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सत्ये स्थितो धर्मः

Our Logo

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

Our Motto

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

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FROM THE VISITOR



In the thousand year old city, Cuttack, that has immense historical relevance for Odisha as well as India, stands with the pride and dignity, the unique legal educational institution-National Law University, Odisha which came into being by an enactment of the State Legislature and started imparting education in the law course commencing academic year 2009-10. In last few decades, the education of law has undergone a sea change and presently the students throughout the country have taken up the legal education in law with serious concern not only for its nobility and value but also for the diversified and multifold practical use. State of Odisha with the intense determination not to lag behind brought the piece of legislation with sacrosanct "objects and reasons" and today we have the university which can assertively claim parity with any educational institution in the country.

This year the university has celebrated the first convocation ceremony with grace, solemnity and majesty. The students, I must say, passed out with flying colours.

The university is chosen by many a student who come from various parts of the country. Needless to say, the faculty members of the university and the present Vice-Chancellor, Prof. (Dr.) Srikrishna Deva Rao possess a storehouse of talent to educate the students not only to focus on the course in the syllabus but also guide them as laser beams so that they cultivate the qualities which are essential for a sincere student of law, in present and also in future. This year the university in collaboration with other universities has planned series of seminars and workshops so that the culture of learning and sharing grow with accent and the institution gets the requisite educational graph in India.

The efforts are being made in continuum to complete the remaining construction including a new auditorium. For the present, immediate steps have been taken to air condition the moot court hall and name it as the conference hall. The concept of infrastructure and the conception of academic growth are to go hand in hand and the consistent effort is in progress.

The precept of the university is to see that its students ingrain in them the essence of law, imbed professionalism and nurture the idea of serviceability of the institution. It is to be remembered that no institution can ever be progressive in a unilateral manner. There has to be involvement of the students. The young students should instruct themselves to have the institutional philosophy and the institution, in turn, should inspire the confidence in the students a sense of belonging. Then only there will be achievement and impeccable eminence. And the said eminence would be more luminescent if all shall remember and practise:-

निन्दन्तु भीति निपाता यदि वा स्तुवन्तु ।
लक्ष्मीः समाविशतु गच्छतु वा यथेष्टम् ॥
अथैव वा मरणं मम्यु युगान्तरे वा ।
न्यायात्मकः प्रचिन्तन्ति पदं न शीरोः ॥

"May those proficient in scriptures praise or blame,
May the Goddess of wealth come or go as she pleases,
Let the death come today or at the end of the yuga,
The men of courage and determination will not deviate
from the path of truth and righteousness."

As the visitor, I wish the students and the members of the faculty all the best wishes for the academic session 2014-15. I am absolutely indubitable the present year shall show further excellence in all spheres.

Dipak Misra

Justice Dipak Misra

Judge, Supreme Court of India &
Visitor, NLU Odisha

FROM THE CHANCELLOR



Law, be it a discipline of academic pursuit or theme of explorative research or avenue of general insight is always intellectually stimulating. Its analytical content fosters consummate grooming of yearning minds indoctrinated to the philosophy of social aspirations and the sacred ideals of our democracy that constitute the bedrock of the process of governance of a nation. An academic curriculum of law not only initiates the students to a world of multidisciplinary knowledge, it offers to mould them holistically as well to be the social engineers of tomorrow. A conducive environment with dedicated faculty, befitting infrastructure and enlightened peers do effectuate the metamorphosis into a being, noetically attired with intellect, confidence and self-esteem. With the consistent accomplishments of the University in the realm of legal education complemented by the admirable faculty and campus facilities of competitive standards, the institution within a short span of time has established itself to be a cherished seat of learning and excellence. Our students by their meritorious performance have already made their mark in their respective spheres of participation. I am confident that the students seeking admission to the National Law University, Odisha would receive all the exposure, companionship and guidance to cast themselves in a wholesome mould to emerge as true purveyors of justice and prove themselves to be the worthy constituents of the legal regime in the national as well as global perspectives.

wish them all the best in life.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, which appears to read 'Amitava Roy'.

Justice Amitava Roy

Chief Justice of Orissa High Court
Chancellor, NLU Odisha

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FROM THE VICE-CHANCELLOR



I am delighted to welcome you to NLU Odisha. Located on the banks of two rivers with green foliage of Naraj, it provides an excellent academic ambiance that nurtures young minds to critical legal scholarship in the atmosphere of modern Gurukul in nature's lap. The University is determined to move to greater heights under the mentorship of our beloved Visitor Hon'ble Mr. Justice Dipak Misra, Judge, Supreme Court of India and Hon'ble Mr. Justice Amitava Roy, Chief Justice, High Court of Orissa and Chancellor of NLUO.

Legal education offers an exciting opportunity for learning and professional development. Law is inherently inter-disciplinary and shaped by understanding of knowledge and perspectives from other disciplines. The academic curriculum, pedagogy and teaching methods at NLU Odisha, make coordinated efforts to ensure holistic perspective among the students. The faculty of NLUO includes prominent scholars representing diverse fields of Law coupled with visiting Professors, Adjunct Professors including eminent Lawyers and Judges to provide comprehensive understanding of the Law.

I believe, students, teachers and staff are the three prominent pillars of University. Building teamwork, sharing a common vision and working together would certainly make a perceptible difference in the growth and progress of the University. Teaching, Research and Community Action are the three basic aims of Law Schools. We are focusing on various contemporary legal issues through our research centres. I want to mention here that NLUO has received three years grant from the Department of Justice, Ministry of Law and Justice for the project on Access to Justice for Marginalised People and Socially Relevant Education.

Promoting Rule of Law and providing access to justice for all are the perambulatory promises. They are important for protection of human rights, sustainable economic progress and overall development of the society. 'Dharma resides in truth' is our motto and it is our constant endeavour to fight for truth and ensure human rights to all. The students of NLUO should develop noble attributes of law student to be 'an aristocrat in thought and yearning for leaning'. In the words of our visitor, 'A student of Law must fight for "Lokdharma" as well as "Rajdharma" till his death.' Thus, I would like to invite all of you to take this challenge, create history and be a responsible lawyer-citizen. Let us join in this challenging experience to maximize the benefits and enjoy the global critical citizenship.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Srikrishna Deva Rao'.

Prof (Dr) Srikrishna Deva Rao

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FROM THE REGISTRAR



In this fast changing competitive technology oriented world, individuals are differentiated on the basis of their academic and professional competencies. NLUO aims at providing world class education with relevance to the practical world. It will be our sincere endeavour to develop, in each student, the ability and passion to work wisely and effectively for the betterment of their professional careers. Our mission is to train and develop professionals in a positive, healthy and vibrant environment so that the idea can be converted into action and puts man above machine. We impart the best of the knowledge to our students with well equipped extracurricular and emotional quotient related inputs, and the desire and ability to learn, lead and excel to make them responsible and respected citizens with a commitment to transform India from a 'developing' to a 'developed' country.

Dolly Jabbar

Prof (Dr) Dolly Jabbar

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THE UNIVERSITY



Lighting of the Lamp by Shri Naveen Patnaik, the Chief Minister of Odisha during the Inaugural Function of NLUO's Kathajodi Campus On 4th August 2012.

“Within the short span of five years since it was set up in 2009, it has made its mark as a university engaged in teaching and research in law.”

The National Law University Odisha (NLUO) is a vibrant addition to India's national law universities. Within the short span of five years since it was set up in 2009, it has made its mark as a university engaged in teaching and research in law. Faculty research output has always been of a very high standard, yielding among others several top-tier international publications. The student community's engagement with co-curricular activities has yielded remarkable results, including consistently high performances in moot court competitions (including seventh overall in Season 5 of the Mooting Premier League) and active participation in prestigious national and international conferences and seminars. The liberal yet demanding academic culture coupled with the friendly environment have ensured that students are able to harness their full potential and contribute in the area of their choice.

The University has received recognition from the University Grants Commission (UGC) under Section 12(b) of the UGC Act 1956, and has been receiving grants under the XIIth Plan. Its degrees offered are recognised by the Bar Council of India. It is also an associate member of the UGC-INFLIBNET, and a participant in the National Knowledge Network under the Ministry of Information Technology and Communication, Government of India.

OUR VISION AND OBJECTIVES



Hon'ble Mr. Justice Dipak Misra, Judge, Supreme Court of India & Visitor, NLUO lights the ceremonial lamp during Inaugural Ceremony of Sudhansubal Hostel on 6 September 2014

NLUO was established keeping in mind a clearly enunciated vision. Right in the Preamble to the National Law University Act 2008 outlines, one may discern some long-term goals including:

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

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

- (a) To design and run regular and periodical courses of learning for dissemination of knowledge, advanced learning in legal subjects and issues of law and other related disciplines with a view to meaningfully integrate, support and enhance professional knowledge of law and so also to appreciate the role of rule of law in national growth and development;
- (b) To develop in the students and scholars social and scientific research skills for enhancing a sense of

responsibility to serve society as a professional and also develop professionals skills of advocacy, judicial and other legal services, legislation, law reformers and the like;

- (c) To advance the professional education in convergence with knowledge of other related disciplines so as to provide adequate orientation and training including facilities of continuing education to law teachers, judicial officers, advocates and other persons in the civil society engaged or interested in legal field involved in the administration of justice;
- (d) To organize lecturers, seminars, symposia and conferences, to promote legal knowledge and to make law and legal processes as efficient instruments of social development;
- (e) To hold examinations and confer degrees, diplomas, certificates and other academic distinctions; and
- (f) To do all such things as are incidental, necessary or conducive to the attainment of all or any of the objects of the University, as an institution of higher learning and research and an institution of excellence.

