execution, illegal solitary confinement and non application of mind in adjudication of mercy petition. The court commuted the sentence of death with liberty to seek remission. The hearing was attended by students of the Legal Services Clinic at NLSIU.
- Presenter on clinical legal education at the Regional Conclave on Justice Education in Asia by Global Alliance for Justice Education (GAJE).
- Speaker at Agami Summit on role of legal aid clinics in law schools.

MR. RAHUL HEMRAJANI

- Publication: Singh, R. Hemrajani, R. and Ahuja, A. 2023. Preventive Repression: Protest Policing in New Delhi. Journal of Urban Affairs.

Conference Presentations:

- Hemrajani, R and Hobert, T. 14th January 2023. Remote Proceedings and Judicial Fairness: Evidence from Traffic Courts in Two States. Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association. St. Petersburg, USA.
- Hemrajani, R. 20th October 2022. Discretion and Bias in Auxiliary Decision-Making at the Supreme Court of India. Annual Conference on South Asia. University of Wisconsin-Madison, USA.
- Hemrajani, R. 17th September 2022. Constitutional Design and the Perceived Legitimacy of Court Systems: Evidence from Cross-National Time Series Data. Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association. Montreal, Canada.

FACULTY ACHIEVEMENTS

Awards and Grants:

- Law and Science Dissertation Grant, National Science Foundation, USA (9500\$) and Outstanding Graduate Student Award, Department of Political Science, University of South Carolina (500\$)

MR. RAHUL SINGH

Publications and public policy engagements:

- Rahul Singh (co-author), 'Amazon's Antitrust Paradox Goes to India', Oxford Business Law Blog, 27 October 2022
- Rahul Singh, 'Why has the CCI levied multiple penalties on Google?' The Hindu In Focus Podcast 15 November 2022
- Rahul Singh, 'Start-ups v Google', The Hindu Business Line Podcast 26 April 2023
- Rahul Singh (panelist), 'Competition Law in South Asia', Vidhi Centre for Legal Policy, 9 May 2023
- 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 by Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited in several consultancy assignments.

DR. T RAMAKRISHNA

- Participated in a "Two-day International Technical workshop on Intellectual Property Rights", organised by Tamilnadu State Council for Science and Technology Patent Information Centre, Govt. of Tamil Nadu, in collaboration with IPR CELL & IQAC at Sree Balaji Medical College and Hospital Chrompet, Chennai on 9th and 10th January 2023
- Participated in a "Two – Day Advance Workshop on IPR – for KSCST Associated IP Cell Coordinators". The event was organised by Karnataka State Council for Science and Technology, Indian Institute of Science Campus Bengaluru, in association with K S Institute of Technology (KSIT – KSCST IP CELL), Raghuvanahalli, Bengaluru on 23rd & 24th February 2023 at KSIT Campus
- Delivered the Key note Address on "Role of IPR Academics and Research" at All India Institute of Speech and Hearing Mysore Patent Cell, Centre for Rehabilitation Engineering Acoustics and Biomedical engineering CRAB celebrates World IP day organized by Faculty Development program on IPR and its related aspects on 26th April 2023

FACULTY ACHIEVEMENTS

MS. RASHMI VENKATESAN

- Guest Editor of the of the Special Issue on Asia-Pacific of the Business and Human Rights Journal. The Special Issue will concentrate on BHR cross cutting issues arising from the Asia-Pacific such as gender disparity, labour rights, climate change, business practices, human rights due diligence and civil society participation
- Published an article in The India Forum titled 'The Political Necessity of the 'license-permit raj' on 9th May 2023. The piece discusses the drafting history, political context and rationale of the legislation that established system of industrial licenses in early post-colonial India as a means of implementing economic development and industrialisation
- Selected to participate and present a paper on 'Anatomising the Industries (Development and Regulation) Act 1951' at the Intensive Doctoral Week, the annual conference of Sciences Po Law School in Paris from 12th to 17th June, 2023
- Presented a paper titled "Domesticating International Economic Laws: Food Security and Farmers Rights In India" at the Third Biennial Conference organised by the South Asia International Economic Law Network (SAIELN) on "Food Security and International Law: Critical and Interdisciplinary Perspectives" held at National University of Advanced Legal Studies, Kochi, in December 2022
- Appointed as a Member (Legal Expert) to the Ethics Committee to the NIMHANS Institute Ethics Committee (Behavioural Science Division) for a period of 3 years

DR. RINKU LAMBA

- Recipient of a Dalai Lama Fellowship for Nalanda Studies for the year 2022; awarded by the Foundation for Universal Responsibility

Publications include:

- Lamba, Rinku. "Revisiting Rabindranath Tagore's critique of nationalism." *Modern Asian Studies* 57, no. 3 (2023): 740-775
- Lamba, Rinku. "Engaging Bhakti as/in Translation: An Outline of a Methodological Approach to Analyse Ranade's Views about the "Saints and Prophets of Maharashtra"." *Interdisziplinäre Zeitschrift für Südasiensforschung* 7 (2022): 128-160
- Invited for a public lecture on "Bhakti and the Culture of Indian Modernity," organised by by the Faculty of Arts in association with the UGC-STRIDE Scheme at St Aloysius College (Autonomous), Mangaluru, 13 March 2023
- Presented a research paper titled "Reflections on Rabindranath Tagore's Religion of Man" presented at the 80th annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, April 2023

FACULTY ACHIEVEMENTS

MS. SAHANA RAMESH

- Co-authored comments (vetting) on the draft Karnataka Consumer Protection (Direct Selling) Rules for the Office of the Commissioner, Food, Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs (Karnataka).
- Chairperson for the session, "Consumer Protection and Imposing service charges at Hotels and Restaurants" at the International Virtual Conference on "New Facets of Consumer Protection- Challenges and Way Forward" organised by the Chair on Consumer Law and Practice, NLSIU, Bengaluru in association with Ministry of Consumer Affairs, GoI, New Delhi (19th November, 2022).
- Invited by the Animal Law Centre, NALSAR University of Law, Hyderabad as a guest faculty for the Masters in Animal Protection Laws in India (24 and 25 September 2022).
- Handled sessions for training programs for officers of the Department of Economic Affairs, Ministry of Finance, Government of India; and Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (multiple sessions on contract law, alternative dispute resolution).
- Co-presented at the faculty seminar, NLSIU Bangalore, a co-authored consultation paper on making India a hub for international arbitration.

DR. SAIRAM BHAT

- Sairam Bhat and Rohith Kamath, Comparative Enforcement Mechanisms and Pinning of Liability in Environmental Crimes in India and Asia Pacific Region, Law Asia [The Law Association of Asia and the Pacific], available on their website <https://lawasia.asn.au>. October 2022
- Sairam Bhat and Vikas Gahlot, Surrogacy Law in India, Reflections on Medical Law and Ethics in India, Ed-Sandeepa Bhat, Second Edition, Eastern Law House, ISBN 978-81-7177-366-4. 2023, pages 87-116
- Sairam Bhat and Rohith Kamath, Chapter on Ozone Layer, Yearbook of International Environmental Law, Oxford University Publication, 2022. Vol 2020, Vol. 31, No. 1
- Sairam Bhat, Book Review, Bharat H Desai [ed], Envisioning Our Environmental Future: Stockholm+50 and Beyond [Amsterdam, Berlin, Washington DC, IOS press, 2022], pp. 257+xiii in the India Journal of International Law, published by the Indian Society of International Law, Vol 62, Jan-June 2022 Nos 1 and 2
- Sairam Bhat and Vikas Gahlot, Critical Appraisal of Dam Safety Act, CMR Law Journal for Contemporary Legal Affairs, ISSN No 2582-4805, UGC CARE listed, 2022
- Sairam Bhat and Jaibatraka Mohanta, A Critical Analysis of Price Variation in Government Contracts, Bangalore University Law Journal, UGC Approved Referred Journal, Vol. 12 No. 2, ISSN 0973-3280

FACULTY ACHIEVEMENTS

DR SALMOLI CHOUDHURI

- Successfully completed my doctoral dissertation at the Faculty of History, University of Cambridge, which was “passed without corrections” after my viva
- Co-authored article on “Sovereignty Before Law.” *Global Intellectual History* (2023, accepted and forthcoming)
- Co-authored article on “Beyond Friend and Enemy: The Stranger as a Political Category in Colonial Modernity”, *Indian Yearbook of Comparative Law* (Springer) (2023, accepted and forthcoming)

DR. SAMYAK GHOSH

- “Brahmans and Bai Lon’gs: Rivalry and Authority in the Court of the “Two Kings”, 1737-1744”, Department of History, Michigan State University (MSU), 20 February 2023. Job Talk Presentation
- “Translations of the Mughal in the Contact Zones of Hindustan: Cultural Semantics of Kingship between the Visual and the Performative”, Department of History, Jadavpur University, 25 February 2023
- “Illness Imagination and Medicine in Early Eighteenth-Century Highland Asia”, in History Talk Series, School of Interwoven Arts and Sciences, Krea University, 8 March 2023
- “Antaja King in Mlecch Land: Kingship between Caste and Law in Brahmaputra Valley”, Plenary Talk, Maharashtra National Law University, Mumbai, 12 May 2023
- Organizer, Colloquium on New Directions in Cultural and Material Histories of South Asia, Annual Meeting of American Historical Association, Philadelphia, January 5-8, 2023

FACULTY ACHIEVEMENTS

DR. SANJAY JAIN

- Published the book , V.D. Mahajan's Constitutional Law of India (Eighth Edition) Eastern Book Company, Lucknow 2023 (The book has Foreword by Hon. CJI Dr, Dhanjay Chandrachud and Introduction by Prof. Dr. Upendra Baxi)
- Nominated as Member of “Supreme Court Committee on Accessibility” under the Chairmanship of Hon’ble Mr. Justice S. Ravindra Bhat, Judge, Supreme Court of India. (constituted by Hon’ble the Chief Justice of India. Dr. D.Y Chandrachud)
- Invited to contribute the chapter “Models of Disability and Judicial Interpretation in India” in “Handbook of Disability: Critical Thought and Social Change in a Globalizing World“, ed. Marcia Rioux, Mr. Jose Viera, Alexis Buettgen, Professor Ezra Zubrow Springer, Singapore 2023
- Is a co-petitioner in PIL to vindicate right to accessibility of people with disabilities (Akshat Baldwa and Ors. v. Yash Raj Films and Ors., W.P. (c) no. 445 of 2023, Delhi HC) and In Nipun Malhotra v Union of India challenging the validity of levy of GST on Accessibility Gadgets used by People with Disabilities
- “NFB Excellency Award in the Employees Category’ By Karnataka State Chapter of National federation of Blind India in Dec 2022

MS. SANYUKTA CHOWDHURY

Co-authored the following publications:

- (i) 'The Distributive Aspects of Taxation', Indian Journal of International Economic Law Blog, 10 November 2022
- (ii) 'The Monetary and Fiscal Mechanism - I', Indian Journal of International Economic Law Blog, 26 May 2023

FACULTY ACHIEVEMENTS

DR. SARASU ESTHER THOMAS

- Published a book chapter titled “Access to Justice in India: Managing Multiple Mechanisms in a Restrictive Practice Environment”, in THE ROLE OF LAWYERS IN ACCESS TO JUSTICE: ASIAN AND COMPARATIVE PERSPECTIVES, Helena Whalen-Bridge (Ed) Cambridge University Press September 2022
- Published “Law and its Discontents: Ageing and Family Law in India” J. Soc. Econ. Dev. (2023) Springerlink 2023
- Published B M Gandhi's FAMILY LAW VOLUME 2, 2nd Edition, 2023, Eastern Book House

Conferences/ Presentations (Selected):

- Law and Society (Lisbon) “Professional Paradoxes: Access to Justice and Bar Associations”, July 16, 2023 (online)
- International Legal Ethics Conference (ILEC), & Access to Justice and Bar Associations: Comparative Perspectives on the Professional Paradox” August 13, 2022 Los Angeles (online)
- “Single Parents- Does the Law Discriminate?” In Focus Podcast, The Hindu April 3 rd 2023

DR. SAURABH BHATTACHARJEE

- Published a Journal Article on "The Right to Safe and a Healthy Working Environment as a Fundamental Principle in India: The Way Forward," International Labor Brief, [Vo. 20, No. 9, pp 26-39 2022) – translated and published in Korean.
- PACE programme: Conducted Sessions on Principles of Natural Justice and Administrative Discretion for the Management Development Programme (MDP) on the topic "Legal Framework affecting Procurement of Goods and Services" for (25) officers from the Indian Army (Rank- Capt., Maj., Lt. Col., Col.) at NLSIU from 12-17 June, 2023
- PACE programme: Conducted Sessions on Government Contracts & Litigation Management for officers from the Department of Economic Affairs, Ministry of Finance, Government of India- March 22, 2023 & December 22, 2022
- Conducted Workshops on Labour Codes for Executives of HPCL, WB National University of Juridical Sciences, June -July 2022
- Was part of the Selection Committee for faculty recruitment at the School of Law, BM Munjal University; and the Expert Committee for reviewing course outlines of the proposed course on One Year Advanced Diploma in Employment Laws and Human Resources, NALSAR University of Law
- Carried out Administrative Activities as HAL Chair, Undergraduate Chair, Nominating Officer for CLAT 2023 Admissions and Counselling Process; and Member, Leave Policy Committee

FACULTY ACHIEVEMENTS

DR. SNEHA THAPLIYAL

- Chaired the organizing committee for a joint conference with Institute of New Economic Thinking (INET) on 'Inclusive Development: Role of Employment and Environment [28-30 March 2023]

DR. T S SOMASHEKAR

- Publication in a peer-reviewed journal. Journal - FPI journal of Economics and Governance
- Lex Osmose: Credit course for pan-Indian participants. Organised by HNLU, Raipur
- Visiting professor at BASE (B R Ambedkar School of Economics)
- Resource person for training senior officers of the Karnataka state audit and accounts department, 22nd August 2022, Fiscal Policy Institute

DR. SONY PELLISSERY

- Appointed on the editorial board for the series of Politics of Welfare by Oxford University Press
- Nominated to the selection board of Schwarzman Global Fellowship for the study of Masters in Global Affairs at Tsinghua University, China
- Nominated to the board of mentors of British Academy International Writing workshop of “Nurturing social justice network of academics”: The one year writing workshop for young scholars is a collaborative project of Tribhuvan University, (Nepal), North-South University (Bangladesh) and University of Nottingham (UK)
- Keynote speaker for the release of the biennial report of Land Conflict Watch held at India Habitat Centre, New Delhi on 12 December 2022

FACULTY ACHIEVEMENTS

DR. SUDIPA SARKAR

- “Employment trajectories and mental health-related disability in Belgium” (with Rebeka Balogh, Sylvie GADEYNE, Christophe Vanroleen, and Chris Warhurst) – accepted in International Archives of Occupational and Environmental Health, September, 2022
- Structural changes in the employment structure of India in 2012-2020: job upgrading or polarization? - JRC Working Papers Series on Labour, Education and Technology 2023/06 (with Sergio Torejon Perez)
- Who Eats Last? Intra-Household Gender Inequality in Food Allocation Among Children (with Dipanwita Ghatak, Soham Sahoo, and Varun Sharma) - accepted in Population Studies, 2023

Research grant/fellowship:

- Digit Marie Jahoda Visiting Fellowship of worth £15,700 from Digital Futures at Work Research Centre, University of Sussex, UK, December 2022-November 2023

DR. SUDHANSHU KUMAR

Publications:

- Book: Kumar, S. (2022), *Regulating Cartels in India: Effectiveness of Competition Law*, Routledge (Taylor & Francis UK) Nov. 2022. [ISBN 9781032187310]
- Article: Kumar, S. & Verma, A., Ring-fencing the leader: Need for identification in cartel enforcement, 8(1) *Nalsar Law Review* 41 (2023)
- Article: Kumar, S & Shahi, G., Conundrums of the application of Supply side substitutability to define Relevant Market, (2022) 8(2) *NLS Business Law Review*
- Speaker at Taxmann Webinar on Competition (Amendment) Bill, 2022, Sept 23, 2022. Sponsored Project
- Project Lead (NALSAR), Legislative research and policy assistance for updating and consolidating legislative framework for tourism for Goa. (Draft Goa Tourism Bill submitted to Government of Goa in 2023)

DR. SUDHEESH R C

Publications:

- Sudheesh, R.C. 2023. “Adivasi Migrant Labour and Agrarian Capitalism in Southern India.” *Journal of Agrarian Change*
- Sudheesh, R.C. 2023. “Top Dressing or Deep Roots?” Review of *Cultivating Democracy: Politics and Citizenship in Agrarian India* by Mukulika Banerjee, *Economic and Political Weekly* 58(11): 30-32.

