

**REPORT OF THE**  
**REVIEW COMMISSION**  
**ON**  
**NATIONAL LAW INSTITUTE UNIVERSITY**  
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**REVIEW COMMISSION CONSTITUTED BY THE CHANCELLOR, NLIU,  
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**Preface**

A Review Commission consisting of the following members was constituted by the Chief Justice of the Madhya Pradesh High Court in the capacity of the Chancellor of National Law Institute University, Bhopal, in accordance with Section 35 of the National Law Institute University Act 2018, in consultation with the State Government of Madhya Pradesh by notification No.: 4361/NLIUB dated October 04, 2022.

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The Chairman and Members of the Commission visited NLIU Bhopal between 14<sup>th</sup> November and 17<sup>th</sup> November 2022. The Commission had interactions with Students, Faculty Members, Administrative Staff, Alumni, Members of Various Authorities of the University and went round the campus to have at the facilities and infrastructure of the University as per the schedule given below:

<b>15-11-2022 (Tuesday)</b>	
10:30 am to 11:30 am	Meeting of the Members of Review Commission at the Guest House
11:30 am to 12:00 pm	Interaction with the Vice-chancellor
12:00 pm to 12:30 pm	Interaction with the Registrar
12:30pm to 1:30 pm	Interaction with the faculty members
2:30 pm to 3:00 pm	Visit to the Sports Complex
3:00 pm to 3:30 pm	Visit to Old Girls Hostel
3:30 pm to 4:00 pm	Visit to New Girls Hostel
4:00 pm to 4:30 pm	Visit to Old Boys Hostel
4:30 pm to 5:00 pm	Visit to New Boys Hostel
5:00 pm to 5:30 pm	Visit to Academic Blocks I&II

5:30 pm to 7:00 pm	Discussion on the format of Report
7:00 pm to 8:00 pm	Interaction with the alumni through hybrid mode
<b>16-11-2022 (Wednesday)</b>	
10:00 am to 10:30 am	Interaction with V Year students of B.A.LL.B.(Hons.) Course
10:30 am to 11:00 am	Interaction with IV Year students of B.A.LL.B.(Hons.) Course
11:00 am to 11:30 am	Interaction with III Year students of B.A.LL.B.(Hons.) Course
11:30 am to 12:00 noon	Interaction with II Year students of B.A.LL.B.(Hons.) Course
12:00 noon to 12:30 pm	Interaction with I Year students of B.A.LL.B.(Hons.) Course
12:30 pm to 1:00 pm	Interaction with B.Sc. LL.B. I Year. Students
1:00 pm to 1:30 pm	Interaction with LL.M. Students
2:30 pm to 3:00 pm	Interaction with MCLIS I Year Students
3:00 pm to 3:30 pm	Interaction with MCLIS II Year Students
3:30 pm to 4:00 pm	Interaction with Ph.D. and GIP Students
4:00 pm to 4:30 pm	Interaction with SBA (Office Bearers)
4:30 pm to 5:00 pm	Interaction with the Administrative Staff
5:00 pm to 5:30 pm	Visit to the Finance Section, Examination Section and other offices of the University
5:30 pm to 6:00 pm	Visit to the Library
6:00 pm to 7:00 pm	Meeting with the Members of General Council, Executive Council, Academic Council, Finance Committee and IQAC (Hybrid Mode)
<b>17-11-2022 (Thursday)</b>	
10:00 am to 11:00 am	Interaction with IQAC Convenor
11:00 am to 12:00 noon	Interaction with SBA (Office Bearer and Batch Representatives along with faculty in-charge)
12:00 noon to 12:30 pm	Interaction with the Dean Student Welfare
12:30 pm to 1:30 pm	Interaction with the Deans

## I Introduction

The National Law Institute University, Bhopal (NLIU), was established by the Rashtriya Vidhi Sansthan Vishwavidyalaya Adhiniyam, 1997 (41 of 1997) by the Madhya Pradesh State Legislature, substituted by the National Institute University Act, 2018 (6 of 2018). NLIU is recognized by the University Grants Commission and the Bar Council of India. NLIU is the Second National Law School established after NLSIU, Bangalore. NLIU has been successful in instilling a sense of broad perspective along with scholastic and reflexive capabilities bearing in mind larger national and humanitarian goals in its students.

The VISION of NLIU is to become one of the best centers of legal education, training and research in the world. The MISSION of NLIU is to develop and nurture the intellect for the betterment of the nation and humanity through Law and Justice. The OBJECTIVES of the NLIU inter alia, are to, Section 4 of Act No. 06 of 2018-

*“(i) to advance, disseminate and impart comprehensive legal education, learning and knowledge including through distant and continuing legal education at all levels to achieve excellence with a view to ensure its proper role in national development, to develop in students and research scholars, a sense of responsibility to serve society in the field of law by developing skills in regard to advocacy, judicial and other legal services, legislation, law reforms and the like and to advance legal education in a professional manner.;*

*(iv) to promote cultural, legal and ethical values with a view to promote and foster the rule of law and the objectives enshrined in the Constitution of India;*

*(ix) to promote legal awareness in the community for achieving social and economic justice;”*

NLIU has been designing and delivering courses with a view to enhance the skills and capacity of the students, members of the faculty and other participants in avoiding and resolving problems within the framework of law.

### **Recognition by the University Grants Commission, New Delhi;**

The Regulatory Body, University Grants Commission granted recognition to this University under Sections 2 (b) and 12 (f) in the years 1999 and 2004 respectively.

### **Recognition by the Bar Council of the India;**

The Legal Regulator, Bar Council of India granted recognition of courses of this University in the years 1999, 2007, 2017 and 2022 respectively.

