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VICE CHANCELLOR'S MESSAGE

I present this Annual Report 2023-24 of the National Law School of India University, Bengaluru to the governing bodies of the University and the wider NLS community with great pride and satisfaction. Over the last five years, your University has done many exceptional things simultaneously: we remain India's top law school across all public and private ranking frameworks; we've reconstituted a larger and exceptionally well qualified faculty and research team; we've reimagined and delivered global quality physical and academic infrastructure in an ecologically sensitive manner; we've doubled our student body while maintaining rigorous and challenging academic programmes; and finally we've restored the financial prudence and planning that was necessary to guarantee the University's future.



In Academic Year 2023-24, the University has completed the initial student expansion plan that was approved by the governing bodies. Hereafter, we will only add incremental numbers of students in our current programmes. We are glad that faculty and academic facilities have grown in step with student expansion. While we are continuously engaged in expanding hostel facilities through temporary off-campus, and permanent on-campus arrangements, we are confident that these issues will be at rest in the next two academic years.

The staff and faculty of the University have made these successes possible. While the formality of an Annual Report does not allow me to recount these efforts in detail, I use this opportunity to thank all of them for their contribution to making NLSIU the exceptional institution that it is.

Our Chancellor, the Hon'ble Chief Justice of India, Dr. D Y Chandrachud has firmly anchored this University's transformation and we collectively owe him our gratitude. The Chairman of the Bar Council of India, Senior Advocate Manan Kumar Mishra, has placed NLSIU's growth and development as his top priority despite the several other roles and responsibilities he discharges on a daily basis. We have in the Hon'ble Minister of Law, Mr. H K Patil, and the Hon'ble Minister of Higher Education, Dr. Sudhakar, the leadership that has reshaped the relationship of the University with the Government of Karnataka, making rapid progress possible. Most institutions would be thrilled to have even one such benefactor on their side. We have the privilege of having four luminaries who have worked tirelessly to transform NLSIU to remain a national leader and to emerge as a new international node which shapes the global future of legal education.

31ST ANNUAL CONVOCATION

August 26, 2023

The 31st Annual Convocation of the National Law School of India University was held on Saturday, August 26, 2023, at the Dr. Babu Rajendra Prasad International Convention Centre, GKV campus, Bengaluru.

The convocation was presided over by the Chief Justice of India and Chancellor of the University, Hon'ble Dr. Justice D.Y. Chandrachud who conferred degrees to the graduates, and delivered the Presidential Address during the event.

The Chief Guest of the event, Her Royal Highness Princess Sonam Dechan Wangchuck, founding president of JSW School of Law, Bhutan, President of the Bar Council of Bhutan, and President of the Bhutan National Legal Institute, delivered the Convocation Address and awarded the medals and prizes to the top performers across the academic programmes. Chairman of the Bar Council of India, Shri Manan Kumar Mishra also addressed the gathering on the occasion.

Earlier in the event, Prof (Dr) Sudhir Krishnaswamy, the Vice Chancellor of NLSIU presented the Annual Report of NLSIU. The graduating student address was delivered by Ms. Girija Bhosale, who was the Co-President of the Student Bar Association (SBA) at NLSIU.

We had two graduating batches of PACE programmes of 868 + 622 students respectively. For the first time in the history of the University, we have graduated many of our off campus PACE programme students in the same Academic Year in which they've enrolled.

Medals & Prizes: The University awarded a total of 43 gold medals to graduates during the convocation. The medals were awarded to 11 BA LLB (Hons) graduates, 6 LLM graduates, 1 MPP graduate, and the 2 MBL graduates from the Online & Hybrid Education programmes. Additionally, the University also gave certificates to the best performing student in each of the Post Graduate Diploma programmes from the two graduating batches of PACE students.

Watch the full video of the 31st Annual Convocation on the official [NLSIU YouTube Channel](#).



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DEGREES AWARDED

Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) in Law	08
Master of Laws (LLM)	68
Master's Programme in Public Policy (MPP)	59
BA LLB (Hons)	74
Master of Business Laws (MBL)	313
Post Graduate Diploma in Human Rights Law (PGDHRL)	74
Post Graduate Diploma in Medical Law & Ethics (PGDMLE)	344
Post Graduate Diploma in Environmental Law (PGDEL)	150
Post Graduate Diploma in Intellectual Property Rights Law (PGDIPRL)	174
Post Graduate Diploma in Child Rights Law (PGDCRL)	51
Post Graduate Diploma in Consumer Law & Practice (PGDCLP)	56
Post Graduate Diploma in Cyber Law & Cyber Forensics (PGDCLCF)	328
TOTAL	1699

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GOLD MEDAL WINNERS

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

1. Ms. Jwalika Balaji

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

2. Mr. Karthik Rai

- Sri. N.R. Rayalu Medal for III Rank (Instituted by Mrs. Prabha Sharma & Mr. S.R.R.K. Sharma, Chartered Accountant, 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).
- R. Keshava Iyengar Medal in Administrative Law (Instituted by Mr. K. Parasaran, Senior Advocate, New Delhi).

3. Ms. Vidisha Singh

- Mr. H.V. Subba Rao Medal in Contracts Law (Instituted by Mrs. Prabha Sharma & Mr. S.R.R.K. Sharma, Chartered Accountant, Bangalore).
- Shanbogue Ragavendra Rao and Subbalakshamma Memorial Medal for Best Outgoing Student (Instituted by Mrs. & Mr. S.R.R.K. Sharma, Chartered Accountants, Bangalore)
- R. Keshava Iyengar Medal in Administrative Law (Instituted by Mr. K. Parasaran, Senior Advocate, New Delhi).
- Sita Ram Jhunjhunwala Medal in Business & Corporate Laws (Instituted by M/s. Sitakunj Memorial Trust through Mr. R.N. Jhunjhunwala, Solicitor & Advocate, Calcutta).

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GOLD MEDAL WINNERS

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

- Prof. K.C. Gopalakrishna & Smt. Sarojini Gopalakrishna Gold Medal in Taxation Law (Instituted by Prof. K.C. Gopalakrishna, Bangalore).
- Justice P. Govinda Menon Medal for Best All Round Graduating Student (Instituted by Mr. & Mrs. M. Sankaranarayanan, Former Chief Secretary, Karnataka).

4. Ms. Vidushi Gupta

- 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).
- Shri A.R. Udayasankar Medal in Public Law (Instituted by Ms. Krishna Udayashankar, Bangalore, Former B.A., LL.B. (Hons.) student of NLSIU).
- K.B. Jhunhunwala Medal in Constitutional Law (Instituted by M/s. Sitakunj Memorial Trust through Mr. R.N. Jhunhunwala, Solicitor & Advocate, Calcutta).
- Prof. Udai Raj Rai Medal in Constitutional Law (Instituted by Ms. Sheela Rai, Associate Professor, NLUO, Cuttack).

5. Mr. Darsan G

- Shri S.K. Venkatarangiar Medal for the outstanding graduating student (Instituted by Shri S.V. Rangaswamy, Former Professor, IISc, Bangalore).
- Vikram Singh Medal for Young Leader of the Year, instituted by Karan Singh, Kolkata.

6. Mr. Devansh Kaushik

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

7. Ms. Esha Goyal

- Duttal Jhunhunwala Medal in International Law (Instituted by M/s. Sitakunj Memorial Trust through Mr. R.N. Jhunhunwala, Solicitor & Advocate, Calcutta).
- Justice Alvaro Dias Medal in Jurisprudence (Instituted by Mrs. & Mr. Menezes, Panjim, Goa).

8. Ms. Mansi Gupta

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

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GOLD MEDAL WINNERS

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

- Kumari Devi Menon Memorial Medal for All-round Best Graduating Girl Student (Instituted by Prof. N.R. Madhava Menon & Mrs. Rema Menon).

9. Ms. Lakshmi T Nambiar

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

10. Ms. Shailja Rawal

- 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).

11. Ms. Tansa Kartik Shah

- Singhania & Company Medal in Law & Economics (Instituted by Mr. D.C. Singhania, Advocate, New Delhi).



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GOLD MEDAL WINNERS

ONE-YEAR LL.M. PROGRAMME

1. Mr. Jitmanyu Satpati

- 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.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).

2. Mr. K S Sai Pavan

- 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).

3. Ms. Nikita

- Mrs. Chandra Sriram Gold Medal for securing highest marks in LL.M. course "Research Methodology" (Instituted by Mrs. Chandra Sriram).
- M/s. Sitaram Jindal Foundation Gold Medal for Best Outgoing LL.M. Student hailing from a marginalized background (instituted by M/s. Sitaram Jindal Foundation).

4. Mr. Dhruv Gupta

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

5. Ms. Malika Jain

- 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).

6. Ms. Prabhjot Kaur

- M/s. Sitaram Jindal Foundation Gold Medal for Best Outgoing LL.M. Student hailing from a 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. Ms. Vaidya Prarthana Bhargava Poorabi

- MPP Faculty Medal for Best Outgoing Student (Instituted by MPP Faculty, NLSIU, Bangalore).
- Best Dissertation Award for MPP Programme (Instituted by Prof. N. Jayaram).

MASTER OF BUSINESS LAWS (HYBRID EDUCATION PROGRAMME)

1. Mr. Alexander Thomas

- 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).

2. Mr. Shivam Gera

- 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 2023-24

The National Law School of India University, Bengaluru was ranked as the top law school in every significant University/College Rankings published during AY 2023-2024. The list includes NIRF (announced by the Ministry of Education), EducationWorld, India Today, Outlook, The Week, 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 reimaged 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.



SCHOOL REVIEW COMMISSION (SRC)

In July 2023, the National Law School of India University announced the appointment of the School Review Commission 2023–24 (SRC), 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. Justice D. Y. Chandrachud, in consultation with the Government of Karnataka. The SRC was set up to undertake a comprehensive review of all aspects of the University and submit its recommendations to the Chancellor in 2024.



Prof. Timothy Endicott is presently the Vinerian Professor of English Law, University of Oxford and Former Dean of the Oxford Law Faculty for two terms, from 2007 to 2015. Prof Endicott was appointed by Universidad Carlos III de Madrid in 2016 to a Cátedra de Excelencia and was a Distinguished Visitor in the Faculty of Law, University of Toronto.



Prof. Catherine O'Regan has been the inaugural Director of the Bonavero Institute of Human Rights and Professor of Human Rights Law in the Faculty of Law at the University of Oxford since 2016. Prof O'Regan's fifteen-year term as a Judge of the Constitutional Court of South Africa ended in 2009. Prof O'Regan has served as an ad hoc judge of the Supreme Court of Namibia and Chairperson of the Khayelitsha Commission of Inquiry into allegations of police inefficiency and a breakdown in trust between the police and the community of Khayelitsha, South Africa.



Prof. David B. Wilkins is presently the Lester Kissel Professor of Law, Vice Dean for Global Initiatives on the Legal Profession, and Faculty Director of the Center on the Legal Profession at the Harvard Law School. Prof Wilkins' current scholarly projects include Globalization, Lawyers, and Emerging Economies, where he directs over 50 researchers studying the impact of globalization on the market for legal services in rapidly developing countries including India.

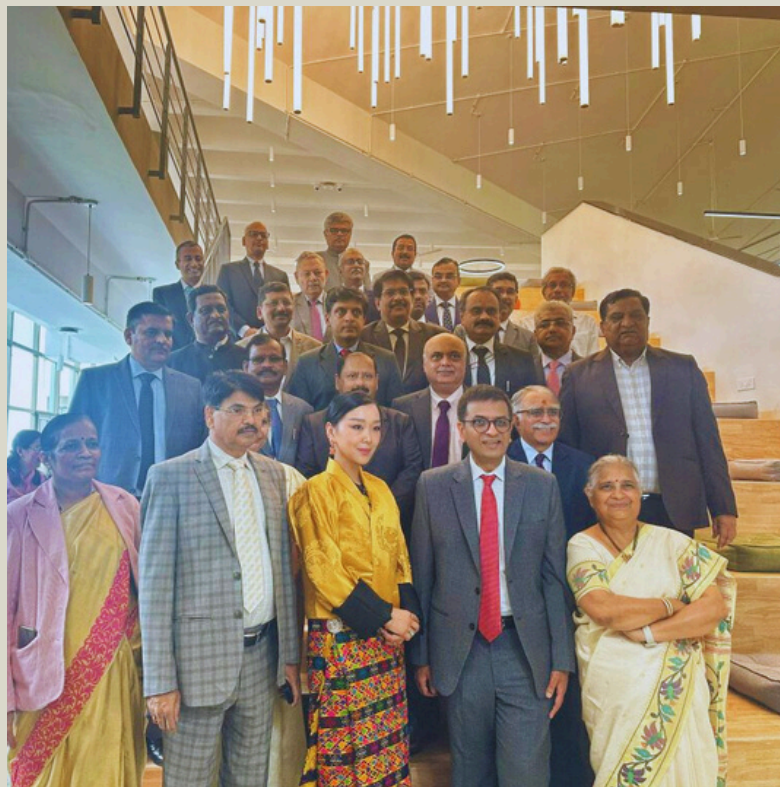
STAKEHOLDER CONSULTATIONS

During March 18–20, the SRC met with several stakeholders in Delhi, Mumbai and Bengaluru (which included meetings at the NLS campus). Further details of the stakeholder consultations will be made available in the SRC Report 2024. For the first time in the history of the University, the Report of the SRC will be released publicly to ensure the highest standards of transparency, and to enhance the utility of the Review.



INCLUSION & EXPANSION | AY 2023-24

INAUGURATION OF THE REDEVELOPED LIBRARY



On August 26, 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, The Chairman, Bar Council of India and Smt. Sudha Murty, Founder, Infosys Foundation and Chairperson of the Murty Trust.

About the Library: The Shri Narayan Rao Melgiri Memorial National Law Library was first established in 2005 with the generous assistance of Smt. Sudha Murty of the Infosys Foundation. Spread over 30,000 sq.ft. built-up area, the Library has been a central node of the NLS campus. 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.

Redevelopment: In AY 2022-23, we completely redeveloped the library to respond to our community's needs for a space that could be used for teaching and self-study, as well as larger academic engagements. The library, which previously had a seating capacity of 250, can now seat 600 persons across its three floors and the terrace. Modernisation of the Library has improved accessibility, and now accommodates increased use of devices, with revamped display and storage features.

Our new library is reimagined to be the hub of intellectual life on campus, with emphasis on collaboration and collective learning. This massive project was possible because of the support of the Infosys Foundation, the Government of Karnataka and Smt. Sudha Murty among others.

INCLUSION & EXPANSION | AY 2023-24

LIBRARY PRECINCT & AMPHITHEATRE



The overall development of the University's library precinct was initiated in August 2023. This was completed within a short span of time and is now fully functional. The precinct creates distinct spaces in several formats, which are as follows:

- **Amphitheatre:** The amphitheatre sits to the right side of the library. It is a multipurpose event space that can accommodate nearly 500 people. It can be used for holding events as well as general seating space in small or large groups.
- **Courtyards:** There are 4 courtyards, in the area behind the library. Each courtyard is designed with a distinct look and feel, and can be used for both group activities as well as seating spaces.
- **Entry Garden:** The space in front of the library is aesthetically integrated as a part of the main library and acts as a large outdoor foyer. This has a multitude of seating options including an expansive lawn. The garden also serves as a spill-out area for the amphitheatre during large events.
- **Walkway:** The pathway has been redeveloped from Gate 2 to the area behind the amphitheatre, for universal access and is well illuminated.
- **Planting:** With roughly 90 varieties of ground covers, aquatic plants and shrubs, and 20 species of trees we have added diversity to the campus. A number of climbers are planted to scale up the trellises, cover walls and tree trunks. Dustbins have been placed around the precinct so that waste is not thrown on the grounds or the planted areas.
- **Pond Area & Boulders:** A rectangular pond sits behind the amphitheatre which also serves as an additional seating area. The gardens have been designed with multiple stone textures and natural boulders have been placed to highlight their sculptural qualities and usefulness as seats.

The precinct has been designed by the renowned Landscape Architect Michael Little and executed by Good Earth Constructions. The purpose of choosing these partners was to develop a holistic, sustainable, and functional precinct to socialise, relax and work.

INCLUSION & EXPANSION | AY 2023-24

LIBRARY PRECINCT & AMPHITHEATRE

The construction work of this precinct was undertaken keeping in mind the student population and frequent use of the space. The precinct has been equipped with the following new features:

- **Lighting:** Additional ambient lighting has been provided throughout the precinct to ensure a well-lit and safe environment.
- **Safety measures:** The precinct is under CCTV surveillance. Given the geography of the precinct, high resolution night vision cameras have been installed to ensure safety of anyone using the space.
- **Power points:** The seating spaces, wherever possible, are equipped with weatherproof power points for students to charge their equipment. The power points are meant for emergency use.
- **Weather-proof sockets:** External electrical sockets have been installed and made weather-proof by use of glass covers.

The renovation of the library and the library precinct is the first phase of the University redevelopment under the revised masterplan. It is also the first step towards developing a distinct landscape for the campus. In the new Academic Year, the University will commence redevelopment of the Old Academic Block (OAB) and New Academic Block (NAB), and construction of the Student Activity Centre (SAC).



INCLUSION & EXPANSION | AY 2023-24

RESIDENCE HALLS

With a steady rise of student residents on campus, our University teams worked during the term breaks to make several upgrades on campus:

- Brahmaputra Block:** The 'Learning Centre' building was constructed in 2014 to serve as additional short-term residence on campus for persons attending training programmes. Over the years, it was used intermittently for accommodation and storage. From AY 2022-23, students have been residing in the building. To better align with our evolving campus needs, the building was redeveloped, modernised, and renamed as the '**Brahmaputra Hall of Residence**'. Four new floors with a capacity of 156 beds, and improved dedicated common use spaces for laundry and other shared services were added. An elevator was installed for increased accessibility. The expanded building is compliant with fire safety practices. The name 'Brahmaputra' follows the convention in the University of naming Men's Halls of Residence after the major rivers in the country.
- Accessibility:** Lifts were installed in the Narmada and Yamuna Halls of Residence to improve accessibility, as new floors were added in the Narmada, Yamuna and Brahmaputra hostel blocks. The additional floors helped augment the residential capacity through the addition of 100 new rooms in these Halls. A pilot project was also implemented in June 2024 with a focus to develop three main elements: road, walkway, and green areas, around the Women's Halls of Residence.
- New furniture:** The optimised layout of the newer rooms in the Residential Halls allowed for the installation of new standardised furniture with increased functional space.
- Donations:** The replaced furniture on campus (over 3500 items) was donated by the University to institutions which were in need of these supplies. These donations were made to as many as 75 institutions including government schools and NGOs.
- Laundry services:** The University launched fully functional, industrial-grade, self-service laundry facilities on campus, with four key improvements: (i) addition of new machines, (ii) ease of access to machines across residence groups, (iii) introduction of dryers, and (iv) pricing of these services. All machines operate through an app that students must download.
- Renovation of restrooms:** Renovation of all restrooms in the three oldest hostels on campus – Himalaya, Ganga, and Cauvery – were undertaken during the year. The restrooms were upgraded with easy-to-clean material, better fixtures, and better ventilation systems, contributing to a more sanitary environment.



OTHER INFRASTRUCTURAL MEASURES

WATER CONSERVATION ON CAMPUS

The municipal authorities had announced in early 2024 that many parts of Bangalore would face significant water distress in the summer months – specifically April and May. In view of the above, the University took several steps to ensure water availability on the campus:

- The washrooms in three hostels with most instances of leakages were renovated. Waterless urinals were installed to further reduce the use of water in the toilets.
- Water flow restrictors were installed across all taps and showers that could reduce water wastage up to 50%.
- Two additional borewells on campus were restored for adequate supply using ground-water sources.
- The University also considered other measures in consultation with students that could help with water conservation on campus.



OTHER CAMPUS UPGRADES

- **New Library Cafeteria:** A new cafeteria (Food Box) was opened during the March trimester of AY 2023-24. It is situated near the library and is open from 11 am to 12 am. It's menu provides North Indian and Continental food options as compared to the South Indian menu options available in the dining halls. Vending Machines at OAB, NAB, LC/ Himalaya, and the Women's Halls of Residence continue to be functional. Menu plans are routinely redesigned in consultation with the University's nutritionist to address the necessary nutritional requirements.
- **New Notice Boards & Signages:** Even with the proliferation of digital spaces, the University's physical notice boards remain relevant. More than 40 new notice/ bulletin boards were installed on campus across buildings – Old and New Academic Blocks, and in each Hall of Residence. These boards have slots for insertion of notices without requiring any pins/tape. Directional signages and maps were also installed across campus.
- **Renovation of facilities:** Renovation was undertaken of the Basketball court (resurfacing and repainting), and the Tennis court (resurfacing).

DIGITAL UPGRADES

The University is continuously engaged in the process of optimising its IT platforms and services, and the following upgrades were undertaken during AY 2023-24:

- **ERP Platform:** Migration from the old ERP platform (EdChem) to CollPoll, the new academic administrative platform was completed. CollPoll integrates classroom attendance, raising tickets for any issues relating to hostel administration or the Health Centre, fee payments and booking of venues. Student Committees can also submit and track requests for event approvals and reimbursements through CollPoll.
- **Learning Management System:** The LMS was upgraded to improve user interface and integrate all academic submissions. Students can download the app customised for NLSIU that allows them to access their learning materials from all devices.
- **Launch of myNLS Portal:** The myNLS platform is a gateway to essential digital resources and communication tools at the University. Launched on February 12, 2024, it showcases the various IT resources available to the NLS community on a single platform – detailing their purpose, access, and FAQs, for ease of access. The myNLS portal is directly accessible through my.nls.ac.in and linked to the main NLS website.

DIGITAL UPGRADES AT THE NLS LIBRARY



- **Digitization of new books:** The library had undertaken the task of digitizing newly acquired books, thereby enhancing accessibility and preservation of the collection. This has been continuing at a steady pace and the total number of digitised books currently stands at 30,352.
- **Integration of resources from CIPRA:** The Centre for Intellectual Property research and advocacy Office Library (CIPRA) has been integrated into the main library, potentially expanding the available resources. These books are available for the NLS community.
- **Renewal of online resources:** Online local and international resources such as The Economist, Harvard Business Review, New Yorker and Wall Street Journal, among others have been renewed, ensuring continuous access to valuable digital content. The library initiated a trial access period of one month with a large online repository to provide improved access to newspapers and journals.
- **RFID cards:** The RFID based check-in/out of books at the Library was enabled in AY 2023-24, which allows student and staff, to issue books seamlessly using their University ID cards. Going forward, the entry into the library will also require a simple tap-in with the ID card at the reader set up at the Library entrance.

MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

NLSIU recognizes the need to make mental health a priority at the workplace. In 2020, the University set up a Student Welfare Office, and ensured mental health and emotional well-being services to its student community. The NLS Administration along with the Student Welfare Team has continuously worked with the Student Bar Association (SBA) to review the mental health and emotional well-being needs of the student community.

