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From the Vice Chancellor's Desk

// **I**t gives me great pleasure to present this edition of the newsletter, which highlights the remarkable accomplishments of our faculty, students and alumni that continue to uphold and enhance the reputation of National Law University, Jodhpur. The Winter Semester of 2025 has been marked by academic excellence, collaborative scholarship and distinguished recognitions.

Among the many achievements, faculty members have made notable scholarly contributions. In addition to publishing in Scopus-indexed and ABDC-listed journals, they have co-edited two significant volumes with reputed academic publishers: *Business Management and Ethics: Insights from Indian Ethos* (Emerald Publishing) and *Indian Taxation Regime: Evolving Jurisprudence* (Satyam Law International). These volumes bring together insights from law, ethics, business and public policy and exemplify the University's commitment to advancing critical, interdisciplinary research through meaningful collaboration with scholars from institutions across the country.

Our students continue to distinguish themselves on the global stage. A student team emerged victorious at the ELSA Maynooth International Negotiation Competition 2025, demonstrating exceptional legal and negotiation skills in a highly competitive international setting.

NLUJ alumni continue to make remarkable contributions across national and international platforms, exemplifying the university's ethos of excellence, leadership and service. From securing the prestigious Chevening Scholarship to successfully clearing the UPSC Civil Services Examination and earning selection into Judicial Services across various states, their achievements reflect a deep commitment to public service and the pursuit of justice.

These achievements are a testament to the dedication, talent and perseverance that define the NLUJ community. As we move forward, let us continue to nurture a culture of academic excellence, ethical leadership and meaningful societal contribution.

Prof. (Dr.) Harpreet Kaur
Vice Chancellor





MEMORANDUM OF UNDERTAKINGS (MoU) & COLLABORATIONS

1. An MoU was signed with Dharmashastra National Law University on January 18, 2025, to promote academic cooperation, research exchange and collaborative initiatives in legal education.
2. MoU with Durham University, UK on May 1, 2025, to promote joint research, academic exchange and specialised legal training, strengthening its global academic collaborations.
3. MoU with the International Institute for Sustainable Development (IISD) on May 23, 2025, to foster collaboration in legal research, policy advocacy and capacity-building initiatives in the field of sustainable development.



EVENTS HOSTED BY THE UNIVERSITY

Awareness Workshop for Caregivers of Senior Citizens

On January 4, 2025, the ASHA Caregivers Society, Jodhpur Chapter, conducted an awareness workshop for the caregivers of senior citizens, targeting students and faculty members of NLUJ. The workshop was part of the University's commitment to holistic education and promotion of societal awareness among its members. The workshop featured an insightful session by Dr. Arvind Mathur, a member of the WHO Clinical Consortium for Healthy Ageing (CCHA), the WHO Global Network for Long Term Care (GNLTC) and the expert panel for Ageing for WHO SEARO, as well as President and Founder of the ASHA Caregivers Society. Dr. Mathur stated that awareness and the skill of caregiving for the elderly, along with knowledge of proper techniques in elder care, must be imparted to the younger generation so that they may care for the elderly in a diligent and empathetic manner.

Special Lecture Series on Water Law and Policy

The University hosted a Special Lecture Series on "Water Law and Policy" from January 15 to 19, 2025, by Prof. Dr. Philippe Culletis, Professor of International and Environmental Law at SOAS University of London. On the first day, Prof. Culletis introduced the themes of water justice, water security and river rights. Subsequently, Prof. discussed the fundamental right to water and the social movements around water, as well as sectoral and transboundary conflicts.

The series was engaging and insightful, with scope for developing water-related research at the University.



Vice Chancellors' Conclave on the Future of Legal Education in India

The University hosted a two-day conclave on January 18-19, 2025, with 22 Vice Chancellors of Law schools making it a grand conglomeration of visionary leaders, policymakers and academic experts from across the nation. The inaugural session was graced by the Chief Guest, Justice Surya Kant, a Judge of the Supreme Court of India; the Guest of Honour, Justice Sandeep Mehta, also a Judge of the Supreme Court of India; and the Chancellor of NLUJ, the Chief Justice of Rajasthan, Justice M.M. Srivastava. The program's objective was to encourage collaborative dialogue, foster practical perspectives and pave the way for transformative policies in the field of legal education. To commemorate the occasion, a special edition of the University's flagship journal, NLUJ Law Review, was released, giving the scholarly perspective of the participating Vice Chancellors.

NLUJ-ITEC Special Training Programme on Artificial Intelligence and Emerging Technologies

The University hosted the 23rd edition of the Indian Technical and Economic Cooperation (ITEC) Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India Special Training Programme on Artificial Intelligence and Emerging Technologies for attorneys from the Office of the Attorney General of Nepal from February 10 to 23, 2025. The special programme focused on Artificial Intelligence and Emerging Technologies, covering law, policy and procedure, as well as a multidimensional approach to artificial intelligence. It included sessions by legal luminaries and renowned experts, as well as interactive sessions designed to foster a critical understanding among participants. The pedagogy of lectures was based on case studies and discussion. The presence of Shri Gaurav Agarwal, IAS, District Magistrate and Collector, Jodhpur, graced the inaugural ceremony.

Visit by UNFPA India Representative

Ms. Andrea M. Wojnar, UNFPA India Representative and Country Director for Bhutan, along with the Rajasthan UNFPA team, visited the University on February 12, 2025, to explore potential avenues for



collaboration and lay the groundwork for impactful partnerships. The discussion opened several promising avenues for future collaboration, reflecting a shared commitment to promoting meaningful societal progress.

Expert Lecture Series on Economics of Innovation

Prof. Ruchi Sharma of IIT Indore conducted an expert lecture series from February 17 to 21, 2025 on "Economics of Innovation." The sessions examined the interplay between legal frameworks, economic incentives and innovation dynamics, providing students with a multidisciplinary perspective on regulating and fostering innovation.

XVII Convocation

The University hosted the XVII Convocation for the Graduating Batch of 2024 on February 23, 2025. The momentous occasion was graced by the presence of Shri Bhajanlal Sharma, Hon'ble Chief Minister of Rajasthan, as the Chief Guest and Hon'ble Justice Mr. Sandeep Mehta, Judge, Supreme Court of India, as the Guest of Honour. The Convocation was presided over by Hon'ble Justice Mr. Manindra Mohan Shrivastava, Chief Justice, High Court of Rajasthan and Chancellor, NLUJ. One hundred sixteen students of the Undergraduate batch, Fifty six postgraduate students and Nine Doctoral scholars were awarded degrees during the XVII Convocation.



Expert Session on the Minnesota Law LLM and Institutional Synergies

Professor Kara Galvin, Director, International and Graduate Programs, University of Minnesota Law School, conducted a session on "Minnesota Law School LLM Program and possibilities of partnership with NLUJ" on February 25, 2025.



NLUJ International Deal Negotiation Competition in Partnership with A&O Shearman

The University hosted the third edition of the NLU Jodhpur International Deal Negotiation Competition, in partnership with A&O Shearman, from February 28 to March 2, 2025. Organized by ADRC, 24 teams from India and 4 teams from various countries around the globe participated in a competitive and intellectually enriching event focused on the intricacies of commercial negotiation. The team from the Australian National University was adjudged as the winner, with the National University of Singapore as the runner-up.

The schedule also featured training sessions led by AOS and ICDR, providing students with an opportunity to network in a diverse and multicultural environment. A training session was also conducted by Mr. Nabil Shadab, Ms. Aashna Agarwal and Mr. Arun Mal from A&O Shearman. The session covered the practical aspects of commercial negotiations in the context of international transactions and also explored perspectives on finance and due diligence.

Regional Rounds of John H. Jackson Moot Court Competition

The West and South Asia Regional Rounds of the 23rd John H. Jackson Moot Court Competition (Regional Rounds) were held at NLU Jodhpur from 7-10, March 2025. The event witnessed participation by 19 teams from across India and beyond, all brought together by their shared commitment to excellence in international trade law and dispute resolution. The Chief Guest for the Inauguration, Prof. Murali Kallummall, delivered an engaging speech, drawing attention to the growing relevance of international trade law in shaping economic policies and resolving cross-border disputes.

The event also witnessed participation by representatives from ELSA International- Ms. Aliena Trefny and Ms. Gia, the Vice-President in charge of Competitions at ELSA and Director of Competitions, who brought the perspective of ELSA's global mission. Ms. Aliena Trefny addressed the audience, speaking on the transformative role of the Regional Rounds in shaping the next generation of international trade law practitioners.





Lecture on India & Bilateral Investment Treaties

The Centre for Policy and Research in International Law organised an Expert Lecture by Prof. Dr. Prabhash Ranjan, Assistant Dean, O.P. Jindal Law School, on the topic of 'India and Bilateral Investment Treaties' on March 21, 2025, at the National Law University, Jodhpur. The lecture focused on the progression of investment policies from the 1960s to the 1990s. The speaker emphasized the circumstances leading to liberalization, Globalization and Privatization in 1991 and its impact on foreign investment. The discussion progressed to the clauses adopted in the Model BIT by India, along with the reasoning underlying them, with a specific emphasis on the implications of cases like the White Industries case.

Faculty Development Programme on Research and Publications in Law

The University organized a Faculty Development Programme on *Research and Publications in Law* on 22nd March 2025, featuring Prof. (Dr.) Prabhash Ranjan, Vice Dean (Research) at Jindal Global Law School. The session offered valuable insights into journal selection, enhancing research quality and navigating the publication process. He also shared practical strategies for identifying impactful research topics and engaging with global academic platforms.

XVI NLU Antitrust Law Moot Court Competition, 2025

The XVI NLU Antitrust Law Moot Court Competition, 2025, was organized in collaboration with The Competition Commission of India, along with Cyril Amarchand Mangaldas, held the event from March 28 to 30, 2025. Recognized as India's premier moot court event focused on competition law, the competition provided a platform for rigorous legal debate and advocacy, attracting participation from law students across the country. The competition brought together over 36 teams from prestigious law schools across India, offering them a unique platform to hone their legal research, drafting and courtroom advocacy skills. National Law School of India University, Bangalore (NLSIU) emerged as the winning team of the competition, while the Runners-Up team was Jindal Global Law School, Sonipat (JGLS).



Guest Lecture on Diversity Equity and Inclusion: Insights from Organizational Behavior and Law

An online guest lecture by Ms. Vidhi Thakur, Head of Talent Management, DEI & Employee Experience at KFC India, was conducted on April 19, 2025, for students of the UG VIII Semester elective on *Diversity, Equity and Inclusion*. She shared insights on KFC's flagship DEI program *KFC Kshamata*, highlighting inclusive hiring, Indian Sign Language training and leadership pathways for employees with disabilities.

Faculty Seminar by Prof. Bruce Wardhaugh from Durham Law School

Prof. Bruce Wardhaugh, Professor of Competition Law at Durham Law School and Visiting Professor at NLUJ, delivered a faculty seminar on his working paper titled: *"Against Fairness: Redistribution, Bigness and the purpose of Antitrust"* on April 30, 2025. The seminar was followed by extensive deliberations, with faculty providing inputs on the various facets to be included in the working paper.