FACULTY ACHIEVEMENTS

DR. SUDHIR KRISHNASWAMY

- Delivered Lecture on "Regulating Artificial Intelligence: Issues and Options" in connection with BML Munjal University's 3rd Annual Law Conclave on 26th August 2022
- Awarded Infosys Prize under Humanities Category for the year 2022 on 7th January 2023
- Panelist for the Multisector Report Launch and Panel Discussion on Catalysing Impact - Digital Society Learning Circle | March 16, 2023, Bengaluru organised by Omidyar Network
- Delivered lecture for the Golden Jubilee Celebrations on the historic Kesavananda Bharati Judgment organised by MNLU, Aurangabad on 18th March 2023
- Participated in ASLI Board of Governors Meeting on 30th May 2023 and ASLI Conference on 31st May and 1st June 2023 at NUS, Singapore

DR. SURYAPRAKASH MISRA

- Credit Market Imperfection, Lack of Entrepreneurs and Capital Outflow from a Developing Economy. (2023). (with Sugata Marjit), Review of Development Economics, <https://doi.org/10.1111/rode.12984>.

DR. SUSHMITA PATI

- Editorial Work- Joined the Editorial Collective for City: Analysis of Urban Change, Theory, Action, a journal for Taylor and Francis in February 2023. Have also served as a reviewer for several other journals in my field
- Invited for talks at King's College London, IIM Ahmedabad, Indian Institute of Human Settlements(Bangalore), University of Hyderabad, Ashoka University (Sonapat), Purdue University, University of Wits (Johannesburg), Ahmedabad University, IIT Delhi, IIIT Delhi, CASI (University of Pennsylvania), Manipal Bangalore, Royal Holloway (London), American University (Washington DC)
- As a part of a writing collective on Asian Urbanisms, we brought out a reflective piece titled "Re-arranging the Urban: Forms, Rhythms, Politics" in Transactions of the Institute of British Geographers published by Wiley
- Wrote a book review for Rashmi Sadana's The Moving City: Scenes from the Delhi Metro and the Social Life of Infrastructure (University of California Press, 2022) in Contributions to Indian Sociology.
- Part of a review forum for Ritajyoti Bandyopadhyay Streets in Motion: The Making of Infrastructure, Property, and Political Culture in Twentieth-century Calcutta (Cambridge University Press, 2022)

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 UPDATES

PH.D PROGRAMMES & REGULATIONS:

In Ay 2021-22, the PhD programmes were restructured with improvements in the selection process and course work. The University currently offers the PhD (Law) programme, and the PhD (Interdisciplinary) programme. Each doctoral student is guided by a research advisory committee and they can interact with faculty in the research clusters within the University that align with their chosen area of research.

The PhD Regulations have been revised in 2023, setting up a Doctoral Council consisting of a Chair and Vice-Chair who provide leadership to the PhD programmes. The PhD programme consists of course work as well as regular presentations before external experts and faculty members. The course work requirements have been further strengthened this year with each candidate having to qualify a minimum number of selected courses. As a part of the course work, candidates are also provided an opportunity to teach or participate in ongoing research at NLSIU, in areas related to their dissertation, allowing for deeper integration with the NLSIU community and providing diverse feedback opportunities.

RESEARCH CONVERSATIONS SERIES:

The University initiated an ongoing 'NLS Research Conversations' series in AY 2022-2023 to facilitate greater interaction and cross-learning about the diverse areas of research and intervention at the University.

These conversations allow for collective reflection on the broad-ranging research across disciplines and methods, carried out by individual faculty and researchers in Centres and Chairs. Two editions of the NLS Research Conversations have been held so far in 2023.



SECOND COHORT OF THE ACADEMIC FELLOWSHIP PROGRAMME:

The University welcomed its first cohort of nine Academic Fellows in AY 2021-22. The two-year full-time fellowship programme aims 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 social sciences. In AY 2022-23, we began the process of recruiting nine new Fellows for the second cohort for the year 2023-25.

Fellows will contribute to the ongoing research initiatives at the University and will also have the opportunity to assist faculty with classroom teaching.

P A SANGMA FELLOWSHIPS FOR LEGAL AND POLICY RESEARCH | SECOND COHORT:

In the previous Academic Year, NLSIU signed an MoU with the Government of Meghalaya to jointly offer Fellowships for Legal and Policy Research. The one-year fellowship allows NLSIU graduates to work in the Meghalaya Government and gain experience on the current challenges of law and policy.

In AY 2022-23, upon the request of the Meghalaya Government, the University began the process of selecting the second cohort of Fellows who will work with the Government.

RESEARCH INITIATIVES

KEY UPDATES

NLS SCHOLARSHIP REPOSITORY:

In AY 2022-23, the University launched the NLSIU Scholarship Repository, an open-access platform to showcase research initiatives and knowledge production at the university. The repository is designed to promote access to a diverse range of scholarly output by the NLSIU community. Moreover, it is envisioned as a public knowledge resource for anyone interested in Indian law and public policy. At present, the repository hosts two kinds of outputs:

1. NLSIU Journals:

- Seven of NLSIU's faculty-, student- and centre-led journals were hosted on the repository.
- Each journal has its own customised webpage, with built-in peer review tools. This has helped us automate and streamline all publishing processes—from submission to review and eventual publication.
- The complete archives of each journal were migrated to their new home in the repository.
- Journal teams can now track readership, downloads and citation data.

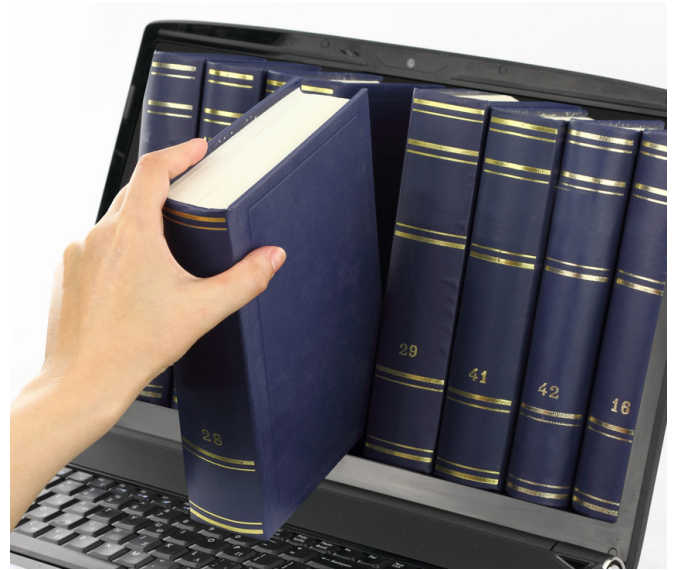
2. Faculty Publications:

This collection includes a range of writings by NLS faculty members, published by NLSIU as well as external publishers. Over AY 2022-23, scholarly outputs by faculty members—including journal articles, books and book chapters—were uploaded on a common platform, which enables search by author and keywords.

The collection also includes shorter writings and multimedia outputs targeted at general audiences, such as op-eds, blogs, reviews and podcasts.

NLSIU JOINS THE LAW AND DEVELOPMENT RESEARCH NETWORK

In February 2023, the National Law School of India University, Bengaluru became a part of the Law and Development Research Network (LDRN).



The LDRN seeks to enhance knowledge and understanding of the role of law, both domestic and international, in relation to development and governance, as perceived globally and locally. It is therefore concerned with the social functioning of legal systems primarily in the context of countries in the Global South. The community will engage in fruitful discussions from both orthodox and critical perspectives on the role of law in development.

NLSIU INFOSYS DIGITAL FELLOWSHIPS FOR LAW STUDENTS:

Hosting one of India's largest collections of legal books, journals and database subscriptions, the Sri Narayan Rao Melgiri Memorial National Law Library has been an essential part of the experience of studying, teaching and researching at NLSIU.

With the generous support of the Infosys Foundation, the University announced the 'NLSIU Infosys Digital Library Fellowships' to current students of the law in India. The Infosys Digital Library Scholarship project at the University aims at democratizing access to library resources through modes of digital inclusion. The University is in the process of selecting the 100 students who will receive the Fellowships on a need-based assessment. At least 10 scholarships will be reserved for law students with disabilities.

NLS FACULTY SEMINARS I

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. The details of seminars held during AY 2022-23 are listed below.

Making India an Arbitration Hub: Does India Need a Separate Law for International Arbitration | May 24, 2023

- Discussants: Sahana Ramesh, Assistant Professor of Law and Sharada Shindhe, Assistant Professor of Law



Dr. Arul George Scaria's Report for the Delhi High Court | May 17, 2023

- Speaker: Dr. Arul Scaria. Associate Professor of Law



Right to occupy Airspace – Conflict between Airports and Landowners on the use of vertical space in India | April 19, 2023

- Speaker: Dr. Betsy Rajasingh, Assistant Professor of Law



Periyar: A Study in Political Atheism | March 29, 2023

- Speaker: Dr. Karthick Ram Manoharan, Assistant Professor, Social Sciences



"When will the dawn of divorce arrive?": An Itinerary of Pre-Legal Ideas about Divorce in Stree Magazine, 1930-1955" | March 15, 2023

- Speaker: Prof. (Dr.) Ashwini Tambe, Director of WGSS (Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies Programme) and Professor of History and WGSS at George Washington University



Choral Voices: Ethnographic Imaginations of Sound and Sacrality | March 8, 2023

- Speaker: Dr. Sebanti Chatterjee, Academic Fellow, NLSIU



NLS FACULTY SEMINARS II

Marxism and Postcolonialism: A Reparative Reading through Walter Benjamin's Historical Materialism | January 18, 2023

- Discussants: Atreyee Majumdar, Associate Professor, Social Sciences, and Ishika Saxena, Academic Fellow, NLSIU



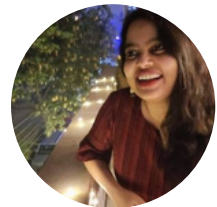
Discussion on the Paper "An Exceptionally Special Law: Constraints Over Emergency Powers under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act" | December 21, 2022

- Speakers: Dr. Arun Thiruvengadam, Professor of Law, and Radhika Chitkara, Assistant Professor (AY 2021-22)



Coining Legitimacy: Law and Technology in India | November 23, 2022

- Speaker: Dr. Sukhalata Sen, Assistant Professor (AY 2021-22)
Moderator: Dr. Mrinal Satish, Professor of Law



Dr. Nikhil Menon on his Book: "Planning Democracy: Modern India's Quest for Development" | November 16, 2022

- Speaker: Dr. Nikhil Menon, Assistant Professor of History, University of Notre Dame



Grand Narratives of Transition and the Quest for Democratic Constitutionalism in India and South Africa | November 9, 2022

- Speaker: Dr. Theunis Roux, Professor, University of New South Wales (Faculty of Law), Sydney



Collaborating in Times of Crisis: Challenges and Strategies of International Research | November 7, 2022

- Speaker: Dr. Victor V. Ramraj, Professor, University of Victoria (Faculty of Law), British Columbia



NLS FACULTY SEMINARS III

The Southern Turn Towards World Comparative Law | November 2, 2022

- Speaker: Dr. Philipp Dann, Professor, Humboldt University (Faculty of Law), Berlin



Reposing 'Faith' in Gender Equality: Mapping the Consequences of the Sabarimala case for Religious Freedom and Gender Equality in India | July 20, 2022

- Speaker: Megha Mehta, Visiting Assistant Professor, NLSIU



Co-producing India's National DNA Data Bank: Bio-legality and the Question of Privacy | July 13, 2022

- Speaker: Dr. Manpreet Singh Dhillon, Academic Fellow, NLSIU



THE NLS PUBLIC LECTURE SERIES

TOPIC	SPEAKER
On the Book: Caste Pride: Battles for Equality in Hindu India May 18, 2023 5 PM	Manoj Mitta, Delhi based journalist focusing on law, human rights and social justice, a law graduate from Hyderabad
On the Book: “The News Event: Popular Sovereignty in the Age of Deep Mediatization” April 6, 2023 5 PM	Dr. Francis Cody, Associate Professor in the Department of Anthropology and the Asian Institute at the University of Toronto.
Between Hope and Despair: 100 Ethial Reflections on contemporary India March 23, 2023 5 PM	Prof. (Dr.) Rajeev Bhargava, Honorary fellow at the Centre for the Study of Developing Societies, Delhi (CSDS) and Director of Parekh Institute of Indian Thought, CSDS
Epistemic Discrimination by Prof. Craig Konnoth QAMRA Archival Project March 15, 2023 5 PM	Prof. Craig Konnoth, Martha Lubin Karsh and Bruce A. Karsh Bicentennial Professor of Law at the University of Virginia School of Law
The Unearned Privileges of Meritorious Castes December 9, 2022 4 PM	Dr Suraj Yengde, DPhil candidate at the Faculty of History, Oxford University
Of Untold Stories and Unlikely Migrations: Partition Refugees in Bangalore November 18, 2022 5.00 PM	Mr. Chiranjiv Singh, former Ambassador of India to UNESCO in Paris, former Development Commissioner of Karnataka and former Additional Chief Secretary to Govt. of Karnataka
The Challenges and opportunities of a rules-based order: India and the WTO July 22, 2022 5.00 PM	Mr. Asoke Mukerji, Ambassador (Retd.), Permanent Representative of India to the United Nations
The Good Jobs Challenge in Developing Countries: What Can Be Done About It? July 08, 2022 5.00 PM	Prof. Kunal Sen, Director, UNU-WIDER and Professor. Global Development Institute, University of Manchester

SPECIAL GUEST LECTURES

TOPIC	SPEAKER
<p>“Lingayats: Their Faith and Vote in Karnataka” 3rd Sri. Hunasikote Abdul Ghaffar Annual Memorial Lecture May 19, 2023</p>	<p>Dr. A Narayana from Azim Premji University whose teaching covers Political Philosophy and Indian Politics, Law and Governance and Governance Challenges in India</p>
<p>Talk on the published book, 'The Indian Metropolis: Deconstructing India's Urban Spaces' by Shri. Feroze Varun Gandhi May 3, 2023</p>	<p>Shri. Feroze Varun Gandhi, third-term Member of Parliament, representing the Pilibhit constituency in Uttar Pradesh</p>
<p>Championing People-Centred Justice in Kenya to Secure Social Transformation through Access to Justice' March 7, 2023</p>	<p>Justice Martha K. Koome, Chief Justice and President of the Supreme Court of Kenya; and Justice Philomena M. Mwilu, Deputy Chief Justice and Vice President of the Supreme Court of Kenya</p>
<p>ಬಹುತ್ವ: ಕೆಲವು ಟಿಪ್ಪಣಿಗಳು (The Concept of Plurality: Some Notes) January 19, 2023</p>	<p>Dr Rahamat Tarikere, Retired Professor, Kannada University, Hampi, and three time winner of the Karnataka Sahitya Academy Award</p>

RESEARCH COLLABORATIONS

Continuing our research efforts in 2022-23, 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 research projects include:

RESEARCH PROJECT ON PUBLIC HEALTH AND THE INDIAN CONSTITUTION SUPPORTED BY THAKUR FOUNDATION

In March 2022, NLSIU commenced a two-year project on Public Health and the Indian Constitution with the objective of analyzing the contemporary public health themes at the helm intersection of law and health. The project supported by Thakur Foundation aims to evaluate the constitutional framework within which the duties, powers and limitations of the government on public health are debated and scrutinized by the courts.