UNIVERSITY BODIES

VISITOR : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE DIPAK MISRA, JUDGE, SUPREME COURT OF INDIA
CHANCELLOR : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AMITAVA ROY, CHIEF JUSTICE, ORISSA HIGH COURT

VICE-CHANCELLOR : PROF. (DR.) SRIKRISHNA DEVA RAO
REGISTRAR : DR. DOLLY JABBAL

GENERAL COUNCIL

1. Hon'ble Mr. Justice Amitava Roy, Chief Justice, Orissa High Court and Chancellor, NLUO
2. Hon'ble Mr. Justice V. Gopala Gowda, Judge, Supreme Court of India
3. Hon'ble Mr. Justice Pradyumna Kumar Mohanty, Judge, Orissa High Court
4. Prof. (Dr.) Srikrishna Deva Rao, Vice-Chancellor, NLUO
5. Shri Jagannath Patnaik, Senior Advocate, Orissa High Court
6. Shri B.K. Mahanti, Senior Advocate, Orissa High Court
7. Shri Samareswar Mohanty, Senior Advocate, Orissa High Court
8. Shri Bijan Behari Ray, Senior Advocate, Orissa High Court
9. Shri Mukul Rohatgi, Attorney General of India
10. Prof. Ved Prakash, Chairman, University Grants Commission
11. Sri Surya Prasad Misra, Advocate General of Orissa
12. Shri. Manas Ranjan Mohapara, Chairperson, Bar Council of Orissa, Orissa High Court
13. Prof. Rita Ray, Adjunct Professor, NLUO
14. Prof. B. Hydervali, Professor, NLUO
15. Prof. V. Kesava Rao, Professor, NLUO

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

1. Hon'ble Mr. Justice V. Gopala Gowda, Judge, Supreme Court of India
2. Hon'ble Mr. Justice Indrajit Mahanty, Judge, Orissa High Court
3. Prof. (Dr.) Srikrishna Deva Rao, Vice-Chancellor, NLUO— [Chairperson]
4. Prof. (Dr.) Faizan Mustafa, Vice-Chancellor, NALSAR University of Law, Hyderabad
5. Shri Manan Kumar Mishra, Chairman, Bar Council of India
6. Sh. Manas Ranjan Mohapatra, Chairman, Bar Council of Orissa

7. Prof.(Dr) Jayadev Pati, Professor & Dean, SOA National Institute of Law
8. Sri Surya Prasad Misra, Advocate General of Orissa
9. Prof. B. Hydervali, Professor, NLUO
10. Dr. Yogesh Pratap Singh, Assistant Professor, NLUO
11. Prof. Dolly Jabbal, Registrar (I/c), NLUO

ACADEMIC COUNCIL

1. Prof. (Dr.) Srikrishna Deva Rao, Vice-Chancellor, NLUO
2. Sh. Ashok Parija, Senior Advocate, Orissa High Court & Supreme Court of India
3. Prof R. Venkata Rao, Vice-Chancellor, NLSIU Bangalore
4. Prof. Priyambada Mohanty Hejmadi
5. Shri Manan Kumar Mishra, Chairman, Bar Council of India
6. Prof. Rita Ray, Adjunct Professor, NLUO
7. Prof. B. Hydervali, Professor, NLUO
8. Prof. V. Kesava Rao, Professor, NLUO
9. Dr. Sheela Rai, Associate Professor, NLUO
10. Mr. Rangin Pallav Tripathy, Assistant Professor, NLUO
11. Prof. Dolly Jabbal, Registrar(I/c), NLUO

FINANCE COMMITTEE

1. Prof. (Dr.) Srikrishna Deva Rao, Vice-Chancellor, NLUO
2. Prof. Faizan Mustafa, Vice-Chancellor, NALSAR University of Law, Hyderabad
3. Sh. A. K. Sabat, Chartered Accountant
4. Sh. S.C. Nath, Chartered Accountant
5. Sh. A. Mahapatra, Chartered Accountant
6. Prof. B. Hydervali, Professor, NLUO
7. Prof. A. B. Debasis Rout, Assistant Professor, NLUO
8. Prof. Dolly Jabbal, Registrar(I/c) NLUO

UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMMES

The University offers two five-year integrated undergraduate programmes, namely B.A. LL.B. (Hons.) and B.B.A. LL.B. (Hons.). The B.A. LL.B. (Hons.) programme combines the study of law with social sciences. Modules on Sociology, Political Science, Economics, History, English language and Literature are taught as part of the social sciences discipline. The students also study Basic Principles of Accounting and Organisational Behaviour courses in order to get a holistic education. The B.B.A. LL.B. (Hons.) programme combines the study of law with management and finance. Select modules on Management, Finance, Accounting and Economics, are taught as part of the Business Administration discipline. The courses on Sociology and Political Sciences are specifically designed for novitates and are aimed at introducing the basics of Social Sciences to the students.

ANNUAL INTAKE:

A total of 120 students take admission every year. The course and category wise breakup of seats is as follows:

CATEGORY	SEATS - B.A. LL.B.	SEATS - B.B.A. LL.B.
General	39	39
ST	07	07
SC	05	05
PWD	02	02
NRI	05	05
Foreign National	02	02
Total	60	60

ELIGIBILITY AND ADMISSION :

Admission to undergraduate programmes are conducted through the Common Law Admission Test (CLAT) conducted at the national level. Usually the CLAT procedure commences in the month of February/March. For eligibility and other information, please visit the CLAT website at <http://www.clat.ac.in>.



COURSE EVALUATION AND GRADING :

The B.A. LL.B. (Hons.) and B.B.A. LL.B. (Hons.) Programmes both follow a semester pattern. Examinations are conducted at the end of each semester. In addition the University follows a continuous evaluation method, which consists of internal assessment mechanisms like mid-semester examinations, projects, and viva voce. The marks of each course are distributed according to the table provided below:

EVALUATION COMPONENT	MARKS ALLOTTED
Project	20 marks
Viva-Voce/Presentation	05 marks
Mid-Semester Examination	25 marks
End-Semester Examination	45 marks
Attendance	05 marks
Total	100 marks



Meaningful interaction between teachers and students in the classroom is of paramount importance. For this reason the University places great emphasis on attending classes regularly. In each course, five marks are set aside exclusively for attendance, which are awarded according to the following table:

GRADE POINT AVERAGE:

For each course, students are graded on an eight-point scale outlined below:

Marks Percentile	Grade	Grade Value
75% and above	O (Outstanding)	8
70% and above but below 75%	E (Excellent)	7
65% and above but below 70%	A+ (Very Good)	6
60% and above but below 65%	A (Good)	5
55% and above but below 60%	B+ (Average)	4
50% and above but below 55%	B (Pass)	3
Below 50%	F (Fail)	0

At the end of the programme, a cumulative grade-point average (CGPA) is calculated taking into account factors like the total number of courses cleared, the grade secured in each course, and so on.

AWARD OF DEGREE:

A student is eligible to graduate when s/he passes the prescribed number of courses with at least a B grade in each course, and hence a CGPA of not less than 3 out of 8. This has to be achieved within a maximum of eight years, failing which the student will not be eligible for a degree.

FEE AND FINANCE:

The fee and refundable deposits payable for the 2014-15 academic year are as follows:

Particulars of Fees(Per Annum)	Amount for resident Indians	Amount for NRIs/foreign nationals
Tuition Fees	Rs. 1,00,000/-	US\$ 5000/-
Admission Fees	Rs. 5,000/-	Rs. 5,000/-
Student Welfare Fund	Rs. 5,000/-	Rs. 5,000/-
Examination Fees	Rs. 3,000/-	Rs. 3,000/-
Internet Fees	Rs. 5,000/-	Rs. 5,000/-
Electricity Charges	Rs. 15,000/-	Rs. 15,000/-
Sports and Games Fees	Rs. 1,000/-	Rs. 1,000/-
Moot Court / Seminar Fees	Rs. 5,000/-	Rs. 5,000/-
Hostel Fees	Rs. 22,000/-	Rs. 22,000/-
Library Fee	Rs. 3,000/-	Rs. 3,000/-
Total	Rs. 1,64,000/-	Rs. 64,000/- + US\$ 5000/-

REFUNDABLE DEPOSITS:

Particulars	Amount
Library Deposit	Rs. 5,000/-
Mess Adjustable Deposit	Rs. 27,000/-
Mess caution Deposit	Rs. 5,000/-
Total	Rs. 37,000/-

In addition, students have to deposit Rs. 12,500/- (or such other sum as may be notified by the Mess Committees of the University) as advance deposit for mess charges. At the end of the semester the Mess Committee will refund or adjust any money left over.

COURSE MAP

SEM	BA	Law	BBA
1 st	Law and Language	Legal Methods	Law and Language
	Legal History	Law of Torts	Legal History
	Science of Politics		Principles and Practices of Management
	Architecture of Social Life		Introduction to Political Science
2 nd	Law, Literature and Films	Constitutional Law I	Law, Literature and Films
	Microeconomics	Contract Law I	Basic Principles of Accounting
	Contemporary Political Discourse		Introduction to Sociology
	Sociology of Social Issues & Debates		Fundamentals of Marketing Management
3 rd	Sociology of Social Transformation	Constitutional Law II	Cost and Management Accounting
	Macroeconomics	Contract Law II	Business Economics
	Global Politics and Governance		Human Resource Management
	Basic Principles of Accounting		Organizational Behaviour
4 th	Economic Development and Planning in India	Public International Law	Corporate Accounting
	Organizational Behaviour	Corporate Law I	Strategic Management
		Criminal Law I	
		Criminal Procedure	

5 th Semester	6 th Semester	7 th Semester
Corporate Laws II	Civil Procedure II	Labour Laws I
Civil Procedure I	Personal Laws I	Personal Laws II
Law of Evidence	Interpretation of Statutes	Environmental Law
Jurisprudence	Direct Taxation	Law of Insurance
Criminal Law II	Intellectual Property	Alternate Dispute Resolution
Administrative Law	Banking Law	Indirect Taxation
8 th Semester	9 th Semester	10 th Semester
Labour Laws II	Drafting of Pleadings & Conveyancing	Moot Court and Internship
International Trade Law	Professional Ethics	Human Rights
Conflict of Laws	Information Technology Laws	Land Laws
Transfer of Property	Seminar Course III	Seminar Course VI
Seminar Course I	Seminar Course IV	Seminar Course VII
Seminar Course II	Seminar Course V	Seminar Course VIII

POSTGRADUATE PROGRAMMES

At present, NLUO offers a one-year Master of Laws (LL.M.) programme with specialisation in corporate and commercial laws. It is a taught masters's programme, comprising coursework spread over two semesters followed by a dissertation.

Admission Procedure

Admission to the LL.M. Programme is through the Common Law Admission Test (CLAT). For further details please visit the CLAT website at <http://www.clat.ac.in>.

INTAKE AND RESERVATION

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Category	Seats
General	16
ST	03
SC	02
PWD	01
NRI	02
FN	01
Total	25

COURSE EVALUATION AND GRADING

The University follows a continuous evaluation method, which comprises internal assessment and end-semester examinations. All compulsory courses carry a value of three credits each, and optional courses of two credits each. Each course carries 100 marks, of which 50 marks are allotted to end-semester examinations, and the remaining marks to internal assessment. Mechanisms of internal assessment are usually left to the discretion of faculty-members conducting the course. A typical example of a course break-up is given below:

Assessment Mode	Marks
Research Paper	35
Presentation	10
Attendance and Class Participation	5

Students are required to attend a minimum 75% of the classes in each course. Those failing to achieve this shall not be permitted to sit for the end-semester examination of that subject.

DISSERTATION:

Students are required to submit a dissertation of at least 25,000 words. It carries three credits and a total of 200 marks, which are allotted as follows:

Components	Marks
Proposal	10
Proposal Presentation	15
Pre-Submission Presentation and Viva Voce	25
Final Dissertation	150

AWARD OF DEGREE

A student will be eligible for the award of LL.M. degree only when he/she has successfully completed all the prescribed 9 courses and dissertation with a CGPA of not less than 3.0 (B grade) out of 8.0 in each course including dissertation.



