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“Shubhaam Vidyaam Shraddaanaha Aadadeeta”

Auspicious knowledge shall be received with humble respect

VISION

Learning Law from the holistic knowledge of life in a universal perspective

MISSION

To realise the vision, the Maharashtra National Law University, Nagpur aims to provide opportunities and global facilities for students and scholars with an endeavour to develop and nurture their intellect

- ★ By exploring and expanding their personalities and potential to the fullest;
- ★ By helping them broaden their vision from the depths of the earth to limitless space, beyond all man-made boundaries;
- ★ By imparting comprehensive knowledge of law, society and justice;
- ★ By shaping them into future judges and lawyers, scholars and teachers; and
- ★ By inculcating the mettle of integrity, excellence and technique, for fostering nobility in the field of law.

Chancellor of the University



Hon'ble Shri Justice Sharad Arvind Bobde
Judge, Supreme Court of India

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Vice-Chancellor's Message



I am delighted to welcome you to the sophomore edition of the official NEWSLETTER of Maharashtra National Law University, Nagpur. Our commitment to academic diligence, the hallmark of any great educational institute, has remained strong this academic year. Indeed, now that our students have outdone themselves, we are continuing to strengthen their mettle with our academic rigours.

But our progress has not remained confined to the classrooms. We had the pleasure of establishing approximately twenty-eight research centres at the University, of which four are already functional. The members of these centres are working to create output that will be the highpoint of the country's research contribution. Any research work is incomplete without focus on doctoral programmes. Inspired by the spirit of inquiry into areas not previously explored, we welcomed our very first batch of Ph.D. scholars to our hallowed corridors. Though new, these scholars already demonstrate profound research aptitude and acumen.

For bearing in mind our students' ceaseless quest for knowledge, we worked tirelessly to ensure they would have a diverse and enriching experience through guest lectures. We were honoured to receive numerous eminent luminaries of their field, who spared their precious time to impart gems of wisdom to the students and faculty members. It is this perpetual commitment to academic improvement that sets our university apart from the others.

However, our greatest strength remains our staunch efforts to create a holistic environment of learning, personal development, extra-curricular brilliance, empathetic social outreach, and much-deserved recreation for the students. We fostered the creation of student-run committees, in order to increase their sense of ownership over lives at the University. We celebrated cultural events with joy and vigour, and we established legal aid camps to help society. We also sent students to various national competitions. Their diligence and merit won them numerous awards and recognitions at such an early stage of their law school career. I am confident that this is but the beginning of many wonderful achievements by our student body.

Nothing has warmed my heart more than witnessing and reliving these moments of success and exuberance. I hope our readers have as pleasant of a time perusing this newsletter as we did in preparing it.

A stylized handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a large 'V' and 'K' intertwined.

(Vijender Kumar)

About the University

Maharashtra National Law University, Nagpur (MNLU, Nagpur) was established in the year 2016 by the Government of Maharashtra to further the cause of academic excellence in the legal industry. With Hon'ble Shri Justice S.A. Bobde as Chancellor, the University is committed to pioneering innovative research and shaping the minds of the greatest young lawyers of the coming generations. The University has employed an exceptional faculty to achieve this goal. Together, the teaching and non-teaching staff is dedicated to grooming and fostering young students as they realise their ambitions and quench their thirst for knowledge.

The objectives of MNLU, Nagpur are manifold, mainly to advance and disseminate learning and knowledge of law and legal processes and their role in national development; to develop in the students and research scholars a sense of responsibility; to serve society in the field of law by developing skills in regard to advocacy, legal services, legislation, law reforms and the like; to organise lectures, seminars, symposia, conferences and capacity building programmes; to promote legal knowledge and to make law and legal processes efficient instruments of social justice and development; to promote traditional, cultural, legal and ethical values with a view to promote and foster the rule of law and the objectives enshrined in the Constitution of India; and to liaise with institutions of learning and research in India and abroad. To this end, the University has taken various steps towards the welfare of students such as providing a health centre with male and female doctors, career counsellor, personality developer and free medical insurance to all the students. Presently, the University offers B.A.LL.B.(Hons.) Five-Year Integrated Degree Programme and One-Year LL.M. Postgraduate Degree Programme.

The University also offers a Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) Degree Programme. The University emphasises on not just academic success but also creating a holistic environment for students where they can thrive and excel in every field. This is assured not just with the facilities on campus but also by means of rigorous extra-curricular activities. Not forgetting the essential goal of an ideal lawyer to help society, the University also encourages social outreach, including legal aid. Thus, in addition to regular classes, the students are encouraged to participate in workshops, seminars, conferences, debates, moot court competitions, etc.