The project entails a survey of leading cases from the Supreme Court of India and the State High Courts on the constitutionality of public health regulations, programmes and policies in India, and the interaction of public health with fundamental rights, directive principles of state policy and the federal structure of the Constitution of India. The scope of examination will include public health themes such as access to medicines, availability and affordability of healthcare services, discrimination in access to healthcare facilities, compulsory vaccinations, digitization and privacy concerns, nutrition support, control of harmful substances and prohibition of their advertisements of harmful substances, regulation of drugs and medical devices, regulation of professions, compulsory bonds, impact of emerging technologies, rare diseases and the extent of state responsibility.

The two-year project will culminate into a compendium of edited cases and materials including critical comments on issues of public health and the Indian constitution.

SWASTH ALLIANCE COLLABORATION ON HEALTH CLAIMS EXCHANGE

NLSIU has collaborated with Swasth Alliance to support development of a digital platform enabling health claims exchange including preparation of a common e-claims exchange standards in accordance with the Government of India's Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission. NLSIU is offering health law expertise to Swasth Alliance on digital health and policy issues by undertaking regulatory research, and policy preparation. Through this collaboration, NLSIU aims to contribute to the evolution of India's digital health ecosystem.

ASIAN HEALTH LAW ASSOCIATION COLLABORATION WITH THE O'NEILL INSTITUTE FOR NATIONAL AND GLOBAL HEALTH LAW, GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY, THE UNITED STATES

NLSIU has embarked on a collaboration with the O'Neill Institute for National and Global Health Law at Georgetown University Law Center, Washington D.C., the United States to support the establishment of the Asian Health Law Association. The other partner universities include Global Health Law Program at the National University of Singapore (NUS) Centre for International Law (CIL), the University of Philippines College of Law, and the National Yang Ming Chiao Tung University School of Law (NYCU Law). The structure of collaboration will be formalized in the upcoming months. It will steer NLSIU on the path of cutting edge research in health law.

RESEARCH COLLABORATIONS

BENGALURU CITY POLICE GENDER SENSITIZATION PROGRAMMES

NLSIU initiated a training project for personnel of the Bangalore City Police department under the aegis of the Safe City Project. The project aims at sensitising the police force and members of the general public on issues of gender and gender based violence, throughout the city of Bangalore. The project consists of two parts- a) training of police personnel and b) training of public bystanders.

To deliver the training programmes, the team at NLSIU Bangalore is collaborating with four non-governmental organisations that have extensive experience in conducting gender sensitisation workshops in Karnataka. The first phase of the project included development of training modules and a 'training of trainers' to ensure uniformity across training delivered by different NGO partners, while the second and final phase involves delivery of the training modules. The sensitisation will broadly focus on the areas of: a) gender stereotypes, b) laws relating to sexual offences, c) laws relating to matrimonial offences and d) communication with victims of crime.

The following activities have been undertaken so far:

- Meetings with NGO partners for development of training schedule, training material, and content of sessions.
- Trainer programmes for personnel who will be delivering the training programme
- Sessions on legal issues were held in two training programmes for "Rani Chennamma Commando Force" of the Bangalore Police

CRIMINAL JUSTICE RESEARCH PROJECT

The Criminal Justice Research Project, supported by the Thakur Foundation, is aimed at investigating critical issues in the field of criminal law, specifically focussing on issues of preventive and undertrial detention. The Project has two limbs:

- (1) A study on preventive detention in the state of Karnataka, and
- (2) A study on pre-trial detention, focussing on bail jurisprudence and practice, in particular.

RESEARCH CENTRES

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

ACTIVITIES

- Organised an international conference on “Cyber Security and Cyber Laws” on Feb 04, 2023 in collaboration with Dharmashastra National Law University, Jabalpur and Law Mantra Trust, New Delhi. Hon’ble Justice A. Muhamed Mustaque, Judge, High Court of Kerala as Chief Guest, Mr. Vikramjit Banerjee, Additional Solicitor General of India, Supreme Court of India, New Delhi and Dr Subhajit Basu, Associate Professor of Law, University of Leeds were the Keynote Speakers during the conference’s Inaugural session.
- The Airbus Cyber Innovation and Scouting team, an Airbus department dedicated to research and innovation on the topic of cyber security for all of Airbus consisting of Angela Smith [who is a Cyber Security Researcher with experience in cyber security, networking, software and systems development, primarily designing complex systems for defence / civil powers and large-scale high-profile venues] and Mr. Ashish, visited the centre on 2 nd February 2023 and discussed with the Centre’s Coordinator, Dr. Nagarathna about the possible collaborations on research related projects.
- Alumni scholars of the PGD- CLCF 2020-21 Batch visited the centre during their campus reunion program held on 24 th June 2023. They interacted with the centre’s Coordinator, Dr. Nagarathna about issues related to “Use of cyber forensics, cyber security and cyber laws.”

RESEARCH CENTRES

CENTRE FOR CHILD AND THE LAW

ACTIVITIES

- **Helpdesk for enabling access to justice for children** - CCL has set up a Helpdesk at the Observation Home in Madiwala, Bangalore to provide quality legal and psychological services for children and families in the system. In addition to facilitating legal representation to children, the project works closely with the state and non-state functionaries in the juvenile justice system and engages in capacity building and socio-legal support to children and their families.
- **Right to Food - National Consultations for State food Commissions** - CCL organised consultations and orientations for the members of State Food Commissions from various states, including Karnataka, Telangana, Tamilnadu, Kerala, Andhra Pradesh, Punjab, Meghalaya, and Maharashtra. These consultations provided an opportunity for the members of the Commissions to discuss their role and ways to overcome the challenges confronted during the process of monitoring and grievance redressal.
- **Trainings for DGROs in Telangana on State Food Security Rules** - CCL team conducted training for the designated District Grievance Redressal Officers (DGROs) under National Food Security Act 2013. The training was conducted in collaboration with Telangana State Food Commission. DGROs from all districts of Telangana were oriented on the Central Rules under NFSA that are relevant to their role, in addition to Telangana State Rules and conceptual and normative framework relevant for grievance redressal.
- Centre Coordinator Dr. Neetu Sharma was nominated for the International Visitor Leadership Programme (IVLP) by the United States Department of State, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, on Child Rights and Protections. As part of this programme, she had the opportunity to visit and understand the child protection system in six states of United States.

RESEARCH CENTRES

CENTRE FOR CHILD AND THE LAW (CCL)

OUTPUTS

- **Guidance on age appropriate tasks for children and youth involved in cotton farming** - CCL undertook a research study on the potential risks and harms for children working in the cotton production sector in India. The study was commissioned by Better Cotton Initiative (BCI). The study largely reflected on the legal framework and juxtaposed the real life situations of children engaged in different kinds of work in cotton farming. The study resulted in a set of recommendations for the cotton producers for safeguarding children against any imminent or potential harms and risks.
- **Adequacy of Anganwadi Centres in tribal and urban areas in the state of Karnataka** - Based on the assessment of adequacy of anganwadis in tribal and urban areas of Karnataka, a report was submitted to the Department of Women and Child Development, Government of Karnataka by CCL. The study looked at the adequacy of anganwadis from quantitative as well as qualitative aspects, identified major gaps and suggested solutions for ensuring equity and quality of services.
- **Blog post - Hunger and Malnutrition in India after a decade of National Food Security Act, 2013** - On the completion of 10 years of enactment of National Food Security Act (NFSA) 2013, Dr. Neetu sharma, Ms Jyotsna Sripada and Ms Shruthi Raman, reflected on the shortcomings in the process of implementation of NFSA and explored the provisions of the law that may be utilised for eradicating hunger and malnutrition from the country.
- **Revisiting the Significance of Social Investigation Reports: Bearing Witness to the Silent Testimonies from the Field** - Building on the insights from the 'access to justice' initiative of CCL, Arshita Satsangee and Ms. Annmary Jacob authored a paper for the Fourth Issue of the Children First Journal on Children's Rights published by the Delhi Commission of Protection of Child Rights (DCPCR). The paper drew from the social workers' experience of preparing Social Investigation Reports (SIRs) and captured the voices of Children in Conflict with the Law (CICLs) and their families. The purpose of this article was threefold - first, to throw light on the disposition of children in the juvenile justice system; second, to document good practices for conducting SIRs (and similar tools) and third, to rethink the effectiveness of the tool in its current form.
- **Parliamentary Discourse on Nutrition: What motivates parliamentarians to ask questions** - CCL conducted a study on the nature and extent of discussion on the issue of nutrition in the Parliament through collating and analysing the questions raised in both the houses of parliament on this issue over a period of 20 years, between 2001 to 2021. This study resulted in identification of probably triggers and sources behind these questions and established the need for enhanced engagement of parliamentarians on the issue of nutrition. The study was supported and published by UNICEF and is available on its website too.

RESEARCH CENTRES

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

ACTIVITIES

During AY 2022-23, CEERA undertook the following projects:

- A two-year dissemination 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.
- Research and policy project on “Evaluating the Legal & Policy Framework on Promotion, Standardization and Protection of Indian Business: Towards Effective Implementation of the Aatma Nirbhar Bharat Mission” and organized an International Conference on Self-Reliance in Trade and Development: Re-Defining The Contours of Law and Policy
- Collaborative project titled “Wetland Conservation, Sustainability of Commons and Climate Change in the State of West Bengal” in association with the West Bengal National University of Juridical Sciences, Kolkata

OUTPUTS

- In April 2023, the efforts of CEERA were acknowledged by the Hon’ble High Court of Karnataka in submitting the Manual on “Prosecution of Offences: Water Act 1974 and Air Act 1981” as a direction in CrI. P 8067/2019. The CEERA team completed the work within two months of the the orders of Justice Suraj Govindaraj. The High Court order dated April 17, 2023 stated: “The Karnataka High Court places its appreciation to the National Law School of India University as also the Centre for Environmental Law Education Research and Advocacy for preparing such exhaustive reports.”
- Journal on Environmental Law Policy and Development Vol-9 (2022) as an initiative of CEERA’s research and publication.
- Journal of Law and Public Policy Vol-8 Special Edition on Urban Poor and the Law (2022-2023) as an initiative of CEERA’s research and publication
- In Law Magazine: National Law School of India University, Special Issue: Urban Poor & The World, Vol. 8 2022-23 published under the Chair of the Ministry of Housing and Urban Poverty Alleviation, Government of India granted to NLSIU
- Legal Aid Handbook, Vol-I, 2022 published under the aegis of project granted by the Ministry of Law and Justice, Government of India
- Picture Book on Legal Awareness, 2023 published under the aegis of project granted by the Ministry of Law and Justice, Government of India

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 “World IP Day” at International Training centre, NLSIU Bangalore on 28th April 2023
- Chair Professor Dr. T. Ramakrishna and team had a meeting with delegates from Meghalaya Industrial Development Corporation (MIDC) who visited the DPIIT Chair on IPR at NLSIU on 16th May 2023. The primary purpose of the meeting was to discuss GI Tagging initiatives in Meghalaya and seek expertise on the same. The delegation included: Shri James PK Sangma, Chairman and former Cabinet Minister, MIDC Shri Delanee D. Nongmalieh, Managing Director, MIDC Shri Kerlang Malngiang, Advisor, MIDC, Shri Anirban Paul, Advisor, MIDC.
- The Chair organised a Round table Conference on “Evolving trends for an International Regime on Intellectual property, Genetic Resources and Associated TK” on 29th March 2023. The objectives of this conference was: interrelationship of genetic resources and associated traditional knowledge with IP, mandatory disclosure requirement of source / origin of the genetic resource as well as associated traditional knowledge, the consequences or sanction associated with non-disclosure and the ‘information systems’ of GRs and associated TKs. These issues were addressed in three distinct but related sessions.
- Mr. Jnana Teja Bandi, Research Associate, CIPRA, delivered a talk on “Idea, Innovation and IPR” at Impact Lecture Series 2 (A sponsored program of Ministry of education’s Innovation cell (MIC)) organized by Pragati Engineering College, Andhra Pradesh on 20th July 2022

RESEARCH CENTRES

CENTRE FOR LABOUR STUDIES (CLS)

ACTIVITIES

- **Research on Jordanian Garment Industry in collaboration with ILO:** The 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) were 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 (CSSEIP)

ACTIVITIES

- Organised a summer school for 13 students of William & Mary College, USA from May 26 to June 03, 2023. The summer school included a lecture on Indian society and exposure visits to different civic organisations and their interventions in Bangalore.
- Talasamudayagala Adhyana Kendra of CSSEIP organised a five-day Research Methodology Programme for 50 Ph.D. scholars, selected from 15 universities belonging to Scheduled Castes, during 06-10 March 2023. This programme was sponsored by Dr. Babu Jagjivan Ram Research Institute Social Welfare Department, Government of Karnataka.
- Talasamudayagala Adhyana Kendra of CSSEIP was engaged in research and advocacy work for the formation of rules under Karnataka Prohibition of Employment as Manual Scavengers and their Rehabilitation Act, 2013. Through series of meetings with different stakeholders, a comprehensive report was drafted and submitted to Government of Karnataka. Safaikarmachari Development Corporation directed a committee involving faculty members of TSAK to frame rules for adoption. TSAK was also involved in advocacy for ending the contractual labour of safaikarmacharis in the town Panchayat, Municipality, Mahanagara Sabhas, and their regular recruitment in these local bodies.
- A research and collaborative work with Institute of Social Studies, Hague that began in 2017 with funds from ICSSR culminated in an edited volume of The State of Accountability in the Global South (publisher Edward Elgar, 2023).

