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OUR LOGO

National Law University Odisha's logo is in the form of an escutcheon (heraldic shield) divided into four quarters, colored 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 Nombril Point, runs a scroll bearing the inscription 'National Law University Odisha'. Below this is a representation of the Indian Constitution. Superimposed on the center of the shield, centering on the Fess Point, is a *Chakra* or wheel from the Sun Temple at Konark, which represents the State of Odisha.

OUR MOTTO

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



VISION AND OBJECTIVES

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

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

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

- to design and run regular and periodical courses of learning for dissemination of knowledge, advanced learning in legal subjects and issues of law and other related disciplines with a view to meaningfully integrate, support and enhance professional knowledge of law and to appreciate the role of rule of law in national growth and development;
- to develop in the students and scholars social and scientific research skills for enhancing a sense of responsibility to serve the society as a professional and develop a temperament for reformation, justice delivery and law making while developing professional skills of advocacy and legal services;
- 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; and
- to organize lectures, seminars, symposia and conferences, to promote legal knowledge and to make law and legal processes as efficient instruments of social development.



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MEMBERS OF UNIVERSITY BODIES

GENERAL COUNCIL

| S. No. | Name | Status |
|--------|---|----------------------|
| 4 | | 01 : |
| 1. | Hon'ble (Dr.) Justice S. Muralidhar | Chairperson |
| | Chief Justice, Orissa High Court | |
| | Chancellor, | |
| 2 | National Law University Odisha, Cuttack | TT 21.1 T7' ', 2 |
| 2. | Hon'ble Mr. Justice A. S. Bopanna | Hon'ble Visitor's |
| 2 | Judge, Supreme Court of India | Nominee |
| 3. | Hon'ble Mr. Justice V. Ramasubramanian | Hon'ble Visitor's |
| | Former Judge, | Nominee |
| 4 | Supreme Court of India | F 65 : 35 1 |
| 4. | Prof. Ved Kumari | Ex-officio Member |
| | Vice-Chancellor, | |
| | National Law University Odisha, Cuttack | |
| 5. | Shri Surya Prasad Misra | Hon'ble Chancellor's |
| | Senior Advocate, | Nominee |
| | Former Advocate General of Odisha | |
| 6. | Prof.(Dr) Jayadev Pati | Hon'ble Chancellor's |
| | Kalinga Nagar, SUM Hospital Road, Ghatikia, | Nominee |
| | Bhubaneswar – 751003, Odisha | |
| 7. | Shri Surya Kanta Padhi | Hon'ble Chancellor's |
| | Senior Advocate, | Nominee |
| | Orissa High Court | |
| 8. | Shri R. Venkataramani | Ex-officio Member |
| | Attorney General of India | |
| 9. | Prof. Mamidala Jagadesh Kumar | Ex-officio Member |
| | Chairperson, | |
| | University Grants Commission | |
| 10. | Shri Ashok Parija | Ex-officio Member |
| | Senior Advocate, | (As Chairperson Bar |
| | Chairperson, Bar Council of Odisha, | Council of Orissa) |
| | Advocate General of Odisha, | |
| | Orissa High Court | |
| 11. | Shri Ashok Parija | Ex-officio Member |
| | Senior Advocate, | (Advocate General) |
| | Chairperson, Bar Council of Odisha, | ĺ |
| | Advocate General of Odisha, | |
| | Orissa High Court | |

| 12. | Prof. Faizan Mustafa | Hon'ble Chancellor's |
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| | Former Vice Chancellor, | Nominee |
| | NALSAR University of Law, Hyderabad | |
| 13. | Prof. Rita Ray | Ex-officio Member |
| | Adjunct Professor of Sociology, | |
| | National Law University Odisha, Cuttack | |
| 14. | Prof. Sheela Rai | Ex-officio Member |
| | Dean (Academics), | |
| | National Law University Odisha, Cuttack | |
| 15. | Prof. Dolly Jabbal | Ex-officio Member |
| | Dean (Research and Internationalisation Committee), | |
| | National Law University Odisha, Cuttack | |
| 16. | Prof. Rangin Pallav Tripathy | Ex-officio Member |
| | Registrar, | |
| | National Law University Odisha, Cuttack | |
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EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

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| 1. | Prof. Ved Kumari | Ex-officio | |
| | Vice-Chancellor, | Chairperson | |
| | National Law University Odisha, Cuttack | | |
| 2. | Hon'ble Mr. Justice A. S. Bopanna | GC Nominee to the | |
| | Judge, Supreme Court of India | Executive Council | |
| 3. | Hon'ble Mr. Justice Subhasis Talapatra | Hon'ble Chancellor's | |
| | Judge, Orissa High Court | Nominee | |
| 4. | Prof. V. Vijayakumar | Visitor's Nominee | |
| | Vice-Chancellor, | | |
| | National Law Institute University, Bhopal | | |
| 5. | Prof. S. Shanthakumar | Visitor's Nominee | |
| | Director, | | |
| | Gujarat National Law University, Gandhinagar | | |
| 6. | Mr. Debi Prasad Dhal | Nominee of | |
| | Senior Advocate, | Chairperson, Bar | |
| | Managing Trustee, BCIT | Council of India | |
| 7. | Shri Ashok Parija | Ex-officio Member | |
| | Senior Advocate, | (As Chairperson Bar | |
| | Chairperson, Bar Council of Odisha, | Council of Orissa) | |

| | Advocate General of Odisha, | |
|-----|---|-----------------------|
| | Orissa High Court | |
| 8. | Shri Ashok Parija | Ex-officio Member |
| | Senior Advocate, | (As Advocate General) |
| | Chairperson, Bar Council of Odisha, | |
| | Advocate General of Odisha, | |
| | Orissa High Court | |
| 9. | Prof. Sheela Rai | Hon'ble Vice- |
| | Dean (Academics), | Chancellor's Nominee |
| | National Law University Odisha, Cuttack | |
| 10. | Prof. Dolly Jabbal | Hon'ble Vice- |
| | Dean (Research and Internationalisation Committee), | Chancellor's Nominee |
| | National Law University Odisha, Cuttack | |
| 11. | Prof. Rangin Pallav Tripathy | Ex-officio Secretary |
| | Registrar, | |
| | National Law University Odisha, Cuttack | |

ACADEMIC COUNCIL

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| | National Law University Odisha, Cuttack | |
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| | Senior Advocate, | Chairperson, Bar |
| | Managing Trustee, BCIT | Council of India |
| 3. | Prof. Vijender Kumar | Hon'ble Chancellor's |
| | Vice-Chancellor, | Nominee |
| | Maharashtra National Law University, Nagpur | |
| 4. | Prof. V. S. Elizabeth | Hon'ble Chancellor's |
| | Professor of Law, | Nominee |
| | National Law School of India University, Bangalore | |
| 5. | Prof. Arun K. Thiruvengadam | Hon'ble Chancellor's |
| | Professor of Law, | Nominee |
| | National Law School of India University, Bangalore | |
| 6. | Prof. Rita Ray | Ex-officio Member |
| | Adjunct Professor of Sociology, | |
| | National Law University Odisha, Cuttack | |
| 7. | Prof. Sheela Rai | Hon'ble Vice- |
| | Dean (Academics), | Chancellor's Nominee |
| | National Law University Odisha, Cuttack | |

| 8. | Prof. Dolly Jabbal | Hon'ble Vice- |
|-----|---|----------------------|
| | Dean (Research and Internationalisation Committee), | Chancellor's Nominee |
| | National Law University Odisha, Cuttack | |
| 9. | Dr. Arjyalopa Mishra | Vice-Chancellor's |
| | Assistant Professor of Management, | Nominee |
| | National Law University Odisha, Cuttack | |
| 10. | Ms. Madhubrata Rayasingh | Vice-Chancellor's |
| | Assistant Professor of Economics, | Nominee |
| | National Law University Odisha, Cuttack | |
| 11. | Prof. Rangin Pallav Tripathy | Ex-officio member |
| | Registrar, | |
| | National Law University Odisha, Cuttack | |

FINANCE COMMITTEE

| FINANCE COMMITTEE MEMBERS | | | |
|---------------------------|---|----------------------|--|
| S. No. | Name | Status | |
| 1. | Prof. Ved Kumari | Ex-officio | |
| | Vice-Chancellor, | Chairperson | |
| | National Law University Odisha, Cuttack | | |
| 2. | Prof. V. Vijayakumar | EC nominee | |
| | Vice-Chancellor, | | |
| | National Law Institute University, Bhopal | | |
| 3. | Shri Amarendra Mohapatra | Hon'ble Chancellor's | |
| | Chartered Accountant, | Nominee | |
| 4. | Ms. Pratima Mohanty | Ex-officio Member | |
| | Odisha Financial Service, | | |
| | Finance Officer, | | |
| | National Law University Odisha, Cuttack | | |
| 5. | Prof. Dolly Jabbal | Hon'ble Vice- | |
| | Dean (Research and Internationalisation Committee), | Chancellor's Nominee | |
| | National Law University Odisha, Cuttack | | |
| 6. | Shri Nrusingh Charan Meher | Hon'ble Chancellor's | |
| | Chartered Accountant, | Nominee | |
| | N.C. Meher & Co. Chartered Accountants | | |
| 7. | Shri. Pabitra Kumar Satpathy | Hon'ble Chancellor's | |
| | Chartered Accountant | Nominee | |
| 8. | Prof. Rangin Pallav Tripathy | Ex-officio Member | |
| | Registrar, | | |
| | National Law University Odisha, Cuttack | | |

VISITOR

Hon'ble Mr. Justice Sanjeev Khanna

Judge, Supreme Court of India Visitor to National Law University Odisha

Hon'ble Mr. Justice Sanjeev Khanna, was born on May 14, 1960. After enrolling as an advocate with the Bar Council of Delhi in 1983, he began his practice in the District Courts at Delhi, moving subsequently to the High Court and the Supreme Court. During his illustrious career as a lawyer he was appointed the additional public prosecutor, amicus curiae, standing counsel for the Income Tax department and National Capital Territory of Delhi. Justice Khanna has practiced in various niche areas of law including medical negligence, environmental law, arbitration, direct taxes amongst others viz: Constitutional Law and Civil Law. He was appointed as Judge to the Delhi High Court in 2006 and was elevated to the Supreme Court in 2019.



VISITOR'S NOMINEE

Hon'ble Justice A.S. Bopanna Judge, Supreme Court of India Nominee of the Visitor

Justice Ajjikuttira Somaiah Bopanna was born on May 20, 1959. He enrolled in the Bar Council of Karnataka in 1984 and practiced in the Karnataka High Court for 22 years. He practiced in Civil, Constitutional, Company, Service and Labour matters. On January 6, 2006, Justice Bopanna was appointed as the Additional Judge of the High Court of Karnataka. In 2019 he was elevated to the Supreme Court.



CHANCELLOR

Hon'ble (Dr.) Justice S. Muralidhar

Chief Justice, High Court of Orissa

Hon'ble (Dr.) Justice S. Muralidhar, was born on August 8, 1961. He enrolled as an Advocate on September 12, 1984, and practiced in Civil Courts in Chennai, later in Delhi High Court and Supreme Court of India. He specialized in various fields of law viz: Constitutional, Election, PIL, Criminal and Human rights. He worked as Counsel for the Election Commission of India, the National Human Rights Commission, the Central Vigilance Commission and the University Grants Commission. He was also a Member of the Supreme Court Legal Services Committee from 2000-2004.



He was a part-time Member of the Law Commission of India from 2002 till his elevation as Judge of the High Court of Delhi on May 29, 2006. He was awarded a Ph.D. by the University of Delhi in 2002 for his work on 'Legal Aid and the Criminal Justice System' which was later published as a book. He was appointed as a Judge at the Punjab and Haryana High Court on March 6, 2020. Hon'ble Dr. Justice. S. Muralidhar assumed charge as Chief Justice of Orissa High Court on January 4, 2021.

UNIVERSITY ADMINISTRATION

Prof. Ved Kumari

Vice-Chancellor, National Law University Odisha

Professor Ved Kumari is the former Dean and Head, Faculty of Law, University of Delhi and Director of Delhi Judicial Academy. She began teaching law in 1983 and has taught graduate and undergraduate courses at the University of Delhi, Jammu University in India, and Vanderbilt University (USA). She has written many books and innumerable articles in national and international journals.

Professor Ved Kumari's primary areas of academic interest are juvenile justice, criminal law, gender discrimination, clinical legal



education, and judicial training. She introduced an innovative full-semester course at the University of Delhi as part of Course Work for research scholars on 'Andragogy – the Art of Teaching Adults' aimed at training future law teachers in adult teaching methods and improving the learning of students. She is a Fellow of Commonwealth Judicial Education Institute, Canada (2010); Commonwealth Fellow at Warwick University, UK (1998); and Fulbright Fellow at Vanderbilt University, USA (1997). She spent one year in Russia doing research on the Law and Advocacy in Relation to Children in Russia as part of her sabbatical leave in 2005.

Prof. Rangin Pallav Tripathy

Registrar, National Law University Odisha

Prof. Rangin Pallav Tripathy has been teaching at National Law University Odisha since 2010 and works in the area of constitutional governance, civil liberties, criminal law and human rights. His current research focuses on the functioning of institutions within constitutional democracies and the way they affect the realization of democratic rights. He was a Fulbright Post-Doctoral Research Scholar at Harvard Law School (2019-2020) where he researched the competing methods of appointing judges in democracies.