FEES AND FINANCE

The fee and refundable deposits for the 2014 - 15 academic session is as follows:

Particulars	Amount for resident Indians (per annum)	Amount for NRIs/foreign nationals (per annum)
Tuition Fees	50,000/-	US\$ 3000/-
Admission Fees	1,000/- (one time)	1,000/- (one time)
Student Welfare Fund	5,000/-	5,000/-
Examination Fee	3,000/-	3,000/-
Internet Fee	5,000/-	5,000/-
Electricity Charges	10,000/-	10,000/-
Sports and Game Facilities	1,000/-	1,000/-
Teacher Training / Seminar / Workshops	3,000/-	3,000/-
Hostel Fee	22,000/-	22,000/-
Total Rs.	1,00,000/-	50,000/- + US\$ 3000 /-

REFUNDABLE DEPOSITS (renewable annually)

Library Deposit	Rs. 5,000/-
Mess Caution Deposit	Rs. 5,000/-
Total	Rs. 10,000/-

In addition, students have to deposit Rs. 27,000/- (or such other sum as may be notified by the Mess Committees of the University) as adjustable deposit for mess charges. At the end of the semester the Mess Committee will refund or adjust any money left over.

COURSE MAP

	SEMESTER I		SEMESTER II
1.1	Comparative Legal Systems	2.1	Intellectual Property Rights
1.2	Law and Justice in a Globalised World	2.2	International Trade Law
1.3	Research Methodology	2.3	Competition Law and Practice
1.4	Corporate Laws	2.4	Employment Law
1.5	Commercial Dispute Resolution		
1.6	Banking Law		

Optional papers mentioned above are subject to change depending on the choice of students and other relevant factors.



DOCTORAL PROGRAMMES

From 2009, the year of its inception, the University is offering doctoral programmes leading to PhD Degrees in law and in interdisciplinary studies featuring a prominent legal component.

ELIGIBILITY

Applicants must possess at least one of the following qualifications:

1. Master's Degree in Law from any recognised University with minimum 55% marks or equivalent CGPA;
2. Master's Degree in Law from any recognised University with minimum 50% marks or equivalent CGPA, and at least five years' full-time teaching, judicial, practice, or administrative experience in the area;
3. Degree in Law and a Master's Degree in Social Sciences, Humanities, Management Studies or Sciences from any recognised University with minimum 55% marks or equivalent CGPA;
4. Degree in Law and a Master's Degree in Social Sciences, Humanities, Management Studies or Sciences from any recognised University with minimum 50% marks or equivalent CGPA, and at least five years' full-time teaching, judicial, practice, or administrative experience in the area;
5. Master's Degree in Social Sciences, Humanities, Management Studies or Sciences from any recognised University with minimum 55% marks or equivalent CGPA, and at least two years' teaching experience;
6. Ph.D. in any discipline;
7. Appointment as a Judge of the Supreme Court or a High Court in India.

CATEGORIES OF ENROLMENT

NLUO offers three categories of enrolment for its PhD programmes:

1. Full-time enrolment

2. Enrolment of by a faculty member, and
3. Part-Time Enrolment

ADMISSION PROCEDURE

Eligible candidates may apply under any of the aforementioned categories. Applications must be in the prescribed form downloadable without charge from the University's website, <http://www.nluo.ac.in>. Along with a duly filled and signed form, and a Demand Draft of Rs 1000/- in favour of Registrar, National Law University Odisha payable at Cuttack, the candidate is also required to submit the following:

1. An outline of the intended research;
2. A chapter-wise proposal of the intended research, in not more than 2,000 words;
3. A Certificate from the institution concerned testifying length of service (if applicable);
4. Attested photocopies of all applicable graduate and post-graduate degrees and marksheets; and
5. One set of published papers, monographs, articles and books, if any.

Applications are to be addressed to the Registrar, National Law University Odisha.

ADMISSION TEST

Applicants are required to appear for the entrance examination held every year at Cuttack. Candidates who have cleared the UGC NET examination are exempted from appearance. The examination is of two hours' duration, and comprises of two papers, one on research methodology and the other based on the candidate's submitted research proposal. The examination carries a total of 200 marks. Successful candidates shall be required to give presentations on their proposed research. Candidates whose performance here is deemed satisfactory by the University's panel of experts shall then be admitted to the applicable programme.

Head	Fees
Admission Fee	Rs. 5000/-
Retention Fee (Every six month)	Rs. 1000/-
Submission Fee	Rs. 5000/-
Library/Internet/Hostel Fee/Electricity	Rs. 18000/-
Charges (not applicable to Annually NLUO faculty members)	

OUR FIRST CONVOCATION



The First Annual Convocation of NLUO was held on 18 May 2014. It was a gala affair involving dignitaries from the Bar, the Bench and other walks of life. A total of 101 undergraduate students, ten Post Graduate students and three doctoral candidates received their degrees. The Convocation was presided over by Mr. Justice A.K. Patnaik, the then-Visitor, NLUO and Judge, Supreme Court of India. Mr. Justice A.K. Goel, the then- Chief Justice, Orissa High Court and Chancellor, NLUO, conferred the degrees. Other dignitaries included Dr. Justice B.S. Chauhan, Mr. Justice Dipak Misra, and Mr. Justice V .Gopala Gowda, Sitting Judges of the Supreme Court of India.

Mr. Anil Divan, Senior Advocate, Supreme Court of India and President, Bar Association of India was the chief guest and delivered the convocation address. He said the young graduates were very fortunate to get the chance to render great service to the indigent and poor and also espousing public interest causes. He shared many inspirational experiences of the practice at the Bar with the young graduates. He stated that it is now time for the young graduates, who have received outstanding education in this law university, to give back something to the society who needs their services. He also said that his generation of lawyers have left many knotty problems unresolved which is left to the young lawyers to resolve.

The occasion also marked the launch of the NLUO Law Journal. This is an official, faculty-run publication brought out by NLUO, and is designed to showcase the research excellence of its faculty. In keeping with NLUO's objective of keeping legal education and research keyed to ground realities, the journal lays stress on empirical research.

Following gold medals were conferred on the most meritorious students of the university:

MEDALS	RECIPIENTS
Postgraduate	
University Gold Medal for First Rank in LL.M.	Ms. Sohini Mahapatra
Undergraduate	
Shri Dinabandhu Sahu Memorial Gold Medal for First Rank in B.A.,LL.B. (Hons.)	Ms. Preeti Pratishruti Dash
Shri M. L. Mitra Memorial Gold Medal for First Rank in B.B.A.,LL.B. (Hons.)	Mr. Abhishek Mour
University Gold Medal for Second Rank in B.A.,LL.B. (Hons.)	Ms. Sarita Rout
University Gold Medal for Second Rank in B.B.A.,LL.B. (Hons.)	Ms. Shikha Rastogi
University Gold Medal for Third Rank in B.A.,LL.B. (Hons.)	Ms. Bhumika Mallick
University Gold Medal for Third Rank in B.B.A.,LL.B. (Hons.)	Mr. Abhishek Chanda
University Gold Medal for Highest Marks in IPR	Ms. Sarita Rout
SKS Juris Legal Group Gold Medal for Highest Marks in Constitutional Law	Ms. Shraddha Gupta
Shri Bichitrananda Mahanty Memorial Gold Medal for Best All-Round Undergraduate Student	Ms. Shraddha Gupta

LIBRARY



NLUO's library is without doubt the University's pride and joy. In little more than five years, it has achieved standards more than adequate for teaching and basic research purposes. It houses a collection of 15,000 books, about 1200 primary legal texts (such as copies of bare acts, law commission reports, etc.), and more than a hundred law reports, academic journals and the like amounting to a total of approximately 6000 individual volumes. Of particular interest to law scholars are the acquisition of complete sets of older law reports such as the Law Reports (Indian Appeals), Moore's Indian Appeals, the Criminal Law Journal, and Calcutta Weekly Notes. Unlike contemporary reports these are not readily available online, which makes hard copies essential and irreplaceable. Consequently, this collection acquired by NLUO is of inestimable value to researchers investigating legal developments of the last few centuries. The University also gratefully acknowledges the generosity of individuals who have donated many valuable books and legal materials. The Justice GK Mishra Collection, housed separately within the library premises, occupies pride of place.

A dedicated library building is under construction. It has been designed keeping in mind the finest that traditional Odia architecture has to offer and once it becomes operational, it promises to stock more than 2,00,000 books and over a thousand journals, making it one of the largest and most comprehensive law libraries in India.

Electronic Resources

Another priority area for the library concerns electronic resources. These online databases offer access to a wide variety of legal texts and materials otherwise inaccessible, particularly for third-world libraries, give the sheer expenses associated with acquiring hard copies. Hence right from its inception NLUO has followed a policy of strategically subscribing to e-resources so as to optimally augment the library's collection of (hard copy) books and journals. At present, the University possesses access to databases known mainly for primary legal material, such as LexisNexis, Westlaw India, Manupatra, Kluwer Arbitration International, AdvocateKhoj, and AIR Online Database among others, as also repositories of secondary material including JSTOR, HeinOnline, Sage Journals Online, and Economic and Political Weekly Online. The library has also compiled a considerable collection of CD/DVD resources that includes Palmer on Company Law, the Journal of the Indian Law Institute, and the Annual Survey of Indian Law.

RESEARCH AND EXTENSION ACTIVITIES



One day training programme on cyber-laws and cyber-forensics

NLUO places substantial emphasis on research activities. In order to foster a culture of research in diverse areas of law, it has since 2014 housed more than 17 functioning research centres. Eight of them are funded by the United Nations Development Project (UNDP) Access to Justice Project, while the rest are funded by the University. All centres function under the broad aegis of the University's Legal Services Clinic. Brief descriptions of some of the centres are provided below:

Research Centres

Centre for Banking and Insurance Laws (CBIL)

CBIL aims at promoting legal research on laws governing banking and insurance sectors. It also seeks to conduct training programmes for banking and insurance professionals on developing legal aspects of these sectors of activities. Another activity involves organising conferences seminars and workshops to facilitate greater participation of both academia and industry professionals in recommending ways to plug the gaps in legal practice of banking and insurance sectors. To this end, CBIL has launched a newsletter entitled 'On Developments in Banking and Insurance Laws', which features articles and case commentaries from academics, legal experts of law firms and banking professionals. It also held on 11-12 April 2014 its first professional training programme, entitled 'Bankers' Training on Recovery of NPAs'.

The Centre shall shortly launch India's first scholarly journal dedicated to banking and insurance laws. Titled 'Journal of Banking and Insurance Laws', it is intended as a semi-annually published peer-reviewed journal, and is scheduled to be launched in October 2014. Already some sixty submissions have been received for the inaugural issue.

Centre on Consumer Law (CCL)

This centre is aimed at furthering the cause of access to legal justice for consumers. Consumer disputes are generally of a nature where a

small individual is pitted against a big corporate house. Therefore, the Centre aspires to bridge this big gap by contributing at various stages of legal representation for the poor litigant. Another objective is providing the students of the University with significant practical exposure. The Centre has already started working on certain emerging issues in the area of consumer law, inter alia, status of farmers as consumers, false and misleading advertising etc. and aims at creating a comprehensive legal database on such issues.