CENTRE FOR WOMEN AND THE LAW (CWL)

- The Centre for Women and Law began a collaborative venture with the Department of Women and Child Development, Government of Karnataka and NIMHANS to set up a Centre for Excellence on Violence Against Women in Karnataka. The three year Project headed by Professor Sarasu Esther Thomas will focus on making family laws and other laws work better for women. The work has now begun with Sumitra Acharya joining as a Lawyer to assist the team.
- The Centre continued its work in responding to policy initiatives and providing technical help in training programmes for the governmental and non governmental sector.

RESEARCH CENTRES

INSTITUTE OF PUBLIC POLICY (IPP)

ACTIVITIES

- Organised a two-day workshop on ‘Future of Work, Future of Social Security’ at India International Centre, Delhi in collaboration with Oslo Metropolitan University, University of Helsinki and Nordic Centre in India during 1-2 March 2023. Apart from paper presentations, the event brought together partners from industry and government to respond to challenges posed by the technological changes in the world of work.
- Organised a three-day conference on “Inclusive Development: Role of Employment and Environment” in collaboration with Institute of New Economic Thinking (INET) and Young Scholars Initiative (YSI) during 28-30 March 2023. The keynote address was delivered by Jens Lerche of School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London at Bangalore International Centre.
- The Institute of Public Policy collaborated with Social Accountability forum for Action and Research (SAFAR) to hold national level dialogues on developing a citizen charter for transparency on the use of common resources. During 2022-23, seven national dialogues were held funded by Foundation for Ecological Security (FES). These national dialogues were held in collaboration with people’s movements in different locations. The thematics of these dialogues were: forest commons (Mumbai), digital commons (Bangalore), coastal and oceans commons (Pune), urban commons (Shillong), culture commons (Tiloniya), and non-forest common lands (Jaipur).
- Organised conversations on “Exploring New Imaginaries of Environmental Justice” in collaboration with Environment Support Group, Bangalore, on 28 April 2023 at Infosys Science Foundation. These conversations had two panels: (i) on “Reflexive Democracy: Ecological Transformations, Agro-ecological Promises and Public Health Imperatives”, and (ii) on “Governance challenges in making a new world”.
- “Just Society: Rule of Law and Equal Access to Welfare” is a collaborative educational programme with South Denmark University (Denmark), University of Brasilia (Brazil), University of Johannesburg (South Africa) and Ilia State University (Georgia). This 13-week online educational programme was designed to comparatively study welfare states in these countries.

RESEARCH CHAIRS

CHAIR ON CONSUMER LAW AND PRACTICE (CLAP)

ACTIVITIES

- Initiated a research project on August 1, 2022 aimed at Building Capacity for State and UTs for Implementation of Direct Selling rules funded Indian Direct Selling Association. The object of this project is to develop a legal framework for establishment of Monitoring Authority under the Consumer Protection Act 2021. The chair developed the Consumer protection (Monitoring Authority) Rules which will be submitted to Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Government of India.
- Successfully organised a “Three Day Capacity Building Programme for Members of Consumer Dispute Redressal Commission of Kerala” sponsored by GoI, Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution Department of Consumer Affairs, New Delhi, from February 1-3, 2023 at NLSIU, Bangalore.
- Successfully organised an international virtual conference on “New Facets of Consumer Protection: Challenges and Way Forward” on 19th November, 2022 in association with Ministry of Consumer Affairs, GOI. The conference proceedings is published through an edited book titled Consumer law and Practice: Contemporary Issues and Way Forward (ISBN-978-93-9111-02-1)

The Chair, which has been fighting against tobacco products since a decade, initiated a research project funded by Campaign for Tobacco Free Kids, US. The project aims at strengthening the Tobacco Control Legislation and its effective implementation. As part of this, the following activities were undertaken:

- Successfully organised a National Consultation on “The Enforcement of Prohibition of Electronic-Cigarettes Act 2019-Challenges and Way Forward”, on 23rd February 2023 at Indian Law Institute (ILI), New Delhi. The consultation was conducted in collaboration with the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare (MoHFW), GoI. Ms. V. Hekali Zhimomi, Additional Secretary, MoHFW, GoI and other Ministry officials were present at the event.
- Organised two webinars on “Steps to strengthen India’s Tobacco Control Law-Trial/Tribulations/Progress and Way Forward” in association with Campaign for Tobacco Free Kids (CTFK) - (i) on October 13 & 14, 2022, and (ii) on 25th August 2022.

OUTPUTS

- Published the International Journal on Consumer Law and Practice (IJCLP) Vol. 10, 2022 (ISSN-2347- 2731), in November 2022. The IJCLP is indexed in SCOPUS/UGC-CARE/HeinOnline/Google Scholar/SCC OnLine nov 2022
- Published the Bi- Annual Newsletter “March on Consumer Law and Practice” in July 2022 and January 2023.

RESEARCH CHAIRS

CHAIR ON RELIGIOUS MINORITIES

ACTIVITIES

The Chair is mandated to undertake projects funded by the Department of Minorities Welfare, GoK. In AY 2022-23, the Department released a sum of Rs.20 lakh with the request that we may take up a research project on the subject of “Evaluation of Educational Programmes undertaken by the Department of Minorities Welfare, Government of Karnataka”.

- Based on this grant, a pre-project seminar was organised for seeking inputs from experts on the Concept Note submitted to them. The Chief Guest was NLSIU Vice Chancellor, Prof. Sudhir Krishnaswamy, who also gave his inputs on how the research project should be formulated and implemented. Based on the seminar inputs, we collected data from the Department of Minorities Welfare, and drafted a preliminary report which is likely to be submitted by the end of this month.
- The Chair will also be carrying out a field survey, contacting the beneficiaries of the educational programmes to seek their views on the implementation process of this programme. The final report will be prepared incorporating the field experience on the implementation process.

RESEARCH CHAIRS

DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE CHAIR

ACTIVITIES

- During the period June, 2022 to June, 2023, the DoR Chair had carried out studies on the following topics and submitted reports and recommendations on them:
 - i. Study on the Input Credit Scheme in GST
 - ii. Study on Taxation of Cross-border Services in GST
 - iii. Study on revamping the Special Valuation Branches in Customs
- A two day workshop on 'Prosecution in Tax Matters' was held at Bangalore in association with the Centre of Excellence (CoE) on 24th and 25th of November, 2022
- During this period, the DoR Chair delivered 14 lectures on various aspects of taxation at the zonal units of the National Academy of Customs, Indirect Taxes & Narcotics at Bengaluru and Cochin to officers of various cadres of the Central Board of Indirect Tax and Customs and State GST department

RESEARCH CHAIRS

FORD FOUNDATION CHAIR IN PUBLIC INTEREST LAW

ACTIVITIES

- Initiated an ongoing programme of the Ford Foundation Student Externships in Public Interest Law in coordination with Director (Clinics), NLSIU

Invited talks:

- Panel speaker (online) on 'Challenging bonded labour and protecting workers in India' as part of the seminar series 'Coercion at the Courts' held at the Bonavero Institute of Human Rights, University of Oxford, January 24, 2023
- Panel speaker at the National Conference on 'Fifty Years of Basic Structure Doctrine (1973 - 2023): In Retrospect and Prospect', Indian Law Institute, Delhi, April 24, 2023
- Panel speaker, Affirmative Action: Changing Conceptions of Equality, Courts and the Constitution Conference, NALSAR, March 11, 2023
- Spoke on 'Labour Rights are Human Rights' at the International Labour Conclave organised by the Government of Kerala, Thiruvananthapuram, May 25, 2023

RESEARCH CHAIRS

HAL CHAIR ON BUSINESS LAWS

ACTIVITIES

- Conducted Sessions on “Legal Acumen for Senior Executives” in a three-day workshop for newly promoted General Managers of HAL at HMA, Bangalore – July 19-July 21, 2022
- Conducted Sessions on Principles of Natural Justice in a three-day workshop on Disciplinary Proceedings at HMA – January 2023
- Delivered modules on Consumer Law, Competition Law and Law of Alternate Dispute Resolution to PG Diploma in Aviation Management Students of the HAL Management Academy – January-March 2023
- Coordinated 3-day Leadership Development Programme on “Contract Management” for Senior Managers of HAL at HMA – April 24-26, 2023. Conducted Sessions on Dispute Resolution, Commercial Courts, Case Studies on IP Management and Contract Negotiation as part of the programme
- Conducted Sessions on Principles of Contract Management and Dispute Resolution as Part of Legal Literacy Workshop for IMM Officers, HAL at HMA – June 17, 2023

RESEARCH CHAIRS

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

ACTIVITIES

- Completed a project on Affordable Shelters for Street Women and Children: A Case Study of Delhi with Campus Law Centre, Faculty of Law, University of Delhi.
- Completed a project on Credit Linked Subsidy Scheme for Housing under the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (Urban) with Christ Academy Institute of Law, Bengaluru.
- Organised a two-day national conference on “Human Rights of Slum Dwellers and Forced Eviction: A Legal Mandate” in association with CMR School of Legal Studies, Symbiosis Law School, and MoHUPA, GoI held on December 15-16, 2022.
- Published Journal of Law and Public Policy Vol-8 Special Edition on Urban Poor and the Law (2022-2023) as an initiative of CEERA’s research and publication.
- Published IN LAW Magazine: National Law School of India University, Special Issue: Urban Poor & The World, Vol. 8 2022-23 published under the Chair of the Ministry of Housing and Urban Poverty Alleviation, Government of India granted to NLSIU.

RESEARCH PROJECTS

BENCHMARKING AND STRENGTHENING THE ROLE OF WOMEN IN KARNATAKA POLICE

ACTIVITIES

- Successfully completed a study on the status of policewomen in Karnataka.
- Carried out in partnership with the Karnataka State Police (pursuant to MOU dated 27 May 2022), the study involved visit to 35 police stations across 7 districts, interview with around 50 officers and a survey administered to 240 personnel, all at different levels within the state police. It puts forward several recommendations for improving the working environment for policewomen and will be submitted to the state police by end of July for review.
- Developed a compendium of institutional policies, programs and initiatives from around the world on strengthening the role of women in policing. This will be published by end of 2023.
- Organized a webinar on 20 December 2022 on global trends on women in policing, with Ms Jane Townsley, International Association of Women Police and senior police officer (retired), United Kingdom, as the keynote speaker.

OUTPUTS

- Published an Explainer Note in English and Kannada on the legal mandate for policewomen in India. This was widely distributed during the field visits.
- Published two blog pieces on NLS's website sharing reflections on gender dynamics at police stations from the field. Notably, the piece titled "Police Stations: Lonely Workplaces for Women in Karnataka" has been published in the International Association of Women Police e-journal available on Social Science Research Network. The paper can be accessed [here](#).

RESEARCH PROJECTS

CRIMINAL JUSTICE RESEARCH PROJECT

ACTIVITIES

Preventive Detention in Karnataka

- Survey of literature on preventive detention has been completed, and a draft paper has been prepared.
- Data collection on preventive detention in Karnataka is currently underway. Data collection includes collection of statistics on the number of prisoners preventively detained in the state in the years 2020-2023, supplemented by interviews with lawyers and police officials.

Pre-Trial Detention (Bail)

- Preliminary survey of literature, in order to prepare a paper analysing existing bail jurisprudence and practice is currently underway.

RESEARCH PROJECTS

LAW AND TRANSFORMATION: OPENING CONVERSATIONS BETWEEN INDIA AND GERMANY”

ACTIVITIES

In 2022, NLSIU 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. The activities undertaken during AY 2022-23 include:

- Student Exchange (Humboldt University to NLSIU): NLSIU hosted seven undergraduate students and three PhD scholars from Humboldt University in AY 2022-23.
- Student Exchange (NLSIU to HU): NLS funded four PhD scholars to spend two months each at Humboldt University. The scholars are associated with the Chair on Comparative Law headed by Prof. Philipp Dann, and are required to undertake their research, as well as any other academic obligations as directed by the Chair. These scholars were selected after a competitive process, and their projects will benefit from the time spent researching and writing at HU.
- Faculty Exchange: NLS funded three faculty exchanges with Humboldt University for 2022-23. Each faculty member spends up to two months at HU, working closely with the Chair on Comparative Law headed by Prof. Philipp Dann, undertaking their research, participating in the weekly research colloquia at the Chair, presenting their work at the Chair, holding a workshop/teaching a short course for students at HU, and overall participating in the intellectual life at the Chair. Two faculty members have already participated in the exchange, and another one is scheduled to participate later this year.
- Young Scholars Workshop: NLS hosted a Young Scholars Workshop in March 2023. This workshop brought together Indian and German doctoral scholars to discuss their projects and receive feedback on their papers.

RESEARCH PROJECTS

QAMRA ARCHIVAL PROJECT

ACTIVITIES

- Acquisition of the Maya Sharma and Indra Pathak Collection
- QAMRA team offered an elective course on 'Preserving Memories: Social Transformation, the Law and the Queer Archive' with instructors Arvind Narrain and T. Jayashree
- Organised public lectures on the topics of Queer Art and Activism, Documenting Labour Histories, on Marriage Equality with petitioners Akkai Padmashali and Uma, on Archiving Justice Movements of the Marginal by Vivek Divan, and on The 377 Journey: Archives, Activism and the Law
- Organised an online Conversation and Tour with the Lesbian Herstory Archives, 4 March 2023
- Conducted an Archiving Workshop, Alternative Law Forum, 10 December 2022

OUTPUTS

- Curation of archival material at the exhibition 'Pride and Protest, Bangalore Creative Circus', during Pride Month, November 2022

QAMRA blog publications:

- Kaustav Bakshi, How Can We Know the Dancer from the Dance?: Rituparno Ghosh's Cinema. 26 June 2023
- QAMRA, Working Lives: Documenting Labour Histories. 7 June 2023
- QAMRA, An Intergenerational Conversation with the Lesbian Herstory Archives. 11 April 2023
- Vivek Divan, Archiving Justice Movements of the Marginal. 16 March 2023
- QAMRA, 'Namma Horata Nirantara': On Marriage Equality. 10 February 2023
- Tekla Emborg, A Queer Sport Has Arrived at NLS, 6 December 2022

GOVERNING BODY MEETINGS

ACADEMIC COUNCIL

52ND ACADEMIC COUNCIL MEETING | 16TH AUGUST, 2022

- Request for Extension to continue in B.A.,LL.B.(Hns.) programme beyond 8 years
- Revision of Curriculum for B.A.,LL.B.(Hons.) Programme
- Amendments and consolidation of Academic and Examination Regulations for B.A.,LL.B.(Hons.), LL.M, LL.B.(Hons.) and MPPP
- Creation of New Faculty Positions

53RD ACADEMIC COUNCIL MEETING | 17TH SEPTEMBER, 2022

- Annual Report for the Academic Year 2021-22
- List of Graduating Students for the Academic Year 2021-22
- List of Gold Medal winners for the Academic Year 2021-22
- Conversion of CGPA to Percentage

54TH ACADEMIC COUNCIL MEETING 15TH FEBRUARY, 2023

- Amendments to Academic and Examination Regulations 2022
- Amended and Restated PhD Regulations 2023
- University Research Policy 2023

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

98TH EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING | 17TH AUGUST, 2022

