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Our Logo

NLUO's logo is in the form of an escutcheon (heraldic shield) divided into four quarters, coloured blue and white alternately. On the top left quarter is a balance representing the scales of justice. On the top right quarter is a gavel representing the might of the judiciary. Just below them, across the Nombriil Point, runs a scroll bearing the inscription 'National Law University Odisha'. Below this is a representation of the Indian Constitution. Superimposed on the centre of the shield, centring on the Fess Point, is a Chakra or wheel from the Sun Temple at Konark, which represents the State of Odisha.

Our Motto

NLUO's motto has been sourced from Kautilya's Arthashastra, one of ancient India's great texts. In Chapter III, Book 1, Sloka 39, four varieties of law are identified, namely Dharma (sacral law), Vyavahara (transactional law), caritra (customary law), and Rajasasana (royal edicts). Sloka 40 determines the source of each type. In this context the book asserts, 'satyesthitodharmah' or 'Law locates in the truth'. This precept is surely as valid today as it was in Kautilya's times.

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VISION AND OBJECTIVES

The vision of the University is to develop as a Centre of Excellence in Legal Education and emerge as a place of professional learning and nurture the idea of serviceability to the people. In order to translate this vision, the University orients students to cater to the needs of the society by developing the professional skills of those intending to take up the professions of advocacy, judicial service and legal services. The University has an excellent academic ambience that nurtures young minds to critical legal scholarship in the atmosphere of modern Gurukul in nature's lap. The academic curriculum, pedagogy and teaching methods at National Law University Odisha, make coordinated efforts to ensure holistic perspective among the students. The preamble to the National Law University Odisha Act (Act 4 of 2008) outlines, some long-term goals including:

- Advancement of course of learning, teaching and research and diffusion of knowledge in the field of law;
- Catering to the needs of the society by developing the professional skills of those intending to take up the professions of advocacy, judicial services, legal services and so on.

Taking inspiration from this, the University identifies and pledges adherence to the following Objectives:

- To design and run regular and periodical courses of learning for dissemination of knowledge, advanced learning in legal subjects and issues of law and other related disciplines with a view to meaningfully integrate, support and enhance professional knowledge of law and so also to appreciate the role of rule of law in national growth and development;
- To develop in the students and scholars social and scientific research skills for enhancing a sense of responsibility to serve society as a professional and also develop professional skills of advocacy, judicial and other legal services, legislation, law reformers and the like;
- To advance the professional education in convergence with knowledge of other related disciplines so as to provide adequate orientation and training including facilities of continuing education to law teachers, judicial officers, advocates and other persons in the civil society engaged or interested in legal field involved in the administration of justice;
- To organize lectures, seminars, symposia and conferences, to promote legal knowledge and to make law and legal processes as efficient instruments of social development;

MEMBERS OF UNIVERSITY BODIES

GENERAL COUNCIL

1.	Hon'ble Mr. Justice Ashok Bhushan Judge, Supreme Court of India	9.	Prof.(Dr.) Jayadev Pati SOA University, Bhubaneswar
2.	Hon'ble Mr. Justice Mohammad Rafiq Chief Justice Orissa High Court and Chancellor, NLU Odisha	10.	Prof. Nirmal Kanti Chakrabarti Vice Chancellor, The WB NUJS, Kolkata
3.	Shri K. K. Venugopal Attorney General of India	11.	Prof. (Dr.) Srikrishna Deva Rao Vice-Chancellor, NLUO
4.	Prof. D. P. Singh Chairman, U.G.C, New Delhi	12.	Prof. Rita Ray Adjunct Professor of Sociology, NLUO
5.	Shri Ashok Parija Advocate General of Orissa High Court	13.	Prof. S. Sachidhanandam Senior Adjunct Professor, NLUO
6.	Hon'ble Mr. Justice A.S. Naidu Former Judge, Orissa High Court	14.	Prof. Sheela Rai Professor of Law, NLUO
7.	Shri Surya Prasad Misra Senior Advocate & Former Advocate General of Odisha	15.	Prof.(Dr.) Yogesh Pratap Singh Professor of Law and Registrar, NLUO
8.	Mr. Debi Prasad Dhal Senior Advocate, Managing Trustee, BCI Trust		

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

1.	Hon'ble Mr. Justice Ashok Bhushan Judge, Supreme Court of India	7.	Hon'ble Mr. Justice C. R. Dash Judge, Orissa High Court
2.	Prof. (Dr.) Srikrishna Deva Rao Vice-Chancellor, NLUO	8.	Prof. V. Vijayakumar Vice-Chancellor, NLIU, Bhopal
3.	Shri Ashok Parija Advocate General of Orissa High Court	9.	Prof. Dilip Ukey Vice-Chancellor, MNLU Mumbai
4.	Mr. Debi Prasad Dhal Senior Advocate & Managing Trustee, BCI Trust	10.	Prof. (Dr.) Yogesh Pratap Singh, Professor of Law & Registrar, NLUO
5.	Prof. (Dr.) Sheela Rai, Professor of Law, NLUO		
6.	Prof. (Dr.) A Aruna Srilakshmi, Professor of Law, NLUO		

ACADEMIC COUNCIL

1.	Prof. (Dr.) Srikrishna Deva Rao Vice-Chancellor, NLUO	8.	Prof. (Dr.) A Aruna Srilakshmi Professor of Law, NLUO
2.	Prof. Satish C. Shastri Dean, School of Legal Studies, Mody University of Science & Technology, Rajasthan	9.	Prof. S. Sachidhanandam Senior Adjunct Professor, NLUO
3.	Prof. Manoj Sinha Director, I.L.I, New Delhi	10.	Prof. (Dr.) Rita Ray Adjunct Professor, NLUO
4.	Prof. Rashmi M Oza Professor of Law, Department of Law, University of Mumbai, Mumbai	11.	Prof. (Dr.) Yogesh Pratap Singh Professor of Law, NLUO
5.	Mr. Debi Prasad Dhal Advocate & Managing Trustee, BCI Trust	12.	Dr. Arjyalopa Mishra Assistant Professor of Management, NLUO
6.	Prof. (Dr.) Dolly Jabbal Professor of Law, NLUO	13.	Ms. Madhubrata Rayasingh Assistant Professor of Economics, NLUO
7.	Prof. (Dr.) Sheela Rai Professor of Law, NLUO		

FINANCE COMMITTEE

1.	Prof. (Dr.) Srikrishna Deva Rao Vice-Chancellor, NLUO	5.	Shri Nrusingh Charan Meher, C.A. Bhubaneswar
2.	Prof. V. Vijayakumar Vice-Chancellor, NLIU, Bhopal	6.	Smt. Tanmaya Sivadarsini Pradhan C.A. , Bhubaneswar
3.	Prof. S. Sachidanandam Senior Adjunct Professor, NLUO	7.	Shri Sabyasachi Mohanty Assistant Finance Officer, NLUO
4.	Shri Amarendra Mohapatra, CA Bhubaneswar	8.	Prof. (Dr.) Yogesh Pratap Singh Professor of Law & Registrar, NLUO

VISITOR

Hon'ble Mr. Justice A.M. Khanwilkar
Judge, Supreme Court of India and Visitor NLU Odisha

Hon'ble Justice A. M. Khanwilkar was born on 30th July 1957, Pune, India. Justice Khanwilkar obtained B.Com degree from Mulund College of Commerce, Mumbai and L.L.B. from K.C. Law College, Mumbai. He was enrolled as an Advocate on 10th February, 1982.



Justice Khanwilkar was appointed as Additional Judge of the Bombay High Court on 29th March, 2000 and confirmed as permanent Judge on 8th April, 2002. Justice Khanwilkar was appointed as Chief Justice of the High Court of Himachal Pradesh on 4th April, 2013 and thereafter as Chief Justice of Madhya Pradesh High Court on 24th November, 2013. Justice Khanwilkar was elevated as Judge of Supreme Court of India and assumed charge on May 13, 2016. Hon'ble Justice Khanwilkar was appointed as the Visitor of NLU Odisha on 31 July 2018.

CHANCELLOR



Hon'ble Mr. Justice Mohammad Rafiq
Chief Justice, Orissa High Court and Chancellor NLU Odisha

Hon'ble Justice Mohammad Rafiq administered the oath of office of the Chief Justice of Orissa High Court on 27th April, 2020.

Hon'ble Justice Mohammad Rafiq was the Chief Justice of the High Court of Meghalaya from 13th November, 2019 to 26th April, 2020.

Prior to his appointment as the Chief Justice of Meghalaya High Court, his good self served as a Judge of the Rajasthan High Court where he was elevated as Judge on May 15th 2006.

Hon'ble Justice Mohammad Rafiq also served as the Additional Advocate General of State of Rajasthan from January 7th 1999 till elevation to the Bench.

Hon'ble Justice Mohammad Rafiq also worked as Acting Chief Justice of Rajasthan High Court twice; from April 7th 2019 to May 4th 2019 and from September 23rd 2019 to October 5th 2019.

UNIVERSITY ADMINISTRATION

Prof. Srikrishna Deva Rao **Vice-Chancellor**

Srikrishna Deva Rao is the Vice-Chancellor of NLU Odisha, Cuttack. Prof. Rao has been actively involved with legal education and research in India over three decades.



The Vice-Chancellor is the Chief Executive Officer of the University. He is the academic and administrative head and oversees all the matters of the academic and administration with the help of senior faculty members such as : Registrar, Chairman ACC, Chairman Research and Internalisation Committee, Controller of Examination, Chairman Student Affairs.

Prof. Rao was instrumental in institutionalising Consortium of National Law Universities in India and was also the Convenor of Common Law Admission Test (CLAT) 2019. He is presently the Executive member of the Consortium of National Law Universities.

Prof. Rao is a Fulbright scholar and is the recipient of the highest award in the field of Criminology named "Kumarappa - Reckless Award" for the year 2019 by the Indian Society of Criminology (ISC).



Prof. Yogesh Pratap Singh **Professor of Law and Registrar (I/c)**

Yogesh Pratap Singh obtained his LLB from University of Allahabad and LL.M. from National Law School of India University (NLSIU), Bangalore. He was awarded Ph.D. in Law from National Law University Odisha. He also worked as Deputy Registrar (Research) in the Supreme Court of India from 2015-2018. He is the founding faculty of National Law University Odisha since 2009. His area of specialisation is Constitutional Law and Human Rights Laws.

He is presently Professor of Law and Registrar of National Law University Odisha and looks after the administration of the University.

Prof. A. Aruna Sri Lakshmi
Professor of Law and Chairperson Academic Coordination Committee

Aruna Sri Lakshmi obtained her Master of Laws from Andhra University. She received the Ph.D. from SPMVV Women's University, Tirupathi. Her area of specialisation is Labour and Industrial Laws.



She is presently the Professor of Law and Chairperson, Academic Coordination Committee. The Chairperson ACC coordinates all the important academic activities of the University including Curriculum development, teaching-learning innovative methodology. She is also the coordinator of IQAC. She looks after the academic matters of the University.



Prof. Sheela Rai
Professor of Law and Chairperson, Research & Internationalisation

Sheela Rai obtained her LL.B. from DDU Gorakhpur University and LL.M. and Ph.D. from National Law School of India University Bangalore. Before joining NLU Odisha, she worked at HNLU, Raipur, WBNUJS, Kolkata and Amity Law School, Amity University, Rajasthan. Her area of specialisation is International Trade Law.

She is presently the Professor of Law and Chairperson, Research & Internationalisation at NLU Odisha.

Prof. Rita Ray
Professor of Sociology and Chairperson, Student Affairs

Prof. Rita Ray has an experience of forty years in academics and consulting. Her academic profile includes teaching as a full-time faculty of Sociology at Utkal University, Bhubaneswar since 1975. She was also the Vice chancellor (in-charge) of Utkal University for a brief period, but intensely challenging, period. Her area of specialisation is Sociology.



She is presently Adjunct Professor and Chairperson, Student Affairs at NLU Odisha.



Prof. Dolly Jabbal
Professor of Law and Controller of Examination

Prof. Dolly Jabbal teaches Banking & Property Law at NLU Odisha. She has been engaged in RBI and training and orientation of officials in PSU(s), Law Enforcement Officials. She has extensive experience as an academic and administrator as Registrar at Gujarat National Law University-Gandhinagar and NLU Odisha. Her areas of interest to explore the ever-evolving domains of banking, corporate and property laws.

She is presently Professor of Law and Controller of Examination at NLU Odisha.

STUDENT COUNCIL

The Students Council of the University is an important body of elected students to represent the views and opinions of all students to strengthen the excellence of teaching, learning and advocacy of the University. The Student Council makes all sincere efforts to empowering the students to lead, decide and work as a team for University initiatives. The Student Council promises the students an opportunity to witness the principles of democracy as enshrined in the constitution. The students themselves have prepared their Constitution and Bye laws.

The first student council of NLU Odisha was constituted in the year 2019 through free and fair elections.

The Student Council has assisted the university administration in formulating policies, especially with regard to the examination policy, campus timings policy, policy for two-wheelers on campus while also assisting the administration in taking on-board the suggestions of the students in different aspects of academic activities. Along with infrastructure development, academic policy suggestions as well as addressing student grievances, the Council seeks to represent students on a wide range of areas affecting the students at NLUO.



Mr. Gaurav Baheti
Chairperson Student Council

Gaurav Baheti is currently serving as the elected Chairperson of the Student Council (2019-20). He is currently in his fifth year (2016-21) pursuing B.B.A. LL.B. (Hons).

Ms. Jewel Bhateja

Co-Chairperson, Student Council

Jewel Bhateja is the Co-chairperson of the Student Council (2019-2020) and is currently in her fourth year of B.A. LL.B. (2017-2022).



The other members of the Student Council include:

Secretary: Achint Dubey
Financial Co-Ordinator: Anushna Satapathy
Member: Arjun Tyagi
Member: Ashima Joshi
Member: Jayanti Jaya
Member: Neelesh Meena
Member: Rakshita Agarwal
Member: Anurag Gupta
Member: Radhika Sharma

The Council is governed by its constitution and works under the guidance of Faculty Advisor Prof. S. Sachidhanandam. He has also been a member of the Student Discipline and Welfare Committee (SDWC).

ACADEMIC PROGRAMMES

The University offers two five-year integrated undergraduate programmes, namely B.A. LL.B. (Hons.) and B.B.A. LL.B. (Hons.). The B.A. LL.B. (Hons.) programme combines the study of law with social sciences. As the part of inter disciplinary approach, courses on Sociology, Political Science, Economics, History, English language and Literature are taught under the social sciences discipline. The social science courses are specifically designed for novitiates and are aimed at introducing the basics of social sciences to the students. The B.B.A. LL.B. (Hons.) combines the study of law with management and finance. It offers foundational courses like Basic Principles of Accounting and Organisational Behaviour along with select modules on Management, Finance, Accounting and Economics. In addition to undergraduate programmes, the university also offers LL.M. and Ph.D. Programmes. NLUO offers one year LL.M. programme with specialisation in Corporate Law and Constitutional Law. University also offers Ph.D. programme.

BA.LLB

STATEWISE BREAK UP OF 2019-20 STUDENT LIST

Bihar	9	Manipur	1
Chhatisgarh	1	Meghalaya	1
Haryana	5	New Delhi	4
Himachal Pradesh	1	Odisha	15
Jharkhand	5	Rajasthan	9
Karnataka	5	Telangana	3
Kerala	3	Uttar Pradesh	3
Madhya Pradesh	29	Uttarakhand	14
Maharashtra	4	West Bengal	7
TOTAL 119			

GENDER-WISE BREAK UP

Male	57
Female	62

CATEGORYWISE BREAK UP

General	71	OBC	04
SC	11	NRI	13
ST	15	SAP	05
TOTAL 119			

B.B.A.LLB

STATEWISE BREAK UP OF 2019-20 STUDENT LIST

Bihar	3	New Delhi	5
Chhatisgarh	1	Odisha	11
Jharkhand	2	Rajasthan	7
Karnataka	1	Telangana	2
Madhya Pradesh	12	Uttar Pradesh	11
Maharashtra	3	West Bengal	2
TOTAL 60			

GENDER-WISE BREAK UP

Male	28
Female	32

CATEGORYWISE BREAK UP

General	42
SC	04
ST	05
NRI	07
SAP	02
TOTAL	60

LLM

STATEWISE BREAK UP OF 2019-20 STUDENT LIST

Andhra Pradesh	1	Meghalaya	3
Bihar	1	New Delhi	1
Chhatisgarh	2	Odisha	17
Haryana	2	Uttar Pradesh	2
Jharkhand	1	Uttarakhand	1
Madhya Pradesh	1	West Bengal	6
TOTAL 38			

GENDERWISE BREAK UP

Male	18
Female	20

CATEGORYWISE BREAK UP

General	30
SC	01
ST	04
SAP	01
NRI	02

PH.D. (2019 Batch)

Following students were admitted in the year 2019 for the Ph.D. programme.

Sl. No.	Roll No.	Part Time / Full Time	Name	Gender
1	NLUO/Ph.D/2019/01	Part Time	Mr.Abhijit Anand	Male
2	NLUO/Ph.D/2019/02	Part Time	Ms.Apala Goswami	Female
3	NLUO/Ph.D/2019/03	Part Time	Ms. Aparna Singh	Female
4	NLUO/Ph.D/2019/04	Part Time	Ms.Lahama Mazumdar	Female
5	NLUO/Ph.D/2019/05	Part Time	Ms. Pallabi Sengupta	Female
6	NLUO/Ph.D/2019/06	Part Time	Ms. Vaishali Bahubalendra	Female

SIXTH ANNUAL CONVOCATION

The Sixth Annual Convocation was held on 19 October 2019 at the Amphitheatre of National Law University Odisha, Cuttack. Hon'ble Mr. Justice A.M. Khanwilkar, Judge of the Supreme Court of India and Visitor NLU Odisha presided over the occasion and delivered the Presidential Address. Hon'ble Mr. Justice Kalpesh Satyendra Jhaveri, Chief Justice of Odisha High Court and Chancellor, NLU Odisha awarded the degrees and also addressed the gathering. The Sitting Judges of High Court of Orissa, Senior Advocates, Judicial Officers were among the other dignitaries present on that occasion.

A total of **152** graduates were awarded degrees, including **2** Ph.D. candidates, 41 LLM candidates, and 109 from undergraduate courses – 50 and 59 candidates respectively from the BA LLB (Hons.) and BBA LLB (Hons.) streams. A total number of 20 gold medals were given to the students in the convocation this year.