Centre for Corporate and Commercial Laws (CCCL)

The Centre for Corporate and Commercial Laws is established for empirical legal research on the contemporary issues in corporate and commercial laws. Research outcomes are documented, published and used in classroom teaching as well. In addition, the center gives exposure to students interested in the related subjects using clinical methods.

The CCCL organised a conclave on Emerging Trend in Corporate and Commercial Laws on 26 October, 2014. This conclave featured as panelists/resource persons partners of top-tier law firms such as J Sagar Associates, RDA Legal, and Trellis Legal; Senior Advocates; and Academics. Select papers (blind reviewed) were presented on 4-5 different themes.

Centre for Disaster Management & Law (DIMALA)

Disaster management occupies an important place in this country's policy framework as it is the poor and the under-privileged who are worst affected on account of calamities/disasters. India is prone to natural and man-made disasters. This underscores the need to adopt a multi dimensional endeavour involving diverse scientific, engineering, financial, social and, not the least important, legal processes. While comprehensive law has been enacted on the subject, laws and regulations pertaining to certain specific types of disaster situations do exist. These Acts (and Rules made thereunder) need to be more publicised.

This indicates an urgent need to establish a knowledge based organisation working solely on the legal aspects of disaster management. It is most surprising therefore that few such organisations exist, particularly in a State as disaster-prone as Odisha is. DIMALA endeavours to redress this acute need.

On 7-8 September 2014 DIMALA, in collaboration with UNDP, organised a National Seminar on the theme 'Disaster Management & Law: Policy Initiatives & Legal Awareness'. It has also prepared a critique of a Compendium on Disaster Laws prepared by the National Disaster Management Authority in conjunction with WBNUJS, Kolkata.

Centre for Industrial Relations and Labour Laws (CIRLL)

CIRLL aims at enhancing the working conditions and living standards of labourers working in industrial establishments and construction sites. It started on a multi-faceted note with two projects: "Astitva", which concerned a survey of the conditions of workers in construction sites in the realty sector, in and around Bhubaneswar; and "Arogyada", which aimed at providing healthcare services to the construction workers engaged in the construction work inside the University campus. Under this project the centre, in collaboration with JPM Rotary Eye Hospital & Research Institute, organized a free eye-check up camp within the premises. The camp was inaugurated by Justice A. K. Patnaik, Justice V. Gopala Gowda and Justice Adarsh Kumar Goel.

CIRLL conducted a Management Development Programme (MDP) on Industrial Relations Law and Practice. This saw participation from Mahanadi Coalfields, Tata Refractories, IFCO, Tata Steel, and NALCO. Its next MDP is scheduled for January 2015.

Intellectual Property Analysis and Advocacy Centre (IPAAC)

Intellectual Property Analysis and Advocacy Centre (IPAAC) has been established with the objective of enhancing the intellectual property knowledge base and research capabilities of the country in general, and the State of Odisha in particular. The centre attempts to achieve these aims through a two pronged strategy. Firstly, it attempts to disseminate information on intellectual property rights with a view to create awareness in the public in general about their rights and duties. Secondly, it initiates research into relatively unexplored and novel areas, taking into consideration the industrial application of Intellectual Property.

So far IPAAC has organised several events. On 6-8 April 2014 it organised a workshop on the theme 'Intellectual Property in Business'. In July it held a National Essay Competition on Intellectual Property. On 18-19 October 2014 IPAAC and Colloquium Opus (NLUO's Seminar Committee) jointly organised the first National Conference on Intellectual Property Rights.

Other Research Centres

Centre for Child Rights (CCR)

Centre for Contract Law and Contract Management (CCLCM)

Centre for Disability Law and Advocacy (CDLA)

Centre for Mediation and Negotiation (CMN)

Centre for Natural Resource Management (CNRM)

Centre for Outreach and Research in Agriculture Law (CORAL)

Centre for Public Policy, Law and Good Governance (CPPLGG)

Centre for Women and Law (CWL)

Tribal Rights Advocacy Center (TRAC)

LEGAL SERVICES CLINIC

NLUO's Legal Services Clinic is intended to serve the legal needs of those who do not have the means to hire a lawyer for consideration of their problem as well as for advice and action for appropriate relief. It intends to collaborate with Odisha State Legal Services Authority to facilitate services more effectively.

The clinic is run by the students and faculty members of NLUO. Legal literacy, legal training workshops for the poor are some of the techniques used by the clinic to ensure that the marginalised receive adequate legal remedy. For the last three years, the University's students have set up legal awareness camps in various parts of Odisha.

Recent Initiatives

TEACHING PROGRAMME FOR CHILDREN OF WORKERS AT THE NLUO CONSTRUCTION SITE

SEPTEMBER 2013 - APRIL 2014

In this project, the Committee undertook the task of providing educational assistance to the children of workers at the NLUO campus construction site. About twenty students between five and twelve years were provided basic education, and also teaching oriented towards their overall personality development.

LEGAL LITERACY PROGRAMME

September - November 2013

With an aim to spread legal knowledge among laypersons, especially children, the Committee undertook a project on Legal Literacy. In this project, legal literacy camps were set up in schools and colleges in Cuttack to educate students about their legal rights, legal institutions and social-welfare legislations which are meant for their economic and social benefit.

Legal Aid and Awareness Program: Shelter Home for Women

January - February 2013

Under this initiative, the Legal Aid Committee examined the legal and other concerns of women residents of a Shelter Home placed in CDA, Cuttack. A preliminary survey revealed a strong need for creating legal awareness: for example, many women are still unaware that practices such as underage marriage and Sati are now prohibited by law, or that a concept called divorce exists. Keeping this in mind, a legal awareness programme was initiated. A skit depicting situations encountered in real life was shown, and discussions were conducted on issues such as domestic violence, dowry and so on. These activities were undertaken in Odia in order to ensure maximum dissemination. The Committee also conducted counselling sessions to understand the specific problems faced by individual residents, and explored ways by which proper legal

remedy could be provided to them.

Survey of Riverside Settlers

November 2012

This initiative focussed on the living conditions of settlers on the banks of the river Kathajodi, and the legal and other problems they face. One common reason for such problems stems from the fact that they do not possess permanent residences or proper identity proof, and are subject to frequent evictions and evacuations.

Survey on Working and Living Conditions of Construction Site Workers

September 2012

Under this initiative, the Committee undertook a survey of about 250 laborers employed in the NLUO campus building site. The main objective of this exercise was to study the conditions of labour, their awareness of laws and other policies and any other human rights violations faced by them at the field. Respondents were questioned on standard of basic facilities provided at the construction site i.e. Food, Water, Health, Sanitation, Electricity, Housing and other safety concerns.

Future Plans

The society is initiating a legal awareness counselling programme for prison undertrials. It is also planning to set up legal aid camps in rural and socially backward areas in Odisha to spread legal awareness among citizens. These camps shall act as a medium to settle dispute by means of alternative dispute resolution.

With an idea to make sure that those both inside and outside the legal fraternity understand the significance of legal aid, the society will come up with its own publications. These will be in the form of newsletters and brochures. Apart from these, a blog shall also be started, which will feature brief write-ups on various socio-legal issues.

Another initiative of the Clinic is about a legal helpline. Right now it is still a work in progress. However, considerable progress has been made in this regard, and the University hopes to commence services very shortly.



PROJECT 'ACCESS TO JUSTICE FOR MARGINALIZED PEOPLE AND SOCIALLY RELEVANT LEGAL EDUCATION'

NLJO is proud to be a part of the project 'Access to Justice for Marginalized People' undertaken together by the Department of Justice, Government of India, and UNDP. Legal Aid initiatives play a pivotal role in legal empowerment of marginalised sections of society. The most constructive impact of legal aid can be seen in issues pertaining to Access to Justice. A major drawback of the justice delivery mechanism all over India is a lack of approachability. Justice is best served when people have the competence, ability and willingness to access existing legal mechanisms. In this context, legal aid plays a crucial role as it demystifies issues pertaining to accessibility of justice. Clinical Legal Education also becomes relevant here as it brings into the existing system a stream of enthusiasm through students who are willing to participate and acquire skills necessary to ensure efficient delivery of legal aid.

The project intends to catalyse the mechanism of justice deliver in the state of Odisha by reaching out to those sections of society where people are not aware of legal remedies available to them or are not in a position to access the justice mechanism due to existing socio-economic barriers. Under this project, the University will actively collaborate with the Odisha State Legal Services Authority (OSLSA) and various District Legal Services Authorities (DSLAs). One specific objective of this is to set up Legal Aid Clinics in three districts, namely Cuttack, Khurda and Puri. The project is scheduled to run for a period of three years.

Objectives:

- To explore methods by which legal education can be made socially relevant.
- To sensitise students, lawyers, academics, members of local bodies and the community in general, on issues faced by

socially and economically disadvantaged sections.

- To encourage alternate methods of dispute resolution.
- To address issues pertaining to access to justice and simplify modalities to approach justice.
- To explore and expand the scope of clinical legal education so as to facilitate legal aid.
- To induce self-sufficiency in target communities within the three districts so as to strengthen the common people in asserting their rights and entitlements.
- To standardise facilities for legal aid and consolidate methods of easy access to justice.
- To integrate within classroom teaching insights gained from the project.

Activities Under the Project:

Legal Literacy, i.e. conducting legal literacy/awareness camps based on the needs of target communities

Training Programmes, for lawyers, law students, school teachers, members of Panchayats/local bodies etc.

Paralegal services

Creation of knowledge products

Facilitating community dispute resolutions

Organising conferences and workshops

PUBLICATIONS



Within the short time since the University came into existence, its faculty members and students have generated significant levels of research output. Much of this has been published in the form of books, research articles, and book chapters. NLUO has now started several academic journals so that this considerable in-house talent may be harnessed and its output disseminated to a larger audience.

FACULTY-EDITED JOURNALS:

NLUO Law Journal

The NLUO Law Journal is the University's flagship publication. It is designed to showcase the academic excellence of NLUO's faculty, and is a double-blind peer-reviewed journal.

Developments in Law

This publication attempts to identify and examine recent developments and trends in specific areas of law. It is not meant to be a mere chronicle of latest case law and statutes; rather, through analysis and critical commentary it seeks to appreciate developments in their larger legal and social context. So far this is still a work-in-progress. The University plans to launch the inaugural issue very soon.

Journal of Banking and Insurance Laws

Journal of Banking and Insurance Laws (JBIL) is a peer-reviewed journal published semi-annually by the Centre for Banking and Insurance Laws (CBIL), NLUO. It seeks to promote research which is not only academic in nature but can also pave a way for relevant law reforms in future. Keeping this in mind, JBIL is intended as a forum where all stakeholders in the banking and insurance sectors,

including academics, industry professionals, policy makers, lawyers and so on, can present their views.