HIGHLIGHTS:

- Orientation of the First Batch of Ph.D. Scholars
- Organisation of WIPO-India Summer School on Intellectual Property
- Inauguration of the G.L. Sanghi Memorial Lecture Series
- Inauguration of the Justice S.M. Daud Memorial Lecture Series
- Announcement of Winner of Architectural Design Competition

Officers of the University



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Vice-Chancellor



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Registrar



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OSD (Academics) & Dy. Registrar



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Intellectual Pillars of the University



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Professor of Law



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Associate Professor of Law



Dr. V.P. Tiwari
Associate Professor of Law



Dr. Anirban Chakraborty
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Dr. Manish Yadav
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Dr. Deepmala Baghel
Assistant Professor
of Sociology



Dr. Sreenivasa Rao
Assistant Professor
of History



Prof. Sopan Shinde
Assistant Professor
of English



Dr. Medha Dixit
Visiting Faculty
of English

Second Batch of Students and Maiden Batch of Ph.D. Scholars

Orientation Programme for B.A.LL.B.(Hons.) and LL.M. Students

MNLU, Nagpur held an Orientation Programme for the second batch of B.A.LL.B.(Hons.) and LL.M. students on July 16, 2017. Young aspiring lawyers were joined alongwith their parents on the cheery occasion. Before the enraptured audience, Prof. (Dr.) Vijender Kumar, Vice-Chancellor of the University, congratulated the students who had secured admission to the University, in addition to sharing his wisdom with them.



Orientation Programme for Ph.D. Scholars

The Orientation Programme for the Ph.D. scholars was organised by the University on January 6, 2018, wherein Prof. (Dr.) Ranbir Singh, Vice-Chancellor, National Law University, Delhi, was the Chief Guest, Prof. (Dr.) Paramjit S. Jaswal, Vice-Chancellor of Rajiv Gandhi National University of Law, Punjab (Patiala), was the Guest of Honour and Prof. (Dr.) Vijender Kumar, Vice-Chancellor of the University presided over the programme. Prof. Kumar welcomed the guests and scholars and remarked that the scholars are extremely fortunate as their orientation is being taken by two eminent academicians in the field of legal education. Prof. Singh advised the scholars that for doing research for Ph.D. Degree, a scholar must be focused, committed to the research, and must develop 'Critical Legal Thinking'. He further emphasised that time management is the key to success of a scholar. Prof. Jaswal shared his experience about writing a quality thesis and the care to be taken during the whole process of learning while keeping in view the latest UGC Regulations on quality research. The programme concluded with a Vote of Thanks by Prof. C. Ramesh Kumar, OSD (Academics) of the University and informed that the Ph.D. 'Course Work' would be commencing shortly, wherein the scholars would be trained by stalwarts in the field of Research Methodology in order to help them build a concrete foundation for undertaking their doctoral research.



Inspirations Galore

Prof. (Dr.) Sarasu Esther Thomas, Professor of Law, National Law School of India University, Bangalore, delivered a guest lecture on September 25, 2017. She threw light on socially relevant legal issues concerning women's safety, such as their safety in the workplace and their right to safe travel. She lamented over the general lack of empathy and awareness that plagues women's equal status in the society. She concluded that Indian women are far from empowered, and that the Indian society has a long way to go before it can achieve the Constitutional ideal of gender equality.



Prof. (Dr.) Sarasu Esther Thomas

Shri Anoop Kumar, IAS, Divisional Commissioner, Nagpur, delivered a lecture on 'Right to Information and Right to Service' on September 26, 2017. He emphasised the importance of transparency and accountability in the functioning of public services in a democracy. He also pointed out the role of public authorities in ensuring that citizens are well-informed about the initiatives of the government so as to encourage their participation in the governance.



Shri Anoop Kumar

Mr. Joe Bradley, Head, Academic Institutions Programme, WIPO (World Intellectual Property Organisation) Academy, Geneva and Prof. (Dr.) V.C. Vivekanandan, Dean, School of Law, Bennet University visited the University on November 7, 2017 and interacted with faculty members and Postgraduate students. They discussed the unprecedented significance of Intellectual Property Law in the knowledge economy and consequent increase in demand for academicians and lawyers in the field of Intellectual Property. They further informed the students about various career opportunities available in WIPO and stressed on the need for collaboration and exchange of academicians and students among countries in order to develop global intellectual property infrastructure.



(From left) Prof. (Dr.) V.C. Vivekanandan, Prof. (Dr.) Vijender Kumar and Mr. Joe Bradley

Dr. Yashomati Ghosh, Associate Professor of Law, NLSIU, Bangalore visited the University on November 8, 2017 and delivered a lecture to the Postgraduate students on 'Citizen-Centric Governance: Challenges and Perspectives'. She raised concerns about the side-lining of the interests of citizens in favour of political opportunism and emphasised the urgent need to put citizens at the centre of innovative and beneficial government schemes.



Dr. Yashomati Ghosh

Prof. (Dr.) Ranbir Singh, Vice-Chancellor, National Law University, Delhi, visited the University on January 6, 2018 and interacted with the Undergraduate students. He enlightened the students on the fundamental concepts of Research Methodology and encouraged them to develop critical legal thinking to hone their research skills. He also talked about the importance of time management, effective planning, and prioritisation of research tasks for the successful completion of any research endeavour.



Prof. (Dr.) Ranbir Singh

Prof. (Dr.) S.P. Kane, Vice-Chancellor, Rashtrasant Tukadoji Maharaj Nagpur University (RTMNU), visited the University on February 1, 2018 and interacted with the faculty members on the use of statistical techniques in research. He emphasised the efficacy of statistical techniques in the stages of data collection and data interpretation in research.



