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FROM THE DESK OF THE VICE CHANCELLOR



I am happy to present this issue of the University Newsletter which highlights the academic activities and the diverse achievements of the faculty and the students of the University.

National Law University, Delhi is a premier Law University established in 2008 by the Government of NCT of Delhi at the initiative of the High Court of Delhi. The primary mission of the University is to create lawyers who will be professionally competent, technically sound and socially relevant. The University has state of the art infrastructure with an excellent library and comprehensive print electronic resources to support legal research and scholarship.

Dynamic in vision and robust in commitment, the University in a very short span of time has shown terrific promise to become a world-class institution. In the NIRF Rankings 2018 and 2019, NLU Delhi was ranked as 2nd best Law School in the country. NLU Delhi has been accredited with 'A' Grade by NAAC. We have also been granted CAT-1 status by MHRD for graded autonomy and ranked 2nd in Delhi and 8th in the country as per the NAAC score.

These excellent ratings by esteemed Government agencies not only place NLU Delhi amongst few of the top institutions in the country imparting quality legal education but are a reflection at the excellent academic environment at the University for teaching and research. The University has various Research Centres involved in cutting edge research in the areas of contemporary relevance. The University hosted several international and national conferences and moot court competitions on newly emerging areas of law to be the pioneer in developing the jurisprudence for these subjects.

We have a 'Zero Tolerance Zone' for any kind of discrimination on the basis of sex, religion, caste and/or any other parameter in violation of the spirit of Indian Constitution.

Legal Education in India has undergone a paradigm shift in the last two decades and the University has played a key role in shaping these changes while preparing students, teachers and young advocates for emerging challenges and to solve existing ones with a clear vision and most importantly, a belief that it could be achieved.

I extend a warm welcome to the eleventh batch of students to the NLU Delhi family!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R. Singh', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Prof. (Dr.) Ranbir Singh
Vice-Chancellor

AWARDS & HONOURS

Prof. (Dr.) Ranbir Singh has been the recipient of various awards in recognition of accomplishments, both as an administrator and teacher / researcher. In the year 2018-2019, he received the following laurels:



1. 'Ambassador for Peace' Award: For promoting peace and harmony by Universal Peace Federation on January 3, 2019.
2. "Lawyers' of India' Day Award - 2018", for outstanding contribution to the development of Legal Education in India from Bar Association of India on December 3, 2018.
3. Honoris Causa: For Doctor of Law, from Jagran Lakecity University, Bhopal on December 2, 2018.

Prof. (Dr.) G.S. Bajpai, Registrar, NLU, Delhi received the following distinctions in 2018-19



1. He is being appointed as the Vice-President of Victim Support Asia (VSA), Seoul, South Korea.
2. He was appointed as the Amicus Curiae by Delhi High Court in Criminal Appeal No. 157/2013 – Babloo Chauhan @ Dabloo (Appellant) versus State of Delhi (Respondent).
3. He has spearheaded 'Digital Initiatives' in the form of e-PG Pathshala Projects and Massive Open Online Courses at NLU Delhi.

NLUD in NIRF 2018 and 2019

National Law University Delhi has received Second rank in the Law school category of National Institutional Ranking Framework 2018 and 2019 (NIRF)

National Law University Delhi does it again, two years in a row, ranked 2nd all over India, in the National Institute Ranking Framework (NIRF) recognition.



With this achievement, NLU Delhi becomes the only University in the NCT Delhi, to have figured in Top 2 in the NIRF Ranking, under all categories, twice consecutively in 2018 and 2019.

This recognition was awarded by Ministry of Human Resource Development (MHRD), Govt. of India which released its India Rankings 2019, on April 8, 2019. NLUD secured 2nd rank in the Law School

category across the country, upholding its last year's position, scoring 76.23 this year, progressing from 74.58 of last year's, almost eclipsing over the first ranker with 77.21.

MHRD released this fourth edition of NIRF India Rankings 2019 and the Report of Higher Educational Institutions, at Vigyan Bhawan by Hon. President of India Shri Ram Nath Kovind.

ALL INDIA LAW ENTRANCE TEST, 2019

NLU, Delhi conducted the All India Law Entrance Test 2019 on 5th May 2019, all over the country (20 cities) for admission to B.A.LL.B. (Hons.), LL.M. and Ph.D. Programmes. The University received 19888 applications for B.A.LL.B. (Hons.) Programme, 1540 applications for LL.M. Programme and 228 applications for Ph.D. Programme. The admission process for all the courses will be completed soon. 83 Students have been admitted to B.A.LL.B. (Hons.) programme 83 students for

LL.M. The admission process for Ph.D. programme is still under process.

Toppers:

B.A. LL.B (Hons.) Programme		
1.	Agam Aggarwal	- 83.5
2.	Raushni Kaura	- 82.75

LL.M. Programme		
1.	Yashaswini Singh	- 86.25
2.	Unnati Srivastava	- 81.5

SIXTH ANNUAL CONVOCATION

The 6th Annual Convocation of National Law University Delhi, was held on 4th August, 2018 at the campus. HMJ Dipak Misra, Chief Justice of India, was the Chief Guest who commenced the programme by delivering the convocation address. Shri Arvind Kejriwal, Hon'ble Chief Minister, Govt. of NCT of Delhi, was the special Guest of Honour. HMJ Gita Mittal, acting Chief Justice, Delhi High Court and Chancellor of NLU Delhi—conferred degrees upon successful students of B.A.LL.B. (Hons.),

LL.M., and Ph.D. scholars.

The Convocation also saw the release of three NLUD Journals: Journal of National Law University Delhi and Journal of Victimology and Victim Justice, both published by SAGE publications and NLUD Student Law Journal.