STUDENT-RUN JOURNALS:

Colloquium Opus Law Journal

Colloquium Opus Law Journal is published biannually by the Seminar Committee of the National Law University Odisha. It publishes well researched and quality papers written by students, academicians and eminent jurists in the field of legal profession.

NLUO Student Law Review

The NLUO Student Law Review is the flagship student-run publication of NLUO. It is an annual, peer-reviewed journal. While it accepts (in fact, encourages) legal writing and scholarship of all types, it underscores the need for research on inter-disciplinary legal issues with an empirical focus.

Journal of Competition Law and Policy

The Competition Act, 2002 has witnessed numerous challenges notwithstanding its relatively young age. This calls for much research to be conducted on its multiple aspects, consequences and implications. The Journal of Competition Law and Policy is intended as a platform to sustain discourse on competition law, including its interplay with other laws such as intellectual property, consumer protection, taxation and so on. It is a double blind peer-reviewed publication, and boasts of being the first student-run journal in India dedicated exclusively to competition law.





CONFERENCES, WORKSHOPS, TRAINING PROGRAMMES

Since its inception NLUO has furthered its research, dissemination and knowledge outreach goals through a policy of organising programmes such as seminars, conferences, training programmes for professionals, and capacity-building workshops for academics. In the previous year alone, several significant events of this nature had taken place, including:

1. National Conference on Intellectual Property Rights
2. Training Programme: 'Cyber Laws and Cyber Forensics' (in collaboration with Advanced Centre for Research, Development and Training in Cyber Laws and Forensics (ACRDTCLF), NLSIU Bangalore).
3. Induction Programme on International Humanitarian Law (in collaboration with ICRC).
4. Programme for Law Teachers: 'Contract Negotiation, Management and Dispute Resolution' (in collaboration with NALCO).
5. National Conference: 'Enhancing Access to Justice and Quality of Legal Education' (in collaboration with UNDP).
6. Training Programme for Bank Officers: 'Recovery of Non-Performing Assets' (in collaboration with the State Bank India).
7. Rajiv Gandhi Advocates' Training Programme: A one-month programme intended to augment the legal skillsets of young advocates of Odisha.
8. Three Day Programme for Advocates: 'Professional Development and Training programme for Advocates on Labour Law and Practice and Labour Adjudication'

(in collaboration with the IBA-CLE Chair, NLSIU Bangalore).

9. Workshop: 'Intellectual Property in Business for Law Students'.
10. Management Development Programme: 'Industrial Relations Law and Practice for Human Resource and Industrial Relations Management'.

Presented here are highlights from some selected programmes:

National Conference on Intellectual Property Rights

IPAAC and Colloquium Opus, NLUO's Seminar Committee, jointly held on 18-19 October 2014 a two-day National Conference on Intellectual Property Rights. It was inaugurated by Mr. Justice Dipak Misra, Judge Supreme Court of India and Visitor, NLUO in the presence of Mr. Justice Amitava Roy, Chief Justice of Orissa High Court and Chancellor, NLUO; other judges of various High Courts, and Prof. (Dr.) Srikrishna Deva Rao, Vice-Chancellor, NLUO.

A total of eighteen papers were selected for presentation, and spread across six sessions each restricted to a specific theme. Themes included IP in Entertainment Industry, Copyright In The Digital Era, and IP Protection of Traditional Knowledge. Distinguished jurists who chaired sessions included Mr. Justice Sanjeev Khanna and Mr. Justice Manmohan Singh, Judges, High Court of Delhi; Prof. (Dr.) T. Ramakrishnan, MHRD IPR Chair Professor, NLSIU, Bangalore; Prof. (Dr.) Ghayur Alam, MHRD IPR Chair Professor, NLIU, Bhopal; Prof. (Dr.) R. K. Murali, Faculty of Law BHU, Varanasi; and Prof. (Dr.) Uday Shanker, IIT, Kharagpur.

National Conference on IPR: Present are Justice Amitava Roy, Justice Dipak Mishra, and Prof. Srikrishna Deva Rao





TRAINING PROGRAMME ON CYBER LAWS AND CYBER FORENSICS

Organised jointly by NLUO and the Advanced Centre for Research, Development and Training in Cyber Laws and Forensics (ACRDTCLF), NLSIU Bangalore, and held on 7 September 2014, this programme was undertaken with the object of augmenting the skillsets of stakeholders directly and indirectly involved in adjudicating cyber wrongs and administering cyber law and justice system in the country; these included judicial officers, police officers, and advocates. Speakers at the inaugural session included Justice Dipak Misra, Judge, Supreme Court of India and Visitor, NLUO; Justice Amitava Roy, Chief Justice, Orissa High Court and Chancellor, NLUO; Prof R Venkata Rao, Vice-Chancellor, NLSIU Bangalore; and Prof Srikrishna Deva Rao, Vice-Chancellor, NLUO.

The first technical session was conducted by Prof Nagarathna A, Chief Investigator, ACRDTCLF, and comprised a brief overview of laws relating to cyber-crime. This was followed by a session conducted by Mr MD Sharath, Dy SP, Cyber Police Station, Bangalore. Its theme pertained to the investigation of cyber-crimes, particularly related legal and evidentiary issues. Mr Venkatesh Murthy, Senior Manager, Cyber Forensics Lab, Data Security Council of India (DSCI), Bangalore, then conducted a session on the technical and forensic issues relating to cyber-crime case investigation.

The concluding session was conducted by Mr Satyajit Mohanty IPS, ADGP and CMD, Odisha State

Police Housing and Welfare Corporation, in the presence of Prof Srikrishna Deva Rao, Vice Chancellor, NLUO.

INDUCTION PROGRAMME ON INTERNATIONAL HUMANITARIAN LAW

Held on 8 August 2014 and organised by NLUO in collaboration with International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), the Programme was intended to acquaint students with issues relating to international humanitarian law, including war crimes, principle of proportionality, and Geneva Conventions. ICRC officials present on the occasion included Dr Anuradha Saibaba (Legal Adviser to ICRC), Mr Kamil Rashid Khan (Communications Officer), and Dr Chakradhar Panda (Secretary of the Odisha State Red Cross Office). About fifty students of NLUO attended the programme, and interacted with ICRC representatives and other experts on international humanitarian law.

Management Development Programme: 'Industrial Relations and Labour Laws'

Held from 12 to 14 April 2014, this programme was not only NLUO's first ever Management Development Programme (MDP), but also the first of its kind in Odisha. It was held over three days, and saw participation by the representatives of Fortune 500 companies such as Tata Steel and IFFCO, and leading public-sector undertakings like Mahanadi Coalfields Limited (MCL) and NALCO. The inaugural and valedictory sessions were presided over respectively by Mr A Sahay (CMD, MCL) and Mr P Bhattacharjee (JGM, P&A, IFFCO). Individual sessions were conducted by Prof V Nagaraj (then the Vice-Chancellor, NLUO), Prof OV Nandimath (Registrar, NLSIU Bangalore), Prof V Kesava Rao (Professor, NLUO), Mr. Ramesh Singh (Advocate, Supreme Court), Dr G Manjunath (Joint Labour Commissioner, Bangalore), and Prof Arjyalopa Mishra (Assistant Professor, NLUO).

NATIONAL CONFERENCE: 'ENHANCING ACCESS TO JUSTICE AND QUALITY OF LEGAL EDUCATION'

This conference was held on 11-12 January 2014 and organised by NLUO with the support of the Project on Access to Justice for Marginalized People, a project undertaken together by UNDP and the Government of India. The inaugural address was delivered by Prof NR Madhava Menon, Founder-Director and presently IBA-CLE Chair Professor, NLSIU Bangalore. This was followed by an address by Ms Nawaz Kotwal, Co-Ordinator, 'Access to Justice for Marginalized People' Programme. The Presidential Address was delivered by Justice Justice Adarsh Kumar Goel, the then- Chief Justice of Orissa High Court and Chancellor, NLUO.

The first business session, entitled 'Taking Stock of Present Status of Access to Justice and Quality Legal Education', was moderated by Prof R Venkata Rao, Vice-Chancellor, NLSIU Bangalore, with Prof NR Madhava Menon as the Lead Discussant. This was followed by presentations by Prof Ashok R Patil, Prof MRK Prasad, Prof Prinkal Joshi, Prof Anirban Chakraborty, and Prof Nagendra Murthy. This was followed by a session entitled 'Integration of Legal Aid and Legal Education'. Prof Ashok R Patil (NLSIU) was the moderator, with Prof MRK Prasad and Prof Jane E. Schukoske (IRRAD) as lead discussants. The third Business Session was dedicated to the theme 'Integration of Legal Aid and Legal Education'. Prof NK Chakrabarti, Director, KIIT Law School,, was moderator, with Prof V Nagaraj, the then-Vice-Chancellor, NLUO, and Prof Ashok R Patil as lead discussants.

Much of the second day was dedicated to the theme 'Exploring the Possibility of Law Teachers to be Given a Limited Right to Practice by Taking Up Legal Aid Cases Only.' Prof OV Nandimath, Registrar, NLSIU Bangalore was the moderator, with Justice Indrajit Mahanty, Judge, Orissa High Court as lead discussant. Mr GK Mohanty, Chairman, Orissa State Bar Council, and Mr Praveen Garg, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Law and Justice, Government of India, also spoke at this session.

TRAINING PROGRAMME FOR LAW TEACHERS: 'CONTRACTS, NEGOTIATION, MANAGEMENT AND DISPUTE RESOLUTION'

'Contracts, Negotiation, Management and Dispute Resolution' was a week-long programme organised on 21-26 December 2013, and intended to strengthen the capacity of law teachers in Odisha and bring about substantial qualitative improvement in the sphere of legal education. It was undertaken with the assistance of NALCO. Justice AK Patnaik, Judge, Supreme Court of India inaugurated the programme. Mr Ansuman Das, CMD, NALCO was guest of honour, and Justice Indrajit Mahanty presided over the function. Individual sessions were conducted by distinguished academics in the area of contract law, including Prof V Kesava Rao (Professor, NLUO), Prof OV Nandimath (Registrar NLSIU Bangalore) and Prof Sairam Bhat (Associate Professor, NLSIU Bangalore). Attendees included more than thirty-five law teachers from across Odisha, and also several NALCO employees whose work involved substantial interface with contract law.

RAJIV GANDHI ADVOCATES' TRAINING PROGRAMME (RGATP)

The Implementation Cell, Department of Legal Affairs, Ministry of Law and Justice, Government of India selected NLUO as an implementing agency for the Rajiv Gandhi Advocates' Training Programme (RGATP) for the year 2013-14. To this end NLUO organised a month-long training programme for young advocates, between 18th December 2013 and 18th January 2014. It was inaugurated by Mr Justice RM Lodha, Judge, Supreme Court, in the presence of Mr Justice AK Patnaik and Mr Justice V. Gopal Gowda, Judges, Supreme Court of India; and Mr Justice Adarsh Kumar Goel, the then-Chief Justice of Odisha.