(From left) Prof. (Dr.) S.P. Kane and
Prof. (Dr.) Vijender Kumar
Interacting with Faculty Members

Hon'ble Shri Justice K. Sreedhar Rao, Former Chief Justice, Gauhati High Court, visited the University and interacted with the Vice-Chancellor, Registrar and Dy. Registrar of the University on June 6, 2017. They discussed the vision and mission of the University and innovative measures which can be taken up towards the progress of the University and its students. They also talked about the role of National Law Universities in creating socially responsible lawyers and the efforts to be taken to further develop the standards of legal education in India.



Prof. (Dr.) Paramjit S. Jaswal, Vice-Chancellor, Rajiv Gandhi National University of Law (RGNUL), Punjab (Patiala) delivered a series of lectures on Constitutional Law to the second year Undergraduate students. He discussed different aspects of Constitutional law, with emphasis on the Right to Equality. He opined that hindrance is caused to the effective realisation of Right to Equality due to the diversity and disparity in the Indian society. He also traced the contributions made by the Indian judiciary to extend the Right to Equality to the marginalised sections of the society.



Hon'ble Shri Justice B.P. Dharmadhikari, Administrative Judge, Bombay High Court, visited the University on February 3, 2018 and delivered a guest lecture to the Undergraduate students. He imparted pearls of wisdom on the transition from student life to professional life. He discussed three phases of the said transition- from child to student, student to learner and learner to researcher. He concluded his address by emphasising the importance of ethics in professional life.



Prof. (Dr.) Phanindra Goyari, Professor of Economics, University of Hyderabad, visited the University on February 15, 2018 and delivered a lecture to the Undergraduate students. He talked about the relationship between Law and Economics, and the significance of study of Economics for law students and legal professionals. He also highlighted the need to promote interdisciplinary research in Law and Economics.



Prof. (Dr.) V. Nagaraj, Professor of Law, NLSIU, Bangalore visited the University on February 5, 2018 and delivered a lecture to the Undergraduate students on Client Counselling. He said that Universities should take necessary steps towards developing a client-oriented approach among law students. He also provided practical suggestions to students on how to conduct a productive client consultation. He commended the practice of Client Consultation Competitions in Law Schools as a successful effort in Clinical Legal Education.



Prof. (Dr.) T.V. Subba Rao, Senior Professor of Law, NLSIU, Bangalore visited the University on February 6, 2018 and February 10, 2018 and delivered lectures to Undergraduate Batch of 2016 on 'Human Rights and Fundamental Rights', and 'Constitutionalism'. He talked about the importance of Rule of Law, Separation of Powers, Federalism, and Judicial Review for maintenance of Constitutional supremacy in India. He also explained the concept of 'Living Constitutionalism' while highlighting important constitutional amendments.



Prof. (Dr.) Manoj Kumar Sinha, Director, Indian Law Institute, New Delhi visited the University on February 8, 2018 and interacted with LL.M. students. He spoke on diverse dimensions of International Humanitarian Law including Refugee Law, Laws of War, Principle of Non-discrimination, Principle of Humane Treatment, and the protection of civilians and property during war. He also discussed the role of the International Committee of the Red Cross as a neutral organisation for the protection of victims of war and internal violence.



Prof. (Dr.) Manoj Kumar Sinha

Prof. (Dr.) R. Venkata Rao, Vice-Chancellor, NLSIU, Bangalore, visited the University on February 10, 2018 and interacted with Undergraduate students. He talked about the inter-relationship between Law, Justice and Human Values, and how this inter-relationship works as an instrument for social justice. He also inspired the students to study with passion and discipline and inculcate ethical values to become diligent professionals.



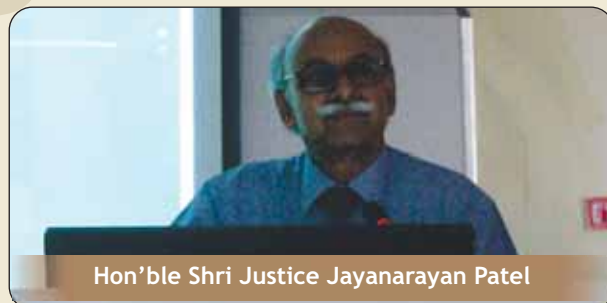
Prof. (Dr.) R. Venkata Rao

Prof. (Dr.) V. Ramakrishna, Eminent Professor of History, University of Hyderabad, visited the University on February 15-16, 2018 and delivered lectures on History to the Undergraduate students. He talked about the importance of studying historical developments for understanding the evolution of law. He also emphasised the need to undertake more interdisciplinary research projects in History and Law.



Prof. (Dr.) V. Ramakrishna

Hon'ble Shri Justice Jayanarayan Patel, Former Chief Justice, Calcutta High Court, visited the University on February 19, 2018 and interacted with the students. He discussed his personal experiences with the students as examples of following the correct legal procedure without succumbing to political or monetary compulsions. He reflected on the obstruction caused to effective justice delivery by lawyers who circumvent due procedure.



