

No. 1 NATIONAL LAW SCHOOL OF INDIA UNIVERSITY, BENGALURU

# RAISING THE BAR

## GURUSPEAK

“Despite the pandemic, there was no dip in hiring”

—DR SUDHIR KRISHNASWAMY  
Vice-chancellor, National Law School of India University, Bengaluru

“O ver the past year, we have built and deployed an online learning management system that ensures structured and reviewed syllabi for every course and easy availability of reading materials. NLSIU’s Elective Course programme has integrated external and internal faculty offering new and intellectually-challenging courses. As many as 55 external/ guest faculty have offered elective courses in the academic year 2020-21.

We adopted new academic and examination regulations for three major programmes to streamline academic processes and strengthen our ability to deliver high-quality programmes at scale. The examination process was facilitated via the learning management system and remotely proctored. Evaluations were done online and special arrangements were made to make the examination process accessible to differently-abled students. Students with limited or poor access to the internet and other related facilities were given financial subsidies. All activities related to campus hiring were shifted online due to the pandemic. While a more flexible approach in carrying out placements had to be adopted to cater to this shift, the hiring trends have remained consistent with previous years. There was no dip in hiring.” ■

(As told to Aravind Gowda)

## TOP 10 LAW COLLEGES

RANK 2021	RANK 2020	RANK 2019	RANK 2018	COLLEGE	CITY
1	1	1	1	NATIONAL LAW SCHOOL OF INDIA UNIVERSITY	Bengaluru
2	NP*	2	2	THE WEST BENGAL NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF JURIDICAL SCIENCES	Kolkata
3	NP	NP	NP	NATIONAL LAW INSTITUTE UNIVERSITY	Bhopal
4	2	NP	NP	GUJARAT NATIONAL LAW UNIVERSITY	Gandhinagar
5	3	3	3	SYMBIOSIS LAW SCHOOL	Pune
6	NP	NP	NP	HIDAYATULLAH NATIONAL LAW UNIVERSITY	Nava Raipur
7	4	NP	NP	DR RAM MANOHAR LOHIYA NATIONAL LAW UNIVERSITY	Lucknow
8	5	5	5	FACULTY OF LAW, BANARAS HINDU UNIVERSITY	Varanasi
9	6	9	NP	NATIONAL LAW UNIVERSITY ODISHA	Cuttack
10	8	4	4	ILS LAW COLLEGE	Pune

\*NP: Not participated



SANDESH RAVIKUMAR

**NEW AVENUES**  
Dr Sudhir Krishnaswamy at the National Law School of India University, Bengaluru

No. 2 THE WEST BENGAL NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF JURIDICAL SCIENCES KOLKATA

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“We ensured access to our library of 400-odd ebooks on law and social sciences”

—PROF. N.K. CHAKRABARTI  
Vice-chancellor, West Bengal National University of Juridical Sciences, Kolkata

“T he first thing we made sure of when the lockdown was announced was to complete the examination of final-year students and bring out their results by June end since the placement process for the batch had already been completed and they were supposed to join work by the first week of July. This year, we had 100 per cent placement as all 90 students, out of a batch of 125, who applied, got recruited by top law firms. From the beginning, we ensured online access to our library by making-400 odd e-books of law and social sciences available to students. We also provided students with counselling sessions.

Special virtual lectures by experts on contemporary law, artificial intelligence and corporate law were incorporated into the schedule to help students, come placement time. Since organising physical mock courts and preparing students for arguments and court procedures are integral parts of a law course, teachers organised virtual court rooms and prepared students.

NUJS also brought a 100-odd final-year students—residents of remote areas who had been facing connectivity issues—back on campus to help them through the placement interviews within the campus environment while maintaining Covid-19 protocol. Moreover, NUJS reduced its fee structure by 30 per cent, keeping in mind the difficult pandemic situation.” ■

(As told to Romita Datta)

TOP 10 GOVERNMENT LAW COLLEGES					
RANK 2021	RANK 2020	RANK 2019	RANK 2018	COLLEGE	CITY
1	1	1	1	NATIONAL LAW SCHOOL OF INDIA UNIVERSITY	Bengaluru
2	NP	2	2	THE WEST BENGAL NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF JURIDICAL SCIENCES	Kolkata
3	NP	NP	NP	NATIONAL LAW INSTITUTE UNIVERSITY	Bhopal
4	2	NP	NP	GUJARAT NATIONAL LAW UNIVERSITY	Gandhinagar
5	NP	NP	NP	HIDAYATULLAH NATIONAL LAW UNIVERSITY	Nava Raipur
6	3	NP	NP	DR RAM MANOHAR LOHIYA NATIONAL LAW UNIVERSITY	Lucknow
7	4	3	3	FACULTY OF LAW, BANARAS HINDU UNIVERSITY	Varanasi
8	5	6	NP	NATIONAL LAW UNIVERSITY ODISHA	Cuttack
9	NP	NP	NP	THE NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF ADVANCED LEGAL STUDIES	Kochi
10	7	7	6	FACULTY OF LAW, UNIVERSITY OF LUCKNOW	Lucknow