The following services continue to be available to the NLS student community:

- Counselling Services
- Clinical Therapy and App-based Services
- Psychiatric Referrals
- Consultation Hours with the Student Welfare Officer

Workplace Emotional Wellbeing Programme

In January 2024, the University launched mental health services for faculty and staff. NLSIU partnered with MindCrescent Wellness Ventures Pvt. Ltd (Amaha), to create a 'Workplace Emotional Wellbeing Programme' as part of this initiative and these services will continue to be offered for all faculty and staff. The launch of these services was initiated through a webinar for NLSIU faculty and staff. Amaha is a mental health platform built by therapists and psychiatrists with global experience and a commitment to providing quality care.

Why were these services introduced?

- First, providing mental health services at the workplace is a best practice.
- Second, for decades mental health had been pushed under the carpet, spoken of in hushed tones, and stigmatized. Post Covid-19, there has been a growing acceptance that the subject needs attention and collective intervention.
- Third, there is enough data to show that mental health is one of the key issues that affects working professionals (Studies have shown that approximately one in four adults struggle with some form of a mental health issue).

The NLSIU "Workplace Emotional Wellbeing Programme" include therapy sessions (including three free sessions), newsletters, webinars, self-assessments, programmes, mood trackers and access to a self-care library. Webinars were conducted in English and Kannada for employees of the University.



Sessions are online and can be accessed from the privacy of the home. The therapy sessions and surveys are completely confidential and are in multiple languages, as we have a diverse workforce.

Emotional Well-Being Survey

In continuation to these services, the University recently introduced the 'Emotional Well-Being Survey'. This short survey explores individual well-being across eight dimensions including coping behaviours, health behaviours, interpersonal relationships, job contentment, work-life balance, emotional state, sense of control at work, and clarity of role at work.

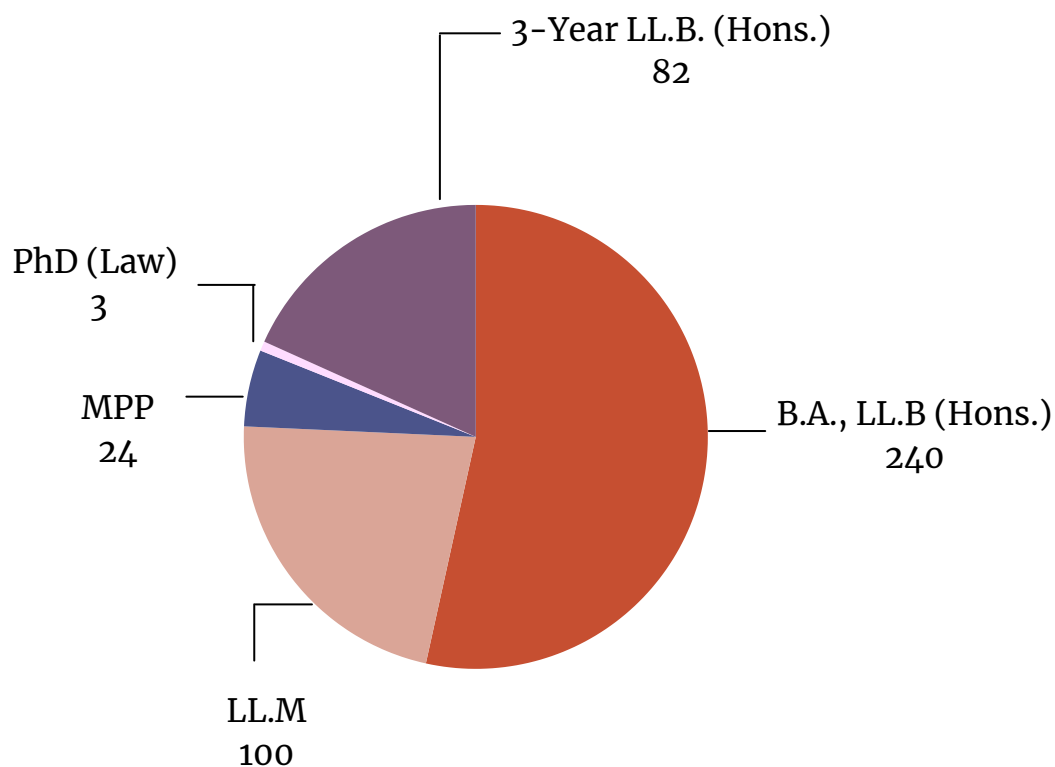
ACADEMIC EXPANSION | AY 2023-24

EXPANSION OF ACADEMIC PROGRAMMES:

NLSIU admitted **449** students to our on-campus programmes – BA LLB (Hons), LLB (Hons), LLM, MPP and PhD. Besides this, **2024** students were admitted to our off-campus PACE programmes during the Academic Year 2023-24. 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 1350 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 2023-24:



ACADEMIC EXPANSION| AY 2023-24

FACULTY DEVELOPMENT

The University has a team of highly experienced faculty members which include Rhodes, Commonwealth, and Chevening scholars. Many of our faculty are from some of the best schools including Oxford University, Stanford University, University of Cambridge, Harvard Law School, Columbia University, Yale Law School, New York University, SOAS, University of South Carolina, Jawaharlal Nehru University, NALSAR Hyderabad, NLU Delhi, XLRI Jamshedpur, NUS, University of Pennsylvania, Max Planck Institutes, among others.

To accommodate our expanded student intake, and further strengthen our teaching and research initiatives in law, public policy, and the social sciences, the University has continued to recruit faculty for core teaching across 2022, 2023, and 2024. We also have had 67 visiting faculty and practitioners delivering 84 elective courses (along with internal/core NLS faculty members) during the Academic Year 2023-24. 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.

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FACULTY JOINED
NLS OVER TWO
ROUNDS OF
RECRUITMENT
IN 2021-2022

33

FACULTY
RECRUITED FOR
LAW & SOCIAL
SCIENCES IN
AY 2022-23

24

FACULTY RECRUITED
FOR LAW, PUBLIC
POLICY & SOCIAL
SCIENCES IN
AY 2023-24

67

VISTING FACULTY
TAUGHT ELECTIVE
COURSES IN AY
2023-24

84

ELECTIVE
COURSES WERE
OFFERED DURING
AY 2023-24

↑ 25%

INTERDISCIPLINARY
ELECTIVES RELATED
TO LAW, HUMANITIES
& SOCIAL SCIENCES

ACADEMIC EXPANSION | AY 2023-24

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. 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 2023-24, the University strengthened its experiential learning curriculum to include several additional Clinical Courses. Building on the introduction of externships in the previous academic year, the University offered several new externships in collaboration with leading law firms, advocates, and the non-profit sector. Students sign up for externships in lieu of elective courses and are required to spend at least two full days (every week) in the organisation, where they are selected for their externships.



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 2023-24, 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.

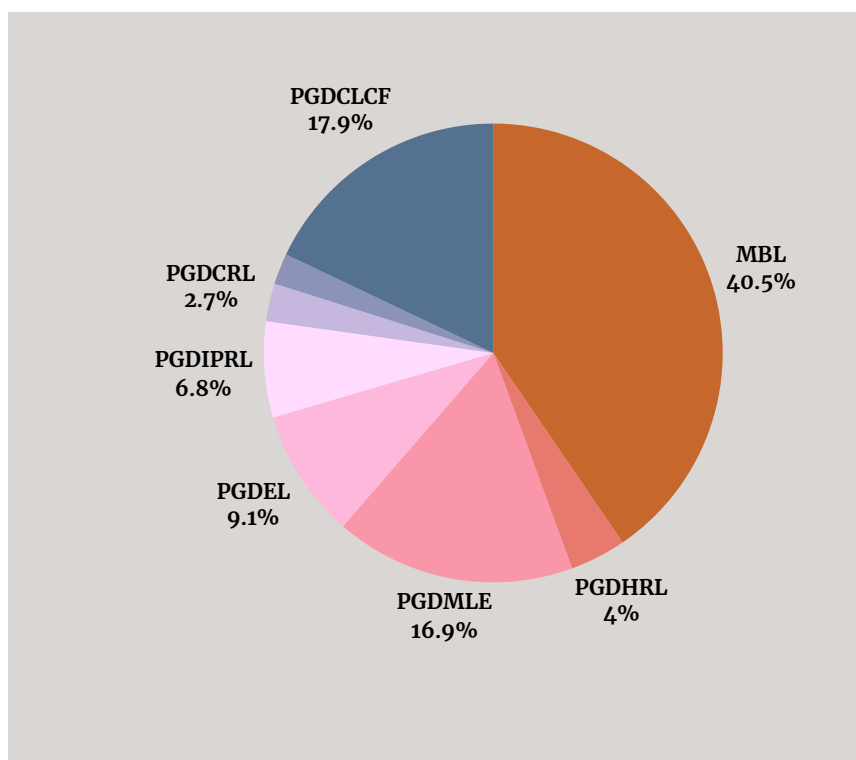
PACE offers a Masters degree in Business Laws (MBL) and Postgraduate Diplomas in: Human Rights Law (PGDHRL); Medical Law & Ethics (PGDMLE); Environmental Law (PGDEL); Intellectual Property Rights Law (PGDIPRL); Child Rights Law (PGDCRL); Consumer Law & Practice (PGDCLP); and Cyber Law & Cyber Forensics (PGDCLCF)

KEY STATISTICS

ENROLMENTS DURING 2023-24:
2024

GRADUATES DURING 2023-24:
1490 (This includes two batches of graduates: 868 + 622)

Programme	Enrolments
MBL	819
PGDHRL	80
PGDMLE	343
PGDEL	184
PGDIPRL	137
PGDCRL	54
PGDCLP	44
PGDCLCF	363
Total	2024



DEPARTMENT OF PACE

KEY ACTIVITIES

FOUNDATIONS FOR A LEGAL EDUCATION (FLE) COURSE

- The completion of the 4th iteration of the Foundation for a Legal Education Certificate course in the Academic year 23-24 marks a significant milestone in our educational journey. This comprehensive course, designed to provide a strong foundation in legal education, saw the participation of 401 students from across India.

TRAINING & EXECUTIVE EDUCATION PROGRAMMES

In AY 2023-24, PACE conducted 20 training and executive education programmes with public and private partners. These programmes were conducted in hybrid and in-person modalities. Details of the various programmes are mentioned in the following pages. Here are the key highlights:

- Over 790 participants from various professional and educational backgrounds were part of these programmes led by PACE during July 2023- June 2024.
- This is the first time that PACE along with the Ministry of Commerce offered a training programme on Trade Laws for the Indian Trade Service Officers nominated by the Directorate General of Foreign Trade.
- 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.



DEPARTMENT OF PACE

TRAINING & EXECUTIVE EDUCATION PROGRAMMES

JULY 2022

- Post Graduate Diploma in Environmental Law (PGDEL) - 54th RR Batch

SEPTEMBER 2023

- 'Government Contracts and Litigation Management' for the Department of Economic Affairs (DEA), Ministry of Finance
- Management Development Programme (MDP) on Cyber Law for the Army Training Command (ARTRAC)

OCTOBER 2023

- Senior IFS Officer training programme on Environmental Law for the Indira Gandhi National Forest Academy (IGNFA), MoEFCC
- Conflict Competence & Collaborative Problem Solving for Business Professionals for the CAMP Arbitration and Mediation Practice Private Limited and California-based Foundation for Sustainable Rule of Law Initiatives (FSRI)
- Mediation Advocacy Training for Legal Professionals for the CAMP Arbitration and Mediation Practice Private Limited and California-based Foundation for Sustainable Rule of Law Initiatives (FSRI)

NOVEMBER 2023

- Post Graduate Diploma in Commercial Laws (PGDCL), for 74th batch of officer trainees of Indian Revenue Service (Customs and Indirect Taxes) [IRS(C&IT)] of the National Academy of Customs, Indirect Taxes and Narcotics (NACIN), Department of Customs and Indirect Taxes
- Management Development Programme (MDP) on Procurement Law for the Army Training Command (ARTRAC)
- Training Programme for Batch-I -Estate Department for Life Insurance Corporation of India

DEPARTMENT OF PACE

TRAINING & EXECUTIVE EDUCATION PROGRAMMES

DECEMBER 2023

- One-Week Refresher Training Course for Indian Forest Service (IFS) officers on 'Recent Development in Environmental Laws and its Implications' for the MoEFCC, Ministry of Environment
- One-week In-Service Training programme for AIS officers on 'Procurement and Allied Laws' for the Ministry of Personnel, public Grievances and Pensions, Department of personnel and Training (DoPT)
- Post Graduate Diploma in Commercial Laws (PGDCL), for 75th batch of officer trainees of Indian Revenue Service (Customs and Indirect Taxes) [IRS(C&IT)]
- Training Programme for Batch-II - Estate Department - Life Insurance Corporation of India

JANUARY 2024

- Accreditation Programme on Legal Systems & Commercial Laws Management for L&T Executives – 9th Batch for Larsen & Toubro (L&T)

FEBRUARY 2024

- Procurement and Allied Laws for IDAS Officers for the National Academy of Defence Financial Management Institute - NADFM
- Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) for the Environmental Laws, Compliance, Enforcement and Regulation

APRIL 2024

- SIAC and Institutional Arbitration (SIAC Module), in collaboration with the Singapore International Arbitration Centre
- Training programme on Trade Laws for the Indian Trade Service (ITS) officers nominated by the Directorate General of Foreign Trade, Ministry of Commerce, GoI

DEPARTMENT OF PACE

TRAINING & EXECUTIVE EDUCATION PROGRAMMES

MAY 2024

- Plain Language in Legislative Drafting Workshop for the Legislative Department, Ministry of Law and Justice, Government of India

JUNE 2024

- PG Diploma in Environmental Law for 55th RR batch of Indian Forest Service Officer trainees for the Indira Gandhi National Forest Academy (IGNFA), MoEFCC

FACULTY ACHIEVEMENTS

DR. AKHILA BASALALLI

- Presented a paper titled 'Uti-possidetis and Cartographic Anxiety: Locating Violence against Women in Post-Colonial India' in the Feminist TWAIL Collective Workshop II- Contribution to Feminist TWAIL at Kathmandu School of Law, 13-14 June 2024. (co-authored with Rongheet Poddar)
- Delivered lecture as resource person on 'Locating Refugee Rights in the Indian Practice: A Special reference to Changing Contours of the Principle of Non-refoulement' in the International Webinar on Sensitizing Refugee Rights under the Aegis of Human Rights organised by the School of Law, University of Mysore and the Institute of Legal and Policy Research on 24 February, 2024.
- Presented paper titled "Historical Engagements of the Global South with International Organizations: A Narrative from India" and chaired a session on 'Leadership on Climate Change' in the Conference 'The Global South in International Organization and Beyond: Transformation, Influence and Empowerment in the Evolving World Politics' organised by the Global South Caucus of ISA at Thammasat University, Bangkok, Thailand, 18-20 December 2023.
- Delivered guest lecture on the Concept of Justice: International Law and Global Justice ' at Jindal Global Law School on 4 November 2023
- Presented paper titled "Incorporating Inclusivity in International Legal Order: A Perspective from the Global South" in the 1 st ISA Virtual Conference on Space of Influence, Space of Inclusion- Challenging Boundaries in the context of Unbounded Challenges, 4 August 2023.

MS. APARAJITA LATH

- Selected and funded to participate as an Indian representative at 19th WTO-WIPO Colloquium For Teachers of Intellectual Property Rights in Geneva, Switzerland (2023)
- Invited and funded to participate in the Creative IPR conference on intellectual property in colonial and post colonial history in Belgium. Sponsored by the University of Oslo (2024)
- Assisted in conducting a workshop for the Legislative Department of the Ministry of Law on Plain Language Drafting in Legislative Drafting, Delhi (2024)
- Invited to moderate a panel on AI and Intellectual Property at the iTechLaw Conference, Bangalore (2024)
- Received a research grant from the Thakur Foundation for a paper at the intersection of copyright law, administrative law and drug regulation. (2024)

FACULTY ACHIEVEMENTS

DR. ANIKET NANDAN

- Published research paper titled ‘Ambiguous Identity and Uncertain Belonging: Assessing the Lives of Undocumented Brihannalas in the Backdrop of the COVID-19 Pandemic.’ South Asia: Journal of South Asian Studies, Vol 46. Issue 6. 1–18.
- Published peer-reviewed article titled ‘Populism and Caste in Contemporary India: Sociopolitical Pragmatisms of Caste Associations’ in: Chacko Chennattuserry, J., Deshpande, M., Hong, P. (eds) Encyclopedia of New Populism and Responses in the 21st Century. Springer, Singapore.

Paper presentations:

- Presented paper titled ‘Everyday forms of assertion and consolidation of resources: A study of caste associations in popular political economy of Bihar’ as an invited speaker in a 2-day workshop entitled “New Approaches to Economy and Society: Exploring Popular Economy as a Research Agenda” organized by IIT Mandi and IISER Mohali, held on 20-21 April 2024 at the School of Humanities and Social Sciences, IIT Mandi, Himachal Pradesh
- Presented paper titled ‘Rip in the Umbrella: A Study on Intergroup Inequalities Faced by the Transmen Community in India’ for the Conference of Association of Academics for Social Justice (AASJ) on “Intergroup Inequality in Indian Society: Magnitude, Nature, Sources, Policies and the Movement” organized at Institute for Social and Economic Change (ISEC), Bengaluru, 23-25 August, 2023

DR. ANUPAMA SHARMA

- Co-authored an analysis of the new criminal law bill: - Pranav Verma, Dr. Anupama Sharma, ‘Bharatiya Sakshya Bill: Implications of Proposed Changes to the Indian Evidence Act, 1872’, The NLS Blog (8 Dec 2023), <bharatiya-sakshya-billimplications-of-proposed-changes-to-the-indian-evidence-act-1872> .
- The Bharatiya Sakshya Bill analysis got quoted in Business Standard and News 18, the two leading news portals.
- Signed a book publishing contract with Routledge: Dr. Anupama Sharma, Implementation of Rights for Crime Victims in Theory and Practice: Lessons from India (Routledge Contemporary Issues in Criminal Justice and Procedure), Routledge (London and New York) Forthcoming September 2024.

FACULTY ACHIEVEMENTS

DR. APARNA CHANDRA

- Published book titled *Court on Trial: A Data Driven Account of the Supreme Court of India* (Penguin Random House) (co-authored)
- Published article titled 'A Precious Heritage?: The Construction of Constitutional Identity by Indian Courts' in *Comparative Constitutional Studies* Vol. 1 (1) (2023) (Edward Elgar).
- Published chapter titled 'India' in Jan Smits et al (eds.), *Elgar Encyclopedia of Comparative Law* (Edward Elgar).
- Published blog titled 'The Role of a Judge in an Electoral Autocracy' *International Journal of Constitutional Law Blog*, April 12, 2024.
- Principal Investigator for a research and intervention project on Women's Leadership in Law (grant awarded by Dasra).

DR. ARUN K THIRUVENGADAM

Publications:

- Editor, Volume II 'Constitutionalism', *Selected Works of Upendra Baxi* (Oxford University Press UK), 700 pages (forthcoming 2024).
- 'Social Rights in India' in Neha Jain and Mila Versteeg (eds.) *The Oxford Handbook of Comparative Human Rights Law* (forthcoming 2024), 25 pp. (with Gaurav Mukherji).
- *Constitutions and the Rule of Law*, *Oxford Research Encyclopedia of Politics* (forthcoming 2024) (with Maartje de Visser and Victor Ramraj).

Invited Talks and Presentations:

- *Regulation of Telecommunications in India (1854-2024)* presented at the Third Networks, Platforms and Utilities conference organized by Vanderbilt University between June 3-5, 2024 in Nashville, Tennessee, USA.
- 'Fortifying Liberal Constitutionalism in Our Times' presented at a one-day conference organized by the CSSEIP, NLS and IIT Bombay on 'After Neo-liberalism' held at NLSIU Bangalore on March 21, 2024.
- 'Combating 'Autocratic Legalism': What can we learn from other nations', a public presentation at a conference organized by NLS Bangalore in collaboration with the Karnataka government to celebrate the 75th anniversary of the Constitution of India in Bangalore on February 24-25, 2024.
- **Invited for teaching assignments:** (i) Co-designed the overall programme and taught a course on 'Comparative Constitutional Law' in the Inaugural Summer School organised by the JSW Law School, Bhutan in collaboration with NLS Bangalore and the Faculty of Law, National University of Singapore between June 26-July 10, 2023, and (ii) Taught a course on 'Constitutionalism and Rights in Southern Asia' at the Central European University, Vienna, in May 2024.

FACULTY ACHIEVEMENTS

DR. ARUL SCARIA

- Member of a Committee Constituted by the Chief Justice of the High Court of Karnataka to prepare draft rules pertaining to the establishment of an Intellectual Property Division in the High Court of Karnataka.
- Invited by the Law Commission of India to share perspectives on trade secrets protection in India.
- Initiated a new interdisciplinary research project in the area of free and open-source software, in collaboration with Dr Suryaprakash Mishra. Funding received from Samagata Foundation.

Presentations at conferences:

- 'Aligning Indian Copyright Law with Technological Advancements 2024', Annual Meeting of the Global Expert Network on Copyright User Rights, American University Washington College of Law, Washington D.C., June 12, 2024.
- 'Digital Personal Data Protection Act 2023: Past, Present and the Future of Privacy Rights in India', Comparative Data Law Conference, organised by Universität Passau, Universität Freiburg and Max Planck Institute for Innovation and Competition, Munich, December 7, 2023.

DR. ASHNA SINGH

- Presented a paper titled "Constitution, Caste, & Limits of the Law: Buddhist-Navayana Underpinnings of the Constitution of India" at the "Intergroup Inequality in Indian Society: Magnitude, Nature, Sources, Policies and the Movement" held at the Institute for Social and Economic Change, Bangalore (August 2023)
- Invited for lectures at Alternative Law Forum, Bangalore on the occasion of Constitution Day (November 26, 2023) and March talk series (March 2024)
- Invited to be part of Government of Karnataka's 3 day constitutional literacy programme to develop awareness modules on the Constitution of India (January 2024)
- Invited for panel discussion at the 'Constitution and National Unity Conference' organized by Government of Karnataka (February 2024)

Publications:

- Blog article titled "Self-Defence under International Law: Lessons from the Israel-Gaza Conflict" published on the NLS blog (January 2024)
- Opinion piece titled "Manusmriti, the Indian courts, and their women" in The News Minute (February 2024)

FACULTY ACHIEVEMENTS

MS. ASHRITA PRASAD KOTHA

- "United Nations: Will it take the road "less traveled" in international taxation?", Oxford Business Law Blog, June 27, 2024
- Delivered the keynote address titled "Significance of Constitutional Law for Tax Administrators" on Constitution Day at the invitation of the office of Principal Chief Commissioner, CGST and CX (Delhi North, CBIC).
- Panelist for session titled "Polarization of international tax coordination: What role for the UN? Confrontation v collaboration" as part of the 2nd Global Tax Seminar held by Vienna University of Economics and Business.