The following two candidates were awarded Ph.D in the academic year 2019-20:

Sl. No.	Name of the candidate	Topic
1	Mr. Satyajit Mohanty	Arrest Discretion Behaviour of the Police in India : A Socio-Legal Study
2	Ms. Sohini Mahapatra	Non-Humans and the Law: An Analysis of Animal Welfare and Animal Rights Within the Indian Legal Discourse



The Convocation Address was delivered by Hon'ble Mr. Justice A.M. Khanwilkar, Judge of the Supreme Court of India and Visitor NLU Odisha

GOLD MEDALS

List of Gold Medal - 2014 - 19 Batch & LL.M - 2018-19					
S. No	Donated /Instituted By	Description of Gold Medal	Subject in which Gold medal is instituted	Weight of the Gold Medal	Name of the Students
1	NLUO	University Gold Medal	1 st Rank LL.M (2018-19)	12 gms	2018/LL.M./03 MS. APALA GOSWAMI
2	Dinabandhu Sahu Memorial Trust	Dinabandhu Sahu Memorial Gold Medal	1 st Rank (Highest Marks) in the B.A.,LL.B. (Hons.) Degree	12 gms	2014/B.A.,LL.B/45 MS. SHREYA SINGH
3	NLUO	University Gold Medal	2 nd Rank in the B.A.,LL.B. (Hons.) Degree.	10 gms	2014/B.A.,LL.B/20 MS. ISHITA SABOO
4	NLUO	University Gold Medal	3 rd Rank in the B.A.,LL.B. (Hons.) Degree.	8 gms	2014/B.A.,LL.B/12 MS. ARPITA TRIPATHI

5	Prof. N. L. Mitra, Chancellor KIIT University	Shri M. L. Mitra Memorial Gold Medal	1 st Rank in the B.B.A.,LL.B. (Hons.) Degree.	12 gms	2014/B.B.A.,LL.B/56 MR. YASH DUBEY
6	NLUO	University Gold Medal	2 nd Rank in the B.B.A.,LL.B. (Hons.) Degree.	10 gms	2014/B.B.A.,LL.B/07 MR. AKASH SRINIVASAN
7	NLUO	University Gold Medal	3 rd Rank in the B.B.A.,LL.B. (Hons.) Degree.	8 gms	2014/B.B.A.,LL.B/37 MS. SANCHITA KUMARI
8	Ms. Kajal Mishra & Ms. Sheetal Mishra, Advocates & Founders, SKS Juris Legal Group	SKS Juris Legal Group Gold Medal	Highest Score in Constitutional Law in the B.B.A.,LL.B. (Hons.) /B.A.,LL.B. (Hons.) Degree.	10 gms	2014/B.B.A.,LL.B/56 MR. YASH DUBEY
9	Mr. Ashok Parija, Senior Advocate, Supreme Court of India	Shri Gagan Bihari Das Memorial Gold Medal	Highest Score in Criminal Law in the B.B.A.,LL.B. (Hons.) /B.A.,LL.B. (Hons.) Degree.	10 gms	2014/B.B.A.,LL.B/07 MR. AKASH SRINIVASAN
10	Shri Bijan Ray, Senior Advocate, High Court of Orissa	Ras Behari Ray Gold Medal	Highest Score in Commercial Laws in the B.B.A.,LL.B. (Hons.) /B.A.,LL.B. (Hons.) Degree.	10 gms	2014/B.B.A.,LL.B/56 MR. YASH DUBEY
11	Shri Bibekananda Mohanti	Shri Bichitrananda Mahanty Memorial Gold Medal	Best All Round Male Student	10 gms	2014/B.B.A.,LL.B/07 MR. AKASH SRINIVASAN
12	NLUO	University Gold Medal	Highest Score in Intellectual Property Laws in the B.B.A.,LL.B. (Hons.) /B.A.,LL.B. (Hons.) Degree.	10 gms	2014/B.A.,LL.B/20 MS. ISHITA SABOO
13	State Bank of India	State Bank of India Gold Medal	Highest Score in Banking Law	10 Gms	2014/B.B.A.,LL.B/56 MR. YASH DUBEY

14	Mr. Biswajit Mohanty, Chairman, BRM IIT	Madhusudan Mohanty Memorial Gold Medal	Outstanding Leadership	10 Gms	2014/B.A.,LL.B/24 MS. MAMTA JAIN
15	Mr. Surya Prasad Misra, Senior Advocate & Advocate General, Odisha	Ananta Misra & Annapurna Misra Gold Medal	Best All Round Female Student	10 gms	2014/B.B.A.,LL.B/15 MS. DIVYA RATHORE
16	Prof. Priyambada Mohanty Hejmadi	“NISAMONI DEVI & BHAGABAT CHARAN MOHANTY MEMORIAL GOLD MEDAL”	“Highest Score in International Law in the B.B.A., LL.B. (Hons.)/B.A., LL.B.(Hons)”	10 gms	2014/B.B.A.,LL.B/56 MR. YASH DUBEY
17	Shri Manas Ranjan Mohapatra	"SATYAKAMAL MEMORIAL GOLD MEDAL"	"Highest Score in Personal Law in the B.B.A.LL.B.(Hons.)/B.A.L L.B.(Hons.)"	10 gms	2014/B.B.A.,LL.B/15 MS. DIVYA RATHORE
18	Shri P.P. Rao Senior Advocate Supreme Court of India	SMT. PAVANI EASWARA LAKSHMI MEMORIAL GOLD MEDAL	"Girl student who got Highest Score in BALLB and BBA LLB combined"	10 gms	2014/B.B.A.,LL.B/37 MS. SANCHITA KUMARI
19	Parents of Ritwik Das	RITWIK DAS MEMORIAL GOLD MEDAL	Outstanding Performance in Outdoor Sports	10 gms	2014/B.A.,LL.B/11 APOORVA SINGH PARIHAR
20	Smart Chip Private Limited	Smart Chip Gold Medal	Highest score in Alternative Dispute Resolution paper	10 gms	2014/B.B.A.,LL.B/56 MR. YASH DUBEY

INAUGURATION OF NEW BLOCK OF LEGAL AID CLINIC

The New Block of “Legal Aid Clinic” was inaugurated by Hon'ble Mr. Justice Mohammad Rafiq, Chancellor, NLU Odisha-cum-Patron-in-Chief, Odisha State Legal Service Authority on Wednesday, June 24, 2020 at 10.15 A.M. in the gracious presence of Hon'ble Kumari Justice Sanju Panda, Judge Orissa High Court & Executive Chairperson, Orissa State Legal Services Authority.

The other Honorable judges who graced the occasion include: Justice S. K. Mishra, Justice C.R. Dash, Dr. Justice B. R. Sarangi, Justice Biswanath Rath, Justice S. K. Sahoo, Justice K.R. Mohapatra, Justice S.K. Panigrahi and Miss Justice Savitri Ratho

The Inauguration was followed by plantation programme in the campus in collaboration with the Department of Forest, Government of Odisha.

Access to Justice is the central concern of legal education and it is also one of the primary mandate of NLU Odisha. The University made sincere efforts to cater to the unmet legal needs of the marginalized communities.

Legal aid clinic will help persons seeking free legal aid services. The students will also provide pre-litigation services to amicably resolve the disputes including developing legal awareness etc. The legal aid clinic will work in cooperation with District Legal Services Authority, Cuttack with help of trained paralegal volunteers, panel lawyers to resolve the cases.

Recently, the Department of Justice selected NLU Odisha to implement “Pro Bono Club” as part of the Legal Aid Clinic where in the Fourth and Fifth year students will be involved to improve the efficiency and quality of pro bono legal services by providing assistance to pro bono advocates. They will also play a key role in coordinating with Alumni network and to reach out to people at grass roots in collaboration with NGOs.



The Hon'ble Mr. Justice Mohammad Rafiq, Chancellor of the University inaugurated the New Block of Legal Aid Clinic at NLU Odisha campus

NANI PALKHIVALA MEMORIAL LECTURE



Nani Palkhivala Memorial Lecture was organised on 15 September 2019 at NLU Odisha. The Lecture was delivered by Hon'ble Mr. Justice C K Thakker, Former Judge, Supreme Court of India on Sunday, 15 September 2019 at 11.00 A.M. at the Amphitheatre of NLU Odisha.

Hon'ble Mr. Justice K. S. Jhaveri, Chief Justice of Orissa High Court and Chancellor, NLU Odisha, Shri P.H. Parekh, Senior Advocate, Supreme Court of India and Member, Nani Palkhivala Birth Centenary Celebration Steering Committee, Shri Ashok Parija, Advocate General of Orissa and Hon'ble Judges of High Court of Orissa were present in the Memorial Lecture.

Nani Ardeshir Palkhivala (16 January 1920 – 11 December 2002) was a multitiered personality who played diverse roles in his rich life – lawyers, corporate director, diplomat, author, orator, political and economic thinker, and social reformer. His intellectual integrity, Professional excellence and impeccable moral values made him a role model for an entire generation of Indians.

He was a great orator and is famous among the common Indians for his Budget speech every year after the submission of Budget by Government of India.

He is a role model for aspiring lawyers like you. As champion of civil liberties, he single handedly defended the Constitution – and the citizens' rights under it – from the ill –intended amendments by the governments of the 1970 and 1980s, which aimed to give unlimited power to Parliament to alter the basic structure of the Constitution.

Nani Palkhivala was a member of Parliament in 60s and 70s. He was the greatest practicing lawyer of post Constitution period. Fali Nariman says Palkhivala argued and warned three great cases of Modern time Golknath Case in 1967, Keshvananda Bharthi in 1973 and Minerva Mills case in 1990, Bank nationalization cases, Privy Purses cases, Madhva Rao Sindhia Caes, R.C. Cooper case and Nani Palkhivala was remembered in Indian Constitution for consolidating the doctrine of basic structure.

Justice H.R. Khanna said “if a count were to be made of the tem topmost lawyers of the world.

CELEBRATION OF THE 70TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE CONSTITUTION DAY



The University Grants Commission (UGC) has identified NLU Odisha as a State Coordinating University for Constitution Day celebration in State of Odisha starting from 26 November 2019. This event was organized in association with Ravenshaw University, Odisha & Sri Sri University, Odisha.

The adoption of the Constitution on 26 November 1949 and the establishment of the Republic on 26 January 1950 mark a break from the nearly 200 years of colonial rule. Independence was achieved in 1947 and it took another two years for the Constituent Assembly to finalize the text of the Constitution. The adoption of the Constitution and the consequent formation of the Republic is the milestone event in Indian legal and constitutional history.

The Constitution of India is a living document and law of the land. It is the heart, spirit and guiding force for all of us. The fundamental duties were incorporated in part IV of Indian Constitution in 1976. The eleven (11) fundamental duties emphasize on obligation of the citizens in exchange of Fundamental of Rights.

Hon'ble Mr. Justice K.S. Jhaveri, Chief Justice, High Court of Orissa and Chancellor of NLU Odisha was the chief Guest and Shri Ashok Parija, Advocate General of Orissa was the Guest of Honour at this event. Prof. Ishan Kumar Patro, Vice-Chancellor, Ravenshaw University, Shri Bhabani Shankar Chayani, Collector & District Magistrate of Cuttack, Shri Surya Prakash from Daksh, Bangalore and other distinguished members were present in the celebration of 70th Anniversary of Constitution Day of India.

The University will organize different competitions/activities as part of year long celebrations to be conducted till 26th November 2020. These competitions include debating competition, moot court and mock parliament. Additionally, activities and competition like video/poster making competition, street plays, tree plantation, workshops, lectures, panel discussions etc. would also be organised. All these events will have the thematic focus around the fundamental duties enshrined in the Constitution of India.

'MAINSTREAMING ACCESS TO JUSTICE IN INDIA' PROJECT WITH KEELE UNIVERSITY, UK

The Keele University and NLU Odisha were part of a collaborative 'Global Challenges Research Fund' and UKIERI research initiative in socio-legal outreach methodologies to further and mainstream "Access to Justice" (A2J) program in India.

As a part of the socio-legal outreach "Access to Justice" (A2J) program, NLU Odisha has conducted one day round –table conference on "Access to Justice in a post disaster environment: Best practices and a way forward" on 27th of August 2019. Post disaster management after kerala floods 2018 was shared by Team NUALS Kochi, Students and Post disaster management in Odisha was shared by NLUO students.

Objectives of the project are to offer support to the socially & economically disadvantaged & differentially abled sections of society to:

- Promote access to justice by providing legal aid, legal counseling, legal advice, mediation, and other legal services by the faculty and students of TISS, NLU's, Law Schools in the region and Paralegal and Legal professionals.
- Create awareness on laws, procedures, institutions and Government schemes
- Conduct research on barriers faced in accessing justice within the framework of existing laws and processes, implementation and suggesting reforms.
- Collaborate with and strengthen the State legal services Authority to provide legal services

Round-Table Conference on Access to Justice in a Post Disaster Environment: Best Practices and a Way Forward on 27th August, 2019

Session number: 1

Session Topic: Interface of Law and Policy in Legal Aid and Disaster Management in State of Kerala (Kerala Floods, 2018).

Session Type: Round Table Conference, Technical Session.

Venue: Conference Hall, Administrative Block, NLU Odisha.

Key Speakers: Prof. Krishnadas, Keele University, UK and Prof. K.C Sunny, VC, NUALS, Kochi.

NLUO, NUALS, and Keele University collaborated to initiate a research in socio-legal outreach methodologies to further the cause of "Access to Justice (A2J)" program in India.

Objective of the Session:

The objective of the conference was to provide support socially, psychologically, legally to the victims of disaster (manmade and natural). The aftermath of any disaster is a crucial time to provide relief, advice and support. The whole idea of the conference was to share ideas about access to justice by providing legal aid, mediation, legal counselling and a platform to provide an insight about how it can be done in a gated community. It included design to use practical examples to test the use of a range of knowledge sharing methods: after action review, storytelling, peer assistance and participation of participants.

Rationale of the Session:

This technical session explored ways and means to improve information exchange and projects' outcome reach end users through well designed outreach and dissemination approaches. It addressed the capitalisation of experiences and methodology to adopt. For this, it reviewed various experiences to understand in which conditions the involvement of volunteers has been successful and how it was implemented.

First Session –

- Professor Krishnadas, Keele University, gave a brief about the genesis of the 'Global Challenges Research Fund' / UKIERI research initiative. He said that reaching out to the marginalised vulnerable communities and providing them legal tools was the driving force behind this project.
- The evolution of the programme got a boost from the Kerala floods of August 2018. Considered to be one of the worst flood of the century, it almost paralyzed the State rendering millions homeless and marooned. The idea was to connect with people directly instead of looking at the past.
- Mr. Kanishka, Faculty In-charge legal aid talked about the proactive role played by legal aid clinic of NLUO. Mr Kanishk, the legal aid head of NLUO deliberated on how access to justice is a part of student curriculum and it was made compulsory for 3rd year students, it has been introduced in the LL.M courses as well. Due to shortage of fund, it is done as an academic work. They helped people sensitise about Krushaka Kalia Yojana of Odisha government of Sukua Kala village. Currently the institute has six legal aid clinics committed to legal advocacy, paralegal services and counselling .
- Prof (Dr) K.C. Sunny, VC of NUALS Kochi briefed about the legal aid committee of NUALS. He said that at operational level all the Legal Services Authorities need help of volunteers. Adding to it, he said that by developing courses for disaster management and sharing experiences we can equip ourselves to deal with post disaster scenarios.
- Presentation -1 : NEETHIDHARA PROJECT (presented by –Megha and Chandini, NUALS)
 - ❖ Megha said that the Neethidhara project is much more to disaster relief than providing food sharing experiences and anecdotes .

- ❖ She said that Kerala is a city known for its rains. According to IMD information, during 2018 floods Kerala got 2346.6 mm of precipitation from 1 June 2018 to 19 August 2018 as opposed to a normal 1649.5 mm of precipitation. This precipitation was about 42% over the typical.
- ❖ Chandini discussed what the floods taught them and what they could learn from it. She said that what started as a one day programme led to the creation of rescue operation and online response teams of NUALS. The directions of DLSA, Kochi were adopted by NUALS in these operations. She highlighted the role played by their institute in providing infrastructure and resources to the affected people.
- ❖ She then discussed the survey data collected by them regarding the loss of property and documents of people who were affected with flood. According to her the only way to mitigate the havoc created by natural disasters is to arm ourselves with knowledge.

Chandini and two of her friends, students of NUALS prepared a presentation to deliberate on the Neetidhara project that they worked upon closely. In the Kerala floods, 50% of the students were trapped in the campus. The campus was turned into a relief camp, college provided a relief fund. Immediately, desks were set up and students took turns to advise and help. In a matter of one day, the inflow of people increased after word of the mouth spread that law students have set up camps in the college vicinity. The number reached to 500+ people in a single day. They categorised the problems according to the loss, like loss of house, household articles, documentation, miscellaneous etc and accordingly desks were organised based on the categories. As the flood was unforeseen, it wreaked havoc in the state. 14 districts were in red alert, fishermen lost their lives who went into the sea. The students reached out to the municipalities, gram panchayats and even got in touch with NGO called KUDUMASHREE to help out people. All in all, the outcomes were mostly positive. The policies were made aware of, posters were displayed in public offices, social media was used as a platform to stay connected with the people, disaster management classes were introduced in schools. They have made an effort to still keep in touch with the victims of Kerala flood and build a community through WhatsApp and social medias. The work they have done is commendable and hence given us a framework to work with, if such disaster strikes. The students narrated personal experiences during the floods and were almost choked with tears while sharing it with the other panellists. After that few students asked questions regarding their approach, their guidance and how did they pull through all this, if Kerala has para legal services authority. They answered all the questions with much diligence and stated the facts that they had recorded. After that Vice Chancellor Prof. Sunny opined to establish National Skill services in all colleges and gated community.

- Suggestions that came up at this session were –
 - ❖ Creating awareness about existing policies
 - ❖ Proper implementation of disaster management methods
 - ❖ Construction of houses using eco-friendly material.
 - ❖ Implementing Gadgil Committee recommendation on cultivation of single commercial crops on steep slopes.

Controlling massive encroachment and deforestation in catchment areas of major rivers

Session II:

Session II started with the presentation made by National Law University, Odisha students on Post-Disaster Socio Legal Intervention in state of Odisha. The students discussed about the calamities which frequently happen in Odisha. They spoke about the loss and damage suffered by the people in such calamities and the steps taken by the Government of Odisha to mitigate such loss and damages caused due to such calamities. Odisha being a coastal state is prone to cyclone and flood. They explained about the measure taken by Government of Odisha to tackle such calamities. Measures like shelter homes are being constructed in the flood and cyclone prone districts of Odisha, forming of ODRAF teams, storage of essential commodities which are to be provided to the victims of natural calamities and so on. They also talked in detail about the major cyclones that had occurred in Odisha in last 20 years. They explained the functions of OSDMA (Odisha State Disaster Management Authority) and OSLSA (Odisha State Legal Services Authority).