The Vice Chancellor of National Law University, Delhi, Professor (Dr.) Ranbir Singh stated that NLU Delhi is renowned for its Research, with 14 active Research

Centres running and completing various research projects. Law Commission of India, Government Ministries and Courts, among others, regularly consult NLUD for collaborations or for expert advice. The University houses National Academy of Law Teachers (NALT) for training of Law faculties and have trained over 600 teachers. He said, “The best for NLU Delhi is yet to come. Being Number 1 Law school in India is too small an aim. We hope to compete with the best Law schools across the globe.”

HMJ Dipak Misra, the Chief Guest congratulated NLUD for completing a decade of fruitful presence under an able leadership of Prof. Ranbir Singh. He stated the country has great expectations from the graduating students from India’s premiere

Law school and urged them to familiarise themselves with social realities, which will make them effective lawyers, judges and administrators. He implored the need for them to learn to bridge the gap between legality and reality, and to work for the advancement of the poor, downtrodden and impecunious. His advice was to “never be afraid of uncertain future that lies ahead because this uncertainty is intellectually exciting.”

Apart from this, gold medals and cash prizes were awarded to students of B.A.LL.B. (Hons), and LL.M. programmes. **Ms. Kanchan** was awarded 7 Gold medals and 3 cash prizes, **Ms. Yashika Jain** received 4 Gold medals and 1 cash prize, and **Ms. Kudrat Agarwal** got 4 Gold medals. 2 Gold medals were awarded to LL.M. students.



CONFERENCES & SEMINARS

International Conference on “Reforming Prosecution for Victim Justice” on June 21-22, 2019

For the first time as an International

Conference in the country, Prosecution Reforms are being looked into from the Perspective of Crime Victims and Victim Justice. This is a novel effort by NLU Delhi towards providing opportunities

to students, scholars, faculty, and other governmental or International Stakeholders to participate in re-imagining the Criminal Justice System focussing on victim justice.



Organised by K. L. Arora Chair in Criminal Law and Centre for Criminology and Victimology, in association with Indian Society of Victimology and Victim Support Asia; this is a step forward towards facilitating and strengthening efforts towards Victim Justice in the Asian region by Prof. Dr. G. S. Bajpai, Registrar, NLU, who is serving as Vice President of the 'Victim Support Asia' (VSA) since March 2019. This was a collaborative step under the MoU signed between 'Centre for Criminology and Victimology' (CCV), NLU Delhi, and 'The Indian Society of Criminology' (ISC) in February 2019.

This International Conference has attracted over 70 presenters, participants, nominees, and honourable luminaries, including Prof. Balraj Chauhan, Vice-Chancellor, Dharmashastra National Law University, Jabalpur, as Guest of Honour; and HJM Justice Madan Lokur, Former Judge, Supreme Court of India, as Chief Guest.

The representatives of—different State Prosecution Departments, National

Commission for Women, and State Child Prosecution from the Delhi Commission for Protection of Child Rights are also participating in it.

Colloquium on Select IP Issues (May 3, 2019)

“Recent Reforms at Intellectual Property Office: Patent and Copyright Administration in India”

A Colloquium on Select IP Issues was organised by National Law University Delhi under aegis of the Chair on Intellectual Property Rights and the IQAC. The inaugural lectures in the series were on the topic “Recent Reforms at Intellectual Property Office: Patent and Copyright Administration in India”. This colloquium aimed to understand the recent reforms carried out by the Indian IP Office, evaluating how far such reforms have been successful, and the way forward.



It was coordinated by the Chair on Intellectual Property Rights and the IQAC cell with its panel speakers as Mr. Hoshiar Singh, Registrar of Copyrights, Intellectual Property Office, New Delhi and Dr. K. S. Kardam, Sr. Joint Controller of Patents & Designs, Patent Office Delhi.

Regional Consultation on Law Review of Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace (Prevention, Prohibition, Redressal) Act, 2013 (January 18, 2019)



The National Law Commission for Women (NCW) collaborated with the National Law University Delhi (NLUD) to organize a

First International Conference on Digital Transformation: Preservation, Policy and Privacy, November 29-December 1, 2018

NLUD conducted this conference in collaboration with CSIR-NISCAIR, which was the major partner to the conference, along with other partners like: 'National Law Institute University', Bhopal; 'Rajiv Gandhi National University of Law', Punjab; 'The Energy and Research Institute', New Delhi; 'American

Regional consultation on January 18, 2019 on the following two themes: Amendments in the Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace (Prevention, Prohibition & Redressal Act 2013 and Provisions affecting Women's Property Rights.

Mrs. Soso Shaiza and Smt. Kamlesh Gautam, Members, NCW were guests of Honour. Prof. (Dr.) Ranbir Singh, Vice-Chancellor, NLUD presided over the inaugural session. Prof. (Dr.) Ritu Gupta was the Coordinator from NLUD. The experts in both the sessions came out with relevant suggestions followed by thought provoking arguments by the participants.

Information Resource Centre', New Delhi; 'International Association of Law Libraries' (IALL); 'Indian Law Institute', New Delhi; 'IFLA Asia and Oceania'; etc.

There were presentations by Academicians, Law Librarians, Research Scholars and Experts of the field.



