

THE NLS DISPATCH

Edition 6

HIGHLIGHTS

Setting the Bar | NLSIU Ranked #1 by EducationWorld, India Today, and The Week



We are delighted to share that NLSIU has been ranked India's #1 government law and humanities university in the EducationWorld (EW) India Higher Education Rankings 2025-26, #1 in India's Best Colleges 2025 in the law category by India Today, and #1 Law College in <u>The Week-Hansa Research</u> Survey 2025!

Visit by Hon'ble Mr. Justice Gerard Hogan, Judge, Supreme Court of Ireland



Hon'ble Mr. Justice Gerard Hogan, Judge, Supreme Court of Ireland, and his wife, Ms. Karen Quirk, visited the NLSIU campus in April 2025. During his visit, Justice Hogan delivered an insightful lecture titled '*Findings of Unconstitutionality in India, Ireland and the US*'.

In his lecture, Justice Hogan took a comparative look at the Constitutions of the three countries – India, Ireland and the US. He pointed out differences such as the basic structure doctrine in the Indian Constitution, as opposed to the Irish *Grundnorm* referendums. He also brought to light the differences in the way the terms 'void' and 'invalid' are used and interpreted across judgements and questioned what happens to a law when it is declared unconstitutional.



NLSIU-SIAC Collaboration: Strengthening Academia-Legal Practice Ties



Ms. Lucy Reed, President of the Court of Arbitration, Singapore International Arbitration Centre (SIAC) delivered a lecture on '<u>Five Things You Think You Know About</u> <u>Arbitration, But You Don't</u>' at the second Annual Arbitration Lecture organised by NLSIU and SIAC in April 2025 in Bengaluru.

In the week preceding the lecture, the University and SIAC also conducted the second edition of its elective course module, 'SIAC and Institutional Arbitration,' at the NLSIU campus. The lecture and the module were conducted as part of the ongoing <u>MoU</u> between NLSIU and SIAC.



WHAT'S NEW ON CAMPUS?



Sustainable Solutions: NLSIU Collaborates with BWSSB for Water Conservation

To strengthen our ongoing water conservation activities, we have collaborated with the Bangalore Water Supply and Sewerage Board (BWSSB) to provide the University with a regular supply of treated water. This treated water is being used for gardening purposes so as to reduce the burden on other sources of water, primarily our borewells.

The University has taken all necessary infrastructural measures for the storage and distribution of the treated water. This supports our gardening team in tending to the campus flora without hampering the availability of water to the wider NLSIU community for their essential daily needs. With this arrangement, we have been able to regulate and manage the supply of water in houses (for drinking and bathing purposes), comprising approximately 1600 NLS community members.

Infrastructure Development

To meet the needs of our growing community, our campus is undergoing an infrastructural redevelopment. This redevelopment is an important step in shaping an academic and work space that better supports our future – a space more adaptable, collaborative, and aligned with how we work today and how we aim to work tomorrow. We have now embarked on a significant phase of infrastructure upgrades as part of the University's Campus Redevelopment Plan for 2025–27.

WHO'S NEW ON CAMPUS?



During the trimester, we welcomed the following new members to the NLS community:

Faculty: <u>Dr. Aarti Mundkur, Mr. Amit Kumar,</u> <u>Ms. Chunthailiu Gonmei, Dr. Priya Pillai, Ms. Ragini</u> <u>Surana, Dr. Shiuli Vanaj, Mr. Siddharth Raja, Dr.</u> <u>Srikrishna Ayyangar, Dr. Swati Narayan, Mr. Varun Malik</u>

Research: <u>Ms. Amaidhi Devaraj, Dr. Rajesh Kumar Gupta</u>, <u>Mr. Siddharth M</u>

Administration: <u>Ms. Anjita Sinha</u>, <u>Ms. Veena Rajes</u>, <u>Mr. Vikas Chaturvedi</u>

STUDENT HIGHLIGHTS



Our students organised and participated in various inter and intra college events throughout the term. Some of the key events were:

- <u>Univ Week 2025</u> | NLSIU's Annual Intra-University Cultural Fest
- <u>XVIIIth Edition of the National Law School Trilegal</u> <u>International Arbitration Moot</u> | Moot Court Society
- Dalit Fest 2025 | Savitri Phule Ambedkar Caravan (SPAC)
- Launch of the NLS-SPIC MACAY Chapter



Our journal teams have been keeping busy over the trimester with their latest editorial work. This trimester saw the publication of **5 issues** by student-led journal teams.

The journal issues released during the trimester include **Socio-Legal Review** <u>20 (1)</u>, **Indian Journal of Law and Technology** <u>19(1)</u> and <u>19(2)</u>, and **NLS Business Law Review** <u>10</u> (<u>2)</u>. The **Indian Journal of International Economic Law** released its first issue as a bi-annual journal—<u>Volume</u> <u>15(1)</u>.

ALUMNI HIGHLIGHTS

During the March to June period, we welcomed 2 batches of BA LLB alumni to the University campus for a reunion. The <u>Class of 2010</u> and <u>Class of 2014</u> reunions were a mix of reminiscence, nostalgia, laughter, and joy. We look forward to hosting more of our alumni for reunions and various events in the future.



ALUMNI IN THE NEWS

- <u>Abhisheel Jaiswal</u>, (NLS LLM 2021) secured AIR 538 in UPSC 2024.
- <u>Dayan Krishnan</u> (NLS BA LLB 1993) is leading Tahawwur Rana's NIA prosecution.
- <u>Vasundhara Naik</u> (NLS BA LLB 1998) appointed as Judge in Canada.
- <u>Vibha Nadig</u> (NLS BA LLB 2023) featured in Forbes Asia 30 under 30.

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