Sir Deepak Ranjan Sahoo, member of OSLSA who gave us an insight view of the OSLSA. How its functioning, who are its members, qualification of the members and many other important aspects of OSLSA he discussed. He also talked about the role of para-legal volunteers in situations of natural calamities.

Session III:

Session III was conducted by Odisha state disaster management authority

The main topic of discussions was as to how the disaster management authority in Odisha had come up with new ideas and technologies to combat cyclone. He explained us about the mobile based app called Satrak. Then a brief discussion took place about the Super Cyclone, 1999 and what were the loss that was suffered. Around 480km cost line were frequently effected by cyclone with 11 river system created frequent floods. This gave rise to the OSDMA in December, 1999. Around 50% villages were projected and 335 units where formed for quick response along with social media alert. Several multipurpose shelter homes where made which include sickroom, toilet ,drinking water etc. which were later converted into marriage mandaps, training halls, schools etc They had also introduced an early warning disseminating system which is connected to the satellite, DMR and alert towers in 122 out coast. This process helped in mass messaging.

The forum also had a discussion on the recently held cyclone Fani which involved GIS, US navy, RIMES and IMD for cyclone tracking. The largest evacuation took place during this cyclone. Around 15.5 lakhs and 25k tourists were evacuated including livestock. As per the analysis 1.6 crore population, 5 lakhs houses, 41 lakhs livestock were affected along with 64 casualties. However the power restorations, water supply provisions, pipe water supply, drinking water and sanitization of urban local bodies were taken care of.

Prof. Srikrishna talked about post disaster scenario, Keele University's outreach program. How KU reached out to the marginalised people to provide legal aid, devised a system. They wanted to implement the same in India. The tools come in the same form – when it comes to the women, children and people from different sections. Keele University supported to do pro bono work to improve the situation. Keele partnered with TISS to do socio-legal internship. NLUO joined 2 years back. With NUALS, NLUO, TISS joining hands with KEELE university, they have already dealt with 1200+ cases. Prof. Srikrishna had only words of appreciation for the work NUALS has done in Kerala floods. He advised to classify the loss, compile the data, divide students for each classification and carry out a survey to which the students agreed upon. With admiration for the work done and the discussions that ensued, the 1st 2nd and 3rd sessions were over with glimmering hope that stemmed from the heart.

After the presentation, the forum was open for discussion with regard to cyclone and what measures were taken and could have been taken.

INTERNAL QUALITY ASSURANCE CELL (IQAC)



The University has established the Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) in 2016 to assure the quality of education, research, publications and related activities. It is the prime responsibility of IQAC to initiate, plan and supervise various activities that are necessary to increase the quality of the education imparted in the University.

IQAC consists of five eminent educationists of India; Prof. R. Venkata Rao, Former VC NLSIU Bangalore, Prof. R V Rajkumar, Director IIT Bhubaneswar, Prof. Soumendra Mohan Sarangi, VC Ravenshaw University, Prof. (Dr.) S. Peppin, Dean, Xavier School of Sustainability, XIMB, Bhubaneswar and Mr. Manish Kharbanda, Advisor, Corporate Affairs, Legal, CSR & New Mines Development, Jindal Steel and Power Ltd., Angul representing law, engineering and social sciences.

S. No.	Name	Designation
1	Prof. Srikrishna Deva Rao, Vice-Chancellor	Chairperson
2	Prof. A. Aruna Srilakshmi, Professor of Law	Director
3	Prof. Yogesh Pratap Singh, Registrar (I/c)	Member Secretary
4	Prof. S. Sachidhanandam, Senior Adjunct Professor of Law	Member
5	Prof. Rita Ray, Adjunct Professor of Sociology	Member
6	Prof. Sheela Rai, Professor of Law	Member
7	Prof. Dolly Jabbar, Professor of Law	Member
8	Dr. Abhik Majumdar, Assistant Professor of Law	Member
9	Dr. Suman Dash Bhattamishra, Assistant Professor of Law	Member
10	Dr. Arijalopa Mishra, Assistant Professor of Management	Member
11	Mr. Mayank Tiwari, Assistant Professor of Law	Member
12	Mr. A. B. Debasis Rout, Assistant Professor of Finance	Member
13	Mr. Rajat Solanki, Assistant Professor of Law	Member
14	Dr. Owais Hasan Khan, Assistant Professor of Law	Member
15	Ms. Nikita Pattajoshi, Assistant Professor of Law	Member (Alumni)
16	Mr. Soubhagya Sundar Nanda, RATA & Ph.D Scholar	Student Member
17	Mr. Sabyasachi Mohanty, Assistant Finance Officer	Member
18	Prof. R. Venkata Rao, Former VC, NLSIU, Bangalore	External Member
19	Prof. R. V. Rajakumar, Director, IIT Bhubaneswar	External Member
20	Prof. Soumendra Mohan Patnaik, VC, Utkal University	External Member
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REGIONAL CONSULTATION WITH NATIONAL COMMISSION FOR WOMEN AND LAW

Regional Consultation on Female Labour Force Participation (FLFP) in India

“The Regional Consultation on Female Labour Force Participation (FLFP) in India” was organized by National Commission for Women in collaboration with V.V.Giri National Labour Institute and National Law University Odisha on 6th March 2020.

India has witnessed a decline in the female labour force participation both in the organized and unorganized sectors, which has been a matter of serious concern now. The FLFP was recorded as 34.1% in 1999-00 which declined to 27.2% in 2011-12(National Sample Survey Organisation). The recently released Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS) for 2017-18 reported a further decline in FLFP in usual status in 15 years and above age group which was only 23.3% for Females as compared to 75.8% for Males. In rural areas female labour force participation in this age group was 24.6% while for males it was 76.4% and in urban areas, it was 20.4% for females and 74.5% for male.

Certain important factors and challenges which leads to India’s low and potential declining FLFP rate are,

- Pervasiveness of entrenched patriarchal social norms that hinder women’s agency, mobility and freedom to work
- Rising household incomes that create a disincentive for labour market participation among women mainly informed by the said norms in the above context
- Skill gap between men and women workers due to non-access of same amount of information and opportunities pertaining to education, skills, and jobs
- Discrimination in payment of wages
- Time constraints, safety and transportation considerations hinder women’s entry and progress in training programs and jobs
- Disproportionate burden of unpaid work and unpaid care work on women
- Lack of quality jobs for women reinforced by gendered occupational segregation and a significant gender wage gap.

The consultation discussed three major issues in three Panel discussions namely; (i) Identifying Factors causing decline in FLFPR, (ii) Impact of existing Legislations on Women Workers, and (iii) Impact of Child Protection Policies on Female Labour Force Participation Rate and Policy perspective for addressing declining rate.

Webinar on Misinformation and online safety practices in the times of Covid-19:

The National Commission for Women has partnered with the Cyber Peace Foundation and Facebook for “We Think Digital - Digital Shakti 2.0”.

The National Commission for Women in collaboration with the Centre for Women & Law, National Law University Odisha organised a webinar on 4 May 2020 on “Misinformation and online safety practices in the times of Covid-19”, to empower people to be:

AWARE of their Digital Rights and Responsibilities, CHOOSE consciously by making Safe, Smart, Informed Choices, RECOGNISE and Manage Online Risks, RESPONSIBLE Netizens following rules & regulations.

Eastern Regional consultation (virtual) on “Review of laws related to on women migrant workers in India”



NLU Odisha and National Commission for Women jointly organized the Eastern regional consultation on “Review of laws related to Inter-State Women Migrant Workers”. The objective of this consultation was to review the laws and policies and to suggest the ways and means to protect the women’s labour rights towards more decent, dignified and humane work.

Migration is the movement of workers from one region to another in search of livelihood. The migrant workers are nameless, faceless, state less people from marginalized communities and they also contribute to the process of development. The recent Covind 19 crisis has put a spot light and brought their sufferings in to the main stream political, economical debate and discussion. One estimate states that India has more than 30 million internal migrants. The trade liberalization in India has created preference for woman as they provide for cheaper and cooperative Labour force.

The Chairperson, NCW, Rekha Sharma, Meeta Rajivlochan, Member Secretary NCW, and several other distinguished panelists joined the consultation.

The Inter-State Migrant Workmen (Regulation of Employment and Conditions of Service) Act 1979 was enacted to regulate the employment and conditions of service of inter-State migrant workers. The employers generally deny that workmen were recruited from another State (Home State) by any of their contractors. They often contend that the workers were recruited from nearby places within the State where the industry is located.

The women workers participation in migrant workers increased around 33% in 2019 over 2017. Women migrant workers are one of the most invisible and deprived groups of people. The women migrant workers are commonly concentrated in low-skilled, low paid, and informal sectors. The last few decades have witnessed an increase in urbanisation and female migration, and the labour force, both of which are connected to domestic work.

OUTREACH AND EXTENTION ACTIVITIES

a) UNNAT BHARAT ABHIYAN PROGRAMME OF MHRD

Unnat Bharat Abhiyan (UBA), the flagship programme of the Ministry of Human Resource Development, intends to enrich rural India through rural community engagement. This programme aims at establishing an energetic and vibrant liaison between the society and the higher educational institutions.

NLU Odisha is one among the 175 newly joined non-technical Participating Institutes (PIs) selected under this programme. The basic thrust of the UBA has been work in the selected villages under the themes of organic farming, water resource management, renewable energy, artisans, industries and livelihood, basic amenities and convergence. As a non-technical institute, the NLU Odisha is contributing to the society by creating awareness and conducting surveys with the help of district administration to be utilized for facilitating access to justice to the marginalized sections of the chosen villages. The activities undertaken under this programme are as follows in NLUO:

- Adoption of a cluster of five villages with proper consultation with the District administration / Panchayati Raj Institutions (PRIs). The university **has adopted five villages Amarendrapur, Kushpangi, Baghua, Mundali and Naraj for the first phase of rural community outreach.**
- Conducted studies of the living conditions in the adopted villages and has submitted reports to the MHRD.
- Accessed the local needs and requirements after conducting a door-to-door survey in these villages.
- Sketched out the possibilities of leveraging the technological interventions.
- Continuous efforts are made to improve the efficiency in the implementation of various Government Schemes after discussion and intervention with the district machineries responsible for the delays and lags.
- Preparation of workable action plans for the selected villages.

Recent activities under the Programme: Major plantation drive in the villages of Naraj and Mundali on 9th July 2019. Saplings of Neem, Mango, Bel and Jamun were planted in the primary schools and Panchayat offices of the aforesaid villages.

Dr. Kuntirani Padhan is the Nodal Officer of this programme.



**b) IDIA (Increasing Diversity by Increasing Access to Legal Education) NLUO
Odisha Chapter**



“The National law schools, widely seen as the pre-eminent legal institutions in India, have become increasingly elitist over the years. A variety of factors have contributed to this, including the extremely high fees charged at these institutions, an entrance examination that now requires extensive and expensive coaching as a pre-requisite, and most importantly, a lamentable lack of awareness about law as a career amongst low income students in small towns, rural areas and other non-affluent backgrounds.

The net result is that the current student composition in many of these law schools lacks any serious diversity and comprises mainly of English-medium educated students from middle class or upper middle class families. The numbers from rural areas, small towns or non English medium schools are deplorably low. Apart from this, the composition also suffers from under-representation from the economically and socially backward classes, the disabled communities, minority communities, ethnic groups, etc.

The IDIA project therefore seeks to find ways to reach out to these hitherto marginalised and under-represented groups, sensitise them to law as a career option and help those interested to acquire admission to these law schools. It is hoped that such access to legal education would go some way towards empowering the marginalised and under privileged students and the communities that they represent. Indeed, the aim is to ensure that marginalised sections are able to directly deploy the instrumentality of law to improve their lot and to contribute towards the creation a more just and fair society. Secondly, an influx of diverse student populations would make for a more optimal mix of views and perspectives at such law schools and consequently enrich the process of education itself.”

INSTITUTION INNOVATION COUNCIL (IIC)

National Law University, Odisha's **Institution Innovation Council (IIC)** was established under MHRD's Innovation Cell (MIC) Scheme' to systematically foster the culture of Innovation amongst all Higher Education Institutions. IIC encourages the students to come up with innovation and emerge as entrepreneurs. The primary goal of IIC is to encourage, inspire and nurture young students by supporting them to work with new ideas and transform them into prototypes while they are informative years.

First Institution's Innovation Council (IIC) meeting for the future Course of Action was held in the Conference Hall of NLU Odisha on 24th September 2019. In the meeting, Prof. Srikrishna Deva Rao, Vice-Chancellor, NLU Odisha, Dr. Srinivas Subbarao Pasumarti, Dean Faculty of Commerce and Management, Sri Sri University, Cuttack and CEO, SSU Innovation Private Limited, Mr. Ananda Mishra, Founder and CEO, Grozip, Dr. Yogesh Pratap Singh, Registrar, NLU Odisha and internal faculty members Mr. Mayank Tiwari, Ms. Sudatta Barik, Ms. Anurupa Chetia, Ms. Arjyalopa Mishra, Ms. Rujitha TR, Mr. Owais Khan were present. Along with them the student members of IIC present in the meeting.

The meeting had a great discussion about the future plan of action for the present calendar year in which the students presented about the IIC activities performed till date for which they got many fruitful suggestions from **the Prof. Srikrishna Deva Rao**, Vice Chancellor. **Mr. Anand Mishra**, Vice President of the Council discussed about Startups that could solve local issues in Odisha. After that **Dr. Srinivas Subbarao Pasumarti** mentioned about the CSR Odisha and many other entrepreneurs. He suggested for collaboration with other startup and local authorities. He also suggested for the schemes initiated by Government of Odisha.

The Second Institution's Innovation Council (IIC) meeting was held in the Conference Hall of NLUO on 28th February 2020. In the meeting, the students who won the 11th Young India Challenge 2020 held at Bhubaneswar presented their Idea to create an organic Green straw. They used a variety of wild grass created by crossing multiple variations of the same. This meeting witnessed the presence of Mr. Sharad Sagar, The Founder & CEO, Dexterity Global, who discussed on several aspects of Innovation & practical challenges of market.



RESEARCH CENTERS AT NLUO

Apart from imparting knowledge NLUO is also taking initiative in creating knowledge. For this the University has around 20 Research Centers which have teachers and students as members. The centers are involved in conduct of research and publication. The centers are also coordinating various other activities for example organization of seminars and conferences, competitions among students etc. Achievements of some of the centers for the year 2019-20 are mentioned below.

Sl. No.	Name of the Centre	Faculty
1.	Centre for Child Rights	Dr. Owais Hasan Khan, Ms. Pallabi Sengupta, Mr. Soubhagya Sundar Nanda, Ms. Dipanwita Mitra
2.	Centre for Poverty and Access to Justice	Ms. Rishika Khare, Ms. Kuntirani Padhan, Mr. Kanishka
3.	Centre for International Trade Law	Prof. Sheela Rai, Ms. Eluckiaa A., Mr. Kapil Sharma
4.	Centre for Maritime Law	Mr. Pallab Das, Dr. Ananya Chakrabarty
5.	Centre for Women and Law	Prof. Rita Ray, Prof. Aruna Srilakshmi, Dr. Owais Hasan Khan, Ms. Priyanka Anand, Dr. Suman Dash Bhattamishra
6.	Centre for Law, Entrepreneurship and Innovation (Lex Tech Centre)	Ms. Sudatta Barik, Ms. Madhubrata Rayasingh
7.	Centre for Consumer Law	Mr. Mayank Tiwari, Ms. Sudatta Barik
8.	Centre for Corporate and Commercial Laws	Mr. A. B. Debasis Rout, Ms. Priyanka Anand, Mr. Mayank Tiwari, Ms. Kaushiki Brahma
9.	Centre for Banking and Insurance Laws	Ms. Divya Singh Rathore, Prof. Dolly Jabbal, Mr. Rajat Solanki, Mr. A. B. Debasis Rout
10.	Centre for Competition Law and Policy	Ms. Nikita Pattjoshi, Ms. Kaushiki Brahma, Mr. Rajat Solanki
11.	Centre for Public policy, Law and Good Governance	Prof. S. Sachidanandam, Prof. Yogesh Pratap Singh, Ms. Rishika Khare, Ms. Nanditta Batra, Ms. Madhubrata Rayasingh, Dr. Abhik Majumdar
12.	Centre for Film Studies	Dr. Sohini Mahapatra, Dr. Abhik Majumdar, Ms. Dipanwita Mitra
13.	Centre for Criminal Justice and Human Rights	Mr. Anup Pattnaik, Dr. Suman Dash Bhattamishra, Ms. Kuntirani Padhan

14.	Centre for Tribal Welfare	Prof. Rita Ray, Prof. Yogesh Pratap Singh, Dr. Survashree Panda, Mr. Soubhagya Sundar Nanda
15.	Intellectual Property Analysis and Advocacy Centre	Ms. Rujitha T. R., Mr. Abhay Kumar, Ms. Divya Singh Rathore, Ms. Sonal Singh, Ms. Anurupa Chetia, Ms. Nandita Batra
16.	Centre for Disaster Management and Law	Ms. Megha Sadhu
17.	Centre for Natural Resource Management	Ms. Nikita Pattjoshi, Dr. Survashree Panda, Dr. Ananya Chakrabarty
18.	Centre for Industrial Relations and Labour Laws	Prof. Aruna Srilakshmi, Dr. Arjyalopa Mishra, Ms. Rashmi Rekha Baug, Dr. Sohini Mahapatra
19.	Centre for Disability Law and Advocacy	Prof. Rita Ray, Ms. Pallabi Sengupta,
20.	Centre for Alternative Dispute Resolution	Mr. Akash Kumar

CENTRE FOR CHILD RIGHTS

Centre for Child Rights, a specialized research centre of NLUO, undertook the following activities during 2019-20 in partnership with UNICEF, Women and Child Development Department and Labour Department, Government of Odisha.

1. Training and Advocacy

1.1 Refresher Training of Child Welfare Committees: Centre for Child Rights organized five day training for the CWCs from 16-20 August 2019 in collaboration with State Child Protection Society, Department of Women and Child Development Department, Government of Odisha. As many as 39 persons (chairpersons and members) across twenty-two CWCs participated in the training. The training helped participants to inculcate law and policy updates on juvenile justice and child protection, to gain knowledge on case management, documentation and best practices of social reintegration and to develop skills to deal children of mental ill health, sexual abuse, and children of special needs through multi-disciplinary approach.

1.2 Symposium on Legal Education and Policy Research on Child Rights: Three days symposium was held from 29-31 July 2019. A total of thirty persons representing from National Law Schools/ Universities of 10 States in India, Police University, Jaipur, Rajasthan, Police Academy, Bhopal. It was first of its kind deliberation on the role of law schools in facilitating child rights education and policy research on the domain of child rights.