Ninth International Women and Business Conference on—Business Empowerment of Women & Sustainability, October 24-26, 2018

This conference was organised by NLU Delhi in collaboration with ‘Institute of Company Secretaries of India’ and ‘Trakya University’. There were 16 paper presenters from different parts of India and the World,

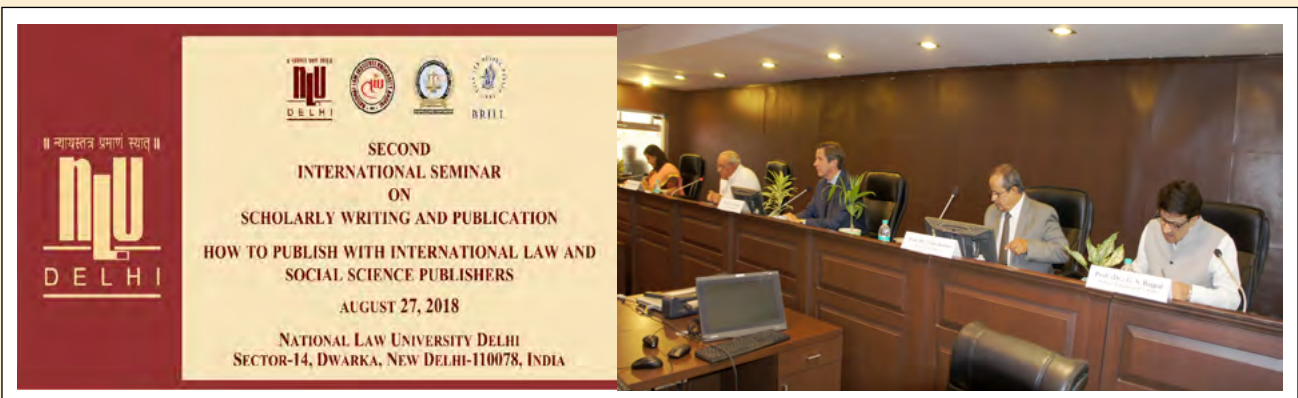
including from Istanbul, Germany, South Africa, Israel, etc. The conference had two plenary sessions and three parallel sessions on: “Business Empowerment of Women and Sustainability”.



Second International Seminar on Scholarly Writings and Publication: How to Publish with Law and Social Science Publishers, under the aegis of IQAC, August 27, 2018

National Law University Delhi, in association with ‘National Law Institute University’ Bhopal; ‘Rajiv Gandhi National University of Law’, Patiala; and ‘Brill International’, organised this seminar under

the aegis of IQAC at NLU Delhi, August 27, 2018. Over hundred participants and resource persons discussed, shared their views and experiences about the publishing pattern in Law and Social Sciences.



Panel Discussion on Wrongful Prosecution (Miscarriage of Justice): Legal Remedies Report 277 of Law Commission of India, October 1, 2018



K. L. Arora Chair in Criminal Law and Centre for Criminology & Victimology, National Law University Delhi, organised a panel discussion on Wrongful Prosecution

(Miscarriage of Justice): Legal Remedies – Report 277 of Law Commission of India, at India International Centre, New Delhi.

Various themes were discussed in the panel discussion like: Law Commission’s approach to using ‘Wrongful Prosecution’ and ‘Malicious Prosecution’—its appropriateness; Conceptualisation of ‘Wrongful Prosecution’ and ‘Malicious Prosecution’; Critique of the ‘standards of wrongful prosecution’; Appreciation of ‘best practices in cases of wrongful prosecution’; Contextualisation of wrongful prosecution in India vis-a-vis other jurisdictions; Legislative Reforms suggested and their implementation, etc.

RESEARCH CENTRES

The University has many illustrious Research Centres established to cater to diverse research and training needs of the society. The corpus of research funds of these Centres run into crores and is generated through aids from Governmental agencies, higher judiciary, and International academia. The Centres additionally offer significant opportunities to the students to indulge in research to build their competence.

Some of the Research Projects undertaken and completed are:

Exploring Court’s Role in Facilitating Women’s Right to Maintenance

This project commissioned by the Ministry of Women & Child Development, Government of India, was completed by Dr. Anju Tyagi and Dr. Bharti Kumar.

The purpose was to find out how effective courts are in ensuring execution of the maintenance orders, as awarded by them to the women applicants and to ascertain the problems that judges face in the process of its execution. This research was based on an empirical study using questionnaires and cases; while trying to know the perspectives of: litigants, civil society members, advocates, and judges.

The Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace (Prevention, Prohibition and Redressal) Act, 2013: A Study to assess its impact, implementation issues and concerns in various Government/PSUs/Private Sectors in Delhi (NCR)

Sponsored by National Human Rights Commission (NHRC), objective of the project is an attempt to map the functioning

of the 2013 Act, since its implementation. The proposed study would be able to establish a missing link between the desired objectives of the 2013 Act and the current state of affairs in the chosen Government/Semi-Govt./PSUs/Private departments in Delhi (NCR). The compilation of the results of empirical study and analysis of the result would provide a glimpse about the ongoing efforts of the Government to curb the menace of sexual harassment. Principal Investigator of the project is Prof. (Dr.) Ritu Gupta.

An Empirical Study to Examine the Impact of the Legal Aid Services provided by the Legal Aid Counsels (LACs) on the Quality of the Legal Aid System in India, (2017-19)

Prof. (Dr.) Jeet Singh Mann is conferred with this Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR) Research Project; objective of which is to take cognizance of the hindrances in legal aid services, provided by the Legal Aid Counsels (LACs), and submit a viable solution to promote quality legal aid services in India. This empirical research, required a study of 36 District Legal Services Authorities (DLSAs) from the North, South, East, West, Centre and North-East Zones of India. The research project is currently in its report writing and analysing stage.

Mental Health Project (2018-2021)

Project 39A was granted this project that aims to initiate the process of reforming the judicial and prison systems, which are accountable for the mental health of the accused people; towards building capacity

for trial court lawyers and judges. The objectives are to (a) identify under trial prisoners with a history of mental illness, with the assistance of prison authorities; and to (b) consult with mental health professionals to ensure that the illness has been properly diagnosed and is reflected in the records.

Legal Aid Project (2018-2021)

Project 39A was granted this project, with the aim to evaluate existing systems, develop a 'Best Practices Model' and incorporate this as part of a code of professional ethics for lawyers. In order to fully understand the implications of a lack of quality legal aid in criminal cases, comprehensive audit of public institutions will be conducted, namely: District Legal Services Authorities (DLSAs), State Legal Services Authorities (SLSAs) and the Supreme Court Legal Services Committee (SCLSC).