- Request for extension to continue in B.A.,LL.B.(Hons.) programme beyond 8 years
- Revision of curriculum for B.A.,LL.B.(Hons.) programme
- Amendments and consolidation of Academic and Examination Regulations for B.A.,LL.B.(Hons.), LL.M, LL.B.(Hons.) and MPPP
- Confirmation of the Recruitment of Non-teaching staff
- Confirmation of employment status of Assistant Manager (PACE) and Resident Nurse
- Additions to list of Experts under CAS
- CAS 2022 promotion process
- Promotions of Non-Teaching Staff
- Extension of Lien to Prof. V.S. Elizabeth
- Sanction of Extraordinary Leave to Ms. Smitha Krishna Prasad, Assistant Professor of Law
- Changes to the approved Organogram
- Creation of New Faculty Positions
- Appeal under Clause 9(9) of the Schedule to the NLSI Act by Ms. Arti Gupta and Ms. Ananya H S

GOVERNING BODY MEETINGS

99TH EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING | 17TH SEPTEMBER, 2022

- Annual Report for the Academic Year 2021-22
- Update on PF, Gratuity and Earned Leave Funds
- Dissolution of PF Committee
- List of Graduating Students for the Academic Year 2021-22
- List of Gold Medal winners for the Academic Year 2021-22
- Conversion of CGPA to Percentage
- Confirmation of Recruitment-Non-Teaching Staff
- Promotions of Non-Teaching Staff
- Recruitment of Faculty for AY-2023-24
- CAS 2022- Next Steps
- Amendments to the NLSIU Code to Combat Sexual Harassment , 2019
- Amendments to the NLSIU Principles of Conduct, 2022

100TH EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING| 17TH FEBRUARY, 2023

- Revised Budget for the Financial Year 2022-23
- Proposed Budget for the Financial Year 2023-24
- Action Taken Report on the Internal Auditors Report for Quarter 1 and Quarter 2 of the Financial Year 2022-23
- Fee Revision for the B.A.LL.B (Hons.), LL.B (Hons.), LL.M and MPPP for the upcoming batches for the Academic Year 2023-2024
- Revision of Administrative Approval Matrix
- Staff Personal Loan Policy w.e.f. March 1, 2023
- Amendments to Academic and Examination Regulations 2022
- Amended and Restated PhD Regulations 2023
- University Research Policy 2023
- Confirmation of the Recruitment of new faculty
- Career Advancement Scheme (CAS) 2022 promotion process
- Confirmation of the recruitment of Non-Teaching Staff
- Changes to the approved Organogram
- Sanction of Research Leave (Term III AY 2022-23 and Term I AY 2023-24) to Mr. Raag Yadava, Assistant Professor
- Sanction of Study Leave for Ph.D research (1st April 2023 to 30th June, 2024) to Ms. Shreya Shree, Assistant Professor
- Sanction of Sabbatical Leave to Mr. Govindaraj Hegde, Associate Professor
- 2023 Admissions and Representation regarding Karnataka students Reservation Policy
- Report on DARIC Appeal in Disciplinary Enquiry Case No.2/2022

GOVERNING BODY MEETINGS

GENERAL COUNCIL

36TH GENERAL COUNCIL MEETING | 17TH SEPTEMBER, 2022

- Draft Annual Report for the Academic Year 2021-22
- Audited Annual Accounts for the Financial Year 2021-22
- List of Graduating Students for the Academic Year 2021-22
- List of Gold Medal winners for the Academic Year 2021-22
- Amendment to the NLSIU Code to Combat Sexual Harassment, 2019
- Presentation of Revised Master Plan for NLSIU

FACULTY

EMPLOYEE REPORT (JUL 2022 - JUN 2023)

NAME & DESIGNATION

1. Prof. (Dr.) Sudhir Krishnaswamy - Vice Chancellor
2. Prof. (Dr.) Nuggehalli S Nigam - Registrar
3. Prof. (Dr.) V. Nagaraj - Professor of Law [On lien from 1.7.2021]
4. Prof. (Dr.) V.S. Elizabeth - Professor [on lien from 30.12.2019 to 30.6.2023]
5. Dr. T. Ramakrishna - Chair Professor
6. Prof. (Dr.) O.V. Nandimath - Professor of Law
7. Prof. (Dr.) Ashok R. Patil - Professor of Law & Chair Professor - Consumer Law and Practice [On Lien from 17.6.2023]
8. Prof. (Dr.) Sarasu E. Thomas - Professor of Law
9. Prof. (Dr.) T. S. Somashekar - Professor of Economics
10. Prof. (Dr.) Sairam Bhat - Professor of Law
11. Prof. (Dr.) Mrinal Seekay Satish - Professor of Law
12. Prof. (Dr.) Arun Thiruvengadam - Professor of Law
13. Prof. (Dr.) Sanjay Shrikant Jain - Professor of Law
14. Prof. (Dr.) Kamala Sankaran - Professor of Law, Ford Foundation Chair in Public Interest Law
15. Prof. Babu Mathew - Visiting Professor
16. Dr. Nanda Kishore - Visiting Professor
17. Mr. Govindraaj G. Hegde - Associate Professor of Law
18. Mr. Rahul Singh - Associate Professor of Law
19. Dr. Yashomati Ghosh - Associate Professor of Law [On Lien from 1.4.2023]
20. Dr. Nagarathna A - Associate Professor of Law
21. Dr. Aparna Chandra - Associate Professor Of Law
22. Dr. Saurabh Bhattacharjee - Associate Professor, HAL Defence Public Sector Chair in Business Laws
23. Mr. Kunal Ambasta - Assistant Professor (Law)
24. Ms. Rashmi Venkatesan - Assistant Professor (Law)
25. Ms. Sanyukta Chowdhury - Assistant Professor (Law)
26. Dr. Sushmita Pati - Assistant Professor, Political Science
27. Ms. Shreya Shree - Assistant Professor (Law)
28. Mr. Raag Yadava - Assistant Professor (Law)
29. Dr. Atreyee Majumder - Assistant Professor, Sociology till 6.3.2023; Associate Professor (Social Science) from 7.3.2023

FACULTY

EMPLOYEE REPORT (JUL 2022 - JUN 2023)

NAME & DESIGNATION

30. Dr. Anwasha Ghosh - Assistant Professor (Social Science-History) on a Contract Basis up to 7.3.2023; Assistant Professor (Social Science) from 8.3.2023
31. Ms. Preeti Pratishruti Dash - Assistant Professor (Law)
32. Ms. Sharada Shinde - Assistant Professor (Law)
33. Ms. Prerna Dhoop - Assistant Professor (Law)
34. Mr. Harsha N - Assistant Professor (Law)
35. Ms. Smitha Krishna Prasad - Assistant Professor (Law)
36. Ms. Jasmine Joseph - Assistant Professor (Law)
37. Dr. Betsy Rajasingh - Assistant Professor (Law)
38. Dr. Ashna Singh K - Assistant Professor (Law)
39. Ms. Sahana Ramesh - Assistant Professor (Law)
40. Ms. Srijoni Sen - Visiting Assistant Professor
41. Mr. Avantik Tamta - Visiting Assistant Professor
42. Mr. Mohan Mani - Visiting Fellow

DEPARTURES

1. Ms. Megha Mehta - Visiting Assistant Professor - 31.10.2022
2. Mr. Avantik Tamta - Visiting Assistant Professor - 28.2.2023
3. Ms. Srijoni Sen - Visiting Assistant Professor - 8.3.2023
4. Mr. Mohan Mani - Visiting Fellow - 31.3.2023
5. Dr. Archana - Visiting Assistant Professor - 30.4.2023
6. Dr. Sukhalata Sen - Visiting Assistant Professor - 30.6.2023
7. Ms. Vidhya Raveendranathan - Visiting Assistant Professor - 30.6.2023
8. Dr. Anindita Jaiswal Jaishiv - Assistant Professor (Law) - 30.6.2023
9. Ms. Radhika Chitkara - Visiting Assistant Professor - 30.6.2023

FACULTY

EMPLOYEE REPORT (JUL 2022 - JUN 2023)

RECRUITMENTS (DOJ)

1. Dr. Madhubanti Sadhya - Visiting Assistant Professor from 1.7.2022 to 2.3.2023, Assistant Professor of Law from 3.3.2023
2. Dr. Archana - Visiting Assistant Professor - 1.7.2022
3. Dr. Arul George Scaria - Associate Professor Of Law - 1.7.2022
4. Ms. Megha Mehta - Visiting Assistant Professor - 1.7.2022
5. Ms. Nanditta Batra - Visiting Assistant Professor - 1.7.2022
6. Dr. Sukhalata Sen - Visiting Assistant Professor - 1.7.2022
7. Ms. Vidhya Raveendranathan - Visiting Assistant Professor - 1.7.2022
8. Ms. Diya Deviah - Visiting Assistant Professor - 8.7.2022
9. Ms. Radhika Chitkara - Visiting Assistant Professor - 8.7.2022
10. Dr. Asmita Goswami - Visiting Assistant Professor - 25.7.2022
11. Ms. Ragini Ahuja - Director - Clinics - 22.8.2022
12. Dr. Gauri Pillai - Assistant Professor (Law) On A Contract Basis 1.9.2022
13. Dr. Karthick Ram Manoharan - Assistant Professor (Social Sciences) - 6.10.2022
14. Dr. Anindita Jaiswal Jaishiv - Assistant Professor (Law) - 2.11.2022
15. Mr. Rahul Hemrajani - Assistant Professor (Law) - 3.3.2023
16. Dr. Salmoli Choudhuri - Assistant Professor (Law) - 10.3.2023
17. Ms. Bhanu Tanwar - Assistant Professor (Law) - 13.3.2023
18. Dr. Chandrabhan Pratap Yadav - Assistant Professor (Social Sciences) - 27.3.2023
19. Dr. Suryaprakash Misra - Associate Professor (Social Science) - 3.4.2023
20. Dr. Akhila Gangadhar Basalalli - Assistant Professor (Law) - 24.4.2023
21. Dr. Harisankar K. Sathyapalan - Associate Professor Of Law - 3.5.2023
22. Dr. Sudhanshu Kumar - Associate Professor Of Law - 1.6.2023
23. Dr. Debangana Chatterjee - Assistant Professor (Social Sciences) - 1.6.2023
24. Dr. Anupama Sharma - Assistant Professor Law) - 1.6.2023
25. Dr. Samyak Ghosh - Assistant Professor (Social Sciences) - 1.6.2023
26. Dr. Sudheesh R C - Assistant Professor (Social Sciences) - 1.6.2023
27. Dr. Kena Wani - Assistant Professor (Social Sciences) - 1.6.2023
28. Dr. Karthikeyan Damodaran - Assistant Professor (Social Sciences) - 5.6.2023
29. Dr. Gayathri D. Naik - Assistant Professor (Law) - 5.6.2023
30. Dr. Dhivya Janarthanan - Visiting Assistant Professor - 15.6.2023
31. Mr. Pranav Verma - Assistant Professor (Law) - 19.6.2023
32. Mr. Mihir Naniwadekar - Visiting Assistant Professor - 19.6.2023
33. Ms. Meenakshi Ramkumar - Visiting Assistant Professor - 23.6.2023

ACADEMIC FELLOWS

EMPLOYEE REPORT (JUL 2022 - JUN 2023)

NAME & DESIGNATION

1. Dr. Sebanti Chatterjee - Senior Academic Fellow
2. Ms. Shinde Sheetal N - Junior Academic Fellow
3. Ms. Anushka Sachan - Junior Academic Fellow
4. Ms. Ishika Saxena - Junior Academic Fellow
5. Ms. Nishtha Sinha - Junior Academic Fellow
6. Ms. Radhika Nair - Junior Academic Fellow
7. Ms. Aishwarya Birla - Junior Academic Fellow
8. Dr. Manpreet Singh Dhillon - Senior Academic Fellow
9. Ms. Pawani Mathur - Junior Academic Fellow – 1.4.2022

RECRUITMENTS (AS PER DOJ)

1. Mr. Apoorv Kumar Chaudhary - Academic Fellow – 23.5.2023
2. Mr. Debaranjan Goswami - Academic Fellow – 19.6.2023
3. Ms. Shivani Pegatraju - Academic Fellow – 19.6.2023

DEPARTURES

1. Ms. Shinde Sheetal N - Junior Academic Fellow – 31.1.2023
2. Ms. Aishwarya Birla - Junior Academic Fellow – 31.3.2023
3. Ms. Anushka Sachan - Junior Academic Fellow – 10.6.2023

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF

EMPLOYEE REPORT (JUL 2022 - JUN 2023)

NAME & DESIGNATION

1. Ms. Akanksha Sharma - Alumni Officer up to 30.11.2022; Chief of Staff from 5.12.2022
2. Ms. Anjali Varma - People & Culture Officer
3. Ms. Apoorva Gupta - Assistant Director, DED cum Student Welfare Officer
4. Mr. Chandrashekar - Technical Assistant - Hardware
5. Dr. Gayathri Devi S. - Information Scientist
6. Ms. Geetha Y.C. - Office Assistant
7. Mr. Madhu K.S - Assistant Librarian
8. Dr. Mahesh A. Yaranal - Assistant Librarian
9. Ms. Malini M.C. - Resident Nurse
10. Mr. Manjappa - Office Assistant
11. Mr. Naveen Kumar - Sports Officer
12. Ms. Nishtha Vadehra - Editor
13. Ms. Nithya Rhea Rajashekhar - Legal Consultant
14. Ms. Padmavathi M. - Special Officer from
15. Ms. Prathibha V.K. - Office Assistant
16. Ms. Prema Kumari - Office Assistant
17. Mr. Ramesh Kumar - Assistant Librarian
18. Ms. Savithri Bhat - OMS Grade - III
19. Mr. Sheshachala Murthy K.V. - Accounts Assistant (Jr.)
20. Ms. Shubha Subramanian - Chief Finance Officer
21. Mr. Suryanarayana V.N. - Estate Officer cum University Engineer
22. Ms. Susheela Suresh - Facilitator, DED
23. Ms. Tulasi - Office Assistant
24. Mr. Umesh P. - Office Assistant
25. Ms. Usha A. - Accounts Assistant
26. Ms. Usha D.S - Office Assistant
27. Ms. Vidya S.G - Accounts Assistant (Jr.)
28. Ms. Vinayashree Jagadeesh - Communications Consultant up to 7.9.2022;
Manager - Communications from 8.9.2022

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF

EMPLOYEE REPORT (JUL 2022 - JUN 2023)