International and national advocacy on law and policy reforms have necessitated such dialogue and deliberations. The symposium had discussion on the following and resolved a charter for the formation of consortium of center for child rights.

A. Legal Education-Integration and offering of Child Rights & Juvenile Justice – experience, challenges and road map

B. Legal Research – Juvenile Justice & Child Protection - Experience, Challenges and Exploring new areas for Cooperation among Law Schools

C. Advocacy and Policy Documents on Law Reforms on Juvenile Justice and Child Protection

D. Clinical Legal Education and Multi-Disciplinary Issues.

1.3 Child Protection Awareness for the Angawadi Workers were held in Bangomunda, Saintala and Turekela Blocks in the district of Balangir. As many as 240 Anganwadi workers participated in the programmes and learned about child protection structures and their role at the community level.

2. Research and Documentation

2.1 Social Mapping of Migrant Workers in Odisha : With the support of the Labour Department, Government of Odisha, a study has been undertaken on Social Mapping of Migrant



Workers in Odisha. A total of 7648 households of migrant workers were surveyed across five Blocks that includes the Blocks of Bangomunda, Muribahal, Saintala and Turekela in Balangir district and Sinapali Block in the district of Nupada. Focus Group Discussion were held were held with PRI representatives of 90 gram panchayats across Balangir and Nupada Districts.

2.2 Clinical Legal Education on Juvenile Justice: As the practicum clinical course of juvenile justice, the center facilitated thirty students of NLUO to visit the Observation Homes at Angul, Berhampur and Rourkela. The students got the opportunity to interact with about 200 inmates i.e. the children in conflict with law, care givers and management staffs of the observation homes to get practical knowledge about issues and challenges of the social reintegration of juveniles. As an outcome of their experiential learning, students have brought out a report documenting the case studies, best practices and evidence on the gaps and inadequacies of the observation homes.

2.3 Rapid Assessment of Implementation of Adoption Regulations 2017 in Odisha: Report on the Implementation of Adoption Regulations, 2017 has been brought out on the basis of sample study in five districts of Odisha i.e. Angul, Ganjam, Keonjhar, Khordha, and Nayagarh.

2.4 Study on Implementation of POCSO Act in Odisha: This study has been undertaken in collaboration with Odisha State Commission for Protection of Child Rights and with the support of UNICEF. Field surveys were completed in two districts, currently the study has been held up due to COVID 19 pandemic.

3. Consultancy and Technical Support

3.1 Baseline Study on Child and Adolescent Health Development: CCR provided consultancy to the study on child and adolescent health development, undertaken by NGO named Youth Council for Development Alternatives (YCDA) with the support of Azim Premji Philanthropic Initiatives. The CCR developed survey tools, provide training to the surveyors, analyzed the data and prepared the report.

3.2 Technical Support: Centre for Child Rights has provided technical support to the Odisha State Commission for Protection of Child Rights in the District Level Sensitization of Effective Implementation of Child and Adolescent Labour (Prohibition and Regulation) Act. Technical support has been rendered to Gopabandhu Academy of Administration, District Child Protection Unit for the training of different stakeholders on juvenile, POCSO and child related laws.



CENTRE FOR MARITIME LAW



The National Law University Odisha, Cuttack (NLUO) established the Centre for Maritime Law in 2015 intending to build a centre of excellence and research in the field of maritime law in India. Centre for Maritime Law works meticulously towards promoting research and knowledge in the field of admiralty law. We firmly believe in dissemination of knowledge through the promotion of the Centre which is solely dedicated towards research and development of the law of the seas. The University has a dedicated team of individuals who devote themselves to conduct seminars, conferences, discussions and competitions, along with spreading awareness about maritime law, which continues to remain an interesting, evolving and yet unexplored area of law.

International Conference on Maritime Law (February 2020)

The Centre successfully organised 1st International Conference on Maritime Law on February 22-23, 2020, in partnership with Paradip Port Trust & HP Law Advocates, Mumbai. The theme of the Conference was *“Reshaping the New Horizons: Maritime Law Perspective in 21st Century”* keeping in mind the current trends of the contemporary Maritime Industry. The limelight of the Conference can be defined by the presence of Shri Amitabh Kumar, Director General of Shipping, Ministry of Shipping, Government of India in the valedictory session to felicitate the winners of the Conference. The conference was supported by its various other sponsors like Dhamra Port; Indian National Association of Ship owners; Campwell Johnson Clark; JM Baxi & United Maritime Law Chambers. The conference was well organised in the presence of esteemed panellist like Prof. (Dr.) Proshanto K Mukherjee; Mr. Anil Devli; Mr. Hari Narayan; Mr. Tony George; Mr. Prathmesh Kamat & Mr. Mayank Suri. The witnessed huge participation from all across the world and esteemed panellist.

Edited and Published Book Titled ‘Through the Lens of Maritime Law: A World View’ (February 2020)

The Centre launched its book titled “Through the Lens of Maritime Law: A World View” on 23rd February 2020 in the presence of **Shri Amitabh Kumar (DG Shipping) & Prof. (Dr.) Proshanto K Mukherjee**. The objective of the book is to visualise the need for an extensive grasp of various national and international aspects of Maritime Law. This is the first book on maritime law that includes chapter contribution from experts all across the world and foreword by **Hon’ble Justice K.R. Shriram (Bombay High Court)**. The book is now available for purchase on EBC Online bookstore.

Published E-Newsletter ‘MariNe, News of the Sea’ (August 2019)

The Centre has released its e-newsletter ‘MariNe, News of the Sea’, which encloses recent developments and research in the field. “MariNe” stands for **‘Maritime News’** and is the quarterly official e-newsletter of the Centre. The first edition was published in August 2019 & the second volume was released on February 2020.

1st NLUO Ganesh & Co. National Essay Writing Competition, 2019 (June 2019)

With the view of increasing interest and creating awareness in the field of maritime law, the Centre in collaboration with Ganesh & Co, Mumbai had organized 1st NLUO – Ganesh & Co. National Essay Writing Competition on Maritime Law, 2019. The Centre encouraged scholarly discussion among the students from the field of maritime law by way of the competition.

Commenced a Blog specially dedicated to Maritime Law- CML-NLUO Blog (April 2019)

The Centre for Maritime Law, National Law University Odisha has taken an initiative to create a blog exclusively for the study and research about the Maritime Laws and the growing shipping industry in India. The centre accepts blogs on a rolling basis and publishes the write-ups after a two-staged review process. The centre takes pride in publishing numerous intriguing articles on the blog. The blog has now a wide reach and a good number of followers.

Panel discussion by the Centre for Maritime Law (March 2019)

In collaboration with the Bose & Mitra & Co., the Centre organised 1st Panel Discussion. The theme of the discussion was the Emerging Regime of Maritime Law in India. The panel consisted of eminent personalities in the field of Maritime Law namely, **Mr. Ashok Mohapatra**, Former Director, Maritime Safety Division, International Maritime Organization (UN), **Mr. V.J. Mathew**, Managing Partner, VJ Mathew & Co. And Chairman, Kerala State Maritime Board, **Mr. Deven Choudhary**, Alumnus, NLU Odisha and presently Shipping Claim Analyst at Scorpio Marine Management Ltd., Mumbai.

CENTRE FOR CONSUMER LAW



The Centre for Consumer Law, NLU Odisha, has emerged as one of the vibrant centres of the University with the coordinated efforts of the student members and the faculty advisors. During the tenure of 2019-20, it conducted the following events:

National Law University Odisha in collaboration with Food Supplies and Consumer Welfare Department, (SICA), Government of Odisha conducted a Two day Workshop on Consumer Welfare: Framing of draft rules on Consumer Protection Act, 2019 on 24-25 October, 2019 at Conference Hall, National Law University Odisha Campus. The focus of the programme was to frame the rules and guidelines in consonance with the Consumer Protection Act, 2019. The event was addressed by:

- Hon'ble Minister, Shri Ranendra Pratap Swain, Cabinet Minister, Government of Odisha
- Prof (Dr) Srikrishna Deva Rao, Vice Chancellor, NLU Odisha.
- Shri Satyanarayan Das, DCA cum Additional Secretary, Department of Food Supplies and Consumer Welfare, Government of Odisha.
- Shri Bejon Mishra, International Consumer Policy Expert.

The participants were from different district consumer forums in the State of Odisha. The Programme was attended by around 100 participants including student members of Centre for Consumer Law, NLU Odisha. The Speakers for the Programme were Prof (Dr.) Srikrishna Deva Rao, Vice Chancellor, NLU Odisha; Prof. Bejon Mishra, International Consumerist; Mr. Mayank Tiwari, Assistant Professor, NLU Odisha; Mr. Akash Kumar, Assistant Professor, NLU Odisha; Mr. Rajat Solanki, Assistant Professor, NLU Odisha ; Mr. Aditya Rao, Partner, PLR Chambers and Ms. Sudatta Barik, Research Associate cum Teaching Assistant, NLU Odisha.

The programme focussed on different aspects of Consumer Protection Act, 2019; Unfair trade Practices, Product Liability, Direct Selling, Mediation, E-filing, E-commerce and Consumer Awareness.

The stakeholders from different districts of State of Odisha participated in the programme who gave their suggestions and inputs relating to the lacunae in implementation of the CPA, 2019. They further gave their suggestions regarding issues required to be considered while effective implementation of the Consumer Protection Act, 2019.

The programme sought towards long term collaboration between the Government of Odisha and National Law University Odisha, Cuttack. The University is looking forward to establish Consumer Mediation Cell to provide legal aid services to the marginalised consumer in the State of Odisha with the support of Government of Odisha. This programme has offered the participants a better rationalization of the laws and regulations that bridge consumers under the Consumer Protection Act, 2019. This workshop has acted as groundwork for drafting of Consumer Protection Rules in Odisha by National Law University Odisha in collaboration with FSCW Department, Government of Odisha and other stakeholders.

Project on Odisha Direct Selling Guidelines Order, 2017

National Law University Odisha (“**NLUO**”) was appointed by FS&CW Department, Government of Odisha, for rendering technical assistance (legal and economic review) for implementing the Odisha Direct Selling Guidelines Order, 2017 (vide letter No. FSCW-CC-GoI-0001-2016 23/23 dated 10th December 2018). In pursuance of the same, the University submitted its report recommending changes required to be incorporated in Odisha Direct Selling Guidelines Order, 2017.

As a part of project, NLUO reviewed the applications submitted by Direct Sellers to the FS&CW Department, Government of Odisha. Accordingly, suggestions were given to the department for further information required from the applicants. The review was conducted on quantitative as well as qualitative measures of the available information. It was a through exercise conducted by the research team of students headed by faculty advisers and external experts. The project helped the students to know the practical aspects of audit and conducting qualitative checks. It is unique project where industry, government and academia worked together for achieving an excellence.

Drafting of Rules for Protection of Consumers in the State of Odisha as per Consumer Protection Act, 2019

National Law University Odisha has been entrusted by FS&CW Department, Government of Odisha, with the task of framing the Draft Consumer Protection Rules, 2020 for State of Odisha under the provisions of new Consumer Protection Act, 2019. The project grant has been approved to the tune of Rs.9, 01,780/-. An expert team of University alongwith external expert is working on drafting of rules and submitting it in a phased manner. In this project the university is working for the State Government in drafting of the rules. It will not only help the students to know about the intricacies in legislation drafting but at the same time, it will also help them to understand the law making process from different perspective.

CENTRE FOR CORPORATE AND COMMERCIAL LAWS

Intra University Corporate Law Essay Writing Competition'2019 (September)

Centre for Corporate Law organised the 1st Intra University Corporate Law Essay Writing Competition-2019 in the month of September on the theme 'EMERGING AREAS OF CORPORATE LAW'. It was organised to promote the research and writing skills among the students.

Two Day Certificate course cum Workshop on Stock Market and Trading- 14th & 15th October

The Centre for Corporate Law, National Law University Odisha in collaboration with Taking Forward organised a "Two Day Certificate course cum Workshop on Stock Market and Trading," on 14th & 15th October 2019. The workshop was conducted by Rupendra Gajbiye, founder of Taking Forward. He is a B.tech graduate from IIT-Guwahati. He has rich experience of 6 years in Financial Markets and has traded across segments and across markets including US (NYSE, NASDAQ, AMEX), Russian Trading System (RTS) and Indian Markets (NSE, BSE, MCX).

The two-day' workshop on the Stock Market and Trading intended to imbibe participants with an understanding of the risk/reward associated with Trading and Investing. The Workshop was inclusive of the study of the topics such as the definition and parts of Financial Markets which include Money markets, Capital markets, Commodity markets, etc. Further, the discussion included parts of Capital market with a special emphasis on the stock market and bond market, parts of the stock market focusing on the primary and secondary market. The course also incorporated the role of investment banks in IPO, the positions one can take in stock markets, contracts, mutual fund, ETF, Rights offering, Market Cap, Bank rates, Interest Rate, BPS, Stock Market, Support and Resistance point, Level Based trading, Patterns, Extreme level, and Thickness.

Webinar on Insolvency, Restructuring and Covid-19- 28th June, 2020

Centre for corporate law organised a webinar on Insolvency, Restructuring and Covid-19 on 28th June, 2020. The panellists for the session were:

Dr. Neeti Shikha: She is the head of the Center for Insolvency and Bankruptcy, Indian Institute of Corporate Affairs. Dr. Shikha has completed her doctorate in corporate governance from National Law University Jodhpur and LLM in International Business Laws from the University College London, UK. She is also the recipient of the prestigious Hague Scholarship where she attended private International Law Course at the Hague Academy.

Mr. Pulkit Deora: He specialises in civil litigation with a particular interest in contentious insolvency, fraud and asset tracing, avoidance, corporate restructuring, minority oppression, mergers and amalgamations, commercial and property disputes, banking, and public law.

The experts discussed on several aspects of Corporate Insolvency and Restructuring. The webinar focussed on practical dimensions of Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code.

STUDENT COMMITTEES AND SOCIETIES

To enable student participation in academic administration and activities, NLUO has various student committees and societies.

MOOT COURT SOCIETY

The Moot Society (TMS) of NLUO is a student-run body managed under the guidance of a faculty advisor administering all the mooting related activities at the University. TMS organises the university's flagship Moot- International Maritime Arbitration Moot (IMAM). The 7th edition of IMAM is being organised in association with Bose & Mitra & Co. as 'Title Sponsors' and the Institute of International Shipping & Trade Law, Swansea University, United Kingdom as 'Associate Partner'. IMAM holds the distinction of being the first International Maritime Arbitration Moot in India and hosts participants from all premier law institutions of the country and the most acclaimed panel of judges in the field of Maritime law and Arbitration.

TMS facilitates the participation of the university's students in international and national moot court competitions by conducting the biannual Intra-University Moot Court Competition (IUMCC) based on which students are selected for representing the university. Additionally, it conducts open challengers for a specified list of Moot Competitions. These internal moots not only aid in the selection of the best teams but also prepares them to put their best foot forward in competitions. The vibrant and competitive mooting culture in the university has resulted in a stellar record at the national and international levels.

In order to familiarise incoming batches and novice mooters with the basics and nuances of mooting, the TMS conducts workshops, lectures, and webinars by experienced mooters and experts on specific subject areas. It also supports mooting teams in their preparations by facilitating the use of university resources and extends support in getting financial assistance. TMS conducts its affair in a transparent and unbiased manner and strives to bring more laurels to the University.



Virtual International Maritime Arbitration Moot (IMAM) 2020 (20-23 August 2020)

Virtual IMAM 2020 was conducted from 20-23 August 2020. It seeks to improve upon the experience by ensuring that the teams are met with a case study on an arbitration dispute arising out of a charter party in the BIMCO “BOXTIME” form. It focussed to provide participants with an opportunity to test their legal acumen before the most acclaimed and engaging panel of judges in the field of maritime law. Owing to the developing interest in the field of maritime law, our competition, as has always been, will be dealing with varied aspects of maritime law and our continued association would be mutually beneficial to both the university and your organisation.

Virtual IMAM 2020 was conducted in association with Bose & Mitra & Co. as “Title Sponsor” for the 7th edition of NLUO-IMAM. Additionally, the Institute of International Shipping and Trade Law (IISTL), Swansea University has collaborated with NLUO as “Associate Partner” to host the 7th edition of NLUO-IMAM. IISTL presented the “Best Memorial” award in the competition.

HEALTH AND WELLNESS COMMITTEE (YOURDOST)

Your DOST Health Solutions Pvt Ltd, having its registered office in Bangalore is a counselling and emotional support, technology platform, designed to foster mental health. Through personalized and professional guidance, experts at YourDost help individuals to develop the ability to deal with stress, anxiety, depression, pressure and a healthy and satisfying work-life balance. YourDost offers the students 24×7 telephonic helpline support, face-to-face counselling sessions (by qualified and experienced psychologists) and other activities. Once in a month YourDost conducts a Workshop for benefit of students, faculties and staff on various topics. This year the sessions were conducted on different socially relevant topics including Time Management & Handling Procrastination, Internet and Technology Addiction, Stress management, Confidence Building, Communication Skills etc. Additionally Your DOST has created a Happiness Room wherein students who are feeling stressed or anxious can relax and meditate. Activities of Your DOST are coordinated in NLUO by the Health and Wellness Committee.

The Health and Wellness Committee organized a plethora of events in the academic session 2019-20. All of these events aimed at augmenting the mental health of students on the campus. In addition to the face-to-face counselling sessions offered by the committee in Collaboration with YourDost, the committee also undertook several activities and initiatives.

OPEN MIC

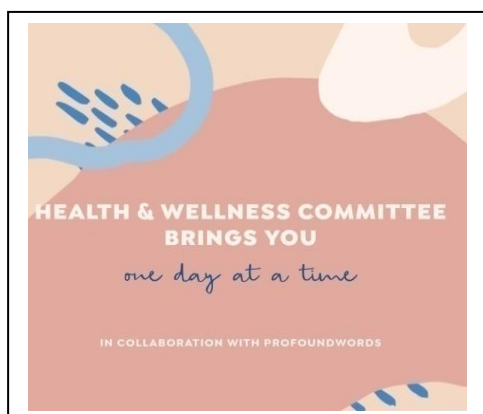
The Health and Wellness committee organized its first event of the academic year- "Open Mic" on 19th September, 2019. The Students were provide with a platform to show their talent, speak about their feelings and share anything they liked to. The event was a success acting as an icebreaker for the newly joined students. The event was lined up with poetry recitations, songs and a bunch of experiences from the students. The event was wrapped with a game of Dumb Charades on a friendly note.

