

The 'Credit Course on Human Rights Litigation and Advocacy Strategies' under the project of Mainstreaming Human Rights Lawyering was organised by National Law University Odisha from 07.11.2016 to 19.11.2016 in collaboration with National Law School of India University, Bangalore and sponsored by the Ford Foundation. The programme was coordinated by Dr. Rangin Pallav Tripathy and Ms. Suman Dash Bhattamishra, faculty members at NLUO.

Around 50 students from the local law colleges of Odisha participated in the course. Various important issues in the area of constitutional law, gender and the law, criminal law and law in relation to minorities and vulnerable were covered as a part of the course. The course also included exposure visits to the Banki Taluka Legal Services Committee and the Legal Aid Clinic at Dampada which is established by the University under its UNDP project on 'Access to Justice for Marginalised People and Socially Relevant Legal Education'. Sessions were conducted by leading academics like Prof. Uday Raj Rai, Prof. V. Kesava Rao, Prof. V.D. Sebastian. The Valedictory session was conducted on 19.11.2016 in the presence of Prof. Srikrishana Deva Rao, Vice-Chancellor, NLUO and Prof. Sarasu Esther Thomas, Coordinator the Human Rights Lawyering Project. Justice B.K. Misra, Acting Chairperson of the Odisha State Human Rights Commission was the Chief Guest.