He has completed two research projects funded by the Department of Justice, Government of India in the area of judicial reforms. He

has also provided consultancy services to Odisha Judicial Academy for the preparation of research materials for judicial officers.



Ms. Pratima Mohanty

Finance Officer, National Law University Odisha

Ms. Pratima Mohanty is deputed as Finance Officer at National Law University Odisha by the Government of Odisha. She is a Group-A officer of Odisha Finance Services, OFS (SB). She has done her Master of Science in Botany and Master of Philosophy (M. Phil.) from Utkal University.



Prof. Sheela Rai

Dean (Academics), National Law University Odisha

Prof Sheela Rai joined NLUO in 2013. She completed her LLM and Ph.D. from National Law School of India University, Bangalore and specializes in International Trade Law. She has published numerous books individually as well as in collaboration with renowned experts in International Trade Law. She also has various articles to her credit and has been awarded projects from Government of India. In addition, Prof. Rai has participated in various conferences, seminars, training programs and contributed immensely to the growth of jurisprudence pertaining to International Trade Law.



Prof. Dolly Jabbal

Dean (Research and Internationalization), National Law University Odisha

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



Dr. Ananya Chakraborty

Controller of Examinations, National Law University Odisha

Dr. Ananya Chakraborty earned her law degree from the Calcutta University, Department of Law. She earned her master's degree in law from the West Bengal National University of Juridical Sciences (NUJS), Kolkata in 2009. She was awarded a gold medal for standing first in the order of merit in LL.M. by the Nani A. Palkhivala Memorial Trust. Her LLM dissertation was on 'Child Soldiers in Armed Conflict: International and National Perspectives'.



She was awarded her PhD degree in November; 2016, from KIIT University.

Her PhD thesis, 'Study of Extradition in International & National Legal Regimes: Analysis of Global Terrorism' was written under the guidance and supervision of Prof. Manoj Kumar Sinha, presently the Director of Indian Law Institute. Her areas of interest are Public International law, International Humanitarian Law, International Criminal Law, Human Rights Law, International Investment Law, Refugee Law, and Environmental Law.

Dr. Sujith Koonan

Director, Internal Quality Assurance Cell, National Law University Odisha

Dr. Koonan joined National Law University Odisha in 2022. Prior to that, he taught at the Faculty of Law, University of Delhi and has been a visiting faculty at different institutions including the Indian Society of International Law, National Law University Delhi, SOAS-University of London, Tata Institute of Social Sciences and Shiv Nadar University.

He also worked with various research organizations and think tanks, namely International Environmental Law Research Centre, Geneva,



Environmental Law Research Society, New Delhi and Centre for Policy Research, New Delhi. He has the experience of being part of research projects on legal aspects of water, sanitation, and climate change. He has been a part of different expert groups constituted by the Central Government and State Governments on water law, namely, the Working Group on Water Governance constituted by the Planning Commission of India during the 12th Five Year Plan and Karnataka *Jnana Aayoga*, Government of Karnataka for preparing a comprehensive state water policy. He is on the Editorial Board of the Journal on Law, Environment and Development Journal (LEAD).

ADMINISTRATIVE & ACADEMIC COMMITTEES

National Law University Odisha's administration is governed through the office of the Registrar who is assisted by various committees, officers and members of the administrative staff. In order to ensure smooth functioning of the University various committees have been set up. These committees ensure smooth functioning of the halls of residence of the students through the office of Chief Warden, halls of learning, maintenance of diversity (both social and economic) on campus.



These committees also ensure maintenance of high levels of discipline amongst students through the proctorial board. Sensitizing them of importance of such conduct while at the same time according protection to the students through the mentorship program. In furtherance of the same sincere efforts are made for inculcating responsible conduct amongst students to involve them in the administrative functioning of the University through the NSS, Mess Committee, Student Council etc. Given below is the list of the Administrative Committees enabling smooth functioning of the University:

| S. No. | Committee Name | Convenor/ Chairperson |
|--------|--|------------------------------|
| 1. | Anti-Discrimination (SC and ST) Committee | Mr. Kumarjeeb Pegu |
| 2. | Anti-Discrimination (North-East) Committee | Mr. Kumarjeeb Pegu |
| 3. | Anti-Ragging Committee | Prof. Rangin Pallav Tripathy |
| 4. | Election Committee | Dr. Arjyalopa Mishra |

| 5. | Equal Opportunities Cell | Mr. Abhay Kumar |
|-----|-------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 6. | Hostel Committee | Ms. Madhubrata Rayasingh |
| 7. | Internal Complaints Committee | Dr. Priyanka Anand |
| 8. | Minority Cell | Ms. Rujitha T.R |
| 9. | NSS Bureau | Dr. Mayank Tiwari |
| 10. | Proctorial Board | Dr. Mayank Tiwari |
| 11. | Purchase Committee | Mr. Himanshu Behera |
| 12. | Scholarship Committee | Ms. Pratima Mohanty |
| 13. | Tender Committee | Ms. Pratima Mohanty |

Alongwith the administrative responsibilities identified above there are certain other administrative functions which combine with the teaching and University representation at forums outside of the University as well as form a combination of the academic and administrative function. These are identified below:

| S. No. | Administrative Responsibility | Faculty In-charge |
|--------|-------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. | AISHE | Sudatta Barik |
| 2. | Faculty Seminar Series | Dr. Sohini Mohapatra and |
| | | Mr. Kumajeeb Pegu |
| 3. | Faculty Lounge in-Charge | Ms. Rashmi Rekha Baug |
| 4. | Jalshakti | Ms. Shubanginee Singh |
| 5. | Mentorship Programme | Dr. Kuntirani Pradhan |
| 6. | Visiting Faculty | Ms. Rujitha T.R. |

ACADEMIC COMMITTEES

for the smooth functioning of various academic programs various academic committees have been established by the University. These are:

| S. No. | Committee Name | Convenor/ Chairperson |
|--------|----------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. | Academic Coordination Committee | Prof. Sheela Rai |
| 2. | Committee for BA Progamme | Dr. Sudatta Barik |
| 3. | Centre for Post Graduate Studies | Prof. Sheela Rai |

| 4. | Examination Committee | Dr. Ananya Chakraborty |
|----|---|------------------------|
| 5. | Library Committee | Dr. Rajat Solanki |
| 6. | Research and Internationalisation Committee | Prof. Dolly Jabbal |

STUDENT COUNCIL

The Student Council of the University is the elected representative of the entire student body to represent the views and opinions of all students before the University. This helps to strengthen both academic and administrative functioning of the University through a process of dialogue and collaboration. The Student Council makes all sincere efforts to empower the students to lead, decide and work as a team for University initiatives. The Student Council promises the students an opportunity to witness the principles of democracy as enshrined in the Constitution of India. The students themselves have prepared the Constitution and By-laws for the Student Council. The first student council of National Law University Odisha was constituted in the year 2019 through free and fair elections.

The Student Council has assisted the University administration in formulating policies, concerning examinations, campus timings, vehicular traffic, infrastructure development, academics, and student grievances, while also assisting the administration in taking onboard the suggestions of the students in different aspects of academic activities

The Student Council for the Year 2022-23 was formed on 5th September 2022. The Positions of Responsibility of the Student Council were distributed as per Article IV of the Constitution in the meeting held on 6th September, 2022.

| S. No. | Position of Responsibility | Member's name |
|--------|----------------------------|--|
| 1. | Chairperson | Kaushiki Kiran Mishra (5 th year) |
| 2. | Co-Chairperson | Utkarsh Raj (4th year) |
| 3. | Financial Coordinator | Aditi Sinha (4 th year) |
| 4. | Secretary | Rhythm Goel (3 rd year) |
| 5. | Member | Paramjeet Ojha (5 th year) |
| 6. | Member | Sahil (3 rd year) |
| 7. | Member | Pratibha Jatav (2 nd year) |

ACADEMIC PROGRAMMES

National Law University Odisha offers a wide range of courses in its vision to becoming the *Centre of Excellence for Legal Education*. The courses offered by the University include:

- i. BA LLB(Hons)
- ii. BBA LLB(Hons)
- iii. BA Law Programme
- iv. 3 Year LLB Programme
- v. LLM
- vi. Ph D
- vii. Short-terms courses

BA LLB(Hons) and BBA LLB(Hons) Course

The University offers two five-year integrated undergraduate programmes in law, namely BA LLB (Hons) having a total of 120 seats and BBA LLB (Hons) having a total of 60 seats. The BA LLB (Hons) programme combines the study of law with social sciences. As part of the interdisciplinary approach, courses on Sociology, Political Science, Economics, etc. are taught under the social sciences discipline. The BBA LLB (Hons) combines the study of law with management and finance. It offers foundational courses like Principles of Accounting and Organizational Behaviour and focusses on importance of integration of facets of social sciences and management with law.

BA Law Programme

The BA Law Programme started in the Academic year 2022-23 and offers five specialized vocational streams connected with law and legal profession having a total of 50 seats. In view of the National Educational Policy (NEP) 2020 suggesting 'job ready' courses with multiple entry and exit points this course has been conceptualized. Course is being offered in five streams i.e. Legal Counselors, Legal Journalism, Advocacy, Legal Profession Assistants and Law and Entrepreneurship.

LLM

The University offers one year Masters programme with a specialization in Corporate Law and Constitutional Law with a total of 50 seats on offer.

PhD

There is a lot of focus on research at NLUO and the PhD prorgamme allows for furthering the research objective amongst other initiatives. There has been significant focus on inter-disciplinary approach allowing for legal interpretation of various social sciences, technological and scientific concepts.

3 Year LLB Programme

3 Year LLB has been introduced in the year 2023 as part of the University's vision for expansion. 60 seats have been earmarked for the course.

SHORT-TERM COURSES OFFERED BY NATIONAL LAW UNIVERSITY ODISHA

1. Certificate Course on Climate Change – Law, Justice and The Global South

A Certificate course on Climate Change – Law, Justice and The Global South was organized by the Centre for Research and Management of Natural Resources (CRAMON), National Law University Odisha, in association with Law, Environment and Development Centre (LEDC), SOAS University of London. This course aimed to provide a critical understanding of the legal regime on climate change and introduce a justice perspective from the point of view of marginalized countries and people. It is part of the National Law University Odisha's and SOAS's initiative to disseminate awareness about climate change law and related justice issues.



2. Two-Day Certificate Course on the Topic Practical Aspect of Due Diligence

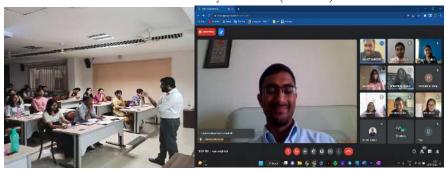
The course was conducted by Mr. Anshuman Vikram Singh. Mr. Anshuman is an alumnus of National Law University Odisha (Batch of 2014). He has worked previously at SAMVAD Partners, DMD Advocates and is presently working as a Senior Associate at AZB & Partners. The Certificate Course consisted of 2 classes (3 hours each). It was conducted for the Batches of 2022 and 2023 and LLM Batch of 2020-21.

3. Training Program on Data Collection, Analysis and Management for Kutumb Volunteers

A training program was organised in collaboration with Vision India spread over the months of September and October, 2022 for volunteers, researchers, faculties and students associated with Project Kutumb on the tools and techniques of data collection and data management. The methodology of data collection in terms of interviews, focus group discussions, key informant interviews were taught and discussed at length with students. Simulation exercises were organised to enable the students to learn the techniques and apply them at the time of data collection.

4. CCL single credit course on 'Introduction to Private Acquisitions' – January to March 2023

The Centre for Corporate Law, National Law University Odisha (CCL) aims to promote and fill the existing gap of theoretical knowledge and the practical application of corporate and its allied commercial laws. In furtherance of this aim, CCL organised a Single Credit Course on 'Introduction to Private Acquisitions' with Mr. Puneet Rathsharma, Partner of KT Advisors LLP and Akash Srinivasan, Associate at Khaitan and Co. The course was conducted in hybrid mode for a span of Twenty-Five (25) teaching hours spread across the months of January to March 2023. The course was widely attended by both undergraduate and post-graduate students of National Law University Odisha (NLUO).



5. 4th CLS Certificate Course on Judicial Accountability: Structure, Reforms and Challenges

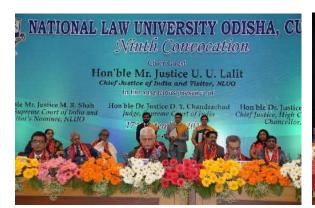
The Constitutional Law Society (CLS) conducted the 4th CLS Certificate Course on "Judicial Accountability: Structure, Reforms, and Challenges" between February 18 and 19, 2023. The course was curated by Hon'ble (Dr.) Justice M. M. Das, Judge Orissa High Court, Dr. Rangaswamy D, Assistant Professor of Law and Registrar at Karnataka State Law University, and Ms. Ayushi Upadhayay, Civil Judge in M.P. Judicial Services.