BLOOD DONATION CAMP

The Health and Wellness committee organized a Blood Donation camp in collaboration with The Red Cross Society on 27th September. The camp was a huge success where 90 students donated blood in a period of four hours. The blood donors were provided with nutritional refreshments, certificate of appreciation and a priority card.

WORKSHOP ON MINDFULNESS

A workshop on Mindfulness was organised by the Health and Wellness Committee for the 1st and 2nd year students on 25th September, 2019. The students took part in an interactive session with a professional psychologist on the concept of mindfulness. This was followed by a happiness bootcamp of one hour. In addition to this a workshop on Confidence Building was conducted for the 2nd, 3rd and 4th year students on 26th September, 2019.



ONE DAY AT A TIME

The Health and Wellness Committee organized "Wellness Week" from June 1-7, 2020 in collaboration with 'Profoundness', a mental health wellness initiative on the social media marking it as the first event after students were sent home due to the coronavirus outbreak. The committee organised this event to bring joy during the pandemic to cope up with stress created during such tough times. Each day a small task like sharing an experience or painting something was given and the responses were shared on social media. The

committee has also been active on social media during the lockdown. There was a heart-warming response to the event and students enjoyed each task and each day.

SPILL THE BEANS

As a continuation of the activities being conducted on social media, the Committee organised an event- 'Spill the Beans' on 3rd and 4th July 2020. It was an event where students could leave a note anonymously to anyone they wanted to appreciate or apologise. The responses were posted on the official page of the committee on Instagram.

Apart from these activities, several webinars were conducted during the lockdown period. Experts from YourDost interacted virtually with the students. A webinar on managing personal relationships by Ms. Purotiree Majumdar was organised on 14th July, 2020. Another webinar on 'Relaxation Techniques to reduce stress and promote positivity' was also conducted on June 20, 2020. The committee has been active on social media providing the students with necessary information about the pandemic and spreading awareness about the importance of mental health.

SPORTS COMMITTEE

Sports and Games have been an integral part of National Law University Odisha. NLU Odisha creates benchmarks in excellence not only in studies but also in Sports and Games. This report is a compilation of achievements and benchmarks we made and the activities held in the field of Sports and Games during the year 2019-20. The year 2019-20 saw a rich crop of trophies and medals being harvested by our players.

Along with participation in these sports fests, The Sports Committee also organized various activities during the year 2019-20.

- The first event organized was the intra university events in the month of September which included games like Chess, Badminton, Table Tennis and Lawn Tennis.
- In a unique concept the sports committee successfully organized “GULLY CRICKET TOURNAMENT”. 16 teams took part in this exciting tournament. A faculty team also participated in the said event.
- The third event organized was the Tanuj Gautam Memorial Cup. It is the annual inter-batch cricket tournament organized every year. This year it was organized in the month of October. Batch of 2015-20 won the cup beating batch of 2017-22 in the finals.
- In the month of January, intra university events were conducted across batches which consisted games like chess, tennis, table tennis, badminton, basketball, throwball and volleyball.
- The much awaited “Ritwik Das Memorial Cup 2020” was played between the Staff XI and the Students XI which was a nail biting affair.
- In another unique concept the sports committee organized the “FUTSAL LEAGUE 2020”. 6 teams took part in this exciting contest and entertained us with some enthralling football.
- A memorial match was also played in the memory of our beloved Ritwik Das where all the best players of the college were in action.
- The Sports Committee also inaugurated the “Sports Room”.

SPORTS

The students of National Law University Odisha have participated in two national level sports fests in the academic year of 2019-20. The first was VIRUDHAKA, which is the annual sports fest held by NLIU, Bhopal and the second was INVICTA, which is the annual sports fest conducted by NUJS, Kolkata.

VIRUDHAKA (NLIU)

The following are the achievements at VIRUDHAKA, 2019:

- NLUO contingent has been declared as the 1st Runner-Up.
- Divyansh Nayar and Ananya Singhal won gold medals in Table Tennis.
- The Girls Throwball team won a silver medal.
- The Boys Football and Tennis team won a silver medal.
- Harshit Joshi in Discus Throw, Shilpi Tripathi in Long Jump, and Shaivi Shah in Swimming won silver medals.
- The Boys Volleyball and Badminton teams qualified till the semi-finals.

INVICTA (WBNUJS)

The following are the achievements at INVICTA, 2020:

- Ananya Singhal and Manvendra Singh Shekhawat won gold medals in Table Tennis (Men).
- Bhanu Pratap won gold medal in 800m (Men).
- Prerna Kothari won gold medal in Shotput (Women).
- Anindya Bebartta Pattnaik won gold medal in Chess.
- The Volleyball (Men) team won a silver medal.
- Arvind Sankar and Shreyash Choudhary won a silver medal in Tennis (Men).
- Bhanu Pratap won a silver medal in 400m (Men).
- AbhinavSharde won a silver medal in Long Jump (Men).
- Sidheswar Sahoo won a silver medal in Chess.
- The 4*100m Relay (Men) team won a bronze medal.
- Harshit Joshi won a bronze medal in Shotput (Men).



CULTURAL COMMITTEE (CULT CREW)

The NLUO CULT CREW has always aimed to ease off some load for the students from the monotonous and hectic academic schedule of the University. The Committee works towards ensuring that the students have an appropriate balance between work and social life in these five years. The committee has organised a various number of events and celebrated festivals which has been a great stress buster for most of the students. The celebration of festivals has made NLUO nothing but a second home and also has helped the students from not being homesick. Having a fresh start to the academic year, the committee helped RED FM, organise a “Talent Show” through which they were finding fresh talent amongst Universities. A significant number of quality participation was seen ranging from singing, dancing, poetry recital, beat-boxing and mono acting. RED FM were convincingly glad to announce their fresh talent among the lot.

The committee celebrated Ganesh Chaturthi and Basant Panchami by conducting pooja within the University premises. A lot of students attended this pooja to attain the soulful blessings of the almighty.

Diwali is a festival that every youngster looks forward to. The committee organised its flagship event Hunar and also conducted a food fest namely, “Bhukkad” which was a huge success. The food fest was organised in the best way possible where both teachers and students could set up stalls. The students enjoyed having different delicacies offered by various stalls. As a part of Hunar, the committee organised a “Treasure Hunt”, in which students ran helter-skelter around the University to reach to their respective clues. Anthakshari was held where different teams showcased their talents pertaining to their music spectrum. For the first time, the committee organised an UNO game which also had a strong number of participants. The University was well-decorated, a stage was set up and all summed up in spreading a great festive vibe amongst the students. The ultimate, “Cult Night” saw some electrifying performances from the students and an absolute energetic DJ Night, where students danced their way to seek happiness and joy.



Lohri was also celebrated in the University. The members of the committee were successful in hosting a bonfire for the students and ensured that the atmosphere was electrifying and lively, as demanded by the festival.

On the Republic Day, followed by the flag hoisting, the committee organised an exclusive event consisting of patriotic songs, a blissful dance, a motivational speech, some touching poetry and a street play, illustrating the prevailing patriotism amongst people in the country.

Apart from these Intra-University events, the committee has also encouraged the students in taking part in some of the fests organised by other Universities. The students actively participated in the Biswamil fest organised by OP Jindal University and the Outlawed fest organised by NUJS. A contingent was sent to both these fests where the students participated and won many laurels in various events. The experiences of being part of these fests have been just more than wonderful. The students who attended these fests have carried memories that they would cherish for a lifetime.

INFORMAL DISCUSSION GROUP (IDG)



The informal discussion group invites persons of eminence from various fields to interact with students. The initiative was taken to help the students develop a holistic picture of the socio-political background in which the legal system operates. During the period 2019-20 the Informal Discussion Group (IDG) has conducted five guest lectures. Herein, is the list of the guest lecturers:-

1. **Ms. Flavia Agnes** (A woman rights lawyer & National Award Winning Filmmaker): The guest lecture was conducted on **9th April 2019**. The topic for discussion was **'The Journey from being a Victim to a survivor'**.

2. **Ms. Indira Jaising** (First Female Senior Advocate, a Human right Activist & Founder of Lawyer's Collective): The guest lecture was conducted on **10th August 2019**. The topic for discussion was **'Role of Lawyers in defense of Rule of Law'**.

3. **Mr. Shivshankar Menon** (Former National Security Advisor, Former Foreign Secretary of India & Ex-Ambassador of India to China): The guest lecture was conducted on **27th August 2019**. The topic for discussion was **'What Foreign Policy does Indian need?'**.

4. A panel discussion with **Mr. Muhammed Abdaal Akhtar** (Project Director of District Rural Development Agency, Cuttack, Odisha), **Mrs. Ananya Das** (Commissioner of Cuttack Municipal Corporation) and **Mr. Animesh Tripathi** (Metropolitan Magistrate of Dwarka District Court, Delhi). The panel discussion was organised on **12th October 2019** and the topic for discussion was **'Career After Law: A Future in Public Services'**.

5. **Mr. Abhinav Sekhri** (Practicing Lawyer in Delhi, Harvard Graduate & awardee of prestigious In laks Scholarship): The guest lecture was conducted on **1st February 2020**. The topic for discussion was **'Working with the Constitution: A Reality Check'**.

CONSTITUTIONAL LAW SOCIETY

The Constitutional Law Society has completed two years successfully and within this short span conducted the following events:

2nd Webinar- V.R. Krishna Iyer Memorial Public Lecture on “How Concurring Opinion Matter?” Jointly organised by CLS-NLUO & Ronald Dworkin Study Circle (August 9, 2020)

V.R. Krishna Iyer Memorial Public Lecture was organised through a webinar on “**How Concurring Opinion Matter?**” by CLS-NLUO and Ronald Dworkin Study Circle.

The presidential address was delivered by **Mr. Salman Khurshid** (Former Union Minister of Law and Justice & Former Minister of External Affairs, Govt. of India). The lecture was delivered by **Prof. Dr. Yogesh Pratap Singh** (Professor of Law, NLUO). The guest of honour was **Prof. Dr. Manoj Kumar Sinha** (Director, Indian Law Institute, New Delhi). The moderator for this event was **Dr. Sangeeta Roy Maitra** (Assistant Professor of Law, Hooghly Mohsin College, W.B.) The concluding remarks and vote of thanks was delivered by **Dr.Lokendra Malik** (Advocate, Supreme Court of India).

1st Webinar - Ronald Dworkin Memorial Lecture on “Democracy, Dissent and Indian Supreme Court “jointly organised by CLS-NLUO & Ronald Dworkin Study Circle (June 26, 2020)

Ronald Dworkin Memorial Lecture was organised through a webinar on “Democracy, Dissent and Indian Supreme Court” by CLS-NLUO and Ronald Dworkin Study Circle. The Presidential address was delivered by Hon’ble Justice A.K. Sikri (Former Judge, Supreme Court of India). The lecture was delivered by Mr. Salman Khurshid (Former Union Minister of Law and Justice & Former Minister of External Affairs, Govt. of India). The distinguished speakers were Dr. Lokendra Malik (Advocate, Supreme Court of India) and **Prof. Dr. Yogesh Pratap Singh** (Professor of Law, NLUO). The moderator for this event was **Prof. Dr. Shruti Bedi** (Professor of Law, UILS Punjab University).

5th NLUO-CLS Academic Guest Lecture by Mr. Shadan Farasat, Supreme Court Advocate-on-Record, on “Scrutinizing the Constitutionality of Citizenship Amendment Act and Potential Impact of NPR and NRC” (January 25, 2020)

Mr. Farasat started off with a brief set of facts surrounding the history of Citizenship Act and the concept of illegal migrants. He discussed the action of NRC and NPR, and how they are both linked.

He mainly emphasised upon the possible repercussions which the recent steps taken by the Government might have on the people and the dire consequences which even a marginal error created.

2nd CLS-NLUO Student Discussion on “Citizenship Amendment Act, 2019” (January 11, 2020)

The discussion saw various views and expressions from the student body on issues like ‘Classification, Intelligible Differentia, Discrimination and the Citizenship Act’; ‘NRC: It’s

purpose and are CAA and NRC linked?’ and ‘Legal interpretation and Policy in the background of Politics and Public Morality’.

CLS-NLUO – MPYS Panel Discussion on “Quintessence of Constitution: Public Interest and Public Policy” (October 22, 2019)

The issues related to public policy and public interest with a major emphasis on ongoing events in the country were discussed. These issues comprised the role of political parties and party politics, personal law regulations such as Nikah-Halala and the idea of social justice.

The panel consisted of Mr. Tathagata Satpathy (Former Member of Parliament and Chief Whip of Biju Janta Dal), Adv. Kumar Shanu (Co-founder of ‘Whistle for Public Interest’), Ms. Zakia Soman (Co-founder of Bharatiya Muslim Mahila Andolan and women’ rights activist) with Adv. Ravi Budhwani (Founder, Yuva Sansad) acting as the mediator.

CLS-NLUO – Certificate Course on “Supreme Court Practice and Procedure” in collaboration with Recruitment Coordination Committee, Batch 2020 and Yuva Sansad (MPYS) (October 21-22, 2019)

The aim of this Certificate Course was to observe practices of Supreme Court in drafting and procedural formalities in the cases of Special Leave Petition (SLP), Writ Petitions (WP) and Public Interest Litigations (PIL).

The course instructors for this Certificate Course were Adv. Shriya Maini and Adv. Kumar Shanu, both of them being practicing Advocates in the Supreme Court of India.

4th CLS-NLUO Academic Guest Lecture by Dr. Aman M. Hingorani, Supreme Court Advocate-on-Record, mediator and arbitrator on “Constitutional Underpinnings on the Kashmir Issue” (August 26, 2019)

After years of commanding research and persistent quench for clarity on the matter, Mr. Hingorani delivered lecture on a well-researched critique about the origins of the issue from all the three perspectives of the Kashmir issue: Indian perspective, Pakistan perspective and British perspective. He discussed role of Government of India in handling the issue of Jammu and Kashmir and pointed out various flaws in the decision-making process. He also highlighted the importance and role of law in solving the Kashmir issue.

3rd CLS-NLUO Academic Guest Lecture by Mr. J Sai Deepak, Supreme Court Advocate on “Free Speech and Expression: Blasphemy and Secular Criticism” (August 10, 2019)

Mr. Deepak in this guest lecture, very well examined and critiqued Right to Free Speech, in light of the recent events, particularly the then Ram Janmabhoomi-Babri Masjid dispute.

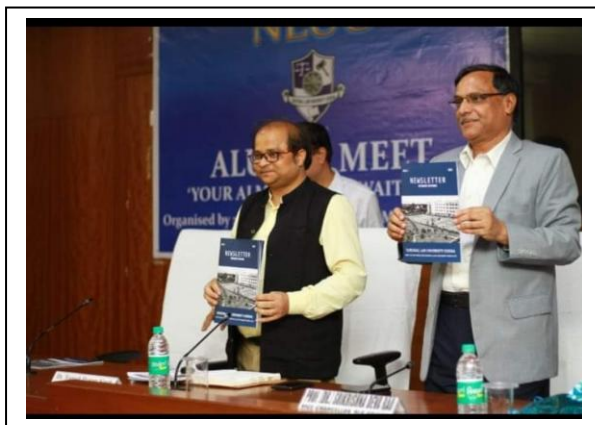
He also discussed Section 295-A of the IPC and did a thorough critical analysis of this Section and tried to explain the value of truth that should be accompanied by the Right to Free Speech and Expression.

INTERNATIONAL LAW AND POLICY SOCIETY

The ILPS has been established to provide through research, working papers, publications, seminars, conferences, projects and engagement, a platform for intellectual dialogue on contemporary issues of public international law and foreign policy. The Society aims to engage with various stakeholders such as scholars, universities, policymakers, think tanks and intergovernmental organisations. In the Academic Year 2019-2020, ILPS has established the ILPS Blog which provides a platform for discourse on contemporary issues of public international law and foreign policy. Students and practitioners of international law are welcome to submit blog pieces to the ILPS Blog on any recent development in the field of public international law and foreign policy.

The ILPS has also conducted a guest lecture for 3rd year law students on 10th February, 2020. The lecture was delivered by Ambassador (Retd.) V.P. Haran on the topic "India and its Neighbourhood". It has been delivered as part of the Distinguished Lecture Series which is an outreach program of the Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India.

ALUMNI RELATION SOCIETY



The Alumni Relations Society NLUO is managed by the students of the University under the guidance of a faculty advisor and the faculty representatives of NLUO Alumni Association. The committee serves the objective of working as a bridge between the University and the Alumni to strengthen ties between alumni and the University. It is entrusted with the task of maintaining the database of Alumni, publishing interviews, newsletters and organizing Alumni Meets. The committee also ensures that Alumni are involved and kept updated with the current happenings in their Alma mater and batch mates through various social media handles.

Role of the Alumni Relations society: The members of the society acted as the coordinators and listed out the anticipated number of attendees and the suitable dates that they'll be available. After reaching a consensus on the official dates of the meet, the event schedule is prepared to keep in mind the interests and commitments of the Alumni.

Alumni Interviews

The Alumni Relations Society, NLUO is well known for publishing interviews of University's alumni. This year the Society has publishes interviews of Alumni from myriad areas of laws which include judiciary, Advocates at Supreme Court and High Court, Associates at the prestigious Law Firms inside and outside India, Entrepreneur, Research Associates and Legal Consultants at Think Tanks. Further the team has also interviewed Alumni who have done their Post Graduate from prestigious University outside India. The interviews of alumni are very insightful and aids students in choosing their path from the different fields of law.

Alumni Webinar Series

To meet its key objective of bridging the gap between the alumni and the students of the University, and to overcome the limitations created by the nation-wide lockdown, the Alumni Relations Society came up with the first edition of the 'Alumni Webinar Series'. The six-webinar series was aimed at conducting live webinar sessions to provide the two stakeholders an opportunity to interact face to face and gain knowledge from each other. The purpose of the webinars was to connect our esteemed alumni, working in distinct professional and academic areas, with the students of the university.

These webinars were mainly concentrated on delivering to students the experience of the alumni in, a brief idea of the work culture of, and the responsibilities associated with, their respective professions. The webinars covered professional and academic areas such as preparation of judiciary, corporate culture, dispute resolution, effects of COVID-19 on trade, MBA after law, and views on litigation as a career. The webinar series concluded successfully, with great turn up and positive responses from students in each webinar.

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

The University has formed Alumni Association:

First National Law University Odisha Alumni Meet, 2019

The 1st ever Alumni meet was organized from **24th to 25th August 2019** at the university campus. It was an agglomeration of Alumni from diverse backgrounds and the meet acted as a source to bridge the gap between college life and professional life. It was a fun-filled and fascinating trip down the memory lane which gave them the opportunity to revive the old memories by meeting their college mates, faculty members, and other staff members and renewed the camaraderie during the meet. The Alumni meet kick-started with the unveiling of the first-ever newsletter which captured the success of the University students and narrated the tales of the professional lives of the Alumni. This was followed by many other major events like meeting with the faculty members and the student committees, photography sessions, musical nights, and sporting events which rekindled the spark of the chronicle journey of the college life of the Alumni. The ending of the stimulating event was celebrated with cake cutting and sharing of happiness with everyone around.