A total of forty-five advocates attended the programme, which was spread over no less than 123 individual sessions. Legal luminaries who participated as resource persons included Prof. N. R. Madhava Menon, Founder Vice-Chancellor, NLSIU, Bangalore; Prof. V. Keshav Rao, then Professor Andhra University; Mr. S.Praveen Kumar, DCP, Cuttack; Prof. Babu Mathew, Visiting Professor, NLSIU, Bangalore; and Mr. Manjunath, Joint Labour Commissioner, Government of Karnataka.

Prof. NR Madhava Menon at the Rajiv Gandhi Advocates' Training Programme



MOOTING AT NLUO

The Moot Society (TMS) of NLUO is managed by the University's students under the guidance of a faculty advisor. It enjoys the mandate to coordinate all aspects of the University's involvement with mooting, which includes organising the annual Intra-University Moot Court Competition (IUMCC) to select students to represent NLUO in various National and International moot court competitions; co-ordinating lectures, workshops etc. by experts to help the students in preparing for moots; and conducting on a regular basis informal discussions, workshops, practice moots, and special classes by the faculty advisor for newcomers. NLUO boasts a policy of extending financial assistance to students for participating in national and international level moot court competitions.

ACHIEVEMENTS

NLUO is remarkable for achieving in its very first year of existence consistently high levels of competitiveness in moot court competitions. This eventually paid off in the form of several outright wins and podium finishes in top-tier competitions. In the academic year 2013-14 the University stood seventh overall in the Mooting Premier League (MPL) organised by the website LegallyIndia. Other recent achievements include:

- Best Team, Best Memorial: 1st NUJS Dr. Justice BP Saraf National Tax Moot Court Competition 2014, NUJS Kolkata
Team: Noopur Srivastava, Anshu Bansal, Nidhi Jaiswal
- Best Memorial, Semi-Finalist: 55th Phillip C Jessup International Moot Court Competition 2013-14 (India South) Rounds 2014, Christ University, Bangalore
Team: Kushagra Sinha, Aishwarya Singh, Rishabh Dheer, Rohit Kapoor
- Best Speaker: 25th All India Moot Court Competition for the Kerala Law Academy Trophy 2014, Kerala Law Academy
Team: Anusam Dash (Best Speaker), Rishabh A. Gupta, Shobhit Batta
- Best Speaker, Semi-Finalist, Second Best Memorial: 15DM Harish Memorial Government Law College National Moot Court Competition 2014, GLC Mumbai
Team: Priyanka Murali (Best Speaker), Ranjeev Khatana, Shubham Saigal
- Runners Up, Best Memorial: DSNLU Competition Law Moot Court Competition 2014, DSNLU Vishakapatnam
Team: Ashish Shukla, Vivek Ranjan, Smriti Singh
- Best Team, Best Memorial: 3rd ILNU International Moot Court Competition 2014, ILNU Ahmedabad
Team: Abhay Singh, Hema Pattnaik, Sarita Rout
- Semi-finalist, Best Lady Advocate: XVIII All India Moot Court Competition 2014, ULC Bangalore
Team: Mansi Khare (Best Lady Advocate), Ashish Patel, Jyotiranjan Deo



Winners of the Dr Justice BP Saraf National Tax Moot (L-R) Noopur Srivastava, Nidhi Jaiswal, Anshu Bansal with Prof. Srikrishna Deva Rao, Vice Chancellor NLUO

NOTABLE PERFORMANCES

A team comprising Noopur Srivastava, Anshu Bansal, and Nidhi Jaiswal came first overall in the inaugural Dr. Justice BP Saraf National Tax Moot Court Competition 2014, organised by NUJS Kolkata. The team also won the best memorial award.

A team comprising Abhay Singh, Hema Pattnaik, and Sarita Rout was ranked first overall at the 3rd ILNU International Moot Court Competition 2014 organised by ILNU Ahmedabad. The team also won the best memorial award.

A team comprising Deven Choudhary, Arpit Jain, and Sanghamitra Singh came first at the NUALS Maritime Moot Court Competition 2014 organised NUALS Kochi. Deven Choudhary also won the Best Advocate Award.

A team comprising Akarsh Deepak, Ankit Pal, and Deepankar Dikshit won the 4th UPES Paras Diwan Energy Law Moot Court Competition 2014 organised by UPES Dehradun. The team also won the Best Memorial Award.

A team comprising Aishwarya Mohanty, Vinaya Sharada, and Ganesh Gopalakrishnan stood second overall in the 4th Amity International Moot Court Competition 2014 organised by Amity Law School, Noida.

A team comprising Priyanka Murali, Ranjeev Khatana, and Shubham Saigal reached the semi-finals of the 15th DM Harish Memorial Government Law College National Moot Court Competition 2014, organised by GLC Mumbai. was adjudged Best Speaker overall, and the team also won the Second-Best Memorial Award.



Distinguished Mooter: Anshu Bansal (2010-15 Batch)

Anshu was part of the team that won the Surana & Surana International Technology Moot. She also won a citation for the best speaker in the finals. Her team then placed first in the inaugural edition of the BP Saraf Tax Moot Court Competition organized by the AIFTP (Eastern Zone) in association with WBNUJS.

- Best Memorial: 3rd IIT-KGP Moot Court Competition 2014, IIT Kharagpur
Team: Nikitta Pattajoshi, Shweta Sahu, Noopur Srivastava

- Winner, Best Advocate: NUALS Maritime Moot Court Competition 2014, NUALS Kochi
Team: Deven Choudhary (Best Advocate), Arpit Jain, Sanghamitra Singh
- Semi-Finalist, Best Speaker: GH Raisoni Law School 9th National Moot Court Competition 'Kishan' 2014, GH Raisoni Law School, Nagpur
Team: Anish Jaipurkar (Best Speaker), Mayank Sapra, Meril Mathew



Distinguished Mooter: Deven Choudhary (2011-16 Batch)

Deven displays a keen interest in maritime law. He was part of the winning team at the NUALS Maritime Moot Court Competition 2014. That apart, he has also secured valuable work experience in this area, including an internship at Maersk.

- Semi-Finalist, Best Speaker: GLC Thiruvananthapuram 9th All India Moot Court Competition, 2014, GLC Thiruvananthapuram
Team: Mandar Bhatodkar (Best Speaker), Shivank Jhanji, Shweta Singh
- Winner, Best Memorial: 4th UPES Paras Diwan Energy Law Moot Court Competition 2014, UPES Dehradun
Team: Akarsh Deepak, Ankit Pal, Deepankar Dikshit
- Semi-Finalist, Best Researcher: 14th Henry Dunant Memorial Moot Court Competition (National Rounds) 2014, ISIL Delhi
Team: Gaurav Rai, Arbaaz Hussain, Ishaan Mehta (Best Researcher)
- Runners Up, Best Memorial, Best Speaker: 13th Surana International Technology Moot Court Competition 2014; Symbiosis Law School, Pune
Team: Anvesh Srivastava, Manya Tripathi (Best Speaker), Sohil Yadav.
- Best Memorial, Second Runners Up: KIIT National Moot Court Competition 2014, KIIT Bhubaneswar
Team: Puneet Passi, Shreya Basu, Kushagra Sinha
- Runners Up: 4th Amity International Moot Court Competition 2014, Amity Law School, Noida
Team: Aishwarya Mohanty, Vinaya Sharada, Ganesh Gopalakrishnan



DISTINGUISHED MOOTER: PRIYANKA MURALI (2012-17 BATCH):

Priyanka has notched consistently high performances in the IUMCC, NLUO's intra-University moot. Her other achievements include clearing the Memo Challengers of DM Harish Memorial Moot Court, securing selection, and then being adjudged Best Speaker. Also, she was part of the team that reached the semi-finals.

- Semi-finalist, Second Best Advocate: 18th International Environmental Moot Court Competition (India North) Rounds 2013, NLIU Bhopal
Team: Prateek Suri (Second Best Advocate), Anirudh Panikar, P.Pardhu Shetty

ORGANISING MOOTS

NLUO's involvement with organising moot court competitions is notable in its own right. In 2013-14 it organised for the second time in the India (South) Rounds of the prestigious Stetson International Environmental Law Moot Court Competition. In the same year it also held the inaugural NLUO Maritime Law Moot Court Competition. The University is also in the process of implementing a plan to organise in the near future a series of national and international moots on socially relevant themes.

NLUO MARITIME LAW MOOT COURT COMPETITION

The NLUO Maritime Law Moot Court Competition is a pioneering initiative undertaken by NLUO in conjunction with the Paradip Port Trust. It was held for the first time in March 2014. About twenty teams from all over India participated. NLIU Bhopal won the first prize, and NALSAR Hyderabad came second. Akansha Singh from Jindal Global Law School Sonipat was adjudged best speaker, while NUALS Kochi won the best memorial award. The University intends to organise this on a regular basis, and hopes to establish it as a premier event among moot court competitions.

IUMCC

The Intra-University Moot Court Competition (IUMCC) is an internal moot organised under the auspices of the Moot Society. It is intended to serve two purposes. The first pertains to inculcating a culture of mooting among students, particularly newcomers and those unfamiliar with the requirements of this form of competition. The second is to select participants to represent the University in moots of national and international repute, and also qualify for financial assistance in this regard from the University. The 2014 iteration of this competition saw the participation of about 250 students.



CAMPUS INFRASTRUCTURE



NLUO is now housed in its own campus near Naraj, at the western extreme of Cuttack. The area is noted for its scenic beauty, as it is where the Mahanadi, one of India's mightiest rivers, branches off its distributary, the Kathjodi. The Naraj Reservoir is located just a ten-minute walk away, and the locality boasts also of several other places of notable scenic beauty.

The campus is spread over 50 acres, with twenty more acres scheduled to be added soon. Once completed, it will house about 700 students along with faculty members and other staff. It is designed to be eco-friendly, incorporating features such as rain-water harvesting measures. The academic block and the hostels are already functional. The academic block is scheduled to become fully air-conditioned very soon. Planned extensions include language labs, gym and other sports facilities, basketball courts, football and cricket grounds, a thousand-seater auditorium, an open-air amphitheatre, a multi-cuisine food court and, most important, a dedicated library building.

The lecture halls are airy, spacious, well-lit, and comfortable. They feature state-of-the-art audio-visual equipment, including LCD projectors, dedicated sound systems, and electronic blackboards (which automatically generate printouts of what has been written on them). It goes without saying that these equipment are not meant to be mere showpieces. Courses are designed in order to make

optimum use of them; as a result, PowerPoint presentations, film screenings, and other multimedia techniques form an integral aspect of NLUO's undergraduate and postgraduate curricula.





HOSTEL

NLUO is justly proud of its hostel facilities. Like the academic building, our hostels have been constructed with an emphasis on space, airiness, hygiene and natural lighting. All students are offered spacious single-occupancy rooms. The mess is entirely student-managed. Recreation facilities include television, table-tennis tables, carrom boards and so on. Discipline is given considerable priority. Our security arrangements are stringent, in order to ensure the safety and security of residents and their property. Other welfare measures include round-the-clock housekeeping services, broadband Wi-Fi access, extensive first-aid facilities, and an ambulance on duty for 24 hours.

DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE

To maintain discipline in the campus, the University has constituted three different disciplinary committees, namely the Student

Disciplinary Committee (SDC), the Hostel Disciplinary Committee (HDC), and the University Disciplinary Committee (UDC). All regular matters related to discipline are handled by SDC or HDC. UDC is not a permanent body but is constituted to handle particular cases. UDC enjoys jurisdiction in two cases, viz. matters referred to it by HDC or SDC, and matters of considerable seriousness.

MESS COMMITTEE

The Mess Committee is an all-student body responsible for the maintenance of standards in the preparation of food. It decides the menu keeping in mind student composition, since the University features students from almost all parts of the country. Given the nature of its task catering to such diverse tastes, the Committee has been doing a commendable job. Other than taste, the Committee also ensures that the food served is hygienic and nutritious.

STUDENT LIFE AT NLUO



Life cannot be restricted to academics alone. It is necessary for educational institutions to provide exposure to the diversity that characterises a holistic existence. This includes literary and cultural activities; pursuits that lead to greater social awareness; and also recreational activities. To this end, NLUO has constituted a number of committees, each dedicated to one aspect of co-curricular and extra-curricular pursuits that enriches student life.

STUDENT COMMITTEES

CULTURAL COMMITTEE

All round progress and development is the cumulative parameter that sums up the end National Law University Odisha strives for. The blend of imagination and art with a unique and innate style of expression is what culture is all about. The Cultural Committee is entrusted with the task of organising the university festival, and preparing and sending teams for festivals held elsewhere.

INTERNSHIP AND PLACEMENT COMMITTEE

Law graduates have to undergo internships to improve and sharpen their knowledge of law. Students of NLUO have interned at prestigious law firms and corporate houses like Amarchand Mangaldas, Kochar & Co, Khaitan & Co, Lex Counsel, and so on. The Internship and Placement Committee has helped students reach international organisations like WHO, CRY, UNICEF and Greenpeace among many more. Students have also interned at many national institutions such as RLEK, Muktidhara, and Janjeevan. The Committee strives to secure better internships, and eventually better placements, for the students of National Law University Odisha so that they, and also the University, benefit at the end of the day.



JOURNAL COMMITTEE

This committee endeavours to achieve academic and professional excellence by promoting research and cultivating a culture of quality legal writing. The committee presently publishes two student-run journals, namely the NLUO Student Law Review and the Journal of Competition Law and Policy.

LEGAL AID SOCIETY

The Legal Aid Society aims to serve all those who do not have the means to hire a lawyer for consideration of their problem as well as for advice and action for appropriate relief.

LITERARY AND DEBATING COMMITTEE

The role of Literary and Debating Committee is not just limited to organising debates and preparing students for them. It also organises writing workshops and conducts essay competitions. In addition, the Committee holds informal seminars where students and faculty members discuss topical issues, both legal and otherwise. Recently the Committee organised an intra-University literary festival, featuring talks, addresses and lectures by eminent writers including Pushpesh Pant, Chandradas Choudhury, and Altaf Tyrewala.

THE MOOT SOCIETY

The Moot Society's activities have already been discussed in detail earlier. They extend to conducting competitive internal moot court competitions, and preparing teams for similar competitions in other institutions in India and abroad. Society regularly invites nationally and internationally renowned mooters to familiarise students with

the practical and competitive aspects of mooting. It also facilitates sharing of knowledge by experienced mooters.

Seminar Committee

The Seminar Committee organises seminars and talks by eminent persons, as well as presentations by students and faculty members of NLUO, on significant and emerging issues. It is also responsible for organising national- and international-level seminars and conferences conducted by or on behalf of the University.

SPORTS COMMITTEE

The Sports Committee is responsible for overseeing all University sporting events. It organises intra-university sport festivals, and is instrumental in the selection of teams representing the University at outside events.

STUDENT DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

The Student Development Committee is intended as an interface between the student community and the faculty. It acts as a liaising body, and represents to higher authorities problems and grievances of students. It also undertakes programmes to improve the quality of life for students.

TECH COMMITTEE

The Tech Committee is given responsibility over IT-related issues. Presently it is working on a revamp of the University's website. It also hears student grievances on IT issues, such as internet access, and reports them to appropriate authorities. Future events planned include gaming fests, and national-level coding competitions.





His Excellency Dr SC Jamir, Governor of Odisha, at the NLUO Literary Festival

EVENTS

THE NLUO LITERARY FESTIVAL

To celebrate the heritage of literature and the liberal arts, the Literary and Debating Committee organised on 7 to 9 August 2014 the First NLUO Literary Festival. It was designed to underscore themes of drama and poetry appreciation, elements of film and music. Noted participants included (in alphabetical order) Chandrahas Choudhury, Athena Kashyap, Vartika Nanda, Pushpesh Pant, Dinanath Pathy, Kalyani Samantray, Arshia Sattar, Indra Sinha, and Altaf Tyrewala.

The Festival's main aim was to bring together readers with writers and speakers of national repute, so as to provide students an unparalleled opportunity to connect with the world of literature. It also sought to provide platforms for discussions on trends, values and thoughts within the contemporary world. Authors and commentators were invited to conduct talks, presentations, workshops, and book readings.

The Valedictory Function was graced by His Excellency Dr S C Jamir, Governor of Odisha



Hunar: The Intra-University Cultural Fest

Hunar is an intra-university cultural fest of our University. In the last iteration in 2013, more than 400 students from all batches participated in around 40 events designed to test the creativity, knowledge and talents. Events included a face painting competition, followed by other events like Cartoonix, Jung-e-Hunger, Fashion Show, Ad Mad Show, Mehendi, Rangoli, Rag Darbaar (solo vocals), Tal Mel, Treasure Hunt, Antakshiri, Sports & Bollywood Quizzes, and so on. The highlight of the closing ceremony was a fire show.

FACULTY



Prof. (Dr.) Srikrishna Deva Rao

Vice-Chancellor

Prof. Srikrishna Deva Rao holds a Master's degree in Law from Kakatiya University, Warangal; an M.Phil. in Law from National Law School, Bangalore; and a Ph.D. from Delhi University. Prior to joining NLUO as Vice-Chancellor, he has been actively involved with legal education and research at four National Law Universities: National Law School of India University, Bangalore (1990-95 and 1997-98); NALSAR, Hyderabad (1998-2004); Gujarat National Law University, Gandhi Nagar (2004-07); and National Law University, Delhi (2010-14). In addition, he has had short stints at Jawaharlal Nehru University (1995-96) and University of Delhi (1996-97). Prof. Rao was a member of the UGC expert committee in Law to transform legal education in India (2010-2012). He has been a visiting fellow at the School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS), London (2013); and University of Washington at Seattle (2012). Prof. Rao's research interests include criminal law, human rights, legal education, and access to justice.



Dr. B. Hydervali

Professor, Department of Law

Dr. B. Hydervali started his teaching career in 1982; became an Associate professor of law in 1993 and professor in 2004. Besides teaching subjects at both the undergraduate and post-graduate level, Dr. Hydervali has guided several research scholars for their Masters and doctoral degrees. He has more than 30 publications to his credit in national journals and international news papers; authored in 2007 a book entitled "Rights of Accused in the Criminal Trial", and participated in twenty seminars and five international conferences of which he chaired around ten sessions. He has to his credit three major projects. His subjects of interests include international law, constitutional law, and criminal law.



Dr. V. Kesava Rao Vurrakula

Professor, Department of Law

Prof. Kesava Rao is the Professor of Law at NLUO and teaches in the areas of Law of Contracts, Evidence and Advertising Law. He did his Ph.D. on Legality of Claims in Commercial Advertisements. He is having 33 years of teaching experience. He served Andhra University both as Professor of Law and Dean, Faculty of Law. He was also the Principal of Law College, Andhra University. Prof. Kesava Rao was Professor of Law and Director, Institute of Law and Ethics in Medicine at NLSIU (2002-03) and served Chanakya National Law University as its Registrar (2007-08). His teaching and research focus has been on Contract Law, Law of Advertising, and Law of Evidence. His publications include Contracts I Cases and Materials (2nd ed.) and Contracts II Cases and Materials (forthcoming); he is also the editor of Woodroffe & Amir Ali on Law of Evidence (18th ed.).



Dr. Rita Ray

Adjunct Professor, Department of Liberal Arts

Rita Ray has an experience of thirty-five years in academics and consulting. Her academic profile includes teaching as a full-time faculty of Sociology at Utkal University, Odisha since 1975. She also served as the Vice-Chancellor (in-charge) of Utkal University. Her contributions to the University have also continued in the capacities of Chairman (P.G. Council), Warden (P.G. Hostels) etc. She has been a Professor (Plan) from 1994 onwards and has lectured at many prestigious universities in India and abroad. She has been the Head of the Department (Sociology) for multiple terms, during which she introduced numerous courses and electives in the department. Prof. Ray has guided and awarded close to twenty Ph. D theses, and has published extensively in national and international journals.



Dr. Sheela Rai

Associate Professor, Department of Law

Sheela Rai has done her LL.M. and Ph.D. from National Law School of India University Bengaluru. Her specialisation is in International Trade Law. Prior to joining NLUO, Cuttack she had worked as lecturer in NUJS Kolkata, Associate Professor in HNLU Raipur, Assistant Professor in Amity Law School, Amity Univeristy Rajasthan (Jaipur), and Researcher in CUTS-International Jaipur. She has published three books, namely Recognition and Regulation of Antidumping Measures (Eastern Book Company, Lucknow, 2004); Recognition and Regulation of Safeguard Measures Under GATT/WTO (Routledge, London New York, 2011), and Antidumping Measures Policy, Law and Practice in India (Partridge: A Penguin Random House Company, 2014). In addition, she has to her credit about thirty papers and articles in various national and international journals and edited volumes. She has also presented papers in various national and international conferences in India and abroad.



Dr. A. Aruna Sri Lakshmi

Associate Professor, Department of Law

Dr. Aruna Sri Lakshmi is a Associate Professor of Law at NLUO. She did her ML with specialisation in Labour and Industrial Laws from Andhra University. She received her Ph.D. degree for her work on "The Legal Status of Girl Child: Reality or a Myth" from SPMVV Women's University, Tirupathi. She has more than twenty three years' experience in teaching, starting her teaching career in 1989 with NBM Law College, Visakhapatnam and then Anwar-ul-Uloom College of Law, Hyderabad. Before joining NLUO, she held the post of Principal, College of Law, DNR College Association, Bhimavaram. She received numerous awards and prizes during her student life and teaching career.