TOP 10 PRIVATE LAW COLLEGES					
RANK 2021	RANK 2020	RANK 2019	RANK 2018	COLLEGE	CITY
1	1	1	1	SYMBIOSIS LAW SCHOOL	Pune
2	2	2	2	ILS LAW COLLEGE	Pune
3	3	3	4	BHARATI VIDYAPEETH (DEEMED TO BE UNIVERSITY) NEW LAW COLLEGE	Pune
4	4	4	5	SCHOOL OF LAW, CHRIST UNIVERSITY	Bengaluru
5	5	5	6	ARMY INSTITUTE OF LAW	Mohali
6	8	8	9	LLOYD LAW COLLEGE	Greater Noida
7	NP	NP	NP	KIRIT P. MEHTA SCHOOL OF LAW, SVKM'S NMIMS (DEEMED TO BE UNIVERSITY)	Mumbai
8	7	7	NP	INSTITUTE OF LAW, NIRMA UNIVERSITY	Ahmedabad
9	9	9	7	RAMAIAH COLLEGE OF LAW	Bengaluru
10	NP	NP	NP	SCHOOL OF LAW, UNIVERSITY OF PETROLEUM & ENERGY STUDIES	Dehradun

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No. **SYMBIOSIS LAW SCHOOL**  
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“We introduced 28 certificate courses with European partners”

—DR SHASHIKALA GURPUR  
Director, Symbiosis Law School, Pune

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e took to online course delivery within just 48 hours of the lockdown last year. The IT infrastructure was upgraded quickly and faculty and students were swiftly trained in using these platforms. Students were engaged by a faculty mentor in small group learning sessions to complete the curriculum. These mentor-mentee meetings helped teachers foster one-on-one contact with the students.

We also introduced 28 certificate courses with European partners and more than 400 students across Symbiosis International University benefitted from these.” ■

(As told to Aditi Pai)



#### LAW

#### TOP 10 COLLEGES COLLEGES WITH BEST VALUE FOR MONEY

RANK	COLLEGE	RoI*
1	FACULTY OF LAW, BANARAS HINDU UNIVERSITY, Varanasi	111.01
2	KISHINCHAND CHELLARAM LAW COLLEGE, Mumbai	14.53
3	FACULTY OF LAW, JAMIA MILLIA ISLAMIA, New Delhi	11.54
4	VAIKUNTA BALIGA COLLEGE OF LAW, Udupi	10.78
5	SMT KAMALABEN GAMBHIRCHAND SHAH LAW SCHOOL, Mumbai	9.09
6	FACULTY OF LAW, ALIGARH MUSLIM UNIVERSITY, Aligarh	6.62
7	ILS LAW COLLEGE, Pune	6.02
8	SOUTH CALCUTTA LAW COLLEGE, Kolkata	5.30
9	BHARATI VIDYAPEETH (DEEMED TO BE UNIVERSITY) NEW LAW COLLEGE, Pune	4.76
10	V.M. SALGAOCAR COLLEGE OF LAW, Panaji	4.12

\*RoI (return on investment) is calculated based on average annual salary/ total course fees (entire duration)

#### TOP 10 EMERGING COLLEGES Highest-scoring colleges among those set up in or after 2000

RANK	COLLEGE	CITY
1	THE WEST BENGAL NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF JURIDICAL SCIENCES	Kolkata
2	NATIONAL LAW INSTITUTE UNIVERSITY	Bhopal
3	GUJARAT NATIONAL LAW UNIVERSITY	Gandhinagar
4	HIDAYATULLAH NATIONAL LAW UNIVERSITY	Nava Raipur
5	DR RAM MANOHAR LOHIYA NATIONAL LAW UNIVERSITY	Lucknow
6	NATIONAL LAW UNIVERSITY ODISHA	Cuttack
7	THE NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF ADVANCED LEGAL STUDIES	Kochi
8	CHANAKYA NATIONAL LAW UNIVERSITY	Patna
9	SCHOOL OF LAW, CHRIST UNIVERSITY	Bengaluru
10	ARMY INSTITUTE OF LAW	Mohali

#### TOP 10 COLLEGES WITH LOWEST FEES

RANK	COLLEGE	COURSE FEES* (Entire duration) (₹)
1	FACULTY OF LAW, BANARAS HINDU UNIVERSITY, Varanasi	6,846
2	AHMEDNAGAR JILHA MARATHA VIDYA PRASARAK SAMAJ'S NEW LAW COLLEGE Ahmednagar	14,232
3	MANIKCHAND PAHADE LAW COLLEGE Aurangabad	16,495
4	KISHINCHAND CHELLARAM LAW COLLEGE, Mumbai	20,650
5	SMT KAMALABEN GAMBHIRCHAND SHAH LAW SCHOOL, Mumbai	23,750
6	VAIKUNTA BALIGA COLLEGE OF LAW, Udupi	27,825
7	SOUTH CALCUTTA LAW COLLEGE Kolkata	45,300
8	FACULTY OF LAW, JAMIA MILLIA ISLAMIA, New Delhi	52,000
9	K.L.E. SOCIETY'S S.A. MANVI LAW COLLEGE, Gadag	56,220
10	FACULTY OF LAW, ALIGARH MUSLIM UNIVERSITY, Aligarh	60,400

\*Course Fee = Tuition fee + Other fees  
Note: The list includes both government and private colleges

#### NEW ENTRANTS

Colleges that found place among the top 25 for the first time

RANK	COLLEGE
2	THE WEST BENGAL NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF JURIDICAL SCIENCES, Kolkata
3	NATIONAL LAW INSTITUTE UNIVERSITY, Bhopal
6	HIDAYATULLAH NATIONAL LAW UNIVERSITY, Nava Raipur