At present it has a good number of members who support the University by different means. The students of University are getting regular guidance from alumni.



SOCIETY FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF ANIMAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL WELFARE

The Society for the Advancement of Animal and Environmental Welfare- Friends Beyond Species, started in the year 2017 has propitiously concluded its third year of operation under the guidance of the faculty advisor. The Committee sets its firm objectives on promoting the legal and academic realm of animal and environmental rights and welfare along with active volunteering in field-based tasks.

One of the most successful fruition of the year was the publication of the Book titled “*Animal and Environmental Jurisprudence- A Wildlife Perspective*” which is a compilation of research papers presented by law students and academicians at the National Conference on Animal and Environmental Welfare, 2018. The Book canvasses diverse themes and sub-themes of the academic subjects of Animal and Environmental Law with a focus on legal and institutional developments occurring in contemporary times.

The Committee conducted a number of sensitization and awareness drives. These drives were aimed at showcasing a healthy co-existence between humans and animals through *Nukkad Natak* performed by the members of the committee, at The Shelter Orphanage, in Cuttack on 24th September 2019. This was followed by a poster making competition for the children.

The Committee also organized the 1st NLUO National Essay Writing Competition on Animal and Environmental Law & Policy, 2019 in October 2019. The themes of the Competition were ‘*Role of Law and Policy in Co-existence of the Human and Non-Human Animals in the Complex Urban Ecosystem*’ and ‘*The Importance of Climate Change vis-à-vis Wildfires on Animals and Environment: Sustainable Solutions through Effective Laws and Policies.*’ The Competition witnessed participation from students from various law schools across the country and the top three participants were awarded with cash prizes with certificates of merit and all the participants were awarded certificates of participation.



The Committee also started the first of its kind national venture, the “NLUO Blog for Animal and Environmental Jurisprudence and Rights.” The Blog has been launched with an aim to foster discussions on animal and environmental law and provide a platform for academicians and students to contribute to the jurisprudence of these laws. It has received contributions from various academicians and experts from the field, tracing the most contemporary issues existing in the area of animal and environmental law. The Blog also regularly updates its ‘*Law and Policy Watch*’ that holds all the recent developments in laws and policies along with a dedicated ‘Repository’ that contains relevant reading materials for all those who wish to educate and update themselves on the subject.

The Committee recently started conducting an ‘Interview Series’ and for its first segment it interviewed Mr. Nawneet Vibhaw, Partner of Khaitan and Co., Mumbai on the theme ‘Exploring the Opportunities in Environment Law.’ Mr. Vibhaw while talking about the career options in environment law elaborately explained how to apply for LLM in foreign universities, different opportunities in environmental law and his experience as an environmental law expert in a corporate firm.

LITERARY AND DEBATING SOCIETY

The purpose of the committee is to organize events pertaining to debating and other literary activities such as Model United Nation, Parliamentary Debates, Quizzes, Model United Nations Conferences, Essay Writing Competitions and Elocution competitions etc. It helps the students in understanding and communicating various forms of arguments effectively in different contexts thereby sharpening their literary and debating skills. The Committee through regular interactive sessions with students throughout the semester aims to stimulate students to think over various serious issues and develop their ability of analysing current affairs, selecting and evaluating evidence and constructing arguments or refutations. Workshops on Communication Skills are conducted time to time. The purpose is to inculcate a strong debating culture among the students. The Committee also organizes various interactive sessions with people who excel in the Debating field in order for students to gain exposure and knowledge about the activity and its intricacies.

Events Organized: The committee, in academic year 2019-20 organized the fifth edition of its flagship event namely – the **5th NLUO British Parliamentary Debate** on 6-8 March, 2020. NLUO being the only institution in the Eastern Circuit to offer British Parliamentary styled tournaments has consequently witnessed participation from teams within and across the border in this event. This edition received participation from over 28 teams from across the country, from various circuits.

Additionally, the committee organized the third edition of Intra-University Debating Championship (IUDC) in the odd semester which witnessed participation from over Fifty (50) students across the five batches. The event was adjudged by celebrated debaters from different universities and some of our own alumni as well. The event helped our first year students familiarize themselves with parliamentary debating.

STUDY EXCHANGE PROGRAM OF AUSTRALIAN STUDENTS



National Law University, Odisha has conducted the Law and Justice Programme, in collaboration with Centurion University, Bhubaneswar. As part of the programme, the Australian students from Victoria University visited our campus and got the opportunity to learn about various Indian laws from faculty members. They were escorted to various field visits including the visit to the High Court, the District Court, police stations and various other authorities to see the functioning of different government machineries in India. All of the visitors continuously commented on both the similarities as well as the differences in the laws and mechanisms present in Australia and India as well as the different study methods that are employed by the two countries. In fact, it is the third year running that NLUO has organised this programme with Centurion University for the Australian students. This kind of exchange initiatives actually not only help the visitors learn more about our education system and studies but also give our teachers the experience of a lifetime to face questions coming from students who by their very nature bring a fresh perspective and enthusiasm.

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

MOOT COURTS

The students of NLUO continued the tradition of the university in performing well in the moot court competitions and winning various awards. Achievement of students in 2019-20 is listed below.

Team	Moot	Citation
International Moots		
Anindya Bebarta Pattnaik, Arkaneil Bhaumik, Shivalika Rudrabatla, Toshika Soni and Udipto Koushik Sarmah	2019 Day of Crisis Competition organized by the University of Paris Nanterre.	"Best Team Spirit" awarded by Simmons and Simmons, London
Yasaschandra DVS, Siddharth Jain, Astha Ahuja, Prerona Banerjee, Manasvini	16 th Willem C Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot 2019, Hong	Honourable Mention for David Hunter Award for the Best Memorandum on behalf of Claimant, Honourable Mention for

Vyas	Kong.	Fali Nariman Award for the Best Memorandum on behalf of Respondent
Debarshi Chakraborty, Kevin Mathew George, Suhel Qureshi, Vegadarshi Karun	India Rounds of the Philip C. Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition 2019.	Runners up & Best Memorial
	World Rounds of the Philip C. Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition.	Round of 32, Alone E Evans Award for Best-Combined Memorials
Amruta Pradhan, Omkar Hemanth, Niyati Maheshwari, Shreya Sundararaman	South Asian regional rounds of the Oxford Price Media Moot Court Competition 2018-19.	Runners up & Best Memorial
	World Rounds of the Oxford Price Media Moot Court Competition 2019.	Round of 16
Deepika Hungenahally, Istuti Kapoor, Aaratrika Bhaumik, Divyansh Nayar and Sushmit Mandal	Indian Rounds of the ICC Moot Court Competition 2019.	Semi-Finalists
Kavya Lalchandani, Gaurav Jairaj, Medhashree Verma, and Siddharth Jain	4th Ian Fletcher International Insolvency Moot, 2020.	Semi-Finalists & Best Written Submissions
Abhishek Gupta, Anushna Satapathy, Arushi Gupta, Durga Prasad Mohapatra, and Rituparna Padhy	South Asia Regional Rounds of 13th Foreign Direct Investment International Arbitration Moot 2019.	Semi-Finalists
	World Rounds (Global Orals) of the 13th FDI International Arbitration Moot Court Competition, 2019.	Octa finalists

Ananya Satish, Prajna Dasmohapatra, Sushmit Mandal, and Yasaachandra DVS	6th Herbert Smith Freehills Competition Law Moot 2020.	Round of 12
Deepika Hungenhally, Rithika Mathur and Toshika Soni	Asia-Pacific Rounds of the Manfred Lachs Space Law Moot Court Competition 2020.	Joint Runners-Up

Team	Moot	Citation
National Moots		
Palak Aggarwal, Ashutosh Choudhary and Shubham Shivansh	14th G.H. Rasoni Trial and Appellate Moot Court Competition, 2019.	Second Best Memorial
Mansi Khanna, Pradhumn Rao and Pooja Kumari	5th KIIT National Mock Trial Competition.	Winner
Suprabh Garg, Priyank Shukla and Rithika Mathur	8th RGNUL- National Moot Court Competition 2019.	Best Memorial
Suprabh Garg		Best Researcher
M. Tanvi, Adyasha Nanda, Hariom Kamal Singh	35th BCI All-India Inter- University Moot Court Competition, 2019.	Best Memorial in the first round
Nikita Rathi, Rose Maria Sebi, Nehal Jain and Jitmanyu Satpati	XII NLS-Trilegal International Arbitration Moot, 2019	Best Respondent Memorial
Aditya Rathore, Hitarth Sharma, Ishita Shailesh, Ritvik Maheshwari	Surana & Surana National Trial Advocacy Moot Court & Judgment Writing Competition 2019.	Winners & Second-Best Memorial
Aditya Rathore		Best Advocate

Anjali Agarwal, Antara Deshpande, Gauri Shyam	3rd Surana & Surana & RGNUL International Law Moot Court Competition 2019.	3rd Best Team
Antara Deshpande		3rd Best Advocate
Dharini Shrivastava, Swapna Singh, and Shantanu Dubey	8th IBBI-NLIU National Corporate Law Moot 2019.	Best Memorial
Aatish Kansal, Sahiba Vyas, Vishal Bijlani	2nd Surana & Surana and UPES School of Law National Insolvency Law Moot 2019.	Best Memorial
AatishKansal		Second Best Researcher
Abhishek Singh, Amiya Krishna Upadhyay and Kirti Talerja	6th DSNLU Moot Court Competition 2020.	Winners
Darshit Sidhabhatti, Farhana Akhtar, Palak Agarwal, and Palak Aggarwal	5th NLIU Justice RK Tankha Memorial International Arbitration Moot 2020.	Best Memorial(Claimants) & Best Memorial (Respondents)
Apoorva Upadhyay, Palash Moolchandani and Yashvardhan Singh	12 th NUJS HSF National Moot Court Competition 2019-20.	Winners & Best Appellant Memorial
Himanshu Shembekar, Manas Pratap Singh and Vedant Sharma	Kshan- 15th National Trial and Appellate Moot Court Competition 2020.	Best Memorial
Archit Chakravorty, Jayesh Advani, Lakshya Sharma and Priyank Shukla	XIII NLS-Trilegal International Arbitration Moot 2020.	Best Respondent Memorial & Semi- Finalists



PLACEMENT

Over 71% placement at NLU Odisha with packages up to 16 Lakhs per annum

Recruitment time is usually a busy time for most professional colleges. It is no different with law schools. The National Law University Odisha, Cuttack campus was buzzing with activity throughout the year due to the continuous and on-going placement drive undertaken for the batch of 2015-2020. NLUO has earned for itself a reputation among the legal fraternity of being a name to reckon with. With a growing alumnus base, a strong teaching staff and a brilliant student body it is no surprise that recruitment numbers have steadily shown an increase year after year, despite the not being in the most famous of cities or in close proximity to recruiters. Over 71 percent of the current batch is placed at present, with at least 6 recruiters still remaining in the process.

This year saw a rise in overall campus placement and corporate law firms as recruiters. With 28 students, out of 39 looking for placements, being given recruitment offers, while a major chunk opted to prepare for civil and judicial services examinations and other non-law avenues. The offers included jobs with the Big 6 law firms in one of the college's best campus recruitment drives seen so far.

A total of 9 out of 17 recruiters in the list below participated in campus recruitment (c) and hired 20 students while the others received offers following the internships with their respective organizations. The highest package peaked at 16 Lakhs per annum exclusive of bonus.

Recruiter	Number of offers
Cyril Amarchand Mangaldas	1
Khaitan & Co.	1
Jyoti Sagar Associates	1
L&L Partners (Formerly Luthra & Luthra)	1

Lakshmikumaran & Sridharan (c)	3
Singh & Associates (c)	5
Fox Mandal (c)	2
ALG India Law Offices (c)	1
Wadhwa Law Offices	1
Tatva Legal	1
PLR Chambers	1
Singhania & Co. (c)	1
Aquilaw	1
MNSA Legal (c)	2
Legal Edge Tutorials	1
Exigent Group LLP (c)	4
Legasis Services (c)	1

Beyond these statistics of 2015-20 batch, two students from junior batch of 2016-21 who are currently in their 4th year have already been offered PPOs with Trilegal and Indus Law.

FACULTY SEMINARS

In any educational institution, academic discourses on emerging and important issues are central to furthering an environment of intellectual vibrancy. The exchange of ideas and information amongst faculty members plays a crucial role not simply in the personal development of the faculty members, but also creates an encouraging and dynamic academic culture. In light of this, National Law University Odisha has launched the NLUO Faculty Seminar Series wherein on designated days, faculty members share their research in the area of their expertise or choice which serves as the foundation of constructive academic discussion. The seminar series also serves as a platform for scholars and jurists visiting NLUO to interact with the faculty on a variety of issues. Given below is the list of faculty seminars conducted in 2019-20:

46th Faculty Seminar- : 27.03.2019 Ms. Rujita T.R presented on the topic: "Education & Research Exception to Copyright with spl ref. to *The Chancellor, Masters & Scholars Of The University Of Oxford & Ors V. Rameshwari Photocopy Services & Anr.*(DU Photocopy Case)".

47th Faculty Seminar- 09.07.2019: Ms. Kaushiki Brahma presented on the topic: "Potential Anti-Competitive Concerns of Indian Pharmaceutical Industry.

48th Faculty Seminar -17.07.2019: Mr. A B Debasis Rout & Ms. Madhubrata Rayasingh presented on the topic” UNION BUDGET 2019-20”

49th Faculty Seminar-24.07.2019:Mr.S. Kannayiram shall be sharing his insights on "HOW TO WRITE A PROJECT PROPOSAL", with specific reference to the development sector.

50th Faculty Seminar- 01.08.2019: Prof. Nalini Juneja (NUEPA), New Delhi and Prof. V.S. Elizabeth: Faculty Interaction.

54th Faculty Seminar (04.09.2019)- Mayank Tiwari on '*NIRF Indicators*'

55th Faculty Seminar (18.09.2019)-Pragyan Prasanjita Sahoo on '*An Analysis of the Victim Compensation Schemes and its working in the different States of India*'

56th Faculty Seminar (25.09.2019) - Nikita Pattajoshi on '*Protection of Climate Change Refugees: Locating the Remedy within Climate Change Treaties*'

57th Faculty Seminar (16.10.2019)- Ms. Prity Rathi on '*Urkund Anti Plagiarism Services*'

58th Faculty Seminar (23.10.2019)- Koushik Guhathakurta, Associate Professor, IIM Indore on '*Research, Writing and Publications in Scopus Journals*'



Faculty Seminar with Prof. B.B. Pande



- 59th Faculty Seminar** (22.01.2020)-Bejon Kumar Mishra - 'Interaction with Faculties'
60th Faculty Seminar (23.10.2020) - Prof Kesava Rao on '*Methods of Teaching*'
61st Faculty Seminar (19.02.2020) - Aaratrika Pandey on '*Critical Analysis of Transgender Persons (Protection of Rights) Bill, 2019*'
62nd Faculty Seminar (26.02.2020) - Rashmi RekhaBaug on '*Extra-Judicial Killing in India -In the realm of Hyderabad encounter*'
63rd Faculty Seminar (04.03.2020) - Prof S. Sachidhanandam on '*Citizenship (Amendment) Act, 2019*'

INDIVIDUAL ACHIEVEMENTS OF FACULTY MEMBERS

PROF. SRIKRISHNA DEVA RAO

Prof. Srikrishna Deva Rao is the Vice-Chancellor of National Law University Odisha, Cuttack.

He was Instrumental in institutionalising Consortium of National Law Universities in India and was promote excellence in legal education and research. He was elected as Convenor of CLAT, Convenor of Common Law Admission Test (CLAT) 2019. He is currently the Executive member of the Consortium of National Law Universities.

Edited Books:

Book on "Reclaiming Dignity, Rights and Justice" A Festschrift in Honour of Justice Dipak Misra published by Thomson Reuters

Online Webinars:

Key Note speaker in the second Regional Consultation on Inter State Women Migrant Workers organised by National Women Commission on May 14, 2020

Online Leadership Program on Access to Justice organised by National Law School of India University, Bangalore on May 15, 2020

Webinar on "Evolution of Arbitration Law in India" jointly organised by CAN foundation and NLU Odisha on June 20, 2020

Webinar on "Clinical Legal Education: International Perspectives" organised by Manav Rachna University, Delhi on July 10, 2020

Participation in Workshop and Conferences

Participated 42nd All India Criminology Conference of the Indian Society of Criminology at Department of Criminology and Forensic Science, Dr. Harisingh Gour University, Sagar, M.P from February 20-22, 2020

Participated in International Conference at Supreme Court of India from February 22-23, 2020.

Participated in the National Conference of Vice-Chancellors & Directors on "Research & Innovation in Higher Education" organised by MHRD & UGC, July 26-28, 2019 at Vigyan Bhavan, New Delhi

Report

Submitted Report of the research Project on "Litigation Management in Higher Education in the State of Odisha" to Department of Higher Education, Government of Odisha., 2019. This project studied the systematic issues related to higher education disputes and suggested measures to reduce the pendency and to prepare appropriate litigation policy.

Research Grants:

2018-19 All India Access to Justice Strategy: Partnering with Keele University, UK under the Community Legal Outreach Collaboration Keele (CLOCK) program to develop alternative pathways to access justice in India. Initiated 'socio-legal' outreach program to support the victims and families of recent kerala floods in partnership with NUALS, Kochi and TISS Kerala.

2018-19 Offered MOOCs course on "Law and Justice in Globalizing World", UGC Swyam online platform 2019.

2018-19: Rendering technical assistance to Food Supplies & Consumer Welfare Department Govt. of Odisha for implementing Odisha Direct Selling Guidelines Order, 2017

Award:

Recipient of the highest award in the field of Criminology, "Kumarappa - Reckless Award" for the year 2019 by the Indian Society of Criminology (ISC).

Dr. YOGESH PRATAP SINGH

BOOKS

Edited Book "*The Supreme Court and the Constitution*" along with Mr. Salman Khurshid and Dr. Lokendra Malik and published by *Wolter Kluwer Publications*, 2020. ISBN:

Edited and Revised Book "Kumar Kartikeya's Article 12" published by *Eastern Book Company Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh* 2020. ISBN:

Edited "*Animal and Environmental Jurisprudence: Wildlife Perspective*" published by Satyam Law International Publishers New Delhi, 2020. ISBN:

ARTICLES

"*Role of Judicial/Lawyers Academy in Imparting Continuing Legal Education*, Vol. 46, No. 4, 2019, published in *Indian Bar Review* 2019. ISSN No.0017-5731.