Launching of Blog by Centre for Family Law

The Centre for Family Law launched its in-house blog, The Family Law Chronicle, which features insightful posts on contemporary family law issues, including child custody and marital rape. The blog has garnered national attention, receiving a range of draft submissions from law students across the country on diverse topics within the field of family law.

Capacity Building Programme in collaboration with PFMTI

The University, in collaboration with the Public Financial Management and Training Institute (PFMTI), Jaipur, Government of Rajasthan, successfully concluded a two-day capacity building programme on Contract Drafting and Contract Management System, held on May 21-22, 2025, at the University campus. During the training, a special session was delivered by Hon'ble Justice Vineet Kothari, former Acting Chief Justice of the Gujarat High Court.

IX CARTAL Conference on International Arbitration, 2025

The IX CARTAL Conference on International Arbitration was hosted on 24-25 May 2025 by the Centre for Advanced Research and Training in Arbitration Law, bringing together a diverse and highly esteemed group of scholars, institutional leaders and practitioners to examine the present challenges and future trajectories of international arbitration. Structured around the forward looking theme, "Reconciling Tradition with Innovation: Future-Proofing the Dispute Resolution Processes," the conference unfolded over two sessions, each tackling a critical dimension of modern arbitration. Panel I explored the evolving landscape of institutional arbitration, focusing on legal frameworks and procedural efficiency, while Panel II addressed the transformative impact of emerging technologies, particularly artificial intelligence, on the arbitration process.



ACTIVITIES ORGANIZED BY SCHOOL OF INSURANCE STUDIES



I. Special Sessions Organised for MBA (Insurance) Students: Coordinated by Dr. Seema Arora

- Ms. Shikha Hassani, Vice-President at Willis Towers Watson and a distinguished alumna of the university, addressed the students on March 21, 2025. She spoke on the *Significance of Liability and Cyber Insurance*, highlighting their growing relevance in today's risk environment. She also shared her journey and offered practical guidance on building a successful career in the insurance sector.
- Mr. Saurabh Bhootara, Certified Fire Protection Specialist – NFPA and Regional LII APAC Product Manager at Liberty Mutual Insurance Group, conducted an engaging session on the *Key Aspects of Risk Engineering and Property Underwriting* on March 27, 2025. Drawing from his extensive experience, he provided real world insights that sparked student interest in property insurance.
- Mr. Vikram Jeet Bhayana, Vice-President and Head of Marketing at Bajaj Allianz General Insurance, delivered an interactive talk on *Insurance Marketing* on May 2, 2025. His practical approach and use of real-life examples helped students understand marketing strategies and operational nuances within the insurance industry.

II. Risk Inspection Visit to Salasar Cold Storage: Coordinated by Dr. R. K. Purohit

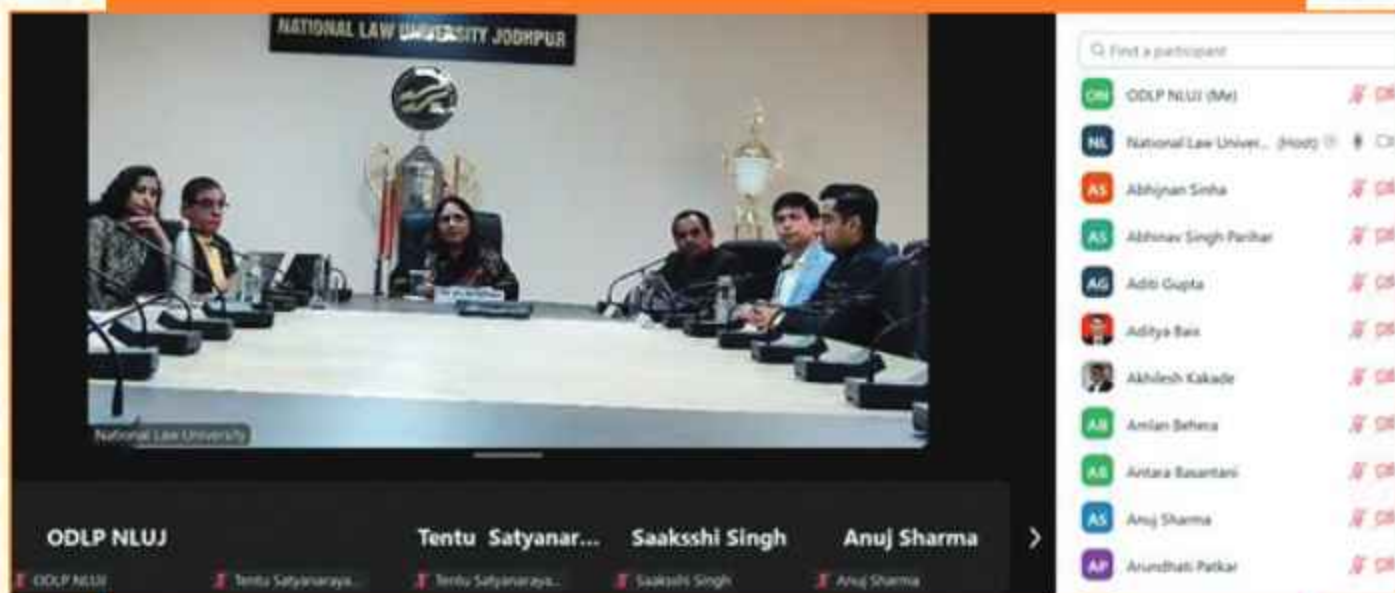
MBA (Insurance) students visited Salasar Cold Storage on 7th February 2025 for a practical risk inspection exercise. Guided by risk inspector Mr. Deepak Rathi, students gained insights into operational hazards and insurance related risks in cold storage environments.

III. Participation in National Lok Adalat

On March 8, 2025, MBA (Insurance) students attended the National Lok Adalat, organized by RLISA and coordinated by Mr. Ajeej Khan. Hon'ble Justice Mr. Dinesh Mehta presided over the session, offering insights into ADR, while students observed live MACT proceedings and compensation calculations.



ONLINE DISTANCE LEARNING PROGRAMME



Orientation Programme

National Law University, Jodhpur, launched five short-term online certificate courses under its Online Distance Learning Program (ODLP) during the February–May 2025 session. A total of 86 learners including members of Academia, industry professionals, students and executives participated in the following courses:

1. *Artificial Intelligence, Law and Ethics*
2. *General Liability and Cyber Crime Insurance*
3. *Public Policy: Analysis and Strategy*
4. *Law of Standard Essential Patents*
5. *Emotional Intelligence for Conflict and Negotiation*

These offerings reflect the University's commitment to meeting the growing demand for knowledge and skills in contemporary, interdisciplinary and specialized domains, reaffirming its vision of promoting continuous and lifelong learning. Certificates were awarded to the candidates who completed their respective courses.



EVENTS ORGANIZED BY CENTERS & SOCIETIES

Centre for Innovation & Entrepreneurship for Women (CIEW)

- A training session for support staff was conducted on January 8, 2025, focusing on organic bag-making and organic soap-making for university support staff. It aimed at promoting self-sufficiency, creativity and sustainable practices.
- Production of Organic Soaps for Major Institutional Events facilitated during January–April, 2025.

The Centre oversaw the preparation of organic soaps by trained women entrepreneurs. These soaps were showcased and distributed at the Vice Chancellor's Conclave held in January 2025 and the NLUJ Convocation 2025.

Centre for Gender Studies

Guest Lecture by Prof. Nivedita Menon on Marriage and Feminist Thought

Centre for Gender Studies hosted a compelling guest lecture by Prof. Nivedita Menon (JNU, Delhi) titled "*Approaching the Institution of Marriage from a Feminist Perspective*," on April 25, 2025. Prof. Menon critically examined marriage as rooted in patriarchal and heteronormative structures, urging a reimagining of kinship, care and partnerships beyond state-sanctioned norms.

Legal Awareness Workshop for Senior Citizens

Centre for Gender Studies and the Centre for Family Law jointly conducted a *Legal Awareness Workshop for Senior Citizens* in collaboration with the Ministry of Social Justice and the National Institute of Social Defence on March 29, 2025. The workshop focused on the *Maintenance and Welfare of Parents and Senior Citizens Act, 2007* and addressed issues such as property rights, maintenance, inheritance and legal remedies against elder abuse.

The event featured insights from Ms. Anuradha Advani (Director, Anubhoddh Vruddhajan Kutir Sanstha), along with sessions led by Dr. Anjali Thanvi, Ms. Sayantani Bagchi and Ms. Preeti Badola. The workshop emphasized legal literacy and concluded with an interactive Q&A session, reinforcing the university's commitment to legal outreach and the well-being of the elderly.

Centre for Law and Technology

Commentary on the Draft Digital Personal Data Protection Rules, 2025

The Centre for Law and Technology at NLUJ released a comprehensive national-level policy report evaluating MeitY's Draft Rules, 2025. Using expert surveys and a legal evaluation matrix, the report benchmarks the rules against core privacy doctrines and global standards, identifying gaps in accessibility, clarity and state safeguards.

The report, published across five SSRN E-Journals, has already received 40+ downloads and is now publicly accessible for stakeholders.



II NLUJ – IITJ National Workshop on Law and Technology

The second edition of the National Workshop on Law and Technology was successfully organized on 5-6 April, 2025 through a collaborative initiative between NLUJ and the Indian Institute of Technology, Jodhpur (IITJ). Structured across six technical sessions spanning two days, the workshop examined contemporary challenges, including Artificial Intelligence in judicial systems, Cybercrime Mitigation, protection of Intellectual Property Rights in the digital age, regulatory frameworks in Fintech and Medtech, among others. With a galaxy of Academia, legal luminaries, technical experts and practitioners, the two-day workshop provided a rare and valuable space for constructive dialogue across disciplines. The workshop also catalyzed several meaningful institutional connections, paving the way for future collaborations, pilot projects and joint research initiatives between NLUJ, IITJ and external organisations.

The Constitutional Law Society

Informal Discussion on Draft Data Protection Rules, 2025

On February 7, 2025, the Constitutional Society organized an engaging informal discussion on the Draft Digital Personal Data Protection (DPDP) Rules, 2025, with a focus on their implications for the Right to Privacy under Article 21 of the Constitution. The session began with a concise overview of the draft rules and the evolution of privacy rights in India. Harshita Gupta and Dhaani (Semester VIII) presented their research paper on the topic, followed by insights from Prof. (Dr.) Shilohu Rao, who critically examined the strengths and limitations of the proposed legislation.

Third Edition of Ambedkar Jayanti Conclave

The Constitutional Law Society hosted the third edition of its Annual Ambedkar Jayanti Conclave on April 14, 2025, focusing on the theme "*Dr. Ambedkar and Constitutional Morality*." The event featured thought-provoking discussions on the importance of upholding constitutional values in institutions and everyday life. Dr. Yogesh Mishra highlighted the urgency of institutional reforms to actualize constitutional morality. Mr. Shubhendu Shekhar examined the friction between constitutional ideals and societal norms, while Ms. Shreyasi Bhattacharya traced the historical evolution of the concept from the debates of the Constituent Assembly to contemporary jurisprudence. Mr. Rajesh Ranjan stressed the role of universities in cultivating a constitutional culture. Prof. (Dr.) Shilohu Rao introduced the idea of *data constitutionalism*, underlining its significance in the digital age. The session concluded with interactive exchanges, where participants posed questions and identified directions for further inquiry.