NINTH CONVOCATION

The Ninth Annual Convocation of the students of National Law University Odisha was held on September 17, 2022 at the Amphitheatre of National Law University Odisha, Cuttack. Hon'ble Mr. Justice U.U. Lalit, Chief Justice of India and Visitor of NLUO was the Chief Guest for the occasion and delivered the Convocation Address. Hon'ble (Dr.) Justice D.Y. Chandrachud, Judge, Supreme Court was the Guest of Honour. Hon'ble Mr. Justice M.R. Shah, Judge Supreme Court of India and Visitor's Nominee of NLUO presided over the Convocation. Hon'ble (Dr.) Justice S. Muralidhar, Chief Justice of Orissa High Court and Chancellor of NLUO delivered the Chancellor's address and conferred the degrees on the graduating students. Sitting Judges of Orissa High Court, Senior Advocates, Judicial Officers also graced the occasion.

At the IXth Convocation, a total of 221 graduates were awarded degrees, including 4 Doctorate Degrees, 38 LLM degrees, and 172 degrees for undergraduate courses – 113 and 59 degrees respectively from the BA LLB and BBA LLB streams. A total number of 22 gold medals were awarded to students in the convocation this year.







GOLD MEDAL AWARDEES

| S. No. | Donated /Instituted By | Description of Gold Medal | Subject In Which Gold Medal Is Instituted | Name of The Student |
|--------|--|---|---|---------------------------|
| 1. | National Law University Odisha | University Gold Medal | 1 st Rank LLM In Constitutional Law (2021- 22) | Neha Rani |
| 2. | State Bank of India | University Gold Medal | 1 st Rank LLM In Corporate Law (2021-22) | P. H. Kavya |
| 3. | Dinabandhu Sahu Memorial Trust | Dinabandhu Sahu Memorial Gold Medal | 1 st Rank in the BA LLB (Hons) Degree | Suprabh Garg |
| 4. | National Law University Odisha | University Gold Medal | 2 nd Rank in the BA LLB (Hons) Degree | Aarya Jha |
| 5. | National Law University Odisha | University Gold Medal | 3 rd Rank in the BA LLB (Hons) Degree | Shivalika Rudrabatla |
| 6. | Prof. N. L. Mitra, Chancellor KIIT University | Shri M. L. Mitra Memorial Gold Medal | 1 st Rank in the BBA LLB (Hons) Degree | Sushmit Mandal |
| 7. | National Law University Odisha | University Gold Medal | 2 nd Rank in the BBALLB (Hons) Degree | Jayesh Advani |
| 8. | National Law University Odisha | University Gold Medal | 3 rd Rank in the BBA LLB (Hons) Degree | Arvind Sankar |
| 9. | Ms. Kajal Mishra & Ms. Sheetal Mishra, Advocates & Founders, SKS Juris Legal Group | SKS Juris Legal Group Gold Medal | Highest Score in Constitutional Law | Sushmit Mandal |
| 10. | Mr. Ashok Parija, Advocate General, Odisha | Shri Gagan Bihari Das Memorial Gold Medal | Highest Score in Criminal Law | Suprabh Garg |
| 11. | Shri Bijan Ray, Senior Advocate, High Court of Orissa | Ras Behari Ray Gold Medal | Highest Score in Commercial Laws | Suprabh Garg |
| 12. | National Law University Odisha | University Gold Medal | Highest Score in Intellectual Property Laws | Suprabh Garg |
| 13. | State Bank of India | State Bank of India Gold Medal | Highest Score in Banking Law | Suprabh Garg |

| 14. | Prof. Priyambada Mohanty Hejmadi | Nisamoni Devi & Bhagabat Charan Mohanty Memorial Gold Medal | Highest Score in International Law | Suprabh Garg |
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| 15. | Shri Manas Ranjan Mohapatra | Satyakamal Memorial Gold Medal | Highest Score in Personal Law | Rituparna Padhy |
| 16. | Smart Chip Private Limited | Smart Chip Gold Medal | Highest Score in Alternative Dispute Resolution | Suprabh Garg |
| 17. | Shri P.P. Rao Senior Advocate, Supreme Court of India | Smt. Pavani Easwara Lakshmi Memorial Gold Medal | Girl Student with Highest Score in BA LLB & BBA LLB combined | Aarya Jha |
| 18. | Institute of Company Secretaries | Overall Topper Gold Medal | Highest Score in BA LLB And BBA LLB Combined | Sushmit Mandal |
| 19. | Shri Bibekananda Mohanty | Shri Bichitrananda Mohanty Memorial Gold Medal | Best All Round Male Student | Sushmit Mandal |
| 20. | Mr. Surya Prasad Misra, Senior Advocate | Ananta Misra & Annapurna Misra Gold Medal | Best All Round Female Student | Aarya Jha |
| 21. | Mr. Biswajit Mohanty, Chairperson, BRM IIT | Madhusudan Mohanty Memorial Gold Medal | Outstanding Leadership | Aarya Jha |
| 22. | Parents of Ritwik Das | Ritwik Das Memorial Gold Medal | Outstanding Performance in Outdoor Sports | Toshaar Trivedi |

SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED BY NATIONAL LAW UNIVERSITY ODISHA

National Law University Odisha offers scholarships to deserving and needy students from the second year onwards keeping in view their financial status, needs, and their academic achievement(s). Applications are invited in a prescribed format for the merit-cum-means scholarship of National Law University Odisha. On the recommendation of the Scholarship Committee of the University, the following students were given National Law University Odisha Scholarship:

| S. No | Name | Amount | |
|-------|---------------------------|-------------|--|
| 1. | Abhinav Singh Chauhan | 1,20,000 /- | |
| 2. | Aditya Dash | 1,20,000 /- | |
| 3. | Aditya Shukla | 1,20,000 /- | |
| 4. | Himani Jaruhar | 1,20,000 /- | |
| 5. | Krishan Prataap Singh | 1,20,000 /- | |
| 6. | Kartikey Sanjeev Bhalotia | 1,20,000 /- | |
| 7. | Krishna Lohia | 1,20,000 /- | |
| 8. | Kirti Talreja | 1,20,000 /- | |
| 9. | Pradhumna Mohan Dixit | 1,20,000 /- | |
| 10. | Shomesh Srivastava | 1,20,000 /- | |
| 11. | Saumya Ranjan Dixit | 1,20,000 /- | |
| 12. | Shivam Kumar | 1,20,000 /- | |
| 13. | Shreyaa Mohanty | 1,20,000 /- | |
| 14. | Sachin Dubey | 1,20,000 /- | |

INTERNAL QUALITY ASSURANCE CELL

National Law University Odisha established the Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) in 2016 to assure the quality of education, research, publications, and related activities. IQAC initiates, plans and supervises various activities that are necessary to increase the quality of education imparted in the University and research conducted by the academic staff and research students of the University. IQAC has conducted programmes to provide research orientation to academic staff and students of the University and initiated schemes such as financial incentive for academic staff of the University to encourage publication in world renowned journals.

| S No. | Name | Designation |
|-------|---|------------------|
| 1 | Prof. Ved Kumari, Vice-Chancellor | Chairperson |
| 2 | Dr. Sujit Koonan, Associate Professor of Law | Director |
| 3 | Prof. (Dr.) Rangin Pallav Tripathy, Registrar | Member Secretary |
| 4 | Dr. Dolly Jabbal, Professor of Law | Member |
| 5 | Dr. Ananya Chakaraborty, Associate Professor of Law | Member |
| 6 | Dr. Mayank Tiwari, Assistant Professor of Law | Member |
| 7 | Dr. A B Debasis Rout, Assistant Professor of Accounting | Member |
| 8 | Ms. Eluckiaa A., Assistant Professor of Law | Member |
| 9 | Ms. Nikita Pattajoshi, Assistant Professor of Law | Member |
| 10 | Dr. Sohini Mahapatra, Assistant Professor of Law | Member |
| 12 | Ms. Pratima Mohanty, Finance Officer | Member |
| 13 | Dr. Bibhu Prasad Kar, Assistant Registrar | Member |
| 14 | Prof. (Dr.) Sabita Acharya, Vice-Chancellor, Utkal University | External Member |
| 15 | Prof. Amita Dhanda, Professor of Emerita, NALSAR | External Member |
| 16 | Prof. Mahadeo Jaiswal, Director, IIM, Sambalpur External Member | External Member |
| 17 | Dr. S. Peppin, Professor, Academic Dean, Xavier School of Sustainability, Xavier Institute of Management Bhubaneswar | External Member |
| 18 | Mr. Manish Kharbanda, Advisor, Corporate Affairs, Legal, CSR & New Mines Development, Jindal Steel & Power Ltd., Angul | External Member |
| 29 | Mr. Anish Jaipuriar | Alumni Member |
| 20 | Ms. Kaushiki Mishra (Chairperson, Student Council, NLUO) | Student Member |

ISO CERTIFICATION



National Law University Odisha has been awarded the ISO 9001-2015 certification. ISO 9001:2015 specifies requirements for a quality management system when an organization needs to demonstrate its ability to consistently provide products and services that meet customer and applicable statutory and regulatory requirements and aims to enhance customer satisfaction through the effective application of the system. This would also include processes for improvement of the system and the assurance of conformity to customer and applicable statutory and regulatory requirements.

Pursuant to this certification NLUO has committed to:

- i. develop in the students and scholars, social and scientific research skills for enhancing a sense of responsibility to serve society as a professional and also develop professional skills of advocacy, judicial and other legal services which includes legislation, law reforms and the like;
- ii. 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;
- iii. satisfy all applicable requirements, and
- iv. continually improve the overall management system in the institute.



RESEARCH PROJECTS AT NATIONAL LAW UNIVERSITY ODISHA

1. Project Kutumb

Background:

India is a signatory to the United Nations 2030 Agenda for achieving Sustainable Development through 17 identified Goals. In order to achieve these goals the Government of India is making strategic efforts towards inclusive development through "Whole of Government and Whole of Society" approach. As part of this approach, the Ministry of Panchayati Raj, while emphasising on the role of villages and panchayats in bringing about progressive changes at the grassroots has divided the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) into various themes. Of these, Theme 3 focuses on the creation of Child Friendly Villages which aims at the accomplishment of 8 SDGs as depicted below:



With the objective of contributing to the national commitment towards creation of Child Friendly Villages, NLUO had declared 2023 as the "NLUO Year of the Child". To give effect to this declaration NLUO also adopted three villages in the district of Cuttack, namely *Brajabeharipur*, *Balmikinagar* (*Mundasahi*) and *Babatilakanagar*. The objective is to make necessary interventions in these villages to accomplish the relevant SDGs.



Plan of Action:

National Law University Odisha plans to support and strengthen existing institutions for children by plugging existing gaps between the community and the government. NLUO will carry out need based interventions after ascertaining the requirements of the communities. This will be done through the data collected by research teams from NLUO via surveys, focus group discussions, key informant interviews etc. The data shall pertain to survival, development, protection and participation of children from the villages and furnish them to relevant government offices for necessary action. Thus apart various awareness programmes shall be conducted and communities will be encouraged to make the villages **Child-Friendly** by preventing child marriages and providing education for all till the age of 18.

Journey so far

1. Convergence Meeting with various Stakeholders: On 5.01.2023, the Vice-Chancellor and Registrar of NLUO along with a team of faculty members and officers met the ADM (G), Cuttack and his team comprising of the DWO, DSWO, CDMO, DEO, DCPO and DSSO.



- 2. Since January 2023, NLUO has organised numerous awareness programmes as highlighted below:
 - a. 4 health camps: NLUO conducted 3 medical camps on its own strength with the university doctor and nurses. One health camp was conducted in collaboration with SBI and Hi-Tech Hospitals;
 - b. mediation programmes were carried out in the adopted villages with door to door awareness campaign;
 - c. legal aid and pro-bono teams generated awareness amongst the members of the community regarding various schemes available for their benefit and also helped alleviating any problems in accessing the benefits of the schemes;

- d. NSS units from the university helped organise the health camp and generated awareness about importance of nutritious food; and
- e. centre for tribal rights of the university met with the tribal community to ascertain their concerns and any special issues that they may be facing.

These events have helped build a rapport with the community which helped conducting the baseline surveys, key informant interviews and focus group discussions, as was done by 60 students of child and law course, of NLUO. A ground level intervention programme has been developed and weekly activities under the plan have been initiated to achieve the larger goals of generating awareness about sports, mediation, welfare schemes, cultural activities tribal rights etc., and consequently carry out need based interventions. The Core team of the Project comprises of Dr. Suman Dash Bhattamishra, Dr. Akshay Verma and Ms. Ankeeta Gupta.

2. Evidence-Based Tobacco Control Initiatives

Supporting Stronger and Evidence-Based tobacco control initiatives through capacity building and strengthening laws, policies and international mechanisms with multi-stakeholder engagement for tobacco-free India awarded by International Union Against Tuberculosis and Lung Disease



NLUO through this project aims to strengthen its mission of eradicating tobacco use and abuse through policy and action oriented intervention. Prof. Rangin Tripathy and Ms. Rishika Khare are incharge of the project.

3. Addressing Domestic Violence in Odisha through Institutionalised Domestic Violence Response Protocols awarded by Human Rights Fund

The project has been awarded by the Human Rights Fund, Netherlands and will be led by Dr. R. P. Tripathy, Professor, National Law University Odisha and Dr. S. D. Bhattamishra, Associate Professor, National Law University Odisha.