"*Cause Lawyering in India: Still a Distant Dream*, Vol. VI, 2019, published in *NLUO Law Journal*. ISSN No. 2348-8913.

"*Concurring Opinions Enriching Constitutional Discourse?*" published in *Journal of Indian Law Institute (JILI)*, Vol. 61, No. 1 January-March 2019, published by *Indian Law Institute* 2018. ISSN No. 0017-5731.

CHAPTERS IN THE BOOK

Chapter entitled "*Child Sexual Abuse and Evolving POCSO Jurisprudence: Emerging Issues and Trends*" Book entitled "*Revisiting Reforms in Criminal Justice System in India*" (Editors: Dilip Ukey, Chirag Balyan, Melissa Walavalkar, Yesudas Naidu and Mary Sabastian) published by *Thomson Reuters Press* (2020).

Chapter entitled “Judicial Review and Judicial Dissent” in Book entitled “Judicial Review: Process, Powers and Problems” (Editors: Salman Khurshid, Sidharth Luthra, Lokendra Malik and ShrutiBedi) published by Cambridge University Press (2020). ISBN: 978-11-0883-6036.

Chapter entitled “Anticipatory Bail, Evolution, Philosophy and Unceasingly Shifting Juridical Discernment” in Book entitled “Taking Bail Seriously: The State of Bail Jurisprudence in India” (Editors: Salman Khurshid, Sidharth Luthra, Lokendra Malik & ShrutiBedi) published by LexisNexis Press (2019). ISBN: 978-93-8854-880-9.

Chapter entitled “The Right to a Dignified Death: A New Human Right” in Book on Professor Upendra Baxi’s Festschrift published by the Eastern Book Company Lucknow.

Chapter entitled “Reviving Popular Sovereignty” in Book entitled “Reclaiming Rights, Dignity and Justice: A Festschrift in Honour of Justice Dipak Misra (Edited by Prof. Srikrishna Deva Rao) published by Thomson Reuters Press.

Chapter entitled “Decriminalization of Indian Politics?” in Book entitled “Reclaiming Rights, Dignity and Justice: A Festschrift in Honour of Justice Dipak Misra (Edited by Prof. Srikrishna Deva Rao) published by Thomson Reuters Press.

Chapter entitled “Judgement Analysis: A Neglected Tool of Doctrinaire Method” published in Book entitled “Legal Research and Methodology: Perspectives, Process and Practice” (Editors Prof. B C Nirmal, R.K. Singh & ArtiNirmal) published by Satyam Law International, New Delhi. ISSN No. 978-93-87839-36-6

INVITED LECTURES

Delivered Justice V R Krishna Iyer Memorial Public Lecture on “How Concurring Opinion Matter” (virtual) on 09 August 2020 organized by Ronald Dworkin Study Circle and CLS NLU Odisha. Mr. Salman Khurshid, former Union Minister Law and Justice presided over the event.

Invited as a panel speaker in Webinar on “Transparency in Democracy and Political Funding” organized by Association of Democratic Reforms (ADR) and Law Essentials on 05 August 2020.

Invited to speak in Online “Constitutional Dialogue on “Free Speech v. Contempt of Court” organized by Lawlex.Org on 02 August 2020.

Invited to speak in Online National Webinar on “Appointment of Distinguished Jurists as Judge in Supreme Court” on 25 May 2020, organized by UILS Punjab University.

Invited to participate in Online Panel Discussion on “Key Developments on India’s Labour Legislations” on 25 May 2020. Organized by UILS Punjab University.

Invited to speak in Online Panel Discussion on “Changing Discourse on Global Legal Education: Pre & Post Covid Times” on 06 June 2020, Organized by Virtual Law School.

MR. MAYANK TIWARI

CONFERENCE/ SEMINARS/ WORKSHOPS

Presented a paper entitled “Changing Dimensions of Shareholders’ Participation in Indian Companies and Corporate Governance” in International Conference on Shareholding Voting

and Engagement in Emerging Economies, organised by National Law University, Delhi (November 22, 2019).

Resource Person in Two Day Certificate Course on Consumer Justice in Era of Globalisation conducted by Centre for Consumer Law, NLUO in collaboration with NLSIU, Bangalore (April 02, 2019).

Delivered a Key Note Address on topic of Role of Co-operatives in New Odisha in Particular and New India in General at 66th All India Cooperative Week organised by Central Cooperative Bank, Cuttack (November 19, 2019)

A Special Lecture on Capital Market Regulations organised by KIIT, Bhubaneswar (September 19, 2019).

Delivered a lecture on Product Liability in a programme entitled Consumer Welfare: Framing of Draft Rules on Consumer Protection Act, 2019 conducted by Food Supplies and Consumer Welfare Department, Government of Odisha and NLUO (24/10/2019)

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

Post Graduate Winter School on Legal Pluralism and Governance in the Global South: Challenges and Opportunities organised by RGNUL, Patiala & NLU, Delhi in association with University of Campania “Luigi Vanvetelli” Naples, Italy and HPNLU, Shimla from 30/10/2019 to 04/11/2019

Fifteen Days Refresher Course organised by Iswar Saran PG College, University of Allahabad, Prayagraj from 13/07/2020 to 28/07/2020

Faculty Development Programme on Contemporary Issues in Law organised by School of Legal Studies, CUSAT, Cochin from 17/06/2020 to 24/06/2020

Faculty Development Programme on Managing Online Classes and Co-Creating MOOCs organised by Teaching Learning Centre, Ramanujan College, University of Delhi from 20/04/2020 to 06/05/2020

Orientation Programme for Faculty in Universities/ Colleges/ Institutes of Higher Education organised by Teaching Learning Centre, Ramanujan College, University of Delhi from 04/06/2020 to 01/07/2020

RESEARCH PROJECTS

2018-19: Project Coordinator, Rendering Technical Assistance to Food Supplies and Consumer Welfare Department, Government of Odisha for implementation of Odisha Direct Selling Guidelines, 2017.

2019-20: Project Coordinator, Drafting of Rules for Protection of Consumers in the State of Odisha as per Consumer Protection Act, 2019 granted by Food Supplies and Consumer Welfare Department, Government of Odisha.

Dr. SOHINI MAHAPATRA

2 – 3 April 2019: 2 Day Certificate Course on ‘Consumer Justice in the Era of Globalization’ organized by the Centre for Consumer Law, NLUO in collaboration with Chair on Consumer Law & Practice NLSIU, Bengaluru

SEMINARS/CONFERENCES/WORKSHOPS:

Successfully completed a 4-Week Induction/Orientation Programme for "Faculty in Universities/Colleges/Institutes of Higher Education", by Teaching Learning Centre Ramanujan College, University of Delhi in collaboration with Ministry of Human Resource Development (4 June – 1 July 2020)

Successfully Completed 2 weeks Faculty Development Programme on Managing Online Classes and Co-Creating MOOCs, by Teaching Learning Centre Ramanujan College, University of Delhi in collaboration with Ministry of Human Resource Development (20 April – 6 May 2020)

Participated in Second Regional Consultation on Review of Laws relating to Inter-State Women Migrant Workers, organized by National Commission for Women, New Delhi in collaboration with NLU Odisha (14 May 2020)

Participated in Regional Consultation on Female Labour Force Participation Rate organized by National Commission for Women, New Delhi in collaboration with V.V. Giri National Labour Institute, NOIDA and Centre for Women and Law and Centre for Industrial Relations and Labour Laws, NLUO (6 March 2020)

Participated in Panel Discussion on Maritime Law organized by Centre for Maritime Law, National Law University Odisha in collaboration with 6th NLUO – Bose & Mitra & Co. International Maritime Arbitration Moot 2019 (29 March 2019).

PUBLICATIONS:

BOOK

Author, Non-human Animals and the Law: An Analysis of Animal Welfare and Animal Rights Within the Indian Legal Discourse (Thomson Reuters, First Edition 2020) (ISBN 978-93-89407-65-5). <https://www.alaw.org.uk/2020/05/nonhuman-animals-and-the-law-by-dr-sohini-mahapatra/> (Book reviewed by Michelle Li Sze Cheng, UK Centre for Animal Law, London)

Editor, Animal and Environmental Jurisprudence: A Wildlife Perspective (Satyam Law International 2020) (ISBN: 978-93-87839-61-8)

BOOK CHAPTERS

“Sexism and Speciesism: Animal Welfare Mirrored in Feminism”, Chapter 1 in Animal and Environmental Jurisprudence: A Wildlife Perspective (Satyam Law International 2020) (ISBN: 978-93-87839-61-8)

Author, Labour Laws and Atrocities Act (Unit – 2)’ as part of ‘Block – 3: Vulnerable and the Law’ of Legal Awareness Programme under Odisha State Open University, Sambalpur

Editor, for ‘Consumer Laws and RTI (Unit – 2)’ as part of ‘Block – 4: Commercial Laws’ of Legal Awareness Programme under Odisha State Open University, Sambalpur

ONLINE ARTICLES/BLOGS

“Evolution of Animal Rights in India: From Property to Person”, NLUO Blog for Animal and Environmental Jurisprudence and Rights, <https://saaewnluo.wordpress.com/2020/02/28/evolution-of-animal-rights-in-india-from-property-to-person/>, 28 February 2020

“What are the Five Freedoms that Animals Deserve? Find Out”, Odishabytes (Online news portal), <http://www.odishabytes.com/what-are-the-five-freedoms-that-animals-deserve-find-out/>, 8 July 2019

MS. DIVYA SINGH RATHORE

PUBLICATIONS

Article “*Folklore and the need for Intellectual Property Status: A Study of AIPAN – the folk art of Uttarakhand*” in Volume 1 issue 2 of Journal of Uttarakhand Academy of Administration Nainital with ISSN 2582-5798.

Published Article “*COPYRIGHT INFRINGEMENT BY AND IN BOLLYWOOD- Time to Wake Up and Smell the Coffee*” in Flair Talk by AIR in February 2020 issue ISSN 2349-6649

Published Article “*Demystifying the Concept of Angel Tax in India*” in Flair Talk by AIR in November 2019 issue ISSN 2349-6649

Published Article “*The Banning of Unregulated Deposit Schemes Bill, 2019 and Effect on Ponzi Schemes*” in Flair Talk by AIR in September 2019 issue ISSN 2349-6649

Published Article “*Wilful Defaulter: Mechanism to combat NPA*” in Flair Talk by AIR in August 2019 issue ISSN 2349-6649

PAPER PRESENTATION

Presented Paper on “*Access to & Awareness about protections of Traditional Knowledge of Tribal Women in India*” in Training Programme cum National Seminar on Human Rights in India: An Insight to the Challenges Related to Women organised by Amity University, Noida on 10th January 2020.

Presented Paper on “*Financial Inclusion-A Path leading to Social Security*” in National Law Conclave on Law as an Instrument of Social Transformation; Issues, Challenges and Emerging Trends organized by Department of Law, University of North Bengal from 30th November- 1st December 2019.

Presented Paper on “*Vanishing Folklore- Need for IP Status*” in National Conference on IPR organised by Faculty of Law, University of Lucknow on 24th November 2019

Presented Paper on “*ADR as a means of Recovery in Banking*” in International Conference on Arbitration and Conciliation: Challenges and New Horizons, organised by Faculty of Law, University of Lucknow on 20th October 2019

PARTICIPATION IN SEMINAR/WORKSHOPS

Participated in ICWA-KIIT National Seminar on India's Foreign Policy in the Changing International Order: The Emerging Maritime Narrative, held on 18th January 2020

Participated in National Workshop on IPR Awareness organized by Institute of Legal Studies, SRMU in association with CIPAM, Ministry of Commerce and Industry, GoI on 25th September 2019.

PROGRAMMES ORGANISED IN THE UNIVERSITY

Organized Two Day workshop on IPR Management and Awareness for the students and faculty members of NLUO in collaboration with Cell for IPR Promotion and Management, Dept. for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade, Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Government of India on 24th and 25th February 2020

Dr. OWAIS HASAN KHAN

PUBLICATION:

BOOK CHAPTER:

2019: [Accepted for publication] "Rethinking the Role of SAARC as a Supranational Institution: with reference to Transnational River Water Sharing in South Asia" accepted for publication in the book titled "Water Sharing in the SAARC region: Legal issues and challenges" by Prof. (Dr) VB Reddy (Ed.), NALSAR, University of Law, Hyderabad

ARTICLES:

2020: [Accepted for publication] "Post-divortium shared parenting: Potentiality versus Acutality" The GNLU Law Review- Vol. VII, 2020 (ISSN:) Publisher: The Gujarat National Law University, Gandhinagar

2020: [Accepted for publication] "Law and Sexulatiy: Commentary on Joseph Shine v. Union of India 2018 SC" National Law University Journal (NLSJ), 2019 (ISSN No.: 0971-491X). Publisher: NLSIU, Bangalore

CONFERENCES/SEMINARS/ WORKSHOPS

2020: *Regional Consultation on Female Labour Force Participation Rate* (East Zone), National Commission for Women, New Delhi & V. V. Giri Labour Institute, Noida at National Law University Odisha (6th March 2020)

2019: *Symposium for Legal Education and Policy Research on Child Rights*, Centre for Child Rights, National Law University Odisha and UNICEF (29th-31st July 2019)

RESOURCE PERSON/ INVITED LECTURES

2019: *Training and orientation to newly recruited Chairpersons and Members of Child Welfare Committees in the State of Odisha*, Centre for Child Rights, National Law University Odisha in collaboration with Odisha State Child Protection Society and Department of Women and Child Development & Mission Shakti, Government of Odisha. (16 September 2019)

CONFERENCE CO-ORDINATED

2020: *Regional Consultation on Female Labour Force Participation Rate (East Zone)*, National Commission for Women, New Delhi & V. V. Giri Labour Institute, Noida at National Law University Odisha (6th March 2020)

2019: *Symposium for Legal Education and Policy Research on Child Rights*, Centre for Child Rights, National Law University Odisha and UNICEF (29th-31st July 2019)

Mr. RAJAT SOLANKI

PUBLICATIONS

Book Chapter: 'Jungle and Justice: Evaluation of Forest Rights Act', Tribal Rights & Right of Indigenous People, Edited by Prof S.K. Nanda, The Law House (2019)

Book Review: 'Kristi Holsinger, Teaching Justice: Solving Social Justice Problems through University Education' NLUO Law Journal, Vol.6, Issue 1 (2019)

A Perspective on Access to Financial Services as a Human Right, Human Rights Law Journal, Vol. IV, (2019)

CONFERENCES/ WORKSHOPS

Co-ordinator, "CCI-NLUO Competition Advocacy Workshop" organised by Centre for Competition Law and Policy, NLU Odisha in collaboration with the Competition Commission of India, February 22, 2020.

Resource Person in National level Residential Training Programme on "Advance Course on Right to Information Act, 2005 and Modern Management Practices" organized by National Productivity Council, Chandigarh (Under DPIIT, Ministry of Commerce & Industry, Govt. of India) at Puri (Odisha) from 27-30 January, 2020.

Resource Person in Government of Odisha supported "Workshop on Consumer Laws" at NLUO, Cuttack, October 24, 2019

Successfully completed ARPIT Course for Career Advancement Scheme(CAS) promotion "Online Refresher Course in Law" conducted by Nalsar University of Law, Hyderabad, February 16, 2020.

Participated in Two Day Certificate Course on "Consumer Justice in Era of Globalisation" conducted by NLUO, Cuttack in association with NLSIU, Bangalore on 2-3 April, 2019.

MS. NIKITA PATTAJOSHI

PUBLICATIONS

Cover story on 'Gender Specific Maternity Leave to Gender Neutral Parental Leave', in Flair Talk (AIR magazine), Vol.6. Issue 10 (December 2019). pp. 14-17

GUEST LECTURES

Lecture on 'The Legal Environment of Business and addressing Corruption in India' delivered to students of Victoria Law School, Melbourne, Australia as part of Australian Student Exchange Programme at Centurion University, Khurdha on February 13, 2020.

CONFERENCES

'Shareholder Activism and Engagement for Environmental Issues', International Conference on Shareholder Voting and Engagement in Emerging Economies, National Law University, Delhi (November, 2019)

'Protection of Climate Change Refugees: Challenges and Opportunities in Legal Framework', International Seminar on Global Refugee Crisis, Utkal University, Bhubaneswar, Odisha (April, 2019)

WORKSHOPS:

Two day Paper development Workshop on 'Who Bridges Across Social Divides' (Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Hyderabad) (2020)

Dr. ARJYALOPA MISHRA

MINOR PROJECT

Awarded the ICCSR in April 2019, Impactful Policy Research in Social Science (IMPRESS) project titled **“Patterns of Prison Adjustments and Psychological Intervention for Correction Facilities in Prisons in Odisha”**.

CONFERENCES ATTENDED:

Presented a paper on “Promoting Psychological wellbeing as a Correctional facility in Prison Reforms” at the 2nd International conference on happiness and wellbeing organized by the Rekhi Centre of Excellence for the Science of Happiness, IIT Kharagpur on 5th April 2019- 6th April, 2019

MS. NANDITA BATRA

PUBLICATIONS

Women's Right to Work- Breaking the glass ceiling through constitutional ladder' in Gurjinder Kaur (ed) *Human Rights Issues and Challenges* (Shree Ram Law House, Chandigarh, 2020, ISBN: 9789387047365).

Constitutional Safeguards against Genetic Fatalism: a Study of Genetic Discrimination in Health Insurance in India' in Athira PS, Liji Samuel, Namitha Kl (ed) *Biomedical Technologies: Health, Human Rights and Intellectual Property Rights Perspectives* (NUALS Kochi, 2020, ISBN: 9788193885291).

WORKSHOPS & SEMINARS:

Conducted a half day workshop on *“Gender Sensitization”* at Indian Oil Corporation Limited, South Eastern Region Pipelines Bhubaneswar. (12 March, 2020)

Resource Person for special lecture on “*Constitutional Paradigm of Tribal Rights in India*” in Law and Justice Student Internship Exchange Program with Victoria University, Australia at Centurion University of Technology and Management, Jatni (3 February, 2020).

Presented a paper on “*Constitutional Safeguards against Genetic Fatalism: a Study of Genetic Discrimination in Health Insurance in India*” in International Seminar on Health, Human Rights and Intellectual Property Rights held at NUALS, Kochi (25-27 February,2020).

Attended Orientation Programme by JNU-HRDC-‘115th Orientation Programme at Jawaharlal Nebru University, New Delhi’(18th November- 7th December, 2019).

Participated in *CCI-NLUO Competition Advocacy Workshop* organized by Centre for Competition Law and Policy, NLUO and Competition Commission of India at NLUO, Cuttack. (22ndFeburary, 2020).

