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Bagh Umrao Dulha Pillar

Overview of Bagh Umrao Dulha Pillar - Bhopal

Bagh Umrao Dulha Pillar is a stone pillar situated in the middle of the road in the garden Umrao Dulha in the Barkhedi area of Bhopal. This column was established in the year 1880 by Shahjahan Begum from any site and established here. The column is 20 feet long, with the counting of the opposite lotus flower on top. There are iron hooks around the top of this column, which indicate that this column is used as a lamp post in the past period. The two-and-a-half feet of the column is rough, the upper part is opaque polished, due to which some scholars consider it to be medieval. In fact, the pillar is of the Gupta period. This 4th-5th century pillar has been established in front of a temple near the town. In fact, the pillar belongs to the Gupta period, because in the above column there is a parallelism of the columns made of Ashoka's time, as if the column is plain pointed and smooth. The vine is separated from the flower, etc. The top of the column has been broken, on which one of the idols of lion, horse or elephant or Taurus etc. has been present.

The column has been constructed with the same stone and the coating which has been coated on the stone has been done in such a way that the column metal is still manufactured. The column is the Gupta period of the fourth-fifth century. At present, due to the position of the column on the crossroads in the middle of the road, the common people used to sit on the terrace.

The Bagh Umrao Dulha region was an advanced and prosperous garden, distributed on more than twelve acres in the Bhopal Nawabi period, in which the Baradari (twelve-door houses) were located in more than one number for the members of the Nawab family. The column was established in the midst of Baradari. The columns of bathrooms were made of marble, which is beautiful examples of Mughal Vastu art and craft. The column was used as a column of light for lighting in the bathroom near the Baradari.

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About NLIU Bhopal

Since its establishment in 1997 through the Rashtriya Vidhi Sansthan Vishwavidyalaya Adhiniyam (Act No. 41 of the Madhya Pradesh Legislature), the National Law Institute University has been at the forefront of transforming legal education in India. Recognized by both the University Grants Commission and the Bar Council of India, NLIU was founded with a clear mission: to bridge the gap in contemporary legal education by providing cutting-edge, multidisciplinary teaching that equips students with essential skills for modern legal practice.

Our journey began on September 1, 1998, with the launch of our flagship five-year B.A. LL.B. (Hons.) programme, marking the start of what would become a legacy of excellence in legal education. Over nearly three decades, NLIU has remained committed to nurturing students who possess not only deep legal knowledge but also broad perspectives, scholastic rigor, and reflexive thinking capabilities—all grounded in larger national and humanitarian ideals.

At NLIU, we continuously evolve our programmes to enhance the abilities and capacities of our students, faculty, and the broader legal community. Our approach focuses on empowering individuals to navigate, prevent, and resolve complex challenges within the framework of law, preparing them to be leaders and changemakers in an increasingly complex world.

The OJAS Newsletter, our biannual chronicle of institutional life and achievement, proudly presents Volume VII, Issue II, July 2026 capturing the dynamic period from January to June 2026. This comprehensive edition showcases the remarkable events, groundbreaking publications, outstanding achievements, inspiring alumni accomplishments, and countless other milestones that have defined the second half of our year. Through these pages, we invite you to journey with us through the key highlights that continue to shape NLIU's position as a premier institution for legal education and research.



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From the Vice Chancellor's Desk

(Diary of events from January to June 2026)

My Dear Students, Learned Faculty, Dedicated Staff, and the entire NLIU Community,

It gives me immense pleasure to present this edition of the NLIU Newsletter, showcasing the significant achievements and activities of the National Law Institute University, Bhopal, during the period 1st January 2026 to 30th June 2026.

At the outset, I extend a warm welcome to Hon'ble Shri Justice Vivek Rusia, who assumed office as the Chancellor of NLIU Bhopal during this period. We look forward to benefiting from his valuable guidance and leadership as the University continues its pursuit of academic distinction and institutional growth.

NLIU continued to strengthen its position as a leading centre for legal scholarship and policy discourse through the successful organization of several prestigious academic events. The 2nd NLIU SBA Law Conclave 2026 brought together eminent jurists and legal professionals, including Hon'ble Shri Justice Sanjay Karol, Hon'ble Shri Justice N. Kotiswar Singh, Hon'ble Shri Justice M. I. Arun, and Hon'ble Shri Justice S. A. Dharmadhikari, for discussions on arbitration, legal technology, judicial reforms, and legal education.

The University also successfully hosted the 12th NLIU-VKC Law Offices National Corporate Law Moot, 2026, the 11th NLIU-Justice R.K. Tankha Memorial International Arbitration Moot, 2026, and the 2nd NLIU-IALR Arbitral Award Drafting and Presentation Competition, 2026, attracting participation from premier law schools across the country and receiving guidance from distinguished judges, arbitrators, and legal practitioners.

Our students also continued to make their mark at the international level through exceptional performances in prestigious moot court competitions and advocacy forums. Teams



Prof. (Dr.) S. Surya Prakash, Vice Chancellor, NLIU Bhopal

representing NLIU participated in renowned international moot court competitions, arbitration moots, and negotiation events, competing against leading law schools from across the world.

I am particularly proud of the achievements of our students, who have continued to excel at national platforms. Students of the MCLIS programme brought laurels to the University at Pragyan 2026, where the team comprising Piyush Korani, Vinay Pratap Singh Bhadouriya, and Tushar Singh secured First Position in the Open Source Intelligence (OSINT) Hackathon, while Ankita Verma and Arnold Rakshit Masih emerged as semifinalists in the Crime Scene Investigation Competition. Such accomplishments reflect the growing interdisciplinary capabilities of our students in emerging fields such as cybersecurity, intelligence analysis, and forensic investigation.

The University also witnessed remarkable achievements in sports and extracurricular activities. Our students represented NLIU with distinction at various inter-university and national-level sporting events, demonstrating excellence, discipline, teamwork, and competitive spirit. Notably, NLIU's women athletes brought pride to the institution through their outstanding performances in national competitions, reinforcing the University's commitment to promoting sporting excellence alongside academic achievement.

Equally noteworthy are the scholarly contributions of our faculty members, whose publications, research projects, conference presentations, and academic engagements have enhanced the University's reputation within the legal and academic community.

I also place on record my appreciation for our alumni, whose accomplishments in the judiciary, litigation, corporate practice, public service, academia, and policy-making continue to strengthen the legacy of NLIU.

This period also witnessed significant progress in strengthening NLIU's academic collaborations and institutional outreach. The University entered into Memoranda of Understanding with the National Law University, Shimla and the National Law University and Judicial Academy, Assam, with the objective of promoting collaborative research, faculty and student exchange, joint academic programmes, conferences, training initiatives, and knowledge-sharing activities.

NLIU remains committed to fostering excellence in teaching, research, advocacy, innovation, sports, and community engagement. I congratulate our students, faculty members, officers, staff, alumni, recruiters, collaborators, and well-wishers for their invaluable contributions during this period. Together, we shall continue to uphold the ideals of justice, scholarship, leadership, and public service while advancing NLIU's mission of nation-building through legal education.

Prof. (Dr.) S. Surya Prakash

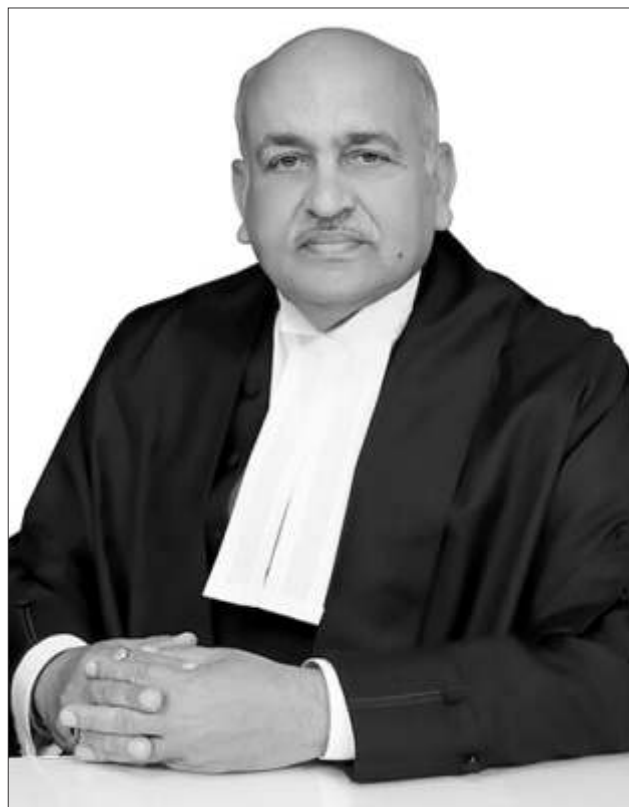
Vice-Chancellor

National Law Institute University, Bhopal



Visitor of the University

Born on 17th June, 1961 at Meerut in a family of lawyers. He received his early education at St. Mary's Academy, Meerut. Graduated in B.Com (Honours) in 1982 from the University of Allahabad. Later joined Meerut College, Meerut and obtained his law degree from Chaudhary Charan Singh University, Meerut. Got enrolled in 1985 in the Bar Council of U.P and started practicing under the able guidance of Shri Sudhir Chandra Verma who later adorned the bench of Allahabad High Court as a Judge and then became Lokayukt (UP). He mainly practiced on the civil side and dealt with large number of cases of land acquisition, rent control, education, motor accident, labour and other miscellaneous matters including service and constitutional law. He served as the Standing Counsel for the Uttar Pradesh Awam Vikas Parishad, Lucknow and Dr. B.R. Ambedkar University, Agra. He is a third generation lawyer and a person of 2nd generation to be the High Court Judge. His father Justice Shri Narendra Nath Mithal was also a judge of the Allahabad High Court from 14th December, 1978 to 7th April, 1992. Justice Pankaj Mithal, was elevated as an Additional Judge of Allahabad High Court on 7th July, 2006. He was posted as Sr. Judge of Lucknow bench of the Allahabad High Court in the year 2020. Elevated as Chief Justice, Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh High Court on 4th January, 2021. Transferred as Chief Justice, Rajasthan High Court on 14th October, 2022. Elevated to the Supreme Court on 6th February, 2023. He was Governor's nominee to the Executive Council of Mahatma Gandhi Kashi Vidyapith, Varanasi for two terms as also to the Executive Council of Ch. Charan Singh University, Meerut. He is a trustee of Etawah Hindi Sewa Nidhi and the founder trustee



Hon'ble Mr. Justice Pankaj Mithal,
Judge, Supreme Court of India
and Visitor of NLIU, Bhopal.

of Justice Narendra Nath Mithal Memorial Foundation, a trust established by his mother in memory of his late father. Presently, he is a nominee to the Academic Council and the Executive Council of National Law School of India University, Bengaluru. He was conferred with the degree of Doctor of Laws (LL.D.), Honoris Causa, by Rajiv Gandhi National University of Law, Patiala, by the Chief Justice of India, at its 7th Convocation held on 23rd December 2025. He has recently retired on 16th June, 2026.

Chancellor of the University (Upto 1st June 2026)

Born on 26th December, 1964 at Delhi. Did his under graduation from Delhi Public School, Mathura Road, New Delhi in commerce in 1982.

Did his graduation In Bachelor of Commerce (Honours Course) in 1985 from SRI RAM COLLEGE OF COMMERCE, Delhi University.