## II Faculty Details at NLIU

No.	Designation and Name of Faculty
	<b>Vice Chancellor</b>
1.	Professor (Dr.) V. Vijayakumar
	<b>Visiting Professors</b>
2.	(1) Professor (Dr.) Vinod Kumar Dixit
3.	(2) Professor (Dr.) H.M. Mishra
4.	(3) Professor (Dr.) Ashok Mittal
5	(4) Professor (Dr.) Sanjeev Pandey
	<b>Senior Professor</b>
6.	Professor (Dr.) Ghavur Alam
	<b>Professors</b>
7.	(1) Professor (Dr.) S. Surya Prakash (on lien)
8.	(2) Professor (Dr.) Mukesh Shrivastava
9.	(3) Professor (Dr.) Uday Pratap Singh
10.	(4) Professor (Dr.) Rajiv Kumar Khare
11.	(5) Professor (Dr.) Raka Arya
12.	(6) Professor (Dr.) Sanjay Kumar Yadav
13.	(7) Professor (Dr.) Monica Raje
14.	(8) Professor (Dr.) Bir Pal Singh
15.	(9) Professor (Dr.) Atul Kumar Pandey
16	(10) Professor (Dr.) Nachiketa Mittal
	<b>Associate Professors</b>
17.	(1) Dr. Kavita Singh
18.	(2) Dr. Sushma Sharma
19.	(3) Dr. Krati Rajoria
20.	(4) Dr. Manish Yadav
	<b>Assistant Professors</b>
21.	(1) Miss Divya Salim
22.	(2) Mr. Ranjan Kumar
23.	(3) Miss Neha Sharma
24.	(4) Mr. Mahendra Soni
25.	(5) Dr. Padma Singh
26.	(6) Mr. Vijay Kumar Singh
27.	(7) Dr. Debashri Sarkar
28.	(8) Dr. Pooja Kivawat
29.	(9) Dr. Astitwa Bhargava
30.	(10) Dr. Seema Shrivastava
31.	(11) Mr. Amit Pratap Singh
32.	(12) Miss Soubhagya Bhadkaria
33.	(13) Mr. Ayush Jaiswal
34.	(14) Mr. Amit Kumar
	<b>Teaching Fellow</b>
35.	(1) Miss Kuldeep Kaur
	<b>Contractual Faculty Members</b>
36.	(1) Miss Ridhima Dixit
37.	(2) Dr. Satya Prakash
38.	(3) Ms Surbhi Tiwari

### III Academic programmes at NLIU

NLIU is currently offering the following courses of study: B. A. LL. B. (Hons.); B. Sc LL. B. (Hons.) [Cyber Security]; LL. M. (with specialisation in Intellectual Property and Business Law; Constitutional and Administrative Law; Human Rights and Criminal Law); Master of Cyber Law and Information Security (MCLIS), Ph.D. in Law; Ph. D in Interdisciplinary Studies; Post-Graduate Diploma through ODL; and other Certificate Courses. Students from each specialisation have diverse interests ranging from corporate law firms, teaching, banking, corporations to non – governmental organisations. The diverse interests of students are reflected through internships which help them garner industry experience which help them to be industry ready. The University has also taken initiatives towards holistic development of students by organising seminars, guest lectures, internship opportunities etc. The NLIU is also offering a postgraduate diploma course in Cyber Law, Cyber Crime Investigation and digital Forensic to the senior officials, judicial officers and other law enforcement agencies of Government of India.

The IBBI vide Letter dated 18<sup>th</sup>February 2021 has approved the National Law Institute University, Bhopal, for conducting the Graduate Insolvency Programme (GIP) from the academic session 2021-2022. NLIU, Bhopal is the first University approved by the IBBI to offer the Graduate Insolvency Programme. The first batch of students to GIP were admitted in the Academic Year 2022 – 23. A detailed evolution of these courses offered by the NLIU Bhopal is given below:

#### Academic Courses offered by the National Law Institute University, Bhopal:

Sl. No.	Academic Year	Level	Name of Course	Mode of Course
1.	1998-99	Graduate	Five year integrated B.A.LL.B. (Hons.)	Regular
2.	2007-08	Post-Graduate	Two year LL.M., which was later discontinued due to less number of students and re-introduced in academic year 2008-09.	Regular
3.	2008-09	Post-Graduate	Ph.D.	Regular
4.	2009-10	Post-Graduate	One year Post Graduate Diploma in Cyber Law.	Regular
5.	2010-11	Post-Graduate	One year Post Graduate Diploma in Cyber Law.	Correspondence

6.	2011-12	Post-Graduate	Two year Master of Cyber Law & Information Security.	Regular
7.	2020-21	Post-Graduate	Nine Month Online National Electronic Governance Division (NEGD) which was recognised as 11 <sup>th</sup> best LMS in the area and appreciated by Shri Narendra Modi, Prime Minister of India, (Participants included Judicial Officers, IPS Officers, IRS Officers, Police Officers, Civil Servants and Managers of Corporate World).	<u>Online</u>
8.	2020-21 (14.06.2021 to 13.07.2021)	Post Graduate	Certificate Course in Insurance Laws	Online
9.	2020-21 (14.06.2021 to 13.07.2021)	Post Graduate	Certificate Course in Contemporary Labour Laws	Online
10.	2021-22 (16.05.2021 to 14.06.2022)	Post Graduate	Certificate Course in Company Law	Online
12.	2021-22 (27.12.2021 to 25.01.2022)	Post Graduate	Certificate Course in Competition Law	Online
13.	2022-23	Post-Graduate	Five year integrated B.Sc.LL.B. (Hons.) [Cyber Security]	Regular
14.	2022-23	Post Graduate	Two year Graduate Insolvency Program recognized by Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India (IBBI)	Regular

## **IV Infrastructure**

### **Library**

The Library “Gyan Mandir” is housed in a centrally air-conditioned building. It is well equipped with the state of the art technology and tools. It has a very rich collection of learned volumes, national and international journals of law, humanities and social sciences. A large collection of e-resources like Lexis Nexis, Hein Online, JSTOR, Manupatra, AIR, SCC, Legitquest and other materials which are the hallmark of the Library.