4. Women's Safety Audit in the City of Asansol awarded by National Commission for Women

In partnership with National Commission for Women, Ministry of Women and Child Development, National Law University Odisha is conducting a safety audit in the city of Asansol. Prof. Ved Kumari, Vice Chancellor, NLUO is leading the project. The other faculty members involved in the same are Prof. Sheela Rai, Prof. Rangin Pallav Tripathy, Dr. S. Koonan, Dr. Arjyalopa Mishra, and Dr. Priyanka Anand.

5. Project KHOJ

Centre for Law, Public Policy and Good Governance in collaboration with Agami and CivicDataLab developed an open access dataset KHOJ (Know Your High Court Judges) which was unveiled at the 9th Convocation of National Law University Odisha on September 17, 2022 in the presence of Justice U.U. Lalit, the Chief Justice of India, Justice D.Y. Chandrachud, Justice M.R. Shah, Judges, Supreme Court of India and Justice (Dr.) S. Muralidhar, Chief Justice, High Court of Orissa and Chancellor, NLUO. It is a continuous project and a new updated dataset will be released every year on occasion of Constitution Day. Prof. Rangin Pallav Tripathy is in-charge of the project.



6. Social Protection of Women Migrant workers in Odisha by National Commission for Women

In continuation of the work done by National Law University Odisha on status and position of migrant labour specially during COVID-19, the University has partnered with National Commission for Women, Ministry of Women and Child Development to conduct a detailed survey pertaining to the social protection accorded to the migrant women labourers. The project also aims at identifying areas wherein socio-legal interventions may be possible. Dr. Sohini Mahapatra, Ms. Rishika Khare, and Nikita Pattajoshi are associated with the project.

7. Social Mapping of Migrant Workers in Odisha (Phase II) by Labour and ESI Department, Government of Odisha

Continuing with research on migrant labour a second project has been initiated in partnership between National Law University Odisha with the Ministry of Labour and ESI department to conduct a social mapping of migrant labour in Odisha. Dr. Sohini Mahapatra, Ms. Rishika Khare, and Nikita Pattajoshi are associated with the project.

8. Role of Ashram Schools in Protecting the Human Rights of Students in Odisha: An Empirical Study by Indian Council for Social Science Research (ICSSR)

Dr. Sujith Koonan and Dr. Akshay Verma are working on the Project.

9. Unnat Bharat Abhiyaan

The Unnat Bharat Abhiyan cell of National Law University Odisha, established in 2018, intends to enrich the five adopted villages through structured community outreach. It runs with five offshoots: Swachh Bharat, Sikshit Bharat, Swasth Bharat, Swavlambi Bharat and Sampann Bharat. The five villages adopted under the programme are Dompada, Kushpangi, Naraj, Mundali and Amarendrapur, situated in the Cuttack district of Odisha. The Vision of the UBA Cell of National Law University Odisha is to holistically develop our adopted villages in terms of both Human Development and Material (economic) development. It strives to identify developmental challenges and bid appropriate solutions for accelerating sustainable growth of the people of rural Odisha. In hindsight, it aims for a transformational change in rural development processes by leveraging knowledge institutions to help build the architecture of an Inclusive India. UBA alongside Legal Aid Committee regularly visits the communities and tries to solve the legal problems that may exist. In 2022-23 nearly 30 cases were filed with NLUO and in nearly 20 cases successful resolutions have been achieved with the intervention of NLUO.



RESEARCH CENTRES AT NATIONAL LAW UNIVERSITY ODISHA

Research and innovation is the bedrock of any progressive institution. National Law University Odisha has adopted this principle since its establishment. In pursuit of this commitment, we have invested in the establishment of research centres to develop legal scholarship in the selected branches of law. United Nations organisations like UNDP and UNICEF have been actively supporting our research endeavours. The collaboration between UNICEF and the University's Centre for Child Rights is a testimony to this fact.

In furtherance of this endeavour, the University has set up various Research Centres which have teachers and students as members. The centres are involved in the conduct of research and publication. In furtherance of the objective of conducting quality research, these centres have been engaged in conducting various workshops, conferences, seminars, webinars, moot court competitions, consultations with governmental agencies and guest lectures including the execution of Memorandums of Association with various governmental agencies, think tanks and data labs. It is worthwhile to note that these initiatives have resulted in the creation of a knowledge base which will not only enrich and enhance the existing knowledge base but will also lay the foundation for further research embedded in the idea of futuristic legal growth and development. National Law University Odisha can thus proudly boast of being one of the few law universities to have taken up the task of studying the impact assessment of laws through analysis of real-time data from the communities, stakeholders, and implementers of legal programs through various collaboration with national and international associations.





The Research Centres instituted by National Law University Odisha are enumerated below

| Name of the Research Centre | Director/Co-Directors |
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| Centre for Access to Justice | Dr. Kuntirani Padhan, Mr. Kanishka |
| Centre for Banking and Insurance Laws | Dr. Rajat Solanki, Ms. Ankeeta Gupta |
| Centre for Child Rights | Ms. Sonal Sjngh, Ms. Rashmi Rekha |
| Centre for Competition Law and Policy | Dr. Rajat Solanki, Ms. Nikita Pattajoshi |
| Centre for Consumer Law | Dr. Mayank Tiwari, Dr. SudattaBarik |
| Centre for Corporate and Commercial Laws | Dr. A B Debasis Rout Co-Directors: Dr. Mayank Tiwari |
| Centre for Criminal Justice and Human Rights | Dr. Ananya Chakraborty, Dr. Sohini Mahapatra, Dr. Kuntirani Padhan |
| Centre for Disaster Management and Law | Mr. Kanishk |
| Centre for Industrial Relations and Labour Laws | Dr. Arjyalopa Mishra, Ms. Madhubrata Ravasinsh |
| Centre for International Trade Law | Prof. Sheela Rai, Ms. Eluckiaa A. |
| Intellectual Property Analysis and Advocacy Centre | Ms. Rujitha T.R., Ms. Divya Singh Rathor, Ms. Sonal Singh |
| Centre for Law, Entrepreneurship and Innovation (Lex Tech Centre) | Ms. Madhubrata Rayasingh, Dr. Arjyalopa Mishra, Dr. Sudatta Barik |
| Centre for Maritime Law | Mr. Akash Kumar, Mr. Subhaprad Mohantv |
| Mediation and Negotiation Centre | Mr. Abhay Kumar, Dr. Akshay Verma |
| Centre for Natural Resource Management | Dr. Sujith Koonan, Ms. Nikita Pattajoshi |
| Centre for Public Health Law | Prof. Rangin Pallav Tripathy, Ms. Rishika Khare |
| Centre for Public Policy, Law and Good Governance | Prof. Rangin Pallav Tripathy, Dr. Suman Dash Bhattamishra, Ms. Rishika Khare |
| Centre for Tribal Studies | Dr. Suvrashree Panda, Mr. Kumarjeeb Pegu |
| Centre for Women and Law | Dr. Priyanka Anand, Ms. Rashmi Rekha Baug |

MEMORANDUMS OF UNDERSTANDING SIGNED DURING 2022-23

1. National Law University Odisha signed an MOU with Start-up Odisha, Government of Odisha

National Law University Odisha signed an MOU with Start-up Odisha, Government of Odisha on 01.12.22 at Make in Odisha Conclave - 2022. The exchange of MOU happened in the thematic session of the Start Up Odisha in the presence of Shri Pratap Keshari Deb, MSME Minister, Shri Saswat Mishra, MSME Department Principal Secretary, Shri Omkar Rai, Executive Chairperson, Odisha Hub and other officials of the Ministry of Skill and Development, Government of Odisha and Prof Ved Kumari, Vice chancellor, NLUO, Prof Rangin Pallav Tripathi, Registrar, NLUO and faculties of NLUO. The main objective of the MOU is to provide all types of legal assistance to Startup Odisha. The assistance would involve conducting seminars, workshops, startup weekends, training programmes in collaboration with Startup Odisha. It would also include collaborative research, teaching, and dissemination of research findings and publications. The MOU will be in effect for a period of 3 years and will be executed through Lextech – Centre for Law, Entrepreneurship and Innovation, NLUO.



2. NLU Odisha signed an MoU with V.V.Giri National Labour Institute (VVGNLI), Noida in order to facilitate academic exchange

Under the MOU both the institutions have agreed to extend cooperation in undertaking collaborative research projects, seminars, workshops, exchange of faculty, sharing of library resources etc. This collaboration will greatly enhance the already growing scholarship in labour law at NLUO.

3. MOU to Establish PAIF Signed by Odisha Police and NLUO

On November 19, 2022, in a one of its kind initiative, Odisha Police entered into a memorandum of understanding with National Law University Odisha, Cuttack to establish a Police-Academia Interaction Forum (PAIF). The forum would focus on facilitating a mutually beneficial

interaction among the police officials, academicians and students. The students of NLUO can participate in internships with the Crime Branch of Odisha Police and other wings of Police Department. Additionally, Police officers can also attend training courses at NLUO. It would provide the students practical exposure to workings of police and real life exposure to investigation and law enforcement through academic interactions and internships in various departments of the state police such as the Crime Branch, Crime Investigation Department (CID-CB), Economic Offence Wing (EOW), State Forensic Laboratory (SFSL), Prisons and others.



The PAIF would facilitate in updating the knowledge of police officials regarding various legal issues, developments in the field of law and different legal aspects. Thus, benefiting both the students and the police officials, this would immensely contribute towards the practical aspect of law enforcement and enrich legal education of students of NLUO. In the august presence of Shri Sunil Kumar Bansal DGP, Prof. Ved Kumari, Vice Chancellor of NLUO, Shri Arun Bothra ADG (Crime Branch) and Shri Safeen Ahmed, IG the MOU was signed by Shri Amitendra Nath Sinha IG CID-Crime Branch and Prof. Rangin Pallav Tripathy, Registrar of NLUO, at the State Police Headquarters of Odisha Police in Cuttack. Faculty and students of NLUO and Senior Police Officers attended the signing of the MOU.

4. MOU between NLUO and Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India

A Memorandum of Association has been executed between National Law University, Odisha and Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India. The MOU primarily seeks to achieve the cooperation between the two organisations in regard to the insolvency and bankruptcy related activities. As part of the MOU it has been decided that both the organisations shall contribute in the following manner:

- 1. develop and impart regulatory studies as a multi-disciplinary field of study that intertwines the disciplines of law, economics, management, accountancy, and behavioural sciences, by such measures as they deem fit;
- 2. conduct of awareness programmes/conferences/seminars/workshops etc. on issues related to the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code, 2016;
- 3. develop and impart courses on insolvency and bankruptcy, to be offered to candidates from universities/institutes all over India;

- 4. impart Continuous Professional Development (CPD) courses and workshops for Insolvency Professionals and other stakeholders of the IBC ecosystem;
- 5. conduct Moot Competition on the theme / issues or matters related to or connected with the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code, 2016;
- 6. bring joint publications on the theme /issues or matters related to or connected the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code, 2016, for the benefit of stakeholders of the IBC ecosystem; and
- 7. impart training / workshops / seminars and CPD for Government officials, Regulators, bank officers, Judicial and Technical members, etc. Associate with the Board in its advocacy initiatives like Essay Competition, Internships with Board, Research, etc. Permit utilization of infrastructure facilities and faculty/support staff of NLUO for conducting the above events, based on mutual agreement, on a cases to case basis.

Any other collaborative effort/initiative to be decided based on mutual discussions between the parties. It is hoped that a fruitful and long lasting relationship can be developed between NLUO and IBBI by way of the said MOU.

5. National Law University Odisha signed an MOU with PLR Chambers

National Law University Odisha signed an MOU with PLR Chambers on February 8, 2023. The main purpose and object is to collaborate on matters relating to legal advisory, legislative drafting, exploratory research, empirical studies, modelling, business advisory, project consultancy, regulatory and policy issues to support public and private sector funding agencies in transitioning from concepts to commercially viable frameworks.



EVENTS ORGANISED BY NATIONAL LAW UNIVERSITY ODISHA

National Law University Odisha believes that education cannot happen in isolation and thus aims at making learning holistic and collective by organizing various events viz: moots court competitions, conferences, consultations, workshops, lectures, talks, webinars, etc. Consequently, various such events organized by the University in 2022-23 are listed herein below.

First Annual Flower Show

National Law University Odisha's First Annual Flower was conducted from January 21 to 23, 2023 with the inaugural ceremony on January 21, 2023 and the valedictory ceremony being conducted on the January 23, 2023.



The three days of successful flower show witnessed participation in different categories, such as potted plants, cut-flowers, etc. In the non-competitive category there was an overwhelming display of flowers from across Odisha. The three days also witnessed various cultural programmes with participation from not only students of NLUO but also from various government and private schools. It was the very first attempt of the University to bring the general masses of twin cities together. NLUO has declared 2023 as the 'Year of the Child' and the flower show was a great beginning to that, with participation of children of every age group from diverse backgrounds.



The flower show was conducted in collaboration with the Horticulture Department, Govt. of Odisha and the Cuttack Municipal Corporation. Day 1 of the show witnessed more than 600 visitors, Day 2 witnessed more than 1000 and Day 3 witnessed more than 2200 visitors. The Legal Aid Society also conducted its Annual Food Fest "Zaika" managed by students of NLUO during the three days with delicacies from across India being served.