Hon'ble Shri Justice Jayanarayan Patel

Shri M.K. Sharma, Registrar Administration, Bombay High Court Bench at Nagpur, interacted with the Undergraduate students on March 24, 2018. He briefly explained the procedural niceties involved in litigation and also expounded the significance of hierarchy of Courts in the efficient administration of the justice delivery system.



Shri M.K. Sharma

Mr. Joe Bradley, Head, Academic Institutions Program, WIPO-Geneva, delivered a talk to the Undergraduate students on July 3, 2018. He vividly spoke about the changing dynamics of Intellectual Property Rights in the globalised world. He also highlighted the role of WIPO in bridging the gap between Intellectual Property and Intellectual Capital, and in promotion of awareness about Intellectual Property Rights in developing and least developed countries.



(From left) Prof. (Dr.) Naresh Kumar Vats
Mr. Joe Bradley, Prof. (Dr.) Vijender Kumar,
Dr. N.M. Sakarkar

Dr. Anindya Sircar, IP Attorney visited the University on July 3, 2018 and delivered a talk to the Undergraduate students on Intellectual Property Rights. He specifically explained the nature, scope and significance of protection of Industrial Designs using the Intellectual Property protection mechanism. He also provided an overview of the interface between Artificial Intelligence and Intellectual Property Rights.



Dr. Anindya Sircar

Bar Council of India Inspection

An Inspection team from the Bar Council of India, New Delhi consisting of Adv. Satish Deshmukh, Vice-Chairman, Bar Council of India; Hon'ble Shri Justice V.D. Gyani, Former Chief Justice, Gauhati High Court; Shri Apurba Kumar Sharma, Chairman, Executive Council, Bar Council of India; Adv. Shailendra Dubey; Academicians Prof. Bhavesh Jadhav and Prof. D.M. Patel inspected the University on January 30, 2018. The Members of Inspection team were briefed about the University from its inception. They visited the current premises and inspected the available facilities for Academic Activities, Library, Examination Section, Health and Wellness Centre, Moot Court and Legal Aid Clinic etc. and interacted with faculty, staff and students. The Inspection Team also visited permanent campus site of the University at Waranga, Nagpur.



Inspection Team from Bar Council of India Interacting with Vice-Chancellor

Memorial Lectures

G.L. Sanghi Memorial Lecture

The University was graced by the presence of Hon'ble Shri Justice S.A. Bobde, Judge, Supreme Court of India, and Chancellor of the University on July 29, 2017. He delivered the 1st lecture of the G.L. Sanghi Memorial Lecture Series on 'The Role of an Advocate' organised by the University. He spoke about the remarkable qualities of Shri Sanghi that all lawyers should try to inculcate in their professional etiquette. He then proceeded with his lecture and enunciated the significance of lawyers' arguments in eliciting landmark judicial decisions from the Bench.



Hon'ble Shri Justice S.A. Bobde

Justice S.M. Daud Memorial Lecture

The 1st Justice S.M. Daud Memorial Lecture on 'Competition Law and the Common Man' was delivered by Hon'ble Shri Justice V.S. Sirpurkar, Former Judge, Supreme Court of India, on October 7, 2017. He highlighted the issues and challenges related to fair competition to protect the freedom of trade for ensuring the protection of the interests of consumers. He discussed the role of Competition Commission of India in preventing the practices having adverse effect on competition in the light of economic development of India. The function was presided over by Hon'ble Shri Justice S.A. Bobde, Judge, Supreme Court of India and Chancellor of the University.



University Milestones

Announcement of Winner of Architectural Design Competition

The work that began in the academic year 2016-17, with the announcement of the Limited Architectural Design Competition, culminated this year. The Infrastructural Development Monitoring Committee (IDMC) met on August 6, 2017, considered the Report of the Board of the Assessors and declared the Bangalore-based architectural firm 'Architect Paradigm' as the winner of the Limited Architectural Design Competition.



Panel Discussion



Aerial View of Proposed Permanent Campus

Release of the Flagship Journal

The first issue of the Flagship Journal of the University, i.e., Contemporary Law Review Vol.1 No.1 2017 was released on September 29, 2017 by Hon'ble Shri Justice S.A. Bobde, Judge, Supreme Court of India and the Chancellor of the University.

The special issue of the Flagship Journal of the University, i.e., Contemporary Law Review Vol.2 No.1 2018 on 'Teaching Methods and Techniques' was released on April 14, 2018 by Hon'ble Shri Justice Jasti Chelameswar, Judge, Supreme Court of India; Hon'ble Shri Justice S.A. Bobde, Judge, Supreme Court of India and the Chancellor of the University and Hon'ble Shri Justice B.R. Gavai, Judge, Bombay High Court in the presence of faculty members and students. The special issue comprised of articles authored by eminent academicians and faculty members of the University.



Hon'ble Shri Justice S.A. Bobde
Releasing the First issue of Flagship Journal



(From left) Hon'ble Shri Justice S.A. Bobde,
Hon'ble Shri Justice Jasti Chelameswar and
Hon'ble Shri Justice B.R. Gavai

Constructive Collaborations

The University signed Memorandums of Understanding (MoUs) for fostering academic collaboration, not just in offering B.A.LL.B.(Hons.) Five-Year Integrated Degree Course and LL.M. One-Year Postgraduate Degree Course in interdisciplinary areas, but also for encouraging multidisciplinary areas of research and publication, including research by Ph.D. scholars.