Library automation refers to the use of computer to automate various activities and operations of the library using Computer Hardware and Software. To accomplish this objective and to increase operational efficiencies, facilitate easy and efficient library services, the Library has initiated automation. Presently library is using state of art computer technology and open sources software such as KOHA for library automation, Joomla for Content Management, Moodle for Learning Content Management, and space for Digital Library Management. The Library is using CCTV and RFID solutions to perform circulation, inventory, and multiple object identification, tracking and material flow management at a faster pace and in an efficient manner. Computer Hardware Library has highly configured the server with 13 desktops. Out of these eight are meant for the students and members of the faculty for browsing E-databases. A high-end scanner and network printer are also installed for providing library services. Library Website, A mobile-friendly, web 2.0 enabled and search engine friendly web portal is developed to assist library users for accessing information resources from their laptops. NLIU Library website integrates subscribed and open access legal information resources at one place, it provides access to in-house resources, open access and subscribed databases.

### **Auditorium, Classrooms, Hostels and Canteen**

The entire University campus has wireless internet facility. Class Rooms are air-conditioned, equipped with LED/LCD projectors, Smart Boards and other facilities. University has an air-conditioned computer lab, having more than 100 computers with 1.3 GBPS internet speed. Besides there are video conferencing facilities, auditorium, seminar halls, conference rooms, etc. There are four hostels two each for men and women. It also has a well furnished guest house. University has a modern, cozy, well furnished canteen on the campus. Recently, it has added a 900 seat capacity Convention centre, named Justice J. S. Verma Memorial Convention Centre, with the state of the art facility.

## Sports Facilities

Exercise of both mind and body is necessary to keep an individual healthy and fit. With a view to provide a congenial environment on the campus both indoor and outdoor sports facilities are available. Indoor facilities include state-of-the-art gymnasium, badminton courts, table tennis and pool game, outdoor facilities include tennis court, volley ball courts and basketball courts.

**Details about the infrastructure of the University is as under:**

Sl. No	Names of Building	Year of Construction
1.	Academic Block-I	2002
2.	Guest House	2002
3.	Old Boys' Hostel	2003
4.	Old Girls' Hostel	2003
5.	Senior Staff Quarters	2003
6.	Junior Staff Quarters	2003
7.	Utility Block	2003
8.	Administrative Block	2005
9.	New Boys' Hostel	2007
10.	Sports Complex	2007
11.	Vice Chancellor's Bungalow	2008
12.	Auditorium	2009
13.	Rajiv Gandhi National Cyber Law Centre	2010
14.	Warden's Residence- Boys Hostel	2012
15.	Warden's Residence-Girls Hostel	2013
16.	Academic Block-II	2013
17.	New Girls' Hostel	2013
18.	Health Centre	2013
19.	Legal Aid Clinic	2013
20.	Professors Housing Block	2013
21.	New Senior Staff Quarters	2014
22.	Convention Centre	2017
23.	First Floor of; a. Legal Aid Clinic (LAC) b. Samadhan Bhawan c. Administrative Block d. Rajiv Gandhi National Cyber Law Centre	a. Construction completed in 2022. b. Construction completed in 2022 c. Construction completed in 2022 d. Under construction
24.	Graduate Insolvency Programme (GIP) Building	Under construction from 2022

## **V Examinations and Evaluation Process**

NLIU examination and evaluation scheme is designed to achieve three objectives. First to test the subject knowledge and its application through problem based written examination. Second to assess the research skills of the students, the students are required to write a research paper in every subject in the form of project. Third to evaluate the presentation skills of the students, the students are required to make a presentation of their projects and take Viva-Voce Examination.

Provisions for conferment of the gold and silver medals are as under.

- 1) Pt. Ramlal Ji Sharma Memorial Gold Medal is awarded to the Topper Student of B.A.LL.B. (Hons.) course. Pt. Ramlal Ji Sharma Memorial Silver Medal is awarded to the Topper Student of first year, second year, third year and fourth year of B.A.LL.B.(Hons.) course.
- 2) Justice Shachindra Diwedi Memorial Gold Medal is awarded to the Topper of LL.M. Course.
- 3) Justice Nani A. Palkhiwala Memorial Gold Medal is awarded to the Topper of LL.M. Course.
- 4) Mrs. Pratibha Dubey Memorial Gold Medal is awarded to the Topper Female of B.A.LL.B.(Hons.) Course.
- 5) Justice G. P. Singh Memorial Gold Medal is awarded to the Topper of B.A.LL.B.(Hons.) Course.
- 6) Justice J. S. Verma Memorial Gold Medal is awarded to the Topper of B.A.LL.B.(Hons.) Course.
- 7) Prof V. S. Rekhi Memorial Gold Medal is awarded to the Topper of B.A.LL.B.(Hons.) Course.
- 8) Mr. Rizwan Shaad Memorial Gold Medal is awarded to the Topper of MCLIS Course.

## **VI Curricular, extra-curricular and co-curricular activities**

### **Annual Lectures and Conferences**

NLIU organizes annually Justice Shacheendra Dwivedi Memorial Lecture, Justice G. P. Singh Memorial Lecture and special regional and global conferences on contemporary issues.

In addition to regular teaching and research, training programs, refresher courses and workshops for teachers and other target groups are continuing feature of the University. University is actively engaged in conducting research and consultancy projects. To mention a few, it had undertaken projects sponsored by Government of M.P., M.P. State

Biodiversity Board, Bureau of Police Research and Development, Ministry of Human Resources Development, New Delhi; ICSSR, UGC, UNICEF, UNDP, GTZ (Germany), UNFPA, etc.

### **Moot Court & Mediation**

NLIU has a Moot Court Association (MCA), an elected body of students comprising of successful and experienced mooters. NLIU organizes three Moot Court competitions annually i.e. the NLIU-Link Legal Client Counseling Competition, NLIU National Corporate Law Moot and Justice R. K. Tankha Memorial International Moot Court Competition and other moot court competitions from time to time. NLIU also hosts the prestigious NLIU-INADR International Mediation Competition annually. NLIU students participate in international moot Court competitions every year and have brought laurels to the University.