DR. ATREYEE MAJUMDER

- Publication of Liberalism and its Encounters in India: Some Interdisciplinary Approaches (Routledge 2023), co-edited with R. Krishnaswamy. The essays in the volume trace liberalism's journey through modern Indian history to give us a new standpoint to understand current debates and also point to some internal contradictions of Indian liberalism.
- Award of Wenner-Gren Foundation Post-PhD Grant (award dated 30.9.2023 to be used in 2024-25) for the project Love Among the Ruins: Tracing Melancholia in Vrindavan (22,330 USD). My research is an inquiry into the nature of the devoted self that discards the ego and seeks to transcend the sorrows and hardships of earthly life while contemplating the world as an embodiment of Krishna.
- Publication of my first book of poems The Book of Blue (Red River, 2024).
- Publication of my review of Samuel Moyn's new book Liberalism Against Itself: Cold War Intellectuals and the Making of Our Times in LSE Review of Books (April 15, 2024).
- Publication of my review of Achille Mbembe's new book Brutalism in Philosophy in Review (May 2024).
- Publication of my co-authored essay "Our Own Universals Notes from a Reading Group in the Postcolony" in the Society and Space journal (Magazine section) on December 4, 2023.

FACULTY ACHIEVEMENTS

PROF. BABU MATHEW

- The Government of Karnataka appointed a tripartite committee to draft a Labour Policy for Karnataka. This committee was chaired by Prof. Babu Mathew and consisted of representatives from the trade unions, the managements, civil society and the Government. The report is in its penultimate stage for submission to the Government.
- Guest speaker at Youth national Conference of All India Bank Employees Association on 11th August, 2024.
- Presented Bill on Informal Workers (Regulation of Employment and conditions of work) Bill, 2023-to Labour Minister, Government of Karnataka on behalf of Centre for Labour Studies. Also presented at three conventions at Bangalore, Delhi and Mumbai.
- Presented our critique of Karnataka Government's Bill on Gig and Platform workers.
- Participated in a state level meeting of Central Trade Unions in Karnataka along with Civil Society Organisations to examine 'what the law on Gig and Platform workers should be?'

MR. BALU G NAIR

- Publication: India's administrative citizenship regime, Admin Law Blog, March 2024
- Article submitted for publication: Suing governments and their officers: Making a case against 'Good Faith' and other immunities under Indian law (currently undergoing peer review)
- Book chapter submitted for publication: India: Public Law (forthcoming in the Elgar Concise Encyclopedia of Asian Law)

DR. CHANDRABHAN P. YADAV

- Book Chapter titled 'Brāhmaṇas and Brahmanism in the Buddhist Jātakas' in Prathama Banerjee (ed.) Textual Lives of Caste Across the Ages: Hierarchy, Humanity and Equality in Indian History, Bloomsbury Academic, UK, (forthcoming).
- Book Review article of Dust on the Throne: The Search for Buddhism in Modern India, by Douglas Ober published by Stanford University Press, Stanford, 2023., pages-391. Draft submitted for the publication to theindiaforum.in (forthcoming).
- Co-authored, 'Fifty Years of Lucy, the Marvellous Ancestor' The Wire, June 20, 2024.
- Presented a paper titled, 'Jāti in the Jātakas' at Indian History Congress's 82nd Session held on 28-30 Dec, 2023 at Kakatiya University.
- Invited for Lecture on 'Concepts in Social Hierarchy in Early India' at DLHS, Manipal Academy of Higher Education, Bengaluru, 5 April 2024.

FACULTY ACHIEVEMENTS

Invited for lectures on 'Past and the Present: History as a Political Project' organized as part of a series 'Dialogues in Historical Geography', hosted by the Department of Geography, Kannur University, Kerala. 27 June 2024.

DR. DEBANGANA CHATTERJEE

- Published a book titled *Lives of Circumcised and Veiled Women: A Global-Indian Interplay of Discourses and Narratives* (August 2023), London, New York & New Delhi: Routledge (Taylor & Francis)
- Contributed a chapter titled "Afghan Women and the Burqa Trope: Mapping Agency in Liminality" (December 2023) In *The Politics of Silence, Voice and the In-Between* edited by Aliya Khalid, Georgina Holmes and Jane L. Parpart. London: Routledge.
- Published popular pieces like "Women Voters and the Illusion of Choice". 10 June 2024. *Deccan Herald* (e-paper); *The Roots of Blood*. 5 December 2023. *The Telegraph* (Print & e-paper); *Not Western, Not Urban: For Queer People in India, Love Is More Than Just Love*. 25 June 2023. *The Quint* (Digital).
- Invited for an online discussion on her book *Lives of Circumcised and Veiled Women: A Global-Indian Interplay of Discourses and Narratives* by the British International Studies Association (BISA), Gendering IR Working Group (GIRWG), April 22, 2024. Featured commenters: Professor Shirin Rai (SOAS), Khushi Singh Rathore (Jawaharlal Nehru University), and Professor Laura Sjoberg (Royal Holloway, University of London), moderated by Dr Annika Bergman Rosamond (The University of Edinburgh).

DR. DHIVYA JANARTHANAN

- Co-edited the special issue on Anti-caste movements and Caste, *Social Change*, 54(2), June 2024.
- Published research article 'Views from an anti-caste movement: Caste, labour, and religion in Sangharsh,' in *Social Change*, 54(2), pp. 208–228, June 2024.
- Published 'Anti-caste movements, resistance, and caste: An introduction,' (co-authored) *Social Change*, 54(2), pp. 163–178, June 2024.
- Presented research paper 'Abstract space and a south Indian village's bid to centrality in an historical agrarian micro-region,' in the panel on 'The Production of Space at 50: The Problem of Persistence,' at the 2024 American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting, Honolulu, 20 April 2024.
- Delivered invited lecture 'Between the desk and the field: Challenges of sociological inquiry' in the Research Methodology: Approach, Tools, and Techniques workshop, organized by the Department of Sociology, Hindu College, University of Delhi, Delhi, 25 February 2024.
- Delivered invited talk 'Spatial practices and representations: Intra-caste conflicts and regional geographies in Tamil Nadu,' at the Department of Sociology and Anthropology, Ashoka University, Sonapat, India, 8 February 2024.

FACULTY ACHIEVEMENTS

DR. GAYATHRI D NAIK

Projects

- Contributor to WCEL/WWSG research group on groundwater – domestic law segment, with the project titled 'Reverberations in domestic legislation of the ecosystem value of groundwater' on the Indian and South Asian perspective of Granting a lawful water entitlement to groundwater-dependent ecosystems (as legal persons or through the agency of an environmental guardian/trustee); Project Period- 2024-25
- Principal Investigator of the six-month project funded by the Indian Council for Social Science Research[ICSSR], India, titled 'AMRUT Scheme and Realisation of Right to Water in Bengaluru City [September 2023- March 2024]

Invited Lectures and Roundtables:

- 'Water Governance in India and Role of the State: Neoliberalist influences versus Constitutional Obligations' in Department of Economics, Christ University, Bengaluru as a part of 'Towards Development' Lecture Series on 23 Jan 2024.
- 'More Than A Toilet And Target ODF (Open Defecation Free): Intersections Of Gender, And Rights To Water, Sanitation And Inclusive Education' in Department of Law, Christ University, Bengaluru, as a part of the University's Sustainability Week Programme on 12 Feb 2024.
- Expert Panelist for Roundtable on 'Climate Change Education: In Bengaluru and Beyond' on 3 May 2024, in NCBS, hosted jointly by the National Centre for Biological Sciences and Project TROP ICSU – a global climate change education project of the International Union of Biological Sciences and the Centre for Sustainability, Environment, and Climate Change, FLAME University, Pune, India.

DR. KAMALA SANKARAN

- Served as Dean-Research, NLSIU
- Served as member of the Committee of Experts on the Application of Conventions and Recommendations (CEACR), ILO

Publications:

- Book chapter on 'Minorities: A view from South Asia' in Mark Tushnet and Dimitry Kochenov (eds) Research Handbook on the Politics of Constitutional Law (Edward Elgar Publishing, UK/USA, 2023).
- Book chapter on 'Informality at Work – Towards a Law on Livelihoods?' in Guy Davidov, Brian Langille, and Gillian Lester (eds), The Oxford Handbook of the Law of Work (UK/USA, 2024)
- Country Reporter: India, International Labour Law Reports, Vol 42, (Brill Nijoff, 2023).

FACULTY ACHIEVEMENTS

DR. KARTHICK RAM MANOHARAN

- Bliss Carnochan International Fellow at Stanford University in October 2023.
- Gave seminars and talks at the Universities of Stanford and Exeter in Sep-Oct 2023.
- Sent first draft of edited volume The Cambridge Companion to Periyar. (Co-edited with A.R. Venkatachalapathy) to Cambridge University Press.
- Wrote four book chapters and co-wrote two book chapters, forthcoming in edited volumes.
- Published review essay "Oppressed, Backward, or Subaltern? Revisiting Hardgrave's The Nadars of Tamilnad" on Economic and Political Weekly (2024).
- Wrote three articles for Frontline, one article for HimalMag and one for The Telegraph.

DR. KARTHIKEYAN DAMODARAN

- Submitted a chapter titled, From Cemeteries to Televisual Space: Mapping the Travel of Gaana Songs as a form of Protest Culture for an edited volume titled "Caste, Community and the Performing Arts in South Asia" brought out by Routledge.
- Published a joint Op-Ed piece titled " Tamil Nadu's VCK is Finally Coming into Its Own as a Political Force," for The Wire on June 10, 2024.

MR. KUNAL AMBASTA

- Published an opinion piece: "Same-sex marriage judgment asks queer citizens to wait for true equality at a future time that may never arrive", The Indian Express, 22nd October, 2023.
- Published an article in the Indian Law Review, Nov 2023. "One hundred (and fifty) years of solitude: The Indian Evidence Act 1872 as a lost project of law reform".
- Speaker, Online Workshop "India's New Criminal Codes: Taking Stock and Looking Ahead", organised by the Modern Criminal Law Review, Canada.
- Keynote Address, LGBTI Rechte International Conference, Gummersbach Germany, Theodor Heuss Academy, April 2024.
- Guest Lecture, NALSAR Hyderabad, The Indian Evidence Act and Law Reforms, 16th March, 2024; and Guest Lecture, Centre for Criminal Justice Studies, School of Law, RV University, Special Criminal Laws in the Indian Legal System, 24 April, 2024.

FACULTY ACHIEVEMENTS

DR. MADHUBANTI SADHYA

- Contributed an article titled "Analysing Urban Energy Transition in light of the Energy Conservation Act, 2001" to Volume 9 Issue 1 the RGNUL Student Research Review Journal on the theme Development and Future of Energy Transition: Analyzing the Legal Landscape.
- Submitted comments and suggestions to the National Legal Services Authority on the Draft NALSA (Child-friendly Legal Services) Scheme, 2024 in my capacity as the Co-Director of the Centre for Child and the Law
- Co-created a Source Book with Nishtha Vadehra and Nishtha Sinha on Plain Language Legislative Drafting that was used to facilitate training of officers of the Ministry of Law and Justice, Government of India in May, 2024
- Invited to deliver a lecture on 'Crime Against Women: Law and Practice' for Judges from Bangladesh at the Karnataka Judicial Academy facilitated by the Supreme Court of Bangladesh and the Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India.
- Participated in the Panel on Experiential Learning at the NLS Research Conversations held on Saturday May 4, 2024 where I shared insights from my work on the Juvenile Justice Clinic - 'Children in Conflict with Law - A Clinical Exploration of the Juvenile Justice system - focusing on clinical education and the juvenile justice system that was offered in Third trimester of AY 23-24.

DR. MRINAL SATISH

- Published a book chapter titled "Plea Bargaining in India" in "Research Handbook on Plea Bargaining and Criminal Justice (Maximo Langer, Mike McConville, Luke Marsh eds., Edward Elgar Publishing, 2024).
- Co-authored two blog posts on the NLS blog: (i) Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita: Decolonising or Reinforcing Colonial Ideas (This post was republished by The Wire), January 2024; (ii) Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita Bill: Implications of the Proposed Changes to the Indian Penal Code, December 2023.
- Taught a summer course in June 2024, on "Comparative Criminal Law" at the Jigme Singye Wangchuck (JSW) School of Law, Thimpu, Bhutan. The summer school is a collaboration between NLSIU, JSW School of Law, and the National University of Singapore.
- Took a session on "Surrogacy in India: Legislation and Court Cases" for judges of the Court of Appeal for Specialized Cases, Thailand. This online session was in a virtual training programme organized by the Court of Appeal for Specialized Cases and the Center for Reproductive Rights in July 2023.
- Appointed as a Member of the National Legal Services Authority (NALSA), under Rule 3(4)(a) of the NALSA Rules.

FACULTY ACHIEVEMENTS

DR. NAGARATHNA A

- Visited Humboldt University, Berlin, Germany [from October to December 2023] as a Visiting Professor and to also conduct research under the Research Project on “Law and Transformation: Opening Conversations between Germany and India” at the University’s Chair for Public and Comparative Law.
- Published chapter titled “Regulation of Press in India - an overview of the legal Framework and related concerns” in the book titled Global Perspectives on Press Regulation, Volume 2 – “Asia, Africa, the Americas and Oceania”, edited by Paul Wragg (Anthology Editor) , András Koltay (Anthology Editor), published by Bloomsbury Publishing, UK, 2024 IBSN - 9781509950409.
- Nominated as an Expert Member, Cyber Security Committee, Government of Karnataka 2024.
- Reviewed Cyber Security Policy of Karnataka, which was officially released on 2024.
- Received Venus International Foundation [Tamil Nadu]’s “Outstanding Women Researcher in Criminal Law” for the contribution and achievement in the discipline of Law on 2nd March 2023.

DR. NIGAM NUGGEHALI

- Appointed for another term as member of government panel on GAAR (General Anti-Avoidance Rules)
- Continuing 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)
- Paper titled ‘Tax Avoidance in Tax Treaties’, published as a chapter in a volume edited by Dr. Parthasarathy Shome

MR. PRANAV VERMA

Publications:

- Pranav Verma, ‘Slipping into Judicial Barbarism?’ Book Review of ‘Unsealed Covers’, Biblio: A Review of Books, 29(1-3) January-March 2024, p. 17. [Book Review]
- Pranav Verma and Anupama Sharma, ‘Bharatiya Sakshya Bill: Implications of Proposed Changes to the Indian Evidence Act, 1872, the NLS Blog. Excerpts from the blog post was republished and quoted in the Business Standard and News 18.

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

DR. RAHUL HEMRAJANI

- Published an article titled "The Effects of Decision Fatigue on Judicial Behavior: A Study of Arkansas Traffic Court Outcomes" in the Journal of Law and Courts.
- Co-authored an article titled "Taxation and the Indian Consitution" in the Cambridge Companion to the Indian Consitution.
- Completed and defended a PhD dissertation titled "A Comparative Measure of Judicial Legitimacy".

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\$)

FACULTY ACHIEVEMENTS

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.

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.

FACULTY ACHIEVEMENTS

DR. SALMOLI CHOUDHURI

- Awarded the Humboldt Early Career Fellowship to work on her monograph titled “Freedom beyond liberalism: Rabindranath Tagore and Indian political thought” at the University of Humboldt, Berlin.
- Presented a paper titled “Gandhi’s law of satyagraha: ethics and subjectivity in anticolonial thought” at the WG Hart Workshop on Historicizing Jurisprudence at the Institute of Advanced Legal Studies, London (June 2024).

Select publications:

- “Sovereignty before Law.” Global Intellectual History, (October 2023) (co-authored).
- “A Case for Humanistic Theory.” Economic and Political Weekly Vol 58, No 39, 69-72 (September 2023) (co-authored).
- “Beyond Friend and Enemy: The Stranger as a Political Category in Colonial Modernity.” The Indian Yearbook of Comparative Law (December 2023) (co-authored).

DR. SANJAY JAIN

- Chapter. ‘Right to higher education of Persons with Disabilities: Indian Scenario’ (11-40) in Ed. V.K. Ahuja and Neha ‘Disability- A Journey from Welfare to Right’ ISBN-13:978-8119691 Satyam Law international , 2023.
- “Enabling Legal Order: Exploring Recent Trends in Disability Rights Adjudication in India” (23-61) ‘Sambhasan Volume 04 | Issue 4 ‘Disability and Indian Society’ October – December 2023.
- Weekly seminar for Faculty at University of New south Wales, Australia “Combating medicalization of disability: A Public Law Perspective (Received a grant as a Visiting research fellow from UNSW) Law Faculty at UNSW 27 th June 2023, UNSW , Sydney Australia.
- Presented a paper “Disabled Persons as equal subjects of law; Combating Constitutional and Legal Iatrogenesis’ at Australasian conference on Legal Philosophy, organized by Australasian Society Of Legal Philosophy , 7th July 2023 Auckland , New Zealand.
- Presented a paper ‘Exploring Techniques and Parameters for identification of Features of Basic Structure ‘ in International Society of Public Law (ICON•S) conference ‘Islands and Ocean: Public Law in a Plural World’ 2023 organized by International Society of Public Law (ICON•S) 5th July 2023 at Wellington New Zealand.

FACULTY ACHIEVEMENTS

DR. SARASU ESTHER THOMAS

Books/ Articles/ Podcasts

- Fear of love and loving in India', Deccan Herald, April 13, 2024
- Uttarakhand UCC pits vulnerable young couples against the might of the state, Indian Express, February 20, 2024
- "What are the issues with Uttarakhand's Uniform Civil Code? " In Focus podcast, The Hindu February 16, 2024

Presentations/ Conferences

- Expanding rights of adolescents and women to abortions, Center for Reproductive Rights Symposium on 'Reproductive and Sexual Autonomy in Asia', Nepal, 16th and 17th October, 2023
- Plenary Address, International Research Conference, Faculty of Law, University of Colombo, December 9, 2023 (Online)
- Law and Society (Lisbon), "Professional Paradoxes: Access to Justice and Bar Associations", July 16, 2023 (Online)
- Keynote Address National Law University Delhi, Seminar on Rights of Elderly in Family Law, November 6, 2023
- Towards Women Led Development, NITI Aayog, Nari Shakti Workshop, New Delhi, November 8, 2023

DR. SNEHA THAPLIYAL

- Co-authored paper accepted in peer reviewed journal: Caste Inequality in Occupational Exposure to Heat Waves in India, Demography. We find evidence of association between caste identity and occupational exposure to heat stress by combining high spatio-temporal resolution heat stress information from satellite imagery with a large nationally and regionally representative labor force survey with rich socioeconomic and demographic information.

DR. SUDHIR KRISHNASWAMY

- Presented the initial draft of the paper titled, 'Quantitative Analysis of Borrowing in the Indian Constitution' at a workshop held at Pembroke College, Oxford, in July 2023.
- Member of the Monitoring Committee of the All India Bar Examination conducted by Bar Council of India.
- Member of the Executive Council of MNLU, Mumbai; and Member of the General Council, Chanakya National Law University, Patna.
- Member of State Education Policy Commission of Karnataka, 2023; contributed to the drafting of the Karnataka State Education Policy.

FACULTY ACHIEVEMENTS

- Contributed to the revision of the Karnataka State Universities (KSU) Act, 2000
- Coordinator for the 'Constitution and National Unity Conference' organised by the Social Welfare Department, GoK, held on 24th & 25th February 2024.

DR. SURYAPRAKASH MISRA

- Published an article titled 'Entry, market structures and welfare' in the Journal of Economics, February 2024

DR. SUSHMITA PATI

- **Awards:**

BISA-IPEG Book Prize 2023; BASAS Book Prize 2024 (Joint Winner); Jury for Rajni Kothari article prize APSA.

Publications

- CASI Upenn piece India in Transition piece, A New Language for Housing Justice? July 2023.
- Republished in Scroll as "From bulldozer 'justice' to migrants walking home: Political organising has ignored housing rights", July 2023
- APSA, "Democracy and Autocracy", Centre for Emerging Democracies, University of Michigan, Author exchange with Mukulika Banerjee, November 2023
- Book Review for Sujata Patel, D. Parthasarathy and George Jose (Eds.), Sujata Patel, D. Parthasarathy and George Jose (Eds.), Mumbai/Bombay: Majoritarian Neoliberalism, Informality, Resistance, and Wellbeing, Studies in Indian Politics 12, no.1(2024)
- Indian Express, Why more strict compliance is not enough to avoid tragedies like Rajkot and Delhi fires, May 2024

RESEARCH INITIATIVES

In terms of our research activities, the University recorded several gains during AY 2023-24 through increased funding, strengthened policies and processes, and newer collaborations that contribute to ensuring an enabling and robust research environment.

KEY UPDATES ARE HIGHLIGHTED BELOW:

RESEARCH COLLABORATIONS, GRANTS AND PROJECTS

Funding support (domestic and international) for research and training is on the rise. During AY 2023-24, the University received 11.2 crores for research related activities, an increase by over 85 percent from 6 crores in the previous AY. These immensely expand the possibilities and scope of our research goals.

JSW Centre for the Future of Law

In April 2024, the University announced the JSW Grant which will support the establishment of a new research centre - the "JSW Centre for the Future of Law". This Centre will anchor academic and policy research and curricular interventions that explore the effects of new technologies on the future of the legal system, the legal profession and legal education. The Centre will develop new and appropriate models of legal regulation and incubate new technologies that facilitate legal system reform and access to justice. Under the leadership of a Centre Director, the Centre will host doctoral and postdoctoral researchers who will engage with multiple stakeholders including governments, domestic and international regulators, academia, civil society and private sector entities.

Other Partnerships

The year witnessed newer partnerships such as with

- IIT-Bombay in developing tools for grievance redressal;
- with Government of Karnataka in delivering social justice and gender training;
- with the Government of India in delivering legal awareness programmes; and
- with universities across the world on strengthening rights protection and constitutional transformation;



Two of our latest multi-year projects include research and training on social accountability practices in India supported by the International Budget Partnership (US) and another on embedding gender diversity and leadership in legal education and practice supported by DASRA (US) also focused on India. These projects exemplify our commitment to deepening research on systems reform and good governance and our emphasis on interdisciplinary research that enrich both academic learning and policy engagements.

THIRD COHORT OF THE ACADEMIC FELLOWSHIP PROGRAMME

In AY 2023-24, the University welcomed the third cohort of five Fellows for the two-year Academic Fellowship Programme. This cohort joins the earlier group in contributing to teaching and ongoing research activities. The Fellows assist faculty members with classroom teaching, engage in project-related research, participate in seminars and events on campus, and get an opportunity to collaborate with other researchers and faculty.

RESEARCH INITIATIVES

PUBLICATIONS & JOURNALS

Faculty contribution to scholarly and public writing maintained a steady pace with around 25 peer-reviewed journal articles and over 50 media articles during 2023-24, all accessible on the NLSIU Scholarship Repository. Pieces published in the NLS Blog are increasingly being quoted or re-produced in the independent media, adding to its reach and impact.