Forensics Project (2018-2019)

Project 39A was granted this project that seeks to collect empirical data from governmental forensic laboratories, regarding: administrative functioning, casework management, laboratory infrastructure, accreditation, quality control, and quality assurance mechanisms. The project will also examine the state of forensic DNA profiling in India.

Torture Project (2018-2021)

Project 39A was granted this project that aims to unravel the nature of custodial torture and questioning its perpetrators;

given its impact on quality of evidence and influence on judicial outcomes. Custodial torture in investigative processes lies within a complex web of—police, judicial and state failures—that leads to botched or faulty evidence. This comes with a real danger of the innocent, being convicted or sentenced to death. The project will rely on interviews with prisoners, former police officers, prison officials, and people who have been acquitted on account of innocence.

IP in Agri-Biotech in India (2018-2019)

The project aims to study the components as a part of its research by focusing on the Monsanto litigation in India, which raises serious concerns regarding the application of anti-trust theories and the threshold required under the Competition Law of India. Monsanto is charged with alleged abuse of its dominant position and using stipulations in the technology licensing agreements, having an appreciable adverse effect on competition. The Principal Investigator of the project is Mr. Yogesh Pai.

CIPAM-L2 Pro Content Development Project (2018-2019)

Centre for Innovation, Intellectual Property and Competition (CIIPC) has undertaken the L2Pro (Learn to Protect) content development project in collaboration with Centre for IPR Promotion and Management (CIPAM), a unit of Department of Industrial Policy & Promotion (DIPP), Government of India and Qualcomm Inc. This course aims to simplify IP protection and enforcement, by creating an interactive and engaging

learning experience with maximised learning outcomes. The Principal Investigator of the project is Mr. Yogesh Pai.

Evaluation of Functioning of Fast Track Courts in India – An Empirical Study (2018-2019)

Centre for Criminology and Victimology at NLUD has been entrusted with this Research Project by the 'Department of Justice, Ministry of Law'. Fast track courts were set up on recommendation of the 11th Finance Commission in 2001, to deal with the pending cases and accumulating backlog; with special focus on cases that involved under-trials, for people in jail for over two years. Though this was planned to exist for five years, due to its efficient and decent performance with respect to the number of cases disposed, the scheme was extended till 2011. Prof. G. S. Bajpai is the Principal Investigator for this study.

Regulation of Digital Markets in the Context of Big Data, AI, and IoT (January 2018 onwards)

While framing policies with regard to regulation of digital markets, even some of the basic concepts like—dominance, abuse of dominance, and collusion between undertakings—may have to be revisited. This project will primarily look at competition issues in two areas: (1) App Store market for mobile devices and (2) Algorithmic bias in online services. This discussion assumes special significance in the light of the recent decisions of the Competition Commission of India (CCI) in the Google case and also the decision of

the European Commission in the Android case. Principal Investigator of the project is Dr. Arul George Scaria.

Hate Crimes – Prejudices and Violence Faced by People from North-Eastern States and Measures to Counter – an Empirical Study (2018 onwards)

The 'Indian Council of Social Science Research', New Delhi, entrusted this Research Project to Centre for Criminology and Victimology at NLU. The present study premises on the escalating trend of cases of prejudice and violence against people belonging to the Northeast regions; forming what we call 'hate crimes'. This study attempts to map the experiences and vulnerabilities of people from the Northeast; and would be based in the

following states: Delhi, Mumbai, Chennai, Hyderabad, Pune and Bengaluru, with a total sample number of 1200 cases.

Study of Impact Assessment of Electoral Literacy Club in India

NLU has undertaken a research project in collaboration with the Election Commission of India, which initiated a programme of opening Electoral Literacy Clubs in schools, colleges and communities all over the country; in order to spread electoral literacy and awareness among the people. It also studies the impact of these clubs, through field surveys and preparing a report of the same. The project is handled by Prof. (Dr.) Anupama Goel and Dr. Ritu Sharma.

WORKSHOPS & TRAINING PROGRAMMES

Advance Course in Law Enforcement – M. P. Police Directly Recruited DSP Officers (June 22-29, 2019)

NLU, Delhi has entered into an MOU with Madhya Pradesh Police for Training and Research. This is a flagship programme offered by NLU for police officers. MP Police has decided to make it a part of DSP Basic course as an essential component of training for each batch. The first course under this scheme was inaugurated on 3rd June, 2019, by Shri Rishi Kumar Shukla, CBI, Director; Shri Sanjay Rana, special DG training MP Police; K. T. Vaiphei, ADG cum Director of the Madhya Pradesh Police Academy, Bhopal; and Prof. Ranbir Singh, VC NLU Delhi.

National Law University Delhi has organised two Advance Courses in Law Enforcement in 2019 for directly recruited DSP batch of MP police. The advanced law enforcement course would cover various aspects of: Crime Investigation, Law and Order Management, and Quality of Police Service Delivery, special provisions for weaker sections and their access to justice.

Law and Technology Development Programme under Fulbright Specialist (May 11– June 12, 2019)

Prof. J. Danixia Cuevas, Professor at Miami Dade College, Miami, Florida, a Fulbright Specialist under the Fulbright Specialist Programme offered a training for the NLU faculty members and research associates

for developing interactive online courses.

Fourth Vertical Interaction Course for IPS/Senior Police Officers (February 18 – 22, 2019)

The Centre for Criminology & Victimology at National Law University Delhi organized the 4th Vertical Interaction Course for IPS/Senior Police Officers from February 18 - 22, 2019 in collaboration with Bureau of Police Research and Development (BPR&D), New Delhi. The program was inaugurated by Shri Javeed Ahmad, IPS, Director, LNJNI NICFS, New Delhi, Prof. (Dr.) Ranbir Singh, Vice-Chancellor, NLU Delhi and Prof. (Dr.) G. S. Bajpai, Registrar, NLU Delhi.