Obtained the Bachelor of Laws degree in 1988 from CAMPUS LAW CENTRE, University of Delhi.

Enrolled as an Advocate with the Bar Council of Delhi on 1st August, 1988.

Attended the Commonwealth Young Lawyers Course in 1992 at the Institute of Advanced Legal Studies, University of London and worked with Solicitors and Barristers in England as part of the said course.

Qualified as an Advocate On Record of the Supreme Court of India in June 1995

Trained as a lead trainer, to impart training to Advocates in Advocacy skills involving Examination and Cross examination of Witnesses and also arguing of cases, by the Indo-British Advocacy Skills project. Trained various advocates of Delhi High Court, High Court of Jharkhand at Ranchi, High Court of Andhra Pradesh at Hyderabad, High Court of Punjab and Haryana at Chandigarh and High Court of Manipur at Imphal in Advocacy skills.

Did the Personal Computing with Basic Course in 1986 and the Computer Software Applications Course in 1986-87 from the National Institute of Information Technology (N.I.I.T.).

- Signed the Delhi Public School Honour Book for proficiency in academic subjects in the year 1985.
- Awarded the National prize for the year 1985-86 by the Directorate of Education, Delhi.



Hon'ble Shri Justice Sanjeev Sachdeva

Chief Justice, High Court of Madhya Pradesh
& Chancellor, NLIU, Bhopal

- Awarded the Best Student Award for the Course of Personal Computing with Basic and awarded scholarship for the Computer Software Application course by the N.I.I.T. in 1986.
- Merit lister of the University of Delhi on the basis of the results of LL.B. Examinations in April, 1988.
- Awarded the British Council Scholarship to be one of the five young lawyers to represent India at the Commonwealth Young Lawyers Course 1992 at the University of London.
- Awarded the second prize in the Advocates on record examination of the Supreme Court of India conducted in June 1995

Enrolled as an advocate on August 1, 1988 with the Bar Council of Delhi and practised in the Supreme Court of India, the High Court of Delhi and the District Courts of Delhi.

Enrolled as an Advocate on record of the Supreme Court of India in 1995.

Was the Standing Counsel for the Bar Council of India for the Supreme Court of India and the Delhi High Court for over 20 years also appointed as a Senior Panel Lawyer for the Union of India and represented the Union of India in various matters for over 10 years.

Designated as a Senior Advocate by the High Court of Delhi in July, 2011.

Elevated as an additional Judge of the High Court of Delhi with effect from 17th April, 2013 and as Permanent Judge on 18th March, 2015 (F/N).

Took oath on 31.05.2024 as an Permanent Judge of High Court of Madhya Pradesh at Jabalpur.

Appointed as Acting Chief Justice of the Madhya Pradesh High Court on July 09th, 2024 to September 24th, 2024.

Appointed as Acting Chief Justice of the Madhya Pradesh High Court on May 24th, 2025.

Appointed as Chief Justice of the Madhya Pradesh High Court on July 17th, 2025.

Elevated as a Judge of the Supreme Court of India on 2nd June, 2026.



Chancellor of the University (From 02 June 2026)

Born on 2nd August, 1969 at Jabalpur. After obtaining the degrees of B.Sc. and LL.B., he was enrolled as an Advocate by State Bar Council of Madhya Pradesh w.e.f. 8th August, 1992. His father Late Shri Prabhakar Rusia was Senior Advocate of High Court of Madhya Pradesh, Jabalpur. He started his practice as an Associate Advocate in the office of Late Shri P. Sadashivan Nair, Sr. Advocate, Smt. Indira Nair, Sr. Advocate and Shri Rajendra Menon, Former Chief Justice of High Court of Patna and Delhi.

He started his independent practice in the year 1998 and was soon taken in the panel of Coal India Ltd., South Eastern Coalfields Limited, Western Coal Field Limited, Northern Coal Field Limited, Madhya Pradesh Poorv Kshetra Vidyut Vitaran Company Ltd., Madhya Pradesh Power Generating Co. Ltd., M.P. Power Management Company Limited, M.P. Power Transmission Company, Madhya Pradesh Housing & Infrastructure Development Board, M.P. Laghu Udyog Nigam, Nagar Panchayat Shakpura/Mundi, Jila Sahakari Krishi and Gramin Vikas Bank Mydt. Panna / Sidhi / Satna (M.P.), Cantonment Board Jabalpur (From 1998 to 2008) and Jabalpur Development Authority (From 2000 to 2004).

He was appointed as standing counsel of Government of India for a period of three years to appear on behalf of the Union of India in cases before the High Court of M.P. at Jabalpur. He has practiced in Civil, Criminal, Constitution, Service, Revenue, Taxation, Arbitration etc. matters before the High Court of Madhya Pradesh. He has also served as Joint Secretary of High Court Advocates Bar Association, Jabalpur. He is a life member of High Court as well as District Bar Association, Jabalpur.



Hon'ble Shri Justice Vivek Rusia
Acting Chief Justice, High Court of
Madhya Pradesh &
Chancellor, NLIU, Bhopal

- Was appointed as an Additional Judge of the High Court of Madhya Pradesh on 7th April, 2016 and as a Permanent Judge on 17th March, 2018.
- Was appointed as Administrative Judge, High Court of Madhya Pradesh Bench at Indore on 20.12.2021 and again on 20.08.2024.
- Was appointed as Administrative Judge, High Court of Madhya Pradesh, Bench at Gwalior on 28.04.2024.
- Was appointed as Administrative Judge, High Court of Madhya Pradesh, Principal Seat Jabalpur on 07.11.2025.
- Was appointed as Executive Chairman of the Madhya Pradesh State Legal Services Authority on 21.11.2025.
- Assumed the charge of the Office of the Chief Justice (Acting) of the Madhya Pradesh High Court on 02.06.2026.

General Council : Our Strength

(As on 1st January 2026)



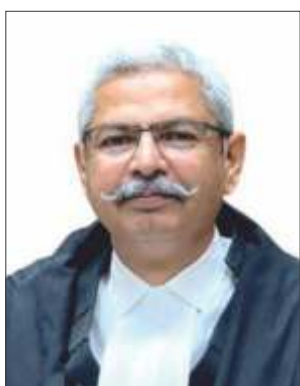
Hon'ble Shri Justice Sanjeev Sachdeva
Chief Justice,
High Court of Madhya Pradesh



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Hon'ble Chief Minister &
Minister of Law & Legislative Affairs
Govt. of Madhya Pradesh



Shri Inder Singh Parmar
Hon'ble Minister for Higher Education,
Govt. of M.P.



Hon'ble Shri Justice Vishal Dhagat
Judge,
High Court of Madhya Pradesh



Hon'ble Shri Justice Vivek Agarwal
Judge,
High Court of Madhya Pradesh



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High Court of Madhya Pradesh



Shri Naman Nagrath
Senior Advocate,
High Court of Madhya Pradesh



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Vice Chancellor &
Member Secretary,
National Law Institute University, Bhopal

Executive Council : Our Strength

(As on 1st January 2026)



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Prof. (Dr.) S. Surya Prakash
Vice Chancellor
National Law Institute University, Bhopal



Mr. Vivek Bakshi
Registrar &
Member Secretary
National Law Institute University, Bhopal

Academic Council : Our Strength

(As on 1st January 2026)



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Mr. Vivek Bakshi
Registrar &
Ex-Officio Secretary,
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Finance Committee : Our Strength

(As on 1st January 2026)



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Vice Chancellor,
National Law Institute University,
Bhopal



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Chartered Accountant,
Nominee of General Council



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Govt. of M.P.



Mrs. Sanghmitra Gautam
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Department of Higher Education,
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Twenty-Ninth Meeting of the Academic Council Held at NLIU, Bhopal (09th January 2026)



The Twenty-Ninth Meeting of the Academic Council of the National Law Institute University (NLIU), Bhopal was held in the Conference Room, Samadhan Bhawan, NLIU, under the chairmanship of Prof. (Dr.) S. Surya Prakash, Vice-Chancellor, NLIU, Bhopal. The meeting witnessed the participation of distinguished academicians, administrators, and faculty members from NLIU and other leading institutions. Prof. (Dr.) R. Venkata Rao, Vice-Chancellor, IIULER, Goa, attended the meeting in person, while Prof. (Dr.) Vijender Kumar, Vice-Chancellor, Maharashtra National Law University, Nagpur, participated through online mode.

Other esteemed members present included Shri Sushil Kumar, Additional Secretary, Department of Law & Legislative Affairs, Government of Madhya Pradesh, Senior Professor (Dr.) Ghayur Alam, Prof. (Dr.) Uday Pratap Singh, Prof. (Dr.) Rajiv Khare, Prof. (Dr.) Atul Kumar Pandey, Prof. (Dr.) Raka Arya, Prof. (Dr.) Sanjay Yadav, Prof. (Dr.) Monica Raje, Prof. (Dr.) Bir Pal Singh, Dr. Sushma Sharma, and Dr. Krati Rajoria. The Vice-Chancellor warmly welcomed all members and expressed appreciation for their valuable contributions towards strengthening the University's academic framework. The meeting deliberated on important academic and administrative matters concerning the University's growth, curriculum development, and academic excellence.

Thirty-Sixth Meeting of the Finance Committee Held at NLIU, Bhopal (18th March 2026)



The Thirty-Sixth Meeting of the Finance Committee of the National Law Institute University (NLIU), Bhopal was held at the Conference Room, Samadhan Bhawan, NLIU, Bhopal. The meeting was chaired by Prof. (Dr.) S. Surya Prakash, Vice-Chancellor, NLIU, Bhopal. The meeting was attended by distinguished members representing the University, the Government of Madhya Pradesh, and the professional community. Shri Ashok Surana, Chartered Accountant and Nominee of the General Council of NLIU, participated in person. Shri Vinod Yurkare, Nominee of the Department of Finance, Government of Madhya Pradesh, attended the meeting through online mode. Dr. Mathura Prasad, Regional Additional Director and Nominee of the Department of Higher Education, Government of Madhya Pradesh, was also present. Prof. (Dr.) Raka Arya, Nominee of the Executive Council of NLIU, participated as a member of the Committee. Mr. Vivek Bakshi, Registrar and Ex-officio Secretary of the Finance Committee, attended the meeting as Member Secretary.

At the outset, the Vice-Chancellor extended a warm welcome to all members and expressed his appreciation for their continued guidance and support. The Committee deliberated upon important financial and administrative matters concerning the University, with discussions focused on ensuring effective financial management, institutional development, and the efficient utilization of resources. The University acknowledges the valuable contributions of all members whose expertise and insights continue to play a significant role in advancing NLIU's mission of excellence in legal education and research.

Building Committee Meeting Held at NLIU Bhopal (30th April 2026)



The Building Committee of the National Law Institute University (NLIU), Bhopal, convened a meeting on 30th April 2026 under the chairmanship of Prof. (Dr.) S. Surya Prakash, Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor. The meeting was attended by Prof. (Dr.) Atul Kumar Pandey, Mr. Vivek Bakshi (Member Secretary), Mr. Sanjay Shrivastava (Nominee of MPBDC), Ms. Sarika Mandloi (Nominee of PWD), Mr. Virendra Patidar, and Mr. Sadaqat Hussain.

