



**National Law School
of India University**
Bengaluru

The NLS DISPATCH

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As the calendar page turns to the new year, we take a moment to reflect on the year that went by. In this newsletter, we capture some of the key highlights of 2023.

TOP HIGHLIGHTS



NLSIU Tops Institutional Rankings 2023!

The National Law School of India University, Bengaluru was ranked as the top law school in every significant University/College Rankings published during 2023. The list includes NIRF (announced by the Ministry of Education),

EducationWorld, India Today, Outlook, The Week, Open Magazine, and Careers 360 among others.

[Read more](#)

NLSIU ANNOUNCES SCHOOL REVIEW COMMISSION 2023-24



Prof. Timothy
Endicott



Prof. Catherine
O'Regan



Prof. David B.
Wilkins

School Review Commission 2023-24

In July 2023, NLSIU announced the appointment of the School Review Commission (SRC) 2023-24, comprising Prof. Timothy Endicott as the Chair, and Prof. Catherine O'Regan and Prof. David B. Wilkins as Members. The SRC was appointed by the Chancellor of the University, the Hon'ble Chief Justice of India Dr. D. Y. Chandrachud, in consultation with the Govt. of Karnataka. The SRC shall undertake a comprehensive review of all aspects of the University and submit its recommendations to the Chancellor in 2024.

[Read more](#)



Opening Ceremony of NLSIU's Redeveloped Law Library

In August 2023, the redeveloped library at the NLS campus was inaugurated by Her Royal Highness Princess Sonam Dechan Wangchuck, Founding President of the JSW School of Law, Bhutan, President of the Bar Council of Bhutan, and President of the Bhutan National Legal Institute, along with Hon'ble Chief Justice of India and the Chancellor of NLSIU, Dr. Justice D Y Chandrachud. The opening ceremony was attended by Shri. Manan Kumar Mishra, Chairman, Bar Council of India, and Smt. Sudha Murty, Founder, Infosys Foundation and Chairperson of the Murty Trust.

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31st Annual Convocation!

In August 2023, NLSIU conducted its 31st Annual Convocation at the Dr. Babu Rajendra Prasad International Convention Centre, GKVK Campus. This year, there were 209 graduates from the on campus programmes, and 1490 PACE graduates (two batches of PACE students). The Chancellor and Chief Justice of India, Hon'ble Dr. Justice D Y Chandrachud, delivered the presidential address. Her Royal Highness Princess Sonam Dechan Wangchuck was the Chief Guest of the event.

[Watch Video](#)

New Faculty in 2023

To accommodate our expanded student intake, and further strengthen our teaching & research initiatives, the University recruited 22 new faculty for the law and social sciences - the largest cohort 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.

Read more about them on the NLS website's [People Directory](#).





New Office Bearers

Some of our new office bearers to join us this year include the Careers and Placement Officer, Mr. Justin Joseph; Campus & Residential Life Director, Dr. Joel M Xavier; our new CFO Ms. Kalpana Shrinivas; Facilities Manager Ms. Meenakshi Chauhan; and new members of the Academic Administration Department.





Farewells

This year, we bid adieu to few members of the NLS Community including the Assistant Librarian Mr. Ramesh Kumar, and the University Engineer Mr. Suryanarayana. Prof. Ashok Patil took on his new role as the VC of NUSRL, Ranchi in June 2023. He will be on lien for a period of five years.

- [Acknowledging 25 Years of Dedicated Service | Mr. Ramesh Kumar](#)
- [NLS Faculty Dr. Ashok R Patil Appointed New Vice-Chancellor of NUSRL, Ranchi](#)
- [Acknowledging 13 Years of Committed Service | NLSIU Bids Adieu to Mr. Suryanarayana](#)

STUDENT UPDATES



Four New Student Colleges at NLSIU!

With the aim to revitalize the NLS student experience and University life, we announced the inception of its colleges from Academic Year 2023-24. The four colleges at NLSIU are permanent, cross-sectional societies that provide the cohesiveness and camaraderie of a small college in a larger university environment.

With over 1000 students currently, the University has established four Colleges, each with 275 students: Andromeda, Aquila, Orion and Phoenix.