Guest Lecture on Constitutional Courts and Democracy: A Critical Introduction

On April 19, 2025, the Constitutional Law Society hosted a virtual guest lecture titled "*Constitutional Courts and Democracy: A Critical Introduction*." Dr. Max Steuer, Associate Professor at O.P. Jindal Global Law School and Research Collaborator at Comenius University, Bratislava, delivered the session. A distinguished scholar on democracy protection, Dr. Steuer, explored the role of constitutional courts in defending democratic principles amidst rising autocratization.

Drawing on a critical institutionalist perspective, he discussed how courts navigate evolving political landscapes while preserving institutional resilience. Participants engaged with key ideas from his scholarly work, "*Towards understanding constitutional court resilience vis-à-vis autocratization: An institutionalist approach*," as part of the pre-lecture preparation.

ACTIVITIES ORGANIZED BY STUDENT WELFARE BOARD

The Student Welfare Board of National Law University, Jodhpur, undertook a series of impactful initiatives during the academic year 2024–2025, aimed at fostering student well-being, safety and academic excellence. Below is a summary of key programs and achievements, which significantly contributed to building a supportive, secure and academically enriching the campus environment.

1. Caretaker Sensitization Program

On March 28, 2025, the Student Welfare Board of National Law University, Jodhpur, conducted a sensitization program to enhance caretakers' empathy, communication and professionalism in addressing diverse student concerns. The sessions focused on mental health awareness, gender sensitivity, conflict resolution and creating a safe and inclusive campus environment. University Counselor Ms. Puja Jain emphasized the importance of empathetic communication, particularly during times of student distress. Dr. Manisha Mirdha, Dean Students' Welfare and Mr. Malik, Deputy Registrar, underscored the shared responsibility of administration and caretakers in safeguarding students' emotional and physical well-being.

2. Workshop: "Mental Health Matters"

The Student Welfare Board organized a two-phase workshop titled "Mental Health Matters" on the 3rd and 4th of April, 2025, for the students of the University. The initiative aimed to introduce participants to essential concepts related to mental well-being, stress, trauma and self-care practices. The sessions were facilitated by Dr. Sheetal Lakhani (Ph.D., NIMHANS; M.Phil., IHBAS), a Clinical Psychologist and Supervisor and Dr. Gargi S. Kumar (Ph.D., IIT Bombay; M.Phil., Cancer Institute, Chennai; M.Sc., Central University of Hyderabad). Their combined expertise created a rich and insightful learning environment. The workshop aimed to raise awareness about mental health, dispel common misconceptions and equip students with practical tools for emotional and psychological resilience.



3. Faculty Development Programme: "The Balancing Act"

The Faculty Development Programme (FDP) titled "The Balancing Act" was conducted on May 4, 2025 by Dr. Sheetal Lakhani and Dr. Gargi S. Kumar for the faculty of National Law University, Jodhpur. The session was structured around three core segments: Setting the Context, Psychological First Aid – Responding to Crisis Situations and a Customized Discussion. The programme began with an engaging and interactive discussion, where faculty members reflected on their roles and the challenges they encounter while supporting students. Participants highlighted common mental health concerns among students, including anxiety, hesitation in seeking help and academic performance pressure. The FDP aimed to equip faculty with practical tools and compassionate strategies to navigate their dual roles as educators and emotional support systems for students.

4. Awareness Program on "Drug-Free Campus"

On April 7, 2025, the Student Welfare Board organized a sensitization program on the theme "Drug-Free Campus" to raise awareness about the legal, physical and psychological consequences of drug abuse. Shri Ghanasyam Soni, IRS (CBIC), Zonal Director, Jodhpur & Jaipur, addressed students on the dangers of narcotic substances and emphasized the impact of drug use on health, academics and prospects. He encouraged students to act as ambassadors of change in building a drug-free campus. Expert sessions by healthcare professionals and law enforcement officials further enriched the discussion, with students actively participating and taking a pledge to support the cause. The program underscored the importance of peer support and youth leadership in fostering a responsible and healthy campus environment.





MOOT COURT ACHIEVEMENTS International Moot Court Competitions

1. The team comprising **Mr. Aditya Gopikrishnan, Mr. Dhruv Singh Garcha, Mr. Krishna Ravishankar, Mr. Triakshveer Singh** and **Mr. Vihaan M N** representing National Law University Jodhpur qualified for the World Rounds of the **66th Philip C Jessup Moot Court Competition** organised by the International Law Student Association and White&Case. Additionally, they received the **Alona E. Evans Award** for the 8th Best Combined Memorials.
2. The team, comprising **Ms. Aarushi Gupta, Ms. Bhavita Vashishtha, Mr. Gurmehar Singh Bedi, Mr. Nitin Kishore, Ms. Paridhi Gupta** and **Mr. Dhruv Singhal** reached the *round of 64* at the **32nd Willem C. Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot Court Competition, 2025** held from 11th to 17th April, 2025. They received an Honourable Mention for the **Eric E. Bergsten Award** for the *Team Prevailing in Oral Arguments*. **Ms. Paridhi Gupta** and **Mr. Nitin Kishore** were awarded honourable mentions for the **Martin Domke Award** for *Best Oralist*, out of over 700 speakers.
3. The team comprising **Mr. Yug Gandhi, Mr. Mohammad, Mr. Vaibhav Pratap Singh, Ms. Paavana Jain, Ms. Lavnika Chordia** and **Ms. Tresshaa Dutt** representing National Law University emerged as *Octa-Finalists* at the **22nd Willem C. Vis (East) International Commercial Arbitration Moot, 2025** held from March 30 to April 6, 2025. The team has also received an honourable mention for the Claimant Memorial.
4. The team comprising **Ms. Amita Kaka, Ms. Aayushi Gupta** and **Ms. Tanisha Kapil** emerged as *Quarter-finalists* at the **29th Annual Stetson International Environmental Moot Court Competition 2024-2025**, held from 9th to 12th April, 2025. They were *Runners-Up* at the **SAARC (North) Regional Rounds**. The team also received the citation for *2nd Best Combined Memorials* and **Ms. Aayushi Gupta** was awarded *2nd Best Student Advocate* of the *Regional Rounds*.
5. The team comprising **Ms. Zoya Fazar, Mr. Aabhas Nishish Chaturvedi, Ms. Taniya Garg** and **Ms. Suhana** qualified for global rounds as one of the top 27 teams globally, of the **18th Monroe E. Price Media Moot Court Competition, University of Oxford 2024-25** held from 21st to 25th April, 2025. They were *semi-finalists* of the *South Asian Regional Rounds*. Additionally, **Mr. Aabhas** and **Ms. Suhana** were the *4th* and *5th* best oralists, respectively, in the *South Asian Regional Rounds*.
6. The team comprising **Ms. Anshita Tiwari, Mr. Raghunandan N** and **Ms. Sarah Singh** emerged as the *Winners* of the **16th Leiden Sarin Air Law Moot Court Competition** held from 24th to 27th April, 2025 in Athens, Greece. The team also won awards for the *Best Memorial Award* for the respondent, *Best Oral Pleadings* from both the Applicant and Respondent side, with **Ms. Anshita Tiwari** winning the award for the *Best Individual Oralist*.





7. The team comprising **Mr. Akshat, Ms. Harshita Baswana, Ms. Kovida Bhardwaj** and **Mr. Mudit Mangalam Pandey** emerged as *Runners-Up* at the global rounds of the **17th Frankfurt Investment Arbitration Moot, 2025** held from 10th to 13th June, 2025. The team was one of the top 3 teams to qualify through the National Rounds.
8. The team comprising **Ms. Charuvi, Ms. Kashish Saxena, Ms. Manvi Goyal** and **Mr. Shreshth Jindal** emerged as the *Semi-finalists* in the *West and South Asia Regional Rounds* to qualify to the Global rounds of the prestigious **23rd John H. Jackson Moot Court Competition, 2025**. Additionally, **Ms. Kashish Saxena** was adjudged the *Best Speaker* at the *Semi-finals of the West & South Asia Rounds*.
9. The team comprising **Mr. Kairav Shah, Ms. Mahi Awasthi, Ms. Shaily Roy** and **Ms. Tanishi Ahuja** emerged as *Quarter-finalists* at the **11th Herbert Smith Freehills Kramer Competition Law Moot, 2025** held from 12th to 14th June, 2025. The team was featured as one of the top 12 teams globally, having qualified through a memo submission process.
10. The team comprising **Mr. Aryan Lohchab, Mr. Abir Balia, Ms. Paavani Paulene Kalra** and **Mr. Sarthak Ahuja** representing National Law University Jodhpur emerged as *Semi-finalists* at the world rounds of **IBA-International Criminal Court Moot Court Competition** held at The Hague from 14th to 18th June, 2025. The team clinched the *Best Prosecution Team Award* at the International Rounds. They won the *Best Memorial Award* at the National Rounds hosted by NLU Delhi.
11. The team comprising **Mr. Aakash Vijay, Mr. Anirudh Setlur Krishnan, Mr. Sravan B** and **Mr. Thejas Velaga** *qualified* for the global rounds, as one of the top 16 teams globally, of the **International Law Moot Court Competition' Asia Cup', 2025**.

National Moot Court Competitions

1. The team comprising **Mr. Ajitesh Boora, Ms. Chetna Santosh** and **Ms. Soumya Agrawal** emerged as *Quarter-finalists* at the **6th Wildlife Protection Government Law College National Moot Court Competition** held from 9th to 11th January, 2025.
2. The team comprising **Ms. Aditi Gupta, Mr. Ahan Garg** and **Ms. Divita Joshi** were declared *Runners-Up* at the **10th School of Law, Christ University Trial Advocacy and Judgement Writing Competition**, held from 10th to 12th January, 2025. **Mr. Ahan Garg** was also adjudged the *Best Advocate* of the competition.
3. The team comprising **Mr. Nimish Maheshwari, Ms. Anshika Gupta** and **Ms. Aashirya Malik** emerged as *Runners-up* at the **11th NLIU-VKC National Corporate Moot Court Competition**, held from January 30 to February 2, 2025.