Journals: NLSIU publishes nine academic journals that contribute to a wide range of legal and interdisciplinary scholarship. In order to further strengthen the functioning of these journals, AY 2023-24 saw the introduction and appointment of Faculty Boards for all NLSIU journals under the NLSIU Research Policy 2023. Each journal now has 4-7 faculty members with expertise relevant to the subject area of the journal. In the case of student-led journals, the Faculty Board works with student Editorial Board and the Editor, NLSIU, to streamline processes and ensure timely and quality publication.

There were six journals published during AY 2023-24:

- The National Law School Journal (NLSJ),
- The International Journal on Consumer Law and Practice (IJCLP),
- The Socio-Legal Review (SLR),
- The National Law School Business Law Review (NLSBLR),
- The Indian Journal of Law and Technology (IJLT),
- The Indian Journal of International Economic Law (IJIEL).

VISITING SCHOLARS PROGRAMME

The University launched its Visiting Scholars Programme for international faculty, doctoral and post-doctoral students. Scholars are welcome to spend anywhere between three months to a year at NLSIU engaging in academic and scholarly research in collaboration with our faculty across law and social sciences. We are pleased to host our first scholar, Mr. Douglas John McDonald-Norman, a PhD candidate at the Gilbert+Tobin Centre for Public Law in the Faculty of Law and Justice, University of New South Wales, Australia, who is involved in research on the status and functioning of tribunals in India, under the guidance of Prof. Arun Thiruvengadam.



NEW RESEARCH POLICIES

The University put in place two policies during AY 2023-24 aimed at deepening research and promoting scholarship contributions. The NLSIU Research Policy 2023 provides a framework for research activities and outputs at the University. It defines the research architecture and the role of different functionaries, lays down research targets for faculty and research staff, and institutionalises collective leadership model for its research centres, chairs and journals. The NLSIU Research Ethics Policy 2024 defines the principles and processes, including creation of an Ethics Review Board, for regulating all research involving human subjects. We are confident that together the policies will help promote cross-disciplinary research, nurture leadership, and enable a robust research culture.

RESEARCH MEETS

The University launched a monthly Researchers Meet with the aim of bringing together research staff working on projects across research centres, chairs and/or with individual faculty members. The Meet is a forum to facilitate a dialogue among researchers on their work, learn about different projects, methodologies and opportunities, and enable connections & collaborations across disciplines. Occasionally, skill building sessions are also organised as part of these meets.

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 2023-24 are listed below.

Reflections on Rabindranath Tagore's Religion of Man | July 12, 2023

- Speaker: Prof. (Dr.) Rinku Lamba, Associate Professor, Social Science



Status of Women in the Karnataka State Police | July 20, 2023

- Discussants: Devyani Srivastava, Senior Manager - Research, and Laksha Kalappa Baleyada, Visiting Faculty



Deconstructing the Universal of Consent | July 26, 2023

- Discussants: Ishika Saxena, Academic Fellow, and Prof. (Dr.) Rinku Lamba, Associate Professor, Social Science



Tax Avoidance in Indian Tax Treaties: The Past, the Present and the Future | August 02, 2023

- Speaker: Prof (Dr.) Nigam Nuggehalli, Registrar, NLSIU



Bail on Medical Grounds in India: A Search for Principled Jurisprudence | August 9, 2023

- Discussants: Prof. Nanditta Batra, Assistant Professor, and Dr. A. Nagarithna, Associate Professor of Law



Discussion on the India Justice Report | August 16, 2023

- Discussants: Maja Daruwala, Chief Editor, IJR (India Justice Report), and Valay Singh, Project Lead, IJR (India Justice Report)



NLS FACULTY SEMINARS II

The Search for a Link between Electoral Expenses, Regulation, and Corruption | August 23, 2023

- Speaker: Jasmine Joseph, Assistant Professor of Law; Discussant: Prof. Sanjay Jain, Professor of Law, NLSIU



“To have a country so important: on Law as a Sign for War” | August 30, 2023

- Speaker: Dr. Atreyee Majumder, Associate Professor, Social Sciences; Discussant: Diya Deviah, Assistant Professor, NLSIU



Populism and Caste in contemporary India: Socio-political pragmatisms of caste associations | September 6, 2023

- Speaker: Dr. Aniket Nandan, Assistant Professor, Sociology; Discussant: Dr. Karthikeyan Damodaran, Assistant Professor, Social Sciences, NLSIU



The Dynamics of Doctor-patient Relationship in Elective Aesthetic Medicine | September 13, 2023

- Speaker: Dr. Madhubanti Sadhya, Assistant Professor of Law; Discussant: Prof. Mrinal Satish, Professor of Law & Dean - Research, NLSIU



SEBI's Sandbox | September 20, 2023

- Speaker: Dr. Rahul Singh, Associate Professor of Law, NLSIU



Informality at Work – Towards a Law on Livelihoods? | November 8, 2023

- Speaker: Prof. Kamala Sankaran, Professor of Law & Ford Foundation Chair in Public Interest Law; Discussant: Prof. Sony Pellissery, Professor & Co-Director, Centre for the Study of Social Inclusion, NLSIU



NLS FACULTY SEMINARS III

What is Western About Western thought? | November 15, 2023

- Speaker: Prof. Sudipta Kaviraj, Professor of Middle Eastern, South Asian and African Studies, Columbia University, and Distinguished Visiting Faculty at NLSIU; Moderator: Dr. Karthick Ram Manoharan, Assistant Professor, Social Sciences, NLSIU



Antaja Kings in Mleccha Land: The Political Imagination of Jāti in an Early Eighteenth-Century Royal Court | November 22, 2023

- Speaker: Dr. Samyak Ghosh, Assistant Professor, Social Sciences, NLSIU; Discussant: Dr. Chandrabhan Yadav, Assistant Professor, Social Sciences, NLSIU



Customary International Law and Specially Affected States: A TWAIL Perspective | November 29, 2023

- Speaker: Kiran Suryanarayana, Academic Fellow, NLSIU; Discussant: Prof. Harisankar Sathyapalan, Associate Professor of Law, NLSIU



Economic Reservations: Ideal and Reality | December 6, 2023

- Speaker: Dr. Bastian Steuwer, Assistant Professor of Politics, Ashoka University; Discussant: Prof. Arun Thiruvengadam, Professor of Law, NLSIU



Fundamental Duties in Indian Constitutional History | December 13, 2023

- Speaker: Prof. (Dr.) Sudhir Krishnaswamy, Vice-Chancellor & Professor of Law, NLSIU; Discussant: Pranav Verma, Assistant Professor of Law, NLSIU



Terror Trials: Life and Law in Delhi's Courts | December 20, 2023

- Speaker: Dr. Mayur Suresh, Senior Lecturer in Law at SOAS, University of London; Discussant: Dr. Manpreet Dhillon, Assistant Professor, NLSIU



NLS FACULTY SEMINARS IV

Lives of Circumcised and Veiled Women: A Global-Indian Interplay of Discourses and Narratives | December 27, 2023

- Speaker: Dr. Debangana Chatterjee, Assistant Professor, Social Sciences, NLSIU; Discussant: Dr. Dhivya Janarthanan, Assistant Professor, NLSIU



Contextualizing Corrective Rape in an era of Transformative Constitutionalism in India | January 3, 2024

- Speaker: Sharon Singh, PhD scholar at NLSIU; Discussant: Dr. Debangana Chatterjee, Assistant Professor, Social Sciences, NLSIU



Exploring 'humiliation' in Section 3 (1) (r) of Prevention of Atrocities Act, 1989 | January 10, 2024

- Speaker: Dr. Ashna Singh, Assistant Professor of Law, NLSIU; Discussant: Dr. Karthikeyan Damodaran, Assistant Professor, Social Sciences, NLSIU



Literature as Recovery: Text Criticism and the Kannada Public Sphere | January 17, 2024

- Speaker: Ammel Sharon, Assistant Professor, NLSIU; Discussant: Dr. Kena Wani, Assistant Professor, Social Sciences, NLSIU



The inscription of DNA as a technology of truth in India | March 13, 2024

- Speaker: Dr. Manpreet Singh Dhillon, Assistant Professor, NLSIU; Discussant: Dr. Sushmita Pati, Associate Professor, Social Science, NLSIU



Considering the Soul and its Ways for the Practice of Anthropology | March 20, 2024

- Speaker: Dr. Atreyee Majumder, Associate Professor, Social Sciences, NLSIU; Discussant: Dr. Karthick Ram Manoharan, Assistant Professor, Social Sciences, NLSIU



NLS FACULTY SEMINARS V

Protecting Journalism from National Security: the Aftermath of Madhyamam Broadcasting | March 27, 2024

- Speaker: Manish, Assistant Professor, NLSIU; Discussant: Radhika Chitkara, Assistant Professor of Law, NLSIU



Sentencing as a Fair Trial Right | April 3, 2024

- Speaker: Dr. Mrinal Satish, Professor of Law & Dean – Research, NLSIU; Discussant: Kunal Ambasta, Assistant Professor of Law, NLSIU



Evaluating the Implementation and Enforcement of India's POSH Act through Surveying Individuals Across Sectors | April 10, 2024

- Speaker: Alexandra (Zander) Blitzer, Coro New York Fellow in Public Affairs; Discussant: Prof. Saurabh Bhattacharjee, Associate Professor of Law & Dean – Academics, NLSIU



From Colony to Sovereign: Understanding India's Pre-Independence Legal Personality | April 17, 2024

- Speaker: Dr. Akhila Basalalli, Assistant Professor of Law, NLSIU; Discussant: Prof. Kamala Sankaran, Professor of Law, Ford Foundation Chair in Public Interest Law, NLSIU



An Institutional Ethnography of Counter-Terrorism | April 24, 2024

- Speaker: Radhika Chitkara, Assistant Professor of Law, NLSIU; Discussant: Dr. Atreyee Majumdar, Associate Professor, Social Sciences, NLSIU



Preventive Detention in Karnataka | May 8, 2024

- Speakers: Prof. Mrinal Satish, Professor of Law & Dean – Research, NLSIU, and Anushka Pandey, Research Associate, NLSIU; Discussant: Pranav Verma, Assistant Professor of Law, NLSIU



NLS FACULTY SEMINARS VI

Consistent Discrepancies: Citizenship and the Language of the Gauhati High Court | May 15, 2024

- Speaker: Padmini Baruah, Assistant Professor, NLSIU; Discussant: Darshana Mitra, Assistant Professor, NLSIU



Corporate Purpose and Financialization | May 22, 2024

- Speaker: Neeraj Grover, Assistant Professor, NLSIU; Discussant: Dr. Sudhanshu Kumar, Associate Professor of Law, NLSIU



THE NLS PUBLIC LECTURE SERIES I

TOPIC	SPEAKER
The Modi Script, Writing, and the Marathi Language in History July 13, 2023 5 PM	Dr. Prachi Deshpande, Associate Professor of History, Centre for Studies in Social Sciences, Calcutta
Translating Gender and Sexuality August 3, 2023 5 PM	Prof. Ruth Vanita, Professor Emerita, South and South East Asian Studies, University of Montana
Contested Terrain – Lawyering for Forest Rights September 15, 2023 6 PM	Shomona Khanna is an Advocate practicing in the Supreme Court of India and Delhi High Court.
Screening of the Film ‘From the Shadows’ & Interaction with its Director Miriam Chandy Menacherry September 21, 2023 5 PM	Miriam Chandy Menacherry, Director/Producer/Screenwriter
M K Nambyar Annual Lecture 2023 Prof. Sudipta Kaviraj, Columbia University and Distinguished Visiting Faculty at NLSIU November 17, 2023 6:30 PM	Prof. Sudipta Kaviraj, Professor, Columbia University, and Distinguished Visiting Faculty at NLSIU
Discussion on the Book ‘Toward a Free Economy: Swatantra and Opposition Politics in Democratic India’ November 30, 2023 5 PM	Dr. Aditya Balasubramanian, Senior Lecturer in History, Australian National University.
Legislating democracy: Ambedkar and the future of India December 14, 2023 5 PM	Prof. Shruti Kapila, Professor of History and Politics Fellow and Director of Studies, Corpus Christi College Co-Director, Global Humanities Initiative, University of Cambridge

THE NLS PUBLIC LECTURE SERIES II

TOPIC	SPEAKER
Funding Democracy: A Radical Alternative December 19, 2023 5 PM	Dr. Udit Bhatia, Lecturer, Department of Politics and International Relations, University of York
Book Discussion Dr. Mathew John's Book 'India's Communal Constitution: Law, Religion, and the Making of a People' December 21, 2023 5:30 PM	Dr. Mathew John, Associate Professor and Executive Director, Centre on Public Law and Jurisprudence, Jindal Global Law School (JGLS).
Discussion with Dr. Neeti Nair on her New Book "Hurt Sentiments: Secularism and Belonging in South Asia" December 24, 2023 11 AM	Dr. Neeti Nair, Professor of History, Corcoran Department of History, University of Virginia
Copyright Limitations and Exceptions for Libraries and Archives March 1, 2024 4 PM	Dr. Betsy Rajasingh, Assistant Professor of Law, NLSIU
Human Dignity as a Legal Concept – Vacuous, Redundant, and Stupid? April 12, 2024 5 PM	Prof. Matthias Mahlmann, University Professor, and Chair of Philosophy and Theory of Law, Legal Sociology and International Public Law at the Faculty of Law, University of Zurich.
NLSIU-SIAC Annual Arbitration Lecture April 19, 2024 10 AM	Dr. Claudia Annacker, Member, SIAC Court of Arbitration; Independent Arbitrator and Counsel
Book Discussion – "Being Hindu, Being Indian: Lala Lajpat Rai's Ideas of Nationhood" May 2, 2024 5 PM	Vanya Vaidehi Bhargav is an intellectual historian of modern South Asia with a DPhil in History from the University of Oxford.
Book Discussion: 'A Thousand Tiny Cuts – Mobility and Security across the Bangladesh-India Borderlands' May 6, 2024 5 PM	Sahana Ghosh, Assistant Professor of Anthropology, National University of Singapore.

SPECIAL LECTURES

JUSTICE E S VENKATARAMIAH CENTENNIAL MEMORIAL LECTURE

On December 17, 2023, the National Law School of India University organised the first Justice E S Venkataramiah Centennial Memorial Lecture. The lecture was delivered by Hon'ble Dr Justice D. Y. Chandrachud, Chief Justice of India and Chancellor of NLSIU, at the Jnana Jyothi Auditorium in Gandhi Nagar, Bengaluru.

Justice Engalaguppe Seetharamiah Venkataramiah served as the 19th Chief Justice of India. He previously served as a judge of the Karnataka High Court, as well as the Advocate General of Mysore. His daughter, Hon'ble Mrs. Justice B.V. Nagarathna, is a judge of the Supreme Court of India, and was present on the occasion.

About Justice E S Venkataramiah

Justice E S Venkataramiah enrolled as an advocate in the Karnataka High Court on January 5th 1948 and worked as a Special Government pleader starting from June 1969. He served in this position until March 5th 1970, when he was appointed as Advocate General of Mysore. On June 25th 1970, he was appointed as an Additional Judge of the Karnataka High Court. On October 11th 1970, he became a Permanent Judge of the Karnataka High Court, where he served for nearly 9 years. On March 8th 1979, he was elevated to the Supreme Court. He became the Chief Justice of India on June 19th 1989 and retired at the end of the same year on December 17th. After retiring from the Supreme Court, Justice Venkataramiah taught Constitutional Law at NLSIU from 1992-97, during which time he held the M K Nambyar Chair at the University.

The lecture can be viewed on the NLSIU Official Youtube channel ([click here](#)).



LIST OF SPECIAL LECTURES

TOPIC	SPEAKER
“Castes and Minorities: State and Constitution in a Majoritarian Electocracy” 4th Sri. Hunasikote Abdul Ghaffar Annual Memorial Lecture March 15, 2024 2:30 PM	Prof. Satish Deshpande, Prof. M.N Srinivas Chair Professor at the Institute of Social and Economic Change, Bangalore.
Smart and/or Just City? Evidence from a Southern Periphery” by Prof. Oren Yiftachel, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev, Beersheba April 8, 2024 12:30 PM	Prof. Oren Yiftachel teaches political geography, urban planning and public policy at Ben-Gurion University of the Negev. Yiftachel is one of the main critical geographers and social scientists working in Israel.
“The Arduous Pursuit of Dignity for All Preserving Democracy and Human Rights in a World in Crisis” Talk by Prof. Mathias Mahlmann April 10, 2024 6:30 PM	Prof. Mahlmann is University Professor, and Chair of Philosophy and Theory of Law, Legal Sociology and International Public Law at the Faculty of Law, University of Zurich, Switzerland.
‘How is India doing? A Historian’s Reckoning’ Discussion with Dr. Ramachandra Guha at NLSIU April 24, 2024 4 PM	Dr. Ramachandra Guha is an Indian historian, environmentalist, writer and public intellectual.
Panel Discussion On Digital Personal Data Protection Act, 2023 September 2, 2023 2:30 PM	Panelists: Malavika Raghavan (Moderator), Doctoral Candidate at the London School of Economics; Arun Prabhu, Partner at Cyril Amarchand Mangaldas; Vivek Reddy, Senior Advocate, Telangana High Court; Sriya Sridhar, part of the in-house legal team at Setu (fin-tech company); and Ameen Jauhar, Senior Resident Fellow, Vidhi Centre for Legal Policy.
Paper Presentation Special Challenges in Execution of Arbitral Awards in Public Private Partnerships December 7, 2023 5 PM	Dr. Srividhya Ragavan, Professor of Law and Director of India Programs at the Texas A&M University School of Law.
Justice E S Venkataramiah Centennial Memorial Lecture December 17, 2023 11 AM	Hon’ble Dr Justice D. Y. Chandrachud, Chief Justice of India and Chancellor of NLSIU.

SPECIAL LECTURES

TOPIC

SPEAKER

Moral Vaccination: Ideas and Institutions in the Control of Contagion in India and China in the 19th and 20th centuries
| January 4, 2024 | 5 PM

Dr. Prerna Singh, Mahatma Gandhi Associate Professor of Political Science and International Studies at Brown University.

Sub Continental Transitions: Ecology, Society, Economy in India (1930s to 2020s) |
January 5, 2024 | 5 PM

Prof. Mahesh Rangarajan is Professor of History and Environmental Studies and Honorary Chair Of Archives of Contemporary India, Ashoka University.

National Security and International Trade | January 19, 2024 | 6 PM

Professor Petros C. Mavroidis is Edwin B. Parker Professor of Foreign & Comparative Law, at the Columbia Law School.

NLSIU Webinar | In the Dream House: Examining the New Archival Turn in India | June 7, 2024 | 11:30 AM

Ammel Sharon, Assistant Professor, NLS Archives In-Charge, and Co-director, The Writing Centre, NLSIU.

RESEARCH CENTRES

CENTRE FOR CHILD AND THE LAW

ACTIVITIES

- CCL held a two-day capacity-building program for District Child Protection Officers (DCPOs) on 25-26 July 2023 at NLSIU as part of its project on enabling access to justice for children in the juvenile justice (JJ) system. As DCPOs are key functionaries under the JJ system, the training focused on deepening understanding of the JJ Act, safeguards and rights of children, and the role of different functionaries. The training was attended by 24 DCPOs from across Karnataka.
- CCL in collaboration with the Rural Development and Panchayat Raj (RDPR) and the Department of Women and Child Development (DWCD), organized two district level workshops. On January 10, 2024, 58 members of the Gram Panchayat attended the workshop on NFSA 2013 rules and responsibilities. On February 13, 2024, 51 Bal Vikas Samithi members attended the workshop from Vijayapura district. Officials from the respective departments actively participated, explaining their methods and efforts to address challenges.
- A two-day state-level capacity-building workshop for Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) was held at ODP, Mysore, on April 28 and 29, 2024. Discussions addressed gaps, difficulties, and realities on the ground, highlighting the need of a rights-based strategy in transforming villages into hunger- and malnutrition-free Gram Panchayats. Dr. Rajendra Prasad, Head of Community Consultation at GRAAM, shared his experiences with the grassroots implementation of the Right to Food.
- CCL organised a training workshop for lawyers on procedures and strategies to be adopted during the stage of evidence and cross-examination of a trial. Conducted on the 28 March 2024 at NLSIU, this workshop was attended by lawyers practising under the Juvenile Justice Board, Madiwala; 28 students of the Juvenile Justice legal clinic of the University and members of the team at the Centre.
- CCL organised a Round Table Discussion to mark the 12th anniversary of the implementation of the Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education Act, 2009, in Karnataka on May 11, 2024, at the Training Center, NLSIU. Various stakeholders, including policymakers, educators, and community leaders, engaged in meaningful dialogue about the current state of RTE implementation.
- CCL in collaboration with the Centre for Legal Studies, Central University of Kashmir, organised a consultation in Srinagar on the working and challenges in the Juvenile Justice System on the 4th of June 2024. The consultation was attended by magistrates, DCPOs, members of the Child Welfare Committee and the Juvenile Justice Board, and students from the university.

RESEARCH CENTRES

CENTRE FOR CHILD AND THE LAW (CCL)

OUTPUTS

- Policy Briefs: Three policy briefs have been completed so far. The first is on the status of nutrition of tribal children in hilly regions of Karnataka and the policies that are to be brought out to improve their standard of nutrition. The second on 'Addressing Severe Acute Malnutrition through a Robust Network of Nutrition Rehabilitation Centres in Karnataka'; and the third on 'A new paradigm for India's Food Security: An Insight into Agroecology'.
- Study on the impact of DBT (Anna Bhagya) in Karnataka: On the request of the Department of Food, Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs, Government of Karnataka CCL conducted a short-term study on the feasibility of cash transfers launched under the current Right to Food (Annabhagya) Scheme in the state. The study evaluated the awareness, utilisation, preferences and challenges faced by the rightsholders as well as the department. The report makes several observations and practical recommendations for improvement.
- Training Manuals were prepared for CSOs, PRIs and members of School Development and Monitoring Committees (SDMCs) explaining their respective roles in the implementation of National Food Security Act 2013.
- CCL has endeavoured to draft a comprehensive set of model rules under the National Food Security Act, 2013. That apart, state specific rules have also been drafted, based on inputs drawn from domain experts, representatives of civil society organisations and public policy practitioners, as part of the workshops organised by NLSIU. Currently, the rules have been drafted for Karnataka and Jharkhand and are being circulated amongst the concerned departments for endorsement.
- CCL has drafted a Bail Toolkit by the Child Protection Team at CCL explaining Section 12 of the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2015.