[Read more >>](#)



Meet Our Students of AY 2023-24

We welcomed our new cohorts across various academic programmes of the University for the AY 2023-24. This year, the University admitted the largest cohort of the flagship BA LLB (Hons) programme with 240 students in the batch. Each of our students come with their own interesting

journeys, and a passion for the law. We spoke to some of our new students to know more about them:

- [Meet the New Batch of B.A., LL.B \(Hons.\)](#)
- [Meet Our New LLM Students](#)
- [Meet Our New 3-Year LLB \(Hons\) Students](#)
- [Meet Our New Public Policy Students](#)
- [Meet Our New PhD Students](#)



Key Student Achievements

- [Aditya Birla Scholarships | Five Students from NLS Named Aditya Birla Scholars for 2023-24.](#)
- [NLSIU Team Wins the NUJS-HSF Moot 2023!](#)
- [NLSIU Team Declared Winners in D M Harish Moot 2023!](#)
- [NLSIU Team Wins the 8th NLIU - Justice R.K. Tankha Memorial Arbitration Moot, 2023](#)
- [Public Policy Student Team from NLS Declared Runners-Up in National India Evaluation Case Competition](#)
- [NLSIU Team Wins the Nani A. Palkhivala Memorial Quiz Competition](#)
- [NLSIU Students Win the Karnataka Quizzing Association's Legal Quiz](#)

RESEARCH HIGHLIGHTS

Meet Our New Academic Fellows



Academic Fellowship 2023-25

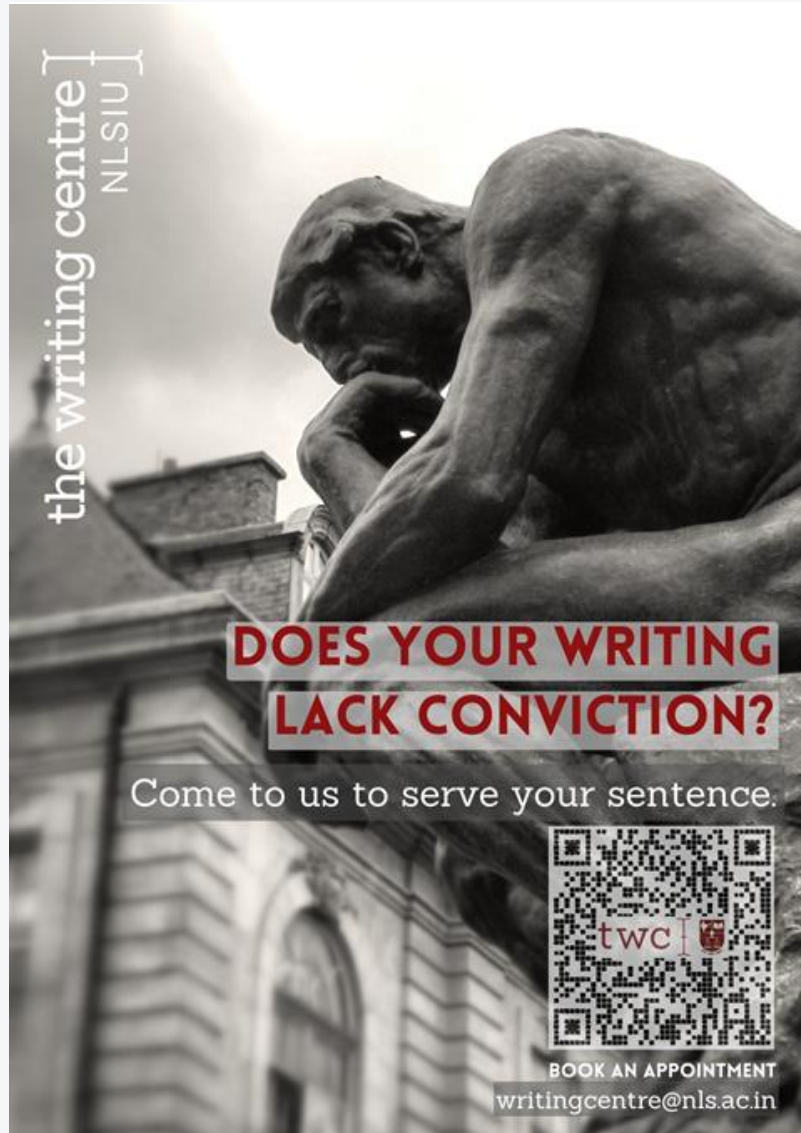
NLSIU welcomed its second cohort of the Academic Fellowship programme for 2023-25! The programme allows Fellows to (i) assist NLSIU faculty on research projects and policy interventions, and (ii) support faculty in the delivery of both on-campus and off-campus academic programmes. Our nine Academic Fellows come from varied backgrounds with a wide range of academic and intellectual interests.