The event was graced by the presence of some prominent speakers who actively shared their views. Around 18 sessions were scheduled during these five days which involved as many as 18 Resource Person's from the fields like Police, Judiciary, Academics, Lawyering, Civil society organisation, Anti-Terrorism Squad and bureaucracy, such as Shri V.N. Rai (Former Director) National Police Academy), Dr. K.P. Singh, (DGP, HHRC), Dr. G.K. Goswami (Joint Director, CBI), Dr. Chhaya Sharma, (DIG, NHRC), Dr. Vineet Kapoor, (Deputy Director, Madhya Pradesh Police Academy), Mr. Anant Asthana, (Advocate) and many more.

Training Workshop on Prevention of Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace, under the auspices of National Academy of Law Teachers (NALT), October 6-7, 2018



The purpose of the workshop was to bring together a variety of stakeholders, like Internal Complaints Committees (ICCs) and Local Complaints Committees (LCCs) members from all over India. The resource persons invited were from the academia,

industry as well as Delhi State Legal Services Authority (DSLISA). The workshop was supported by the National Human Rights Commission & Ministry of Women & Child Development, Government of India. The training sessions were conducted by an

associate from Bhasin&Bhasin Associates, faculty from Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU), Government officials from Ministry of Women & Child Development and Delhi

State Legal Services Authority, and Prof. (Dr.) Ritu Gupta, NLU Delhi, who is an expert on sexual harassment at workplace laws.

LECTURES, ORATIONS AND OTHER EVENTS

Special Lecture on 'Product Safety and Consumer Protection', March 30, 2019

National Law University Delhi celebrated the 'World Consumer Rights Day', by hosting a Special Lecture on 'Product Safety and Consumer Protection', on Saturday, 30th March 2019.

The lecture was delivered by HMJ R. K. Agrawal, President of National Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission (NCDRC) and Former Judge of the Supreme Court of India. Prof. (Dr.) G. S. Bajpai, Registrar, National Law University Delhi, delivered the welcome address. The programme concluded with a vote of thanks delivered by Convenor of the event, Dr. Sushila, Assistant Professor of Law, National Law University Delhi.

Lecture by Dr. G. K. Goswami, IPS, Joint Director, CBI (March 7, 2019)

Dr. G. K. Goswami, IPS, Joint Director, Central Bureau of Investigation, delivered a lecture on 'Scientific Aids to Fair Investigation: Gateway to Justice', 7th March, 2019, in the Advanced Criminal Procedure Law class. It was attended by LL.M. students of Constitutional Law, Criminal Law Group LL.M. Prog. and

students specialising in Criminal Law.

Release of the Open Science India Report (digital version for public comments) at the Global Congress on IP and Public Interest, Washington D.C., September 27, 2018

The Open Science India Report (digital version for public comments), prepared by 'Centre for Innovation, IP and Competition' (CIIPC), was officially released by Prof. (Dr.) Ranbir Singh, Vice-Chancellor, National Law University Delhi at the 'Global Congress on IP and Public Interest, Washington, D.C., September 27, 2018. The report, which can be accessed through the link: <https://osf.io/aj9gw/>, summarises the major findings and recommendations from the 'Open Science Project' of CIIPC.

Nineteenth Bodh Raj Sawhny Memorial Oration, September 8, 2018



Hon'ble (Dr.) Justice Chandrachud delivered the 19th Justice Bodh Raj Sawhny Memorial Oration, at NLU Delhi on the topic "Rule of Law in a Constitutional Democracy". The Programme's YouTube link is: <http://youtu.be/YVvRr0ZzRPM>.

HSF-NLUD International Negotiation Competition, September 7-9, 2018

Herbert Smith Freehills LLP and the National Law University Delhi, jointly organised the 'Fifth edition of the International Negotiation Competition' (INC). This edition of the competition was the largest yet to be organised by NLU Delhi; witnessing participation of 38 teams from eight countries, 20 of which flew to India from different parts of the World. It aims at providing an opportunity to law students from top universities across the globe to practice and improve their negotiation skills, in a real environment.



Lectures by Prof. (Dr.) Eric Hilgendorf, University of Wurzburg, August 28 and 30, 2018

Prof. (Dr.) Eric Hilgendorf, Professor of Criminal Law, Criminal Justice and Legal Theory, University of Wurzburg, Germany,

visited NLU Delhi. He delivered lectures on "Artificial Intelligence and Law - The German and the European Perspective", on August 28, 2018 and "Robots in Criminal Law - Cases and Discussions in Germany", on August 30, 2018. His sessions were attended by Ph.D. scholars, students of B.A.LL.B. (Hons.) and LL.M., and faculty members of NLU Delhi.

International Day of Yoga (June 21, 2019)

International Day of Yoga, or shortly Yoga Day, is celebrated annually on June 21, since it was recognized Internationally since 2015. It has been declared by the United Nations General Assembly to be celebrated all across the World, especially its nation of origin, India.

National Law University Delhi recognised and practiced Yoga day in the afternoon of June 21, 2019, amidst its Faculty and Non-Teaching Members. This was to promote better health and wellness through Yoga, which is a combination of physical, mental, and spiritual practice originating in India.

Yoga is a holistic practice an ancient tradition focusing on collaborative healing of all internal and external parts of the body and psyche. At NLUD along with performing breathing and physical exercises, there was an explanation by the guide on benefits of yoga, and how it reintegrates being unified within oneself, especially dealing with stress and modern lifestyle.