The students of the University have participated in various National and International Moot Courts Competitions as under:

<b>Sl. No</b>	<b>Name of International Moot Court Competition</b>
1.	William C. Vis East
2.	William C. Vis West
3.	Regional Rounds of ELSA WTO
4.	Ian Fletcher International Insolvency Moot
5.	Regional rounds of Manfred Lachs Space Law
6.	Phillip C. Jessop International Law
7.	Stetson International Environmental Law
8.	Oxford International Intellectual Property Law
9.	ELSA WTO Moot
10.	FDI International Arbitration Moot
11.	Henry Durant International moot
12.	Manfred Lachs Space Law Moot
13.	Leiden Sarin International Air Law Moot

### **Academic Exchange Programme**

NLIU has an understanding with the renowned Centre for Advanced Study and Research on Intellectual Property (CASRIP), Seattle, U.S.A., and two students attend the summer course at Washington University, Seattle every year. CASRIP provides to these students scholarships to attend the program. NLIU Provides a financial assistance of ₹30,000/- to each of the students for travel expenses.

## Annual Sports Fest Virudhaka

NLIU Bhopal organized its flagship annual sports fest "Virudhaka". Every year more than 1,000 students from various law schools from all over the country took part in this mega sports fest. In Virudhaka Sports fest students compete in 15 different sports disciplines within three days in both men and women categories. Most of the events conducted within the campus available sports facilities smoothly.

## VII Research and Publications

### Publications

NLIU publishes three journals: (1) **Indian Law Review**; (2) **NLIU Journal of Intellectual Property Law**; (3) **NLIU Law Review** and (4) **NLIU Journal of Business Laws**. University has also published research monographs on different topics.

### Centers of Excellence

The National Law Institute University, Bhopal, believe that Law University is much more than a place to learn law and its application. Rather, it is about developing a framework of mind with social consciousness. With these objectives in view the N.L.I.U has set up the Centres of excellence in order to carry out research, consultancy and training in emerging areas of law. These Centres are as under:

Sl. No	Names of Centre	.Name of Chairperson
1.	Business & Commercial Law	Professor (Dr.) Ghayur Alam
2.	Civil and Criminal Justice Administration	Professor (Dr.) P. K. Shukla
3.	Law, Language & Culture	Professor (Dr.) Mukesh Srivastava
4.	Science, Technology and Law	Professor (Dr.) Ghayur Alam
5.	Law, Governance and Human Rights	Professor (Dr.) Uday Pratap Singh
6.	Environment & Natural Resources Law	Professor (Dr.) Rajiv Kumar Khare
7.	Clinical Legal Education	Mrs. Kavita Singh (Associate Professor)
8.	Socio Legal Studies	-----
9.	Centre for Women and Child Development	Professor (Dr.) Raka Arya
10.	Rajiv Gandhi National Cyber Law Centre)	Professor (Dr.) Atul Kumar Pandey
11.	Centre for Labour Laws	Mr. Mahendra Soni (Assistant Professor)

### **VIII Grievance Redressal Mechanism**

Grievance redressal is one of the important functions of any institution and more specifically an educational institution. Apart from the regular statutory committees like the Internal Complaints Committee or Anti-Ragging Committee, Grievance Committee plays a crucial role in understanding the issues very clearly as they emerge and resolving them without any delay. Though NLIU has constituted a Grievance Cell/Committee to address any grievances of the students through email at [grievance@nliu.ac.in](mailto:grievance@nliu.ac.in). NLIU also has a Mentor Mentee programme where 15-20 student have a teacher as their mentor.

### **VIII Student Bar Association**

The Student Bar Association (SBA) is a truly democratic body and as the Constitution of the SBA declares, derives all its powers from the student community of National Law Institute University, Bhopal (NLIU). The SBA strives to develop harmonious relationship amongst the students, faculty and administration of the University, ensuring that the entire NLIU Community benefits from the same.

The SBA has always been on ground for any difficulties faced by students be it academic, administrative, residential, etc.

The SBA was formed in 2021 to find solution to the problems of the student body and to act as a bridge between the administration and the student body. Since its formation, the SBA has been working hard to make a positive change in the University and to work on the core issues that concern the student body. The SBA has taken important steps in the direction of policymaking concerning grievance redressal mechanisms, equity practices within the University, and cyberbullying, among other things.

Within a short span of time, the SBA has endeavored to bridge the gap between the administration and the student community. An independent two floor building is provided for the SBA as well as common rooms for girls and boys.

### **IX Cells, Centres and Societies**

NLIU has various student-driven endeavour of which works

1. Alumni Affairs Cell
2. Alternative Dispute Resolution Cell (ADRC)
3. Athena – Cultural Committee
4. Centre for Business and Commercial Laws

5. Cares-Environmental Law Cell
6. Cell for Studies in Intellectual Property Rights
7. Centre For Research And International Law
8. Gender Justice Cell
9. Moot Court Association
10. PULER
11. Legal Aid Clinic
12. Centre for Law and Technology

### **Alumni Affairs Cell**

The NLIU Alumni Affairs Cell (hereinafter NAAC) was founded in the year 2014. The NAAC works in conjunction with the NLIU Alumni Association, registered under the Madhya Pradesh Societies Registration Act, 1973, with the primary purpose of establishing a formal mechanism for fostering a bond of the alumni with its alma mater. The NAAC aims at strengthening the umbilical bond between the University and its alumni, by working in collaboration with the NLIU Alumni Association. A student body assists in all activities that aim toward the development of a productive and life-long relationship between the University and its Alumni. The cell strives to communicate the interests and concerns of alumni, worldwide, to the University to encourage inclusive growth and commitment to the excellence of NLIU.

