

# THE NLS DISPATCH

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## HIGHLIGHTS

### Here's to Our Graduating Class of 2025!



On September 7, 2025, NLSIU held its 33rd Annual Convocation during which we graduated a total of 1,557 students from across various academic programmes. This included 287 graduates across the on-campus programmes, and 1,270 off-campus graduates. A total of 52 gold medals were awarded to 25 graduates during the ceremony. We share highlights as below:

- The Convocation was presided by **Hon'ble Mr. Justice Surya Kant**, Judge, Supreme Court of India who conferred degrees to the graduates and delivered the Presidential Address.
- The Chief Guest, **Shri. T. N. Ninan**, Former Chairperson and Editor of Business Standard, delivered the Convocation Address and awarded medals and prizes to the top performers.
- Chairman of the Bar Council of India (BCI) and a Member of the Rajya Sabha, **Shri. Manan Kumar Mishra** delivered the Welcome Address.
- NLSIU Vice-Chancellor **Prof. (Dr.) Sudhir Krishnaswamy**, delivered the opening remarks, and

presented a brief report capturing the key highlights of the University.

- The graduating student address was delivered by **Ms. Vibha Swaminathan**, from the first graduating batch of the 3-year LLB (Hons) programme at NLSIU and a 2025 Rhodes Scholar-elect.

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## NLSIU Tops NIRF Law Rankings 2025 – 8 Years and Counting!



We are proud and honoured to be ranked #1 in the [NIRF Law Rankings 2025](#) for the 8th consecutive year!

Expressing his gratitude, **Prof. (Dr.) Sudhir Krishnaswamy**, NLSIU Vice-Chancellor, noted: “NLS has consistently delivered extraordinary teaching and learning practices over the last three decades. Nevertheless, we continue to innovate and have institutionalised small group learning and assessment exercises into every course this Academic Year. We are reinventing our approach to Research and Professional Practice through a new [Research Fellowships](#) programme dedicated to path-breaking research in law, social sciences, public policy, and related disciplines. We will provide enhanced funding support to faculty research and develop a more flexible research leave policy. We look forward to partnering with philanthropic organisations, governments, corporations and civil society to build a national leader that can shape the global conversation.”

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## Ramachandra Guha Delivers Inaugural

# Justice Ahmadi Distinguished Lecture 2025



‘What would Dr. Ambedkar make of India Today?’ asked historian and biographer Ramachandra Guha, who delivered the inaugural Justice Ahmadi Distinguished Lecture in the city. The lecture focussed on Ambedkar as a visionary and deeply insightful theorist of constitutional democracy. By juxtaposing what he said in his speeches in the Constituent Assembly to the social and political realities of contemporary India, Guha demonstrated how his ideas remain of compelling relevance to us today. While the core of the talk was on Ambedkar the political theorist, it ended by briefly comparing his legacy with that of other remarkable Indians who were his contemporary, such as Jawaharlal Nehru, M.K. Gandhi, Rabindranath Tagore, and Kamaladevi Chattopadhyay.

This lecture was jointly **organised** by NLSIU and the Ahmadi Foundation as part of the *Justice Ahmadi Distinguished Lecture Series* on July 12, 2025, at the Bangalore International Centre.

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## WHAT'S NEW ON CAMPUS?



# Welcoming Our New Cohorts for AY 2025-26!

We kickstarted the Academic Year 2025-26 with an [orientation programme](#) on June 30, 2025, for our new cohorts! This year, we welcomed nearly 600 students, from 20 states and Union Territories of India, across our on-campus programmes, including the inaugural batch of the NLS BA (Hons) Programme!

[>> Hear from our incoming students.](#)