At the outset, the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor extended a warm welcome to all members of the Committee. The meeting provided an important platform for deliberations on matters relating to the University's infrastructure development, maintenance, and ongoing construction activities. Prof. (Dr.) Sanjay Kumar Yadav and the Executive Engineer (Electrical), MPPWD, were unable to attend due to prior commitments and were granted leave of absence.

The Committee reviewed various infrastructural requirements and development initiatives aimed at strengthening the University's facilities and supporting its continued growth.



Student Bar Association: Building Bridges, Creating Change

Since 9th November, 2020, when the National Law Institute University's Student Bar Association (SBA) officially came into existence with the adoption of its Constitution, this dynamic body has transformed the landscape of student representation at NLIU. Born from a vision to address student concerns and create meaningful dialogue between the administration and student community, the SBA has evolved into much more than a representative organization—it has become the heartbeat of student advocacy and institutional progress.

The SBA's mission extends far beyond traditional student government roles. Acting as a vital bridge between students and administration, the Association has consistently worked to identify practical solutions to campus challenges while fostering an environment of collaborative growth. Through open communication channels and innovative problem-solving approaches, the SBA has proven that student voices can drive positive institutional change when channeled effectively.

What sets our SBA apart is its unwavering commitment to unity and progress. Rather than simply voicing concerns, the Association actively facilitates constructive dialogue that benefits the entire NLIU family. This approach has helped to create a stronger, more cohesive university community where students, faculty, and administration work together towards shared goals of excellence and institutional development.

Meet Our 2025-26 Student Leadership

Mr. Priyanshu Gupta - President

Leading with vision and dedication to student welfare

Mr. Yash Patidar - Vice-President

Supporting initiatives that strengthen our university community

Mr. Anadi Keshari - Secretary

Ensuring effective communication and operational efficiency with transparency

2nd NLIU SBA Law Conclave and Quiz competition



The Student Bar Association (SBA) of the National Law Institute University successfully organized the 2nd NLIU SBA Law Conclave on 11–12 April 2026, bringing together eminent judges, practitioners, academicians, and students from across the country for two days of insightful legal discourse.

Centered around the theme “Reimagining Law and Justice in the 21st Century: Challenges, Accountability and Reforms,” the conclave served as a vibrant platform for discussions on the evolving landscape of law, justice delivery, and institutional reform in India.



The event commenced with the ceremonial lighting of the lamp and a welcome address by Vice-Chancellor, Prof. (Dr.) S. Surya Prakash. The inaugural ceremony was graced by distinguished dignitaries including Justice M. I. Arun, Justice S. A. Dharmadhikari, and Justice Sanjay Karol, whose addresses inspired participants to critically engage with contemporary legal challenges.

The conclave featured four enriching panel discussions and interactive podcast-style sessions. The first session focused on strengthening India's arbitration framework, where Justice Sanjay Karol emphasized the importance of certainty, efficiency, and institutional credibility in arbitration proceedings. Legal experts Jayant Mehta, Siddharth R. Gupta, and Abhishek Kumar shared valuable perspectives from practice.



The second session explored the intersection of technology and access to justice under the leadership of Justice M. I. Arun. Speakers deliberated upon digital courts, technological innovation, and the persistent challenges posed by the digital divide. Ajay Bagadia, Sankalp Kochar, and George Varghese offered practical insights into the future of legal technology in India.

Another engaging panel discussion addressed the need for industry-ready legal professionals. Speakers including C. V. Raghu, Shujath Bin Ali, Sonal Basu, Reuben Chacko, and Pranjal Bhattacharya emphasized bridging the gap between legal education and the rapidly evolving demands of the profession.



The final session, themed “Beyond Colonial Legacy,” featured thought-provoking discussions by Justice N. Kotiswar Singh and Justice S. A. Dharmadhikari on indigenous legal thought, judicial reforms, and the necessity of developing a more contextually rooted Indian jurisprudence.

A major highlight of the conclave was the National Legal Quiz Competition, which witnessed enthusiastic participation from law universities across India. The team from Jamia Millia Islamia secured the first position, followed by Vidhigya in second place, while Maharashtra National Law University Nagpur claimed the third position.

The conclave concluded with a valedictory ceremony and prize distribution, celebrating the success of the event and the spirit of meaningful legal dialogue. SBA Faculty Advisor Prof. (Dr.) Raka Arya, along with SBA office bearers Mr. Priyanshu Gupta (President), Mr. Yash Patidar (Vice-President), and Mr. Anadi Keshari (Secretary), noted that the conclave was a significant success and expressed optimism for the continuation of such initiatives in the future.



Vice Chancellor of NLIU Bhopal Felicitates Hon'ble Shri Justice Vivek Rusia on His Appointment as Acting Chief Justice and Chancellor, NLIU, Bhopal



Prof. (Dr.) S. Surya Prakash, Vice Chancellor, National Law Institute University (NLIU), Bhopal, had the privilege of felicitating Hon'ble Shri Justice Vivek Rusia on assuming charge as the Acting Chief Justice of the Madhya Pradesh High Court and Chancellor of NLIU, Bhopal, on 02.06.2026, by presenting a bouquet of flowers as a mark of respect and extending a warm welcome.

On behalf of the entire NLIU fraternity, the Vice Chancellor extended heartfelt congratulations to Hon'ble Shri Justice Vivek Rusia on assuming the esteemed office of the Acting Chief Justice and conveyed the University's best wishes for his successful tenure. The occasion reflected NLIU's deep respect for the judiciary and its commitment to strengthening its longstanding association with the leadership of the High Court of Madhya Pradesh.

Gratitude and Acknowledgement

The National Law Institute University, Bhopal, expresses its sincere gratitude to Hon'ble Shri Justice Sanjeev Sachdeva, Chief Justice, High Court of Madhya Pradesh and Chancellor, NLIU, Bhopal, for his esteemed guidance, unwavering support, and visionary leadership. His encouragement and commitment to excellence continue to inspire the University in its pursuit of academic distinction, institutional growth, and the advancement of legal education. The University remains deeply indebted to his patronage and invaluable contributions, which have significantly strengthened NLIU's mission of fostering excellence in legal education, research, and public service.



Hon'ble Shri Justice Sanjeev Sachdeva
Chief Justice, High Court of Madhya Pradesh
& Chancellor, NLIU, Bhopal



MoU with HPNLU Shimla



The National Law Institute University (NLIU), Bhopal, under the leadership of Prof. (Dr.) S. Surya Prakash, Vice-Chancellor, entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Himachal Pradesh National Law University (HPNLU), Shimla. The MoU was signed in the presence of Prof. (Dr.) Priti Saxena, Vice-Chancellor, HPNLU, Shimla.

The occasion was also graced by the presence of distinguished academic leaders, including Prof. (Dr.) Devinder Singh, Vice-Chancellor of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar National Law University (DBRANLU), Sonipat, Haryana; Prof. (Dr.) Achina Kundu, Vice-Chancellor of Sikkim National Law University (SNLU); and Senior Professor (Dr.) Usha Tandon, Vice-Chancellor of Dr. Rajendra Prasad National Law University (RPNLUP), Prayagraj.

The MoU aims to strengthen academic cooperation between NLIU Bhopal and HPNLU Shimla through collaborative academic events, teaching, training programmes, and research initiatives. The agreement further provides for the exchange of researchers and faculty members, enabling greater academic interaction and knowledge-sharing between the institutions.

Additionally, Ph.D. scholars of both universities will have access to each other's library resources and opportunities for academic engagement with faculty members. The collaboration also envisages joint research projects by research scholars and teaching faculty, along with efforts to secure funding from national and international agencies, governments, and other funding bodies for collaborative academic and research activities.

MoU with NLUJA Assam



The National Law Institute University (NLIU), Bhopal, under the leadership of Prof. (Dr.) S. Surya Prakash, Vice-Chancellor, entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the National Law University and Judicial Academy, Assam (NLUJAA). The MoU was signed in the presence of Prof. (Dr.) K.V.S. Sarma, Vice-Chancellor of NLUJAA, Assam. The occasion was also graced by the presence of Shri Vivek Bakshi, Registrar, National Law Institute University, Bhopal. The MoU aims to strengthen academic cooperation between NLIU Bhopal and NLUJAA through collaborative academic events, teaching, training programmes, and research initiatives. The agreement further provides for the exchange of researchers and faculty members, thereby fostering greater academic interaction and knowledge-sharing between the two institutions. Additionally, Ph.D. scholars of both universities will have access to each other's library resources and opportunities for academic engagement with faculty members. The collaboration also envisages joint research projects by research scholars and teaching faculty, along with efforts to secure funding from national and international agencies, governments, and other funding bodies for collaborative academic and research activities.

Welcoming the New Year with the NLIU Family



The New Year was celebrated at NLIU Bhopal in a spirit of togetherness and warmth. Prof. (Dr.) S. Surya Prakash, Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, celebrated the occasion along with students, faculty members, staff, and supporting staff of the University. The celebration was also graced by the presence of Mr. Vivek Bakshi, Registrar, NLIU Bhopal, Lt. Col. Manish K. Bahuguna (Retd.), Controller of Examinations, and other members of the NLIU fraternity, making the event a memorable beginning to the year.

Academic, Curricular, and Co-Curricular Activities Conducted at NLIU (1st January – 30th June 2026)

6th NLIU Model United Nations Conference, 2026 (2nd to 4th January 2026)



The sixth edition of the NLIU Model United Nations Conference (NLIU-MUN 2026), at the campus, was a resounding success. The event brought together an impressive and intellectually driven group of participants, including school students as well as undergraduate and postgraduate students from recognized universities across India. The conference was organized under the aegis of two of NLIU's premier student-run academic centres: the Centre for Research in International Law (CRIL) and Manthan: The Centre for Knowledge and Policy Discussion.

NLIU-MUN 2026 features six dynamic committees, each simulating key global institutions. These included the United Nations General Assembly – DISEC (Disarmament and International Security), the United Nations Human Rights Council (UNHRC), the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women (UNCSW), the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), the National Security Council (NSC), and the International Press Corps (IPC). Each committee provided a structured environment for debate, critical thinking, and negotiation, allowing delegates to engage meaningfully with pressing global issues such as autonomous weapons, human rights violations in the Sahel, online harassment of women and girls, and hazardous waste management.

1st NLIU-CLE Khaitan & Co. Certificate Course on Banking and Finance Through the Lens of Law and Economics (9th-10th January 2026)



The two-day programme was designed to introduce participants to the legal and economic dimensions of banking and finance practice.

The sessions were conducted by Mr. Rahul Chakraborti, Partner, Khaitan & Co., who led discussions on banking regulations, financial structuring, and regulatory compliance from a practice-oriented perspective. Mr. Arindam Bhattacharjee, Principal Associate, contributed by analysing the interaction between legal frameworks and market dynamics, with emphasis on economic considerations in financial transactions. Mr. Sushmit M., Associate, discussed the evolving regulatory landscape and the influence of economic principles on banking and finance law.

The certificate course was coordinated under the academic supervision of Dr. Seema Shrivastava, Chairperson, Centre for Law and Economics.