It aims to construct and maintain a functional and lucrative interaction between the alumni and the students through different activities, *inter alia*:

- organizing the alumni meet
- organizing alumni chapters
- organizing lectures and webinars delivered by alumni
- releasing a regular newsletter
- introducing a mentorship program
- any other assistance required by the alumni.

### **Alumni Association**

The Alumni association is an elected body of alumni that acts as a forum to promote and foster relationships among the alumni, the students, the staff, and the administration of the National Law Institute University, Bhopal. The society namely National Law Institute University Bhopal Alumni Association is created under the Madhya Pradesh Societies Registration Act, 1973. The NLIU Alumni Affairs Cell, in collaboration with the Alumni Association, successfully conducted elections during the 5th Alumni Meet. Mr. Biswajit Dubey (Batch of 2004) was voted President.

## **NLIU ALUMNI MEET**

Alumni Meet is an annual event of the NLIU Alumni Affairs Cell wherein the alumni, faculty and the student community engaged in a variety of virtual events ranging from panel discussion, games, cultural performances, stand-up comedy, informal catching-up chat sessions, interaction with the faculty, etc. Alumni have successfully conducted five physical Meets and were also successful in conducting the first ever virtual meet in 2021. The 5<sup>th</sup> NLIU Alumni Meet was conducted on 3<sup>rd</sup> September, 2022 on the occasion of Silver Jubilee Celebration of NLIU. The meet which was graced by 90 alumni and a total of around 200 people including the student community graced the occasion.

## **Alumni lectures and Webinars**

NAAC conducts academic lectures delivered by ex-students of the college for the current batches. The topics for such lectures vary from the field in which the alumnus is working to any contemporary issue or how life is after law school. Amidst Covid in absence of the physical lectures, the Cell launched its Webinar Series, which was a huge success. These lectures, webinars and workshops were held very regularly and attended by many students as they provide them with the opportunity to interact with the alumni and know the intricacies of the subject.

## **Newsletter**

It speaks about the successful alumni who are contributing to various fields of law, with an interview with the faculty as well. It also documents various achievements from the alumni as well as students. It also looks at the activities of various cells of the university and the student achievements therein. The Cell has successfully released eight editions of the Newsletter to date.

## **Chapters**

Keeping in mind the busy schedules of the alumni, NAAC also organizes alumni meets at places outside Bhopal. They are held in places where most of the alumni is working in cities such as New Delhi, Mumbai, London and Singapore. The idea is to make it easier for them to attend such meets and catch up with their old friends.

## **WEBSITE**

The NAAC also launched its website contains information regarding the events, the alumni and their achievements. It also contains various career opportunities such as jobs and internships. The link for the same is

<https://nliunaac.wordpress.com/?fbclid=PAaAZ0NXxVM4AHclq3bjqMcK59jzBNEhAsUdkSoK6jsAnUeX-HHzYMfWH2Emg>

## **Social Media Interaction**

The Cell intends to engage the alumni via social media, particularly Instagram. NAAC features alumni in the series, Life after NLIU, where alumni share their experiences, memories in various genres. It aims to provide guidance to the students who aspire to chase the similar goals and looking for great deal of knowledge and information before the advent of their journey.

The Nostalgia Series captures the experiences and memories of each NLIU student in different hotspots of the University. It reminisces beautiful NLIU memories while presenting beautiful pictures and memories attached with NLIU campus like Gol Chakkar, Gazebo. The NAAC also conducted Trivia Quiz for students and alumni to ignite their memories about the campus, its place and events.

It is a humble endeavour of the NAAC to contribute to the University in its pursuit to realize the goal of being the torch bearer of legal fraternity. NAAC adopts a multi-pronged approach towards achieving holistic development for the students, by focusing upon a formal mechanism channelled through collaborations with the other cells of the University, by organizing lectures, and releasing a regular alumni newsletter, and proffering an informal platform for the alumni to reconnect through the meets and alumni city chapters.

## **SUGGESTIONS MADE BY THE ALUMNI TO THE REVIEW COMMISSION:**

The esteemed members of the Review Commission acknowledging the Alumni of NLIU as an important stakeholder of NLIU expressed interest in speaking to the Alumni to gather their views on the following:

- Their experiences as a student of NLIU
- Suggestions for improvement the Course curriculum as well as other academic dimensions
- Their vision of NLIU 5 years down the lane

The NLIU Alumni Affairs Cell (hereinafter NAAC) organized a virtual meet of the Alumni with the members of the Review Commission on the 15<sup>th</sup> November 2022 and some suggestions that the Alumni put forth regarding the above mentioned criteria are mentioned below:

1. Increase in clinical legal education in the final year to have more practical experience.
2. Credit for time dedicated to practical exposure including, but not limited to internships/ clerkship/ attachment to legal aid societies etc. This will encourage students to dedicate more time in practical learning, especially of procedures.

3. Include new and super specialised papers such as competition, insolvency, IT, forensic, etc. Faculty exchange program could help in these areas.
4. Take advantage of virtual hearings, as applicable.
5. Most importantly, strong emphasis should be laid on building up mental health and readiness for work life. The incidents of burnout and lack of mental strength is growing in the current batch of passouts who may not appreciate the quantity of work to justify the salary received.
6. More exposure of students to SCC online instead of Manupatra and other research engines.

**Reason: Practicality.**

7. Increasing the duration of Administrative Law and Interpretation of Statutes for at least 5 trimesters or 3 semesters. They deal with the basics and fundamentals of law which need to be strengthened.
8. Students should be characterised in proper groups for internship and accordingly they should be allotted internships.

Group I: litigation

Group II: Corporate internships.

Groups III: Statutory bodies

For this purpose, the alumni association must be put to proper use.

Students of 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> year must be encouraged to intern with Government of India law officers' offices which would help them to have a glimpse of Government litigation.

9. Students must be taught the basics of practice/litigation because the moment a student enters litigation without knowing the basics of practice it is extremely difficult for the students and irritating for the counsel to teach these basics.

