

NLIU-SBA ELECTIONS 2023

Report of the NLIU-SBA Elections, 2023

As under Article 10 of the NLIU-SBA Constitution, the Patron-SBA (Hon'ble Vice-chancellor) appointed Prof. (Dr.) Raka Arya as the Election In-charge for the purpose of conducting the SBA elections. The Election In-charge then invited applications from the student body for the formation of Election Commission to assist her with the election process. The election commission consisted of 20 members from the student body. The Constitution provides for NLIU-SBA Elections to be a four day procedure under Article 14. For the session 2023-2024, the election commission decided to conduct the election process from 21st to 24th August 2023. The process was initiated on the 21st August 2023 with a call for applications from prospective candidates for the positions of Batch Representatives and Office Bearers of the SBA. The prospective candidates could send in their applications and declaration forms by the end of day 2 on 22nd August 2023. At the end of Day 2, a final list of candidates was released by the election commission. The election for Batch Representatives and Presentations by the candidates for Office bearers were held on the 3rd day of process while the elections for office bearers were conducted on 4th day. The election process was concluded with a valedictory ceremony on 4th day wherein the results were declared by the hon'ble Vice-Chancellor. For the second time the elections were conducted in an offline mode using a ballot paper system. The following is the brief rundown of the same:

DAY 1 – AUGUST 21, 2023

As per *Article 14(b)* of the Constitution, a call for application was released to the entire student body of NLIU. The eligible candidates as provided under *Article 11* were asked to submit their candidature and declaration to the Election In-charge. After the official release of the Call for Applications, the students interested in contesting the elections for the position of Batch Representative and/or Office Bearer submitted their Application Form & Declaration Form to the SBA Elections Email ID. The Senior Members from the election commission carried out orientation for the students of First year batches to educate them regarding the importance and process of elections.

<u>DAY 2 – AUGUST 22, 2023</u>

By the end of day 2 (22nd August 2023), the complete lists of candidates contesting for positions of Batch Representatives and Office Bearers were made available to the students, which were as follows:

For the position of **Office Bearers**, we had the applications of the following eligible candidates:

- 1. Mr. Amaan Ali
- 2. Mr. Ashutosh Doharey
- 3. Mr. Nripraj Bhati
- 4. Mr. Ronit Rampuriya

For the position of Batch Representatives from the **B.A. LL.B. (Hons.) Batch of 2024**, we had the applications of the following eligible candidates:

- 1. Mr. Monish Raghuwanshi
- 2. Mr. Suyash Pandey
- 3. Mr. Utkarsh Pratap Singh
- 4. Mr. Vinay Patil

For the position of Batch Representatives from the **B.A. LL.B. (Hons.) Batch of 2025**, we had the applications of the following eligible candidates:

- 1. Mr. Aniket Nighojkar
- 2. Mr. Nikhil Bhargava
- 3. Mr. Rohit Tomar
- 4. Mr. Yashpal Jakhar

For the position of Batch Representatives from the **B.A. LL.B. (Hons.) Batch of 2026**, we had the applications of the following eligible candidates:

- 1. Mr. Priyanshu Gupta
- 2. Mr. Pushpendra Dixit
- 3. Ms. Tanishka Tomar

For the position of Batch Representatives from the **B.A. LL.B. (Hons.) Batch of 2027**, we had the applications of the following eligible candidates:

1. Mr. Devesh Dubey

- 2. Mr. Gurman Singh Narula
- 3. Ms. Sneha Patidar
- 4. Ms. Swechha Gupta

For the position of Batch Representatives from the **B.Sc. LL.B. (Hons.) Batch of 2027**, we had the applications of the following eligible candidates:

- 1. Mr. Himanshu K. Mishra
- 2. Mr. Priyanshu Kasliwal
- 3. Mr. Sujal Chhajed

For the position of Batch Representatives from the LL.M. Batch of 2024, we had the applications of the following eligible candidates:

- 1. Mr. Anshuman Singh
- 2. Mr. Uttkarsh Singh

For the position of Batch Representatives from the M.C.L.I.S. Batch of 2024, we received only one Application and thus, the candidate *was elected unopposed*:

1. Mr. Rounak Jain

DAY 3 – AUGUST 23, 2023

On the third day (23rd August 2022), the voting process for *Batch Representatives* for *B.A. LL.B. (Hons.) Batches 2027, 2026, 2025, 2024, B.Sc. LL.B. (Hons.) Batch of 2027, M.C.L.I.S. Batch of 2024 and LLM Batch of 2024* took place in the Room No. 1, Room No. 2 and Room No. 3 of the Academic Block- I and Room No.1, Room No.2 and Main Hall of the Auditorium. After that Presentations were given by the students contesting for the post of *Office Bearers*.



