



**National Law School
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Bengaluru

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NLSIU Tops NIRF Rankings 2021!

NLSIU retained its No 1 Ranking for Law Institutions in National Institutional Ranking Framework results, for the fourth year in a row. Launched in 2015-16 by the HRD Ministry, the National Institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF) ranks higher educational institutions across India.

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Ajoy Halder Memorial Scholarship

National Law School of India University announced the Ajoy Halder Memorial Scholarship in memory of NLSIU alum Ajoy Halder, who passed away due to COVID earlier this year. The scholarship, commencing in the Academic Year 2021-22, will support deserving students for five years. This scholarship has been instituted with the support of his friends Kush Mehra and Paroma Dutt Mehra, who knew Ajoy for over 16 years.

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New Office-Bearers



Registrar | Dr N S Nigam

Dr N S Nigam, NLS 'LLB 97, took charge as the University's Registrar in August 2021. Until recently, he was the Dean at the School of Law at BML Munjal University, Gurugram. He holds a DPhil from the University of Oxford Faculty of Law, an LLM in Taxation from New York University and a BA., LLB (Hons.) from NLSIU.

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Alumni Officer | Akanksha Sharma

Akanksha Sharma, NLS 'LLB 2013, is NLSIU's first Alumni Officer. With the establishment of the Alumni Office, she will work with the university to systematise its continuous engagement with alumni, deepen the relationship and broaden access to

all programmes, in line with the NLSIU Inclusion and Expansion Plan.

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Campus Updates



Meet the New Batch of B.A., LL.B (Hons.)

We welcomed the new batch of the B.A., LL.B (Hons.) programme this quarter. Students from across 23 States/UTs secured admission to the programme in 2021. We spoke to a few of our new students from the incoming batch

who shared their inspiration and aspirations with respect to their academics and career.

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Meet Our New LL.M. Students

The new batch of the LL.M. programme began their academic year this quarter. Students from across 15 States/UTs secured admission to the programme in 2021. This year, the LL.M. programme has been restructured with no division of streams, and greater flexibility in choosing courses. We spoke to a few of our new students, who shared their experience, goals, interests and views on beginning their new academic term online.

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Meet Our New PhD Scholars

This year, we received 108 registrations for the Doctoral degree programme, of which 100 candidates appeared for the entrance test. Among the 38 shortlisted candidates for

oral presentations, nine scholars were admitted to the programme. Among them are Chitkara and Vasundhara, who we spoke to, about their research and how they are coping with the pandemic.

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New Faculty | Dr Arun K Thiruvengadam



Dr Arun K Thiruvengadam, NLS 'LLB 95, joins NLSIU as Professor of Law this term. He was a founding faculty member at the School of Policy and Governance at Azim Premji University, where he taught the Master's in

Policy & Governance, and LL.M in Law & Development.

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NLS Public Lecture Series

The NLS Public Lecturer Series held a talk on 'India Justice Report 2020' by Maja Daruwala, Chief Editor of the report. The India Justice Report ranks 18 large and mid-sized, and 7 small states according to their capacity to deliver justice to all.

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Faculty Publications

- [Legal Barriers to Accessing Safe Abortion Services in India: A Fact Finding Study](#) - Dr Aparna Chandra, Dr Mrinal Satish, Shreya Shree and Mini Saxena
- [Is Platform Work Decent Work? A Case of Food Delivery Workers in Karnataka](#) - Institute of Public Policy

Faculty Seminars

- [Liberalism and Its Encounters in India](#) – Dr Atreyee Majumder
- [Revered 'Routines' in the Medical Examination of Rape Accused](#) – Shreya Shree
- [Designed for Abuse: Special Criminal Laws and Rights of the Accused](#) – Kunal Ambasta

In the Media | AIR interviews Dr N S Nigam



Registrar Dr N S Nigam was recently interviewed by the All India Radio in a two-part feature covering the University as one of the prominent institutions of Higher Education. Apart from sharing the background and history of the University, he shared his personal experiences from his time as a student at NLSIU.

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