On November 11, 2017, the University signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Mumbai (TISS) at Mumbai. Both the institutions promised to exchange their support and guidance for the holistic development of students and faculty members.



MoU with TISS, Mumbai

On January 17, 2018, the University signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Gujarat National Law University, Gandhinagar at Gandhinagar. The Universities pledged to collaborate for achieving academic excellence along with deriving mutual benefit.



MoU with GNLU, Gandhinagar

On April 12, 2018, the University signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the National Law University and Judicial Academy, Assam at Nagpur. The MoU pledged to foster the development of the students by engaging in resource sharing endeavours.



MoU with NLUJA, Assam

Transnational Triumph

The World Intellectual Property Organisation (WIPO) Academy, Geneva and Rajiv Gandhi National Institute of Intellectual Property Management (RGNIPM), Nagpur collaborated with MNLU, Nagpur and jointly organised the WIPO-India Summer School 2017 on Intellectual Property from November 6-17, 2017 at Nagpur. The Summer School witnessed national and international participation, including students and young professionals from different disciplines of Science, Law, Engineering, and professionals working in IP Offices interested in gaining deeper understanding of various aspects of Intellectual Property.

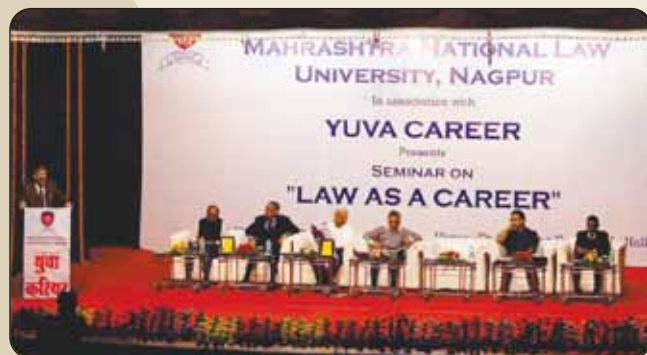


Feast for Future Legal Minds

To realise the vision as enshrined in the Constitution of India, MNLU, Nagpur, as part of its social responsibility along with 'Yuva Career' Weekly Magazine, organised a Seminar on 'Law as a Career' on April 21, 2018 at Dr. Vasant Rao Deshpande Memorial Hall, Nagpur. The basic objective of this initiative was to promote awareness among the students about various options available in the field of Law. The seminar was attended by students who have completed 12th Standard or about to complete 12th Standard. Hon'ble Shri Justice Z.A. Haq, Judge, Bombay High Court Bench at Nagpur; Hon'ble Shri Justice R.C. Chavan, Former Judge, Bombay High Court; Shri C. L. Thool, Member (Legal), Maharashtra State Commission for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes and Shri Ashutosh Salil, District Collector, Chandrapur, an alumni of NLSIU, Bangalore, graced the occasion and shared their valuable thoughts and guided the students.



Hon'ble Shri Justice Z.A. Haq



A workshop on 'Gender Sensitisation' was held at the University on March 16, 2018 to promote gender equality and awareness. The event was graced by the presence of Dr. Aruna Namballa, Vice President, AIR Academy, Nagpur. She expressed her concerns over the rising offences against a particular gender and motivated the students of the University for working towards gender sensitisation and also discussed its role in the development of contemporary India.



Dr. Aruna Namballa

Ode to the Tricolour

The University celebrated the 71st Independence Day on August 15, 2017. A spirit of camaraderie and patriotism abounded as the National Flag was hoisted. Speeches reflective of the patriotic fervour were delivered, and various dance and music performances inspired from the diverse cultures of India were presented by students, which were received with appreciation by all present. The event was later concluded with a brief brunch at the University mess.



Remembering the Father of the Constitution of India

Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Jayanti was celebrated at the University on April 14, 2018. The occasion was graced by Hon'ble Shri Justice J. Chelameshwar, Judge, Supreme Court of India, Hon'ble Shri Justice B.R. Gavai, Judge, Bombay High Court and Hon'ble Shri Justice S.A. Bobde, Judge, Supreme Court of India and the Chancellor of the University, who paid tribute to Dr. B.R. Ambedkar.



Balancing the Mind, Body and Spirit

International Yoga Day was celebrated on June 21, 2018 at the hostel premises. Apart from celebration of the ancient spiritual discipline of Yoga, the celebration of Yoga Day also provided the students an opportunity to rejuvenate and balance their mind, body and spirit amid their rigorous academic schedule.