Students waiting in line to cast their votes and students getting their ID's checked



Students casting their votes for their Batch Representatives

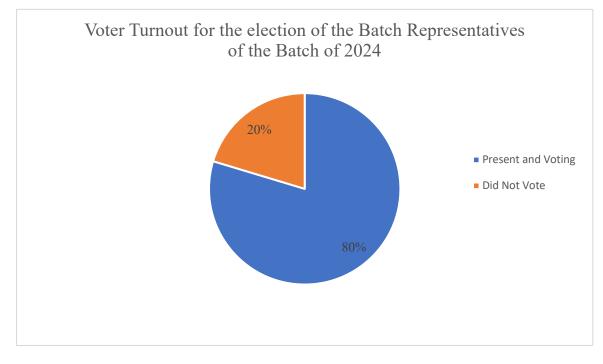
VOTING PROCEDURE ADOPTED:

- 1. The voting was conducted using a Ballot Paper System.
- 2. The students were supposed to carry their ID Cards to the pooling booth.
- 3. Following the checking of the IDs, the students got their name ticked in the class list present with the Members of the Election Commission as well as signed against their names in the class list the student received a Ballot Paper.
- 4. The students took the Ballot Paper in the Polling Booth, marked their choice of candidates and dropped the paper in the Ballot Box.
- 5. No student was allowed to submit more than one Ballot Paper.

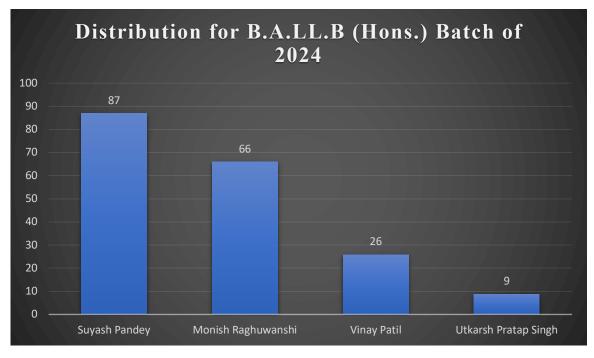
6. Each student from the NLIU Student Body was allowed to cast *two* votes each for the position of the Batch Representative for the batches of BA. LL.B. (Hons.) whereas students from BSc. LL.B. (Hons.) and LL.M. were given one vote each. There was no option for NOTA. The votes of the students who voted for less than or more than the required number were cancelled.

Afterwards the voting process was concluded and the ballots were sealed and securely placed in custody of the Election-In-Charge Prof. (Dr.) Raka Arya. At the end of Day 4, the counting was conducted under observation by Prof. (Dr.) Raka Arya and Prof. (Dr.) Sanjay Yadav in the presence of the candidates. The results of the voting conducted on Day 3 follows:

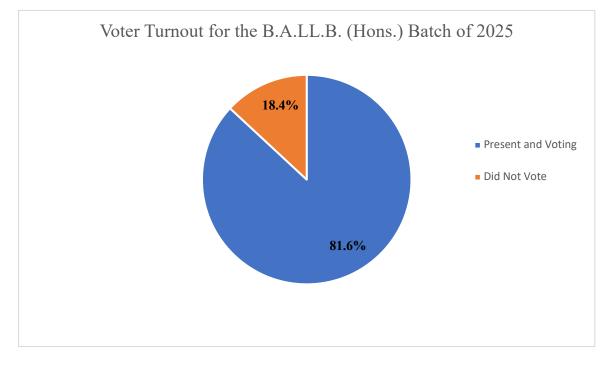
RESULTS OF ELECTIONS FOR BATCH REPRESENTATIVES For the B.A.LL.B. (Hons.) Batch of 2024