4. The team comprising **Ms. Khushi Gupta, Ms. Ruchi Sharma and Mr. Naveen Anand** were declared *Quarter-finalist* at **NUALS National Trial Advocacy Moot Court Competition**, held from January 31 to February 2, 2025.
5. The team comprising **Mr. Divyansh Bansal, Mr. Anant Mittal and Ms. Nehal Paliwal**, were declared *First Runners-Up* at **Vidhi Pragati: National IP Moot Court Competition**, held from 7th to 9th February, 2025.
6. The team comprising **Ms. Navyashree Bhat, Ms. Shivi Sharma and Mr. Kush Taparria** emerged as *Quarter-Finalists* at the **17th NUJS-HSF Corporate Law Moot**, held from 7th to 9th February, 2025.
7. The team comprising **Mr. Joy Kukkar, Ms. Ananthajitha and Ms. Samriddhi Goyal** were declared *Quarter-Finalists* at the **Army Institute of Law Mohali National Checkmate Moot Court Competition**, held from 14th to 15th February, 2025.
8. The team comprising **Ms. Ira Bishnoi, Mr. Vitthala Agarwal and Ms. Pia Shah** emerged as the *First Runners-Up* and also won the *Second-Best Memorial Award* at the **5th Surana & Surana and CUSAT School of Legal Studies Dr. A.T. Markose Memorial Technology Law Moot Court Competition**, held from 14th to 16th February, 2025.
9. The team comprising **Ms. Vidhi Shah, Mr. Vagish Kotecha and Ms. Aadya Sharma** emerged as *Semi-Finalists* at the **SLS Nagpur FLP Arbitration Moot Court Competition**, held from 21st to 23rd February, 2025.
10. The team comprising **Ms. Saanvi Sharma, Mr. Satyam Mehta and Ms. Palak Jain** emerged as *Winners* of the **3rd RMLNLU - S&A Law Offices International Arbitration Moot Court Competition**, held from 21st to 23rd February, 2025.
11. The team comprising **Ms. Tisha Malik, Ms. Mishti Bansal and Ms. Gaurangi Gupta** were declared *Runners-Up* at the **XIV Institute of Law, Nirma University Antitrust Moot and Conference**, held from 21st to 23rd February 2025.
12. The team comprising **Ms. Aditi Ramanathan, Ms. Tanisha and Ms. Gouri Nandhana** emerged as *Semi-Finalists* at the **7th Surana & Surana and RGNUL International Law Moot Court Competition, 2025**, with the preliminary rounds held online on March 1, 2025 and the advanced rounds conducted offline from 28th to 29th March, 2025. Additionally, the team was adjudged as the *Third Best Team* and secured the *2nd Best Memorial award*. **Ms. Aditi Ramanathan** was awarded *3rd Best Speaker*, while **Ms. Tanisha** was adjudged *4th Best Speaker*.
13. The team comprising **Ms. Amruta Gonapa, Ms. Jennya Shivhare and Mr. Karlo Cruz** were declared *Semi-finalists* at the **6th Surana & Surana and Army Institute of Law Family Law Moot Court Competition, 2025** from 28th to 30th March, 2025. They also received the *2nd Best Memorial Award*.
14. The team comprising **Mr. Himanshu Golhani, Mr. Rishi Kala and Mr. Rajyavardhan Choubey** were declared *Quarter-finalists* at the **3rd NFSU National Technological Moot Court Competition of "Nyaya Abhyuday" – Techno Legal Fest**, conducted by **School of Law, Forensic Justice & Policy**



Studies, National Forensic Sciences University, Gandhinagar held from 28th to 30th March, 2025.

15. The team comprising **Ms. Aditi Sinha, Mr. Ishaan Pant, Mr. Pranjal Singh** and **Mr. Rishi Dev** emerged as *Winners* at the **10th NLIU-Justice R.K. Tankha Memorial International Arbitration Moot, 2025** held from 4th to 6th April, 2025. Additionally, the team received the *Runners-Up* award for *Overall Best Memorial* and *Best Respondent Memorial*. They received the *Second Runners-Up* award for the *Best Claimant Memorial*. **Ms. Aditi Sinha** was adjudged as the *Best Oralist* of the Finals.
16. The team comprising **Ms. Hana Mishra, Ms. Annette Sara Abraham** and **Ms. Lipika Meena** emerged as *Winners* at the **10th Symbiosis International Criminal Trial Advocacy, SLS Pune (SICTA) 2025**, held from 10th to 13th April, 2025. Additionally, the team was awarded the *2nd Best Memorial*. **Ms. Hana Mishra** was adjudged as the *Best Student Advocate* of the Finals.
17. The team comprising **Ms. Ananya Srivastava, Ms. Bhoomi Gupta** and **Ms. Pari Gupta** were declared *Semi-finalists* at the **15th UPES Dr. Paras Diwan International Energy Law Moot Court Competition**, held from 10th to 13th April, 2025. Additionally, **Ms. Pari Gupta** received the *Best Speaker Award*.
18. The team comprising of **Mr. Gurneel Singh, Ms. Nazia Khanam** and **Ms. Harshita Logre** emerged as *Semi-finalists* at the **13th RGNUL National Moot Court Competition** held on 19th to 20th April, 2025.
19. The team comprising **Ms. Ruth Sarah Abraham, Ms. Chetna Santosh, Ms. Avani Sirsikar** and **Ms. Mugdha Vaidya** emerged as *Winners* at the **XVIII NLS Trilegal International Arbitration Moot, 2025** held from 16th to 18th May, 2025. Additionally, **Ms. Ruth Sarah Abraham** was adjudged as *Best Speaker* in Preliminary Rounds and the Final Rounds.



ALTERNATE DISPUTE RESOLUTION COMMITTEE (ADRC) ACHIEVEMENTS

International Competitions

1. The team, comprising **Ms. Annette Sara Abraham** and **Ms. Ruth Sarah Abraham**, showcased their skills at the **ELSA Maynooth International Negotiation Competition 2025**, where they emerged as the *winning team*. **Ms. Ruth Sarah Abraham** excelled as the *Best Speaker* in the competition.

National Competitions

1. The team comprising **Mr. Abhyuday Shahi**, **Mohak Dua** and **Mr. Vihaan MN** emerged as the *winners* of the **5th AZB-GLC National ADR Triathlon, 2025**. Additionally, **Mr. Abhyuday Shahi** and **Mr. Vihaan MN** secured top honours across all segments of the competition, including : *Best Client Counselling Pair*, *Best Pair* in the Negotiation Segment, *Best Negotiating Pair* in the Mediation Segment.
2. At the **Mediation Bombay 5.0 International Dispute Resolution Competition**, the team composed of **Mr. Aryan Lohchab** and **Ms. Vrinda Gupta** demonstrated their abilities, securing the position of *Runners-Up*.
3. **Mr. Rishi Dev** and **Mr. Thejas Velaga** were adjudged runners-up in the **7th NUJS Mediation Competition 2025**.
4. **Ms. Serena Singh** emerged as a Semi-finalist in the **XI RML 2TG Negotiation Competition**.
5. The team, comprising **Mr. Ahzam Anwar**, **Ms. Khushi Kumar** and **Ms. Nandhana V**, participated in **NALSAR Mediation Tournament 4.0** and was adjudged the *Best Team*. Additionally, **Ms. Nandhana V** emerged as a *Semi-finalist* in the mediation segment.
6. The team, comprising **Ms. Aashirya Malik** and **Ms. Hitanshi Jain**, showcased their talents while participating in the **6th GNLU GALSF Mediation Competition, 2025** and emerged as *Runners-Up*.
7. The team, comprising **Mr. Vagish Kotecha** and **Ms. Tanya Tirkey**, showcased their skills at the **S.K. Misra Memorial Mediation Competition 6.0**, where they emerged as *Octa-finalists*. A second team comprising **Ms. Samridhi Babbar**, **Ms. Khushi Gupta** and **Ms. Gaurangi Gupta** also finished as *Octa-finalists*, marking a strong overall performance by both teams.





8. The team comprising **Mr. Gauraansh Arora** and **Ms. Vidhi Shah** secured the position of *Best Negotiating Pair* in the **5th Justice A.S. Anand National Mediation Competition, 2025**.
9. The team, comprising **Mr. Vansh Garg**, **Ms. Noor Bansal** and **Mr. Naveen Kumar Anand**, represented the University at **Concordat 4.0**, hosted by IFIM Law College in Bangalore. The team emerged as *quarter-finalists* and was awarded 'Best Arbitration Memorial'. Additionally, **Ms. Noor Bansal** was adjudged the Runners-Up in the 'Best Mediator' category, highlighting the team's outstanding individual and collective performance.
10. A team comprising **Ms. Pari Gupta** and **Ms. Princy Sawant** participated in the **Third Virtual International Client Counselling Competition, 2025**, organized by MediateGuru. Demonstrating exceptional advocacy skills, **Ms. Pari Gupta** advanced to the *Semi-finals* in the Counsel segment.
11. **Ms. Aditi Ramanathan** and **Ms. Divya Chidambaram** emerged as the runners-up in the Negotiating Pair category, while **Mr. Saaranish Saraf** qualified as a semi-finalist in the Mediator category in the **3rd National Commercial Mediation Competition**, organized by the Maharashtra National Law University, Nagpur.
12. The team comprising **Ms. Mahi Awasthi** and **Mr. Bhanu Pratap Singh** emerged as *Quarter-finalists* in the **MNLU National Commercial Mediation Competition 2025**.





LEGAL AID & AWARENESS COMMITTEE (LAAC) ACTIVITIES

2nd Edition of NLUJ Right to Education Paper Presentation & Discussion Series

LAAC organised the 2nd Right to Education (RTE) Paper Presentation and Discussion Series on 8-9 February 2025. The event was held in collaboration with Indus Action, a nationally recognized policy implementation organisation that works to ensure the enforcement of welfare rights for underprivileged families. Through paper presentations, expert panel discussions and interactive workshops, participants explored key policy gaps, legal frameworks and practical strategies aimed at improving access to quality education for disadvantaged children. The event sought to bridge academic inquiry with field-level realities, reaffirming the University's commitment to promoting legal awareness and social justice.

Awareness Program on The Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act

LAAC, in collaboration with Vishwas Lok Seva Sanstha, organized an impactful legal awareness program on the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act. Conducted on January 26, 2025, across three schools in Jodhpur, this initiative aimed to educate school children about their rights, legal protections and the mechanisms available to them under the POCSO Act.

Legal Awareness Programme

LAAC organized an awareness programme for students of the Eklavya Model Residential School (EMRS) from Sarada, Udaipur, on January 10, 2025. The programme saw the willing attendance of students from classes IX to XII, who were exposed to general topics such as the Juvenile Justice Act, cybersecurity and available career options in the legal profession.

2nd Edition of Tabar Mela by Indeed Foundation

LAAC, in collaboration with the Indeed Foundation, successfully organised the second edition of "Tabar Mela" on February 11, 2025, at Mahatma Gandhi Government School, Chainpura. As a flagship community outreach initiative, "Tabar Mela" aimed at promoting legal literacy and social awareness among school children through creative, participatory and experiential learning techniques.

Visit of the Delegates from the Office of Attorney General of Nepal to Surpura under the ITEC Programme

LAAC hosted a delegation from the Office of the Attorney General of Nepal as part of the Special Training Programme on Artificial Intelligence and Emerging Technologies. This programme was organised under the Indian Technical and Economic Cooperation (ITEC) initiative of the Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India. The visit was a significant component of a broader two-week training initiative aimed at encouraging bilateral learning and fostering institutional exchanges between India and Nepal. The objective of the visit was to offer the delegates an immersive experience into community-oriented legal aid initiatives and the role of clinical legal education in transforming rural legal landscapes.