STUDENT'S ACHIEVEMENTS AND ACTIVITIES

Academic Achievements (2018-2019)

Since few years, consistently, students of the University are performing extremely well in reputed competitive examinations of the country alongwith securing scholarships and fellowships.

Delhi Judicial Service Merit List 2018:

1. Aakash Sharma, rank 6
2. Devanshu Sajlan, rank 23
3. Akansha Gautam, rank 25
4. Deeksha Sethi, rank 31
5. Bhanu Pratap Singh, rank 39
6. Harshal Negi, rank 54
7. Neha Sharma, rank 55
8. Anam Rais Khan, rank 71
9. Karan Choudhary, rank 121

The Union Public Service Commission (UPSC) 2018:

1. Vaishali Singh, rank 8
2. Rangashree TK, rank 50 (Allotted to IFS)
3. Saloni Sharma, rank 531

International Scholarships and Study, 2018-2020:

1. **Surabhi Lal:** Full Scholarship, Pratibha M. Singh Scholarship for pursuing LL.M. at Cambridge.
2. **C. V. Aradhna:** Full Scholarship from University of Oxford for DPhil in Law, starting October 2019.
3. **Siddhant Sachdeva:** Secured admission to University of Oxford M.Sc. in Law

and Finance (MLF) and University of Cambridge for Masters in Corporate Law (MCL).

4. **Dr. Vandana Mahalwar:** Fulbright-Nehru Postdoctoral Research Fellowship, Duke University, Durham, USA, 2019-20.
5. **Aasavri Rai:** Arthur C. Helton Fellowship of American Society of International Law, 2018-19, by 'Brookings India', to analyse policies adopted by India towards Rohingya refugees and assess how these policies have been perceived by the neighbouring states.
6. **Chinmay Kanojia:** Human Rights LL.M. Fellowship for one year LL.M. Program from 2019-2020, Columbia Law School, USA.
7. **Gale Andrew:** Felix Scholarship to read for LL.M. Programme at 'SOAS University', London, 2018-19.
8. **Aadya Chawla:** DAAD Scholarship to pursue Masters in European and International Law (LL.M.) at 'University of Saarland', Germany.
9. **Divya Chawla:** Cambridge Scholarship in 2018, instituted by Justice Pratibha M. Singh for studying in 'Cambridge University'.

Moot Court Committee

Mooting is a thrust area of Legal Education which provides practical skills to law students through simulated settings. The University strives to integrate the theory

and practice of Law through moot court activities. The moot court activities are coordinated by the faculty adviser to the Moot Court Committee. Members of the faculty help students in preparing for Moot Court Competitions. National Law University, Delhi, encourages and facilitates students participating in Moot Court Competitions in India and abroad.

Moot Court Competitions Organised in 2018 - 19



India National Rounds of the 'International Criminal Court Moot Court Competition'



'Justice Y. K. Sabharwal Constitutional Law Moot'

1. India National Rounds of the 'International Criminal Court Moot Court Competition'
2. South Asia Rounds of the 'Monroe E-Price Media Law Moot'
3. 'CCI-NLUD Competition Law Moot'

4. 'Insolvency and Bankruptcy Moot Competition'
5. 'Justice Y. K. Sabharwal Constitutional Law Moot'

Moot Court Achievements 2018-19

International Teams:

1. Aditya Garg, Devdutta Mukhopadhyay, and Puneet Dinesh were semi-finalists at the International Rounds of the '2018 Price Media Law Moot Court Competition' at the 'University of Oxford'. They won the prize for the 'Best Memorial'. They also won the 'Africa Regional Rounds' of the 'Oxford-Price Media Law Moot Court Competition', University of Johannesburg, South Africa. There, the team again won the 'Best Memorial', and Devdutta Mukherjee, was adjudged as 'Best Speaker' (Preliminary Rounds).
2. Neeraj Nainani, Prashasthi Bhat, and Sanjana Ravjiani reached Round of 32 at the '2018 Willem C. Vis (East) International Commercial Arbitration Moot', in Hong Kong. The team received an honourable mention of 'Best Claimant Memorandum'. Prashasthi and Sanjana, both were judged 'Best Oralist'.
3. Abhinav Hansa Raman, Gaurika Khandelwal, and Yashita Gour participated in the '2018 Willem C. Vis Moot' in Vienna. They were also semi-finalists at the 'AIAC-ICC Kuala Lumpur Pre-Moot' and 'Indian Vis Pre Moot'.

4. Aakanksha Bhardwaj, Nishant Badhran, and Riddhi Jad was declared as the 9th best team at the 2018 Frankfurt Investment Arbitration Moot in Frankfurt.
5. Amber Tickoo, Anany Mishra, Dushyanth Narayanan, GaliArudhra Rao, and Yuvnesh Sharma were runners-up at the 'India National Rounds', of the 'International Criminal Court Moot Competition 2018' (ICC). GaliArudhra Rao was declared as the Best Oralist. In the International Rounds, the team reached Quarterfinals and GaliArudhra Rao was given the award for Best Prosecution Counsel and Second Best Oralist.

National Teams:

1. Kaustub Narendran, Kritika Vidyarthi, Rohan Andrew Naik, Tarun Sundaram, and Tishta Tandon won the prize for 'Best Memorial' at the India National Rounds of the '2018 Philip C. Jessup International Law Moot'.
2. Riya Shah, Sahil Malhotra, and Shakaib Khan were runners-up at the 'Third Jindal Technology Law and Policy Moot Court Competition 2018'. The team won the prize for 'Second Best Memorial', and Sahil was adjudged as 'Second Best Oralist'.
3. Anushka Pandey, Divyansh Joshi, and Srikari Kancharla were semi-finalists at the '2018 NUJS-HSF Corporate Law Moot'.
4. Anushka Sachdev, Karan Vijay, and

Yusrah Khan were adjudged to as the 'Best Applicant Memorial' at India National Rounds of '2018 Leiden-Sarin Air Law Moot'.