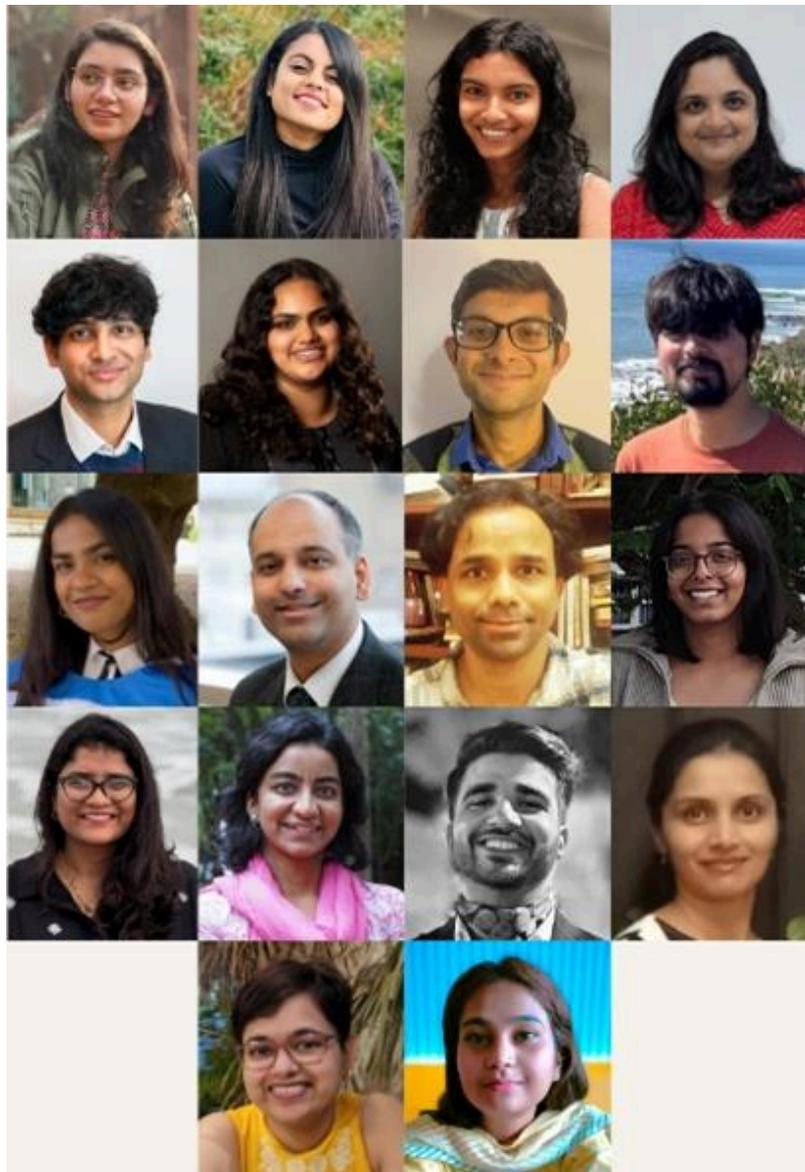
The Orientation Address was delivered by **Justice Abhay S. Oka**. Justice Oka is a former judge of the Supreme Court of India, former Chief Justice of the Karnataka High Court, and former judge of the Bombay High Court.

[>> Listen to his address here.](#)

The NLSIU student community warmly welcomed this year's incoming batches with a lively showcase of campus life. The event featured vibrant stalls introducing the University's clubs, committees, and collectives, followed by an unforgettable Open Mic night where our talented first-years impressed the audience with their performances and enthusiasm.

[Read all about it!](#)

## WHO'S NEW ON CAMPUS?



During the last trimester, we were excited to welcome several new members to the NLS community. Some of our existing members also donned other hats as they transitioned into new roles within the community. We wish them all the very best for their journeys ahead!

**Faculty:** [Mr. Bharath Gururagavendran](#), [Ms. Deeksha Balaji Viswanathan](#), [Mr. Kaustav Saha](#), [Mr. Kiran Suryanarayana](#), [Ms. Mahima Balaji](#), [Dr. Nigam Nuggehalli](#) and [Dr. Parashar Kulkarni](#).

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**CONGRATULATIONS!**



We congratulate Prof. (Dr.) Nandimath Omprakash V. on his appointment as the Vice-Chancellor of the West Bengal National University of Juridical Sciences (WBNUJS), Kolkata. Prof. Nandimath is currently a Professor of Law at the National Law School of India University (NLSIU), Bengaluru.

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## STUDENT HIGHLIGHTS



Our students organised and participated in various inter and intra-college events throughout the term. Some of the highlights include:

- The NLS team, comprising Vedika Warriar (Vth year BA LLB), Vrinda Sinha (IVth year BA LLB) and Advait Anand (Vth year BA LLB), won the 25th International Maritime Law Arbitration Moot (IMLAM) held in Australia
- The Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) Board held the XIth NLS NMC 2025
- The NLS Cricket Team emerged runners-up at the MLS Eraya 2025 tournament
- The student community successfully organised the 2nd Edition of the Annual Law School Blood Donation Camp
- The Moot Court Society (MCS) organised the University Mooting Rounds 2025

## ALUMNI HIGHLIGHTS



In August 2025, we hosted the 25th year reunion of the BA LLB (Hons) Class of 2000 on campus! The day was a mix of reminiscence, nostalgia, laughter, and joy. We look forward to hosting more such alumni reunions in the terms ahead.



Mr. Suharsh Sinha (NLS BA LLB 2008), Senior Partner, AZB & Partners was featured in ET 40 Under Forty. Know more.



**CYBER  
VIDHI  
SANGAM**  
THE CYBER-LEGAL FORUM

In October 2025, alumni of NLSIU's [Post Graduate Diploma Programme in Cyber Law & Cyber Forensics \(PGDCLCF\)](#), convened for the inaugural [Cyber Vidhi Sangam – CLCF Concave 2025](#).

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