Ph.D. Course Work Held in the Month of March 2018

The University spared no efforts in providing the best facilities and guidance to its very first batch of Ph.D. scholars, consisting of 13 bright and diligent students. The Course Work consisted of a gruelling semester where the mettle and determination of the scholars was tested. The students were graced by the guest lectures of luminaries, jurists and experts, ensuring their overall development. These experts included Hon'ble Shri Justice Goda Raghuram, Former Judge, Andhra Pradesh High Court and Director, National Judicial Academy, Bhopal; Hon'ble Shri Justice R.C. Chavan, Former Judge, Bombay High Court; Prof. (Dr.) R. Venkata Rao, Vice-Chancellor, NLSIU, Bangalore; Prof. (Dr.) M.P. Singh, Chancellor, Haryana Central University and Former Vice-Chancellor, NUJS, Kolkata; Prof. (Dr.) V. Vijayakumar, Professor of Law, NLSIU, Bangalore and Former Vice-Chancellor, Dr. Ambedkar Law University, Tamil Nadu, Chennai; Prof. (Dr.) Manoj Kumar Sinha, Director, ILI, Delhi; Prof. (Dr.) T.V. Subba Rao, Professor of Law, NLSIU, Bangalore; Prof. (Dr.) G.S. Bajpai, Registrar, NLU, Delhi; and Dr. Rajender Kumar, Hyderabad. The University's own faculty members including Dr. Himanshu Pandey; Dr. Vijay P. Tiwari; and Dr. Anirban Chakraborty also enlightened the Ph.D. Scholars with informative sessions on Research Methodology.



Student's Corner

Socio-Legal Outreach

Legal Aid Camps were organised by the University at Waranga, Nagpur and Bhiwapur, Nagpur on October 29, 2017 and April 07, 2018 respectively. These camps were an effort of the University towards spreading legal awareness to the masses. In order to spread awareness about the substantive and procedural nuances of the law, students of the University enacted street play and interacted with school children and residents.

Mobile Legal Aid Camp



On April 20, 2018, a mobile legal aid camp was organised by the students of the University at Children's Traffic Park, Nagpur. The camp was inaugurated by Hon'ble Shri Justice R.C. Chavan, Former Judge, Bombay High Court in the presence of faculty members and students. The students performed street plays and organised a 'Citizen Awareness Quiz' as part of the University Social Responsibility (USR). The camp aimed at creating awareness among the masses to help them understand the intricacies of the justice delivery system.



SPORTACUS- A Gathering of Champions

The Sports Committee organised the second edition of the Annual Sports Fest of the University- SPORTACUS 2018 from February 13-18, 2018. This event saw a participation of around 100 students in 13 sports events including Basketball, Volleyball, Football, Cricket, Chess, Table Tennis, Carom, Tug of War, Badminton, and Throw Ball. The fest was marked by tremendous zeal and sportsmanship of the students and faculty members of the University. The students participated with fervor in all the events. The fest aimed at inculcating the values of healthy competition, physical fitness, self-confidence, team work and a spirit of fraternity in the students.





In-Campus Health and Wellness Centre

The University has taken various steps towards welfare of the students such as providing in-campus Health and Wellness Centre with male and female doctor/s, in-house ambulance service, career counsellor, personality developer and medical insurance to all the students for which the University bears the premium from its own sources. The Health and Wellness Centre aims to assist the students in development of their physical as well as mental health and is committed for the well-being of the students by ensuring healthy and eco-friendly environment.



Sanskrotsav - A Celebration of Cultural Diversity

Sanskrotsav is an event for which the students wait eagerly throughout the year. The second Ethnic Day of the University was celebrated on April 24, 2018. It was a memorable event the purpose of which was to bring all students and faculty members together and to help them grow not only academically, but also socially and culturally. The students and the faculty members were dressed at their best in different attires which was reflective of vibrant arts, cultures and diversity. The event witnessed enthusiastic participation by providing a platform where students were given an opportunity to showcase their talents in singing, dancing, mimicry and recital of poetry. This event is a symbol of colour, vigour, zest and cultural amalgamation.



Students Bring Laurels to the University

The University participated in the Annual Sports Fest 'ZELUS 2018' organised by RGNUL Punjab (Patiala) during March 8-11, 2018 by sending a contingent of 23 students. The students participated in various sports such as Table Tennis, Throw ball, Volleyball, Pool, Basketball, Cricket, Athletics and Badminton. The contingent brought many laurels to the University:



- ⊙ Mr. Aditya Ojha (Batch 2017) secured 3rd position in 100m and 400m.
- ⊙ Ms. Pragya Agarwal (Batch 2017) secured 3rd position in 100m and 1st position in 200m.
- ⊙ A Relay team comprising Mr. Aditya Ojha (Batch 2017), Mr. Vivaswan Deekshit (Batch 2017), Mr. Nitish Joshi (Batch 2017) and Mr. Mohit Shukla (Batch 2017) secured the overall 2nd position.
- ⊙ The Girls Basketball team comprising Ms. Vaidehi Kohle (Batch 2017), Ms. Pragya Agarwal (Batch 2017), Ms. Aditi Sharma (Batch 2017), Ms. Khushi Aswal (Batch 2017) and Ms. Bhanupriya Vyas (Batch 2017) secured the 2nd position.
- ⊙ The Volleyball team comprising Mr. Vedant Datey (Batch 2016), Mr. Himanshu Kaswa (Batch 2016), Mr. Nitish Joshi (Batch 2017), Mr. Yash Borana (Batch 2017), Mr. Safal Sethi (Batch 2017), Mr. Aditya Ojha (Batch 2017) and Mr. Manthan Sharma (Batch 2017) secured the 2nd position.