**Basics of practice include:** using HC and SC websites, knowing the basics of filing, understanding the way in which the District Court / HC and SC work.

10. Students must be encouraged to do part-time internships during their ongoing semesters. This would help them to gain confidence of the people they are interning under which would lead to more responsibility for the students as interns and result in better learning for the students.
11. For the students, coming from non-English medium schooling, they must be provided adequate scope for bridging the gap in their first two years of NLIU in order to acclimatise with English as medium of instruction at the NLIU.
12. A clear emphasis must be made on the digitisation of Administration, Library and other facilities to catch-up with the growing contours of the digitized world.

### **About Rajiv Gandhi National Cyber Law Centre (RGNCLC)**

Rajiv Gandhi National Cyber Law Centre (RGNCLC) is a Centre of Excellence in Cyber Law and Information Technology. The RGNCLC was established in 2006 at NLIU, Bhopal, by the Ministry of Human Resource Development (now Ministry of Education), Government of India. The RGNCLC is the first Centre in the nation to deal with new and

critical issues relating to various techno-legal aspects of cyberspace through regular and distance learning courses. The RGNCLC is one of the select few centres/institutions in the nation providing a Master's Degree in Cyber Law and Information Security. The RGNCLC was shaped and constituted with the objectives of developing professional expertise and skilled human resources in the Cyber Law and Information Technology field to match contemporary challenges emerging in Cyberspace and Cybersecurity. The RGNCLC aspire to enable and facilitate legal and technical experts to efficiently regulate and create opportunities to meet economic challenges posed by the rapid technological development through rigorous research activities and publications, which influence virtually every area of development and social action in the nation.

RGNCLC aims to provide techno-legal practical knowledge in the field of cyber security and Information Technology. The RGNCLC offers a platform for students to learn and do research in Information Technology and Cyber Law. The RGNCLC aims to facilitate a better understanding of the implementation of policies, legislation of cyber laws, propagation of advanced technologies and creation of the regulatory framework of Information Technology and Cyber Law in India. The RGNCLC also desires to inculcate sound knowledge in the students to enable them to become the leaders of tomorrow in the field of Cyber Law, Information Security and Cybersecurity. Further, the RGNCLC will also train the students to face and withstand the practical challenges of the Industrial World.

### Academic Programmes

#### Five-Year B.Sc. LL.B. (Hons.) [Cyber Security] Programme

B.Sc. LL.B. (Hons.) [Cyber Security] is an Interdisciplinary Program. On 14 May 2022, an Expert Committee comprising experts from academic, industry and government representatives were invited to discuss the course structure and syllabi for B.Sc. LL.B. (Hons.) [Cyber Security] under the Chairmanship of Prof. (Dr.) V Vijayakumar, Vice Chancellor, NLIU, Bhopal. B.Sc. LL.B. (Hons.) [Cyber Security] programme started in the academic session 2022-23. Through this endeavour, the National Law Institute University, Bhopal, envisions the rapprochement of law with cyber security.

#### Master of Cyber Law and Information Security (MCLIS)

Rajiv Gandhi National Cyber Law Centre (RGNCLC), NLIU, Bhopal, offers a unique techno-legal post-graduate degree programme, Master of Cyber Law and Information Security, since 2011 to cater for the need of industry and government. The Master of Cyber Law and Information Security (MCLIS) is the flagship programme of Rajiv Gandhi National Cyber Law Centre (RGNCLC), NLIU, Bhopal. The programme aims to develop the skills required to deal with the practical problems related to Cyberspace and

Information Security from the perspective of technology and the regulatory framework. The programme also aims to provide practical industrial cyber training and develop a comprehensive understanding of the national and international regulatory framework. The MCLIS course has had a 100% placement record since its inception. The details of the placement year-wise are as follows:

### **PG Diploma in Cyber Law (Distance Learning Mode)**

Rajiv Gandhi National Cyber Law Centre (RGNCLC), NLIU, Bhopal, offered the PG Diploma in Cyber Law (Distance Learning Mode) from 2011 to 2015. The PG Diploma in Cyber Law (Distance Learning Mode) was suspended in 2015. However, Rajiv Gandhi National Cyber Law Centre (RGNCLC), NLIU, Bhopal, will re-launch the PG Diploma in Cyber Law and Digital Forensics (Distance Learning Mode) in February-March 2023.

### **Awards**

Rajiv Gandhi National Cyber Law Centre (RGNCLC), NLIU, Bhopal, was declared runner-up in Data Security Council of India (DSCI) Excellence Awards 2021 and 2022.

### **Learning Management System**

Rajiv Gandhi National Cyber Law Centre, NLIU, Bhopal, is imparting online training to Judicial Officers, Police Officers, Law Enforcement Agencies, Cyber Cells, RBI Officials, Forensic Lab Scientists and Public Prosecutors through LMS named 'CytrainSetu'.

## **X Governance Structure**

NLIU Bhopal is governed by the National Law Institute University Act 2018. Apart from the statutory authorities and officers of the University, for the academic administration of the University, there is a proper hierarchy of administration to supervise and execute diverse functions of the University. NLIU academic administration is a transparent, responsible and accountable one.