1st NLIU–NHRC National Moot Court Competition, 2026 (9th to 11th January 2026)



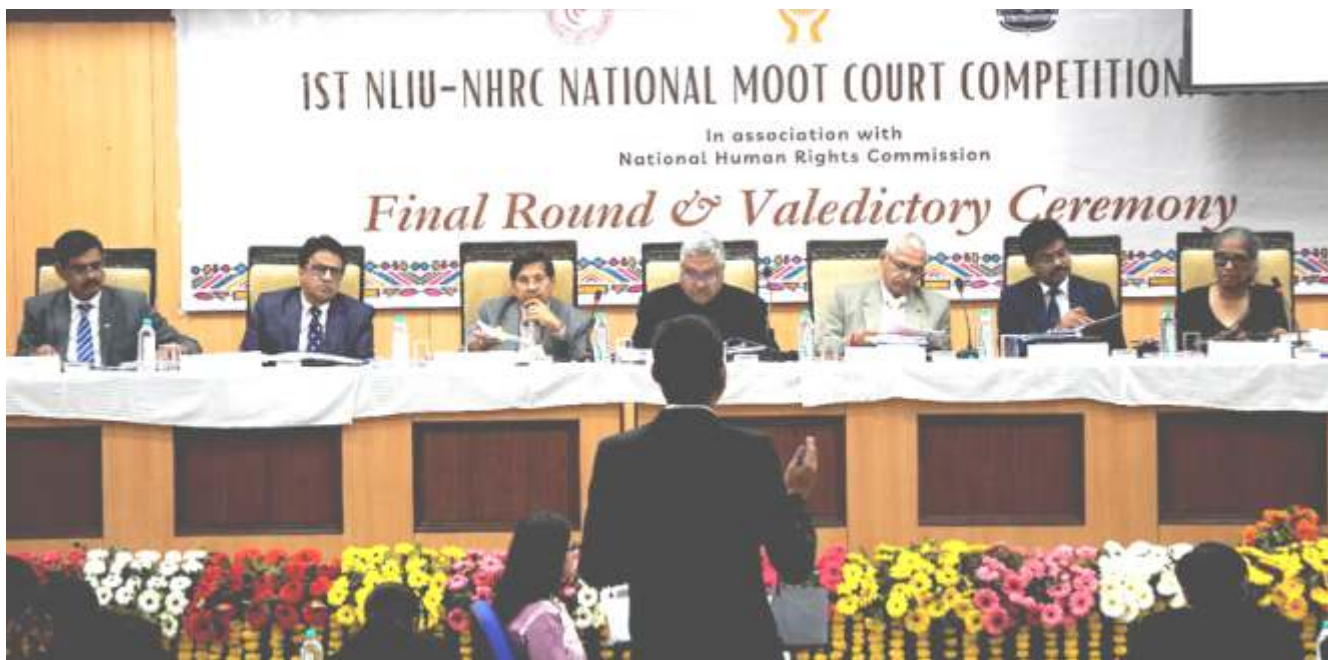
In collaboration with the National Human Rights Commission, our university successfully organised the 1st NLIU-NHRC National Moot Court Competition, 2026. The inaugural edition of the competition brought together law schools nationwide and created a high-quality forum for advocacy, and human rights-oriented jurisprudence. It started with a Memorial Qualification Round, with over 50 teams from leading law schools, where the top 24 teams qualified to compete in the oral rounds held on campus.

During the inaugural address, Prof. (Dr.) S. Surya Prakash highlighted that qualifying for a national-level moot court competition itself reflects dedication and merit. He encouraged participants to view the law as a means of learning, ethical responsibility, and service to society. Prof. (Dr.) R. Venkata Rao spoke about the role of legal education and human rights in strengthening democracy, drawing upon the ideas of Fali S. Nariman and Barack Obama. The day concluded with the exchange of memorials among the participating teams, setting the stage for the competitive rounds.



After Preliminary and Quarter-Final Rounds, the final day began with the Semi-Final Rounds, where the four remaining teams competed before two distinguished panels of judges. The first panel was presided over by Mr. Swapnil Ganguly (Deputy Advocate General for the State of Madhya Pradesh); Mr. Bramhadatt Singh (Additional Advocate General for the State of Madhya Pradesh); and Mr. Prakash Upadhyay (Senior Advocate, High Court of Madhya Pradesh, Jabalpur). The parallel panel was judged by Mr. Anshuman Singh, Advocate (High Court of Madhya Pradesh); Mr. Kaustubh S. Jha (Advocate, High Court of Madhya Pradesh); and Mr. Jayant Bhatt (Advocate, Supreme Court of India).

The Final Round was adjudicated by a distinguished bench comprising Hon'ble Mr. Justice Vivek Agarwal (Sitting Judge, High Court of Madhya Pradesh); Hon'ble Mr. Justice Vijay Kumar Shukla (Sitting Judge, High Court of Madhya Pradesh); Hon'ble Mr. Justice Vishal Dhagat (Sitting Judge, High Court of Madhya Pradesh); Mr. Joginder Singh (Registrar (Law), National Human Rights Commission); Sr. Prof. (Dr.) G. S. Bajpai (Vice-Chancellor, National Law University, Delhi); Dr. Satyajit Mohanty, IPS (Retd.), Adjunct Professor of Law, National Law University Odisha, Former Director General of Police, Odisha and Former Chairperson, Odisha Public Service Commission); and Ms. Nitya Ramakrishnan (Senior Advocate, Supreme Court of India).



In addition to the team awards, several individual and memorial awards were conferred, as detailed below:

- Winning Team: National Law University, Delhi (Ms. Kanishka Mittal, Ms. Unnati Padela, and Ms. Manisha Choudhary)
- Runners-up: NALSAR University of Law, Hyderabad (Mr. Abhisar Singh, Mr. Pracheta Sumedh Waikar, and Mr. Aarsh Pandey)
- Best Speaker: Mr. Abhisar Singh (NALSAR University of Law, Hyderabad)
- Best Memorial (Petitioner): Symbiosis Law School, Noida (Ms. Babhravi Singh, Ms. Vrinda Kamra, and Ms. Aditi Singh)
- Best Memorial (Respondent): Hidayatullah National Law University, Raipur (Ms. Devika Deshkar, Ms. Aarzo Siraj Ansari, and Ms. Sheen Wanchoo)

The competition concluded with a Valedictory Ceremony graced by Hon'ble Mr. Justice Vivek Agarwal; Hon'ble Mr. Justice Vijay Kumar Shukla; Mr. Joginder Singh; Prof. (Dr.) S. Surya Prakash; Sr. Prof. (Dr.) G. S. Bajpai; Dr. Satyajit Mohanty; and Ms. Nitya Ramakrishnan. The dignitaries delivered addresses reflecting on advocacy, human rights, and the responsibility of young lawyers in strengthening the justice system.

Tecthonic 2026 (16th to 18th January 2026)

The 5th edition of Tecthonic 2026 focused on the intersection of law, technology and public policy. It featured distinguished dignitaries and senior associates from prominent law firms, including Nishith Desai, Associate, Cyber Peace Foundation, CAM, AZB, and Saraf & Partners.

The inaugural session featured Chief Guest Mr. Avi Prasad, IAS, Commissioner of MGNREGA, who discussed the administrative challenges of adopting AI in governance. Additionally, Prof. (Dr.) Sanjay Kumar Yadav, Dean of PG at NLIU and Chairman of the Cell for Law and Technology, Prof. (Dr.) Atul Kumar Pandey, Dean of UG, addressed the challenges posed by AI and emerging technologies.

The event concluded with the valedictory ceremony where the winners were announced as follows :

1st Runners Up -	Samridh Sharma and Shambhavi Anand (NLIU, Bhopal)
	Anvesha Agarwal and Abhishek Vishwakarma (SLS, Noida)
2nd Runners-up	Prakruti Kedare and Vasudha Gurav (MNLU, Mumbai)
Best Speaker	Ritika Sharma (NorthCap University, Gurugram)
Winners of Tecthonic's online competitions	Yuvraj Singh from NLIU won the Tech Task
	Piyush Raj Singh from RGNUL in Touch Their Hearts
	Supriya Raghuvanshi from RMLNLU won the Scribbling Stratagem competition
	Subham Sourav from NUSRL won Tech Know Quiz.



9th NLIU-Khaitan & Co. Certificate Course on Corporate Laws (16th -18th January 2026)



Khaitan & Co, in collaboration with the Centre for Business and Commercial Laws, National Law Institute University, Bhopal, successfully conducted the 9th NLIU–Khaitan & Co Certificate Course on Corporate Laws in line with the firm's engagement with legal education. The course was instructed by experienced Mr. Ashish Razdan and Mr. Vineet Shingal, Partners at Khaitan & Co, with the support of Mr. Vivek Badkur, Associate at the firm. The certificate course was designed for three sessions to provide participants with a practical understanding of mergers and acquisitions, namely, due diligence, lifecycle of a mergers and acquisition deal and the nuances of a term sheet. A particular highlight of the Course was the simulated negotiation exercise, moderated by partners of the firm wherein the participants indulged in buyer–seller negotiations in a transactional context.

The Course combined interactive discussions and practical exercises to provide participants with a practical understanding of M&A transactions.



**2nd NLIU-IALR Arbitral Award Drafting and Presentation
Competition, 2026
(24th to 25th January 2026)**



The 2nd NLIU-IALR Arbitral Award Drafting and Presentation Competition 2026 concluded on January 25, 2026, marking the successful completion of its on-campus phase at the National Law Institute University, Bhopal.

This premier event, supported by the Singapore International Arbitration Centre (SIAC) as Institutional Partner, Shardul Amarchand Mangaldas & Co. as Law Firm Partner, and Manupatra as Knowledge Partner, saw the culmination of a multi-phase contest designed to hone advocacy and drafting skills. Teams engaged with a complex problem statement on construction arbitration, which was expertly drafted by Mr. Nishant Doshi and Mr. Anirveda Sharma of Shardul Amarchand Mangaldas & Co.



The competition culminated in a valedictory ceremony presided over by Mr. Narendra Pratap Singh, the Deputy Lokayukta of Madhya Pradesh. In his thought-provoking address, he provided a critical analysis of the current arbitration system, discussing its inherent flaws, such as delays and procedural inefficiencies, and outlined essential reforms needed to enhance its efficacy and integrity. He commended the participants for their analytical rigor and emphasized the role of the next generation in driving these necessary improvements.

The ceremony honoured the winners and all participants, reaffirming the event's importance as a valuable platform for professional development in arbitration.



3rd NLIU-LAC Legal Justice Quest, 2026 (Turncoat Debate and Quiz Competition) (25th January 2026)

The Legal Aid Clinic of National Law Institute University, Bhopal successfully organised the third rendition of the NLIU-LAC Legal Justice Quest, 2026 - a Turncoat Debate and Quiz Competition in collaboration with IDIA Madhya Pradesh Chapter and Zentrum Law Partners. It drew enthusiastic participation from school and university students from across India. The seminar was held at the Auditorium and Academic Block 1, NLIU Bhopal. The central theme of the event was “Celebrating 75 Years of the Indian Constitution.”

ABOUT THE EVENT

Justice Quest is an annual academic competition organised by the Legal Aid Clinic, NLIU Bhopal, held around the Republic Day each year. The event aims to ignite interest in constitutional law, democratic governance and civic responsibility, and serves as a platform where participants come together to honour the Constitution, strengthen their voices and grow as informed citizens and future legal professionals.

The 3rd edition was organised in keeping with the spirit of Republic Day and to commemorate the 76th anniversary of the adoption of the Indian Constitution. The event aligned with the experiential and co-curricular educational objectives of the Bar Council of India and the University Grants Commission, seeking to promote skill-based learning through research, debate and analysis.