During the show the University also showcased its strength and capability to provide aid and assistance to the nearby villages through its various institutional programmes. These included the National Service Scheme Unnat Bharat Abhiyaan, project Kutumb, Legal Aid Clinic, Centre for Mediation and Negotiation etc. The three days of fun and frolic were not only instrumental in bringing different communities and sections of the twin cities together but also were successful in creating a sense of awareness and consciousness among the students of NLUO.

MOOT COURT COMPETITIONS

The 10th National Law University Odisha Bose & Mitra & Co. International Maritime Arbitration Moot 2023

The 10th National Law University Odisha Bose & Mitra & Co. International Maritime Arbitration Moot 2023 was successfully conducted by The Moot Society of National Law University Odisha. The moot court competition took place from March 23 to 26, 2023 and was organized in collaboration with various esteemed partners, including Bose & Mitra & Co. as title sponsors, the International Institute of Shipping and Trade Law at Swansea University as Strategic Partner, and others.



The case study for this edition was drafted by renowned professors from Swansea University. Offline mode was adopted for the first time post-pandemic, with 20 qualified teams participating physically. The competition saw engagement with renowned judges from around the world. The team from Dr. Ram Manohar Lohia National Law University emerged as the champions, while the team from ILS Law College Pune received recognition as the runners-up, along with accolades for Best Written Submissions.

Competitions

The 8th National Law University Odisha British Parliamentary Debate 2023

The 8th National Law University Odisha British Parliamentary Debate 2023 was successfully conducted by the Society for Law, Literature, and Debate from March 31 April 2, 2023. The tournament featured a distinguished panel of judges, including Ms. Prashasti Saxena, Mr. Mehul Joshi, Mr. V. Sayiram, and Mr. Mahesh R., who provided their expertise and guidance throughout the event. Their valuable insights and assessments contributed to the overall success of the debate, fostering a competitive and intellectually stimulating environment for the participating teams.

The 2nd Turncoat Debate Competition

National Law University Odisha successfully organized the 2nd turncoat debate competition in collaboration with the IPAAC on February 15, 2023.



The 2nd Edition of The ILPS Essay Writing Competition

The 2nd edition of the ILPS Essay Writing Competition, organized by the International Law and Policy Society, National Law University Odisha, successfully concluded. The competition aimed to foster law and policy-oriented discussions on various international issues and India's stance towards them. Participants from diverse backgrounds including undergraduate and postgraduate students, scholars, academicians, journalists, policy makers, research scholars, and NGOs,

submitted their essays on thought-provoking themes such as Iran's anti-hijab movement, the need for a global framework for outer space regulations, India's diplomatic policy stance in the Russia-Ukraine conflict, free trade agreements, media freedom, energy supply cartelization, and religious intolerance. The competition facilitated knowledge exchange and provided a platform for the exploration of innovative ideas, contributing to the discourse on international law and policy.

Consultations

National Online Consultation on Exploring Effective Ways to Deaccelerate Tobacco Use in India

The National Law University of Odisha conducted an online national consultation titled "Exploring Effective Ways to Deaccelerate Tobacco Use in India" as part of its Project on Tobacco Control Initiatives. The consultation aimed at gathering expert opinions and identifying gaps in laws and policies to reduce tobacco prevalence, with a particular focus on protecting children and youth. Participants included key stakeholders from government ministries, research institutions, and commissions. The consultation sought to propose necessary reforms to control tobacco use, with the findings to be shared with stakeholders for stronger policy formulation and enforcement. This initiative contributes to addressing the negative impact of tobacco use and promoting a healthy nation.



Y20 Consultation Program Organized by the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, Government of India

A delegation consisting of nine team members and two faculty advisors from the Lextech Centre at National Law University Odisha actively participated in the Y20 consultation program hosted under the patronage of the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, Government of India. The program, skillfully organized by KIIT, fostered an environment that instilled a sense of greater responsibility and ambition for India's forthcoming G20 Presidency, emphasizing the need for

accelerated innovation and collective action. The Y20 consultation program effectively propagated the powerful message of "One Earth, One Family, One Future" urging global collaboration for a sustainable and inclusive future.



National Online Consultation on the Enforcement of Legislation and Policy Formulation for Advancing Effective Tobacco Control in India

The National Law University of Odisha organized a national online consultation on the enforcement of tobacco control legislation and policy formulation in India. The event aimed to strengthen law enforcement and policy initiatives for effective tobacco control. Held on April 21, 2023, the consultation brought together stakeholders to discuss compliance, challenges, and lessons learned in implementing tobacco control laws. Key state and national functionaries emphasized the importance of stronger policies and effective enforcement to protect public health. The consultation served as a positive step in advancing tobacco control measures in India.

ANUBHAV: The Positive Psychology Clinic on Positive Mental Health

The Health and Wellness Committee announced its collaboration with ANUBHAV: The Positive Psychology Clinic on a Continuation Program on Positive Mental Health. This program will act as a continuation to the Trauma and Stress Management workshop which was held in March, 2022 at the campus. This collaboration will seek to reach out to the students at a personal as well as a group level to address their issues and difficulties and help provide the needed psychological support. The partnership will also deal with the sensitive issue of self-harm and its effect on positive mental wellbeing and will attempt to help the students tackle this issue.

Lectures and talks

Virtual interactive session on Maximising time in Law School for a Career in Corporate Law, by Ashirbad Nayak

The Centre for Corporate Law (CCL) at National Law University Odisha organized a virtual interactive session on Maximizing Time in Law School for a Career in Corporate Law. Mr. Ashirbad Nayak, a Cambridge scholar and professional at J Sagar Associates, shared valuable insights with over sixty NLUO students. The session covered various topics viz: mooting, debating, paper writing, pursuing masters abroad, winning scholarships for LLM, landing jobs etc. Mr. Nayak's expertise and experience provided an enriching experience. The event received support from Prof. Ved Kumari, Vice Chancellor, NLUO, Prof. (Dr.) Rangin Pallav Triparthy Registrar, NLUO, faculty advisors and university authorities.

The 4th Sailabala Pujari Memorial Public Lecture by Justice Indira Banerjee

National Law University Odisha organized the 4th Sailabala Pujari Memorial Public Lecture on the Constitutional Vision of Justice and the Role of Judiciary in India. The lecture delivered by Justice (Retd.) Indira Banerjee, former Supreme Court judge, paid tribute to the late Smt. Sailabala Pujari, a pioneering woman legal practitioner and Assistant Public Prosecutor from western Odisha. The event took place on April 20, 2023, at NLUO's Seminar Hall, with a hybrid format allowing both in-person and online participation. The lecture served as a platform for insightful discussions on the constitutional vision of justice and the role played by the judiciary in India.

Guest Lecture by Dr. Warren Burke on Public Health Law

Centre for Public Health Law, National Law University Odisha organized a Guest Lecture by Dr. Warren Burke on Public Health Law: Universal Themes on February 10, 2023. The lecture provided the students of Madhusudan Law University and University Law College, Utkal University a cursory glance into the domain of public health law. The lecture also catered to the questions viz: the role played by lawyers in public health, the extent to which law can be used to regulate individual behaviour for furthering public health and the manner in which legal intervention can be used to further social justice.

Informal Discussion Group Session: Insights and Challenges in Police Investigations with Mr. Arun Bothra

On March 22, 2023, the Informal Discussion Group of National Law University Odisha hosted its 30th session featuring a guest lecture by Mr. Arun Bothra, the Additional Director General of Police (CID – CB) and Transport Commissioner of Odisha. The session focused on the topic of Police Investigations: Insights and Challenges. Mr. Bothra shared his valuable insights and experiences, shedding light on the intricacies and difficulties encountered in police investigations.

The event provided an engaging platform for students and faculty members to gain a deeper understanding of the subject matter and exchange ideas with a distinguished guest speaker.



A guest lecture on 'State of Legal Education in India – Social Relevance, Accessibility and Inclusivity

The Constitutional Law Society of National Law University Odisha successfully organized a guest lecture on the topic State of Legal Education in India - Social Relevance, Accessibility and Inclusivity. The lecture was delivered by Mr. Rahul Bajaj and Mr. Husain Aanis Khan. Mr. Bajaj is an attorney at Ira Law and a Senior Associate Fellow at Vidhi Centre for Legal Policy. Mr. Khan is a research fellow in the Legal Design and Regulation team at Vidhi Centre for Legal Policy.



1st Dinabandhu Sahu Memorial Public Lecture

National Law University Odisha organized the 1st Dinabandhu Sahu Memorial Public Lecture (Online) on November 13, 2022. The memorial lecture was delivered by Hon'ble Mr Justice Dipak Misra on the theme of Personal Liberty and Dignity under the Constitutional Framework. In his lecture, J. Misra inspired the students with his take on liberty and dignity and conveyed that while the state may interfere with individual liberty on occasions but it can never interfere with the personality, which is sacrosanct in a human being. After the lecture, J. Misra also entertained questions from the participants. The welcome address was delivered by Prof. Ved Kumari, Vice-Chancellor, NLUO and the vote of thanks was given by Prof. Rangin Tripathy, Registrar, NLUO.



Seminars and Webinars

The National Seminar on Women Police Stations/Mahila Thana: Working Efficiency & Effectiveness

A national seminar on Women Police Stations/ Mahila Thanas was organized by NLUO on October 28, 2022 in collaboration with National Commission for Women. The seminar comprised of three sessions: Technical session 1 included a panel discussion by esteemed resource persons. Technical session 2 featured a keynote address by Dr. Kiran Bedi, former IPS officer and Ex-Lieutenant Governor of Puducherry, followed by an open house discussion.



Participants raised questions on topics like Domestic Violence and the Law, Women Police Stations, and women's representation in the police force. Dr. Bedi emphasized the significance of ethical values in law. The third technical session showcased paper presentations by scholars from various universities, held simultaneously in three rooms. The seminar concluded with a valedictory session and a group photograph with the resource persons.

Workshops

Workshop on "Legislative Drafting" organized by the Centre for Public Policy, Law and Good Governance at National Law University Odisha (NLUO)

National Law University Odisha conducted a workshop on Legislative Drafting on February 13, 2023. Led by Prof. (Dr.) Warren Burke, a renowned expert in legislative drafting and Senior Attorney at the United States House of Representatives, the workshop focused on theoretical and practical aspects of legislative drafting. Participants engaged in drafting exercises and interactive sessions, gaining valuable insights into the importance of legislative drafting.

State Level Inception Workshop on Tobacco Control Project at National Law University Odisha

National Law University Odisha organized a State Level Inception Workshop on the Tobacco Control Project. The workshop, held on March 2, 2023, brought together various stakeholders including State Government Departments, NCD actors, NTPC, public health organizations, police, human rights commissions, NSS, civil society, and media. The workshop facilitated open discussions where stakeholders shared their roles and contributions to the project. It emphasized the collaborative approach needed to address tobacco consumption challenges. NLUO's State Level Inception Workshop on the Tobacco Control Project provided a valuable platform for

stakeholders to exchange insights and strategies, laying a strong foundation for effective tobacco control efforts in the state.

Other Events

Centre for Law, Public Policy and Good Governance released KHOJ (Know Your High Court Judges) dataset at the 9th NLUO Convocation

Centre for Law, Public Policy and Good Governance in collaboration with Agami and CivicDataLab developed an open access dataset KHOJ (Know Your High Court Judges) which was unveiled at the 9th Convocation of National Law University Odisha on September 17, 2022 in the presence of Justice U.U. Lalit, the Chief Justice of India, Justice D.Y. Chandrachud, Justice M.R. Shah, Judges, Supreme Court of India and Justice (Dr.) S. Muralidhar, Chief Justice, Orissa High Court and Chancellor, NLUO.

Exploring Career Opportunities Beyond the Conventional Landscape at NLUO

On September 16, 2022, the Centre for Public Policy, Law and Good Governance of NLUO, in collaboration with Agami organised a session on 'Law, Justice and Career Opportunities Beyond the Conventional Landscape' for undergraduate and postgraduate law students, Director and Co-Directors of various research centres at the University. The session was delivered by Ms. Supriya Sankaran, Ms. Rashika Narain and Ms. Smita Gupta

NLUO Centre for Tribal Studies on a visit to Kutumb Adopted village

The Centre for Tribal Studies, National Law University Odisha, visited Munda Sahi Village on April 2, 2023. Approximately 50 women and children from the village participated in the activities held at the community hall. The visit included a cleanliness drive, an awareness program on tribal rights through video clips and interactive sessions, as well as informal interviews conducted by the Centre.



Health Sensitisation Camp in Mundali Village: A Swasth Bharat Initiative

The Health Sensitisation Camp, organized as part of the Swasth Bharat initiative, took place at Mundali village. The event commenced with a skit performed by the members of the Unnat Bharat Abhiyan Cell. The skit effectively illustrated the process of obtaining the Aabha healthcare card, a component of the Ayushman Bharat Scheme initiated by the Central Government. The card enables holders to access free healthcare services in medical establishments throughout the state. The skit also highlighted the numerous benefits associated with possessing the health card. Subsequently, the Unnat Bharat Abhiyan members provided assistance to the village residents in registering for their own healthcare cards, addressing their queries and concerns along the way. The event concluded on a positive note, with an enthusiastic turnout from the Mundali village community. The Unnat Bharat Abhiyan successfully registered a total of fifty-three (53) healthcare cards. This achievement marks a significant milestone for the Cell, and Unnat Bharat Abhiyan is committed to organizing further activities in its five adopted villages.