NAME & DESIGNATION

1. Ms. Arpitha K - Helper
2. Mr. Babu K.G. - LMS Grade - IV
3. Mr. Babu Rao N. - Electrician
4. Ms. Bharathi - Helper
5. Mr. Channe Gowda - LMS - III
6. Ms. Geetha H - Helper
7. Mr. Gopinathan - Electrical Assistant
8. Ms. Jayalakshmi - Helper
9. Mr. Jayaramu B. - Plumber
10. Ms. Kanthamma - Helper
11. Ms. Kempamma - Helper
12. Mr. Krishna P.V. - Helper
13. Mr. Krishnamurthy M. - Driver
14. Mr. Krishnamurthy P - Attender
15. Mr. Krishne Gowda - Helper
16. Mr. Kumar H.B. - Helper
17. Mr. Manikandan - Care Taker
18. Ms. Manjula - LMS - III
19. Mr. Mari Gowda - Assistant Cook
20. Mr. Muralikrishna S.A. - Attender
21. Mr. Nagaraja Y.J. - Helper
22. Mr. Narasimha Murthy - Cook
23. Ms. Narayanamma - Helper
24. Mr. Radhakrishna S - Cook
25. Ms. Rajamma - Helper
26. Mr. Raju K. - Helper
27. Mr. Ranjit Patro - LMS Grade - IV
28. Ms. Rathnamma - Helper
29. Ms. Rudramma - Helper
30. Mr. Shankar Y. - Attender
31. Ms. Shivarajamma C.V. - Helper
32. Mr. Somashekar Naik - Hostel's Assistant
33. Mr. Srinivas - Helper
34. Ms. Sunandamma - Helper
35. Mr. Yogesha - Helper
36. Mr. Zabiulla - Driver

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF

EMPLOYEE REPORT (JUL 2022 - JUN 2023)

RECRUITMENTS (AS PER DOJ)

1. Ms. Manuja G - Office Assistant - 1.7.2022
2. Mr. Sameerulla Z - Accountant (Procurement) - 1.7.2022
3. Mr. Lingaraj - Office Assistant - 1.7.2022
4. Ms. Lalnunzami C - Office Assistant - 1.7.2022
5. Ms. Hellen Kumari - Office Assistant - 12.7.2022
6. Mr. Mohammad Tahir Abbas Adam - Office Assistant - 1.8.2022
7. Ms. Sneha Kumari - Assistant Manager, Academic Administration from 14.7.2022 to 31.12.2022, Senior Manager - AAD from 2.1.2023
8. Ms. Jyoti Singh - Manager - PACE - 5.9.2022
9. Ms. Sunita Prakash Prabhu - Student Welfare Officer - 26.9.2022
10. Ms. Shruthi S P - Accountant - 3.10.2022
11. Mr. Rajesh Kumar Behera - Manager - Finance - 10.10.2022
12. Ms. Della Marks - Student Welfare Officer - 28.11.2022
13. Mr. Samir Sridhar - Manager - People and Culture - 24.11.2022
14. Mr. Sanchet Sharma - Manager - PACE - 7.11.2022
15. Mr. Shailesh Agarwal - Chief Operating Officer - 14.11.2022
16. Ms. Shantha K - Manager - Admissions - 23.1.2023
17. Mr. Bijay Das - Manager - AAD - 13.3.2023
18. Ms. Seema B S - Manager - AAD - 3.4.2023
19. Ms. Meenakshi Chauhan Gupta - Manager - Facilities and Projects - 11.5.2023

RETIREMENTS

1. Ms. Usha D.S - Office Assistant - 30.9.2022
2. Mr. Ramesh Kumar - Assistant Librarian - 31.1.2023

DEPARTURES

1. Ms. Apoorva Gupta - Assistant Director, DED & Student Welfare Officer - 30.9.2022
2. Ms. Nithya Rhea Rajashekhar - Legal Consultant - 30.9.2022
3. Ms. Shantha K - Manager - Admissions - 3.5.2023

RESEARCH STAFF | CENTRES

EMPLOYEE REPORT (JUL 2021-JUN 2022)

- **CENTRE FOR CHILD AND THE LAW**

1. Dr. Neetu Sharma - Fellow
2. Mr. Kumaraswamy T. - Trainer
3. Ms. Shruthi Raman - Project Coordinator
4. Ms. Bharati R.C. - Sr. Finance & Admin Assistant
5. Ms. Hellen Kumari - Sr. Administrative Assistant
6. Ms. Sudha Sreenivasa Reddy - Facilitator
7. Ms. Jyotsna Sripada - Research Associate [Full time]

Departures

1. Ms. Hellen Kumari - Sr. Administrative Assistant – 11.7.2022
2. Ms. Shruthi Raman - Project Coordinator – 30.6.2023

- **CENTRE FOR ENVIRONMENTAL LAW, EDUCATION, RESEARCH AND ADVOCACY (CEERA)/ COMMONS CELL**

1. Mr. Vikas Gahlot - Teaching Assistant
2. Ms. Anuja Shah - Research Fellow

Recruitments

1. Ms. Aparna Sojan - Research Fellow – 4.7.2022
2. Mr. Jaibatraka Mohanta - Research Fellow – 15.7.2022
3. Ms. Gayathri K K - Research Associate – 2.5.2023

Departures

1. Ms. Anuja Shah - Research Fellow – 14.3.2023

RESEARCH STAFF | CENTRES

EMPLOYEE REPORT(JUL 2021-JUN 2022)

- **CENTRE FOR STUDY OF SOCIAL EXCLUSION & INCLUSIVE POLICY**

1. Dr. Sony Pellissery - Professor-cum-Director
2. Dr. Sneha Thapliyal - Associate Professor
3. Dr. Rinku Lamba - Associate Professor
4. Dr. Aniket Nandan - Assistant Professor
5. Dr. Sudipa Sarkar - Assistant Professor
6. Dr. R.V. Chandrashekar - Assistant Professor and Fellow up to 31.3.2023;
Research Assistant from 13.6.2023
7. Ms. Shashikala - Professional Assistant
8. Mr. Asif C - Attendant

- **CENTRE FOR WOMEN AND THE LAW**

1. Harikartik Ramesh - Researcher - 20.7.2022

Departures

1. Harikartik Ramesh - Researcher - 20.9.2022

- **CENTRE FOR LABOUR STUDIES**

1. Ms. Jasoon Chelat - Research Associate
2. Mr. Mohan Mani - Visiting Fellow

RESEARCH STAFF | CHAIRS

EMPLOYEE REPORT(JUL 2021-JUN 2022)

- **CHAIR ON CONSUMER LAW**

- 1.Mr. Akshay Baburao Yadav - Research Associate
- 2.Ms. Komala Bai - Clerk

Recruitments

- 1.Ms. Tasnim Jahan - Research Assistant – 13.9.2022
- 2.Ms. Tarishi Agrawal - Researcher – 1.12.2022

Departures

Ms. Tasnim Jahan - Research Assistant – 12.4.2023

- **DPIIT CHAIR**

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

- **DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE CHAIR**

- 1.Mr. M. Vinod Kumar - Professor of Practice

Recruitments

- 1.Ms. Ashrita Prasad Kotha - Assistant Professor (Law) – 1.6.2023

- **RELIGIOUS MINORITIES CHAIR**

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

RESEARCH STAFF | PROJECTS

EMPLOYEE REPORT (JUL 2021 - JUN 2022)

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

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

Recruitments

1. Mr. Sunil Kumar - Office Assistant - 10.4.2023

- **BANGALORE CITY POLICE TRAINING PROGRAMME PROJECT**

1. Ms. Gauri Suryakant Rane - Project Associate - 2.11.2022
2. Ms. Sharon Singh - Project Associate - 15.11.2022

- **CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE PROJECT**

Recruitments

1. Ms. Sumitra Acharya - Lawyer - 13.6.2023

- **PLURALIST AGREEMENT AND CONSTITUTIONAL TRANSFORMATION [PACT]**

1. Ms. Aishwarya Birla - Research Associate - 1.4.2023

- **PROJECT ON PRE-TRIAL PROCESSES IN INDIA AND PREVENTIVE DETENTION IN KARNATAKA**

1. Anushka Pandey - Research Associate - 2.11.2022

- **PUBLIC HEALTH AND THE INDIAN CONSTITUTION (PHIC)**

1. Ms. Nishtha Arora - Research Associate - 10.4.2023

RESEARCH STAFF | PROJECTS

EMPLOYEE REPORT (JUL 2021-JUN 2022)

- **WOMEN IN KARNATAKA POLICE PROJECT**

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

Recruitments

1. Ms. Vidya Pai - Language Editor - 1.7.2022

Departures

1. Ms. Vidya Pai - Language Editor - 1.7.2022

- **QUEER ARCHIVE FOR MEMORY REFLECTION AND ACTIVISM (QAMRA) ARCHIVAL PROJECT**

1. Mr. Siddharth Shanthala Ganesh - Consultant

Recruitments

1. Ms. Ammel Sharon - Project Director - 1.11.2022

FINANCE - KEY HIGHLIGHTS

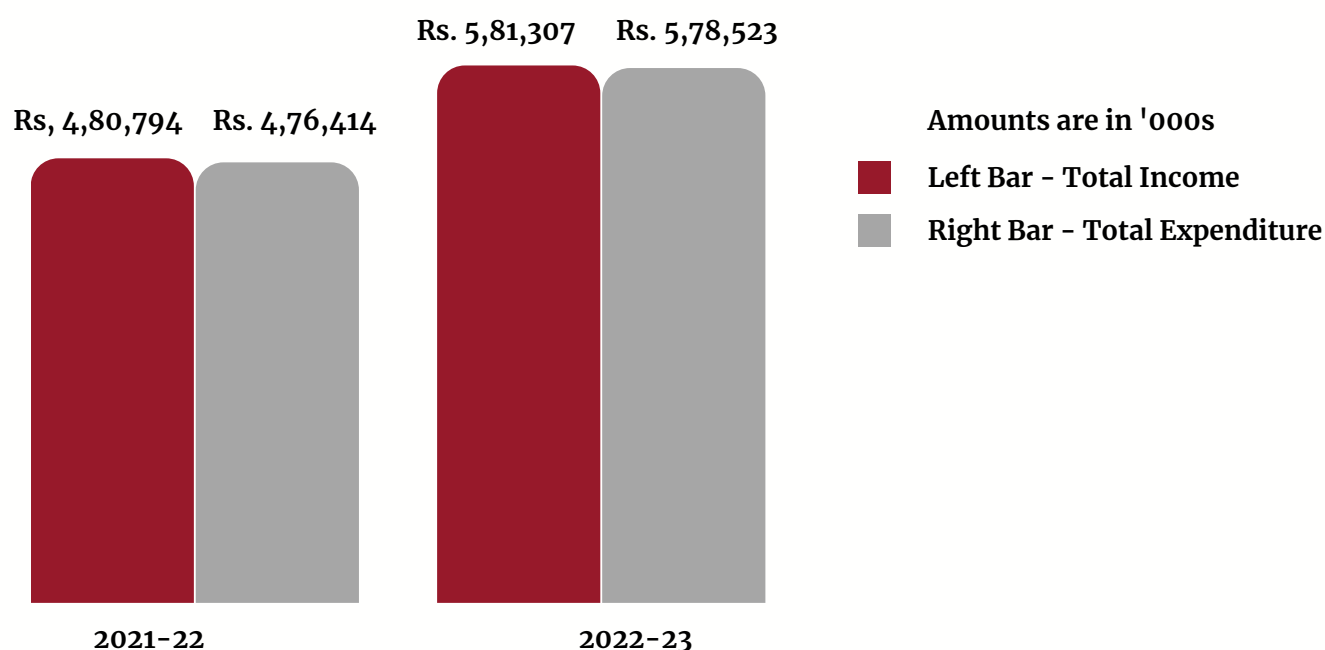
INCOME

- Increase in Academic Receipts is on account of increase in number of students enrolled in full-time programmes
- Increase in interest earned on investments on account of increase in interest rates of Fixed Deposits

EXPENDITURE

- Increase in Administrative & General Expenses (specifically facility management services, canteen and utilities) as the campus was fully operational in FY 22-23
- Increase in Academic Expenses on account of increase in visiting faculty and academic fellows hiring and increase in student welfare expenses and scholarship support
- Increase in Staff Payments and Benefits on account of increase in faculty numbers and annual increment paid to employees
- Increase in Depreciation expenses is on account of increased spend on asset creation for refurbishment of campus and hostel facilities

NOTE: The figures of the previous Academic Year 2021-22 have been regrouped or reclassified wherever necessary (as seen in the following pages).



FINANCIAL REPORT

INCOME

*(Amounts in '000s)

PARTICULARS	2021-22	2022 - 23
Academic Receipts	284,689	351,539
Other Operating Income	80,903	68,982
Project Grants & Schemes	63,487	73,098
Income from Investments	44,730	80,268
Other Income	6,985	7,420
Total	480,794	581,307

NOTE: In the Annual Report for AY 2021-22, the categories 'Other Operating Income' and 'Project Grants & Schemes' were combined.

EXPENDITURE

*(Amounts in '000s)

PARTICULARS	2021-22	2022-23
Staff Payments & Benefits	191,065	208,288
Academic Expenses	31,628	61,105
Projects, Grants & Schemes	63,487	73,098
Administrative & General Expenses	57,955	94,866
Repairs & Maintenance	19,153	12,638
Finance Costs	112	116
Depreciation	27,554	40,930
Other Expenses	460	2,484
Designated Funds*	85,000	85,000
Total	476,414	578,523

*Designated Funds' include Building Fund and Depreciation Fund

FINANCE – BALANCE SHEET

*(Amounts in '000s)

SOURCE OF FUNDS	As on 31.03.2022	As on 31.03.2023
UNRESTRICTED FUNDS		
General Fund		
- School Fund	573,372	578,695
Designated Funds	513,072	599,613
RESTRCITED FUNDS	256,083	262,921
NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Provision for Employee Benefits	256,769	30,417
Other non-current Liabilities	735	732
CURRENT LIABILITIES AND PROVISIONS	287,950	543,274
Total	1,887,981	2,015,652
APPLICATION OF FUNDS		
FIXED ASSETS		
Tangible Assets	210,130	248,731
Intangible Assets	40	1,639
Capital Work-In-Progress	20,898	61,129
LONG-TERM INVESTMENTS	1,416,286	1,524,155
OTHER NON-CURRENT ASSETS	2,135	39,722
CURRENT ASSETS	132,641	26,200
SHORT-TERM INVESTMENTS	65,713	57,706
SHORT-TERM LOANS, ADVANCES AND DEPOSITS	40,137	56,369
Total	18,87,981	20,15,652

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 2022-23, the following students received financial aid:

UNIVERSITY FINANCIAL AID

TOTAL AID - RS. 72,92,019

ID No.	Student Name	Programme	Amount
2754/2021	B.R.Yazhini	BA LLB	206,040
2832/2021	Swabhimani Jayant Patil	BA LLB	283,625
2618/2020	Anand Kumar	BA LLB	52,408
2656/2020	Jai Singh Rathor	BA LLB	100,723
2599/2019	Vigyan Prakash Verma	BA LLB	50,908
2768/2021	Galaxy Tyagi	BA LLB	283,625
2622/2020	Anshuman Kishor Mishra	BA LLB	264,413
2691	Ritik Raj	BA LLB	25,000
2692/2020	Ritvij Ratn Tiwari	BA LLB	89,963
2724/2020	Yashwant Kumar	BA LLB	143,888
2644/2020	Devansh Shukla	BA LLB	300,000
2630/2020	Arushi Tiwari	BA LLB	25,000
2559/2019	Kashish Gupta	BA LLB	230,500
2594/2019	Tushar Agarwal	BA LLB	43,313
2235	Mahendra Singh	BA LLB	230,500
2441/2018	Aditya Krishna	BA LLB	230,500
2509/2018	Sourav Kumar	BA LLB	43,313
2520/2018	Anushya Ramakrishna	BA LLB	248,500
LLB/2863/22	Anannya Pramanik	BA LLB	110,795
LLB/2881/22	Avni Raonka	BA LLB	166,193
LLB/2893/22	Devansh Shrivastava	BA LLB	301,815
LLB/2917/22	Khushi	BA LLB	55,398
LLB/2921/22	Lakshmi	BA LLB	344,815
2835	Tarun	BA LLB	50,361