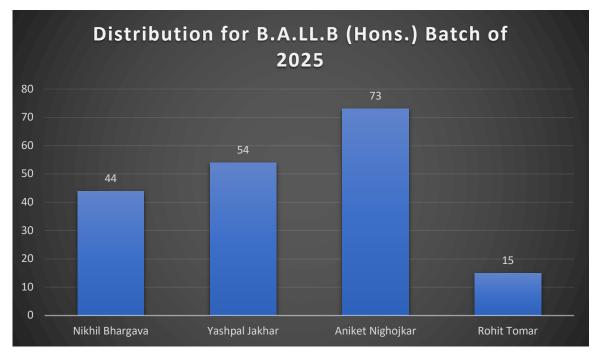
The voter turnout was 80% (94 out of 118 students)



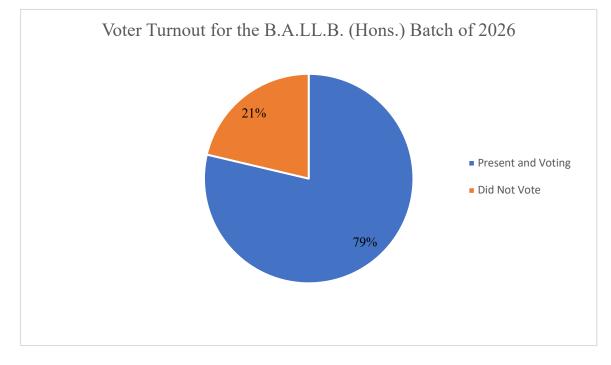
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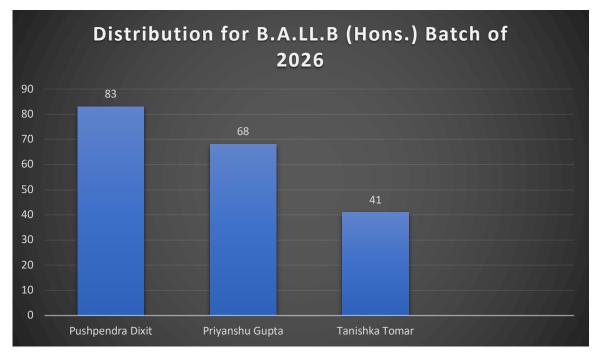
The voter turnout was 81.6% (93 out of 107 students)



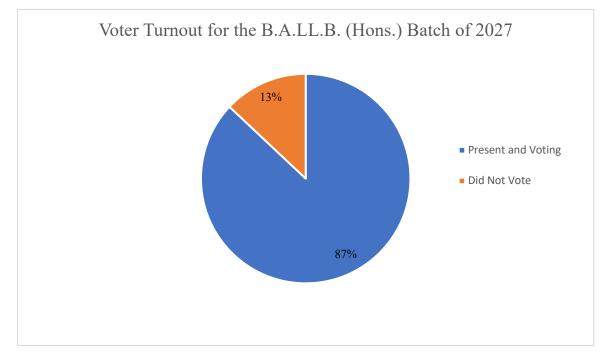
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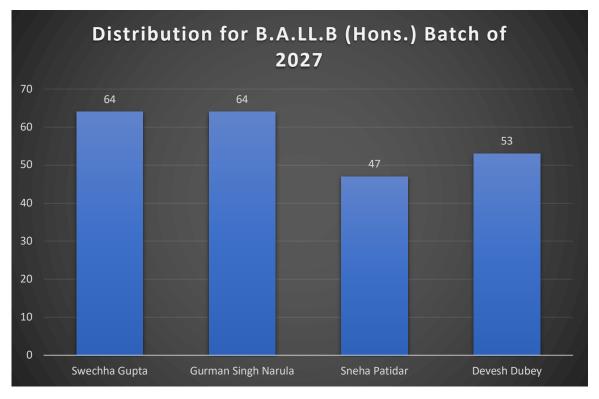
The voter turnout was **79%** (96 out of 122 students)