5. Aadarsh Singh, Aaditya Arora, and Kashish Singhal won the prize for 'Second Best Memorial' at the '2018 NLU Antitrust Law Moot' at NLU Jodhpur.
6. Ambar Modi, Madhav Nakra, and Siddharth Kaushal participated in the '2018 GD Goenka Global Antitrust and Commercial Law Moot'. Madhav was declared as the 'Best Oralist' (Male), and Siddharth as 'Second Best Oralist' (Male).
7. Ashima Sharma, Atulya Gupta, and Nidhi Pratap Singh were runners-up at '2018 Loi Fiesta National Moot'.
8. Palash Srivastava, Akanshha Agrawal and Manav Dhanetiya won the 'Best Memorial Award' at '2019 K. K. Luthra Memorial Moot'.
9. Anushka Pandey, YashitaGour and Vishvesh Vikram qualified for the International Rounds of the '2019 Frankfurt Investment Arbitration Moot'.

ADR Achievements 2018

International Teams

1. Devdutta Mukhopadhyay, Shrey Patnaik and Vrinda Vinayak participated in the '2018 CPR International Mediation Competition' in São Paulo, Brazil. Devdutta won

'Best Mediator' in the Mediation Category, and Shrey and Vrinda won 'Best Teamwork' in the Negotiation Category.

2. Aditya Garg, Rohan Bhatia, and Tarun Sundaram were the 'Second Best Mediation Team' (Overall) at the '2018 INADR International Law School Mediation Competition' in Chicago, USA. Tarun Sundaram won the 'Second Best Mediator' (Preliminary Rounds).

National Teams

1. Karan Vijay and Madhav Nakra participated in the '2018 RMLNLU Mediation Competition'. Karan was adjudged as runner-up for 'Best Client'.

Legal Aid Services Committee



NLU Delhi engages in various legal aid initiatives through its committee, undertaken by the students under the guidance of faculty and other related authorities. Various activities undertaken include Para-Legal Volunteer Training Workshop, writing Petitions, providing legal assistance to Collaborations like to National Human Rights Commission, Legal Awareness, Community Outreach

Programme to increase awareness towards one's rights, and Pro bono Panel wherein committee student members actively participate in client counselling and representation at court, alongside selected external lawyers.

The Committee has established a fully functional Legal Aid Clinic to pursue cases of people seeking legal counsel; and has set up an office space on the campus premises from where it operates. To spread more legal awareness and inform people about the clinic, posters were put up, flyers distributed and plays enacted in Dwarka and areas around. A legal aid lawyer from the Delhi State Legal Services Authority (DSLISA) visits the clinic every week, to deal with various grievances addressed to the clinic. The members of the Committee help the lawyers with these cases along with helping clients in filing complaints, writing letters, sending RTI's, applying for certificates online, etc.

HRLN-LSC Kathputli Colony Petitions (August 2018)

The Legal Services Committee in collaboration with the Human Rights Law Network intervened into the matter of displacement of over 2100 families living in Kathputli Colony, Delhi and a group of 25 students (involving members of the Committee and other student volunteers from the University) drafted more than 50 Writ Petitions, making a crucial intervention into the matter.

Collaboration with the National Human Rights Commission (November 2018)

This collaboration is to study the living conditions of the inmates at Rohini Jail and to follow up on the cases which require Legal Assistance. This is an ongoing project and the Committee is in the process to constitute a dedicated panel of Para Legal Volunteers which would be responsible in future for any kind of project related to prison fieldwork including this project.

Pro bono Panel

The Committee has constituted the Pro-bono Panel of various lawyers and at present, it consists of various prominent lawyers including Mr. Jawahar Raja (Advocate, practising at the Supreme Court, Delhi High Court, and various courts and tribunals across Delhi), Mr. Deepak Biswas (Partner, Bharucha and Partners) and Mr. Nipun Saxena (Advocate, practising at the Delhi High Court, and various courts and tribunals across Delhi). The Committee members actively participate in client counselling and representation at court, alongside these lawyers.

Clinic for Assistance in Labour Laws (CALL)

The Clinic for Assistance in Labour Laws (CALL) was inaugurated on April 16, 2019 by the workers of the University at its office established in the Legal Aid Clinic, NLU Delhi. There were around 100 workers and 30 students during the inauguration ceremony. Advocate Sanjay Ghose was also present for the same. The inauguration ceremony was followed by the workshop, conducted for the workers of the University. It was conducted by Advocate

Sanjay Ghose, who is a famous labour lawyer, practising in the Supreme Court and the Delhi High Court. The primary theme of the workshop was labour issues and basic labour rights. There were many issues that were raised by the workers, a few of them are, for example, minimum wages violation, issues related to their PFs, domestic violence, unionisation and their labour rights and non-compliances of the same.

The workshop was followed by a cultural event for the workers. The event was aimed at ensuring inclusivity on campus and its cultural activities. Workers and students jointly put up dance and song performances. Many of them also recited their self-written works.

With CALL, the Committee aims at bridging the power differential between the workers and the employers and at empowering the workers. It also aims at increasing awareness about their labour rights and at ensuring their efficient and effective representation before the legal institutions.

Debate, Literary, and Quiz Committee

The University participates in various literary and debating activities across the board, some of the competitions won are:

- Winners, 70th Mukarji Memorial Debate, St. Stephens College, 2018.
- Winners, Jodhpur Parliamentary Debate, 2018.

Sports Committee



Sports integrate the physical with the mental, emotional and social, and are highly imperative as a constant source of reinvigoration and restoring balance within the self and with people around. The Sports Committee works towards creating a more nurturing and fostering atmosphere for sports, of all kinds.