[Read more about this cohort](#)

Key Initiatives & Collaborations

- [Research Project with Meta, IIT Bombay and Department of Consumer Affairs](#)
- [Artificial Intelligence and Human Rights Project | NLSIU & Consulate General of the Federal Republic of Germany](#)
- [Second & Third Cohort of the P. A. Sangma](#)

- [NLSIU Announces AZB & Partners Scholarship](#)
- [NLSIU Infosys Digital Library Fellowships for Law Students](#)
- [JSW-NLS-NUS Launch Summer School Program for June-July 2023](#)

The poster features a black and white photograph of a statue of a man in a thinking pose, set against a background of a building. The text 'the writing centre' is written vertically on the left, with 'NLSIU' in a smaller font below it. In the center, a red box contains the text 'DOES YOUR WRITING LACK CONVICTION?'. Below this, the text 'Come to us to serve your sentence.' is written. On the right, there is a QR code with 'twc' and a small logo. At the bottom right, it says 'BOOK AN APPOINTMENT' and 'writingcentre@nls.ac.in'.

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Writing Centre at NLSIU!

The Writing Centre (TWC) was established in 2023 to strengthen reading, critical thinking and writing practices amongst the NLSIU student community. TWC offerings include curated modules and workshops on reading-writing, along with one-on-one consultations to students across programmes and batches. [Read more!](#)

M.K. Nambyar Annual Lecture 2023

Prof. Sudipta Kaviraj, Professor of Middle Eastern, South Asian and African Studies in Columbia University, delivered a thought-provoking [M.K. Nambyar Annual Lecture for 2023](#) on 17th November 2023. The lecture was on the topic: 'Genealogy of the Constitution: On the Originality of Indian Political Thought'. Prof. Kaviraj also delivered lectures at the University and interacted with various members of the NLS community as Distinguished Visiting Faculty at NLSIU.

Watch the lecture video below.



Other Updates

- Our Research Centres, Chairs and Projects have contributed to several research activities through the year. To know more about these research entities and their work, visit our [Research page](#).
- Through the year, our faculty have published several papers, articles, and books/book chapters. To view all publications, visit our

Scholarship Repository.

- NLSIU also hosted 29 [Faculty Seminars](#) and over 10 [Public Lectures](#) during the year. Some of our key public lecture speakers included Prof. Sudipta Kaviraj, Prof. Shruti Kapila Prof. Ruth Vanita Mr. Manoj Mitta, Dr. Francis Cody, and Miriam Chandy, among others.

A SNAPSHOT: VISITS & EXCHANGES

During 2023, NLSIU hosted several distinguished dignitaries and academics on different occasions. Click on the individual images below to know more about some of these visits.

In order of images: Chief Justice Martha Koome and Deputy Chief Justice Philomena Mwilu, Supreme Court of Kenya; Dame Wendy Hall, Regius Professor, University of Southampton; Prof. Theunis Roux, University of New South Wales; Team from the University of Sydney Law School; and Distinguished Academics Prof. Shruti Kapila and Prof. Faisal Devji.





Justice E S Venktaramiah Centennial Memorial Lecture

The National Law School of India University organised the Justice E S Venkataramiah Centennial Memorial Lecture on December 17, 2023 at the Jnana Jyothi Auditorium, Bengaluru. The lecture was delivered by Hon'ble Dr Justice D. Y. Chandrachud, Chief Justice of India and Chancellor of NLSIU. Justice Engalaguppe Seetharamiah Venkataramiah served as the 19th Chief Justice of India. His daughter, Hon'ble Mrs. Justice B.V. Nagarathna, is a Judge of the Supreme Court of India.

[Watch the lecture video here.](#)



ALUMNI HIGHLIGHTS



Alumni Assemble! All about NLSIU's Annual Alumni Weekend | Dec 2023

We were happy to see our alumni return to campus for the 2023 edition of the annual alumni weekend jointly organised by NLSIU and the NLS Alumni Association on 16-17 December. Alumni from across batches including graduates of the Professional and Continuing Education programmes participated in this reunion. [Read more!](#)

Outside of the law school too, many of our alumni have had a busy and successful year including Mr. K Shashi Kiran Shetty (NLS BA LLB 1998) who was appointed Advocate General of Karnataka, and Ms. Nayana Motamma (NLS BA LLB 2003) who won the Mudigere seat in the Karnataka Legislative Assembly Elections 2023!

Other Alumni Reunions:

- [Celebrating 25 Years! | BA LLB \(Hons\) | Batch](#)

[of 1998](#)

- [Celebrating 20 Years! | BA LLB \(Hons\) | Batch of 2003](#)
- [Celebrating 10 Years! | BA LLB \(Hons\) | Batch of 2012](#)

And that's a wrap of the 2023 year-end edition of 'The NLS Dispatch' newsletter! While this newsletter captures selected highlights of the year, you can read other University updates on our [NLS website](#) or on our social media platforms.

We look forward to sharing more exciting updates in the future. Here's wishing you a happy 2024!



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