RESEARCH CENTRES

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

ACTIVITIES

- CEERA is undertaking a research project for the preparation of a handbook for the prosecution of offences under the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 (formerly known as the Forest Conservation Act, 1980) granted by the Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change (MoEFCC), Government of India.
- CEERA is collaborating with the West Bengal National University of Juridical Sciences, Kolkata on a project on the “Wetland Conservation, Sustainability of Commons and Climate Change in the State of West Bengal, with a special emphasis on the Sundarbans”.
- CEERA is also undertaking a “Pan India Legal Literacy and Legal Awareness Programme” for the creation and digital dissemination of legal literacy content under the Designing Innovative Solutions for Holistic Access to Justice (DISHA) Scheme, by the Department of Justice, Ministry of Law and Justice, Government of India.
- CEERA conducted the second edition of the Prof. V.S. Mallar Legal Aid Competition, 2023, in which 50 teams pan-India participated and 40 legal aid clinics across India were revived.
- For the first time, CEERA conducted a Policy Hackathon Competition, 2023, as part of a project granted by the Indian Council for Social Science and Research (ICSSR). The theme of the Hackathon was drafting a policy for the government's “Atma Nirbhar Bharat” scheme. 30 Teams pan-India participated in this Competition.
- CEERA conducted eight (8) One-Day Legal Aid Lawyering workshops at law schools and places in Raichur, Tripura, New Delhi, Sundarbans, and Bangalore.

OUTPUTS

- Published a handbook titled *Legal Aid to Legal Rights, 2024*, under the aegis of the project granted by the Department of Justice, Ministry of Law and Justice, Government of India.
- Published *Environmental Law and Policy in India*, a book on environmental law in India, published by Routledge (Taylor & Francis Group).

RESEARCH CENTRES

COMMONS CELL

ACTIVITIES

- Commons Cell is exploring the possibility of establishing an inter-institutional centre for climate studies and participated in a consultation held at National Centre for Biological Sciences (NCBS), Bangalore, in collaboration with ICTS on 11 August 2023.
- Invited to the Round table on “Climate Justice and Education: In Bangalore and Beyond” – an expert talk hosted by NCBS Project TROP ICSU, and FLAME University on 3 May 2024.
- Invited to the preliminary talks with Council on Energy, Environment, and Water (CEEW) and Land Conflict Watch (LCW) for collaborations on projects.

OUTPUTS

- The co-directors are contributing a paper to the journal *Frontiers in Water* for the special issue on “Advances in Socio-hydrology for Building Resilience to a Changing Climate” 2024.
- Preparing an edited volume on ‘Common Pool Resource Management’ with intersections of law and policies on land and water.

RESEARCH CENTRES

CENTRE FOR HEALTH LAW AND ETHICS

ACTIVITIES/OUTPUTS

- The centre held a workshop in November 2023 as part of its project on public health and the Indian constitution to discuss preliminary research findings, invite feedback and enable a conversation. Public health experts, pharmaceutical lawyers, and think tank leaders and NLSIU faculty attended the workshop.
- On 17 November 2023, Prof. Katie and Kashish Aneja from the O'Neill Centre for Transformational Health, Georgetown Law, visited NLSIU and interacted with faculty and students.
- Faculty involved with the centre presented at several conferences including on 'Off-Label use of Anti-VGEF drugs' as part of the annual conference of the Indian Retinopathy of Prematurity Society in Surat on 23 July 2023; and on NMC Professional Conduct Regulations, 2023 on 16 August 2023.
- The centre also participated in the consultation organised by the National Health Authority on Digital Health Data and Privacy on 19 April 2024. Prof. Sudhir Krishnawamy, our Vice Chancellor, was the guest of honour at the program.

CENTRE FOR THE STUDY OF MARGINALISED COMMUNITIES (THALA SAMUDAYA)

ACTIVITIES/OUTPUTS

- Organised a panel titled 'The Sticky Land Question: Property, Laws and Marginality' at the 11th Annual Conference of the Berkeley Centre for Comparative Equality and Anti-discrimination Law, co-hosted by NLSIU.

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/OUTPUTS

- CIPRA is currently working on 3 research projects: This includes
 - (i) a collaborative research project initiated by Dr Arul George Scaria with the Max Planck Institute for Innovation and Competition, Munich, on data governance in emerging economies. The first report from the project has been published as part of the working paper series of the Max Planck Institute.
 - (ii) Dr Arul George Scaria recently initiated an interdisciplinary research project on free and open-source software in collaboration with Dr Suryaprakash Mishra.
 - (iii) As part of the activities of the centre, Dr. Betsy Rajasingh is working on a project relating to geographical indications for handicrafts in Karnataka.
- The Centre organised a lecture by Professor Gregory N. Mandel, held on 18 April 2024. Prof. Mandel is one of the leading scholars in the field of intellectual property at Provost, Temple University. He delivered a lecture at NLSIU on the topic of hindsight bias in patent law. With the help of an in-class experiment, wherein students were randomly divided into two groups, the probability of hindsight bias in obviousness determination was illustrated to the students. This was followed by a discussion on the potential consequences of such bias for different areas of patent law. He also discussed some of the potential options for mitigating the challenge of hindsight bias.
- The Centre organised a lecture by Dr. Meera Nair, held on 21 December 2023. Dr. Nair is the Copyright Officer for the Northern Alberta Institute of Technology (Canada) and one of the leading scholars on user rights under Canadian copyright law. During the lecture, she focused on the evolution of 'user rights' under Canadian copyright law. The lecture highlighted the somewhat parallel histories of India and Canada with respect to statutory copyright and how Canada's past and present may be of interest to librarians and lawyers alike, or indeed anyone in India advocating for user rights in general, and fair dealing in particular.

RESEARCH CENTRES

CENTRE FOR LABOUR STUDIES (CLS)

ACTIVITIES

- **Draft Bill for Informal Workers:** Centre for Labour Studies has developed the **Draft Informal Workers (Regulation of Employment and Conditions of Work, Bill, 2023)**: The bill has been circulated for wider consultation through a working committee consisting of more than ten trade union leaders belonging to informal sectors from Trivandrum, Chennai, Andhra and Delhi, among others.
- **A study of the structure of employment in food delivery and ride-hailing platforms in India:** A study was carried out in Hyderabad covering ride-hailing workers building on earlier research on food delivery workers in Bangalore. An analysis of algorithmic control of platforms, and the regulatory need to define algorithm role was undertaken in collaboration with the IT for Change, a technology research organization in Bangalore.
- **Work on Universalisation of Social Security:** CLS has carried out consultancy work with the Employees Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO) on universalisation of social security benefits, particularly on a scheme for protection of platform workers and schemes for universal pension for informal workers.
- **A Draft Bill for Platform-based Gig workers:** CLS has also developed the **draft Platform-Based Gig Workers (Conditions of Service and Social Security) Act Bill, 2023**: This has been presented to the Labour Minister of Karnataka on 14 September 2023.
- **Draft Karnataka Labour Policy:** The Government of Karnataka has appointed a tripartite Committee along with two academicians from NLSIU, Prof Babu Mathew and Mohan Mani to prepare a Karnataka Labour Policy. Prof. Babu Mathew is Chairing this Committee. A draft Labour Policy document, and an interim report to the Government of Karnataka is currently underway.

OUTPUTS

- A short manual for workers and platform users on the conditions of employment in platform taxi work in Hyderabad. This manual was brought out in English, Urdu and Telugu and hard copies were distributed through taxi drivers in the city.
- A comic book on conditions of employment in the food delivery platform in Bangalore, based on the research done by CLS. The comic was produced pro-bono by a graduate student in urban and labour studies of the City University of New York (CUNY).
- A report on algorithm regulation brought out jointly by CLS and IT for Change.
- Mohan Mani of CLS has worked on the latest edition of the South Asia Poverty Report, a triennial report brought out by the South Asia Alliance for Poverty Eradication (SAAPE); a Nepal based coalition of civil society organizations, released in 2024.

RESEARCH CENTRES

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

ACTIVITIES

- **National Dialogues on Commons:** CSSEIP, in collaboration with SAFAR, organised seven national dialogues in Bangalore, Mumbai, Jaipur, Delhi, Guwahati, Pune, and Bhubaneswar on different commons such as land, ocean, digital commons, forest, cultural commons, water, minerals and air. Each of these dialogues were attended by 40-50 participants.
- **Workshop on Law and Economy:** A workshop on Law and Economy was held in collaboration with IIT Bombay on 22 March 2024 at NLSIU Bangalore, and attended by scholars from both institutions.
- **Two-Day state-level consultative meeting on Identified Manual Scavenger Rehabilitation Schemes:** NLSIU conducted this consultation in collaboration with the Safai Karmachari Development Corporation, Karnataka State Social Welfare Department, Government of Karnataka on 2-3 August, 2023. The consultation focused on the suggestions and findings of a study conducted by the *Thala Samudayagala Adhyayana Kendra* on the economic and social conditions of safai karmacharis. Safai Karmachari organizations, leaders, legal experts, officials, lawyers and community representatives and workers participated in this meeting and gave suggestions. All these suggestions were reviewed, and a report was submitted.
- **Formation of the “Nurturing Social Justice Network for Academics:** A Reflexive Writing Training in South Asia from Excluded Communities”: A network of 32 academics from India, Bangladesh and Nepal conducted several online meetings in 2023-24, followed by a physical meeting held in March 25-29, 2024 in Kathmandu. This initiative, funded by the British Academy, plans to bid for research funds to advance knowledge on South Asia for excluded communities. Director of CSSEIP, Prof. Sony Pellissery is one of the leads of this initiative.
- **Visit by the Norwegian Ambassador on 7 June 2023:** CCSEIP had carried out several collaborative projects with Oslo Metropolitan University, and hosted students from Norway for exchange programmes. Norwegian embassy had also hosted CSSEIP team for a dinner during the academic conference on ‘Future of Work’ in March 2023. Norwegian Ambassador, Hans Jacob Frydenlund reciprocated these collaborations through a visit to NLSIU on 7 June 2023.

OUTPUTS

- **Submission to United Nations Special Rapporteur on Poverty Eradication:** CSSEIP submitted a report to the United Nations Special Rapporteur on Poverty Eradication. The report includes suggestions drawn from CSSEIP study reports as well as a national level workshop titled ‘Humanise Poverty’ organised on 13 January 2024 to reflect on measures on extreme poverty. The suggestions will help shape new Sustainable Development Goals following the expiry of existing ones in 2030.

RESEARCH CENTRES

CENTRE FOR WOMEN AND THE LAW

ACTIVITIES

- **Consultation on “Centre of Excellence Project: Initiatives and Steps Forward”:** On 4th December 2023, CWL hosted a consultation as part of its Centre of Excellence Project being carried out in partnership with the Department of Women and Child Development, Government of Karnataka and the National Institute of Mental Health and Neurosciences (NIMHANS). 60 participants from across Karnataka participated in the said event. The consultation was for the purpose of inviting inputs on developing manuals on Protection of Women from Domestic Violence Act (PWDVA), 2005, and on new legal provisions addressing acid attacks. Participants included various stakeholders from DWDC and representatives of women’s rights organisations, academics and lawyers.
- **Series of training programmes:** CWL conducted six (6) training programmes for government officials appointed under the PWDVA as well as the staff of the Sakhi centres set up at various districts to respond to women survivors of violence and acid attack. Organised jointly with NIMHANS, the programmes focused on legal rights and mental health.
- **Chapters invited for a proposed book on Politics of Waiting and an Expanding Gender Horizon: The Social, Political, and Legal Discourses in India:** The proposed book aims to reimagine ‘gender’ through the conceptual framework of the ‘politics of waiting’. As we explore the social and legal discourses shaping and transforming ‘gender’ as an analytical category, we intend to push our thinking to examine the discursive intersection between gender and waiting. Dr. Debangana Chatterjee and Prof. Sarasu Thomas are the editors of the volume. The proposal is currently under review with Routledge.

OUTPUTS

- **Research on Acid Attacks:** The research on acid attacks commissioned by NHRC conducted in the States of Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh, Karnataka and West Bengal. This study was conducted between 2020 to 2023. A report was prepared and submitted to the NHRC in May 2024.

RESEARCH CHAIRS

CHAIR ON CONSUMER LAW AND PRACTICE (CLAP)

ACTIVITIES

- CLAP organized a national webinar on “Build Capacity for States/UTs towards implementation of Direct Selling Rules” in collaboration with Indian Direct Selling Association (IDSA) on 21 July 2023 wherein the research finding from the IDSA project was disseminated to State Governments and inputs were taken and a final draft was thereafter shared with all the State Governments.
- In collaboration with Campaign for Tobacco Free Kids (CTFK), CLAP organised a two-days national workshop on “Steps to Strengthen India’s Tobacco Control Law-Trial/Tribulations/Progress and Way Forward” on 6-7 December 2023.
- CLAP organised a virtual panel discussion on “Unveiling the Shadows: Exploring Dark Patterns in the Realm of Consumer Protection Law” on 10 February 2024 to shed light on the pervasive use of dark patterns in the digital landscape and their implications for consumer protection laws.
- CLAP organised a virtual panel discussion on "Navigating Consumer Protection in the E-Commerce Metaverse: Safeguarding Privacy in the Virtual Marketplace" on 15 March 2024 on the eve of World Consumer Rights Day to foster dialogue, share insights, and collaborate on strategies to address challenges and opportunities in the convergence of e-commerce and the metaverse.
- Ms. Tarishi Agrawal gave a presentation on the Online Consumer Mediation Centre (OCMC) Project established at NLSIU under the aegis of the Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Government of India to the Under Secretary on 8 May 2024.
- Submitted suggestions/comments on the Integration of the Online Dispute Redressal Mechanism with the National Helpline (NCH), including potential challenges to be addressed, on 14 May 2024 to the Department of Consumer Affairs, Delhi.
- Submitted a write up on the critical analysis of mediation process under the Consumer Protection Act, 2019 and the Mediation Act, 2023 to the Department of Consumer Affairs, Delhi.

OUTPUTS

- Publication of Volume 11 (2023) of International Journal on Consumer Law and Practice.
- Publication of Bi-annual Newsletter "March on consumer Law and Practice" (2023), Vol. XVI Issue.
- Developed a “Status Report States’ Initiatives in Tobacco Control” to support the State Level Advocacy for COTPA Amendment.

RESEARCH CHAIRS

D.C. SINGHANIA CHAIR ON ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION

ACTIVITIES/OUTPUTS

- Launched new Post-Graduate Diploma in Arbitration Law: Admission process is underway. Classes scheduled to commence from September 2024.
- NLS-Trilegal International Arbitration Conference 2024 on 18 May 2024: A panel discussion in connection with the annual international arbitration moot was organised with the support of the Moot Court Society.
- NLS Annual Arbitration Lecture on 19 April 2024: Delivered by Prof (Dr) Claudia Annacker on the topic- Sunset Clauses in Bilateral Investment Treaties – in association with the Singapore International Arbitration Centre.
- Mediation course with University of California San Francisco (formerly UC Hastings) School of Law.
- Professor Dwight Golann from UCSF's School of Law conducted a clinical elective course at NLSIU in the term of March – May 2024, supported by the ADR Chair.

RESEARCH CHAIRS

FORD FOUNDATION CHAIR IN PUBLIC INTEREST LAW

ACTIVITIES/OUTPUTS

- The Ford Foundation Chair on Public Interest Law at NLSIU supports an Externship Programme in Public Interest Law, offered in collaboration with the Director (Clinics). Students selected for the externship are expected to assist public interest lawyers and organisations in their day-to-day work in ongoing legal matters, associated research and drafting work as well as contribute to their policy and advocacy work. The program is offered as an elective for 4 credits. NLSIU assisted in developing the evaluation criteria in consultation with the practitioner. The programme is implemented and supervised by the office of the Director, Clinics at NLSIU. This is the second year that the Ford Foundation Externship Programme in Public Interest Law has been offered at the University. For the academic year 2023–24, the externship programme was offered twice: in the July–September 2023 trimester as well as in the March – May 2024 trimester. Two students were selected in each of the two trimesters to take part in the externship programme.
- Mr. Pranav Verma, Affiliated Faculty with the Chair completed a working paper titled ‘Forty-Five Years of Public Interest Litigations In India: Its Changing Constituencies and the Rise of the Regulatory Court’. The paper analysed over 700 PIL judgments and orders filed between 1979 and 2024.
- The Ford Foundation Chair and both the affiliated faculty members have worked with the IBA-CLE Chair and PACE at NLSIU towards developing a short course/workshop series on public interest lawyering for legal professionals.
- As the Ford Foundation Chair in Public Interest Law, Prof. Kamala Sankaran was invited to speak at the following events:
 - Speaker at NALSAR Colloquium on Cooperation Contentment and Care to Enable Justice for All, 11 November 2023.
 - Speaker at the Lecture Series on Engendering Laws: Status and Challenges, organised by Shastri Indo-Canadian Institute and the Institute of Law, Nirma University, 23 January 2024 (remote).
 - Speaker at the inauguration of the Constitution Defenders Fellowship by the Centre for Law and Policy Research at the Karnataka High Court, 25 January 2024.

RESEARCH CHAIRS

HAL CHAIR ON BUSINESS LAWS

ACTIVITIES/OUTPUTS

- Conducted training sessions as part of four-day certification programme on Business Law and Contract Management for Grade IV and above Officers. (Non-legal background) from 4-7 October 2023.
- Conducted training sessions on "Contract Management" on 26 September 2023 at Engine Division (BC), HAL.
- Conducted a training session on Industrial and Labour Laws under the Labour Codes on 13 September 2023 at the Aircraft Division of HAL.
- Conducted training sessions on Contract Management at the HAL Management Academy on 1 September 2023.
- Conducted training sessions on Defence Contract Management at the HAL Management Academy on 19 July 2023.

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ACTIVITIES/OUTPUTS

- Publication: Singh, Rahul, "Imperfect Alternatives: Economic Evidence in Indian Regulatory Landscape" (2024).
- Published research briefs on Law and Economics in the Electricity Sector, Digital Competition Law, Interplay of Data protection and competition law and dark patterns available on the Chair's page.

RESEARCH CHAIRS

JUSTICE V.R. KRISHNA IYER CHAIR ON PUBLIC LAW

ACTIVITIES/OUTPUTS

- Prof. Theunis Roux, Professor of Law at the University of New South Wales (UNSW) was invited to co-teach an elective alongside Professor Arun K. Thiruvengadam, in-charge of the Chair, on 'Constitutionalism in the Global South' a theme that Justice Iyer wrote and thought about a fair deal. Prof Roux also used his time at NLS to advise us on the PhD programme and attended preliminary meetings to hammer out an MoU between his home University, UNSW Law, and NLS. In 2025, a group of UNSW students will travel to NLS to be part of a cohort here that will take the same elective.
- Prof. Matthias Mahlmann from the University of Zurich was invited by Professor Arun K. Thiruvengadam, in-charge of the Chair. Prof. Mahlmann delivered a talk on his recent and critically acclaimed book 'Mind and Rights: The History, Law and Psychology of Human Rights' on April 10, 2024 at the Bangalore International Centre. The talk is titled 'The Arduous Pursuit of Dignity for All – Preserving Democracy and Human Rights in a World in Crisis'.
- Prof. Mahlmann delivered a public lecture on the topic 'Human dignity as a legal concept – vacuous, redundant, and stupid?', on April 12, 2024 at the NLS campus. Prof. Mahlmann also met with the Vice Chancellor and the Exchange Programme Team to pursue collaborations under the terms of the NLSIU-University of Zurich exchange agreement, including student exchanges at the undergraduate and PhD levels, as well as exchange of faculty between the two institutions, and research collaborations across both universities.

MINISTRY OF COMMERCE CHAIR ON INTERNATIONAL TRADE LAWS

ACTIVITIES/OUTPUTS

- Dr Akhila Basalalli, has coordinated the training programme for the Indian Trade Service (ITS) officers nominated by the Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT), Ministry of Commerce organised by the PACE conducted at NLSIU during 14-19 April 2024. She has conducted a session on the 'Interpretation of treaties and invocability of international law' in the training programme.
- Dr Akhila Basalalli has presented a paper on India's participation in International Organizations, highlighting India's role in WTO. The conference was conducted during 15-20 December 2023 in Thammasat University, Bangkok, Thailand.

RESEARCH CHAIRS

MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT CHAIR ON JUVENILE JUSTICE

ACTIVITIES

The Chair collaborated with the Centre for Child and the Law (CCL), NLSIU through its project “Access to Justice for Children in the Juvenile Justice System” housed at the Madiwala Observation Home in Bangalore. This allowed students to assist CCL in their ongoing intervention work in providing legal representation and assistance to children in conflict with law by preparing case strategies.

- **Clinical Elective on Children in Conflict with Law:** A Clinical Exploration of the Juvenile Justice System: This full-term elective course was offered in the March trimester of AY 2023-24. The idea behind the clinic was to allow students to engage with experiential learning opportunities by collaborating with research organizations and intervention-based organizations that work in the domain of child rights, child protection and juvenile justice. The elective was offered to the students of III, IV and V year of the B.A. LL.B. (Hons.) and the LL.B. (Hons.) programmes and was designed to provide a practitioner’s perspective on the juvenile justice system in India, with a primary emphasis on juvenile delinquency. It examined how the juvenile justice system responds to children in conflict with the law (CICL).
- **Guest Lecture on examining a child before Adjudicatory authorities:** To assist students in case strategy development, guest lectures and informal discussions were organized with lawyers practicing before Juvenile Justice Boards and Children’s Courts. A special lecture was organized in collaboration with CCL on the collection of evidence and examining a child in conflict with law. The lecture was delivered by Mr. Ashok Gubbi Venkateshmurthy, Partner, at Factum Law on 28 March and focussed on child-friendly practices that can be adopted by lawyers while examining children. The lecture was attended by students enrolled in the Juvenile Justice Clinic and was also open to other students enrolled in clinical courses.
- **Exposure visit to Government Observation Home for Boys, Madiwala:** An exposure visit for students of the Juvenile Justice Clinic was organized to the Government Observation Home for Boys in Madiwala, in collaboration with CCL on 22 May 2024, aimed at gaining insights into the Juvenile Justice system through direct engagement with stakeholders. The expenses for the travel to the Observation Home was supported by funds available with the chair.

OUTPUTS

- **Devising Case Strategies for ongoing cases before Juvenile Justice Board, Madiwala:** Students who have taken the Juvenile Justice Clinic were assigned 13 ongoing cases that the CCL team is handling before the Juvenile Justice Board at Madiwala. The students developed case strategies to address the legal issues in these cases through written pleadings and oral presentations. Students submitted written arguments both as defence counsel and prosecutors in their cases and developed a plan for client representation. Redacted copies of order sheets from the JJBs and sample applications and arguments were provided. Oral presentations were held in the presence of lawyers from CCL representing children at the Observation Home. The case strategies have been handed over to CCL.

RESEARCH CHAIRS

NHRC CHAIR ON HUMAN RIGHTS

ACTIVITIES/OUTPUTS

- Organized First Alternative Judgment Writing Competition on Disability Rights 2024 (online): In this competition the participants were expected to write the draft alternative judgement on a decided case by Bombay High Court involving disability rights. This competition consisted of two rounds: written submission round and oral presentation round. 17 students participated in the first round by way of written drafts. 6 shortlisted students made oral presentations in the final and second round. Adjudication of the second round was carried out by Hon. Justice G R. Swaminathan , Chennai HC, Madurai; Prof. Anna Lawson, Disability Studies Center, University of Leeds, UK and Mr. Joginder Singh, Registrar, National Human Rights Commission.
- Organized a special lecture by Megha Bahl on “Ties of brotherhood: custodial deaths and the law in India” on 8 July 2024 at the NLS campus.