STRUCTURE OF THE COMPETITION

Justice Quest 2026 consisted of two main segments, each designed to test participants' knowledge, articulation and analytical thinking in the context of constitutional values and current affairs.

I. Inter-University Quiz Competition

The theme of the Quiz Competition “Celebrating 75 Years of the Indian Constitution,” was chosen to commemorate the constitutional journey of India and to deepen participants' understanding of its foundational principles, historical developments and evolving character of constitutional law.

II. Turncoat Debate Competition

The Turncoat Debate is a unique and intellectually demanding format in which participants are required to argue both for and against a given motion, followed by a conclusive statement. Topics are provided on the spot, requiring debaters to think swiftly and articulate arguments from both perspectives - a skill that fosters empathy, critical reasoning and a deeper understanding of legal and social issues.

It is a platform where students come together to honour the Constitution, sharpen their skills and develop as informed citizens and future legal professionals. The success of this edition was a testament to the collective efforts of the Legal Aid Clinic team, the invaluable support of institutional partners IDIA Madhya Pradesh Chapter and Zentrum Law Partners, the guidance of the faculty and university administration, and the enthusiastic participation of students from across India.



1st NLIU CSIPR-Anand & Anand Trademark Opposition Competition (23rd to 25th January 2026)



Cell for Studies of Intellectual Property Rights successfully organised a competition at NLIU campus, which witnessed participation from 70 teams across the country, out of which 20 teams advanced to the oral rounds.

The competition was structured as a practical simulation of trademark opposition in which the participants presented compelling arguments before the Trade Marks Registry. The competition included drafting of notices of opposition and counter-statements, followed by oral rounds that tested both legal reasoning and advocacy skills to avoid issues related to registrability, likelihood of confusion, dilution, and procedural requirements through a hands-on format.

The oral rounds were judged by Senior Associates from Anand & Anand, Head of Sharma Kemp Chambers, and other advocates from Bhopal, who evaluated the participants and shared practical insights on trademark opposition proceedings.

1st NLIU CAM Certificate Course on Labour & Employment Law (30th to 31st January 2026)

The Centre for Labour Laws (CLL) launched the 1st Annual NLIU–CAM Certificate Course on Labour & Employment Law in collaboration with Cyril Amarchand Mangaldas (CAM), one of India's largest and most prestigious full-service law firms. This pioneering two-day intensive programme marked a defining milestone in CLL's mission to bridge the gap between rigorous academic legal education and the practical realities of professional practice. This institutionalised partnership underscores CLL's growing stature as a centre of excellence in labour and employment law education.

Course Faculty

Mr. Abe Abraham | Partner, Labour & Employment Practice, Cyril Amarchand Mangaldas

Mr. Abhilash Tyagi | Associate, Labour & Employment Practice, Cyril Amarchand Mangaldas

Day 1 — January 30, 2026

The opening session examined how artificial intelligence and automation are transforming employment relationships. Participants explored algorithmic management, labour market polarisation, and the rapid rise of gig and platform-based work — including critical questions around AI's use in hiring, evaluation, and termination, transparency, and legal accountability.

The second half focused on drafting and enforcement of employment agreements — restrictive covenants, Performance Improvement Plans, and the distinction between poor performance and wilful non-performance.

Day 2 — January 31, 2026

A rigorous discussion on India's four consolidated Labour Codes and their transformative impact on employment regulation. Key themes included simplified compliance, the inspector-cum-facilitator approach, hybrid and remote work, gender inclusion, third-gender recognition (NALSA v. Union of India), the right to disconnect, and moonlighting.

The course concluded with a forward-looking discussion on global and technological shifts — geopolitical uncertainty, friend-shoring, and employer responsibilities in virtual and metaverse-based workplaces.



12TH NLIU-VKC Law Offices National Corporate Law Moot, 2026 (30th January to 01st February 2026)



The National Law Institute University, Bhopal successfully organised the 12th NLIU–VKC Law Offices National Corporate Law Moot, 2026, reaffirming its long-standing tradition of excellence in mooting and legal education. The three-day national-level competition centred on contemporary issues of Insolvency Law and witnessed participation from over 80 teams from law schools across the country, out of which 28 teams qualified for the oral rounds.

The competition commenced with an Opening Ceremony graced by Hon'ble Mr. Justice (Retd.) Hemant Gupta (Former Judge, Supreme Court of India); Prof. (Dr.) S. Surya Prakash (Vice-Chancellor, NLIU Bhopal); Prof. (Dr.) Raka Arya (Dean, Student Welfare); Dr. Padma Singh (Faculty In-Charge, NLIU

Moot Court Association); Prof. (Dr.) Atul Kumar Pandey (Dean, Undergraduate Studies); Prof. (Dr.) Sanjay Kumar Yadav (Dean, Postgraduate Studies); and Mr. Varun Kumar Chopra (Managing Partner, VKC Law Offices) along with other esteemed faculty members and university officials. The dignitaries addressed the gathering, emphasising the importance of rigorous research, clarity of thought, ethical advocacy, and the growing relevance of insolvency law in the corporate legal landscape. The ceremony concluded with the felicitation of the guests and the exchange of memorials among the qualified teams.

The second day of the competition witnessed an intensive schedule with the conduct of Preliminary Rounds I and II, followed by the Quarter-Final and Semi-Final rounds. Courtrooms were marked by structured arguments, judicial scrutiny, and spirited advocacy, reflecting the high level of preparation of



the participating teams. The day concluded with a Social Night, in an informal setting, during which the finalists were announced.

The Final Round on the concluding day featured a closely contested round between ILS Law College, Pune and the Faculty of Law, GLS. The round was adjudicated by a distinguished bench comprising Hon'ble Dr. Justice Chillakur Sumalatha (Judge, High Court of Karnataka); Hon'ble Ms. Justice Mini Pushkarna (Judge, Delhi High Court); Prof. (Dr.) Ghayur Alam (Senior Professor, NLIU Bhopal); Prof. (Dr.) Sanjay Kumar Yadav (Dean, Postgraduate Studies, NLIU Bhopal); and Mr. Varun Kumar Chopra (Managing Partner, VKC Law Offices). The Valedictory Ceremony was graced by Prof. (Dr.) S. Surya Prakash, Vice-Chancellor, NLIU Bhopal, along with the esteemed judges, who shared valuable insights with the participants.

The competition concluded with the Prize Distribution Ceremony, where ILS Law College, Pune was declared the Winner and the Faculty of Law, GLS emerged as the Runners-Up. The award for Best Memorial was conferred upon Tamil Nadu Dr. Ambedkar Law University, and Ms. Pia Agarwal of Jindal Global Law School was adjudged the Best Oralist.



1st NLIU-Saaz Partners Parliamentary Debate Workshop (31st January 2026)

The 1st NLIU-Saaz Partners Parliamentary Debate Workshop brought together students keen to get back into parliamentary debating at NLIU. Held under the tagline “Make NLIU Debate Again”, the workshop focused on getting student to actually stand up and debate. Alumni of NLIU who are experienced debaters, adjudicators and working professionals joined as resource persons, using mock rounds, panel discussions and audience interaction to show how debating works in practice. The larger aim was to restart a consistent, competitive debating culture on campus while also highlighting the professional relevance of debating skills.

The workshop began with a short formal opening ceremony and felicitation of the guests. The speakers included:

Ms. Abiha Zaidi, Co-Founder and Partner at Saaz Partners, Mr. Rishabh Sinha, Strategic Consultant, Totuga Growth Partners, Ms. Krithika Chandrasekharan, Partner at Cyril Amarchand Mangaldas, Mr. Samip Mohan, Director at Vidhigya, Mr. Soham Maheshwari, Founder of Whestone Consulting

The workshop concluded with a short formal ceremony, which was followed by an informal dinner. Ms. Gati Jhamb, Secretary of the Debating Society, delivered the vote of thanks, acknowledging the alumni guests, Saaz Partners, the organising team and the students who turned up, engaged and stayed till the end. By the end of the evening, the Workshop had culminated into a successful event as it combined structured sessions with real-time examples and unstructured discussion, treating debate not just as a competitive activity but as a habit of thinking and speaking that can travel with students into their academic, professional and personal lives.



2nd NLIU–CBCL Lecture on Banking and Finance Laws (7th February 2026)

The Centre for Business and Commercial Laws (CBCL), NLIU, successfully organized the 2nd NLIU–CBCL Lecture on Banking and Finance Laws. The session featured Mr. Manraj Singh, Partner at the Mumbai office of Wadia Gandhi & Co., as the distinguished speaker.

Mr. Singh, an accomplished professional with over a decade of experience in banking and finance laws, delivered an insightful lecture focused on loan agreements and the key clauses surrounding them, elaborated on the structuring, negotiation, and enforcement of such agreements, while highlighting critical provisions that govern lender–borrower relationships.

The lecture provided students with a valuable opportunity to gain practical insights into contemporary legal issues in banking and finance, thereby enriching their academic learning with real-world perspectives.



3rd NLIU Agreement Drafting and Presentation Competition, 2026 (7th–8th February 2026)



Over the years, this competition has emerged as one of the pioneer and flagship events of the NLIU Law Review. The competition was conducted in collaboration with Saraf and Partners and SAAZ Partners, bringing together law students from across the country to test their skills in the specialised domain of contract drafting. Over 300 teams represented leading law universities across India, and the competition also featured a dedicated AI-generated entry, introduced as an experimental benchmark to examine the evolving capabilities of artificial intelligence in legal drafting and encouraging discussion on the intersection of technology and legal practice. Following a rigorous drafting stage, fifteen teams were shortlisted to present their agreements before a distinguished panel of judges.

The competition commenced with an inaugural ceremony graced by Mr. Anas Tanwir as the Chief Guest and Keshav Pareek, who played a key role in designing the problem statement for the competition. The opening ceremony featured addresses by Prof. (Dr.) S. Surya Prakash, Senior Professor (Dr.) Ghayur Alam, and Prof. (Dr.) Atul Kumar Pandey. Their remarks reflected on the evolving legal landscape, particularly the increasing role of artificial intelligence in legal drafting. In his address, Adv. Tanwir described agreements as the “most powerful preventive tool in disputes,” and offered a guiding mantra for effective drafting: “Refine. Simplify. Clarify.”

The competition sought to test participants' drafting abilities and presentation skills - two essential competencies for future legal practitioners. The problem statement, drafted by Mr. Pareek and his team at Saraf and Partners, was based on realistic commercial scenarios, enabling participants to engage with practical aspects of contractual negotiations and drafting. The judging panel for the initial rounds included legal professionals such as Ms. Tarusha Mathur, Mr. Labeeb Faaeq, and Ms. Diksha Bhatt.



1st CLE-Khaitan & Co. Certificate Course on Workforce Redundancy and its Legal Provisions (07th to 08th February 2026)



The two-day programme was designed to provide participants with a structured and practice-oriented understanding of workforce management, with a focus on employee rights, compliance, and the evolving gig economy.

The sessions were conducted by Mr. Deepak Kumar, Partner at Khaitan & Co., who provided insights into workforce restructuring, compliance frameworks, and strategic considerations in redundancy processes. Ms. Deeksha Malik, Principal Associate, contributed by discussing practical challenges in implementing labour law provisions and analysing the evolving landscape of employment regulation, particularly in relation to the gig economy.