FINANCIAL AID

UNIVERSITY FINANCIAL AID

ID No.	Student Name	Programme	Amount
LLB/2925/22	Manish Kundra	BA LLB	82,398
LLB/2947/22	Praveen Kumar Yadav	BA LLB	82,398
LLB/2980/22	Smriti Jaiswal	BA LLB	110,795
LLB/2982/22	Sneha Jain	BA LLB	166,193
LLB/3013/22	Anushka Acharya	BA LLB	55,398
LLB/3014/22	Varun Deval	BA LLB	25,000
LLM/1030/2022	Ankita Singh	LLM	261,703
LLM/1033/2022	Bhagirathi M	LLM	271,730
LLM/1046/2022	K.S SAI PAVAN	LLM	80,398
LLM/1050/2022	Masoom Reza	LLM	301,815
LLM/1060/2022	RAJIV KUMAR	LLM	301,815
LLM/1061/2022	Rupali Prashar	LLM	80,398
LLM/1063/2022	SALONI OLIVERA	LLM	25,000
LLM/1081/2022	ANIKET RAI	LLM	25,000
LLBH/004/2022	Arjun H B	LL.B	25,000
LLBH/006/2022	Athul Mohan	LL.B	80,398
LLBH/009/2022	BASANAGOUDA M PATIL	LL.B	25,000
LLBH/023/2022	Kallyani K B	LL.B	80,398
LLBH/043/2022	SHUBHAM KUMAR	LL.B	25,000
MPP/430/2022	Anjali Lalit Jha	MPP	80,398
MPP/437/2022	Aryaman Pathak	MPP	25,000
MPP/439/2022	Ashwin Nair	MPP	25,000
MPP/456/2022	Neel Lohit Pandey	MPP	18,000
MPP/460/2022	Rakshita R Naik	MPP	25,000
MPP/467/2022	Sarish Tripathi	MPP	25,000
MPP/476/2022	SUPRAJA T KUMAR	MPP	80,398
MPP/477/2022	Suryanshu Chaturvedi	MPP	301,815
MPP/480/2022	Tejas Chandra K M	MPP	25,000
MPP/360/2021	Abiyaneethu R	MPP	129,145
MPP/483/2022	VISHNUTEJA V	MPP	25,000
MPP/427/2022	Aditya M	MPP	25,000
413	Sidra Ali	MPP	268,540
390	Mahesh Krishnan Ramesh	MPP	43,000
366	Airodi Tejas	MPP	208,290

FINANCIAL AID

UNIVERSITY FINANCIAL AID

ADITYA BIRLA SCHOLARSHIP

TOTAL AID - RS. 16,20,000

ID No.	Student Name	Programme	Amount
LLB/2948/22	Prem Vinod Parwani	BA LLB	1,80,000.00
LLB/2956/22	Rishabh Shivani	BA LLB	1,80,000.00
LLB/2584/19	Saumya Singh	BA LLB	1,80,000.00
LLB/2457/18	Apoorva Nangia	BA LLB	1,80,000.00
LLB/2516/18	Vidisha Singh	BA LLB	1,80,000.00
LLB/2450/18	Ankit Kapoor	BA LLB	1,80,000.00
LLB/2565/19	Lahar Jain	BA LLB	1,80,000.00
LLB/2545/19	Aarohi Chaudhari	BA LLB	1,80,000.00
LLB/2829/21	Sukram Sharma	BA LLB	1,80,000.00

ICCR SCHOLARSHIP

TOTAL AID - RS. 3,97,750.00

ID No.	Student Name	Programme	Amount
LLB/2409/17	Ravi Nayak	BA LLB	397750.00

MINISTRY OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS

TOTAL AID - RS. 4,19,430.00

ID No.	Student Name	Programme	Amount
LLB/2809/21	Saloni Manatwal	BA LLB	209715
LLB/2737/21	Anagha M	BA LLB	209715

MUKHYAMANTRI MEDHAVI VIDYARTHI YOJNA - MP SCHOLARSHIP

TOTAL AID - RS. 16,74,600.00

ID No.	Student Name	Programme	Amount
LLB/2616/20	Aman Patidar	BA LLB	219775.00
LLB/2633/20	Ashi Gautam	BA LLB	219775.00
LLB/2614/20	Akshat Baldwa	BA LLB	219775.00
LLB/2554/19	Harsh Tomar	BA LLB	198875.00
LLB/2654/20	Induja Sharma	BA LLB	219775.00
LLB/2570/19	Mouli Kaushal Jain	BA LLB	397750.00
LLB/2579/19	Sandli Pawar	BA LLB	198875.00

STUDENT ACTIVITIES

SBA OFFICE BEARERS FOR 2022-23: GIRIJA BHOSALE & MANTHAN DAYANANDA

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.

ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION (ADR) BOARD

- A Negotiation Workshop for University Selection Rounds 2022-23 was conducted in October 2022 to familiarize the first-year students and others new to the field of dispute resolution with the concept and strategies of negotiation.
- University Selection Rounds of Negotiation [19th November – 21st November 2022] – The students underwent a rigorous elimination process in the form of a written qualifier, preliminary rounds, and then the finals. A total of 170 teams (consisting 2 members each) had registered to participate in the Rounds, out of which the top 80 teams proceeded to the Oral Rounds. Based on the final rank list, the teams were offered competitions from our Offerings pool.
- A guest lecture by Sr. Adv. Pramod Nair Talk on Alternative Dispute Resolution [18th March 2023] was held online, covering a wide array of topics such as Arbitration versus Litigation and the future prospects in mediation.
- Organised the IX Edition of the National Law School Negotiation, Mediation and Client Counselling Competition from 28th – 30th April 2023. This is one of the largest ADR competitions in Asia, conducted in-person for the first time since 2019, owing to the COVID-19 pandemic. A total of 165 participants representing over 25 prestigious law universities took part in the event, showcasing their skills and expertise in negotiation, mediation, and client counselling.

ACADEMIC SUPPORT PROGRAM

- Project Writing Orientation (13 July 2022): A team of senior students across batches provided an in-depth introduction to academic research and writing, using the ASP Project Writing Primer as the anchor point.
- Word Orientation (14 July 2022) was conducted in a workshop format to equip students with the required skills to effectively use MS Word, the pre-dominant word processing software used in Law School for writing projects, and other assignments.
- Database and Citations Orientation (16 July 2022) was conducted to equip students with accessing the E-Resources provided by the library, and introducing the OSCOLA citation style guide used for most papers in Law School.
- ASP Research and Writing Database: A repository of recordings of the aforementioned orientations, along with workshop notes and guides to good academic writing **continues to be** maintained on the ASP Student Database.

STUDENT ACTIVITIES

CAMPUS DEVELOPMENT AND MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE (CDMC)

FIFA World Cup 2022 Final Screening: The screening provided an opportunity for students from diverse backgrounds to come together and celebrate their shared love for football. It transcended social and cultural barriers, fostering a sense of inclusivity and camaraderie among the attendees. The event facilitated interactions among students who may not have otherwise connected. It created a common ground for students from different disciplines, fostering new friendships and networking opportunities.

The Night After Christmas - A Treasure and Scavenger Hunt: A Treasure Hunt was organised on the 31st of December 2022, to celebrate the time before New Years, encourage teamwork and puzzle solving and give students a reason to closely explore the common areas on campus.

Click It: The Campus Photography Event: In line with the vision of expanding its mandate and social media presence, CDMC organized the 2nd edition of its annual online photography competition, "Click It", in the third trimester of the last academic year.

CULTURAL AND FINE ARTS COMMITTEE

- Beginning with the celebrations in December and to get into the true holiday spirit, the Committee organised the Christmas Carnival on 24th December 2022, consisting of Christmas Nominations, wherein students were invited to write and send small notes of gratitude/affection to members of the student body and the staff, which were then collected and distributed by the members of the Committee. On the eve of the main celebration, various games, followed by an evening filled with music and food was organised for the incoming batches, with a goal to facilitate communication between the incoming and the existing batches.
- Conducted the Makar Sankranti and Pongal celebrations on 15th January 2023 which included kite flying and rangoli making, to commemorate the end of winter and the onset of spring. It also celebrated Holi by organising Nazm Night'23 on 11th March 2023. Students from across the batches were invited to participate in this evening of poetry.
- The flagship event of the Committee, 'Univ Week' was hosted in the first week of May 2023. The event forms the biggest intra-college platform for the students across the batches to showcase their talents in a variety of forms such as music, dance, drama and art. The event comprised of a host of activities such as Art Mela, Eastern/Western Dance and Music, Meme Making Challenge, Reel Making Challenge, Cinema Night and the NLS Ball.

STUDENT ACTIVITIES

COUNCIL FOR INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS AND INTERNATIONAL LAW

- **International Relations and International Law Quiz (6th April 2023):** In pursuance with its aim to foster interest around the field of international relations and international law, CIRIL hosted a quiz on international relations and international law. The objective was to provide a gateway for students into the field and encourage those unfamiliar with the field.

E-CELL

- The Business Quiz, organized in collaboration with The Literary and Debating Society (LnD) was conducted on 24th December 2022. The quiz disbursed total cash prizes amounting to Rs. 4,000. The quiz spanned over 2 hours with considerable participation.
- The Financial Literacy Series was conceptualized and put to the Student Body for gauging interest. It was to help introduce concepts and skills required to make informed and effective decisions about managing money.

EVENT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

- **High Tea:** This was an interactive event organized by the Event Management Committee on the 6th of May, 2023 in the OAB Quadrangle from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. It was intended to facilitate conversation between the faculty and student body on an informal forum. Thereby, by engaging them in positive dialogue, it bridged any existing gap between them. As the host, the Committee
- **Rock Quiz:** Inspired by its commitment to support local musical bands across India, the EMC conducted a quiz on a wide array of musical genres, on the 10th of May 2023.
- **Univ Week:** As part of its yearly commitment to foster student bonding in the penultimate days of the academic year, the Event Management Committee planned a week of themed festivities. These included batch color day, ethnic day, beach day, 90s day, and fashion disaster day.

STUDENT ACTIVITIES

FINANCE COMMITTEE

The Finance Committee works towards coordinating the finance-related requirements of the University SBA committees. It seeks to aid the committees by acting as an intermediary between them and the University administration. It also aims at maintaining transparency and accountability in the financial matters of the committees. Our activities included:

- Negotiating the annual SBA budget with various committees
- Processing past year requisition
- Overseeing solicitation and use of sponsorship money
- Processing requisitions from the SBA budget and sponsorship money
- Assisted the SBA Faculty Advisor in deciding on budget and sponsorship related issues
- Drafting amendments to financial policies
- Drafted the SBA Discretionary Fund Policy to ensure transparency and accountability in the SBA's Office Bearer's Fund

THE LAW AND SOCIETY COMMITTEE

- Disability Rights and Empowerment: A pub pool was conducted on the occasion of International Disability Day
- FIFA World Cup, Labor Rights: A panel discussion led by Professor Saurabh Bhattacharjee, Professor Babu Mathew, Professor Ashna Singh, and Jasoon Chelat
- Three Lecture series on Reading Reservation: "Savitri Ambedkar Phule Caravan ('SPAC') and LawSoc conducted a three-part lecture series on 'Reading Reservation'

STUDENT ACTIVITIES

LAW AND TECHNOLOGY SOCIETY (L-TECH)

- **Thinking Computationally:** This series was divided into four modules, Introduction to Programming, Working with 'Computer' Things, Text Manipulation, Fundamentals of the Web - which aims to take students through programming and algorithms, digital evidence, legal research and text-manipulation, scraping through multiple judgements.
- **Research Panel of the Data Protection Bill:** The Law and Technology Society (LTech), NLSIU collaborated with the Internet Freedom Foundation (IFF) to assist the IFF in preparing a report on the Digital Personal Data Protection Bill, 2022 (DPDPB 2022).
- **Panel Discussion on Digital Surveillance of Safai Karamcharis in Karnataka:** In January 2023, L-Tech hosted a panel discussion on the exploitation of Safai Karamcharis in Karnataka. The panelists included activists, lawyers, journalists and academics who have been working on issues of the intersection of digital surveillance with that of manual scavenging and sanitation workers' rights.
- **Consilience 2023: Online Gaming and IT Rules 2021:** In March 2023, L-Tech organized its flagship conference, Consilience 2023, on the theme of online gaming and the amendments to the IT Rules 2021 in collaboration with the All India Game Developers' Forum ('AIGDF').

LEGAL SERVICES CLINIC (LSC)

- **Awareness:** To spread legal awareness, LSC conducted legal literacy programmes, distributed newsletters and pamphlets within different areas in Bangalore. This year, LSC attempted to spread awareness by creating interactive informative posts on social media platforms. LSC has also engaged with various organizations towards creating easily accessible digital resources for legal information on welfare schemes, labour laws, and disability rights.
- **Legal Aid:** LSC provided legal aid to about 17 clients this academic year. The subject matter of the client's queries included but was not limited to: land laws, property law, medical negligence, divorce, and child custody. Legal aid was provided by way of connecting the client with a lawyer from our pro bono panel of 16 alumni who are practicing in Bangalore and Delhi, researching the client's issues, and providing other paralegal services to assist the lawyer representing the client, all on a pro bono basis.
- **Projects:** LSC was engaged in various projects in collaboration with organizations and research centres. The projects involve working on child rights and providing assistance at the juvenile observation homes, creating legal awareness, working on labour law related cases among others.

STUDENT ACTIVITIES

LITERARY AND DEBATING SOCIETY (LND)

- The University Debate Rounds serve as NLS' internal selection rounds for participation at inter-collegiate debate tournaments over the year. 90+ students of the university, across batches and programmes, participated in the University Rounds.
- Quizzes: Business Quiz , Music, Entertainment, Literature & Arts (MELA) Quiz, International Law & International Relations Quiz, India Quiz
- Debates: The 20th edition of the National Law School Debate took place from the 21st – 23rd of April, 2023 on the NLS Campus. Traditionally held in the Asian Parliamentary 3 v 3 format, the National Law School Debate has been one of the biggest and most prestigious debating tournaments in South Asia. The second offline edition since the outbreak of the pandemic, witnessed the participation of 34 teams from across the country.
- The 11th National Law School Debate Junior: The 11th edition of the National Law School Debate Junior was organized on 14-15 January. Around 60 students from Grades 8-12 of schools across Bangalore participated in the event.