Observation of No Tobacco Week on occasion of World No Tobacco Day 2023

National Law University Odisha observed No Tobacco Week in conjunction with the global celebration of World No Tobacco Day on May 31, 2023. The week-long initiative, organized under National Law University Odisha 's Project on Tobacco Control Initiatives, aimed to raise awareness about tobacco's harmful effects and promote compliance with tobacco control laws. The activities included a National Online Sensitization Session on May 26, 2023, addressing tobacco industry interference and the need for compliance with the WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco Control Article 5.3. The session featured renowned experts and attracted active participation from various stakeholders.

On May 28, 2023, National Law University Odisha conducted a National Online Consultation to discuss the strengthening of law enforcement and policy initiatives for tobacco control in India.

The consultation brought together professionals from public health, law, and government agencies to explore strategies for enhanced tobacco control measures. Additionally, National Law University Odisha collaborated with municipal bodies across Odisha to release No Tobacco Signages in municipalities like Bhubaneswar, Cuttack, Nabarangpur, and Bargarh. This campaign aimed to spread awareness about tobacco use and the existing tobacco control laws, with NLUO providing support in designing and finalizing the signage content.

The No Tobacco Week, organized by National Law University Odisha, emphasized the significance of awareness, compliance, and effective policy implementation to combat tobacco use. The university remains committed to advancing tobacco control initiatives, contributing to a tobacco-free Odisha and India as a whole.

The Green Mandate' in Collaboration with Vidhi Centre for Legal Policy

The Green Mandate Season 2, Episode 2, in collaboration with Vidhi Centre for Legal Policy, was hosted at National Law University Odisha on April 18, 2023. The episode focused on Public Participation in Environmental Decision-Making and featured a discussion between environmental activist Mr. Prafulla Samantara and Mr. Debadityo Sinha from Vidhi Centre for Legal Policy. The event provided a platform for insightful conversations, highlighting the importance of public involvement in shaping environmental policies. The episode garnered active participation and contributed to raising awareness on this vital topic.



Consumer Law Awareness Programme on World Consumer Rights Day

National Law University Odisha organized a consumer law awareness programme in collaboration with the Federation of Consumer Organisations' Odisha (FOCOO) on World Consumer Rights Day. The programme, titled Empowering Consumers through Clean Energy Transitions, aimed to raise awareness about consumer rights and promote clean energy practices.

Esteemed speakers, including members of the Odisha State Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission and representatives from consumer organizations, addressed the audience. The programme emphasized the significance of informed consumer choices and their role in driving sustainable practices.

The event provided participants with valuable insights into consumer rights and the importance of clean energy transitions. National Law University Odisha and FOCOO aimed to empower consumers to make responsible decisions and contribute to a cleaner environment.

Movie Screening and Group Discussion on "Yeh Lo Bayaan Humare" with Uma Chakravarti and Dr. Usha Ramanathan

National Law University Odisha organized a movie screening and group discussion on the film "Yeh Lo Bayaan Humare" to commemorate International Women's Day on March 6, 2023. The event featured esteemed panelists including Uma Chakravarti, feminist historian and filmmaker, and Dr. Usha Ramanathan, Indian Law Researcher and Human Rights Activist, along with Prof. Hamid and Prof. Ved Kumari, Vice-Chancellor of National Law University Odisha.

The film served as a catalyst for engaging discussions on women's rights and empowerment, allowing participants to delve into the themes and messages portrayed. The event provided a platform for raising awareness and fostering understanding of gender issues. It highlighted the ongoing efforts to create a more inclusive and equal society. The movie screening and group discussion with Uma Chakravarti, Dr. Usha Ramanathan, and the distinguished panelists made a significant contribution to National Law University Odisha's celebration of International Women's Day, emphasizing the importance of striving for gender equality.

26th National Youth Day 2023 Celebration

NSS Bureau, National Law University, Odisha in collaboration with Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan, Cuttack celebrated the '26th National Youth Day 2023 on January 12, 2023. Mr. Ashok Kumar Dash, Deputy Director/OSD, Nehru Yuva Kendra, Cuttack, graced the occasion as a panelist. The opening ceremony of 26th National Youth Festival, 2023 was livestreamed which included a speech of Hon'ble Prime Minister of India, Shri Narendra Modi. Prof. Ved Kumari, Vice Chancellor and Mr. Rangin Tripathy, Registrar, NLUO, also graced the occasion. From 1984 onwards, the Government of India has designated the 12th of January of each year as 'The National Youth Day'. 'The National Youth Day' is celebrated to commemorate the birth anniversary of the great Indian thinker, philosopher, and social leader, Swami Vivekananda's life and dedication to the nation. In the year 1987-88, Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan(NYKS) was set up as an autonomous organization under the Government of India, Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports.



International Webinar on Law and Development

An International Webinar on Law and Development was held, featuring Prof. Yong Shik Lee, Director and Professorial Fellow at the Law and Development Institute and Visiting Professor of Law at the University of Nebraska College of Law. The webinar aimed to explore the role of law in driving development initiatives and provided valuable insights from Prof. Lee's expertise. Participants engaged in discussions and gained knowledge on the intersection of law and development, fostering collaboration and intellectual exchange.

A virtual interactive session with Mr. Vinod Kothari

The Centre for Corporate Law NLUO, National Law University Odisha, hosted a virtual interactive session on January 18, 2023. The session featured Mr. Vinod Kothari, who shared insights on the contemporary issues and debates in the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Regime. Participants had the opportunity to engage with Mr. Kothari and gain valuable knowledge on this important subject.

Awareness Programme on Rights of Children

On the occasion of the World Children's Day on November 20, 2022 Centre for Child Rights conducted an awareness programme on Convention on Rights of Children, 1989 for students of The Kalinga English Medium School, Kalarabank, Odisha on November 18, 2022. The participants of the programme consisted of students of sixth standard. This was the very first time that students of the school were made aware of the rights of children.

CLS Constitution Day Lecture on "Revisiting the Kesavananda Bharati and the Basic Structure Doctrine in Contemporary Times

The Constitutional Law Society of National Law University Odisha successfully organized the Lecture on the Constitution Day topic Revisiting the Kesavananda Bharati and the Basic

Structure Doctrine in Contemporary Times. The lecture was delivered by Prof. Mohan Gopal and Mr. Shrutanjaya Bharadwaj.

Law and Justice in India Programme

National Law University Odisha in association with Centurion University of Technology and Management, Bhubaneswar conducted the Law and Justice in India programme for students and faculty members of Victoria University, Australia on November 14 and 18, 2022. The participants of the course consisted of 9 undergraduate law students and 2 faculty members from Victoria University.





The Australian team also visited the Juvenile Justice Board and Child Welfare Committee, Cuttack to know about the working of the institutions for the care, protection, rehabilitation and welfare of children. The visitors were also taken to the Odisha State Legal Services Authority and the Village Legal Aid Centre at Dompada, Odisha. This helped them to understand the application of concepts like Lok Adalats, preventive and strategic legal aid programmes etc.

'Asha ra Jyoti – Diwali is a symbol of hope for all and represents the victory of light over darkness'

This Diwali, the IDIA Odisha Chapters' Legal Services Team organized an event to celebrate the housekeeping staff of our university, who do so much to keep our college spick and span. The event named, 'Asha ra Jyoti,' meaning Lights of Hope, was conducted on October 23, 2022. The event was a great success and the afternoon was filled with music, smiles, and laughter. The student body put-up an amazing show, with their wonderful display of dances, singing performances, and plays. A play titled, 'Nithalle ki Diary,' was put on by the students about a young man and his everyday adventures. Students danced to Sambalpuri and other Odia folk songs.

STUDENT COMMITTEES AND SOCIETIES

To enable student participation in academic administration and activities, National Law University Odisha has various student committees and societies. Given below is the list of Student committees:

| S No. | Centre | | | |
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| 1. | Academic Support Committee | | | |
| 2. | ADR Board | | | |
| 3. | Campus Development Committee | | | |
| 4. | Competitive Examination Guidance Committee | | | |
| 5. | Cultural Committee | | | |
| 6. | Gender Sensitization Committee | | | |
| 7. | Health and Wellness Committee | | | |
| 8. | Horticulture and Swachh Bharat Abhiyan Committee | | | |
| 9. | In House Alumni Coordination Committee | | | |
| 10. | Informal Discussion Group | | | |
| 11. | Internship and Placement Committee | | | |
| 12. | International Law Society | | | |
| 13. | Kautilya Society | | | |
| 14. | Legal Services Committee | | | |
| 15. | Moot Society | | | |
| 16. | Pro-Bono Club | | | |
| 17. | Quiz Society | | | |
| 18. | Social Media Committee | | | |
| 19. | Society for Advancement of Animal and Environmental Welfare | | | |
| 20. | Sports committee | | | |
| 21. | University Website Committee | | | |

BEYOND ACADEMICS

We promote leadership skills and the wholesome life experience of our students by encouraging them to take part in various literary, debating, cultural, entrepreneurial and recreational activities.

INFORMAL DISCUSSION GROUP

The University has introduced an Informal Discussion Group (IDG) to promote discussions and debate among students on one hand and between students & visiting dignitaries on general social and political issues on the other hand. In 2022-23 a talk was organized with Mr. Arun Bothra Additional Director General of Police (CID – CB) and Transport Commissioner of Odisha.



Also the Eadger Series was introduced to bridge the gap between faculty and the students with the first ever interview being that Prof. Rangin Tripathi, Hon'ble Registrar of National Law University Odisha.

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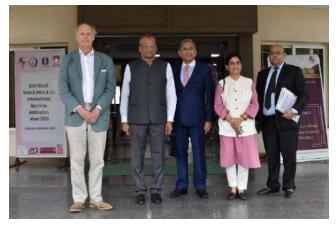
National Law University Odisha is recognized as one of the chapters of the IDIA (Increasing Diversity by Increasing Access to Legal Education) Program helping students in the preparation for the CLAT exam. National Law University Odisha chapter of IDIA also helps visually challenged and other students in need of support.

THE MOOT SOCIETY

The Moot Society (TMS) of National Law University Odisha is a student-run body managed under the guidance of a faculty advisor administering all the mooting-related activities at the University. Ms. Eluckiaa A is presently the faculty advisor of TMS.

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

in competitions. The vibrant and competitive mooting culture in the university has resulted in a stellar record at the national and international levels.



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

THE LEGAL AID SOCIETY, NATIONAL LAW UNIVERITY ODISHA

The Legal Aid Society ("LAS") at National Law University Odisha is one of the most active and vibrant Legal Aid Societies of the country. LAS is also one of the very few legal Aid societies in the country which has a holistic aim of not only providing Legal Aid and Legal Awareness but also undertaking humanitarian causes and relief.



KAUTILYA SOCIETY

The Kautilya Society is the official collaboration between National Law University Odisha and Vidhi Centre for Research. Every year the society comes up with various research initiatives and interactions with the student body with the sole aim of promoting the sense of research,

collaboration and curiosity. In 2022-23 the society conducted various podcasts under the name and style of Vistaar and came out with a newsletter on Mental Health and Public Policy.

NATIONAL SERVICE SCHEME(NSS)

Established in 2021, NLUO's NSS wing has been very active with various activities being conducted under its purview. NSS team successfully conducted the Poshan Abhiyan, outreach activities in the adopted communities under the auspices of Kutumb and helped generate awareness on various issues.



SPORTS COMMITTEE

This is with regard to the events the Sports Committee organized and participated in over the course of the Odd and Even Semester for the Academic Year 2022-23.

1. VIRAJ

VIRAJ is an annual inter-university sports fest hosted by National Law University Odisha. The event is organized by the Sports Committee of the university and is a three-day extravaganza filled with sports, culture, and entertainment. This fest is a testament to the spirit of sportsmanship, ambition, and perseverance, providing a platform for students from various universities to showcase their athletic skills and engage in healthy competition. Viraj 2023 was a grand success, attracting participants from various leading law universities, medical colleges, engineering universities, and business schools across the country.





The fest provided an excellent opportunity for students to engage in various sports and physical activities, including Cricket, Football, Basketball, Athletics, Swimming, Badminton, and more. The fest had a footfall of more than 800 students. The fest featured a wide range of sporting events, each designed to challenge participants' physical abilities and test their mental fortitude. Participants displayed remarkable sportsmanship and determination, competing with each other in a spirit of camaraderie and mutual respect.

2. Para-Viraj

The Para-Viraj event reinforced the fest's commitment to inclusivity and diversity, promoting the spirit of sportsmanship and fair play. VIRAJ is much more than just a sports fest. It is a celebration of diversity, inclusivity and the human spirit, promoting the values of sportsmanship, ambition, and perseverance. The fest provides a unique opportunity for students from different universities and regions to come together, engage in healthy competition and build lasting relationships. VIRAJ 2023 was a resounding success.