Across both days, the sessions focused on key aspects such as termination of employment, retrenchment procedures, statutory compliance requirements, and protections available to employees under labour laws. Special emphasis was placed on the legal implications of workforce restructuring in the context of emerging business models, including platform-based and gig work arrangements.

The certificate course was coordinated under the academic supervision of Dr. Seema Shrivastava, Chairperson, Centre for Law and Economics.



11th NLIU–Trilegal Summit on Corporate and Commercial Laws, 2026 (27th and 28th February 2026)



The event was concluded successfully after two days of engaging discussions and insightful research presentations. The Summit featured paper presentations on diverse contemporary issues in corporate and commercial law, sparking meaningful dialogue and thoughtful feedback from an esteemed panel of academicians and practitioners.

The Inaugural Ceremony was honoured by the presence of Mr. Debajyoti Ray Chaudhuri, Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer, National E-Governance Services Ltd, as the Chief Guest.

The 11th edition of the Summit was graced by esteemed panelists including Mr. Ranveer Kumar (Deputy General Manager, IFSCA), Mr. Gopalakrishnan Ramachandran (Chief Legal Officer & Company Secretary, Ver Se Innovation Private Limited), Mr. Ravi Mahto (Assistant Vice President, Tata Sons), Ms. Perna Seerwani (Legal Research Associate at IIM-A, Lawyer), Mr. Gagan Sharma (Vice President of Legal, M&A and Corporate Strategy at Games24x7), Ms. Rosmy Joan (Associate Professor of Law, NALSAR University – International Law, International Trade and Investment Law and Arbitration Law), Mr. Debajyoti Ray Chaudhuri (Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer, National E-Governance Services Ltd) and Mr. Santosh Shukla (Quasi-Judicial Authority and Joint Legal Adviser, Securities and Exchange Board of India).

Additionally, the organisers gratefully acknowledge the support extended by Trilegal, represented by Mr. Yogesh Singh, Partner and Head of Corporate Practice; Mr. Albin Thomas, Partner, Capital Markets; Mr. Shankh Sengupta, Partner, Dispute Resolution and White-Collar Crimes; Mr. Rishi Jain, Partner, Corporate Practice; and Mr. Rohan Kohli, Senior Associate, Trilegal.

The Inaugural Ceremony was honoured by the presence of Mr. Debajyoti Ray Chaudhuri, Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer, National E-Governance Services Ltd, as the Chief Guest.

A key highlight of the Summit was the Round Table Conference on the theme “The Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code (Amendment) Bill, 2025: Key Changes and Emerging Implications.” The session was moderated by the renowned panellists. The Summit concluded with the Valedictory Ceremony, graced by Mr. Santosh Kumar Shukla, followed by the declaration of winners. Anushka Singh was declared the Winner; Tanya Verma and Akshat Puhania secured the Runners-Up positions; and Tushar Umesh Bhoopalam and Shaunak Rohit Wagle were placed as Second Runners-Up. The organisers extend their sincere gratitude to the institutional leadership, including the Faculty In-Charge, Prof. (Dr.) Ghayur Alam and the Vice Chancellor, Prof. (Dr.) S. Surya Prakash, as well as the team at Trilegal, for their constant support and efforts in ensuring the smooth conduct of the event.



5th NLIU - LKS Paralegal Workshop & Training Programme, 2026 (28th February to 01st March 2026)



The workshop was conducted in collaboration with Lakshmikumaran and Sridharan Attorneys (LKS), whose continued association reflects a shared commitment to nurturing practice ready and socially conscious legal professionals.

The two day workshop was designed to strengthen practical legal skills through expert led engagement and structured competitive simulations, with a focused emphasis on legal aid work and client-facing advocacy. The programme featured two major competitive segments: the Paralegal Training Competition (Simulation-Based Client Counselling Exercise) and the Legal Aid Clinic Presentation Competition (Best Practices Presentation). Participation was invited from law students and Legal Aid Clinics across institutions nationwide, and the event witnessed participation from over 40 teams.

The programme was supported by esteemed partners. SCC Online joined as the Knowledge Partner, ensuring academic rigour and research support. While SCC Times came on board as the Media Partner. The Migration & Asylum Project (MAP) collaborated as the Legal Aid Partner, reinforcing the programme's focus on grassroots access to justice. Logistical support was extended by the Chambers of Advocate Sankalp Kochar.

The valuable contributions of the problem drafters were also formally acknowledged during the ceremony.

The propositions were meticulously crafted by Ms. Prashasti Singh (Advocate, Supreme Court of India; Former Convenor, Legal Aid Clinic, 2021- 22), Ms. Payal Dubey (Advocate, Delhi High Court; Former Convenor, Legal Aid Clinic, 2022-23), Ms. Pooja V. (Associate, Cyril Amarchand Mangaldas), Mr. Ujjwal S. (Head, Sharma & Kamp Chambers) and Ms. Vedika Mittal (Counsel, Sharma & Kemp Chambers). Their academic insight and practical experience ensured that the propositions were not only intellectually rigorous but also realistically grounded and reflective of contemporary legal challenges.

The programme concluded with a formal Valedictory Ceremony graced by distinguished dignitaries. The dais was adorned by Mr. Vijay Chandra (Registrar, National Judicial Academy), Adv. Sankalp Kochar (High Court of Madhya Pradesh), Adv. Dr. Om Shrivastava, Adv. Shantanoo Saxena (Managing Partner at Magna Peritus), the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor Prof. (Dr.) S. Surya Prakash, and the Faculty In- Charge, Prof. (Dr.) Bir Pal Singh.

The much awaited results of the competitions were then formally announced by the Joint Convenor, Kushagra Mahajan as under :

- Winners: Ryna Aman and Rushika Shah (BITS Law School)
- Runners-Up: Meenakshi K and Dweepika Sharma (NLIU)
- Best Counsel: Meenakshi K (NLIU)
- Best Written Submission: Lakshita Agarwal and Alefiya Ujjainwala (RGNUL)

The results of Legal Aid Presentation Competition were:

- Winners: Jagran Lakecity University, Bhopal
- Runners-Up: Samruddhi Foundation NGO



2nd NLIU-CLE Dentons Link Legal Certificate Course on Economic Intricacies: Arbitration & Insolvency Proceedings (1st March 2026)

The event was designed to provide participants with a structured and practice-oriented understanding of dispute resolution and insolvency frameworks. The course introduced participants to the legal and economic dimensions of arbitration and insolvency law, with a focus on the Arbitration and Conciliation Act, 1996 and the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code, 2016. Across the sessions, key areas of discussion included valuation issues, creditor rights, restructuring strategies, and the procedural as well as practical aspects of arbitration and insolvency proceedings. Emphasis was placed on integrating legal analysis with financial and commercial considerations, enabling participants to understand how

economic factors influence dispute resolution strategies and insolvency outcomes. The programme also incorporated discussions on real-world case studies, providing insights into contemporary challenges and evolving practices in commercial law. The sessions were conducted by practitioners from Dentons Link Legal, including Abhishek Sharma, Raghav Mittal, Adyasha Patraa, and Pranshul Kulshreshtha. The certificate course was coordinated by Dr. Seema Shrivastava, Chairperson, Centre for Law and Economics. The programme witnessed active participation from students, fostering engaging discussions on contemporary issues in arbitration and insolvency law.



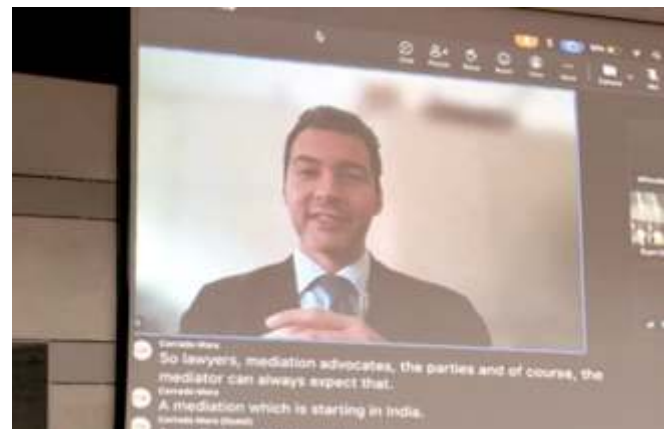
1st NLIU – R.K. Dewan Paper Presentation Conference (7th–8th March 2026)



The conference was aimed to provide a platform for meaningful academic engagement on emerging developments in intellectual property law, particularly in the context of technological innovation, globalisation, and evolving regulatory frameworks. The conference witnessed an overwhelming response from the academic community, receiving more than 60 abstracts from authors representing various universities and institutions. After a careful review process, over 40 authors were selected to present their research papers across thematic

presentation sessions conducted over two days. The presentations covered a wide range of contemporary issues such as commercialization of intellectual property, cross-border IP protection, competition law and market power, and the relationship between innovation and public interest. Each session encouraged constructive academic discussion, allowing presenters to engage with questions and feedback from panelists and fellow participants.

14th NLIU-Trilegal International Mediation Tournament, 2026 (6th-8th March 2026)



This year, the tournament was held in collaboration with Trilegal, one of India's most premier and renowned full-service law firms known for its depth of expertise across corporate advisory, transactional work, and dispute resolution. The Tournament was also supported by Freshfields LLP, a magic circle law firm as the “Friend of the Tournament,” and numerous other organisations including Nyayassist as the Knowledge Partner, PACT as the Mediation Advocacy Partner, and SCCOnline as the Media Partner. With the tiresome rounds coming to an end, the day concluded with the valedictory ceremony. Team Code 10 from National Law University, Delhi was announced as the Winning Team, with Team Code 15 from National University of Singapore being the Runners Up Team. The top 5 participants in the preliminary rounds were also awarded in the following categories: Best Client, Best Counsel, Best Mediator as well as Best Client-Counsel pair.

Labour Law Lecture Series by Prof. (Dr.) S. C. Srivastava (9th March to 12th March 2026)

Prof. (Dr.) S. C. Srivastava is a distinguished academician and an eminent authority in the field of labour and industrial law. With decades of experience in teaching, research, and writing, he has made significant contributions to the development of labour jurisprudence in India. At the NLIU Auditorium, the sessions were attended by students of the VIII semester in large numbers, demonstrating considerable interest and enthusiasm. The lectures created an engaging academic environment and offered students the opportunity to interact with a leading expert in the field.



The lectures focused on the framework of strikes and lockouts under the Industrial Disputes Act, 1947. Prof. Srivastava explained the statutory definition of strikes, emphasizing the importance of collective action, and examined various forms such as go-slow, sit-down, and sympathetic strikes, along with their legal implications. He also discussed lockouts as the employer's corresponding mechanism, highlighting their nature as instruments of economic pressure.

Additionally, the regulatory provisions governing strikes and lockouts, particularly under Sections 22 and 23 of the Act, were briefly examined in light of public interest considerations. The lecture series received a very positive and enthusiastic response from the students. Attendees particularly appreciated the clarity, structure, and depth with which complex legal concepts were explained. Prof. Srivastava's ability to seamlessly integrate statutory provisions with judicial interpretations and contemporary developments made the sessions both insightful and relatable.