Story Telling Session at Surpura Community Library

LAAC organized a vibrant storytelling session at the Surpura Community Library on March 8, 2025, to foster literacy, creativity and legal awareness among students of Surpura Government School. The event was part of NLU Jodhpur's broader Smart Village Initiative, through which the University adopted Surpura village and constructed the community library to promote educational infrastructure and community-driven development. By revitalizing the library as a hub for learning, LAAC aimed to increase footfall, encourage regular use of the facility and inspire young minds through interactive engagement.

Nukkad Natak on Workers' Rights

LAAC organized a Nukkad Natak (street play) on March 9, 2025, at Basni Colony, Jodhpur, in collaboration with the Aajeevika Bureau, as part of the Workers' Safety Week initiative. The primary objective of the street play was to spread legal awareness among industrial workers regarding their rights and entitlements under the Employees' State Insurance Act, 1948 and the Employees' Compensation Act, 1923.

Participation in Career-Mela at Government Senior Secondary School, Surpura

LAAC participated in a Career Mela organized at Government Senior Secondary School, Surpura. The initiative was designed to provide school students with reliable information on career options, especially those from backgrounds with limited access to professional guidance.

Cyber Security Suraksha- Podcast in Collaboration with Akashvani, Jodhpur

LAAC recorded Part 2 of its cybersecurity podcast, Cyber Suraksha, on February 28, 2025, in collaboration with Akashvani, Jodhpur. The episode continued its outreach with All India Radio, offering practical legal guidance and raising public awareness on cybercrimes.

Interview Series Conducted by Darpan, LAAC with Legal Aid Committees of Different Universities

LAAC's Darpan Samvad interview series engaged with legal aid committees of NUSRL Ranchi, UPES Dehradun and Jindal Global Law School. These conversations highlight grassroots innovations in legal aid, student-led outreach and child-centric advocacy, which are shaping access to justice across India.

Participation in the 3rd Asia CLE Conference

LAAC students participated in the 3rd Asia Clinical Legal Education Conference on May 25, 2025, through a student-led session on access to justice. Represented by Mishi Bohra and Tasneem Fatma, the session highlighted the transformative role of student-driven CLE initiatives in promoting legal empowerment.

Presentation by Legal Aid and Awareness Committee Members at the National Legal Aid Clinic Excellence Award, UPES

LAAC was selected among the top 6 teams nationwide at the National Legal Aid Clinic Excellence Award hosted by UPES during Vidhi Utsav '25 on April 12, 2025. Shreya Bothra and Nazia Khanam presented the Committee's flagship initiatives and a policy proposal to institutionalize Jan Sunwai as a scalable model for grievance redressal.



FACULTY ACHIEVEMENTS

Prof. (Dr.) Harpreet Kaur, Vice Chancellor

Books and Papers

1. Revised Dr. Avtar Singh's 'Principles of the Evidence Act' as 'Principles of Bhartiya Sakshya Adhiniyam 2023', published by Central Law Publications, 2025.
2. Revised 5th edition of the Law of Torts and Consumer Protection, co-authored with Dr. Avtar Singh, published by LexisNexis, 2025.
3. Co-authored a paper with Divyanshu Sharma on 'An Aimless Pursuit of Corporate Independence : A Critique of SEBI's Efforts to Strengthen Independent Directors', in Wolter Kluwer- Business Law Review, Volume 46, Issue 1 (2025) pp. 17 - 29.
4. Published a paper on "Designing an Undergraduate Law Programme: Where Are We Headed?" published in NLUJ LAW REVIEW, SPECIAL ISSUE, VOLUME 11, FALL 2025.

International Participation

Invited as a Visiting Professor to deliver a lecture on "Incorporating sustainability within M&A Assessment in India: Trade-off and Amends for Competition Law" at Durham Law School, Durham University on June 3, 2025.

Outreach Activities

1. Delivered Special address in ASSOCHAM-CPA Australia Global Summit on Accelerated Value Creation for Sustainable Growth, New Delhi, January 30, 2025- "India's Decriminalization Policy: The Past, Present and Future of GRC".
2. Presented Expert Opinion during the Stakeholder Consultation Meet on reducing compliance burden for MSMEs under Companies Act, 2013 at MSME DFO (Br), New Delhi on January 10, 2025.
3. Delivered a special address to the students on the occasion of Bhamashah Honour & Blessing Ceremony at Mahatma Gandhi Govt. School, Bhatianadi School, Mandor, Jodhpur, organized by the Legal Aid & Awareness Committee, National Law University, Jodhpur, on March 3, 2025.
4. Invited as a Guest of Honour and delivered a Special Address in the Inaugural Ceremony of International Conference on "Transforming the Thar Eco region through Startups, Innovation and Entrepreneurship for Sustainable Development (THRIVE 2025)," at IIT-Jodhpur on March 19, 2025.
5. Participated as a Panelist and delivered a Keynote Address in the International Conference on "Transforming the Thar Eco region through Startups, Innovation and Entrepreneurship for Sustainable Development (THRIVE 2025)," at IIT-Jodhpur held during 19- 21 March, 2025.
6. Participated in the Joint Stakeholder Meeting on Higher Legal Education in compliance with the Hon'ble Supreme Court's directions in W.P. (C) No. 70/2021 and connected matters at the Bar Council of India, Delhi on April 22, 2025.
7. Participated as a Panel Expert in the 1st Ph.D. Researcher's Colloquium in "Research in Corporate and Financial Regulations" organized by WBNUJS, Kolkata in association with the Consortium of National Law Universities, held during 27th - 29th April, 2025.



Prof. Shilohu Rao

1. Submitted National Level Public Policy Document – "Commentary on the Draft Digital Personal Data Protection Rules, 2025 to the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology.
2. Conducted sessions in special training programme on Artificial Intelligence and Emerging Technologies, organized by NLUJ and ITEC, Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India.

Dr. Manoj Kumar Singh

1. Organised a lecture and pre-placement talk by Mr. Nishit Desai, Managing Partner of Nishit Desai and Associates, under their campus outreach programme on January 22, 2025, at National Law University, Jodhpur.
2. Organised a lecture on Private Client Practice on February 28, 2025, by Mr. Sachin Bhandawat, Partner, Khaitan & Co., at NLUJ campus.
3. Delivered a lecture as invited speaker for the Durham Centre for Indian Law & Policy under the new speaker series on March 13, 2025, on the topic "Cross-border taxation issues (A conflict of source vs residence rule) - An International Perspective" at the University of Durham, London.
4. Published an Edited Book on the "Indian Taxation Regime- Evolving Jurisprudence" by Satyam International Book Publication.
5. Participated in the International Conclave and Visionary Conference organized by MIT World Peace University in Goa (May 2–4, 2025) as a Founding Member of the University and panelist in the discussion on *Trans disciplinary Higher Education*.
6. Invited as an Expert Member and full-time member of RRC (Research Regulatory Committee) to conduct an Interview of a research candidate and a Supervisor at MIT University, Pune, on various occasions from January 2025 to May, 2025.

Dr. Om Prakash

1. IIT Kanpur and the Ministry of Education, Government of India, have awarded one component of their collaborative SATHEE project for 2024-25 for preparing several video lectures on historical events of significance from India and the world and this initiative is ongoing.
2. Published an article on *The Nature and Trends of Land Reforms in Contemporary India* in Proceedings of Indian History Congress, 2024, ISSN: 2249-1937, UGC Care List Sr. No.20320, Journal No. 40807.
3. MOOC Module: Authored a module titled *Environmentalism, Sustainability, Governance and Policy in India in Certificate Course on Public Policy- Analysis and Strategies in four quadrants in an online distance education program* at NLU Jodhpur.
4. UNESCO Association conferred its Life Membership.
5. *Delivered a lecture on the Evolution of the Justice system in India from a civilizational and evolutionary perspective* on June 9, 2025 in Faculty Development organized by United University, Prayagraj, UP.

Dr. Manisha Mirdha

1. MOOC Module: Authored a module titled *Introduction to Public Policy in Certificate Course on Public Policy- Analysis and Strategies in four quadrants in an online distance education program* at NLU Jodhpur.
2. **Delivered Three Lectures** on the following topics in the above-mentioned ODL program:
 - *Contextualizing Public Policy: Perspectives, Attributes and Significance*



- *Typologies of Public Policy, Influencing Forces and Ethical Considerations*
- *Foreign Policy: The Evolving Dynamics of India's Global Engagement*
- **Facilitated as a Coordinator** for the NLUJ-ITEC Special Training Programme on *Artificial Intelligence and Emerging Technologies*, held from February 10 to February 21, 2025.
- **Chaired a Session** during the paper presentation segment of the "Call for Papers on Global Contemporary Legal Issues", organized by Acropolis Institute of Law, Indore, on April 12, 2025.
- **Participated in a Panel Discussion** on *Mandatory Reporting Dilemmas in Child Sexual Abuse: Balancing Legal Mandates with Children's Rights to Decision-Making*, organized by the India Mental Health Alliance on May 22, 2025.

Dr. Rashmi Mathur

1. Attended MICA's 11th Annual Global Conference on Marketing in the digital age: Navigating Disruptions and Embracing Innovations from 7-9 January, 2025 and presented a titled 'Who Drives Your Car: The Industry or The Influencer or The Manufacturer'.
2. Attended two-day International Conference at Rajasthan University Jaipur on 'Decolonizing Narratives and Interpretations: Literary and Cultural Studies in India' from February 28- March 1, 2025 and presented a paper titled 'Indigenizing Feminist Literature through invoking Indian Goddesses'.
3. Delivered lectures on report writing and thesis writing as part of Research Methodology Course Work to the Doctoral Scholars at Dharmashastra National Law University Jabalpur on March 22, 2025.
4. Completed 40 hour offline FDP on Digital Humanities and Natural Language Processing organized by Mahindra University Hyderabad in collaboration with NIT Warangal and IIITDM Kurnool from 21 to April 25, 2025.

Dr. Kranti Kapoor

1. Chaired the Technical Session at the 8th International Conference on Economic Analysis of Law, Governance and Public Policy on February 2, 2025 at Gujarat National Law University.
2. Attended International Workshop on Law, Economics and Public Policy organized by the Department of Humanities and Social Sciences, IIT Tirupati, in association with the Office of Global Engagement, Alumni and Corporate Relations on 7-8 May, 2025.

Dr. Niranjana Rajpurohit

1. Research Paper

Srivastava S., Sama R., Rishi B. and Rajpurohit N. (2025), "Demystifying the impact of religious beliefs and environmental concerns on consumer-brand relationships", *Young Consumers*, Vol. 26 No. 2, pp.314-331. <https://doi.org/10.1108/YC-09-2024-2242> (Scopus Indexed)

2. Edited Book

Jeyanthi P. M., Rajpurohit N., & Hack-Polay D. (Eds.). (2025). *Business Management and Ethics: Insights from Indian Ethos*. Emerald Publishing Limited. <https://doi.org/10.1108/9781835492543>

3. Book Chapter

Rajpurohit N., Bhargava A., & Sharma D. (2025). Investigating Impact of Artificial Intelligence on Employee Recruitment Practices among IT and BFSI Sector Organisations of Rajasthan. In Pankaj P.,



Sharma D., Sama R., Dubey A. D., & Agarwal A. (Eds.), *Viksit Bharat: Idea of India as a Developed Country*, (pp. 15-29). Bloomsbury. <https://www.bloomsbury.com/in/viksit-bharat-9789361317255/>.