Participated in *Symposium on Legal Education and Policy Research on Child Rights* organized by NLUO and UNICEF (29-31 July, 2019).

Completed *Two Day Certificate Course on “Consumer Justice in the Era of Globalization*at NLUO in collaboration with Chair on Consumer Law & Practice, NLSIU Bengaluru (2-3rdApril,2019).

MS.SHENOY RUJITHA T R

PUBLICATIONS

Protection of Traditional Knowledge Medicine of Ahom Tribes in Assam under IPR Laws in India (chapter in a book) published by NLU Assam

PROGRAMME COORDINATED

Round Table conference on Access To Justice In a Post Disaster Environment: The Best Practice And A Way Forward in collaboration with NUALS,KOCHI on Date: 27th August 2019

Awareness programme on “Importance of IPR in MSME” in collaboration with MSME development institute Cuttack on 14th November 2019

Two Day Workshop on Intellectual Property Management & Awareness organized by NLUO in collaboration with CIPAM, DIPP, Govt. of India on 24-25 February 2020 (programme organized by the Centre for Intellectual Property Research and Advocacy Centre)

PRESENTATIONS

Presented a paper on Anti-competitive practises of Pharma Industries:Lessons to be Learned “ in 5th Asian IP Works-in-Progress Conference 2020 organised bySingapore Management University, *Applied Research Centre for Intellectual Assets and the Law in* on 9-10th January 2020.

Presented a paper on Protection of Traditional Knowledge Medicine under IPR Laws in India and GI in Two-Day National Seminar on “Effective Protection of Traditional Knowledge and Cultural Expressions: National and Community Experiences”, May 3-4 2019 organised by NLU Assam

AWARD

Singapore Management University, *Applied Research Centre for Intellectual Assets and the Law in Asia* awarded the Young Asian IP Scholar Award. In 5th Asian IP Works-in-Progress Conference January 2020.

Dr. KUNTIRANI PADHAN

ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS:

Awarded **PhD in Law on 16th June 2020** from Sambalpur University on the topic “Legal Imperatives of Honour killing in the Criminal Justice Administration System in India : A Socio-Legal study”.

ARTICLES:

June 2019, Khap- The Unjustified Guardian, Interpreting the Verma Committee Report of 2013, International Journal of Social and Legal Research, Volume I, Issue I,(Pg 46-50)

October 2019, The Notion of “Honour” in Honour Killings – Justified or Fallacious, Journal of Legal Studies and Research, Volume 5 Issue 5, ISSN 2455-2437.

Drafted the **Block 5 Unit 1 titled “Legal Aid and PIL”** of the “Legal Awareness Programme” to be offered by Odisha State Open University under ODL method in **June 2019**.

SEMINAR/ CONFERENCES/WORKSHOPS:

Participated in the "Tech4Seva" a three-day national workshop on "Technology outreach as an enabler for Inclusive & sustainable development" being organised at IIT Delhi, New Delhi from 10th-12th August,2019 under the Unnat Bharat Abhiyan 2.0 Project of the Ministry of Human Resources Development.

Participated as the Nodal Officer of UBA-MHRD in the One day brainstorming workshop on Unnat Bharat Abhiyan for the State of Odisha on 24th May 2019 at NIT Rourkela.

Participated in the 2nd brainstormingworkshop scheduled on 13th February (Thursday) 2020 at Conference Hall Of TIIR, National Institute Of Technology Rourkela, Odisha as the Nodal Officer, UBA-MHRD and presented the annual report of the activities undertaken by the Unnat Bharat Abhiyan cell of the University.

SESSIONS CHAIRED:

Resource Person in One technical Session on BPR&D Sponsored training course on “Investigation of Trafficking Cases” at Biju Patnaik State Police Academy, Bhubaneswar on 6th November 2019.

Panel speaker in the State Consultation conducted by Aide-et-Action on 'Rights & Welfare of seasonal migrant worker- Policies and gaps' on the topic “Implications of the new OSH code on seasonal migrant workers” on 18th December 2020 at Bhubaneswar on the eve of International migrant’s day.

Guest faculty for the National level Residential Training Programme on “Advance Course on Right to Information Act, 2005 and Modern Management Practices” conducted by National Productivity Council, Chandigarh (Under DPIIT, Ministry of Commerce & Industry, Govt. of India) at Puri on 27th January 2020.

Resource person in One technical session on “Social Media Analysis and Cyber Forensics to develop an in-depth idea of the social consumer in the context of anti-corruption strategy and responses” for the officers of the Odisha Vigilance Department conducted by the State Vigilance Academy, Bhubaneswar on 19th February 2020.

UNIVERSITY PUBLICATIONS

1. UNIVERSITY JOURNALS

The University publishes the following journals:

A. NLUO LAW JOURNAL



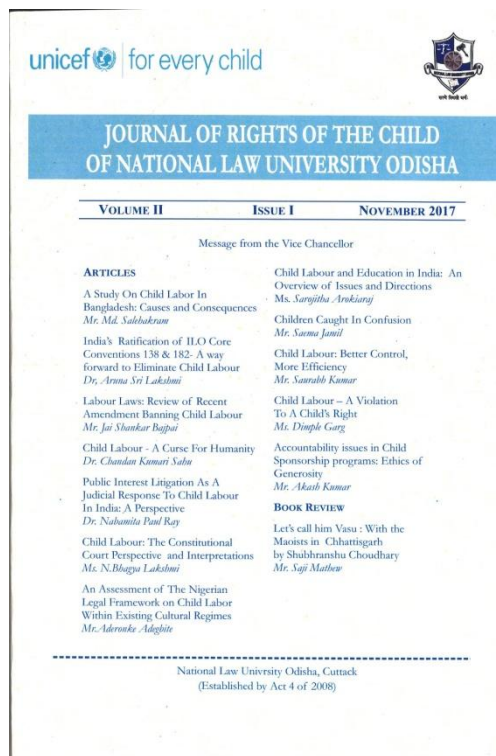
The NLUO Law Journal is a peer-reviewed annual journal published by the National Law University Odisha since 2013. The Journal is an effort to bring together the various strands of scholarship which exist in the discipline of law and to create a forum for discussion across disciplinary boundaries. The NLUO Law Journal aims to provide highly objective analysis to keep up to date with the latest developments in the field of law and other related disciplines with equal emphasis on theoretical and legal researches. Each issue of the journal will normally contain a mixture of peer-reviewed research articles, reviews of essays using a variety of methodologies and approaches, case comments and book reviews.

B. NLUO HUMAN RIGHTS LAW JOURNAL



Human Rights Law Journal is a peer-reviewed journal published annually by National Law University Odisha published since 2016. The Journal is the part of an integrated effort by the university to contribute more meaningfully to the human rights discourse. The journal aims to highlight critical challenges and also explore practical and essential solutions for a more effective realisation of the human rights ideals.

C. JOURNAL ON THE RIGHTS OF THE CHILD



The objective of Journal of Rights of the Child of National Law University Odisha is to publish up-to-date, high quality and original research papers alongside relevant and insightful reviews. As such, the journal aspires to be vibrant, engaging and accessible, and at the same time integrative

and challenging. The journal has strived to contribute to the academic discourse on child rights surrounding legal issues in the country and around the world by publishing articles by both students and established scholars, as well as by both domestic and international authors.

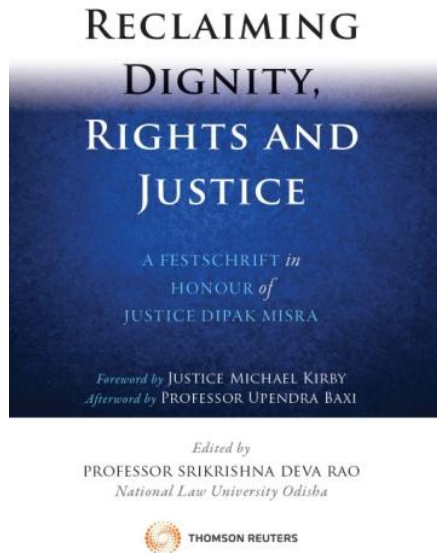
D. NLUO STUDENT LAW JOURNAL



The NLUO Student Law Journal (NLUO-SLJ) is an initiative by the National Law University Odisha (NLUO). It is a peer reviewed, and student-run academic journal bearing ISSN No. 2305-062X. The venture has been initiated to fulfil the mandate of promoting research, scholarship, and writing among law students; it accepts contributions on all areas of law and also the social sciences and other disciplines as long as they feature a legal slant. Undergraduate and postgraduate students of any discipline, not necessarily law, are invited to contribute. In exceptional cases submissions from full-time doctoral students may be considered at the discretion of the editorial board.

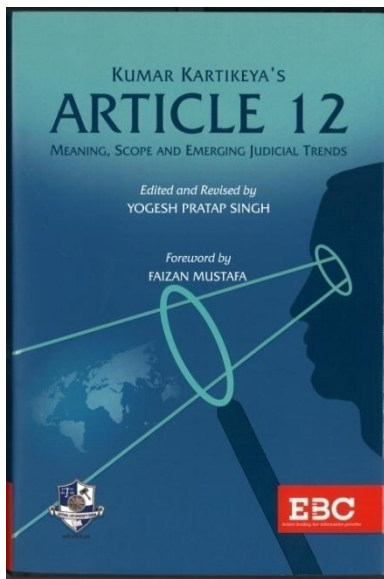
2. BOOKS AND EDITED VOLUMES

1. An edited book ‘Reclaiming Dignity, Rights and Justice’ in the Honour of Hon’ble Justice Dipak Misra published by Thomson Reuters and edited by Prof. Srikrishna Deva Rao.



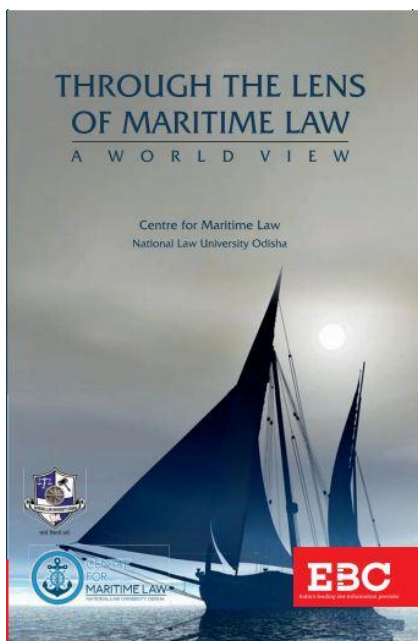
This book is a tribute to honour Chief Justice Dipak Misra for his constitutional wisdom. The book analyses the traditions of constitutional justicing by articulating the concept of constitutional morality scattered all across prior decisions. He has also brought a new alignment by relating it to other key concepts like “constitutional renaissance,” “constitutional objectivity,” constitutionally just “good governance” and “constitutional culture.” He has placed these allied concepts in the service of constitutional construction in aid of preserving, promoting and protecting core human rights. And in doing so Misra CJ has shown once again how the Supreme Court of India remains the best hope there is (as Justice Goswami was once moved to say) of “the oppressed and the bewildered.” - Professor Upendra Baxi

2. Kumar Kartikeya’s Article 12: Meaning, and Emerging Judicial Trends, published by EBC Lucknow and edited by Prof. (Dr.) Yogesh Pratap Singh.



This book provides a thorough and critical analysis of judicial discourse and literature on State. It does go beyond fundamental rights and directive principles and discusses other pertinent and emerging issues. The book does provide an in-depth insight to the concept of State. It will be useful for the students of constitutional law, practitioners and researchers. The book contains a wealth of information and provides some solutions to vital questions on the concept of State.

3. An edited volume entitled “Through the Lens of Maritime Law: A World View published by EBC Lucknow and edited by Centre for Maritime Law.

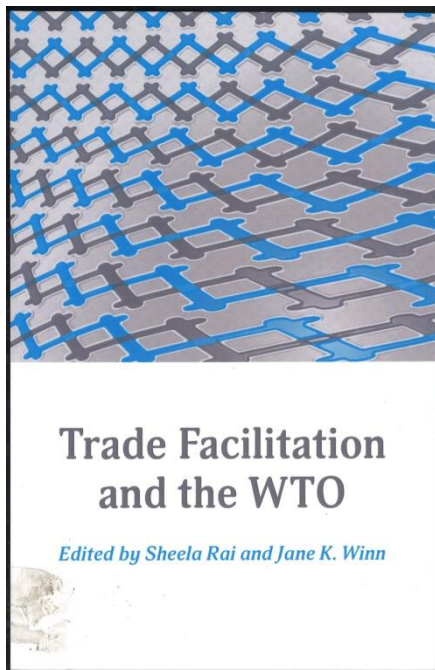


The release of this book beholds the vision of disseminating an extensive grasp of various national and international aspects of Maritime Law.

Maritime has immense prospects in India and the Centre for Maritime Law beacon in building a platform of research and excellence in the field of maritime. Established in 2015, the Centre strives to deliver the positioning gleam by recognizing refinement in the study of maritime through dedicated research and discourse.

With the legal field undergoing a sea-change, the need for an academic discussion cannot be understated to align our marine laws with the paradigm shift.

4. “Trade Facilitation and the WTO” by published by Cambridge Scholars Publishing and edited by Prof. (Dr.) Sheela Rai & Prof. Jane K. Winn, Centre for International Trade Law.



With efforts for further substantive liberalization of trade showing little signs of success, focus has shifted to the rationalization and simplification of procedural regulations in international trade. The Agreement on the Trade Facilitation in Goods came into force in 2017, and proposals for similar agreements for trade in services and foreign investment have been submitted and are under discussion. This book discusses both existing and proposed provisions on trade facilitation within the World Trade Organisation (WTO). It covers relevant General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT) provisions and jurisprudence, the negotiating history of the Trade Facilitation Agreement in Goods, provisions of the WTO Trade Facilitation Agreement and their relevance for developing countries concerns, with special emphasis on India, and the prospects for a global digital trade facilitation platform. The book also discusses the desirability for trade facilitation agreements for services and investment and the possibility of success of the proposals submitted in this regard in the WTO.

3. REPORTS

S. No.	Publication	Editors
1.	Litigation Management in Higher Education A Case Study of Odisha and Litigation Policy for Department of Higher Education, Govt. of Odisha, published by EBC Lucknow.	Prof. (Dr.) Srikrishna Deva Rao, Eluckiaa A., Manasi Patra, Subhaprad Mohanty and Vasa Jaishanath.
2.	Report of the symposium on legal education and policy research on child rights.	Centre for Child Rights
3.	Effective disposal of cases in Juvenile justice boards in Odisha.	Centre for Child Rights
4.	Compendium of Case Laws: Juvenile Justice, POCSO, Adoption and Custody	Centre for Child Rights

4. UNIVERSITY NEWSLETTERS

S. No.	Publication	Centre
1.	ADR E-Newsletter Volume I	Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) Board of National Law University Odisha
2.	ADR E-Newsletter Volume I	Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) Board of National Law University Odisha

5. FORTHCOMING PUBLICATIONS

S. No.	Proposed Publication	Centre
1.	An edited book with a multidisciplinary approach on Fisheries Conservation and Trade in Fisheries: Towards Sustainable Use.	Centre for International Trade Law of National Law University Odisha
2.	An edited volume with a multidisciplinary approach on “Socio-legal Androcentric and Gender Inequalities”.	Centre for Women & Law, National Law University Odisha
3.	An edited volume with a multidisciplinary approach on “Tribal Justice”.	Centre for Tribal Studies, National Law University Odisha
4.	A Guide to the WTO Appellate Body Report, Vol. I	Centre for International Trade Law
5.	Social mapping of migrant workers in Odisha	Centre for Child Rights
6.	Practice of preliminary Assessment under Juvenile justice Act in Odisha	Centre for Child Rights

NLUO LIBRARY

NLUO's library is without doubt the University's pride and joy. In the duration of last eleven years, it has achieved highest standards which are adequate for teaching and basic research purposes. It houses a collection of **14652** books, about **1842** primary legal texts (such as copies of bare acts, law commission reports, etc.), and more than a hundred law reports, academic journals and the like amounting to a total of **7827** individual volumes. Particular interest to law scholars are the acquisition of complete sets of older law reports such as the Law Reports (Indian Appeals), Moore's Indian Appeals, the Criminal Law Journal, and Calcutta Weekly Notes. Columbia Law Review, Stanford Law Review and Contemporary Problems, Lyold's Law Reports, etc. Unlike contemporary reports these are not readily available online, which make hard copies essential and irreplaceable.

Consequently, this collection acquired by NLUO is of inestimable value to researchers investigating legal developments of the last few centuries. In the academic year **2019-2020** the university added **274** books in the library, **132** bound volumes of various journals, along with Bare Acts, CD ROMs and included 2 databases, i.e. Indiastatand EPWRF. The library started new subscription of one print journal, i.e. Journal of Human Rights Commission. In addition to the above, the NLUO library has **21** Databases including, SCC online, Manupatra, Hein Online, Westlaw India, JSTOR, Kluwer Arbitration, Kluwer Competition Law, Oxford Competition Law, Oxford Constitutions of the World, Oxford Legal Research Library, Oxford Reports on International Law etc., **8** individual e-journals i.e. Asian Journal of International Law Air and Space Law, Economic Political Weekly, ICSID Review, Journal of International Economic Law, Journal of International Trade Law and Policy, Journal of World Trade, South Asian Studies along with few EBSCO, Hart and Oxford e-books. These e-resources are also accessible by the faculty members and students outside the university campus either through VPN or through remote login through the INFED authenticated system provided by INFLIBNET. NLUO library has also become a member of DELNET and through this we are able to access huge number of resources. Apart from this, NLUO library has a subscription to an anti-plagiarism software, turnitin.

The University gratefully acknowledges the generosity of individuals who have donated many valuable books and legal materials. A dedicated library building is under construction. It has been designed keeping in mind the finest that traditional Odia architecture has to offer and once it becomes operational, it promises to stock more than **2, 00,000** books and over a thousand journals, making it one of the largest and most comprehensive law libraries in India.

In short NLUO library includes:

Books:-**14652**

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Bare Acts:-**1842**

Databases:-**21**

E-journals:-**8**

E-books:-**184**

Current subscription: **78**

News papers:-**13**

CD ROMs:-**274**



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2	Bound volumes of journals	7695	7827	132
3	Bare Acts	1840	1842	2
4	Databases	19	21	2
5	E-journals	8	8	2
6	E-books	44	184	140
7	Current subscription	78	78	0
8	News papers	13	13	0
9	CD ROMs	269	274	5

Newly added database

1. Indiastat
2. EPWRF

Newly added e-books

1. Hart e-books– 140 titles

Newly added current subscription

Journal of Human Rights Commission