RELIANCE INDUSTRIES CHAIR ON CORPORATE LAW AND GOVERNANCE

ACTIVITIES/OUTPUTS

- Mishra, S. (2024). Oligopoly, Entry and Welfare. WP/07/1, Reliance Chair on Corporate Law and Governance, NLSIU, Bengaluru.
- Jumde, A. (2024). Potential Challenges to Legal Regulation of CSR: Findings and Lessons from the Indian Experiment in the COVID Pandemic Context. WP/07/2, Reliance Chair on Corporate Law and Governance, NLSIU, Bengaluru.

RESEARCH CHAIRS

UNHCR CHAIR ON REFUGEE LAW

ACTIVITIES/OUTPUTS

- Organized panel discussion on “Representation in Refugee Law: The Right to Legal Aid for Refugees in India” on 20 May 2024. The speakers were Advocate Sahana Basavapatna – a lawyer with trial court and Iftikar Hussain Siddique – an Inlaks Shivdasani Fellow and a paralegal from Assam who works on creating access to legal aid for people affected. The event enabled students and others to understand the practical challenges in providing legal aid, the ways in which the Constitution and other laws can be invoked, how courts decide such cases, what legal strategies to deploy etc.
- Organised a panel at the BCCE conference, titled Expanding the Universe of Equality: Refugee Law in India on 27 July 2024. The panelists were Darshana Mitra, Dr. Ashna Singh, and Dr. Akhila Basalalli from NLSIU; Dr. Mohsin Alam Bhat from Queen Mary University London, and Sahana Basavapatna (independent practitioner). Presentations were made on the themes of citizenship laws, non-refoulement, and caste in refugee law.
- Conducted a two-term clinical course on Citizenship and Statelessness. Darshana Mitra taught this course in the 2nd and 3rd trimesters of AY 2023–24. 24 students enrolled in the first term, of which 5 students continued in the second term. In the second term, students worked on drafting writ petitions in the Gauhati High Court. Of these five drafts, two petitions were filed in June 2024, and the other three are expected to be filed in July 2024.

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

ACTIVITIES/OUTPUTS

- The Chair successfully obtained a grant titled ‘Writing Urban Studies 3.0’ from the Urban Studies Foundation Grant, in collaboration with the Writing Urban India Collective, comprised of senior to mid-career academics across India who work in cities.
- Dr Sushmita Pati, faculty in-charge of the Chair, delivered a research talk on "Economies of Evidence: Everything, Everywhere, All at Once", The Proof and the Pudding: Evidence in Academic Writing at the Centre for Writing Studies, in November 2023.
- Dr Sushmita Pati was part of a panel conversation on India Then, India Now organised by Cambridge University Press at Bangalore International Centre, in August, 2023.
- Dr Sushmita Pati was the discussant for Malini Ranganathan's book Corruption Plots at the Bangalore International Centre, and for Chitvan Gill's book Dreaming a Paradise, organised at the Champaca bookstore, Bangalore, in June 2024.

RESEARCH PROJECTS

BENCHMARKING AND STRENGTHENING THE ROLE OF WOMEN IN KARNATAKA POLICE

UPDATES

The project team, consisting of Ms Devyani Srivastava and Ms Laksha Kalappa Baleyada, completed the study on women in Karnataka State Police and submitted the report to the Karnataka police. NLS will present the study findings to senior and supervisory police officers as part of a symposium and thereafter publish the report on our website. Based on the insights gained through the study, the project team has developed a leadership training module focusing on diversity and equality principles, standards and obligations.

The training is aimed at Sub-Inspector and Inspector ranks responsible for overseeing the constabulary at various police units. The team conducted two pilot training sessions, in Raichur and Mandya districts, and is in the process of finalising the module for publishing.

BENGALURU CITY POLICE GENDER SENSITIZATION PROGRAMMES (SAFE CITY PROJECT)

UPDATES

NLSIU initiated a training project for personnel of the Bangalore City Police department under the aegis of the Safe City Project. As part of this project, NLSIU is partnering with the Bangalore City Police to deliver sensitisation sessions for both police personnel as well as the public on issues of gender and gender-based violence. The University is collaborating with four Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs) 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 sessions focus on gender stereotypes, laws relating to sexual offences, laws relating to matrimonial offences and communication with victims of crime.

Till date, 25 batches have been successfully trained covering 3500 personnel (men and women personnel) from Law and Order and Traffic divisions. The sessions are for constables, head constables and assistant sub-inspectors.

RESEARCH PROJECTS

CRIMINAL JUSTICE RESEARCH PROJECT

UPDATES

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.

The project team, consisting of Prof. Mrinal Satish, and Ms. Anushka Pandey, completed the project on "Preventive Detention in Karnataka". The report was presented before the NLS faculty, and at the 11th Annual Conference of the Berkeley Centre on Comparative Equality and Anti Discrimination Law held at NLSIU in July 2024. The study will be published in an upcoming special issue of the National Law School Journal.

EXPLORING DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION OF INDIA'S CONSUMER GRIEVANCE REDRESSAL SYSTEM THROUGH GEN-AI

UPDATES

In November 2023, the NLSIU announced a new research project on consumer law with the support of Meta to assess how large language models (LLM) can be used for building public solutions for enhancing efficiency in India's consumer grievance redressal system. The project is being executed along with the Indian Institute of Technology Bombay (IIT Bombay), in collaboration with the Department of Consumer Affairs (DoCA) as the knowledge partner.

The project aims to develop a consumer-centric chatbot and decision-assist tool for enhancing efficiency in India's consumer grievance redressal system. The chatbot will guide consumers on complaint procedures and consumer law, while the decision-assist tool will aid judicial authorities with case law searches and document summarization. The project also aims to develop a comprehensive AI and Law research program.

- The project team has already released two research briefs titled "Legal Applications and Implications of Large Language Models" and "The Disadvantages and Limitations of Using Large Language Models in the Field of Law" (available on the NLS website).
- The project also has an advocacy and training component. The first of a series of training public workshops titled 'Enhancing Consumer Grievance Redressal through Large Language Models (LLMs)' was held on 16 March 2024.

RESEARCH PROJECTS

PLURALIST AGREEMENT AND CONSTITUTIONAL TRANSFORMATION (PACT)

UPDATES

Since September 2022, NLSIU is participating in a three-year long research project titled 'Pluralist Agreement and Constitutional Transformation' (PACT) that looks at rethinking the making of constitutions in divided societies. This project is funded by the Arts and Humanities Research Council.

During AY 2023-24, the PACT team, consisting of NLS faculty members Prof. Sudhir Krishnaswamy and Ms. Aishwarya Birla, participated and organised several deliberations.

- Prof. Sudhir Krishnaswamy presented the initial draft of the paper titled, 'Quantitative Analysis of Borrowing in the Indian Constitution' at a workshop held at Pembroke College, Oxford, in July 2023. Based on the workshop and further research, a revised version of the paper was presented at the American Political Science Association in the 2023 Annual Meeting and Exhibition held in Los Angeles from Aug 31-Sep 1, 2023. This paper is undergoing further reworking and review with the goal of completion in early 2024 for the purpose of sending them out for journals for publication.
- The NLS PACT team organised three book discussions under the PACT research ambit including one on Mathew John's book '*India's Communal Constitution: Law, Religion, and the Making of a People*' and another on Achyut Chetan's book '*Founding Mothers of the Indian Republic: Gender Politics of the Framing of the Constitution*' with discussants Surbhi Karwa and Aishwarya Birla.
- The PACT team along with Research Associates published blog posts on a variety of topics to further public engagement and discourse with the Indian Constitution, specifically through constitutional history. To celebrate Dr BR Ambedkar's birth anniversary on the 14th of April, the team explored 'Dr B.R. Ambedkar's Position on Socio-economic Rights in the Indian Constitution'.
- The team reviewed selected constitutional law cases decided by the Indian Supreme Court in 2023, to reflect on the engagement with the Constitution and the Supreme Court in the larger context of the road ahead and the relevance of the past ('Reflection: PACT reviews the Supreme Court of India in 2023').

RESEARCH PROJECTS



QAMRA ARCHIVAL PROJECT

UPDATES

- QAMRA hosted a discussion on the SC proceedings in the case for Marriage Equality with Utkarsh Saxena, Dr. Akkai Padmashali, Uma, Jayna Kothari and Arvind Narrain at Alternative Law Forum on 11 July 2023.
- In August 2023, QAMRA hosted an exhibition by US-based organisation Witness Change called Where Love is Illegal at the NLSIU Library. Among its many visitors, the exhibit was viewed by the Chief Justice of India Dr. D.Y. Chandrachud, and Justice Bela Trivedi and Justice Ahsanuddin Amanullah of the Supreme Court of India.
- QAMRA invited Ojas Kadu of the Archives of the NCBS to train the team in archives management software.
- QAMRA has hosted three research projects supported by the India Foundation of Arts. Additionally, De Trut granted QAMRA 2000 Euros to work on Metadata and Queer Lives. Further, in 2024, the Mariwala Health Foundation began to support an 18-month archival project on queer well-being.
- QAMRA was invited to speak at Anveshi: Women's Research Centre in Hyderabad, 14-15 December, 2023; at CEPT University on 23 February 2024; and at Archives and Social Justice Panel, New Professionals Programme, International Council on Archives, 23 April 2024.

GOVERNING BODY MEETINGS

ACADEMIC COUNCIL

55TH ACADEMIC COUNCIL MEETING | AUGUST 22, 2023

- Draft Annual Report for the Academic Year 2022-23
- List of Graduating Students for the Academic Year 2022-23
- List of Gold Medal winners for the Academic Year 2022-23
- Admissions:
 - Report on Admissions for AY 2023-24
 - Admission of foreign students
 - Admission guidelines for AY 2024-25
- Approval of Amendments to Academic and Examination Regulations 2022 (AER 2022)
- Approval of Amendments to PhD Regulations 2023
- Approval of modification of Courses and Course Sequence in 3 Year LL.B (Hons.) Programme
- Condonation of Attendance Shortage and Promotion on Medical Grounds
- Approval of extension to continue in B.A., LL.B.(Hons.) Programme beyond 8 Years
- Approval of extension of tenure to PhD candidates to submit their Final Thesis
- Confirmation of University Research Policy 2023
- Faculty recruitment:
 1. New Faculty Positions
 2. Professors of Practice
- Discussion on Masters degree (LLM) for Judicial Officers
- Confirmation for Twinning Programmes with Foreign Universities

56TH ACADEMIC COUNCIL MEETING | APRIL 5, 2024

- LL.M. Concentrations
- University Research Ethics Policy
- M.A. in Judicial Studies: An Exclusive Masters Programme for Judges
- Outline of B.A., LL.B. (Hons.) Curriculum Review and Future Degree Programmes
- Post-Graduate Diploma in Arbitration Law
- Post-Graduate Diploma in Taxation Law
- Regarding student request for extension of duration of LL.M. programme

GOVERNING BODY MEETINGS

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

101ST EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING : AUGUST 23, 2023

- Draft Annual Report for the Academic Year 2022-23

Financial Matters

- Audited Annual Accounts for the Financial Year 2022-23
Key Financial Highlights for FY 2022-23
Audited Annual Accounts for FY 2022-23
- Action Taken Report on Internal Auditors Report for the Quarter 3 & Quarter 4 of FY-2022-23
- Extension of the Term of Statutory Auditor

Academic Matters

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Personnel Matters

- Confirmation of the Recruitment of Non-Teaching Staff
- Managers-Academic Administration Department
- Manager-Facilities and Projects
- Director-Campus and Residence Life
- Editor
- Director-PACE
- Sr. Manager Research

GOVERNING BODY MEETINGS

- Draft Leave Policy-Faculty and Staff
- Sanction of Lien for faculty
- Request for Transfer of Lien for faculty member
- Sanction of Leave Without Pay to faculty member
- Report on
 1. Recruitment of Academic Fellows and Assistant Professors (1 year contract)
 2. Consultants hired
- CAS 2023 Promotion Process

102ND EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING | APRIL 10, 2024

Financial Matters

- Estimates and Budget Related Matters
 - a. Revised Estimates for FY 2023-24
 - b. Proposed Budget for FY 2024-25
- Action Taken Report on the Internal Auditors Report for the first half of FY 2023-24
- Proposed fee revision for the B.A., LL.B.(Hons), LL.B (Hons.), LL.M, M.P.P and PhD programmes for the incoming batches for the Academic Year 2024-25
- Fee revision for PACE programmes

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Personnel Matters

- Confirmation of the recruitment of Faculty
- Confirmation of the Recruitment of Non-Teaching Staff
- Clarification regarding VRS procedures for faculty member
- Extension of employment contracts of Assistant Librarians
- Report on Long Leave availed by Faculty
- Proposals for Professors of Practice
- Renewal of the term of the Vice Chancellor

GOVERNING BODY MEETINGS

GENERAL COUNCIL

37TH GENERAL COUNCIL MEETING | AUGUST 25, 2023

- Draft Annual Report for the Academic Year 2022-23
- Audited Annual Accounts for the Financial Year 2022-23
 - Key Financial Highlights for FY 2022-23
 - Audited Annual Accounts for FY 2022-23
- Approval of List of Graduating Students for the Academic Year 2022-23
- Approval of List of Gold Medal winners for the Academic Year 2022-23
- Approval of Draft Leave Policy

FINANCE COMMITTEE

65 TH FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING | AUGUST 21, 2023

- Audited Annual Accounts for the Financial Year 2022-23
- Key Financial Highlights for FY 2022-23
- Audited Annual Accounts for FY 2022-23
- Action Taken Report on Internal Auditors Report for the Quarter 3 & Quarter 4 of FY-2022-23
- Extension of the Term of Statutory Auditor

66 TH FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING | MARCH 20, 2024

- Estimates and Budget Related Matters
 - a. Revised Estimates for FY 2023-24
 - b. Proposed Budget for FY 2024-25
- Action Taken Report on the Internal Auditors Report for the first half of FY 2023-24
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FACULTY

EMPLOYEE REPORT (JUL 2023 - JUN 2024)

NAME & DESIGNATION

1. Prof. (Dr.) Sudhir Krishnaswamy - Vice Chancellor
2. Prof. (Dr.) Nuggehalli S Nigam - Registrar
3. Prof. Babu Mathew - Visiting Professor
4. Prof. (Dr.) V. Nagaraj - Professor of Law [On lien from 1.7.2021]
5. Prof. (Dr.) V.S. Elizabeth - Professor of History
6. Dr. T. Ramakrishna - Chair Professor, DPIIT Chair
7. Prof. (Dr.) O.V. Nandimath - Professor of Law
8. Prof. (Dr.) Ashok R. Patil - Professor of Law & Chair Professor,
Consumer Law and Practice [On Lien from 17.6.2023]
9. Prof. (Dr.) Sarasu E. Thomas - Professor of Law
10. Prof. (Dr.) T. S. Somashekar - Professor of Economics
11. Prof. (Dr.) Sairam Bhat - Professor of Law
12. Prof. (Dr.) Mrinal Seekay Satish - Professor of Law
13. Prof. (Dr.) Arun Thiruvengadam - Professor of Law
14. Prof. (Dr.) Sanjay Shrikant Jain - Professor of Law
15. Prof. (Dr.) Kamala Sankaran - Professor of Law,
Ford Foundation Chair in Public Interest Law
16. Dr. Govindraj G. Hegde - Associate Professor of Law
17. Mr. Rahul Singh - Associate Professor of Law
18. Dr. Yashomati Ghosh - Associate Professor of Law [On Lien from 1.4.2023]
19. Dr. Nagarathna A - Associate Professor of Law
20. Dr. Aparna Chandra - Associate Professor of Law
21. Dr. Saurabh Bhattacharjee - Associate Professor of Law, HAL Defence Public Sector
Undertaking Chair in Business Laws
22. Dr. Arul George Scaria - Associate Professor of Law
23. Dr. Suryaprakash Misra - Associate Professor (Social Science)
24. Dr. Harisankar K. Sathyapalan - Associate Professor of Law
25. Dr. Sudhanshu Kumar - Associate Professor of Law
26. Dr. Nanda Kishore - Visiting Professor up to 31.10.2023;
Professor of Practice from 1.3.2023
27. Mr. Kunal Ambasta - Assistant Professor (Law)
28. Ms. Rashmi Venkatesan - Assistant Professor (Law)
29. Ms. Sanyukta Chowdhury - Assistant Professor (Law)
30. Dr. Sushmita Pati - Assistant Professor, Political Science up to 22.4.2024;
Associate Professor, Social Science from 23.4.2024

FACULTY

EMPLOYEE REPORT (JUL 2023 - JUN 2024)

NAME & DESIGNATION

1. Ms. Shreya Shree - Assistant Professor (Law)
2. Mr. Raag Yadava - Assistant Professor (Law)
3. Dr. Atreyee Majumder - Associate Professor (Social Science)
4. Dr. Anwesha Ghosh - Assistant Professor (Social Science)
5. Ms. Preeti Pratishruti Dash - Assistant Professor (Law)
6. Dr. Sharada Shinde - Assistant Professor (Law)
7. Ms. Prerna Dhoop - Assistant Professor (Law)
8. Mr. Harsha N - Assistant Professor (Law)
9. Ms. Smitha Krishna Prasad - Assistant Professor (Law) (Contract)
10. Ms. Jasmine Joseph - Assistant Professor (Law)
11. Dr. Betsy Vinolia Rajasingh - Assistant Professor (Law)
12. Dr. Ashna Singh K - Assistant Professor (Law)
13. Ms. Sahana Ramesh - Assistant Professor (Law)
14. Dr. Madhubanti Sadhya - Assistant Professor (Law)
15. Dr. Gauri Pillai - Assistant Professor (Law) (Contract)
16. Dr. Karthick Ram Manoharan - Assistant Professor (Social Sciences)
17. Dr. Rahul Hemrajani - Assistant Professor (Law)
18. Dr. Salmoli Choudhuri - Assistant Professor (Law)
19. Ms. Bhanu Tanwar - Assistant Professor (Law)
20. Dr. Chandrabhan Pratap Yadav - Assistant Professor (Social Sciences)
21. Dr. Akhila Gangadhar Basalalli - Assistant Professor (Law)
22. Dr. Debangana Chatterjee - Assistant Professor (Social Sciences)
23. Dr. Anupama Sharma - Assistant Professor Law)
24. Dr. Samyak Ghosh - Assistant Professor (Social Sciences)
25. Dr. Sudheesh R C - Assistant Professor (Social Sciences)
26. Dr. Kena Wani - Assistant Professor (Social Sciences)
27. Dr. Karthikeyan Damodaran - Assistant Professor (Social Sciences)
28. Dr. Gayathri D. Naik - Assistant Professor (Law)
29. Mr. Pranav Verma - Assistant Professor (Law)
30. Ms. Nanditta Batra - Visiting Assistant Professor
31. Ms. Diya Deviah - Visiting Assistant Professor
32. Dr. Asmita Goswami - Visiting Assistant Professor
33. Dr. Dhivya Janarthanan - Visiting Assistant Professor
34. Mr. Mihir Naniwadekar - Visiting Assistant Professor
35. Ms. Meenakshi Ramkumar - Visiting Assistant Professor
36. Ms. Ragini Ahuja - Director – Clinics

FACULTY

EMPLOYEE REPORT (JUL 2023 - JUN 2024)

RECRUITMENTS (AS PER DOJ)

1. Ms. Darshana Mitra - Visiting Assistant Professor - 1.7.2023
2. Ms. Aparajita Lath - Visiting Assistant Professor - 1.7.2023
3. Ms. Padmini Baruah - Visiting Assistant Professor - 1.7.2023
4. Ms. Radhika Chitkara - Assistant Professor (Law) - 4.7.2023
5. Mr. Neeraj Grover - Visiting Assistant Professor - 10.8.2023
6. Mr. Manish - Assistant Professor (1-year Contract) - 2.11.2023
7. Mr. Balu Nair - Assistant Professor (Law) - 6.11.2023
8. Ms. Malini Chidambaram - Assistant Professor (1-year Contract) - 12.2.2024
9. Ms. Nikita Ahalyan - Assistant Professor (1-year Contract) - 12.2.2024
10. Ms. Aishwarya Birla - Assistant Professor (1-year Contract) - 1.3.2024
11. Dr. Rinku Lamba - Associate Professor, Social Science - 24.4.2024
12. Dr. Manpreet Singh Dhillon - Assistant Professor (Public Policy) (Contract) - 3.6.2024
13. Dr. Devyani Pande - Assistant Professor (Public Policy) - 3.6.2024
14. Ms. Megha Sharma - Assistant Professor (Social Science) (Contract) - 9.6.2024
15. Ms. Noor Ameena - Assistant Professor (2-year Contract) - 10.6.2024
16. Mr. Sidharth Chauhan - Assistant Professor (Law) - 18.6.2024
17. Dr. Sulok S.K. - Assistant Professor (Law) (2-year Contract) - 20.6.2024
18. Dr. Vijayamba R - Assistant Professor (Social Science) (2 Year Contract) - 24.6.2024
19. Ms. Keertana Venkatesh - Assistant Professor (Law) (2 Year Contract) - 24.6.2024
20. Mr. Rahul Raman - Assistant Professor (Law) (2 Year Contract) - 24.6.2024
21. Ms. Ronjini Ray - Assistant Professor (Law) (2 Year Contract) - 24.6.2024
22. Mr. Arnav Sharma - Assistant Professor (Law) (2 Year Contract) - 25.6.2024
23. Dr. Anviksha Drall - Assistant Professor, Social Science - 25.6.2024

RETIREMENTS

1. Prof. (Dr.) V. Nagaraj - Professor of Law - 31.3.2024

FACULTY

EMPLOYEE REPORT (JUL 2023 - JUN 2024)

DEPARTURES

1. Dr. T. Ramakrishna - Chair Professor, DPIIT Chair – 31.7.2023
2. Mr. Raag Yadava - Assistant Professor (Law) – 31-10.2023
3. Ms. Nanditta Batra - Visiting Assistant Professor – 31.10.2023
4. Ms. Ragini Ahuja - Director – Clinics – 29.11.2023
5. Dr. Asmita Goswami - Visiting Assistant Professor – 30.6.2024
6. Mr. Neeraj Grover - Visiting Assistant Professor – 30.6.2024
7. Ms. Diya Deviah - Visiting Assistant Professor – 30.6.2024
8. Ms. Aishwarya Birla - Assistant Professor (1-year Contract) – 30.6.2024
9. Ms. Aparajita Lath - Visiting Assistant Professor – 30.6.2024
10. Mr. Manish - Assistant Professor (1 year contract) – 30.6.2024
11. Ms. Darshana Mitra - Visiting Assistant Professor – 30.6.2024
12. Dr. Dhivya Janarthanan - Visiting Assistant Professor – 30.6.2024
13. Mr. Mihir Naniwadekar - Visiting Assistant Professor – 30.6.2024