- ⊙ Ms. Debarpita Pande, Mr. Aditya Gatlewar and Mr. Kedar Warad, students of B.A.LL.B.(Hons.) Five-Year Integrated Degree Course represented the University in 10th Amity National Moot Court Competition 2017 organised by Amity University, Lucknow during July 29-30, 2017.
- ⊙ Mr. Shivam Tripathi, Ms. Debarpita Pande, Ms. Divyani Auti, students of B.A.LL.B.(Hons.) Five-Year Integrated Degree Course represented the University in 3rd BP Saraf Tax Moot Competition at NUJS, Kolkata held in July 2017.
- ⊙ Mr. Abhinav Saxena and Mr. Shagun Gupta, students of B.A.LL.B.(Hons.) Five-Year Integrated Degree Course represented the University in National Legislation Drafting Competition at Christ University (SOL) held during September 11-17, 2017.

- ⊙ Mr. Anubhav Bhaduria, Ms. Hrich Gandhi, Ms. Shreya Pandey, students of B.A.LL.B.(Hons.) Five-Year Integrated Degree Course represented the University in 17th Henry Dunant, ISIL held during September 21-24, 2017.
 - ⊙ Ms. Shwetna Priya, Mr. Sarwesh Gavane, Mr. Satyam Verma, Ms. Divyani Auti, students of B.A.LL.B.(Hons.) Five-Year Integrated Degree Course represented the University in Surana & Surana National Trial Advocacy at BVP New College, Pune held during October 6-8, 2017. Ms. Divyani Auti won the 3rd Best Student Advocate.
 - ⊙ Ms. Aditi Singh, Mr. Ujjwal Agrawal, Ms. Anshi Joshi, students of B.A.LL.B.(Hons.) Five-Year Integrated Degree Course represented the University in National ADR Tournament-SLS organised by Symbiosis Law School, Pune during October 6-8, 2017. Ms. Aditi Singh won the Semi-Finalist Award. Another team, consisting of Ms. Sonal Okhade, Mr. Pushpam Das, and Mr. Mohit Shukla, students of B.A.LL.B.(Hons.) Five-Year Integrated Degree Course represented the University in the competition.
 - ⊙ Ms. Rhea Seth, Ms. Srishti Pandey and Mr. Pranjal Panday, students of B.A.LL.B.(Hons.) Five-Year Integrated Degree Course represented the University in 3rd GNLU Securities and Investment Law Moot held during September 6-10, 2017.
 - ⊙ Mr. Advaya Hari Singh, Ms. Akshita Mittal and Ms. Avni Dubey, students of B.A.LL.B.(Hons.) Five-Year Integrated Degree Course participated in 11th BR Sawhney National Moot Court Competition held during October 13-15, 2017.
 - ⊙ A moot team consisting of Mr. Aman Bahl, Ms. Astha Pandey, Ms. Medha Patil, students of B.A.LL.B.(Hons.) Five-Year Integrated Degree Course represented the University in 4th VIPS National Moot Competition held during October 13-15, 2017.
 - ⊙ Ms. Diksha Dubey, Ms. Hricha Gandhi and Ms. Shagun Gupta, students of B.A.LL.B.(Hons.) Five-Year Integrated Degree Course represented the University in the 3rd SLCU Trial Advocacy and Judgment Writing Competition held during February 8-10, 2018. Ms. Shagun Gupta won the Best Judgement Award.
 - ⊙ Mr. Himanshu Kaswa and Mr. Ravi Sharma, students of B.A.LL.B.(Hons.) Five-Year Integrated Degree Course won the Treaty Negotiation Competition, 2018 organised by KIIT, School of Law, Bhubaneswar, Odisha held during January 12-14, 2018.
- A photograph showing three young men in dark suits and white shirts. The man in the center is holding a large, ornate trophy. They are all smiling and standing outdoors in front of a building.
- ⊙ Mr. Aditya Jain, Mr. Prakhar Agrawal and Mr. Ravi Sharma, students of B.A.LL.B.(Hons.) Five-Year Integrated Degree Course represented the University in 3rd SLCU ADR Competition (Mediation) held during February 8-10, 2018. Ms. Tanushi Bagde and Ms. Pranali Tayade, students of the B.A.LL.B.(Hons.) Five-Year Integrated Degree Course also participated as a separate team in the event.
 - ⊙ Ms. Rhea Seth and Ms. Srishti Pandey, students of B.A.LL.B.(Hons.) Five-Year Integrated Degree Course were the quarter finalists in the 3rd SLCU ADR Competition (Negotiation) held during February 8-10, 2018.
 - ⊙ Ms. Niyati Nagar, Ms. Rhea Abraham and Mr. Vedant Akhade, students of B.A.LL.B.(Hons.) Five-Year Integrated Degree Course secured the semi-finalists position in Legal Spectra Moot Competition at SOA Bhubaneswar held during March 8-11, 2018.