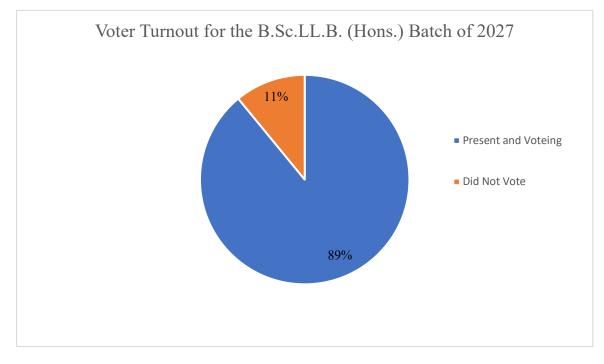
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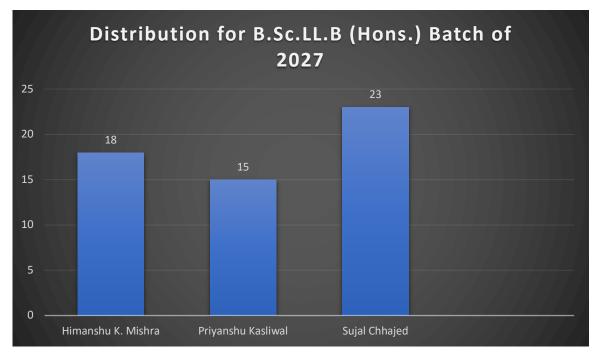
The voter turnout was 87.02% (114 out of 131 students)



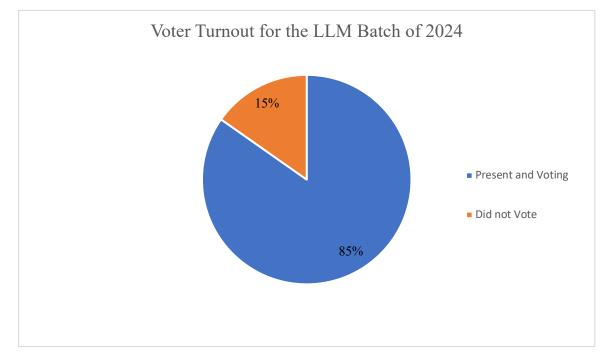
For the B.Sc. LL.B. (Hons.) Batch of 2027



The voter turnout was 82% (57 out of 64 students) and 1 vote was considered invalid.



For the LL.M. Batch of 2024



The voter turnout was **85%** (50 out of 59 students)s



PRESENTATIONS

Following the elections for the Batch Representatives, we had the presentations by the candidates for the post of Office Bearers on the third day itself. The presentations were delivered at the Auditorium. In order to ensure that the student body was aware with the policies and plans of the candidates, the *Manifestoes of the candidates for post of office-bearers were already e-mailed to the student body by the election commission*.

Each candidate presented their Manifestos and was allowed a *maximum time limit of 15 minutes* for their presentation out of which a maximum of 10 minutes could be used for candidate's speech while the remaining time of 5 minutes was to be reserved for questioning by the audience. The candidates discussed some key points in their presentation along with their manifesto including:

- Positive changes in Perception of the University and Improvement in Rankings.
- Improvement in the Quality of Education and Educational Infrastructure on Campus.
- Creating a conducive environment for Gender Equity and Equality.
- Increased Financial Transparency and Accountability in Management of the SBA Fund.
- Streamlining the Grievance Redressal Mechanism for the students.
- Integrating non-academic activities for a holistic development, among others.



Presentations by the Candidates for the post of Office

<u>Bearers</u>

<u>DAY 4 – AUGUST 24, 2023</u>

On the final day (24th August 2023), the entire student body voted for the *Office Bearers* of the NLIU-SBA from 1:30 PM to 05:10 PM at Academic Block -I wherein, six Ballot Boxes were placed in three rooms. The students were supposed to follow the similar voting guidelines as for the election of Batch Representatives and were to cast 3 votes, one for each President, Vice President and Secretary. The candidate with the highest vote was to be declared as **the President**, the candidate with the second highest vote as the **Vice President** and the candidate with the third highest as the **Secretary**. As mandated under *Article 14(n)* the votes were counted in the presence of candidates or any person nominated by them for this purpose.

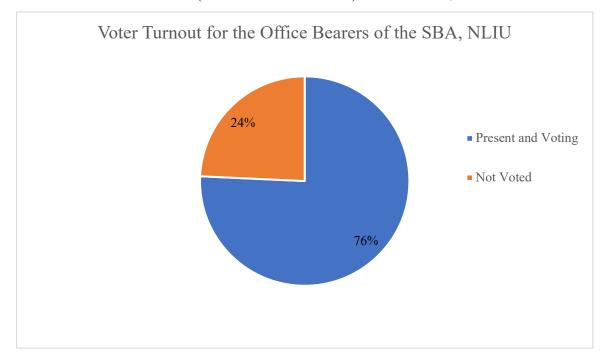


Students lining up to cast their votes for the Office Bearers (Left)