Guest Lecture by Mr. Tapas Bhardwaj (11th to 13th March 2026)



The National Law Institute University, Bhopal, hosted a three-day "Human Library" series featuring Mr. Tapas Bhardwaj, a distinguished legal scholar and consultant to the UN and GIZ India. The sessions invited students to "read" Mr. Bhardwaj as a living narrative, exploring his journey of navigating the legal profession with a visual impairment since birth while achieving significant professional heights.

In the Human Rights Law sessions, Mr. Bhardwaj breathed life into foundational instruments, discussing the impact of UDHR on the

constitutions of new states, alongside the practical applications of the Paris Principles, the ICCPR, and the ICESCR. During the Health Law class, he reframed Disability Rights not as an administrative concern, but as a core health mandate. By the end of the series, the classroom moved to a space of genuine empathy and professional inspiration, demonstrating how inclusive advocacy functions in the real world.

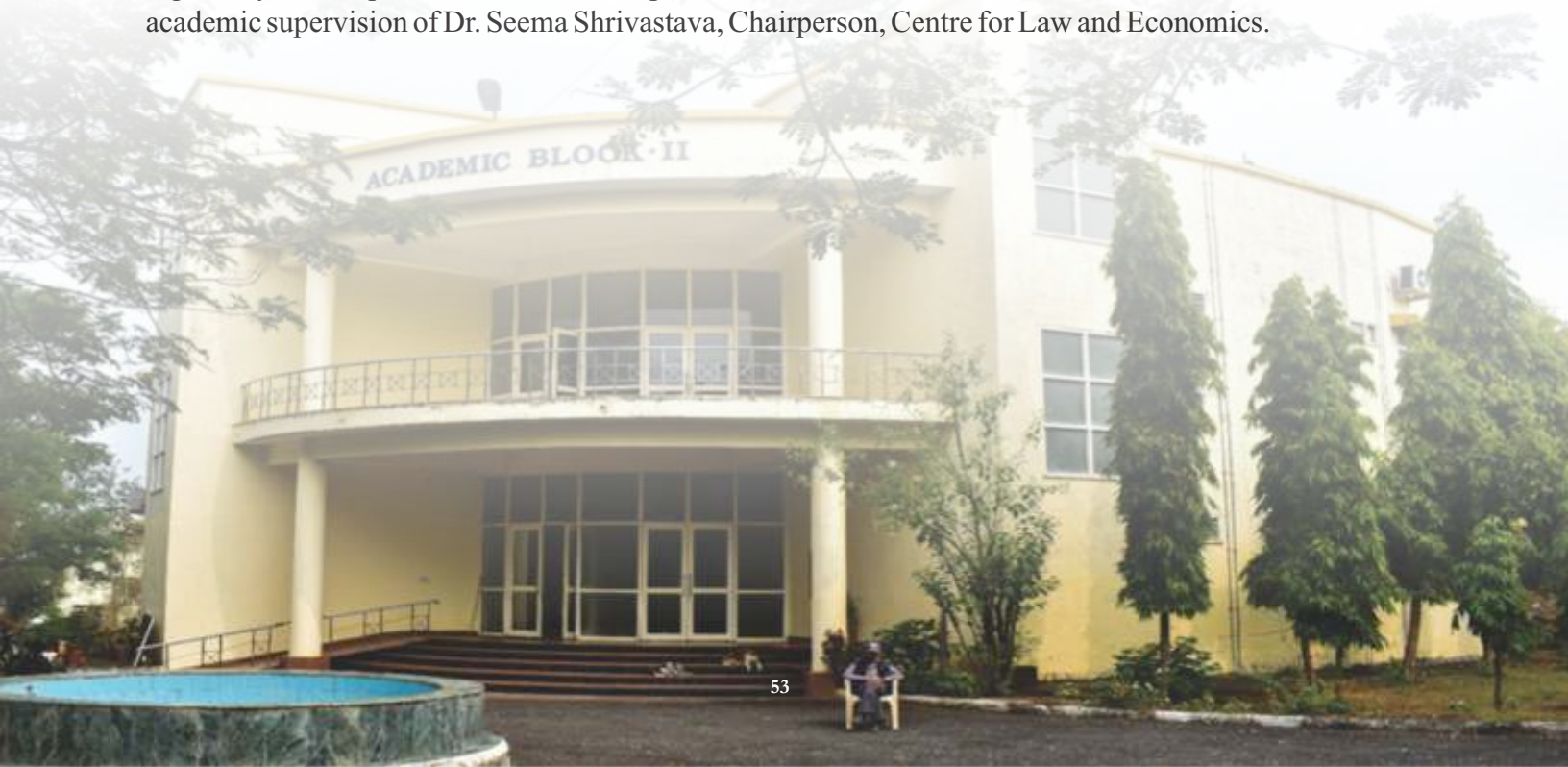
Dr. Ayush Jaiswal, Assistant Professor of Law, coordinated these sessions.

1st NLIU-CLE Lakshmikumaran & Sridharan Certificate Course on Understanding GST: Legal Framework and Economic Implications (14th to 15th March 2026)



The Centre for Law and Economics (CLE) at National Law Institute University, Bhopal (NLIU), in collaboration with Lakshmikumaran & Sridharan, organized a two-day course, which was designed to provide participants with a structured and practice-oriented understanding of the Goods and Services Tax (GST) regime in India.

The course introduced participants to the legal and economic dimensions of indirect taxation, with a focus on the statutory framework governing GST and its practical implementation. Across both days, the sessions covered key aspects such as the structure of GST law, input tax credit mechanisms, compliance requirements, and dispute resolution under the GST framework. The sessions were conducted by Mr. Yogendra Aldak, Executive Partner at Lakshmikumaran & Sridharan, who provided insights into the GST framework and its practical application in complex transactions. Mr. Kunal Kapoor, Associate Partner, contributed by analysing compliance structures and dispute resolution mechanisms under GST law. Mr. Agrim Arora, Associate Partner, discussed emerging issues in indirect taxation and the interplay between regulatory developments and business practices. The certificate course was coordinated under the academic supervision of Dr. Seema Shrivastava, Chairperson, Centre for Law and Economics.



1st NLIU–Trilegal National Article Writing & Presentation Competition on Labour & Employment Laws, 2026 (14th to 15th March 2026)



This landmark event marked CLL's(Centre for Labour Laws) first national competition in partnership with Trilegal, inviting law students and researchers from across the country to engage with critical issues in labour and employment law through rigorous academic writing and oral presentation. The competition stood as a flagship academic initiative of the CLL, meticulously designed to advance meaningful scholarship in the dynamic field of labour and employment law, while fostering analytical rigour, intellectual independence, and informed debate on issues bearing directly upon labour rights, industrial practices, and regulatory governance.

The competition received an outstanding response, with over 100 manuscripts submitted by law students and young researchers from all over the country. Following a comprehensive four-stage double-blind review process conducted by the CLL Editorial Board comprising two rounds of technical scrutiny focused on compliance, structure, and citation accuracy, followed by two substantive content evaluations assessing originality, depth of research, clarity of reasoning, and contribution to discourse — the top shortlisted manuscripts were forwarded to the Labour and Employment Team of Trilegal for expert professional evaluation. Based on this combined rigorous review, the top 12 manuscripts were identified and advanced to Phase II of the competition.

Winners & Runners Up

Category	Name(s)	Institution
Winners	Saakaar Butta & Vaania Bhagat	Jindal Global Law School, O.P. Jindal Global University
1st Runners-Up	Daniel Lijo	National University of Advanced Legal Studies (NUALS), Kochi
2nd Runners-Up	Surya Gayathri & Tejas Sethi	NALSAR University of Law, Hyderabad

Judges — Advanced Rounds

Ms. Veena Gopalakrishnan Partner, Trilegal
Dr. Mona Purohit Dean, Barkatullah University

Judges — Preliminary Rounds

Ms. Archita Mohapatra Senior Associate, Trilegal
Ms. Vinduja Menon Senior Associate, Trilegal
Mr. Atishay Kumar Associate, Trilegal
Ms. Sandhya Swaminathan Associate, Trilegal
Mr. Arpit Sanjar Advocate, Madhya Pradesh High Court
Mr. Amit Pratap Singh Assistant Professor, NLIU Bhopal

Internship Recipients — NLIU – Trilegal National Competition (Interaction Based). – 3



1st NLIU–JSA Certificate Course on Labour & Employment Laws, 2026 (19th to 20th March 2026)



The Centre for Labour Laws proudly conducted the 1st NLIU–JSA Certificate Course on Labour & Employment Laws, 2026, in collaboration with J. Sagar Associates (JSA), a full-service law firm, nationally recognised for its expertise in advising corporates, multinational companies, and public sector undertakings on complex employment law matters, industrial disputes, and regulatory compliance. The

internships offered as part of this course were assessment-based, where participants were evaluated on the quality of their engagement and paper presentations during the programme — making these among the most merit-driven opportunities offered by CLL to date. The course was open to law students in their second year and above, selected through a competitive process involving submission of a CV and Statement of Purpose.

Faculty- Mr. Gerald (Jerry) Manoharan, Equity Partner & Head, Employment & Labour Practice, JSA (Bengaluru) & Mr. Lijin Varughese, Associate, Employment, Labour & Benefits Practice, JSA

First Edition of CRCLP Guest Lecture Series “Antitrust Buzz” Successfully Conducted at NLIU Bhopal (21st March 2026)

The Centre for Research in Competition Law and Policy (CRCLP), NLIU Bhopal, successfully conducted the first edition of its Guest Lecture Series, “Antitrust Buzz,”. The session featured Adv. Aditya Trivedi, who delivered an insightful lecture on antitrust jurisprudence and the evolving intersection of technology and competition law, offering valuable practical perspectives to attendees.

The Centre expresses its sincere gratitude to the speaker for his enriching contribution and for partnering through his podcast, “In Conversation With IPR and Competition Law.” The event witnessed enthusiastic participation from faculty and students, marking a significant milestone for the series.



4th NLIU–Saraf & Partners Certificate Course on Commercial Disputes and Arbitration (21st March 2026)

The 4th edition of the NLIU–Saraf & Partners Certificate Course on Commercial Disputes and Arbitration, organized by the Centre for Business and Commercial Laws, National Law Institute University, was successfully conducted on March 21, 2026. The session was led by Abhishek Swaroop, Partner at Saraf & Partners, with support from Shreya Chandhok, Associate at Saraf & Partners.



The course provided participants with a comprehensive overview of the lifecycle of commercial disputes, beginning with an examination of the procedural stages of a civil suit. The discussion then transitioned into disputes arising from contractual arrangements, with a focus on identifying breach, assessing liability, and understanding the remedies available to parties.

The curriculum further explored the framework of arbitration, detailing the significance of arbitration clauses, their drafting and interpretation, and the role they play in shaping dispute resolution strategy. Drawing upon their experience in handling complex commercial disputes, the instructors provided insights into litigation and arbitration strategy, offering participants a nuanced understanding of real-world dispute resolution.

By integrating doctrinal clarity with practitioner-led insights, the course continues to serve as a vital platform for fostering a deeper understanding of commercial disputes and arbitration among students at NLIU Bhopal.

Guest Lecture by Dr. Shalini Kapoor



The National Law Institute University, Bhopal organised guest lectures for LL.M. students under the Health Law course on the theme of Medical Negligence, delivered by Dr. Shalini Kapoor, on 26-03-2026 and 02-04-2026.

The sessions provided valuable insights into key legal principles, including standards of care, informed consent, and judicial approaches to medical negligence. Through interactive discussions and case-based analysis, students gained a deeper understanding of the subject.