MOOT COURT SOCIETY (MCS)

- MCS conducted a Moot Workshop on 5th December 2022. This workshop was the first event conducted for the First year BA LLB students by the MCS. The purpose of the session was to give students a brief idea about mooting, the process of reading the problem, dividing the work and researching on the issues, writing memorials and making oral submissions, and also to alleviate any fears related to mooting. The workshop was taken by Aarohi Chaudhari, a student of the IV Year BA LLB Batch, one of our eloquent and successful mooters at NLS.
- The Demo Moot Workshop was held in December 2022 by the Moot Court Society for the first year B.A., LL.B (Hons.) students. The primary goal of the session was to offer students an introduction to Moots and to understand the semantics, body language, rules of procedure, case preparation and oral arguments presented in this activity.
- MCS conducted the annual Novice Rounds for first time mooters on 25th March 2023. There were two benches, each consisting of two judges, to judge the oral rounds. The purpose of the rounds is to introduce first years to mooting and everything that comes with it, such as engaging in in-depth research, honing advocacy skills, making oral submissions and engaging with tough questions posed by benches.
- MCS conducted an Oral Advocacy Workshop on 8th April 2023. This workshop was specifically organized for already constituted moot teams who would represent NLS in upcoming National and International Competitions. The workshop was taken by Aniruddha Basu, Principal Associate in Khaitan & Co. He is one of the most experienced and successful mooters of NLS and has been actively involved with the NLS mooting community over the past years by acting as a mentor for constituted teams and judging moot competitions organized by MCS.

STUDENT ACTIVITIES

MOOTING ACHIEVEMENTS OF NLS TEAMS

LIST OF WINNERS & RUNNERS-UP:

8th NLIU – Justice R.K. Tankha Memorial Arbitration Moot, 2023 - WINNERS

- Team Composition –
- i. Samridhi Srivastava
 - ii. Aastha Malipatil
 - iii. Nidhi Agrawal

24th D. M. Harish Memorial Government Law College International Online Moot Court Competition, 2023 - WINNERS

- Team Composition –
- i. Vedika Warriar
 - ii. Manhar Bansal
 - iii. Nandini Sharma

15th NUJS-HSF Moot Court Competition 2023 - WINNERS

- Team Composition –
- i. Tarun Ashok
 - ii. Rakshit Agarwal
 - iii. Utkarsh Pandey

20th Vis East Moot Competition 2023 - RUNNERS-UP

- Team Composition –
- i. Akshat Singh Rajput
 - ii. Ananya Tangri
 - iii. Shruti Jain



STUDENT ACTIVITIES

SOCIETY FOR NON HUMAN PERSONS (SNHP)

- Created Animal Coordination Group to facilitate information sharing for animal care on campus.
- Facilitated yearly vaccination of dogs on campus with RABIVAX vaccine. Vaccination of dogs for Canine Distemper could not be completed.
- All dogs on campus (as of May 1 2023) are immune to canine distemper and rabies.
- Facilitated donation and care for Pushkin who is severely injured.
- Cared for Dan during his final days.
- Facilitated feeding of dogs and monitoring of canine health on campus.

STUDENT INITIATIVE FOR PROMOTION OF LEGAL AWARENESS (SIPLA)

- Panel Discussion on In House Council By Richa Pathak & Rohit Sharma, 24th December 2022
- Talk on The Curious Case of Due Process under the Indian Constitution by Vikram Raghavan & Sanjay Jain - 13th March 2023
- Visit to The Karnataka High Court & Vidhan Soudha - 1st & 15th April 2023
- Talk On Mastering Oral Advocacy By Sr Adv. Akshay Bhan - 13th May 2023
- Panel Discussion on Judicial Clerkship By Adoorya Harish, Sayanthan Chanda & Ishwar Singh - 23rd May 2023

STUDENT COLLECTIVES

DISABILITY SUPPORT GROUP (DSG)

- Tiffin services for PwD students : Duration: July 2022 to March 2023: The collective recognised the issues PwD students in LC faced in availing MHoR mess services. In furtherance, DSG started a programme with volunteer students across courses and batches to set up a group for providing a tiffin service to the challenged.
- A sensitisation session on disability was conducted for the first-year batch at NLS on 11th August 2022. The session led by Prof. (Dr.) Sanjay Jain, was an attempt to identify what disability means and how it plays out in the life of a law student, the different kinds of disabilities, the importance of using language and conduct which is sensitive and respectful, and how to be an ally. It was organised to make the campus an inclusive and disability-friendly space.
- Collaboration with ASP : Duration: April 2023: DSG collaborated with ASP to ensure the accessibility of the ASP drive. Additionally, ASP made all ASP notes accessible with screen readers. DSG took the initiative and identified handwritten notes, which were not accessible to students with visual impairment.

NLS FEMINIST ALLIANCE (AOW)

- Feminist reading circle : a reading circle centered around feminist theory and we started off our event with a chapter from 'Feminist theory- from center to margin', by bell hooks, chapter name- 'Sisterhood'.
- Judgments Rewriting Project - Session on Disability Rights: Perspective by Mr Rahul Bajaj - In this session, Mr Bajaj covered basic concepts related to disability rights studies such as ableism, reasonable accommodation, indirect discrimination and intersectionality. Moreover, he focused on studying legal material by exhibiting attentiveness to social realities that a disabled person confronts and recognising how an impugned law or practice operates to the detriment of the disabled individuals.

STUDENT COLLECTIVES

NLS QUEER ALLIANCE

- Sensitization Sessions for UG and PG batches - These sessions dealt with the difference and relation between sex, gender, and sexuality; identities and labels within the queer community; and basic norms of respect and safety to follow when interacting with queer people to make the campus a safe space for queer people.
- Privilege Walk - The NLSQA, along with the NLS Feminist Alliance, Savitri Phule Ambedkar Caravan (SPAC), Diversable Alliance (DA) and the Disability Support Group (DSG) conducted the privilege walk for incoming UG and PG batches.
- The Judgements Rewriting Project - The NLSQA, in collaboration with the NLS Feminist Alliance, organized a workshop of the Judgements Rewriting Project
- Namma Pride - The NLSQA arranged for interested students to attend the Namma Pride March 2022 held on 27th November.
- Book Discussion: Queersapien by Sharif Rangnekar - The NLSQA, in collaboration with the Law and Society Committee (LawSoc) organized an online book discussion on Mr. Sharif D. Rangnekar's book titled 'QueerSapien'. The book explores the author's perspective as an openly queer person in a conservative society.

SAVITRI PHULE AMBEDKAR CARAVAN (SPAC)

- A caste-sensitization session was conducted for incoming batches. The session was designed in such a way that it did not require any prior knowledge of anti-caste theory. Most of the discussion was built up on the observations which are easy to come by in the Indian society.
- Movie Screening: SPAC hosted the screening of the film, 'We Have Not Come Here to Die'. The film chronicles the events leading up to Rohith Vemula's suicide on 17th January, 2016. The movie screening was of immense importance as it sought to draw attention to the development in the anti-caste movement following the death of Rohit Vemula. The screening was followed by a question-and-answer session with the director of the film, Deepa Dhanraj.
- A panel discussion on Workplace Surveillance of Safai Karamcharis was hosted by SPAC and the Law and Technology Society, NLSIU. The discussion had panelists from across the spectrum of law and policy dealing with the extremely contemporary issue.
- Velivada: As part of the Dalit Fest 2023 to celebrate Dalit History Month, SPAC announced Velivada, an Art Installation. The art installations were placed in the NAB foyer and featured the artworks from some of the well-renowned DBA artists.

STUDENT GROUPS

THE NLS ANIME BRIGADE

The NLS Anime Brigade ('Anime Brigade') was fully constituted in November 2022. Since then, we have conducted various events and other activities to maintain and promote the anime culture on the NLS campus. The Anime Brigade's focus has remained conducting small-scale and non-competitive events and activities that can serve as a way of relaxation and rejuvenation for the attendees. So far, we have focused on periodically organising the screenings of anime movies that have spanned diverse genres; and conducting regular outreach with the student body through our Instagram handle and via email.

In the near future, we plan to expand the scope of our events to those that also involve other types of cultural activities, such as Anime-Themed Pub Pools and Quizzes. To this end, we hope to collaborate fruitfully with the other committees and student clubs that have past institutional experience with organizing such activities.

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- Logo making competition: In this online event, the art club invited the artists in NLSIU student community to create logos for the art club that would be used by it in its future mails.
- Pre-Pride Pub pool: This event was conducted in collaboration with the Queer Alliance before the Namma Pride parade. Over 100 participants came and made their posters for the pride parade.
- Constitution Day Pub pool: The Constitution Day pub pool was organized under the guidance of faculty member Dr. Ashna Singh. Participants made posters relating to the Indian Constitution, fundamental rights, and good governance.
- Disability Day Pub Pool: This pub pool was held on the occasion of the international disability day. Participants created drawings to spread awareness regarding the need for reasonable accommodation, the need for equitably treating persons with disabilities, and echoed their rights.
- Origami Tutorial-cum-Pub pool: In this event, the participants learned and cherished the art of paper folding. The participants created diverse origami works including the Chinese gondola, the origami man, birds, butterflies, and tulips.

STUDENT GROUPS

NLS NATURE CLUB

The Nature Club organised a flagship trek to Ramdevarabetta. Ramdevarabetta is acclaimed for numerous things- it's a must-visit destination for camping and rappelling, along with the fact that the classic film Sholay (1975) was filmed there. The club identified endangered Vultures at the foothills.

Organised a plant distribution activity to introduce a bit of nature's touch in our hostel lives. Having and nurturing a plant provides peace and happiness and is aesthetically pleasing. Last Christmas, we provided potted plants to people who have been wanting to grow plants.

In furtherance of its Climate Advocacy Arm, the Club began Recycling Drives in September 2022, where participants collected scrap paper on campus and sent it for recycling. This activity turned out to be a successful one with an overall collection of over 50 kg of scrap paper for recycling purposes.

ALUMNI RELATIONS

ALUMNI OFFICE

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

With over 1100 registered members across courses and batches, the official NLS alumni platform continues to be a key 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.

The University looks forward to working with the fourth Governing Body of the Alumni Association, which assumed office in March 2023 and comprises the following members:

1. Mani Gupta (NLS BA LLB 2008)
2. Savitha Sivanandan (NLS BA LLB 1997)
3. Dinesh Singh, (NLS BA LLB 1996)
4. Jian Johnson, (NLS BA LLB 2009)
5. Akshay Sharma (NLS BA LLB 2013)



NOTABLE ALUMNI ACHIEVEMENTS DURING THE YEAR

The University's alumni have achievements both individual and collective. Below, we have briefly set out details of the stand-out achievements over the last one year

- NLSIU Alum and Senior Advocate Mr. K Shashi Kiran Shetty (BA LLB 1998) was appointed as the Advocate General of Karnataka on May 20, 2023. As Advocate General of Karnataka, Mr. Shashi Kiran Shetty will also be a Governing Body member in NLSIU's General Council. He has earlier served as a member of the University's General Council in 2018.
- NLSIU Alumna Ms. Nayana Motamma (BA LLB 2003) won a Legislative Assembly Seat in Karnataka Elections on May 13, 2023. Ms Motamma graduated from NLSIU's five-year BA LLB (Hons) programme in 2003 and went on to pursue her LLM from the University of Pennsylvania. She worked as a Corporate Lawyer in Luthra and Luthra Law Offices, and later at ICICI Ltd. Prior to this election; Ms Motamma was practicing in the High Court of Karnataka and litigated several public interest issues.

ALUMNI RELATIONS

MEETINGS & REUNIONS

Over the course of AY 2022-23, alumni meetings and reunions were conducted both at the University and outside in the various cities where our alumni now live and work. The following events were organised by NLSIU's Alumni Office:

July 16, 2022: Celebrating 10 Years | BA LLB (Hons) Batch of 2011

NLSIU hosted a campus reunion for the batch of 2011 as they celebrated 10 years of their graduation from law school. The batch spent the day on campus re-connecting with batchmates, faculty and other members of the NLS community as well as meeting current students. The three key goals of the batch during this reunion were:

- To renew and strengthen the connections within and among the batch, the institution and faculty;
- To reflect on the time at law school and after, and to come up with concrete suggestions and feedback; and
- To give back to the alma mater by raising funds to support students in need of resources and explore more ways of actively supporting the students by means other than monetary donations.

October 15 & 16 2022: Alumni Weekend

The NLS Alumni Office and the NLS Alumni Association jointly organized an Alumni Weekend held on October 15 & 16, 2022. Reunions, town halls, cricket matches, a campus walk, some food and merriment, and a whole bunch of nostalgia – this pretty much summed up the University's first in-person alumni event since the pandemic. After a gap of three years, we were happy to see our graduates from across our various programmes reunite together.

Nearly 200 graduates came together for an informal gathering and dinner off campus while a smaller group visited the campus and participated in the on-campus events over the course of the weekend. The event was an opportunity for alumni to learn more about NLSIU's redevelopment master plan and also get updated on changes at the University and plans. The alumni interacted with with faculty and staff, as well as Board members of the Alumni Association.



ALUMNI RELATIONS

May 27, 2023: Celebrating 10 Years | BA LLB (Hons) Batch of 2012

NLSIU hosted a campus reunion for the batch of 2012 as they celebrated 10 years of their graduation from law school. Besides nostalgia and a celebration of friendships, this reunion also was an opportunity to foster meaningful conversations, form new connections, and further strengthen the alumni network. The day included a brief address by NLSIU's Vice Chancellor Prof. Sudhir Krishnaswamy, a lunch with faculty and staff, a campus tour, a photo session, and high tea.

May 30-31, 2023: Informal Gathering at Singapore

NLSIU Vice-Chancellor Prof. Sudhir Krishnaswamy met with NLSIU alumni based in Singapore at an informal get-together hosted by the local alumni.

Jun 27, 2023: Alumni Reunion | PACE Batch

Prof. Nagarathna, Faculty Coordinator, Postgraduate Diploma in Cyber Law and Cyber Forensics (PGDCLF) hosted 50 alumni of the PGDCLCF batch of 2020-21 from all over the country on campus for their reunion. The batch was meeting in person for the first time as their engagement with the University during 2020-21 had been entirely online on account of the pandemic. The alumni introduced themselves and had a lunch with faculty and staff, a campus tour, a visit to the cyber lab, a photo session and high tea.



CONCLUSION

In this annual report so far, we have sketched an outline of a thorough and comprehensive transformation underway at the National Law School of India University, Bangalore. It would be an error on our part to present these transformations as if they were inevitable or easy. As Amartya Sen reminds us, we are argumentative Indians who often disagree about the ends we must pursue or the appropriate means to secure these ends.

Despite these reasonable disagreements, that we make progress at all, is due to the resolute and unbending support of the Supreme Court of India led by our Chancellor, Hon'ble Chief Justice of India Dr. D Y Chandrachud. The Hon'ble Chief Justice of India, and his sister and brother judges, have built a protective and nurturing moat around the University that allows it to pursue these goals with conviction and determination.

The Government of Karnataka had the foresight and wisdom to invite the Bar Council of India to establish the first National Law School of India at Bangalore. It is with the Government's generosity and goodwill that we have been able to make a State supported public university the No.1 Law School in India today. And it was the visionaries in the Bar Council of India in 1988, in collaboration with an inspiring founding team led by Prof. Madhava Menon, who imagined that such an institution of excellence can be built here at Bangalore.

It is to this unlikely, but auspicious coalition, that we at National Law School of India owe our gratitude and thanks. We are here today because this magical combination of patrons has helped us meet and sometimes exceed our founders' dreams. We will need your wisdom, grace and your willingness to dream with us a collective future that far surpasses our present successes.