Prof (Dr.) Dolly Jabbal

Registrar (I/C)

Associate Professor, Department of Law

Prof Dolly Jabbal completed her B.Com. (Honours with Distinction), LL.B., LL.M. (with specialisation in company law) and Ph. D in Law from Utkal University, Bhubaneswar. Her PhD thesis is on "Corporate Governance in India Issues and Perspectives A Critical Review of Legal Dimensions". A teacher of banking and property laws with ten years' experience at various National Law Universities, Prof Jabbal has authored two books and eight articles. Prior to joining NLUO, she was associated with GNLU as a faculty-member and as Registrar (I/C).



Amrendra Kumar Ajit

Assistant Professor, Department of Law

Amrendra obtained his LL.B. and LL.M. (with specialization in Public International Law, Intellectual Property Law and Law of Contract) from Banaras Hindu University. He has been a holder of UGC Merit Scholarships at LL.B. and LL.M. level. His current areas of interest include Public International Law and Patent Law. Prior to joining National Law University Odisha, he was associated with the Hidayatullah National Law University, Raipur.



Dr. Afroz Alam

Assistant Professor, Department of Liberal Arts (on lien)

Dr. Afroz Alam is a Gold Medallist in M.A. (Political Science) and Ph.D. from Aligarh Muslim University. His doctoral thesis, entitled 'Caste and Community in U.P: A Study of Electoral Politics since 1990', was acknowledged as a significant contribution to the understanding of voting patterns in the Uttar Pradesh. He was awarded UGC-Junior Research Fellowship (UGC-JRF) in the year 2001. Dr. Alam has more than eight years of teaching experience in places like Aligarh Muslim University, KIIT University and NLUO. A keen researcher, Dr. Alam has authored two books, and more than twenty-five research articles in national and international journals. He is also Visiting Faculty of many reputed universities. His current area of research is focused on exploring politics around identity which includes the issues of LGBT, Dalits and Muslims.



Suman Dash Bhattamishra

Assistant Professor, Department of Law

Suman Dash Bhattamishra did her LL.M. at National Law School of India, Bangalore with specialization in Human Rights. Currently, she is teaching Criminal Law, Criminology and International Criminal Law at NLUO. Her academic focus has been on issues pertaining to Human Rights, Child Rights, Labour Laws, Constitutional Law and International Criminal Law. She has to her credit one book, entitled "Perspectives on Human Rights: The Entirety and the Alternate". She is the faculty advisor of the NLUO Legal Services Committee, and the Principal Programme Coordinator for the UNDP Project on Promoting Access to Justice for Disadvantaged sections and Socially Relevant Legal Education. She is also the Faculty in Charge of the Research Centre on Criminal Justice and Human Rights.



Ramakrishna Das

Assistant Professor, Department of Law

Ramakrishna Das completed his LL.B from Government Law College, Trivandrum, Kerala; and his LL.M from Government Law College, Calicut University, Thrissur, Kerala where he secured first position. His area of specialization is in Criminal Law and his current interest includes Constitutional Law, Law of Contract, Law of Torts, Criminal Procedure Code, Administrative Law and Environmental law. He has published various articles in different journals and presented various papers in National and International seminars. Prior to joining National Law University, Orissa, he worked as an Assistant Professor in Christ University, Bangalore and Dr. Ambedkar Law College, Tirupati, Andhra Pradesh.



Abhik Majumdar

Assistant Professor, Department of Law

Abhik graduated from the National Law School of India University (NLSIU), Bangalore, and obtained a thesis-track LLM degree from the National University of Singapore (NUS) for which he did research in jurisprudence and legal theory. He has also worked extensively on areas like constitutional law, intellectual property and international trade law. Prior to joining NUS, he was associated with several research bodies, NGOs, law firms, and even a music archive as legal officer for a project partnered with the Smithsonian Institution. Law and legal theory aside, Abhik also admits to a deep involvement with Indian classical music.



Arjyalopa Mishra

Assistant Professor, Department of Management

Arjyalopa graduated in Sociology with a First Position from Ravenshaw University in 2005. Subsequently she completed her Masters in Sociology from University of Hyderabad with Merit in 2007. Following a Management degree from Utkal University with merit in 2009, she did an M.Phil in the topic “Comparative Analysis of Community Development in the Public and Private Sector” from Utkal University in 2010. She has been awarded the Post Graduate Scholarship by Hyderabad Central University and also the prestigious University Rank Holder Award from UGC. She holds an equal interest & talent in dance and other cultural activities. She is a prolific writer and has several contributions to leading newspapers.



Manisha Mishra

Assistant Professor, Department of Liberal Arts

Prof. Manisha Mishra is one of the founder faculty members of National Law University, Odisha. She has been Assistant Professor of English since 2009, teaching courses on 'Law and Language' and 'Law, Literature and Films'. She is also the head of the Media and Public Relations Committee, and the faculty advisor to The Literary and Debating Committee. She has published various research articles and two books: Love in the Art of D.H Lawrence and The Miraculous, the Occult and the Phantasmal. She is a prolific writer and has contributed to several leading newspapers. She is currently pursuing her Ph.D at Utkal University, Odisha.



Nachiketa Mittal

Assistant Professor, Department of Law

Nachiketa Mittal completed his LL.M. (Human Rights) from National Law School of India University in 2008 with a first class and his B.S.L. LL.B from University of Pune in the year 2006. At NLUO Nachiketa teaches Criminal Procedure, Evidence, Interpretation of Statutes, Banking Law, ADR and International Commercial Arbitration to undergraduates, and Banking Law and Commercial Dispute Resolution to LLM students. He is coordinator for three research centres (on banking law, mediation and disabilities respectively), and is a key figure behind the launch of India's first journal on Banking and Insurance Laws. His publications include articles in peer reviewed journals, one book chapter, and several monographs published in newsletters.



M.L. Shankar Kaarmukilan (Mukil)

Assistant Professor, Department of Law (on lien)

Mukil studied law at the Government Law College, Coimbatore and received B.A. B.L. from the Tamil Nadu Dr. Ambedkar Law University, Chennai in 2005. He earned his master's degree in law from the National University of Juridical Sciences (NUJS), Kolkata in 2008. He has interned at the Securities and Exchange Board of India, Mumbai, and the Planning Commission, Government of India, New Delhi. His research interest is in the areas of Corporate Laws including Regulation of Capital Markets, Corporate Restructuring and Corporate Insolvency, International Trade Law, Competition Law and the interface between Public and Private Laws. He is pursuing his Ph.D. in Corporate Laws at the National Law School of India University, Bengaluru. He has presented papers in national and international seminars and conferences.



Madhubrata Rayasingh

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Madhubrata Rayasingh obtained her M.A. in Analytical and Applied Economics and M.Phil (with first rank) from Utkal University, Bhubaneswar. Her dissertation was on the topic 'Coir Industry in India - A special case study of Satyabadi Block in Puri District'. She has also qualified UGC-Junior Research Fellowship. Madhubrata has extensively worked on micro-finance institutions, neoliberal labour migration, regional disparities, marketing ethics, and commercialisation and diversification of Agriculture with special reference to Bt. Cotton. Her current area of research is focused on financial institutions and markets. She has recently authored two books, one on the Coir Industry, and one on unethical aspects of marketing. She regularly participates in national and international seminars.



A.B. Debasis Rout

Assistant Professor, (Finance), Department of Management

Debasis graduated in chemistry, switched streams and qualified as a chartered accountant, worked for three years in the rural- and micro-banking sectors with ICICI Bank, and then opted for an academic career. He brings with him to NLUO a rare combination of theoretical acumen and practical experience. At NLUO he offers courses on the fundamentals of accounting, taxation, and financial reporting and analysis. He is at present also discharging the duty of Finance Officer (Administration) of NLUO.



Dr. Yogesh Pratap Singh

Assistant Professor, Department of Law (on lien)

Yogesh Pratap Singh earned his LLM (with specialization in Human Rights Laws) from National Law School of India University (NLSIU), Bangalore and MA in Ancient Indian History from the University of Allahabad. He has worked as a Legal Researcher in the Rural Litigation and Entitlement Kendra (RLEK), Dehra Dun. Yogesh participated in the 39th Annual Session on International Human Rights Law organized by International Institute of Human Rights, Strasbourg, France, and has also been a part of Ciedhu programme in France conducted for University Teachers. He has presented numerous papers on social and legal issues at various national and international seminars. He is credited with two books and 10 research articles. His current area of interests includes Constitutional Law, Criminal Law, Law of Tort and Human Rights. He is at present on a year's lien to Glocal University.



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Rajat Solanki completed his LL.M. with specialisation in Business Laws from National Law School of India University, Bangalore in 2012, after completing LL.B. from Dr. R.M.L.A. University, Faizabad with a Gold Medal for first rank in the University. He qualified UGC- National Eligibility Test for Lectureship in June, 2012. Presently, he is pursuing Ph.D. in Law from NLUO, Cuttack. Prior to joining National Law University Odisha (NLUO), he was teaching at National University of Study and Research in Law, Ranchi. He has participated in Conferences, Seminars, Workshops and Faculty Development Programs organised by various Law Schools in India. Also, he has several publications to his credit.



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Rangin completed his B.A. LL.B (Hons) from University Law College, Utkal University, Bhubaneswar and LL.M from National Law School of India University (NLSIU), In 2006, he won the prestigious L.N Birla Inter-Institutional National Debate. He has participated in several national seminars on various topics. He has several publications to his credit including two books and various articles. His current research focus is on issues related to law of contracts, consumer rights and judicial accountability. He is pursuing his Ph.D in the area of statistical profiling of judges. He is currently the faculty coordinator for the Research Centre on Contract Law and Contract Management and the Research Centre on Consumer Law. Apart from academics, he takes keen interest in literary and cultural activities and many of his poems have been published in various magazines and newspapers and also broadcast on All India Radio.



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Research cum Teaching Assistant

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Research cum Teaching Assistant

Madhuri Xalxo graduated from NALSAR in 2006 and was admitted as Advocate by the Jharkhand State Bar Council in the same year. Following five years in private practice at the District and Sessions Court, Jamshedpur she took a Masters degree in Mineral Law and Policy from CEPMLP, University of Dundee in 2013. Her current research interests are in the area of energy laws and locating indigenous peoples entitlements in India, environmental regulations of extractive industries and contemporary social justice issues.



Bishwa Kallyan Dash

Visiting Faculty of Law

Bishwa completed his Graduation in Law from Utkal University, Bhubaneswar and Masters from National Law School of India University (NLSIU), Bangalore with Human Rights as his specialised area. He is presently pursuing his Research at 'West Bengal National University of Juridical Sciences' working in the field of 'Environmental Constitutionalism in the state of Odisha: for the protection of Natural Resources'. He is one of the founding co-ordinator of 'Centre for Research and management of Natural-Resources (CRAMON) at National Law University Odisha, Cuttack which focuses Research and legal aid in the field of legal compliance for the protection and management of Natural Resources in the state of Odisha.' He is also associated as co-ordinator at the Centre for Contract and Law; and Centre for Agriculture and Law at NLUO, Cuttack. His current research focus is on issues related to Human Rights law, Constitutional law, Right to Information and Environmental Law.



Swayambhu Mishra

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