ACADEMIC FELLOWS

EMPLOYEE REPORT (JUL 2023 - JUN 2024)

NAME & DESIGNATION

1. Mr. Apoorv Kumar Chaudhary - Academic Fellow
2. Ms. Shivani Pegatraju - Academic Fellow
3. Dr. Sebanti Chatterjee - Senior Academic Fellow – 25.2.2022 - 21.7.2023
4. Ms. Nishtha Sinha - Junior Academic Fellow – 2.3.2022 - 31.10.2023
5. Ms. Pawani Mathur - Junior Academic Fellow – 1.4.2022 - 31.10.2023
6. Mr. Debaranjan Goswami - Academic Fellow – 19.6.2023 - 30.1.2024
7. Ms. Ishika Saxena - Junior Academic Fellow – 2.3.2022 - 29.2.2024
8. Ms. Radhika Nair - Junior Academic Fellow – 14.3.2022 - 13.3.2024
9. Dr. Manpreet Singh Dhillon - Senior Academic Fellow – 18.4.2022 - 17.4.2024;
Assistant Professor (Public Policy) (Contract) from 3.6.2024
10. Ms. Vidya Subramanian - Academic Fellow – 3.7.2023 - 14.6.2024

RECRUITMENTS (AS PER DOJ)

1. Ms. Aditi Rai - Academic Fellow – 3.7.2023
2. Mr. Kiran Suryanarayana - Academic Fellow – 3.7.2023
3. Ms. Varada Balachandran - Academic Fellow – 3.7.2023
4. Ms. Vidya Subramanian - Academic Fellow – 3.7.2023
5. Ms. Ishita Ghosh - Academic Fellow – 12.7.2023
6. Mr. Rongeeet Poddar - Academic Fellow – 1.8.2023
7. Mr. Kunal Nath Shahdeo - Academic Fellow – 13.5.2024
8. Ms. Huma Nasir - Academic Fellow – 6.5.2024
9. Ms. Shinjini Mitra - Academic Fellow – 6.5.2024
10. Ms. Reshma Sekhar - Academic Fellow – 20.5.2024

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF

EMPLOYEE REPORT (JUL 2023 - JUN 2024)

NAME & DESIGNATION

1. Ms. Akanksha Sharma - Chief of Staff
2. Ms. Anjali Varma - People & Culture Officer
3. Mr. Bijay Das - Manager - AAD
4. Mr. Chandrashekar - Training Centre Officer
5. Ms. Della Marks - Student Welfare Officer
6. Dr. Gayathri Devi S. - Senior Manager
7. Mrs. Geetha Y.C. - Office Assistant
8. Ms. Hellen Kumari - Office Assistant
9. Ms. Jyoti Singh - Manager - PACE
10. Ms. Lalnunzami C - Office Assistant
11. Mr. Lingaraj - Office Assistant
12. Mr. Madhu K.S - Assistant Librarian
13. Dr. Mahesh A. Yaranal - Assistant Librarian
14. Mrs. Malini M.C. - Resident Nurse
15. Mr. Manjappa K - Office Assistant
16. Ms. Manuja G - Office Assistant
17. Ms. Meenakshi Chauhan Gupta - Manager - Facilities and Projects
18. Mr. Mohammad Tahir Abbas Adam - Office Assistant
19. Mr. Naveen Kumar - Sports Officer
20. Ms. Nishtha Vadehra - Editor
21. Mrs. Padmavathi M. - Senior Manager
22. Ms. Prathibha V.K. - Office Assistant
23. Mrs. Prema Kumari - Assistant Manager
24. Mr. Rajesh Kumar Behera - Manager - Finance
25. Mr. Sameerulla Z - Accountant (Procurement)
26. Mr. Samir Sridhar - Manager - People and Culture
27. Mr. Sanchet Sharma - Manager - PACE
28. Mrs. Savithri Bhat - Secretary to Registrar
29. Ms. Seema B S - Manager - AAD
30. Mr. Shailesh Agarwal - Chief Operating Officer - full-time role till 31.12.2023;
Consultant from 1.1.2024
31. Mr. Sheshachala Murthy K.V. - Assistant Manager
32. Ms. Shruthi S P - Accountant
33. Ms. Shubha Subramanian - Chief Finance Officer
34. Ms. Sneha Kumari - Senior Manager - AAD
35. Ms. Sunita Prakash Prabhu - Student Welfare Officer

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF

EMPLOYEE REPORT (JUL 2023 - JUN 2024)

NAME & DESIGNATION

1. Mr. Suryanarayana V.N. - Estate Officer cum University Engineer (**Retired on 31.7.2023**)
2. Mrs. Susheela Suresh - Assistant Manager
3. Mrs. Tulasi - Office Assistant
4. Mr. Umesh P. - Assistant Manager
5. Mrs. Usha A. - Assistant Manager
6. Mrs. Vidya S.G - Secreatary to VC
7. Ms. Vinayashree Jagadeesh - Manager – Communications

RECRUITMENTS (AS PER DOJ)

1. Dr. Joel Xavier - Director - Campus and Residential Life – 1.9.2023
2. Mr. Justin Joseph - Career and Placement Officer – 2.11.2023
3. Ms. Soumya Samal - Associate – Communications – 2.11.2023
4. Ms. Kalpana Srinivas - Chief Finance Officer – 27.11.2023
5. Mr. Kanakaraju T.N. - Consultant – Protocol – 1.12.2023
6. Ms. Chandana A - Executive AAD – 18.12.2023
7. Ms. Nisha R - Executive AAD – 18.12.2023
8. Ms. Vidya Shree M.G. - Consultant, AAD – 18.12.2023
9. Ms. Devyani Srivastava - Senior Manager, Research – 2.1.2024
10. Mr. Sidlingappa Huded - Assistant Librarian – 9.1.2024
11. Ms. Vandana Ramesh - Recruiter – 1.2.2024
12. Ms. Aishwarya Gopakumar - Legal Officer – 5.3.2024
13. Ms. Soumya Revankar - Assistant Manager, PACE – 13.6.2024
14. Ms. Chaitali Khankal Assistant Manager, PACE – 19.6.2024

DEPARTURES

1. Mr. Samir Sridhar - Manager - People and Culture – 31.8.2023
2. Ms. Jyoti Singh - Manager – PACE – 7.9.2023
3. Ms. Shubha Subramanian - Chief Finance Officer – 24.11.2023
4. Ms. Seema B S - Manager – AAD – 15.12.2023
5. Ms. Akanksha Sharma - Chief of Staff – 28.2.2024
6. Mr. Bijay Das - Manager – AAD – 28.6.2024

STAFF

EMPLOYEE REPORT (JUL 2023 - JUN 2024)

NAME & DESIGNATION

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

RESEARCH STAFF | CENTRES

EMPLOYEE REPORT (JUL 2023 - JUN 2024)

• CENTRE FOR CHILD AND THE LAW

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

Recruitments

1. Ms. Diya Dasgupta - Research Associate - 5.7.2023
2. Ms. Subhadra Nair - Research Associate - 5.7.2023
3. Ms. Amrita Shivaprasad - Lawyer - 5.7.2023
4. Ms. Parvathi R Nair - Senior Lawyer - 5.7.2023
5. Mr. Mahesh Everest Tauro - Project Coordinator - 17.7.2023

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

1. Mr. Vikas Gahlot - Senior Research Associate
2. Ms. Aparna Sojan - Research Fellow till 3.7.2023
3. Ms. Gayathri K K - Research Associate till 28.6.2024
4. Mr. Rohit Kamat - Senior Research Consultant till 30.6.2024

Recruitments

1. Mr. Rohit Kamat - Senior Research Consultant - 1.1.2024

• CENTRE FOR LABOUR STUDIES

1. Ms. Jasoon Chelat - Research Associate till 31.8.2023
2. Mr. Mohan Mani - Visiting Fellow

Recruitments

1. Ms. Madhulika Tatigotla - Research Assistant from 20.5.2024

RESEARCH STAFF | CENTRES & CHAIRS

EMPLOYEE REPORT (JUL 2023 - JUN 2024)

- **CENTRE FOR STUDY OF SOCIAL EXCLUSION & INCLUSIVE POLICY (NOW CENTRE FOR STUDY OF SOCIAL INCLUSION AS PER UGC GUIDELINES)**

1. Dr. Sony Pellissery - Professor-cum-Director
2. Mrs. Shashikala - Professional Assistant
3. Mr. Asif C - Attendant
4. Dr. R.V. Chandrashekar - Research Assistant
5. Dr. Aniket Nandan - Assistant Professor
6. Dr. Sudipa Sarkar - Assistant Professor
7. Dr. Sneha Thapliyal - Associate Professor
8. Dr. Rinku Lamba - Associate Professor till 23.4.2024

- **CHAIR ON CONSUMER LAW**

1. Mrs. Komala Bai - Clerk (till 31.1.2024)
2. Mr. Akshay Baburao Yadav - Research Associate (till 5.4.2024)
3. Ms. Tarishi Agrawal - Research Assistant (till 30.6.2024)

- **DPIIT CHAIR**

1. Dr. Arul George Scaria - Chair Professor from 11.6.2024
2. Ms. Sadhana E - Office Assistant
3. Mr. Jnana Teja Bandi - Research Assistant till 28.7.2023

- **DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE CHAIR**

1. Mr. M. Vinod Kumar - Professor of Practice
2. Ms. Ashrita Prasad Kotha - Assistant Professor (Law)

- **RELIGIOUS MINORITIES CHAIR**

1. Prof. Abdul Aziz - Chair Professor - till 3.10.2023
2. Mr. H.K. Govinda Rao - Office Assistant - till 3.10.2023
3. Mr. Charles Nelson - Research Assistant - till 3.10.2023

RESEARCH STAFF | PROJECTS

EMPLOYEE REPORT (JUL 2023 - JUN 2024)

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

1. Ms. Amaidhi Devaraj - Project Director [Full Time]
2. Ms. Annmary Jacob - Social Worker till 10.7.2023
3. Ms. Arshita Satsangee - Social Worker till 17.8.2023
4. Mr. Sunil Kumar - Office Assistant

Recruitments

1. Ms. Jova Rachel Joseph - Social Worker - 2.11.2023
2. Mr. Sangappa Vaggar - Senior Social Worker - 1.12.2023

- **AMRUT SCHEME AND REALISATION OF FUNDAMENTAL RIGHT TO WATER: CASE STUDY FROM BENGALURU CITY' PROJECT**

1. Ms. Vaishali B. Katke - Research Assistant - 11.12.2023 to 31.3.2024

- **BANGALORE CITY POLICE TRAINING PROGRAMME PROJECT**

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

- **CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE PROJECT**

1. Ms. Sumitra Acharya - Lawyer
2. Ms. Madhur Bharatiya - Research Associate from 30.10.2023

- **EXPLORING DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION OF INDIA'S CONSUMER GRIEVANCE SYSTEM THROUGH GENAI**

Recruitments:

1. Mr. Siddharth M - Research Associate - 10.6.2024
2. Ms. Shruthi Nair - Research Associate - 10.6.2024

RESEARCH STAFF | PROJECTS

EMPLOYEE REPORT (JUL 2023 - JUN 2024)

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

1. Ms. Aishwarya Birla - Research Associate - 1.4.2023 to 29.2.2024

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

1. Anushka Pandey - Research Associate

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

1. Ms. Nishtha Arora - Research Associate - 10.4.2023 to 14.7.2023

- **WOMEN IN KARNATAKA POLICE PROJECT**

1. Ms. Laksha Kalappa Baleyada - Consultant - Junior Fellow till 15.11.2023

2. Ms. Devyani Srivastava - Consultant - Principal Investigator till 31.12.2023

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

1. Ms. Ammel Sharon - Project Director - 1.11.2022 to 30.6.2024

2. Mr. Siddharth Shanthala Ganesh - Consultant till 30.9.2023

3. Ms. Daya Ambirajan - Research Associate - 16.1.2024 to 30.6.2024

FINANCE – KEY HIGHLIGHTS

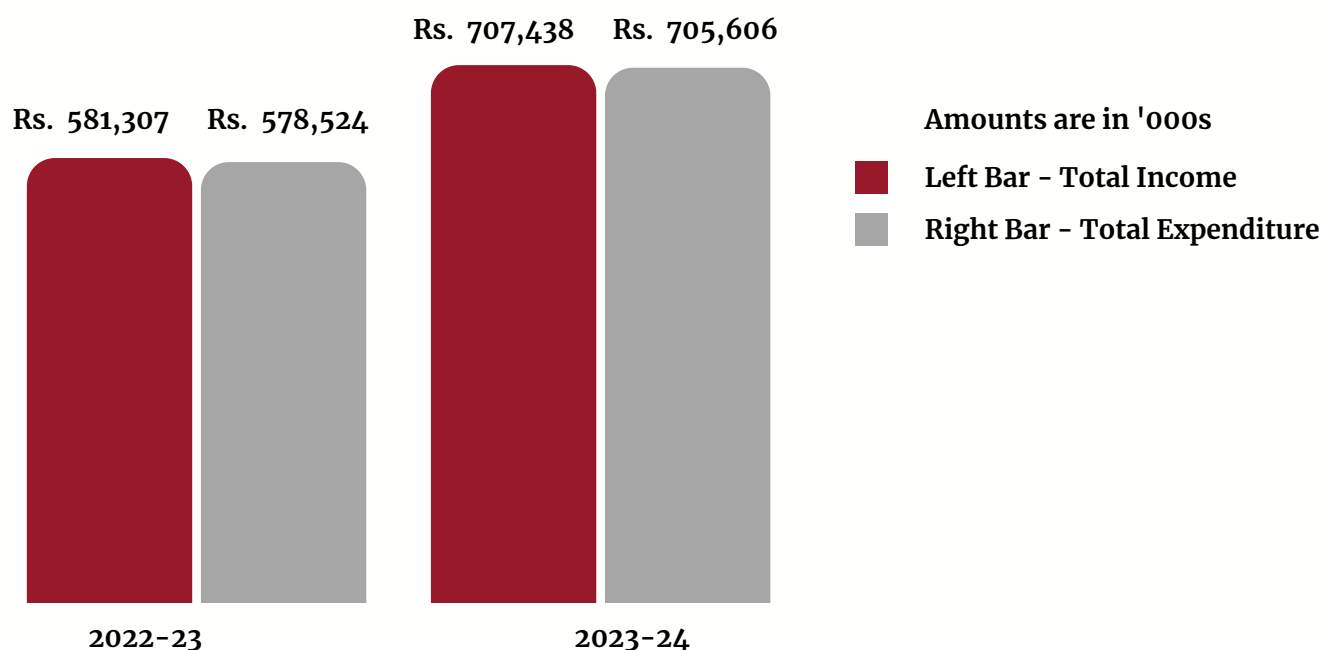
INCOME

- Increase in Academic Receipts is on account of increase in number of students enrolled in full-time programmes
- Increase in Other operating income is on account of increase in donations and grants

EXPENDITURE

- Increase in Staff payments and benefits is on account of increase in faculty numbers and annual increment paid to employees
- Increase in Academic expenses is on account of increase in visiting faculty costs, faculty support for conferences, student welfare expenses, support for student events and scholarships
- Increase in Administrative & General expenses is on account of increase in Power costs, cost of IT services & maintenance, printing & stationery, conveyance and cafeteria expenses
- 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 2022-23 have been regrouped or reclassified wherever necessary (as seen in the following pages).



FINANCIAL REPORT

INCOME

*(Amounts in '000s)

PARTICULARS	2023-24	2022 - 23
Academic Receipts	442,964	351,539
Other Operating Income	88,509	68,982
Project Grants & Schemes	82,625	73,098
Income from Investments	89,380	80,268
Other Income	3,960	7,420
Total	707,438	581,307

EXPENDITURE

*(Amounts in '000s)

PARTICULARS	2023-24	2022-23
Staff Payments & Benefits	257,411	208,288
Academic Expenses	80,977	61,105
Projects, Grants & Schemes	82,625	73,098
Administrative & General Expenses	121,028	94,866
Repairs & Maintenance	14,085	12,638
Finance Costs	115	116
Depreciation	60,620	40,930
Other Expenses	3745	2,484
Designated Funds*	85,000	85,000
Total	705,606	578,524

*Designated Funds include Building Fund and Depreciation Fund

FINANCE – BALANCE SHEET

SOURCE OF FUNDS	As on 31.03.2024	As on 31.03.2023	*(All amounts in '000s)
UNRESTRICTED FUNDS			
General Fund			
School Fund	578,170	576195	
Designated Funds	684,640	602113	
RESTRCITED FUNDS	271,470	262921	
NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Provision for Employee Benefits	32,393	30417	
Other Non-Current Liabilities	258,926	207204	
CURRENT LIABILITIES AND PROVISIONS	438,199	336802	
Total	2,263,798	2,015,652	
APPLICATION OF FUNDS			
FIXED ASSETS			
Tangible Assets	525,819	248,731	
Intangible Assets	4115	1,640	
Capital Work-In-Progress	0	61,129	
LONG-TERM INVESTMENTS	1,517,593	1,524,155	
OTHER NON-CURRENT ASSETS	3557	40,434	
CURRENT ASSETS	70,224	26,221	
SHORT-TERM INVESTMENTS	74,019	57,706	
SHORT-TERM LOANS, ADVANCES AND DEPOSITS	68,472	55,636	
Total	2,263,798	20,15,652	

The figures of the previous Academic Year have been regrouped or reclassified wherever necessary.

FINANCIAL AID | AY 2023-24

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

UNIVERSITY FINANCIAL AID

BA LLB (HONS) STUDENTS - RS. 80, 04, 861

LLB (HONS) STUDENTS - RS. 8,33, 194

LLM STUDENTS - RS. 14,32,500

MPP STUDENTS - RS. 9,75,906

TOTAL AID - RS. 1, 12, 46, 461

ADITYA BIRLA SCHOLARSHIP

TOTAL AID - RS. 19, 80,000 - BA LLB (HONS) STUDENTS

B K BIRLA SCHOLARSHIP

TOTAL AID - RS. 252,975 - BA LLB (HONS) STUDENTS

CENTRAL SECTOR SCHOLARSHIP OF TOP CLASS EDUCATION FOR SC STUDENTS

BA LLB (HONS) STUDENTS - RS. 34,47,970

LLB (HONS) STUDENTS - RS. 9,52,770

TOTAL AID - Rs. 4,400,740

CENTRAL SECTOR SCHEME OF SCHOLARSHIPS FOR COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY STUDENTS

TOTAL AID - RS. 235,590 - MPP STUDENTS

FOUNDATION FOR EXCELLENCE

TOTAL AID - RS. 170,000 - BA LLB (HONS) STUDENTS

IDIA SCHOLARSHIP

TOTAL AID - RS. 585,892 - BA LLB (HONS) STUDENTS

MUKHYAMANTRI MEDHAVI VIDYARTHI YOJNA - MP SCHOLARSHIP

TOTAL AID - RS. 3,145,520 - BA LLB (HONS) STUDENTS

FINANCIAL AID | AY 2023-24

NATIONAL FELLOWSHIP AND SCHOLARSHIP FOR HIGHER EDUCATION OF ST STUDENTS - SCHOLARSHIP (FORMALLY TOP CLASS EDUCATION FOR SCHEDULED TRIBE STUDENTS)

BA LLB (HONS) STUDENTS - RS. 13,57,480

LLB (HONS) STUDENTS - RS. 8,01,770

LLM STUDENTS - 17,17,770

TOTAL AID - RS. 3,877,020

PM YASASVI CENTRAL SECTOR SCHEME OF TOP CLASS EDUCATION IN COLLEGE FOR OBC, EBC AND DNT STUDENTS

BA LLB (HONS) STUDENTS - RS. 9,89,590

LLB (HONS) STUDENTS - RS. 2,69,000

TOTAL AID - RS. 1,258,590

POST MATRIC SCHOLARSHIP FOR STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES

TOTAL AID - RS. 230,445 - BA LLB (HONS) STUDENTS

SCHOLARSHIP FOR TOP CLASS EDUCATION FOR STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES

BA LLB (HONS) STUDENTS - RS. 2,48,445

LLB (HONS) STUDENTS - 6,24,590

TOTAL AID - RS. 8,73,035

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS & ACTIVITIES

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

MOOTING ACHIEVEMENTS OF NLS TEAMS I

LIST OF WINNERS & RUNNERS-UP (2023-24):

NUJS HSF Moot - WINNERS

Team Composition –

- i. Advay Thangoor
- ii. Sumukh Bhatia
- iii. Akshat Agarwal

NLU Meg National Human Rights Commission Moot - WINNERS

Team Composition –

- i. Arushi Singh
- ii. Aastha Pandey
- iii. Abhyudaya

John H Jackson ELSA Moot (International) - WINNERS

Team Composition –

- i. Kedar Manoj
- ii. Anubhav Mishra
- iii. Prem Parwani

TNNLU-CCI Moot - WINNERS

Team Composition –

- i. Ojas Chandania
- ii. Aprameya Sheshadri
- iii. Anirud Raghav



STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

MOOTING ACHIEVEMENTS OF NLS TEAMS II

LIST OF WINNERS & RUNNERS-UP (2023-24)

NALSAR PIL MOOT - RUNNER-UP

Team Composition –

- i. Devansh Shukla
- ii. Riya Sharma
- iii. Harshal Baviskar

CAM NATIONAL MOOT - RUNNER-UP

Team Composition –

- i. Shreya Mittal
- ii. Anirudha Bhat
- iii. Gaurav Aswani

DM HARISH MOOT - RUNNER-UP

Team Composition –

- i. Hrishitha Jha
- ii. Kanish Sriniva
- iii. Meenal Jain

MNLU NAGPUR TECH MOOT - RUNNER-UP

Team Composition –

- i. Rupam Dubey
- ii. Shruthi Nilla
- iii. Aditya Bhargava



STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

MOOTING ACHIEVEMENTS OF NLS TEAMS III

LIST OF WINNERS & RUNNERS-UP (2023-24)

OxPrice (International) – Runner-up

Team Composition –

- i. Rakshit Agarwal
- ii. Namy Gambhir
- iii. Priyansh Dixit

IBA ICC Moot (International) – 2nd Runner Up

Team Composition –

- i. Akash Ganpathy
- ii. Smriti Jaiswal
- iii. Spriha Garg
- iv. Shwetha Ramachandran

Vis East (International) – Quarter Finalists

Team Composition –

- i. Siddhant Pengoriya
- ii. Harshvardhan Ray
- iii. Swagath Srinivasan

Vis Commercial Arbitration Moot (International) – Round of 32

Team Composition –

- i. Tarun Ashok
- ii. Vedant Gupta
- iii. AaroHi Chaudhuri



STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION ACHIEVEMENTS OF NLS TEAMS I

LIST OF WINNERS & RUNNERS-UP (2023-24)