NLU Matches

The Committee sent a contingent to NLU Odisha, where the NLUD teams performed very well, even winning three medals, including one in volleyball.

Sovereign Cup 5th Edition

It also organised the bi-annual Sovereign Cup 5th edition, with the faculty giving a tough competition to the other team comprising of students from all batches.

Strong Alone, Stronger United

The Committee also conducted matches between the incoming batch of students and the rest of the existing batches, for a variety of sports like volleyball, basketball, football, etc.

Cultural Initiatives

The University believes in celebrating myriad festivals with the aim to make students from all parts of the country feel at home, and to introduce the international students to Indian culture and traditions.

Christmas Ball

National Law University celebrated an eventful evening with the 'Christmas Ball', on December 28, 2018. This was in the spirit of keeping alive the University's mantra of having light-hearted and fun-filled days, in the midst of study and work to help students unwind and enjoy.

Dandiya Night

Dandiya dance was celebrated at the University, on October 17, 2018 and the campus was aesthetically adorned with lights and decorations; while students were dressed in vibrant, traditional attires, befitting to the occasion.

Annual Cultural Festival

National Law University Delhi, conducts multitude of extra-curricular activities throughout the year; believing in the integration of the academic with the co-curricular as a holistic way of education. The most awaited of them all is the Annual Cultural Festival which promises learning, healthy competition, and intermingling for all the students. In this spirit, various competitions were organised to elevate an environment of growth and gaiety, through dancing, singing, drama, and poetry.

FORTHCOMING SEMINARS/CONFERENCES/WORKSHOPS

S. No	SEMINARS/CONFERENCES/ WORKSHOPS	Faculty Coordinator	Dates
1.	Orientation – Commencement of New Academic Session of B.A. LL.B (Hons.) -2019-20		4 August 2019
2.	Study Programme for Belgian Delegation	Dr. Amita Punj	2-7 August 2019
3.	Orientation – LL.M Programme for the Academic Session – 2019-20	-	13 August 2019
4.	Seventh Annual Convocation of NLU Delhi	-	17 August 2019
5.	Orientation – LL.M (Professional) for the Academic Session – 2019-20	-	31 August 2019
6.	North Regional Rounds of Conquest Contest in association with Centre for Law and Policy Research, New Delhi	Dr. Amita Punj	31 August 2019
7.	International Negotiations Competition in association with Herbert Smith Freehills LLC	Sh. Daniel Mathew	6-8 September 2019
8.	National Seminar on Affordable Housing: Building Inclusive Society for the 21st Century India organized by Centre for Tax Laws, NLU Delhi	Dr. Prem Chand	14-15 September 2019 (TBC)*
9.	Training Programme on 'Legal Aspects and Legal Matters' for the Officers of Central Economic Intelligence Bureau (Second Schedule)	Sh. Neeraj Tiwari	23-27 September 2019 (TBC)*
10.	'Leibniz Lecture' on Constitutional Law by Prof. Christoph Mollers, Professor of Public Law and Legal Philosophy at Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin and Judge at the Supreme Administrative Court for Berlin-Brandenburg, Germany	Prof. M.P. Singh	15 October 2019

11.	Training Programme for DSP Probationers on Law Enforcement on the theme 'Envisioning Advanced Law Enforcement Challenges for Newly Inducted Police Officers' organized by Centre for Criminology and Victimology in association with MP Police Academy (Third Schedule)	Dr. Sidharth Dahiya	3-9 November 2019
12.	Insolvency Moot in association with Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India (IBBI), United Nations Commission on International Trade LAW Regional Centre for Asia and Pacific (UNCITRAL RCAP) and International Association of Restructuring, Insolvency and Bankruptcy Professionals (INSOL)	Dr. Risham Garg	10-12 November 2019 (TBC)*
13.	Oxford Price Media Law Moot Court Competition organized by Centre for Communication Governance NLU Delhi in association with Bonavero Institute of Human Rights, Faculty of Law, University of Oxford.	Sh. Sarvajeet Singh	14-17 November 2019
14.	Bar Human Rights Committee of England and Wales – NLU Delhi Training Programme on Human Rights		21-26 November 2019 (TBC)*
15.	International Conference on Shareholder Voting and Engagement in Emerging Economies (Nov 22-23, 2019) organised by the Centre for Corporate Law and Governance under the aegis of SPARC.	Prof. Harpreet Kaur	22-23 November 2019
16.	Justice Y.K. Sabharwal Constitutional Law Moot Court Competition	Dr. Anup Surendranath	28 November – 1 December 2019
17.	Legal Research Workshop	Dr. Sidharth Dahiya	9-15 December 2019

18.	Summer School on Intellectual Property in association with World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) organized by Centre for Innovation, Intellectual Property and Competition (CIIPC), NLU Delhi	Sh. Yogesh Pai	Nov – Dec 2019 (TBC)*
19.	Refresher Programme for National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT) / National Company Law Appellate Tribunal (NCLAT)	Prof. Harpreet Kaur.	December 2019 OR February 2020 (TBC)*
20.	Two Day Vertical Interaction Course on 'The Sexual Harassment (Prevention, Prohibition and Redressal) Act & Rules 2013 : A Complete Complaint Handling Mechanism'	Prof. Ritu Gupta	2019 (TBC)*
21.	94th Annual Meet of Association of Indian Universities		Between Jan-Feb 2020 (TBC)*
22.	Allen & Overy -International Finance & Corporate Course (IFCC) 2020, March 2-4, 2020	Prof. Harpreet Kaur	2-4 March 2020
23.	Legal Research Workshop	Dr. Sidharth Dahiya	22-28 June 2020

(TBC)*: To be confirmed



6th Annual Convocation-2018



NIRF Certificate-2019



NIRF Trophy 2019



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