Dr. Anjali Thanvi

1. Delivered lecture at Caregivers workshop conducted by Caregivers Asha Society, Rajasthan Chapter IAG, ACMERI in collaboration with NLU-J on "Social and economic legal perspectives for the elderly" conducted on January 4, 2025.
2. Invited as an expert to deliver two lectures on Vertical Interaction Course on "Public Order & Human Rights" to the participants at Internal Security Academy, CRPF Mount Abu on January 6, 2025.
3. Organized an awareness programme among students of Eklavya Model Residential School (EMRS) Sarada, Udaipur on January 10, 2025. Programme saw the willing attendance of students from classes IX to XII, who were exposed to general topics such as the Juvenile Justice Act, cybersecurity and available career options in the legal profession.
4. Conducted workshop in three government school on Prevention of Children from Sexual Offences, on January 26, 2025.
5. Organised and delivered welcome address at 2nd Right to Education (RTE) Paper Presentation and Discussion Series on February 8 and 9, 2025 at National Law University, Jodhpur, Rajasthan.
6. Delivered lecture on Prevention of Sexual Harassment of women at workplace (POSH) on the topic "Detailed explanation of the legal consequences of sexual harassment, the role of the judiciary and case law precedents" at MBM Engineering University, Jodhpur on February 11, 2025.
7. Delivered lecture to the delegation from the Office of the Attorney General of Nepal as part of the Special Training Programme on Artificial Intelligence and Emerging Technologies on role of legal aid clinics of the university in bridging the gap between law and society. This programme was organised under the Indian Technical and Economic Cooperation (ITEC) initiative of the Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, in academic collaboration with National Law University, Jodhpur on February 12, 2025.
8. Invited to give expert lecture on the topic "Service rules recruitment and Promotion" at AFRI on March 5, 2025.
9. Delivered lecture on "Maintenance and Welfare of Parents and Senior Citizens Act, 2007" organized by the Center for Gender Studies and Family law center at National law University, Jodhpur on March 29, 2025.
10. Organised three Faculty Development Program on different themes of research methodology and techniques of advance research for the faculty of NLUJ.
11. Organised a five-day training workshop from July 19 to July 23, 2025 for the women female lawyers under the "Women for Justice: initiative for young women lawyers from marginalized communities" in collaboration with the Ajeevika bureau- the laborline government NGO.
12. Published an article titled "Strengthening Forensic Law in the Digital Age: A Path to Peaceful Inclusive and Sustainable Societies" to the NFSU journal of Forensic Science Volume 3 Issue 2.

Dr. Anand Kumar Singh

Published article titled, "Efficacy Of A Scheme Of Compromise & Arrangement During Liquidation: Can Companies Be Rescued From Inevitable Valuation Doom?" in RGNLU Financial & Mercantile Law Review (ISSN: 2347-3827) Vol. XII Iss. I (2025).



2. Published article titled, "Reckoning with Dissent: Entitlements, Enforcement and Resolving Judicial Uncertainty in the Treatment of Dissenting Financial Creditors under IBC 2016" in HPNLU Journal of Law, Business and Economics, Vol III (2025) (ISSN: 2584-0436) [co-authored with Mr. Satyaveer Singh].
3. Delivered two expert sessions in the two-day Training Programme on "Contract Drafting & Contract Management System" organised by NLU Jodhpur and PFMTI, Jaipur scheduled from 21-22 May, 2025.
4. Delivered four expert sessions in the M.A. (Aviation Law and Air Transport Management) [Semester IV- Batch 2023-25] organised by NALSAR University from 15th - 27th February, 2025.
5. Delivered three expert sessions on "A.I. and its relation with Contract Management", "A.I and Competition Law" and "A.I. and its interface with Consumer Law" in the Intensive Training and Capacity (ITEC) Building Programme for participants from the Office of Attorney- General of Nepal on "Governance of AI and Emerging Technologies" organized between 10- 21 February, 2025 at NLU Jodhpur.
6. Delivered four sessions on "Competition Law in Select Jurisdictions" to the XI Batch of Advanced Professional Course in Competition Law and Market Regulations at Indian Institute of Corporate Affairs (IICA), Gurugram from 10th-25th February, 2025.

Dr. Renjith Thomas

1. Published an article on "Protecting the Right to Health for Rare Disease Patients: Legal Frameworks, Policy Gaps and the Need for Reform in India," in South Eastern European Journal of Public Health, Volume XXVII, 2025, (ISSN: 2197-5248).
2. Keynote speaker of the session titled "*Regulating the Digital Frontier: Cyber Law and Regulatory Approaches to the Internet of Things (IoT) and Emerging Technologies*" at the International Conference on Law and Technology in the Commonwealth: Navigating Innovation, Challenges and Ethical Frontiers organised by the Commonwealth Legal Education Association (CLEA) in March, 2025.
3. Expert Panellist on the panel titled "*Academic Integrity and Technology Integration: Transforming Legal Education in the Digital Age*" at the International Conference on Law and Technology in the Commonwealth: Navigating Innovation, Challenges and Ethical Frontiers organised by the Commonwealth Legal Education Association (CLEA) in March, 2025.
4. Chairperson of the session titled "*Cyber Law and Regulation*" at the International Conference on Law and Technology in the Commonwealth: Navigating Innovation, Challenges and Ethical Frontiers organised by the Commonwealth Legal Education Association (CLEA) in March, 2025.
5. Co-Chairperson of a Technical Session at the Second International Conference on Changing Dimensions of Administration of Criminal Justice in Contemporary Era, organised by the School of Law, SVKM's Narsee Monjee Institute of Management Studies, Indore, in collaboration with the School of Law, Kathmandu University, Nepal in March, 2025.
6. Expert Panellist for the panel on the topic "*AI and its Relation with Different Streams: IPR, Criminal Law and Cyber Laws*" held at National Law University, Jodhpur on February 12, 2025 organised by National Law University, Jodhpur in collaboration with the Indian Technical and Economic Cooperation, Ministry of External Affairs Government of India.



Lectures Delivered

1. Delivered an expert lecture on the topic "*AI: Use in Law Enforcement for Preventive Policing and Associated Discriminatory Risks*" at the NLUJ-ITEC Special Training Program on Artificial Intelligence and Emerging Technologies for Attorneys from OAG Nepal in February, 2025, organised by National Law University, Jodhpur in collaboration with the Indian Technical and Economic Cooperation, Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India.
2. Delivered an expert lecture on the topic "*Use of AI in Judicial Decision Making*" at the NLUJ-ITEC Special Training Program on Artificial Intelligence and Emerging Technologies for Attorneys from OAG Nepal in February, 2025, organised by National Law University, Jodhpur in collaboration with the Indian Technical and Economic Cooperation, Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India.
3. Delivered an expert lecture on the topic "*AI and Criminal Responsibility*" at the NLUJ-ITEC Special Training Program on Artificial Intelligence and Emerging Technologies for Attorneys from OAG Nepal in February, 2025, organised by National Law University, Jodhpur in collaboration with the Indian Technical and Economic Cooperation, Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India.

Mr. Arunabha Banerjee

1. Authored a chapter titled "Analyzing Copyright Infringement Liability in Web Scraping Cases — A Critical Examination of Recent Global Trends" in Proceedings of 5th International Ethical Hacking Conference, Leveraging AI to Law (eHaCON 2024), Lecture Notes in Networks and Systems 1148, p. 291, published by Springer (SCOPUS Indexed).
2. Authored an article titled "Autonomy of AI in Patents: Reconciling Commercial Incentive with Traditional Inventorship" published by the Journal of Intellectual Property Rights, Vol. 30, January, 2025, pp 12-25 DOI: 10.56042/jipr.v30i1.3714 (SCOPUS Indexed).
3. Contributed as Panelist on the topic - AI and its relation with different streams- IPR, Criminal Law, Cyber Laws, Training Programme for Attorneys from Office of the Attorney General, Nepal, Indian Technical and Economic Cooperation, Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India (February 12, 2025).
4. Invited to be an External Expert in an Interview Panel for Trademark Agents by the Office of the Controller General of Patents, Designs and Trademarks, New Delhi. Government of India (February 28, 2025).
5. Invited as Resource Person for Artisan Awareness Workshop-2025, Textiles Department, NIFT, Jodhpur (March 3, 2025).
6. Distinguished Speaker on the panel "Intellectual Property Rights in the Digital Age", National Workshop on Law & Technology, NLU Jodhpur and IIT Jodhpur (April 5, 2025).

Dr. Kanika Dhingra

1. Presented a paper titled Navigating Patent Hold Up and Hold Out: Legal and Policy Challenges in Standard Essential Patent Licensing at the International Conference on Comparative Law organised by Galgotia University and Edith Cowan University on 25th-26th April, 2025.
2. Chaired a session at the International Conference on Comparative Law organised by Galgotia University and Edith Cowan University on 25th-26th April, 2025.



Ms. Kritika Singh

Published article titled "Data Monopolies and Antitrust: Examining Big Tech's Role in Markets Dynamics and Innovation" Journal of Marketing and Social Research volume 2 and issue 2 (240-250) 2025. (indexed in ABDC Journal)

Mr. Sarthank Mishra

Published article titled "Ascertaining the Inter-relation of Pricing Algorithms and Collusion: An Exploratory Study from the Perspectives Consumerism" in European Economic Letters (indexed in ABDC Journal).

Ms. Preeti Badola

1. Delivered a lecture on AI and its relation with Cyber Laws in 23rd NLUJ-ITEC Programme titled "Governance of AI and Emerging Technologies".
2. Organised a meeting with Ms. Andrea M. Wojnar, UNFPA India Representative and Country Director for Bhutan, along with the Rajasthan UNFPA team. This timely and insightful deliberation between the University and UNFPA explored potential avenues for collaboration, laying the groundwork for impactful partnerships.
3. Programme Director and resource person for One Day Awareness/ Sensitization Programme on Maintenance and Welfare of Parents and Senior Citizens (MWPSA) Act, 2007, sponsored by the National Institute of Social Defense, Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment.

Dr. Ruth Vaiphei

Published a paper on "*Corporate Manslaughter in India: Bridging Legal Gaps with Governance Mechanisms*," at National Law School Business Law Review: Vol. 10: Iss. 1, Article 11. 2024 (published in February 2025) Available at: <https://repository.nls.ac.in/nlsblr/vol10/iss1/11>.

Dr. Sidharth Balani

1. Published a paper on "No strings attached ? : Testing the Clean Slate doctrine under India's Insolvency Code – Judicial Analysis" in International Journal of Law, Management and Humanities Vol. 8, Issue 3(2025) ISSN 2581-5369. <https://doi.org/10.1000/IJLMH.1110139>.
2. Presented a paper on "From tweets to Trade: SEBI's Role in Finfluencer Era", in the International Conference in Comparative Law, co-organized by the School of Business, Law, Edith Cowan University (Australia) & the School of Law, Galgotias University, held from 25-26 April, 2025.
3. Chaired a session at the International Conference in Comparative Law, co-organized by the School of Business, Law, Edith Cowan University (Australia) & School of Law, Galgotias University, held from 25-26 April, 2025.