Internships

Judges

- ⊙ Justice Vijay Bishnoi, Rajasthan High Court
- ⊙ Justice J.K. Maheshwari, High Court of Madhya Pradesh, Jabalpur
- ⊙ Justice Sunita Agarwal, High Court of Allahabad
- ⊙ Shri. R.K. Varshney, Special Judge, Chhindwara
- ⊙ Shri. K.K. Verma, President, District Consumer Forum, Bhopal
- ⊙ Shri I.M. Bohari, Principal Judge, Family Court, Nagpur

Advocates

- ⊙ Adv. Siddharth Luthra, Supreme Court of India
- ⊙ Adv. Shiraz Querishi, Supreme Court of India
- ⊙ Adv. V.K. Saxena, High Court of Madhya Pradesh
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- ⊙ Adv. Janardan Prasad Singh, Patna High Court
- ⊙ Adv. Raghvendra Singh, High Court of Madhya Pradesh
- ⊙ Adv. Ashok Sethi, High Court of Madhya Pradesh
- ⊙ Adv. Prateek Maheshwari, High Court of Madhya Pradesh
- ⊙ Adv. Abhay Sambre, Bombay High Court
- ⊙ Adv. Rohit Masurkar, Bombay High court
- ⊙ Adv. S.O. Ahmed, Bombay High Court

- ⊙ Adv. Avinash Gharote, Bombay High Court
- ⊙ Adv. Anand Singh Bais, Bombay High Court
- ⊙ Adv. Anand Chawre, Bombay High Court
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- ⊙ Adv. Ashok Soni, Rajasthan High Court
- ⊙ Adv. A.A. Bhansali, Rajasthan High Court
- ⊙ Adv. Jogu Singh Bhati, Rajasthan High Court
- ⊙ Adv. Suneel Pareek, Rajasthan High Court
- ⊙ Adv. Suresh Pareek, Rajasthan High Court
- ⊙ Adv. Anand Prakash Paul, High Court of Judicature at Allahabad
- ⊙ Adv. Janendra Singh, High Court of Judicature at Allahabad
- ⊙ Adv. Rajat Rajan Singh, High Court of Judicature at Allahabad
- ⊙ Adv. Ajay Dignpaul, Delhi High Court
- ⊙ Adv. Fouzia Mirza, Chhattisgarh High Court
- ⊙ Adv. Mohd. Zaffar, District and Sessions Court, Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh
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- ⊙ Adv. K.K. Sharma, Patiala House Court, New Delhi

- ⊙ Adv. Sanjay Khanna, Tis Hazari Court, New Delhi
- ⊙ Adv. Amol Kotambakar, Assistant Public Prosecutor, District Court, Wardha, Maharashtra
- ⊙ Adv. P.B. Taori, District and Sessions Court, Wardha, Maharashtra
- ⊙ Adv. D.C. Dagha, District and Sessions Court, Nagpur, Maharashtra
- ⊙ Adv. Virendra Dixit, District and Sessions Court, Agra, Uttar Pradesh
- ⊙ Adv. Rajesh Sable, District and Sessions Court, Yavatmal, Maharashtra

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- ⊙ Bihar State Legal Services Authority, Patna
- ⊙ District Consumer Forum, Siwan
- ⊙ District Legal Services Authority, Gwalior
- ⊙ Judicial Research & Training Institute, Lucknow
- ⊙ M.P. State Cyber Cell, Indore
- ⊙ Madhya Pradesh Human Rights Commission, Bhopal
- ⊙ Madhya Pradesh Law and Legislative Affairs Department, Bhopal
- ⊙ National Commission for Protection of Child Rights, New Delhi
- ⊙ National Green Tribunal, New Delhi
- ⊙ National Legal Services Authority, Delhi
- ⊙ NITI Aayog, New Delhi
- ⊙ Right to Information Office, Bhopal
- ⊙ State Consumer Dispute Redressal Commission, Bihar
- ⊙ State Commission for Women, Odisha
- ⊙ Uttar Pradesh Human Rights Commission, Lucknow

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- ⊙ The Times of India (Jaipur, Nagpur and Bhopal)
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- ⊙ London School of Legal Studies (South), Dhaka, Bangladesh

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- ⊙ Centre for Sustainable Development, Nagpur
- ⊙ Child Rights and You (CRY), Mumbai
- ⊙ Child Rights and You (CRY), New Delhi
- ⊙ Child Welfare Committee, Katni, M.P.
- ⊙ Choti Si Khushi, Delhi
- ⊙ Citizens' Justice Forum, Mumbai
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- ⊙ District Adult Education Association, Kota
- ⊙ Foundation for Democratic Reforms, Hyderabad
- ⊙ Gravis, Jodhpur
- ⊙ Greenpeace International, Pune
- ⊙ Human Rights Law Network (HRLN), (Allahabad, Indore and New Delhi)
- ⊙ International Human Rights Organisation
- ⊙ Maharogi Sevasamiti, Anandvan, Varora, Chandrapur
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- ⊙ Naya Savera De-addiction and Rehabilitation Center, Mahendragarh, Chhatisgarh
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- ⊙ People's Union For Civil Liberties (PUCL), (Jaipur and New Delhi)
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- ⊙ Rajputana Society of Natural History, Udaipur
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