- 3. Inter-Batch Tug of War and Kho-Kho
- 4. Inter-Batch Gully Cricket
- 5. Prof. (Dr.) Yogesh Pratap Singh Farewell Match A farewell cricket match between faculty and students was organised by the sports committee to bid adieu to Prof. Yogesh Pratap Singh.
- VIRUDHAKA is the annual sports fest of NLIU Bhopal conducted between October 13-16, 2022 wherein NLUO's 95 students strong contingent participated in various team and individual sports.
- 7. Patangbaazi, a kite flying competition was organised by sports committee on the Auspicious occasion of Makar Sankranti.
- 8. Ritwik Das Memorial Cup is an Intra University Football Tournament in memory of Mr. Ritwik Das (Former Convenor of the Sports committee and Football Team Player, NLUO)
- 9. INVICTA is the annual sports fest of WBNUJS conducted between February 16 to 19, 2023 wherein NLUO's 90 student string contingent participated in various team and individual sports events. Students of the National Law University Odisha displayed remarkable determination and emerged as the Winning Contingent.

CULTURAL COMMITTEE

The Cultural Committee every year conducts various cultural events. Apart from enjoying festivities on every festival two flagship events: Kairaan and Hunar are organized.



PRO BONO CLUB

The NLUO Pro Bono Club was set up in March 2022 under the Department of Justice, Government of India's Designing Innovative Solutions and Holistic Access to Justice (DISHA).

List of activities undertaken

- 1. Two students from NLUO Pro Bono Club participated and shared their views in the National Consultation for Vision@2047 on Indian Judicial System organised by Department of Justice, Government of India on 8th June, 2022. They were amongst the 65 law students who participated in the national consultation.
- 2. Organized Mega Legal Awareness Programme and Mediation Camp at NLUO's Legal Aid Clinic in Jankia in association with NLUO Legal Aid Society on 2nd August, 2022.
- 3. A Mediation Camp was organized by the Pro Bono Club in association with NSS Unit, NLUO and the Centre for Mediation and Negotiation, NLUO under NLUO's Project Kutumb, aimed at creating child friendly villages on September 3 4 September, 2022 in Brajabiharipur village.
- 4. The Pro Bono Club has facilitated the registration of 10 members of Alumni as Pro Bono Advocates/Alumni Nyaya Bandhu Advocates (ANBA) in the Nyaya Bandhu App developed and operated by the Department of Justice.
- 5. Activities of the NLUO Pro Bono Club have been covered in an article titled "Nyaya Bandhu scheme: How law school students are trained for pro bono cases" in an online magazine Career 360. The article can be accessed at https://news.careers360.com/nyay-bandhu-law-colleges-nlu-odisha-tnlu-nlsiu-nalsar-clubs-pro-bono-cases (17 January 2023).



STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

MOOT COURT

- 29th M.C. Chagla Memorial Government Law College National Moot Court Competition, 2022 - Chitrangda Saini, Junaid Muhammad Anshad, and Samridhi Bajoria - Winners & Best Memorial
- 2. 14th NLUJ Antitrust Law Moot Court Competition, 2023 Ansruta Debnath, Aditi Sinha and Shubhangini Rathore Winners & Best Student Advocate in the final oral rounds (Aditi Sinha)
- 3. 8th NLIU Justice R.K. Tankha Memorial International Arbitration Moot 2023 Gyanesh Mishra, Palak Bhawsinka, Sagun Modi and Vaibhav Kashyap Runner's up & Best Oralist for the Final Rounds (Gyanesh)
- 4. 5th Surana and Surana and RGNUL International Law Moot Court Competition 2022 Ashvi Jain, Ishant S. Joshi, and Sparsh Srivastava Runner's up
- 5. 10th INSOL India NLIU National Corporate Law Moot 2022 Karshana Agarwal, Kumar Shubham and Satwik Mohapatra Semi-finalists
- 6. 15th NALSAR- Justice B R Sawhney Memorial Moot Court Competition, 2022 Abhilipsa Mohanty, Janhavi Mahalik and Priya Sharma Semi-finalists
- 7. 24th D. M. Harish Memorial Government Law College International Online Moot Court Competition 2023 - Jahnavi R Bhattathiripad, Nivedita Shaktawat and Shivansh Sharma -Second Best Memorial
- 8. 16th Monroe E. Price Media Law Moot Court Competition 2023 Ananya Gudihal, Chitrangda Saini, Kumar Atul and Maulsree Srivastava Semi-finalists in the South Asia Regional Rounds
- 9. Ian Fletcher International Insolvency Moot 2023 Nikhil Javali, Rishi Saraf, Vanshika Sharma and Vinamra Kothari Quarter-finalists of World Rounds
- 10. 13th CCI-HNLU Justice Hidayatullah National Moot Court Competition 2023 Alan John, Nandini Dwivedi and Soumya Pradhan Runner's up
- 11. 6th NLU-D International Insolvency and Bankruptcy Moot 2023 Bhabesh Satapathy, Kanishk Kaushik, Nakshatra Gujarati, and Vishesh Bhardwaj Semi-Finalists & Best Memorial
- 12. 27th All India Moot Court Competition at University Law College(ULC), Bangalore Akhil Raj, Ekta Gupta, and Kartik Shukla Runner's Up
- 13. ICC Moot Court Competition 2023 (ICCMCC) Aditya Dash, Madhulika Tripathy, Mohit Chand, Srutee Priyadarshini and Suryansh Mohanty Semi-finalists in the India Rounds

DEBATING

List of Achievements by NLUO Students in Inter-College Debating Tournaments for the Year 2021-22

- 1. Polemic 2021: Ramjas Debating Society: Kaushik Das, Breaking Adjudicator
- 2. 11th NALSAR Intervarsity Debating Tournament 2021: Samrath Kaur Kalsi, Breaking Adjudicator
- 3. 19th Dr. Rajendra Prasad Memorial Parliamentary Debate: Kaushik Das, Breaking Adjudicator
- 4. 2nd Edition of the DTU Parliamentary Debate: Yashaswini Singh Chouhan, Breaking Adjudicator

- 5. Derozio Memorial Debate (Pre-Australs) 2021: Kaushik Das, Anmol Kumar Oraon and Samrath Kaur Kalsi, Breaking Adjudicators
- 6. 19th edition of 'People Speak' Parliamentary Debate organized by English Debating Society of Sri Venkateswara College, University of Delhi: Kaushik Das and Yashaswini Singh Chouhan, Breaking Adjudicators
- 7. IIM Indore's Inter Varsity Debate 2022: Samrath Kaur Kalsi, Breaking Adjudicator
- 8. Vitark 2022 British Parliamentary Debate organized by The Debating Society of Deen Dayal Upadhyaya College, University of Delhi: Tulip Tarun Bhatia, Breaking Adjudicator
- 9. Troika British Parliamentary Debate, 2022: Kaushik Das, Kushagra Dash, Winners.
- 10. Christ University Parlimentary Debate: Chitrangda Saini, Breaking Adjudicator
- 11. Aishanya Bakhsh, Aditya Danturty, and Pratyush Singh- Novice Finalists NUJS Parliamentary Debate 2023. Additionally, Pratyush was the 2nd Best Novice Speaker, Aditya was the 10th best, and Aishanya was the Best Speaker Novice Finals.
- 12. Ambuj Sachan and Samrath Kaur Kalsi Breaking Team at the DSNLU Parliamentary Debate 2022
- 13. 2nd edition of the CNLU British Parliamentary Debate: Kushagra Dash and Kaushik Das, Semi-Finalists. Kushagra Dash was declared the 10th Best Speaker of the tournament.
- 14. 2nd Daulat Ram College Parliamentary Debate: Kaushik Das, Third Best Adjudicator
- 15. WDF XVI by Debate Network Nepal: Prajjawal Shrivastav and Darshit Sidhabhatti, Open Reserve Finalists and the overall 5th Best Team (Open Category). Chitrangda Saini and Ananya Gudihal, Finalists (Novice) and the Sixth best speakers in the Novice Category.
- 16. International Human Rights Debate Championship (IHRDC), 2021. Kaushik Das and Kushagra Dash, Finalists. Kushagra Dash- 8th best speaker and Kaushik Das- 9th best speaker.
- 17. Africa IV, 2022: Kaushik Das and Kushagra Dash, Quarter-Finalists
- 18. 5th edition of Visvesvaraya Memorial Parliamentary Debate organized by the English Debate Society of College of Engineering Pune: Ambuj Sachan and Samrath Kaur Kalsi, Quarter-Finalists
- 19. 10th Justice V.M. Tarkunde National Parliamentary Debate, 2022 organized by the ILS Law College Pune: Ambuj Sachan, Prajjawal Shrivastav, and Samrath Kaur Kalsi, 5th Open Breaking Team and Pre-Quarter Finalists.
- 20. 10th Ram Manohar Lohiya Parliamentary Debate 2022: Deevyam Deepankar Dhal, Siddharth Aiyar and Sidhant Majoo, 5th Breaking Team Sidhant Majoo was declared the Best Novice Speaker, Siddharth Aiyar was declared the 2nd Best Novice Speaker and Deevyam Deepankar Dhal was declared the 3rd Best Novice Speaker. Kaushik Das was an Invited Adjudicator and a Breaking Adjudicator at this tournament.
- 21. Speak Up 10.0 Annual Freshers Parliamentary Debate organized by Cross Swords, The Debating Society of Sri Guru Gobind Singh College of Commerce: Deevyam Deepankar Dhal, Siddharth Aiyar, and Sidhant Majoo, 10th Breaking Team and Pre-Quarter Finalists
- 22. 14th NUJS Parliamentary Debate 2022: Deevyam Deepankar Dhal, Ananya Dash, and Sidhant Majoo, Best Novice Team

- 23. Jus Loqui Parliamentary Debate 2022 by ICFAI University, Dehradun: Samridhi Bajoria, Vaishnavi Wable and Gyanesh Mishra and Prajjawal Shrivastav, Yashaswini Singh Chouhan, and Ambuj Sachan were Semi-Finalists.
- 24. Prajjawal Shrivastav was declared the 3rd Best Speaker, Ambuj Sachan was declared the 6th Best Speaker Speaker and Yashaswini Singh Chouhan and Samridhi Bajoria were declared the 10th Best Speakers.
- 25. Vivaad Parliamentary Debate 2022 organized by the Indraprastha College for Women: Samridhi Bajoria, Vaishnavi Wable and Gyanesh Mishra, Quarter-Finalists. Samridhi Bajoria was declared the Best Novice Speaker, Vaishnavi Wable was declared the 5th Best Novice Speaker, and Gyanesh Mishra was declared the 10th Best Novice Speaker.
- 26. 15th Annual Hansraj Parliamentary Debate: Chitrangda Saini and Rohini Roy, Quarter-Finalists
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- 31. Habib Pre-Worlds, 2022: Kaushik Das and Kushagra Dash, Semi-Finalists
- 32. Belgrade World University Debating Championship, 2022: Kaushik Das and Kushagra Dash, Participants
- 33. Pacific Cup, 2022: Kaushik Das and Kushagra Dash, Participants
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Priyanka Anand

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-Training Programme on Improving Organisational Culture for Maximising Productivity at V. V. Giri National Labour Institute, between September 26-30, 2022

-One Week Online Short-Term Programme on Gender Sensitization at Human Resource Development Centre, University of Hyderabad, between December 12-17, 2022

-One Week Online National Faculty Development Programme on Outcome-based Education: Paradigm Shift in Higher Education obtaining Grade 'A', at St. Francis Institute of Management and Research (SFIMAR), Mumbai in collaboration with PMMMNMMT, Ministry of Education, Govt. of India and Guru Angad Dev Teaching Learning Centre of MHRD (PMMMNMMT), SGTB Khalsa College, University of Delhi between May 6-12, 2023.

RECRUITMENT COORDINATION COMMITTEE

Placements Made

NLU Odisha 2023 graduating batch secures 71 job offers

The graduating batch of 2023 at National Law University Odisha has secured a total of 71 job offers, marking a significant increase of 54.3 per cent compared to the placements of the previous batches. Out of the 80 students who participated in the recruitment process, 88.75 per cent of them have received placement offers.

Among the placed students, 45 were hired by leading domestic law firms, while 26 secured positions in corporations, advisory and consultation firms. Additionally, one student each was placed with a coaching institute and a policy think tank. Offers received by the students were by means of campus placements, pre-placement offers secured following individual internships and others were following internships with organizations, many of them through the aid and support of the Recruitment Coordination Committee (RCC) at NLUO. The highest package stood at 18 Lakhs per annum while the average package stood at INR 11.7 Lakhs per annum.

In the domain of law firms, the top recruiters for the graduating batch were Trilegal with 8 placement offers, IndusLaw closely followed with 7 offers, while Saraf and Partners made 6 offers. Khaitan & Co and Luthra & Luthra both extended 4 offers each. Shardul Amarchand Mangaldas, Bharucha & Partners, and S&A Law Offices made 2 offers each. S&R Associates made 1 hire with highest package offered amongst the firms that hired this year. Cyril Amarchand Mangaldas, Talwar Thakore & Associates, Jyoti Sagar Associates, Phoenix Legal, Spice Route Legal, Lakshmikumaran & Sridharan, DMD Advocates, Vertices Partners, and EleepCo Law, with one offer each.

Further, in the domain of corporate in-house, TP Western Odisha Distribution Limited emerged as the leading recruiter, providing 5 placement offers. Welspun closely followed with 3 offers, while ICICI Bank extended 2 offers.