Dr. Sucheta Boora

1. Co-authored Case titled "Missing from the table: Enabling Women Faculty to Lead" was accepted for presentation and successfully presented at the 5th Case Writing Competition and Conference (ICRC-CWCC) organized by the All India Management Association – India Case Research Centre (AIMA-ICRC).
2. Conducted a workshop on February 20, 2025 for visiting attorneys from the Office of the Attorney General, Nepal, as part of the 23rd NLUJ-ITEC Programme.



Dr. Varsha Singh

1. Visiting Fellowship, Sydney Law School, University of Sydney, Australia (May 25 -July 26, 2025), Research on the topic *"Depriving Women and Girls of Public Lives-Crime of Persecution and Gender Apartheid by the Taliban in Afghanistan"*, Academic Host, Dr. Rosemary Grey, Co-Director, Sydney Centre for International Law.
2. Co-instructor for the Project – *"A Comprehensive Assessment of Measures at State/Local Levels in India affecting Trade in Services"* funded by the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Government of India (March 3, 2025 – November 30, 2025) [Amount of the Grant – INR 2450000]
3. Published an op-ed piece titled, *"Assault on Multilateralism and International Law"*, The Hindu (March 21, 2025)
4. Co-authored a Report submitted to the UN Special Rapporteur on the Right to Development titled *"Response to the Special Rapporteur on Right to Development's Open Call for Input on' (A) Nexus between gender equality and the right to development and (B) 'Financing for inclusive, sustainable and participatory development?'"* April 2025
5. Moderated a session on *"Cybersecurity in the Age of Emerging Technologies"* at the 2-Day National Workshop on Law and Technology (Second Edition) jointly organized by National Law University Jodhpur and Indian Institute of Technology Jodhpur, 5-6 April, 2025.

Dr. Shweta Amrawanshi

Presented a paper in an International Conference organised by Delhi Metropolitan Education Law School in collaboration with the University of Peace, paper titled *"Mitigating the Impact of Misinformation on Public Health and Enhancing Informed Decision-Making Strategies"* held on May 2 - 3, 2025, in a hybrid mode.

Dr. Divya Kathuria

1. Coordinated and organized the 23rd edition of Indian Technical and Economic Cooperation held from 10-21 February, 2025, in collaboration with the Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India.
2. Delivered a session on February 14, 2025 for visiting legal officers in above programme.

Dr. Gagan Deep Kour

1. Co-authored a book chapter on *"Can Intellectual Property Rights Propel us Towards a Greener Future?"* in Intellectual Property Rights On Mitigating Climate Change Towards A Green Economy.
2. Coordinated the development of student welfare policy and student welfare board for the university.

Dr Asha Bhandari

Paper Published

1. Published paper titled *"Efficacy of Menstrual Leave in the Workplace : Law and the Changing Discourse on Gender in India"* in *Indian Journal of Gender Studies*, Centre for Women's Development Studies, vol. 32(1), pages 7-28, February, 2025. ISSN 0971-5215 (SCOPUS Indexed)
2. Presented paper on Mensuration and socio-religious practices in different cultures- context and justifications, Interdisciplinary International Conference Technology, Ethics and Environment-



Navigating the future of Sustainable society organized by 30th Rajasthan Sociological Association, 10-11 January, 2025.

3. Participated in 15 days International Faculty Development Program -A Qualitative Approach (Hybrid Mode) organized by IIDM Integrated Institute of Disaster Management, Tamandu and Southfield college Darjeeling, West Bengal and Standard College Manipur, held from April 16 to April 30, 2025.
4. Organised "Legal Awareness Workshop for Senior Citizens on the Maintenance and Welfare of Parents and Senior Citizens Act, 2007" funded by Ministry of Social Justice, 2025.

Dr. Chitra Saruparia

Publications

1. Published an article titled "*Motivation, Legality and Cryptocurrency Investment: Exploring Macroeconomic Implications*" in Volume XVII, CPJLJ (JAN-2025), ISSN 0976-3562.
2. Co-authored a research paper on "*Role of gender-based digital financial inclusion and women empowerment in poverty reduction: evidence from Asian countries*" in Discover Sustainability 6, 283 (2025). <https://doi.org/10.1007/s43621-025-01095-y> (Scopus Indexed Q1)
3. Published policy insight on "*India's AI push must fix innovation and inclusion gaps in Policy circle.*" <https://www.policycircle.org/opinion/ai-in-india-fixing-inclusion-gaps/> 26 June, 2025.
4. Chaired the 7th GNLU Essay Competition & Symposium on Law & Economics organized by GNLU Centre for Law and Economics and GNLU Centre for Empirical & Applied Research in Law & Interdisciplinary Studies (CEARLIS) on Saturday, March 8, 2025.
5. Chaired Technical Session in the 8th GNLU International Conference on Law and Economics Analysis of Ethics, Inclusiveness and Sustainability in collaboration with the Centre for Trade and Investment Law (CTIL), Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Government of India, from 28th February to 2nd March, 2025.
6. Contributed as a discussant in the panel discussion titled "*Best Practices for establishing Intellectual Hub of Law and Economics in India*" in 8th GNLU International Conference on Law and Economics Analysis of Ethics, Inclusiveness and Sustainability in collaboration with the Centre for Trade and Investment Law (CTIL), Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Government of India, from 28th February to 2nd March, 2025.
7. Chaired a Technical session in the International Conference on Law and Social Sciences conducted on 29-30 March, 2025, organized by the International Institute of Justice & Policy Science and Tamil Nadu Ambedkar Law University, Chennai, in collaboration with VIPS.
8. Presented a paper titled "Navigating the legal and economic conundrum of E- cigarette Regulation:" in the International Conference on Law and Social Sciences, conducted on 29-30 March, 2025, organized by the International Institute of Justice & Policy Science and Tamil Nadu Ambedkar Law University, Chennai, in collaboration with VIPS.
9. Presented paper on "Assessing the Impact of Climate Change Adaptation Measures on Health Equity Across Vulnerable Populations" in SEE Global Sustainability Summit, Dubai, UAE on 23-24 April, 2025.(online)
10. Coordinator and resource person in short-term online course on "*Public Policy Analysis & Strategies*" through Open Distance Learning Programme at National Law University, Jodhpur.



Dr. Leela Vedantam

1. Conducted seven expert lectures between January and March 2025 for students of the Master's program in Public Policy, Law and Governance at the Centre of Excellence in Public Policy, Law and Governance, Indian Institute of Technology Kharagpur. These lectures were part of the course titled "Ethics in Public Policy".
2. Contributed as discussant in programme titled "Harnessing Environmental Clearance for Responsible Mining in Rajasthan - A focus dialogue" organised by Mining Labour Protection Campaign Trust on May 5, 2025.

Dr. Neeti Mathur

1. Published research paper titled "Empirical Analysis of AI-Driven Digital Marketing: Enhancing Sustainability and Economic Resilience in Business Transformations" (2025) in ICTACT Journal on Management Studies (Volume: 11, Issue: 2, Pages: 2089 - 2096) May 2025. DOI : 10.21917/ijms.2025.0323. ICTACT (peer-reviewed international journal).
2. Presented research paper on "Empowering Agripreneurship in the Seed Sector: A study on Market Dynamics and Consumer Preferences for seeds for Sustainable Growth and Innovation in agripreneurship" in One Day National Seminar Sustainable Growth and Innovation: Empowering Agripreneurship in the Seed Sector on July 26, 2024 at Indian Institute of Entrepreneurship, Guwahati, Assam. (to be published in the proceedings)
3. Professional Certificate in Marketing for Startups from London School of Business Administration, certificate number: 13738-174-760-0662, conferred on May 18, 2025.
4. Attended International Conference on "Transforming the Thar Ecoregion through Startups, Innovation and Entrepreneurship for Sustainable Development (THRIVE 2025)" from March 19-21, 2025, at IIT Jodhpur.

Dr. Pran Banjara

Coordinated and organized National Workshop on Law and Technology (2nd Edition) jointly organized by IIT-J and NLUJ.



STUDENT'S ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS

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- **Ms. Aditi Gupta**, student of U.G II Semester, has presented a paper on crypto scams at the 2nd GCRCJS International Conference on 8-9 February, 2025.
- **Ms. Shruti Udayan**, student of U.G II Semester, has co-authored two papers:
 - Piracy, AI and NFTs with Akshat Kumar, published by CSRIPR, NUSRL.
 - Don't Discard the Dissent with Paavni Gupta, published in the White Black Legal International Law Journal. (Published: 2025).
- **Mr. Divyansh Bansal**, student of U.G II Semester, has presented a paper titled "Broken Pro Bono" at the National Conference on March 1, 2025, Faculty of Law, University of Delhi. He has also secured 1st position in the IPR Day Quiz on April 27, 2025, organized by USLLS IPR Cell and IPU-IPR Cell.
- **Mr. Mohak Dua**, student of U.G II Semester, presented a paper on "Creditor classification under IBC" at the 10th NLIU-Trilegal Summit on March 9, 2025. The paper was published in the summit compendium by Eastern Book Company.
- **Mr. Himanshu Gohlani**, student of U.G II Semester, has secured second position in the 3rd Intra-University Essay Writing Competition organized by CCAL Blog, NLUJ. (Held: 2025).
- **Ms. Taru Jhunhunwala**, student of U.G II Semester, won second place in the NUSRL Blog Writing Competition 2024 for excellence in legal writing.
- **Ms. Rini Varghese** student of U.G II Semester, co-authored a chapter: "New Horizons of Human Rights in India" (ISBN: 978-93-7020-412-6), published in April, 2025 by Iterative International Publishers.
- **Ms. Khushi Kumar**, student of U.G II Semester, selected for the XIth WTI-CWS Joint Academy on International Trade and Economic Policy held from 2-30 June, 2025, jointly conducted by the University of Bern and IIFT.
- **Mr. Anand Shankar**, student of Semester IV, published a paper on "Sita Soren judgment titled Supreme Court's Transformative Quest for Political Reforms" in NUALS Law Journal, Vol. 19(2), March 2025.
- **Ms. Nandhana V, Ms. Paavni Dua, Mr. Shivi Sharma, Ms. Paavni Kaur, Mr. Shreshth Jindal, Mr. Rishit, Ms. Aastha Gupta and Mr. Nimish Maheshwari**, students of Semester VI, attended the 15th A&O Shearman International Finance and Corporate Course at Jindal Global Law School from 4-6 April, 2025, where they explored cutting-edge themes in international finance and corporate law.
- **Ms. Harshita Gupta**, student of Semester VIII presented a paper on a "Section 7(i) of the DPDP Act" at the International Seminar in 2025 hosted by RMLNLU, Lucknow. She has also co-authored a paper on "Workplace privacy", published in the NUJS Journal of Regulatory Studies, Volume 10, Issue 1, 2025.