## **XI Scholarship Finance, Accounting and Audit**

- (i) Since the University's income is solely from the fees of students, a feasible system for maintaining records of students and employees should be developed so that they can log in and check their records themselves.
- (ii) A separate scholarship department should be created due to participation of various scholarship schemes of the State and Central Government by the students. The details of those schemes are as under:-

1. Post Matric Scholarships Scheme for Minorities
2. Merit Cum Means Scholarship For Professional and Technical Courses CS
3. Scholarships for Top Class Education for students with disabilities.
4. Top Class Education Scheme for SC Students
5. National Fellowship and Scholarship for Higher Education of ST Students - Scholarship (Formally Top Class Education for Schedule Tribe Students) - only for scholarships
6. Central Sector Scheme of Scholarships for College and University Students
7. Prime Minister's Scholarship Scheme for Central Armed Police Forces and Assam Rifles
8. Madhya Pradesh Post Matric Scholarship for ST Students
9. Madhya Pradesh Post Matric Scholarship for SC Students
10. Madhya Pradesh Post Matric Scholarship for OBC Students
11. Mukhyamantri Medhavi Vidhyarthi Yojana
12. UGC Fellowship for Ph.D NET JRF
13. UP Scholarship
14. Bihar PostMatric Scholarship
15. Police Department Scholarship

## **XII MoUs and Membership**

NLIU has MoUs with following Foreign Institutions:

- 1 International Institute of Air and Space Law of Leiden University, Netherland.
- 2 McGill University, Canada.
- 3 Lucerne University, Switzerland.
- 4 Queensland University of Technology, Australia.
- 5 School of Law, The University of Western Sydney, Australia.
- 6 Waikato University, New Zealand.

NLIU has MoUs with Indian Institutions / Organisations:

- 1 Kailsh Styarthi Children's Foundation, New Delhi.
- 2 Maharashtra National Law University, Mumbai.
- 3 Maharashtra National Law University, Aurangabad.
- 4 Jagaran Lakecity University, Bhopal.
- 5 The National e-Governance Division (NeGD), Govt. of India.
- 6 National Academy of Customs, Indirect Taxes & Narcotics.
- 7 RCPV Noronha Academy of Administration and Management, Bhopal

- 8 LNCT, Bhopal.
- 9 Rajiv Gandhi Proudogiki Vishwavidyalaya, Bhopal.
- 10 Atal Bihari Bajpayee Institute of Good Governance ad Policy Analysis, Bhopal.
- 11 Oriental Institute of Science & Technology, Bhopal.

NLIU has Membership with following organizations:

- 1 International Association of Law Schools.
- 2 Shastri Indo-Canadian Institute.
- 3 Association of Indian Universities.

### **XIII Extension Activities**

#### **MOOT COURT ASSOCIATION**

The Moot Court Association (“MCA”) of the National Law Institute University (“NLIU”) is the official elected student body that oversees all the mooting and related activities in which the institution participates as well as the activities which are hosted on the campus.

The MCA is one of the most significant student bodies working on the campus. Given the number of opportunities it provides to the students, the MCA has a direct bearing on the future of the students and the institution itself. Since the year of its constitution, it has been working consistently and tirelessly for the welfare of the students of NLIU. The students of NLIU have consistently been performing phenomenally well at national and international level competitions which helps the MCA to set new standards of excellence every passing year.

The MCA, presently, hosts three national and international level events on the campus of NLIU and these are:

- The NLIU Justice R.K. Tankha Memorial International Moot Court Competition
- The NLIU National Corporate Law Moot Court Competition
- The NLIU-Link Legal National Client Counselling Competition

The MCA, on behalf of the NLIU, enters into collaborations with eminent lawyers, firms, media, etc. to customize the experiences of the participants of these events. In the recently organized event, 10<sup>th</sup> INSOL India – NLIU National Corporate Law Moot, 2022, NLIU had collaborations with INSOL India, SCC, EBC. The moot witnessed

participation of top legal luminaries from the field of insolvency law as judges of the competition. The other two events will be organized in the upcoming semester of the academic session, for which NLIU already have official collaboration of Hon'ble Mr. Vivek Tankha, Senior Advocate, Supreme Court of India and internationally acclaimed law firm Link Legal – India Law Services.

The University's performance over the years in national and international events has also been remarkable. NLIU facilitates the participation of students of the university in moot court competitions through rigorous process of team selection, provision of coaches for the teams, provision of flexibility in terms of attendance and provision of reimbursement.

NLIU also organizes several intra university events to improve the mooting culture in the university. These events include University Moot Pool, Freshers' Moot Pool cum Tournament, Client Counselling Selection Pool and Alumni Teaching Lectures (under the Alumni Teaching Programme). Through these, NLIU aims to upbringing, explore and facilitate the mooting culture in the university.

#### **XIV Internationalization**

With the lessons learnt during the COVID-19 Pandemic, a few experts may be contacted to offer such credit courses virtually and make the necessary contacts with them for regular sessions on campus.

NLIU has become an Institutional Member of the International Association of Law Schools (IALS), International Association of Universities (IAU), Shastri Indo Canadian Institute and the Asian Law Institute (ASLI). These organizations provide a plethora of opportunities for a two-way academic processes to take place.

#### **XV Security on Campus**

Entire campus is covered by a boundary wall and under surveillance of CCTV. Round the clock security is provided by trained security personnel.

#### **XVI Faculty and Staff Development**

NLIU is providing financial assistance to join courses to enrich their expertise in the various fields of education. NLIU also provides the assistance to Administrative Staff to attend various short term courses as well as diploma courses which helps to enhance their professional ability and to make NLIU more functional.

### **Faculty Development Program**

One-week online faculty development program was organized from 24-30 September, 2021. This program focussed to enable the faculty to improvise with the changing online methods of teaching. The aim was to enhance the skills of online communication, ensuring participative learning and exploring the methods of evaluation which can be adopted for the purposes acclimatizing with the education system in the ever-changing world. More than 100 registrations were received but 65 participants successfully completed the program. Resource persons included eminent scholars, luminaries and professionals on their respective subject of specialization.

### **Three-Day Capacity Building Program On Awakening Youth For Nation-Building (11 March 2022 -13 March 2022)**

This program focused to enable the participants to improvise their vision to the future. The aim was to enhance the awareness, ensuring participative learning and exploring the avenues and acclimatizing their efforts towards the nation-building in the ever-changing world. Over 30 students participated in physical mode. The Program was conducted from 11<sup>th</sup> March - 13<sup>th</sup> March, 2022 (Friday - Sunday). It was divided into 4 sessions of 90 minutes each conducted every day in between 9:45 a.m. to 5:45 p.m.