Additionally, the recruitment drive attracted participation from other organizations beyond law firms and corporate in-house roles. Quislex took the lead in this category with 15 offers. Further, Physics Wallah extended 1 offer. These organizations added diversity to the range of opportunities available to the graduating batch.

RECRUITMENT TALLY: LAW FIRMS

| S. No. | Recruiter Name | Number of Placement Offers | |
|--------|---------------------|----------------------------|--|
| 1. | Trilegal | 8 | |
| | | | |
| 2. | IndusLaw | 7 | |
| | 0 6 10 | | |
| 3. | Saraf and Partners- | 6 | |
| | | | |

| 4. | Khaitan & Co | 4 |
|-----|--------------------------------|---|
| 5. | Luthra & Luthra | 4 |
| 6. | Shardul Amarchand Mangaldas | 2 |
| 7. | Bharucha & Partners | 2 |
| 8. | S&A Law Offices | 2 |
| 9. | S&R Associates | 1 |
| 10. | Cyril Amarchand Mangaldas | 1 |
| 11. | Talwar Thakore & Associates | 1 |
| 12. | Jyoti Sagar Associates | 1 |
| 13. | Phoenix Legal | 1 |
| 14. | Spice Route Legal | 1 |
| 15. | . Lakshmikumaran & Sridharan 1 | |
| 16. | DMD Advocates | 1 |
| 17. | Vertices Partners | 1 |
| 18. | EleepCo Law | 1 |

RECRUITMENT TALLY: CORPORATE IN-HOUSE

| S. No. | Recruiter Name | Number of Placement Offers | |
|--------|--|----------------------------|--|
| 1. | TP Western Odisha Distribution Limited | 5 | |
| 2. | Welspun | 3 | |
| 3. | ICICI | 2 | |

RECRUITMENT TALLY: OTHER ORGANISATIONS

| S. No. | Recruiter Name | Number of Placement Offers |
|--------|----------------|----------------------------|
| 1. | Quislex | 15 |
| 2. | Physics Wallah | 1 |

In addition to the job offers, several graduates from the 2023 batch are preparing for various competitive exams such as civil services, judiciary exams, and the CAT. Furthermore, ten students have secured admission to Leiden University, Cornell University, University of Bristol, National Law University Delhi, National Academy of Legal Studies and Research, West Bengal National University of Juridical Sciences, National Law University Jodhpur and TISS Hyderabad.

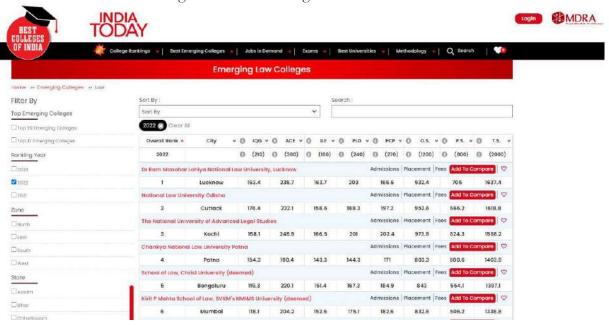
Despite the location of the institute not being in the most famous of cities or in close proximity to recruiters, this accomplishment was made possible through the unwavering dedication of the Recruitment Coordination Committee (RCC) 2023. The student members of RCC 2023 were Akshita Singh, Alvia Ahsan, Ananya Satish, Anusha Agrawal, Hansujja Padhy, Monika Saxena, Pradhumna Mohan Dixit, Rama Priyadarshini Padhy, Ritvik Maheshwari, Rithika Mathur and Shaivi Shah. The administration, comprising the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Ved Kumari, the Registrar, Prof. Dr. Rangin Pallav Tripathy and the faculty advisors, Dr. Arjyalopa Mishra (Assistant Professor of Management) and Dr. Mayank Tiwari (Assistant Professor of Law), played a key role in facilitating the overall recruitment drive.

Beyond these statistics, 11 students from the junior batch of 2019-24 have already been offered Pre-Placement Offers (PPOs) by reputable firms such as Khaitan & Co, Saraf and Partners, Shardul Amarchand Mangaldas, and IndusLaw, highlighting the ongoing success and prospects of NLUO's talent pool.

NATIONAL LAW UNIVERSITY ODISHA RANKINGS

NLUO has witnessed a significant increase in its position on the annual rankings over the last one year.

As per the annual India Today Report on Best Law Colleges in India, National Law University Odisha was ranked 8th amongst various law colleges and universities across India.



As per the National Institutional Ranking Framework, NLUO was ranked at 30 amongst various established universities across India.



NATIONAL LAW UNIVERSITY ODISHA LIBRARY



National Law University Odisha's library is without doubt the University's pride and joy. In the duration of last twelve years, it has achieved highest standards which are commendable for teaching and basic research purposes. It houses a collection of **15471** books, about **3578** 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 **7924** individual volumes. Particular interest to law scholars is the acquisition of complete sets of older law reports such as the Law Reports (Indian Appeals), Moore's Indian Appeals, the Criminal Law Journal, and Calcutta Weekly Notes. Columbia Law Review, Stanford Law Review and Contemporary Problems, Lyold's Law Reports, etc. Unlike contemporary reports these are not readily available online, which make hard copies essential and irreplaceable.

Consequently, this collection acquired by National Law University Odisha is of inestimable value to researchers investigating legal developments of the last few centuries. The National Law University Odisha library has 14 Databases including, SCC online, Manupatra, Hein Online, Westlaw India, JSTOR, Kluwer Arbitration, Kluwer Competition Law, Oxford Competition Law, Oxford Constitutions of the World, Oxford Legal Research Library, Oxford Reports on International Law etc., 10 individual e-journals i.e. Asian Journal of International Law, Air and Space Law, Economic Political Weekly, ICSID Review, Journal of International Economic Law, Journal of International Trade Law and Policy, Journal of World Trade, South Asian Studies, Indian Law Review along with EBC Reader, Cambridge, EBSCO, Hart and Oxford e-books. These e-resources are also accessible by the faculty members and students outside the university campus either through VPN/Sophos or through remote login through the INFED authenticated system provided by INFLIBNET. National Law University Odisha library is also a member of DELNET which allows our students and faculty access to a wide variety of literary resources. Apart from this, National Law University Odisha library has a subscription to an anti-plagiarism software, turnitin for all its users along with free access to another anti-plagiarism Original through INFLIBNET exclusively for faculty members and research scholars

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| S1. | Item type | Collections of | | |
|-----|---------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|--|
| no. | | library as on 31.3.22 | library as on 31.3.23 | from 1.4.22 - 31.3.23 |
| 1 | Books | 15347 | 15533 | 186 |
| 2 | Bound volumes of journals | 7892 | 8195 | 303 |
| 3 | Bare Acts | 3577 | 3578 | 1 |
| 4 | Databases | 16 | 15 | -1 (TMI) |
| 5 | E-journals | 11 | 10 | -1 (Air & Space Law) |
| 6 | E-books | 676+ | 326 | -350 [EBC reader (350+) added to the database section] |
| 7 | Current subscription | 61 | 61 | 0 |
| 8 | News papers | 3 | 4 | 1 |
| 9 | CD ROMs | 281 | 281 | 0 |
| 10 | Legal News Portal | 1 | 2 | 1 |
| 11 | PhD Thesis | 3 | 3 | 0 |
| 12 | LLM Dissertation | 267 | 302 | 35 |

Expenditure statement from 1.4.22 - 31.3.23

| Sl. | Expenditure head | Amount spent (in Rs) |
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| 140. | | 113) |
| 1 | Books, Bare acts & Back volumes | 1,58,178.00 |
| 2 | Online resources (i.e. Databases, Ejournals, Ebooks, Bar & Bench, Refread, EBC Reader, Live Law, Delnet Renewal) | 48,52,225.80 |
| | benefit, Refread, EDC Reader, ENC Law, Defice Reflewary | |
| 3 | Anti Plagiarism software (turnitin) | 9,11,587.00 |
| 4 | Current subscription | 81,248.00 |
| 5 | Newspaper | 7,869.00 |
| 6 | Binding | 36,603.00 |
| 7 | Library automation | 2,13,983.00 |
| | Total | 62,61,693.80 |

Newly added

- Database: [Lloyd's Law Reports (10th Nov. 2022) -Rs. 3,95,492.40]
- Indian Legal News Portal: [LiveLaw (14th feb 2023) -Rs.1,18,000.00]

Brief report about the new library

The newly constructed four-story library building stands as a beacon of knowledge and learning, enticing visitors with its modern design and a plethora of resources within. This architectural marvel combines functionality, aesthetics, and technological advancements, creating a space that caters to the needs of diverse users. Upon entering the library, one is immediately struck by the spacious and light-filled atrium. A grand staircase gracefully winds its way up through each floor, inviting exploration and setting the tone for the intellectual journey that lies ahead.

The ground floor welcomes visitors with an expansive information desk, manned by friendly and knowledgeable librarians ready to assist in their quest for information. Here, one can find an extensive collection of books spanning various subjects in law and social science. Comfortable

reading nooks, surrounded by floor-to-ceiling windows, provide the perfect ambiance for deep immersion into the world of literature.



As visitors ascend to the first floor, they find state-of-the-art computers, equipped with the latest software and high-speed internet access, facilitate research, online learning, and creative endeavors. The study area caters to the needs of individuals with workstations for encouraging individual studies.

The second floor of the library is dedicated for study with the facility of workstations in array as well as single study workstations. Here, there is also a separate reading section for the faculty members and research scholars to help them for their extensive study.

Finally, the third floor houses rooms for moot competition practice, small conference halls, and video recording studio for preparing lecture videos. These rooms are typically equipped with tables, chairs, and additional amenities like projectors or audio-visual equipment (in case of conference halls), making them suitable for small and medium group discussions.

Throughout the library, advanced technologies enhance the user experience. In addition to its physical spaces, the library embraces the digital age, offering extensive e-book collections, and online databases accessible from anywhere at any time. This integration of traditional and digital resources reflects the library's commitment to embracing the evolving needs of its patrons.

Overall, the four-story new library building stands tall as a testament to the power of knowledge and the importance of accessible learning environments. It serves as a dynamic community hub, inspiring its patrons to explore, discover, and expand their horizons through the vast resources it offers.

FINANCIAL REPORT

The Financial Report of National Law University Odisha for the Financial Year 2022-23 is presented below.

For the Financial Year 2022-23, a surplus budget has been formulated.

A) Actual Receipts

Total Actual Receipts for the current year as on date is as follows:

| S. No. | Particulars | Amount (Rs) |
|--------|---|--------------|
| 1 | Student Fees | 21,53,81,420 |
| 2 | Project Grant from Govt. of Odisha towards Phase-II Infrastructure development | 10,00,00,000 |
| 3 | Annual Maintenance Grant from Govt. of Odisha | 4,00,00,000 |
| 4 | Grant for establishment of Chief Minister's Chair in Child Right Centre | 59,00,000 |
| 3 | Other sources of Income | 1,44,14,410 |
| | Total | 37,56,95,830 |

B) The actual expenditure for the current Financial Year2022-23(not audited) against the budget estimate is given below:

| Sl.no. | Fees particulars | Total Students fee estimated to be collected in Rupees | Budget Estimation for expenditure | Expenditure booked for the year 2022- 23 |
|--------|---------------------------|--|-----------------------------------|---|
| 1 | Admission Fees | 46,70,000 | 44,00,000 | 30,23,041 |
| 2 | Student Welfare Fund | 46,70,000 | 43,00,000 | 50,40,699 |
| 3 | Examination fee | 46,70,000 | 14,00,000 | 11,42,668 |
| 4 | Internet fee | 46,70,000 | 31,30,000 | 10,15,324 |
| 5 | Electricity Charges | 1,40,10,000 | 2,05,00,000 | 2,29,09,394 |
| 6 | Sports & games facilities | 18,18,000 | 10,00,000 | 15,97,087 |
| | Moot court / Seminar / | | | |
| 7 | workshops | 54,54,000 | 25,00,000 | 27,81,801 |
| 8 | Hostel fees | 2,32,00,000 | 1,85,00,000 | 2,56,55,777 |
| 9 | Library Fees | 31,52,000 | 70,50,000 | 52,28,174 |

| | Total | 20,95,14,000 | 21,80,10,000 | 21,45,66,210 |
|----|-------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| 12 | NRI Sponsored | 4,10,70,000 | 14,77,60,000 | 14,41,82,908 |
| | Tuition fees -FN / NRI/ | | | |
| 11 | Tuition fees | 9,45,60,000 | | |
| 10 | Estate Maintenance | 75,70,000 | 74,70,000 | 19,89,337 |

C) Bank Account Deposits/Fixed deposits

- i) The closing Balance as on 31.03.2023 in different Bank accounts is Rs.30,68,01,716.46 including Rs.14,00,00,000.00 State Government Grant.
- ii) Fixed deposits
 - a. Corpus Fund-Rs.48,02,89,890.00
 - b. Endowment Fund-Rs.1,14,17,461.00
 - c. Project Fund –Rs.22,78,72,610.00

D) Infrastructure Grant

Infrastructure grant to the tune of INR 123 Crores has been allocated to National Law University Odisha for creation of:

- a. 4 New Buildings
- b. A health Centre
- c. A state of the art Cricket Gallery
- d. A Guest House, and
- e. Wing 2 of the girls hostel 2



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