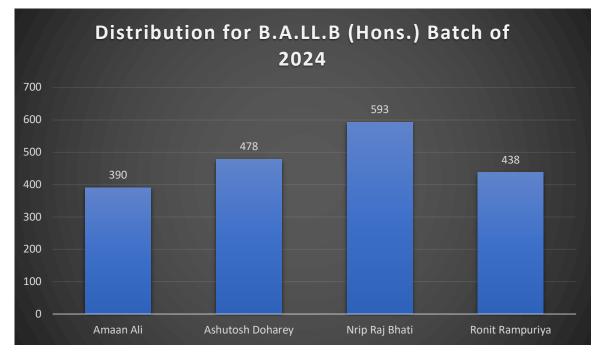
<u>&</u> <u>Students casting their votes for the Office Bearers (Right)</u>

RESULTS OF ELECTIONS OF OFFICE BEARERS

For the Office Bearers of the Student Bar Association for the Academic Year 2023- 2024



The voter turnout was **76%** (649 out of 857 students). Out of which, 16 votes were invalid.



VALEDICTORY CEREMONY

The elections were followed by the Valedictory Ceremony at 07:30 PM in the Auditorium wherein the result was declared by Prof. (Dr.) S. Surya Prakash, (*Patron-SBA*) in presence of the *Election In-charge* Prof. (Dr.) Raka Arya. The Hon'ble *Vice-Chancellor* addressed the student body and congratulated the winners of the elections.

The Office-Bearers of the Student Bar Association for the session 2023-24 are: **Mr. Nripraj Bhati** – President **Mr. Ashutosh Doharey** – Vice-President **Mr. Ronit Rampuriya** – Secretary

The elected Batch Representatives are as follows:

For B.A. LL.B. (Hons.) Batch of 2024: Mr. Monish Raghuwanshi & Mr. Suyash Pandey For B.A. LL.B. (Hons.) Batch of 2025: Mr. Aniket Nighojkar & Mr. Yashpal Jakhar For B.A. LL.B. (Hons.) Batch of 2026: Mr. Priyanshu Gupta & Mr. Pushpendra Dixit For B.A. LL.B. (Hons.) Batch of 2027: Mr. Gurman Singh Narula & Ms. Swechha Gupta For B.Sc. LL.B. (Hons.) Batch of 2027: Mr. Sujal Chhajed For LL.M. Batch of 2024: Mr. Uttkarsh Singh

MESSAGE TO THE NLIU FAMILY

On the outset, we would like to thank the students of NLIU for their enthusiastic participation in the election process. We would also like to express our gratitude to our Hon'ble Vice Chancellor Prof. (Dr.) S. Surya Prakash for his vision and constant motivation that enables students to perform to their maximum potential; and the Election-In-charge for her unending support and guidance that helped us to successfully conduct the NLIU-SBA Elections in the University.

We would also wish to extend our heartfelt gratitude to Prof. (Dr.) Sanjay Yadav and Ms. Surbhi Tiwari for their unending support and guidance during the elections and Devendra Bhaiya and Shailendra Bhaiya and other university staff for their help and support throughout the election process.

We wish the elected members our very best. We are certain that they shall carry out the responsibilities that they have been entrusted with, with utmost sincerity, and in accordance with the values and ethos of the Constitution of the NLIU Student Bar Association.

Signing off, Election Commission

Prof. (Dr.) Raka Arya (Election In-charge)

SENIOR MEMBERS:

- 1. Arushi Bhagotra
- 2. Ashhab Khan
- 3. Chitransh Bhansali
- 4. Mili Rawat
- 5. Sanskar Modi
- 6. Sanyam Gupta

MEMBERS:

1. Aayush

- 2. Abhiman Kumar Mohapatra
- 3. Adhya Singh
- 4. Animesh Chaturvedi
- 5. Anushka Singh
- 6. Bhavya Jha
- 7. Chetna Gupta
- 8. Himani Agrawal
- 9. Kashish Mittal
- 10. Prekshit Bafna
- 11. Sejal Rajgadkar
- 12. Shivani Patel
- 13. Somya Chaubey
- 14. Vivek Rajurkar



Few members of the Election Commission along with Prof. (Dr.) Raka Arya, Election Incharge and Prof. (Dr.) Sanjay Yadav, Observer