ALUMNI ATTAINMENTS

- **Mr. Rajesh Ranjan**, from the 2023 batch, has been awarded the prestigious Chevening Scholarship for the Academic Year 2025-26. Chevening is the UK Government's international scholarships programme.
- **Mr. Shubhendu Shekhar** from the Batch of 2022 was also awarded a Chevening Scholarship for the Academic Year 2024-25 to pursue an MSc in Criminal Justice Policy at the London School of Economics (LSE).
- **Mr. Harsh Hari Haran**, Batch of 2010, has been promoted as a Partner at the International Law Firm Ashurst, where he shall be strengthening the Disputes and Investigations Practice.
- **Mr. Adarsh Ramanujan**, Batch of 2009, has been inducted as an IP Expert in a Committee formed by the Ministry of Commerce & Industry, GoI, tasked with the responsibility to prepare a Working Paper on emerging issues in Artificial Intelligence and its implications on Copyright Law.
- **Mr. Praneesh Goyal** has been recognized as one of India's top individual lawyers in the Forbes Legal Powerlist 2024.
- **Ms. Namrata Jeph**, Batch of 2023, has added another laurel to her remarkable academic feats by qualifying for the UPSC Examination, 2024 in the very first attempt with an AIR of 743.
- 5 Alumni of the University qualified for the Delhi Judicial Services Examination 2023, including **Mr. Naveen Meena (2016)**, **Ms. Shikha Mukesh Meena (2019)**, **Ms. Asmita Chauhan (2020)**, **Ms. Priyadarshini Nancy Chaudhary (2021)**, **Ms. Paras Ahuja (2022)** and **Ms. Meenal Gandhi (LL.M. 2022)**. The University is proud of their attainment especially of the notable feat by **Ms. Paras Ahuja** who secured All India Rank 2 and has created a hat-trick by qualifying three judicial services examinations namely Himachal Pradesh, Haryana and now Delhi Judicial Services.





CASE COMMENTS

ICJ Advisory Opinion on Legal Consequences arising from the Policies and Practices of Israel in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, 2024

On 19th July 2024, the ICJ delivered an advisory opinion (AO) on the Legal Consequences arising from the Policies and Practices of Israel in the Occupied Palestinian Territory (OPT), including East Jerusalem. This AO is being seen as an extension of the Court's 2004 AO on the Legal Consequences of the Construction of a Wall in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, which limited itself to an assessment of the legality of Wall and has held that the settlements and associated regimes established by the Israel in the occupied territory are in violation of international law.

This AO delivered after two decades of the earlier one has wider scope where the Court has examined the legal issues ranging from unlawful act of Israel's prolonged occupation (since 1967), its settlement policies and annexation, right of self determination to Palestinian population, discriminatory laws, to the exploitation of natural resources in the OPT. For the purpose of examination, the Court has relied on "the rules and principles of international law including the UN Charter, international humanitarian law, international human rights law, UNGA and UNSC resolutions" and the 2004 AO and has come up with few key findings settling few important questions of international law.

The Court held that Israel is under obligation to put an end to unlawful acts that it has been committing in OPT for last 57 years. It also affirmed Israel's obligation to provide reparation for the damage caused by its internationally wrongful acts to concerned legal or natural persons. Additionally, the AO also indicated the obligations of other states' and the UN on the prolonged occupation and policies of Israel in the occupied territory. It held that all States are under an obligation not to recognize as legal the situation arising from the unlawful occupation of Israel. The AO also advised that the UN Security Council and General Assembly would decide the further course of action that will stop the unlawful occupation by Israel.

In the above backdrop, few key take-aways from the AO are as under:

- a. The ICJ has clarified the legal criteria on state of occupation. By reaffirming the doctrine of effective control, the AO clarified that "for the purpose of determining whether a territory remains occupied under international law, the decisive criteria is not the physical military presence in the territory at all times" but whether the State occupies a territory that is not its own and exercise effective control over it. The effective control can continue even in the absence of physical presence of the military.
- b. The ICJ also discussed the legal contours of prolonged occupation by Israel which continues since last 57 years in OPT. The interpretation of Hague Regulations and Geneva Convention establishes the assumption that occupation is temporary in nature and it is used by states to respond to military necessity. The fact of Occupation cannot transfer title of sovereignty to the occupying Power. Even after longer passage of time (as in this case – 57 years), the occupying Power does not acquire additional powers and is not entitled to sovereignty over it. The long duration does not alter the legal status of occupation, the law of occupation and rules of international humanitarian law still bind the occupying Power.



- c. The ICJ recalled that the Israel is party to international human rights instruments such as ICCPR, ICESCR, CERD. While the 2004 AO had confirmed that ICCPR and ICESCR are applicable “in respect of acts done by a State in the exercise of its jurisdiction outside its own territory”, the 2024 AO indicates that the CERD is also applicable to conduct of a State party which has effects beyond its territory. Israel’s effective control over OPT puts it under an obligation to comply with CERD outside its territory.
- d. The Court also considered the transfer of settlers by Israel to OPT and noted that the Fourth Geneva Convention prohibits the transfer of civilian population of occupying Power into the occupied territory. The Court further clarified that such transfers are prohibited irrespective of the fact whether it results in the displacement of the local population of the occupied territory or not. The AO also noted that land policies of occupying Power benefits the settlers and are detrimental to the local population resulting into violations of the Hague Regulations.
- e. On the issue of exploitation of natural resources by Israel in OPT, the Court concluded that Israel’s conduct was impediment to the right to permanent sovereignty over natural resources and right to self determination (RSD) of the Palestinian population. Furthermore, the AO also noted diversion of large share of natural resources of the OPT to the benefits of settlers, to be violative of international law.
- f. Furthermore, the Court also noted that Israel’s policies and practices violate the Palestinian people’ right “to determine its political status and to pursue its economic, social and cultural development.” This AO has far reaching consequences as the Court considered the RSD as peremptory norm of international law. The Court further indicated that Israel’s plans and policies in the OPT amount to annexation.
- g. Finally, the Court confirmed that Israel’s continued presence in OPT is illegal amounting to internationally wrongful act that entails international responsibility for it. It further held that Israel is under an obligation to end its unlawful occupation “as rapidly as possible”.

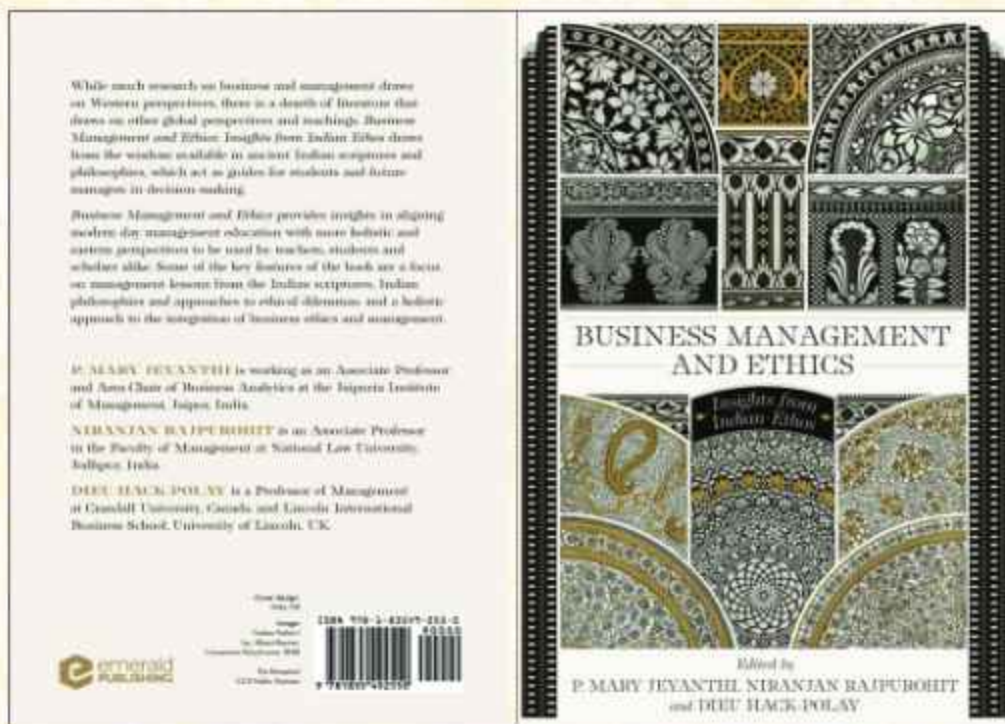
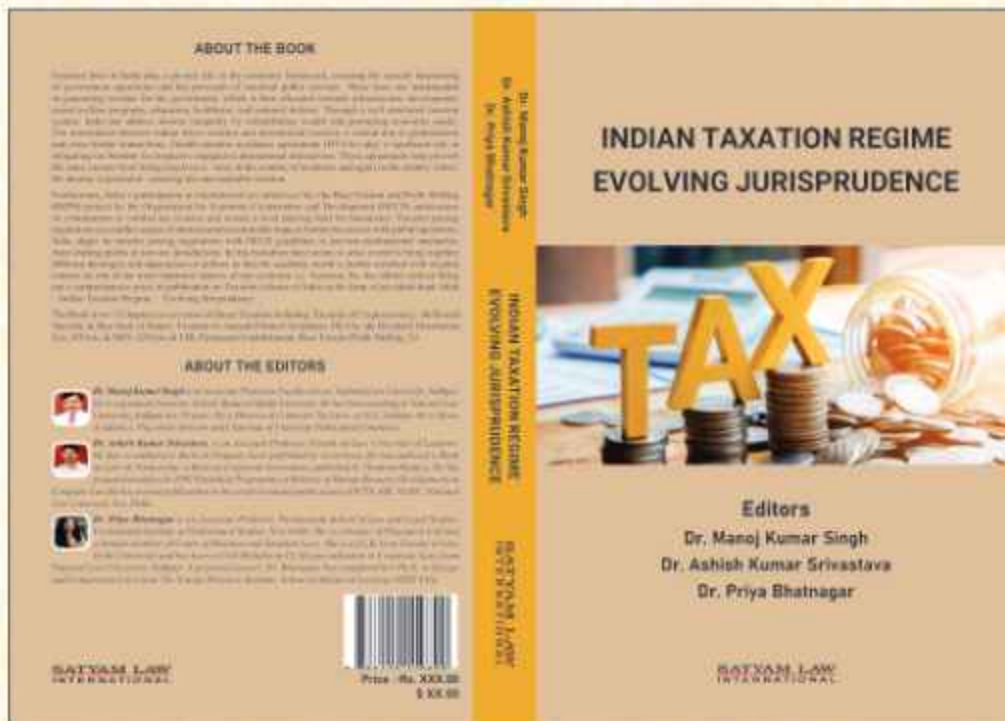
Way forward:

Although, the AO does not have enforcement mechanism and is likely to be ignored by the powerful actors as inferred from Israel’s non participation in the process. This undermines the power of international law and rule based international legal order. The AO can have powerful legal and diplomatic effects especially on the issues of right of self determination and annexation. The AO reaffirms few strong normative declarations but without states’ political will to address the situation, it may remain a symbolic acknowledgment for the victims of Israel’s prolonged occupation in OPT.

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