InADR Intercollegiate Mediation Competition (International) - Runners-up in the Client-Attorney segment; Semi-Finalists in the Mediation segment

Team Composition –

- i. Abhyudaya Singh
- ii. Aakash Tuteja

Mediate Wise International Mediation Competition (formerly YIMC) (International) - Semi-finalists

Team Composition –

- i. Archita Sharma
- ii. Chyantasya Agarwal
- iii. Yogesh Byadwal (Mediator)

International Investor-State Mediation Competition, Colombo - Distinction Award for Best Negotiating Opening Statement

Team Composition –

- i. Anish Gupta
- ii. Ashna K Balamugunth
- iii. Kanishka Gunjiyal

ADR ODR Negotiation Competition (International) - Silver Medal

Team Composition –

- i. Snehil Tiwari
- ii. Aakarsh Bafna
- iii. Kanishk Pandey

NLIU-Singhania & Partners National Client Counseling Competition - Winners

Team Composition –

- i. Sukarm Sharma
- ii. Nidhi Agarwal

RGNUL National Negotiation Competition - Winners

Team Composition –

- i. Siddhant Pengoriya
- ii. Kartik Kalra

RCL National Mediation Competition - Winners

Team Composition –

- i. Anish Gupta
- ii. Paras Khetan

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION ACHIEVEMENTS OF NLS TEAMS II

LIST OF WINNERS & RUNNERS-UP (2023-24)

NLU Delhi-HSF Negotiation Competition (International) – Semi-Finalists; Best Negotiation Plan

Team Composition –

- i. Siddhant Pengoriya
- ii. Kartik Kalra

Samanvay International Mediation Competition, HPNLU, Shimla – Semi-Finalists

Team Composition –

- i. Advay Thangoor
- ii. Sumukh Bhatia
- iii. Kanishka Gunjiyal

Mediation Bombay National Mediation Competition – Second Runners Up

Team Composition –

- i. Rakshit Agarwal
- ii. Tarun Ashok

1st JGLS-Khaitan Negotiation Competition – Winners; Best Client (Rushil)

Team Composition –

- i. Shruti Jain
- ii. Rushil Batra

6th TNNLU National Med-Arb Competition – Winners

Team Composition –

- i. Uday Suravaram
- ii. Avanthika Venkatesh
- iii. Khangembam Alka

4th AZB-GLC National ADR Triathlon – Best Team

Team Composition –

- i. Manvi Sahni
- ii. Meenal Jain
- iii. Ian Saluja

Elsa Maynooth Negotiation Competition, Ireland (International) – Winners

Team Composition –

- i. Pratyush Singh
- ii. Dhawal M

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION ACHIEVEMENTS OF NLS TEAMS III

LIST OF WINNERS & RUNNERS-UP (2023-24)

IX UPES National Client Counselling Competition - Winners

Team Composition

- i. Bhumika Bansal
- ii. Kalika Kochhar

S.K. Misra National Med-Arb Competition - Best performance - First-time participating team

Team Composition

- i. Harshit Gupta
- ii. T. Sai Sanket Sharma
- iii. Anish Gupta

3rd NALSAR Mediation Competition - Semi Finalist; Best Team of the Tournament

Team Composition –

- i. Rohan Srivastava
- ii. Yash Goyal
- iii. Siddharth Kumar



STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

OTHER WINS BY NLSIU TEAMS

LIST OF WINNERS & RUNNERS-UP (2023-24)

NLSIU Team Wins the Nani A. Palkhivala Memorial Quiz Competition

Team Composition

i. Apratim Chandra Singh

ii. Suvanssh Mahajan

Public Policy Student Team from NLS Declared Runners-Up in National India Evaluation Case Competition

Team Composition

i. Abiya Neethu

ii. Aishwarya. S,

iii. Praneeth Talam

NLSIU students win the Karnataka Quizzing Association's (KQA's) Legal Quiz

Team Composition

i. Apratim Chandra Singh

ii. Aditya Nath

iii. Saumitra Khullar

iv. Surya (external participant)



STUDENT ACTIVITIES

SBA OFFICE BEARERS FOR ACADEMIC YEAR 2023-24: V ASHISH AND ADITI SHETH

The student-led committees at NLSIU conducted various activities during the Academic Year 2023-24. This section covers some of the key activities of each of the committees.

KEY INITIATIVES TAKEN BY THE SBA:

- **Open Committee Model:** For the first time, the SBA introduced the Open Committee Model which was a departure from the way the committees were constituted previously at NLSIU. Under this model, anyone could join any given Committee by attending consecutive meetings of that committee.
- **Co-Convenor Model with reservation:** The position of Convenor and Joint Convenor of the Committees were changed to Co-Convenors. Additionally, one spot of Co-Convenor was reserved for students who are gender minority, SC/ST or disabled. This was done to ensure that the student committees are representative and inclusionary.
- **Extension of Library and NAB Timings on Sundays:** The SBA coordinated with the University administration to ensure that the library was kept open till 12 am during weekends, coterminous with the exam schedule. On the days when the library was closed, the SBA ensured that the NAB was open for study.
- **Exit-Entry Protocol Arrangements:** At the beginning and end of each trimester, the SBA coordinated between the NLS administration and the students with respect to the bus services organised for students (to and fro) between the campus and airport, free of cost, to minimise travel expenditure.
- **Sanitary Napkins Dispensers in OAB and NAB:** In close coordination with the Alliance of Oversensitive Women (AOW) also called the NLS Feminist Alliance (NLSFA), the SBA assisted the University in the suggestion and procurement of sanitary napkin dispensers in the OAB and NAB.

STUDENT ACTIVITIES

ACADEMIC SUPPORT PROGRAMME (ASP)

- **Orientations for Incoming Batches:** A series of orientations were organised for students from the incoming batches to introduce them to academic life at NLS. In July 2023, 18 sessions were hosted by a team of 22 ASP and non-ASP volunteers for the incoming 1st Year B.A. LL.B. (Hons.) and LL.B. (Hons.) students.
- **Appointment of Academic Mentors:** The ASP appoints a diverse set of mentors to cater to different academic needs of students, including Project Guides, Course Facilitators, and Individualised Support mentors. In AY 2023-24, 185 Project Guides, 120 Course Facilitators, and 62 Individualised Support mentors were appointed.
- **ASP Student Database:** The ASP Student Database is a repository of resources for the student body comprising class notes, case lists, reference material, peer discussions, recordings, sample projects, instructor resources, past year papers and answer keys etc. for all batches.
- **Peer Discussion and Skill Based Sessions:** Peer Discussions are where hosts teach substantial portions of the course material to their classmates throughout the term to promote continued and sustained peer to peer learning. This academic year, we facilitated 42 such sessions.
- **Speaking as Students:** A brand new initiative - the 'Speaking as Students' series seeks to facilitate faculty-student interaction at NLS outside the classroom. We conducted the first such session on May 2, 2024 with faculty members and alumni. NLS faculty members Dr. Atreyee Majumder, Radhika Chitkara, and Kunal Ambasta, interacted with alumni who spoke to current students about their experiences from their time at NLS, their insights on life beyond academics, and their perspectives on how to navigate various challenges.
- **Early Outreach Initiative:** In June 2024, we launched the new Early Outreach Initiative to facilitate the transition of incoming students from their schools and undergraduate degrees to NLSIU. We were able to reach out to 260+ incoming students in the BA LLB and the LLB programmes. A team of 15+ ASP members prepared an illustrated and detailed document introducing students to life at NLS. Further, we conducted 9 live ice-breaker sessions to ease any anxieties the incoming students had regarding coming to college and emphasised on the importance of seeking help (academic or otherwise) at NLS.

STUDENT ACTIVITIES

ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION (ADR) BOARD

- A **Negotiation Workshop for the University Selection Rounds 2023-24** along with a **Demo Negotiation Round** was conducted in September 2023 to familiarise the first-year students with the concept and strategies of negotiation.
- The **University Selection Rounds of Negotiation** were organised from 2nd to 4th December 2023. Students underwent a rigorous selection process in the form of a written qualifier, preliminary rounds, and then the finals. A total of 190 teams (consisting 2 members each) had registered to participate in the Rounds. The teams were offered competitions from our Offerings pool, based on the final rank list.
- A **two day Clinical Workshop on Arbitration** was hosted in collaboration with Bettering Results. The workshop featured prominent speakers, including Aonkan Ghosh, Associate, WilmerHale, Lomesh Kiran Nidumuri, Head of Disputes (South) at Cyril Amarchand Mangaldas, and Suadat Ahmad Kirmani, Partner at IndusLaw.
- The **Xth Edition of the National Law School Negotiation, Mediation and Client Counselling Competition (NLS-NMC)** was organised, from May 11-12, 2024 (Prelims) and July 13, 2024 (Finals). This is one of Asia's biggest ADR tournaments, wherein NLSIU hosted a total of 148 participants from over 25 prestigious law universities judged by over 35+ noted practitioners from the field of dispute resolution.

COUNCIL FOR INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS AND INTERNATIONAL LAW

- **Session on Careers in Indian Foreign Service (IFS):** The keynote address was delivered by Atheeth Sajeevan, a distinguished IFS officer and NLSIU alumnus, who elaborated on his personal experiences in the field and provided valuable insights into the day-to-day responsibilities of an IFS officer and the pivotal role that legal acumen plays in navigating international relations.
- **Session on India's Strategy for Digital Industrialisation:** This event was primarily centred around the field of International Trade Law and International Relations, focusing on how trade is governed among various nations, through bodies such as the WTO. It specifically addressed concerns regarding the need to establish frameworks for conducting e-commerce and facilitating trade in the digital era. The keynote speaker for this event was Prof. Pallavi Arora, a distinguished researcher and academician at the Centre for WTO Studies.
- **Mixer Event with Exchange Students:** This event was an internal activity aimed at fostering collaboration and dialogue with the international students at NLSIU. This was a collaborative effort, organised with the Event Management Committee (EMC), and involved numerous activities.

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- **Quiz on International Law and Affairs in popular culture:** This quiz covered a diverse range of questions, spanning from recent international references in popular culture to historical trivia, challenging participants to dig deep into their knowledge.
- **Reading Circles on International Law:** People across programmes and batches joined in for a reading circle on international law, which primarily delved into pertinent questions regarding the subject. Historical texts such as the Melian Dialogue (having occurred 2800 years ago), which dealt with issues of balance of power, justice and enforceability in any contemporary discourse on international law were discussed.

CULTURAL AND FINE ARTS COMMITTEE (CULCOMM)

- **Jalsa '23:** The Cultural and Fine Arts Committee (CulComm) organised Jalsa '23 – an inter-college dance competition on November 11, 2023 (Saturday). The competition aimed to provide a platform for students to exhibit their creativity, skill, and passion for dance.
- **Season's Greetings:** As 2023 came to a close, this event provided students a platform to rethink the importance of people and relationships and express it in the form of messages, notes, greeting cards, paintings, plants, tote bags etc.
- **Pottery Workshop:** CulComm organised a free Pottery Making Workshop for NLS students on March 20, 2024, in the OAB Quad. There was a skilled potter on hand to guide the students on pottery making.
- **Univ Week'24:** The Univ Week is an annual tradition of inter batch competitions in the last trimester at NLSIU. This year the Univ Week was held from May 11–15, 2024. Univ Week is that time of the year where the student body unites and rejoices in the celebration of student-hood by showcasing their talent through multiple artistic expressions like Fine Arts, Cooking, Music, Dance and Cinema.

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EVENT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE (EMC)

- **Mela'23:** This event began on November 9, 2023, and featured community rangoli and DIY lantern-making. The main event on November 11, included a various activities such as food stalls, face painting, henna, and game booths. Open to all NLSIU community members, the event offered both free and paid food options, along with engaging activities like *Pop the balloon*, *Trivia Rapid Fire*, and *Maaza pong*, among others.
- **Winter Carnival:** The Committee organised a holiday celebration aimed at bringing together students, faculty, and staff for an evening of relaxation and community engagement. Highlights included an open mic performance with pre-registered student participants, student-led merchandise and game stalls encouraging entrepreneurship, and free food options.
- **Game Night:** The committee organised a game night in the amphitheatre which included an UNO tournament, a Trivia Quiz, a PS4 competitive set up and many board games available for the students to play, such as Jenga, Monopoly, and Game of Life.
- **Univ Week Themes:** The committee decided and coordinated the themes for the Univ week, which included Pop Culture/Movie characters, Ethnic day, Batch Colour day, Dress like your type and Dress for anything but class.

THE LAW AND SOCIETY COMMITTEE

- **Reading Circle:** The Committee started a Reading Circle in collaboration with Prof. Pakeezeh on the theme of 'Fiction in Troubled Times'. It also organised a Sharing Circle to understand the traditional ecological and medical knowledge of tribal communities in the Sijimali Bauxite mine in Odisha.
- **Panel Discussion:** The committee organised a vibrant panel discussion on current topics such as the Bihar Caste Census. The Committee organised a two-part lecture series on 'History under Hindutva'. The movie 'Udham Singh' was screened, followed by a discussion led by Prof. Samyak Ghosh on Bhagat Singh as a historical figure. In the second part, Prof. S. Irfan Habib and Prof. Ehtesham Uddin focused on the misrepresentation and distortion of history.
- **Session with legal experts:** The Committee invited Senior Advocate Colin Gonsalves on campus who delivered a talk on the intersection of gender and disability with reproductive rights.
- **Pub Pool:** The Committee conducted a Pub Pool on the Palestinian crisis.

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LAW AND TECHNOLOGY SOCIETY (L-TECH)

- **Panel Discussion on The Report of the Committee on Digital Competition Law and the Draft Digital Competition Bill:** L-Tech hosted a panel discussion on the recent Digital Competition Bill featuring academicians, practitioners, and researchers in tech and competition law, moderated by Mr. Kazim Rizvi, Founding Director, The Dialogue.
- In May 2024, L-Tech hosted a **Guest Lecture on Possible Ways of Regulating Artificial Intelligence** by Mr. Sumantra Bose, Counsel at Khaitan & Co. The lecture on AI regulation in India covered key topics, starting with an introduction to AI and its importance.
- **Reading Circle on Law and Technology:** In January 2024, L-Tech organised one session of the reading circle on Law and Technology. It was based on the text 'Claiming the Social: Beyond Law as Technology' by Naveen Thayyil. The author of the text was invited for a discussion (online) and the reading circle was moderated by NLS Faculty Member Dr. Manpreet Singh Dhillon.
- **Research Panel on the Draft Broadcasting Services Regulations Bill, 2023, in Collaboration with The Dialogue:** L-Tech constituted a research panel in collaboration with The Dialogue to submit comments to the Central Ministry of Information and Broadcasting for the Draft Broadcasting Services Regulations Bill 2023.

LITERARY AND DEBATING SOCIETY (LND)

- **Quizzing 101 Workshop:** This workshop was conducted online by former LnD Joint-Convenor and current associate at Linklaters LLP Pallavi Khatri who was an active quizzier during her time at NLSIU. This virtual workshop gave students an introduction to how quizzing works at a college level, helping them begin their quizzing careers.
- **Debating Workshop Series with Reason to Debate (R2D):** Reason to Debate (R2D) is a debating training organisation run by former NLSIU students Aditya Varma, Yaman Singh and Uttara Gharpure. In coordination with the Literary and Debating Society, the R2D team organised three workshops, spanning over three days, for NLSIU students leading up to the University Debating Rounds to help familiarise them with Parliamentary debating.
- **University Adjudication and Debating Rounds:** The University Adjudication Rounds were meant to evaluate students as potential adjudicators for competitive Parliamentary debating tournaments. Spanning over two days, the University Debating Rounds involved each participant giving two 6-minute speeches before a panel of adjudicators. The resulting rankings were used for offering spots in debate tournaments.

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- **Whip'so Facto:** This flagship external event, originally comprised three events – the 21st National Law School debate, the 2nd National Law School Quiz, and the 1st National Law School Lit. However, due to unavoidable circumstances, NLS-Lit had to be cancelled a day before the event and was organised internally in the next trimester. The 21st NLS Debate was organised at its largest scale after the COVID-19 and saw participation of 35 teams. The tournament saw five rounds of Asian Parliamentary debating followed by playoffs for the highest scoring teams. The NLS Quiz saw an overwhelming participation of more than 45+ external teams and consisted of five themed quizzes spread across two days. The event attracted international participation from universities across Asia and Europe.

MOOT COURT SOCIETY (MCS)

- **XVII NLSTIAM:** MCS and Trilegal (law firm based in Bangalore) organised the XVII Edition of the National Law School – Trilegal International Arbitration Moot, 2024. The event was held offline and for the first time in its history, was paperless, with memorials and compendiums being exchanged digitally at every stage of the competition. The case study of the XVII NLSTIAM was based on International Commercial Arbitration under the SIAC rules and dealt with aspects of insolvency law and contract law.
- **Demystifying Mooting - Moot Workshop Series:** The MCS organised a two-day workshop for new mooters. On the first day, the workshop covered memo-writing and drafting. On the second day, the workshop covered oral advocacy techniques.
- **Demo Moot:** The object of this event was to help students gain a better idea about how moot oral rounds work. It also provided an opportunity for students to see the practical application of the concepts they learnt in the Moot Oral Advocacy Workshop, while also giving them an idea of how the mini – moot oral rounds would look like.
- **Mini Moots:** This event was conceptualised based on the idea of “continuous mooting” envisioned by the former MCS faculty advisor, Mr. Raag Yadav. This event was primarily meant for the first-year students, and the aim was two-fold: (i) it would serve to initiate them to the intricacies of mooting; and (ii) to help polish their oral advocacy skills.
- **Moot Offerings:** The MCS expanded its pool of moot offerings for the Academic Year 2023-24. This was done in view to increase participation of new mooters keeping in mind the participation of First Years in the University Rounds.
- **Behind the Scenes - A Conversation on Mooting:** This session put seasoned mooters in an informal chat with the audience, primarily composed of new mooters and first years. This conversation brought together experienced mooters from the NLS student community to share their experiences about their preparations for a moot in a more informal setting.

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STUDENT INITIATIVE FOR PROMOTION OF LEGAL AWARENESS (SIPLA)

- **Voices Who Lead - A Panel Discussion on Same-Sex Marriage:** SIPLA hosted an online panel discussion titled “Voices Who Lead: A Panel Discussion on Same-Sex Marriage.” This event was organised in light of the landmark Supreme Court judgement in *Supriyo v. Union of India*.
- **Balancing Acts - Exploring Judicial Accountability and the Separation of Powers:** SIPLA hosted an online talk titled “Balancing Acts: Exploring Judicial Accountability and the Separation of Powers.” The event featured Senior Advocate Dushyant Dave and was moderated by NLS Faculty member Dr. Arun Thiruvengadam. The session focused on the critical issues of judicial accountability and the separation of powers within the legal system.
- **How is India Doing? A Historian’s Reckoning:** SIPLA hosted a talk titled “How is India Doing? A Historian’s Reckoning” by Dr. Ramachandra Guha, moderated by NLS faculty member Dr. Rinku Lamba. The event featured an in-depth analysis of India's current socio-political landscape.

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 1500 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 Governing Body of the Alumni Association, which assumed office in March 2023, 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)

Over the course of AY 2023-24, a number of events were organised by NLSIU's Alumni Office.

ALUMNI EVENTS ON CAMPUS

August 12, 2023: Celebrating 25 Years! | Batch of 1998 | BA LLB (Hons)

NLSIU hosted a campus reunion for the batch of 1998 as they celebrated 25 years of their graduation from law school. On August 12, 2023, NLS alumni from the 1998 batch spent the day on campus reconnecting with batchmates, faculty, and other members of the NLS community including a lunch as well as a campus walk. The batch also recently donated Rs. 15 lakh as a contribution to the Student Activity Centre that will be developed on campus.



October 21, 2023: Celebrating 20 Years! | BA LLB (Hons) | Batch of 2003

NLSIU hosted a campus reunion for the batch of 2003 as they celebrated two decades of their graduation from law school. The batch reunited on campus on October 21, 2023, and spent the day on re-connecting with batchmates, faculty, and other members of the NLS community.



December 16 & 17, 2023: Alumni Weekend

The NLS Alumni Office and the NLS Alumni Association jointly organized an Alumni Weekend held on December 16 & 17, 2023. On December 16, the day started with an interaction between the alumni and Prof. (Dr.) Nigam Nuggehalli, Registrar. This discussion largely focused on university updates such as faculty expansion in all areas of teaching, research processes and centres, expansion of programmes, rapid increase of executive programmes and the redevelopment of the campus and the ongoing work in the library precinct. This session also allowed our alumni to share their feedback and ideas on the University's initiatives.

Later in the day, a football match followed between the alumni and the NLS student team. While the alumni brought some of their best players to the field, the current NLS students emerged as winners with a final score of 3-2. During the course of the day, a guided tour of some parts of the campus was also organised during which the alumni could walk through the campus' cherished spots and also see the newer developments. Lunch was followed by a General Body Meeting of the Alumni Association.



May 11, 2024: Celebrating 10 Years | BA LLB (Hons) Class of 2013

NLSIU hosted a special campus reunion for the Class of 2013, marking 10 years since their graduation. Beyond reminiscing and celebrating long-standing friendships, the reunion provided an opportunity to engage in meaningful discussions, and further strengthen the alumni network. The day featured an interaction with Vice Chancellor Prof. Sudhir Krishnaswamy, a networking lunch, a guided campus tour, a group photo session, and a town hall, where alumni had the chance to interact with current NLS students over high tea.



CONCLUSION

The Annual Report 2023-24 chronicles the remarkable progress made by NLSIU in the last few academic years and provides an incisive snapshot into academic, research, administrative and financial status of the University at the end of the last academic year. While the Report documents some of the biggest changes at the University since its founding in 1988, it anticipates even more significant changes to come in the next few years. We will briefly indicate some of the motivations, and likely future directions, for NLSIU in the next few years.

In early October 2024, the Chancellor will release the Report of the School Review Commission. This Commission with three foreign academics and three Indian advisors have put together a report that undertakes a deep dive into the University's current institutional arrangements, its academic practices, and engagements with the wider world. The SRC Report reflects on the rapid progress that we've made in the last five years and will encourage us to think more deeply and extensively as we prepare for the future.

It is now well known that this University was established to be a pioneer and innovator in legal education. What is less well known is that we were constituted to produce useful knowledge that may contribute to the structural transformation of the Indian legal system in a manner that furthers constitutional values and India's development. In order to progress towards this second goal, the University will aim to build extensive and deep collaborations and partnerships with the Government, the legal profession, and the courts. To be successful in achieving this second goal, we will need to develop and learn new and productive ways of institutional engagement with the world beyond the University.

We have already begun work in anticipation of the SRC Report and have renewed focus on collaborations and partnerships for academic research excellence and legal system reform. We look forward to sharing more of these ideas publicly for comments and feedback in the months ahead. We look forward to your support and engagement as we rededicate ourselves to building a University that delivers on its ambitious statutory mandates.