### **XVII Concluding observations and Recommendations**

The National Law Institute University Bhopal which was established in the year 1998 will be completing its silver jubilee by 1<sup>st</sup> September 2023. Over the years it has emerged as one of the premier national law universities in the country. The university runs its very prestigious flagship programme of BA LLB (Hons), the five-year integrated course, LLM with different specializations, and most importantly its flagship programme, B.Sc.LL.B. in Cyber Law and Information Security, introduced last year and conducted in a very state-of-the-art building completely dedicated to cyber law studies and research. The honors degree programme in cyber law is the only programme being run in India by any of the National Law Universities. This has been possible because of the proactive leadership role of the founding Vice Chancellor, Prof. Rekhi, followed by Prof. Mool Chand Sharma, Prof. Balraj Chauhan, Prof S. S. Singh, and at present Prof. V. Vijayakumar as the Vice Chancellor of the university with a very competent and dedicated faculty running the programme. Apart from this, various research centers run by the university are devoted to research in diverse fields of law which are not only engaged in high-quality research but are also providing hands-on internship training to the students of the university.

The university has made special efforts to recruit best of the available faculty at all levels, especially over the last four years which strengthens the faculty base which is a must for an effective teaching-learning process and research. The faculty-student ratio is

extremely good which facilitates the organizing of various seminars, conferences, workshops, and also faculty development programs.

The interaction of the committee members with various stakeholders of the university like faculty, the students of both the five-year courses, LLM students, MCLIS, and also students engaged in Ph.D. was a very fruitful exercise where stakeholders frankly discussed the strengths and weaknesses which need improvement by the university. Our interactions also with faculty, alumni, deans, and other officials of the university clearly gave us the future perspective required for the growth which the university has in mind. What is more heartening to note is the engagement of all faculty members in the research activities and also bringing out various research journals of great academic value not only to the faculty but also to the students.

The state-of-the-art building of the library is fully equipped to cater to the needs of the faculty and students for learning and research. The competent library staff adds value to the library resources. The special edition which adds to the attractions in the library is the digital resources available for the use of the students and the faculty. The special steps taken by the university for international collaboration and activities showcase the visibility of the university at the global level. This is further supplemented by the visiting faculty from India and abroad. The various MoUs signed by the university with international institutions regarding the importance of legal education further augment the efforts of the university in collaborative research, and exchange of students and faculty. The exposure to international standards in legal education is a unique initiative of NLU Bhopal.

The legal aid and legal awareness programmes are very vibrant programmes that provide ample opportunity to have hands-on experience in clinical legal education. These are also platforms that engage the students with the communities, thereby fulfilling the mandate of national law university for producing developmental lawyers i.e. lawyers with the purpose.

On the whole, the committee unanimously is of the view that in spite of the fact that there were difficult times for the university because of some controversies during 2017, it has overcome all the obstacles which came its way, and extra efforts and care were taken efficiently by the administration to put things on the right track. The committee places on records its appreciation of the Vice Chancellor, faculty, students, and administrative staff for their dedication towards the university in its development and also for fulfilling the mandates of the university in its mission and vision statements. The university has a very bright future and a kind of futuristic outlook which everybody shared on campus. We are confident that NLIU Bhopal will soon turn out to be one of the best institutions of Legal education in the country.

We are also of the opinion that their collaborations with the institutions of National Importance like the National Judicial Academy will further provide opportunities for excellent academic growth to the university.

The Committee is also of the view that for further healthy growth of the university, it is imperative that there is a continuous interaction at regular intervals by the university with various stakeholders on the campus as it will facilitate future growth of the university.

We wish the university a very bright future and believe that the best is yet to come for NLIU Bhopal.

It is indeed gratifying to note that ICCR's sponsored students from Ethiopia and Bangladesh also pursue their postgraduate and research degrees at the NLIU, Bhopal under the Study in India scheme.

### **Recommendations**

- (1) Need to have more senior faculty in law, both at Professors and Associate Professors and in accordance with the UGC Regulations.
- (2) Research engagement should be strengthened by having:
  - i. Collaborative projects.
  - ii. Empirical research.
  - iii. Research in Indigenous social problems of the State.
  - iv. Consultancy projects from Ministries / Government.
  - v. U.G.C. Projects.
  - vi. ICSSR Projects.
- (3) More emphasis on training in advocacy skills to integrate virtual hearings of the Supreme Court in clinical course.
- (4) Creation of MOOCs courses by the teachers.
- (5) On-line digital Courses.
- (6) FDP should be more frequent with emphasis on interdisciplinary learning / teaching with technology integration.
- (7) Compulsory internship for 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> year with Cyber Law Institutes for B.Sc.LL.B.(hons.) students.
- (8) Internship program should be more robust and monitored and Personality Development programmes for students may be organised.

- (9) Emphasis on value-based education introducing value added Courses.
- (10) Mentorship to be strengthened to address emotional, financial and psychological problems faced by students today.
- (11) Remedial classes for slow learners as well as to address communication skills.
- (12) Strengthening clinical education / practical training with systematic record keeping and evaluation for all students.
- (13) Strengthening legal services activities, N.C.C. and N.S.S. Training.
- (14) Training for efficiency in office administration including having adequate staff and steps to be initiated in regularization of temporary staff.
- (15) Training for faculty on 'professionalism at the work place'.
- (16) Improve the hostel infrastructure with new hostels for boys and girls.
- (17) A centralised academic block with all classrooms, conference halls, moot courts to be developed in the next two years to cater to the needs of increasing strength of students.
- (18) Provide teachers in RGNCLC with industry experience for at least one month every year to enable them to gain relevant and cotemporary exposure to technology.
- (19) Develop proper and effective WiFi facility on campus as early as possible.

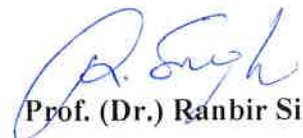
The Committee is delighted to note the dedication and commitment of the Vice Chancellor, the deans, faculties and the existing office staff is noteworthy and commendable.



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