The lectures were well-received and contributed to enhancing the practical and academic engagement of students. The sessions were coordinated by Dr. Ayush Jaiswal, Assistant Professor of Law.

11th NLIU Justice RK Tankha Moot Court Competition (27th to 29th March 2026)



The National Law Institute University (NLIU), Bhopal, successfully conducted the 11th NLIU–Justice R.K. Tankha Memorial International Arbitration Moot, 2026, at the campus, in association with the Office of Mr. Vivek Tankha, Senior Advocate and Member of Rajya Sabha.

Following a rigorous Memorial Qualification Round, the top 40 teams qualified for the Oral Rounds on campus, reflecting the highly competitive nature of the moot. The Oral Rounds comprised two Preliminary Rounds, Quarter-Finals, Semi-Finals, and the Final Round.

The Opening Ceremony was graced by Mr. Shivam Patanjali (Counsel, Singapore International Arbitration Centre); Prof. (Dr.) S Surya Prakash (Vice-Chancellor, NLIU); Prof. (Dr.) Sanjay Yadav (Professor, Dean Post Graduate Studies); and Dr. Padma Singh (Faculty In-Charge, Moot Court Association).



The Final Round was judged by a distinguished bench comprising Hon'ble Mr. Justice Anand Pathak (Judge, High Court of Madhya Pradesh); Hon'ble Dr. Chillakur Sumalatha (Judge, High Court of Karnataka); Mr. Prashant Mishra (Advocate, Supreme Court of India); and Mr. Ankit Goyal (Partner, Reynolds Porter Chamberlain) and Mr. Shivam Patanjali (Counsel, Singapore International Arbitration Centre). The proceedings were marked by incisive questioning and a high standard of advocacy from the competing teams.

The oral rounds were followed by a Valedictory Ceremony graced by the Mr. Varun Tankha (Advocate, Supreme Court of India) and Prof. (Dr.) S Surya Prakash (Vice-Chancellor, NLIU, Bhopal), alongside the esteemed members of the judging panel. The dignitaries reflected on the evolving landscape of international arbitration, the importance of structured advocacy training, and the role of mooting in shaping the next generation of legal professionals.

The Final Round was judged by a distinguished bench comprising Hon'ble Mr. Justice Anand Pathak The Prize Distribution Ceremony concluded the competition, with the following results:

- Winners (Rs. 1,15,000/-): ILS Law College, Pune (Team Sodium);
Prakhar Pandey, Madhur Tiwari, Sudhanshu Gupta, Parth Ashish Jadhav
- Runners-Up (Rs. 50,000/-): Tamil Nadu National Law University (Team Zinc);
Sakthi Palanichamy, Hussain Topiwala, Krishna M, Mahesh D
- Best Speaker – Final Rounds (Rs. 15,000/-): Madhur Tiwari, ILS Law College, Pune (Team Sodium)
- Best Oralist – Preliminary Rounds (Rs. 15,000/-): Mr. Kisna Mittal, RGNUL, Patiala
- 2nd Best Oralist – Preliminary Rounds: Ms. Swapna Haridas, Symbiosis Law School, Hyderabad
- 3rd Best Oralist – Preliminary Rounds: Ms. Sakhi Sharma, NUSRL, Ranchi
- Best Memorial – Claimant Side (Rs. 15,000/-): ILS Law College, Pune (Team Sodium);
Prakhar Pandey, Madhur Tiwari, Sudhanshu Gupta, Parth Ashish Jadhav
- 2nd Best Memorial – Claimant Side: National Law School of India University, Bangalore (Team Lithium);
Jai Kumar Bohara, Arnav Maheshwari, Alka Khangembam, Aditya Gautam Ankhad
- 3rd Best Memorial – Claimant Side: Symbiosis Law School, Pune (Team Nitrogen);
Shreeharsha GP Bhat, Tejas Paliwal, Shreevathsa GP Bhat, Preet Chawla
- Best Memorial – Respondent Side (Rs. 15,000/-): ILS Law College, Pune (Team Sodium);
Prakhar Pandey, Madhur Tiwari, Sudhanshu Gupta, Parth Ashish Jadhav
- 2nd Best Memorial – Respondent Side: Institute of Law, Nirma University (Team Cobalt);
Alok Pandey, Kriti Mehta, Akshay Nasi, Shubhangi Sinha
- 3rd Best Memorial – Respondent Side: NFSU, Gandhinagar (Team Calcium);
Jatin Narula, Guriya, Ayush Mishra

The various awardees shall be getting internships at Reynolds Porter Chamberlain LLP, Singapore International Arbitration Centre (SIAC) and Dua Associates.



Advocacy Training Programme by MCA (28th March 2026)



The Moot Court Association of the National Law Institute University (NLIU), Bhopal, successfully organised the 1st NLIU Advocacy Training Programme Workshop on Arbitration Law, 2026, with the objective of equipping participants with practical insights into arbitration and enhancing their advocacy skills. The workshop was structured into three substantive sessions, each focusing on a critical phase of arbitration. The first session, titled Pre-Arbitration Strategy and Commencement of Arbitration, was delivered by Mr. Shivam Patanjali (Counsel at the Singapore International Arbitration Centre) and Mr. Akash Gupta (Associate Professor at Jindal Global Law School). The session provided valuable insights into strategic considerations prior to initiating arbitration, along with procedural aspects involved in commencing arbitral proceedings.

The second session, titled M&A in Arbitration: Conduct of Arbitration Proceedings, was conducted by Mr. Siddharth Raja (Executive Dean at Vinayaka Mission's Law School and Professor of Practice at the National Law School of India University, Bengaluru) and Mr. Vikash Kumar Jha (Partner at Cyril Amarchand Mangaldas and Advocate-on-Record at the Supreme Court of India). The speakers engaged participants with nuanced discussions on the conduct of arbitration proceedings, advocacy techniques, and the interplay between arbitration and corporate transactions.

The third session, titled Post-Award Remedies and Enforcement, was delivered by Mr. Varun K. Chopra (Managing Partner at VKC Law Offices) and Mr. Gauhar Mirza (Partner at Saraf and Partners). This session focused on post-award mechanisms, including enforcement of arbitral awards and remedies available to parties, while also addressing practical challenges encountered in arbitration practice.

1st NLIU–Luthra & Luthra Law Offices India Certificate Course on Labour & Employment Law Across Transactions & Disputes, 2026 (3rd and 4th April 2026)

The event was attended by students from NLIU and peer institutions, and offered one of the most comprehensive introductions to transactional and litigious dimensions of Labour Law available at any law school in India.

This two-day intensive programme uniquely established Labour and Employment Law within the real world commercial contexts. The curriculum covered India's foundational labour law framework and the new consolidated Labour Codes, and explored their application across M&A transactions, digital workplaces, intellectual property concerns in employment settings, and industrial disputes resolution. Special sessions addressed workforce integration during corporate transactions, the regulatory treatment of gig and platform economy workers and the evolving dispute resolution landscape. From employment structuring in transactions and due diligence frameworks, to litigation strategy in labour disputes the course captured the full spectrum of contemporary challenges.

Faculty Panel

Mr. Harish Kumar | Senior Partner, Luthra & Luthra Law Offices India

Mr. Rajeev Rambhatla | Partner, Luthra & Luthra Law Offices India

Mr. Vikash Kukreti | Partner, Luthra & Luthra Law Offices India

Mr. Vipin Sharma | Partner, Luthra & Luthra Law Offices India

Mr. Zeeshan A. Khan | Partner, Luthra & Luthra Law Offices India

Mr. Sidhaant Jain | Associate, Luthra & Luthra Law Offices India



1st NLIU National Symposium on Securities Law and Capital Markets, 2026 (4th to 5th April 2026)



The Centre for Financial Markets and Regulatory Systems successfully organized the 1st National Symposium on Securities Law and Capital Markets, 2026 on 4th to 5th April 2026. Conceived as the flagship academic initiative of the Centre, the Symposium aimed to promote informed discourse on emerging issues in securities regulation and capital markets while fostering engagement between academia and industry. The event was conducted in knowledge partnership with Cyril Amarchand Mangaldas, whose association significantly strengthened the professional and academic depth of the Symposium.

The Symposium witnessed an encouraging response from law students and researchers across the country. The Centre received a total of 67 paper submissions, out of which 38 papers were shortlisted following a rigorous review process. These shortlisted teams were invited to present their research across three parallel technical sessions, each evaluated by distinguished academicians and practitioners.

The thematic scope of the Symposium included emerging and critical areas such as the proposed Securities Code, Infrastructure Investment Trusts (InvITs), Real Estate Investment Trusts (REITs), and the evolving dynamics of primary and secondary capital markets.

Panel details:

- Mr. Abhinav Kumar, Partner, Talwar Thakore and Associates
- Mr. Reuben Chacko, Partner, Cyril Amarchand Mangaldas
- Mr. Ravi Dubey, Partner, Cyril Amarchand Mangaldas
- Mr. Saswat Mohanty, Partner, Luthra and Luthra Law Offices

Following the final round, awards were conferred in recognition of excellence:

- Best Presenter: Khushi Kalyani Gautam and Suhana (HNLU)
- Second Best Presenter: Yash Arjariya and Ayush Tiwari (HNLU)
- Best Paper: Kyra Mehra and Ananya Rakheja (O.P. Jindal Global University)

The Symposium successfully provided a platform for meaningful academic exchange, bridging theoretical scholarship with practical insights from the legal profession.

4th NLIU-India Foundation Constitutional Law Symposium 2026 (4th to 5th April 2026)



Organized by Manthan – Centre for Knowledge and Policy Discussion NLIU, Bhopal in collaboration with India Foundation, the symposium was successfully conducted as a focused academic event dedicated to advancing discourse in constitutional law. The symposium provided a platform for students, researchers, academicians, and legal professionals to engage with contemporary legal challenges and contribute to scholarly dialogue.

Centred around the theme “Intersection of Constitutional Law and Technology,” the symposium highlighted the growing influence of technology on constitutional principles and governance. Participants explored a range of relevant issues including digital justice systems, data privacy, artificial intelligence in law enforcement, and the protection of fundamental rights in an increasingly digital society.

The rigorous review process ensured that only the most deserving papers were selected for presentation, maintaining a high academic standard throughout the event. Overall, the symposium was marked by strong participation, high-quality research presentations, and an engaging academic environment. Building on this success, the organizers look forward to hosting many more such impactful editions in the future, with even greater participation and continued academic excellence.

1st NLIU National Parliamentary and Constitutional Colloquium (6th and 7th April, 2026)



The Centre for Parliamentary Studies, in collaboration with the Manthan Centre for Knowledge & Policy Discussion, successfully organised the 1st NLIU National Parliamentary and Constitutional Colloquium on 6th and 7th April 2026. Conceived as a first-of-its-kind academic initiative, the colloquium brought together students from across the country to engage with the functioning of India's constitutional democracy through legislative, executive, and judicial perspectives.

The event featured five flagship competitions: the National Youth Parliament (AIPPM and Lok Sabha), Constitutional Law Quiz, Policy Drafting and Presentation Competition, Legislative Drafting and Presentation Competition, and Judgement Writing Competition. Through these simulations and competitions, participants demonstrated analytical thinking, legislative drafting, policy innovation, parliamentary deliberation, and judicial reasoning.

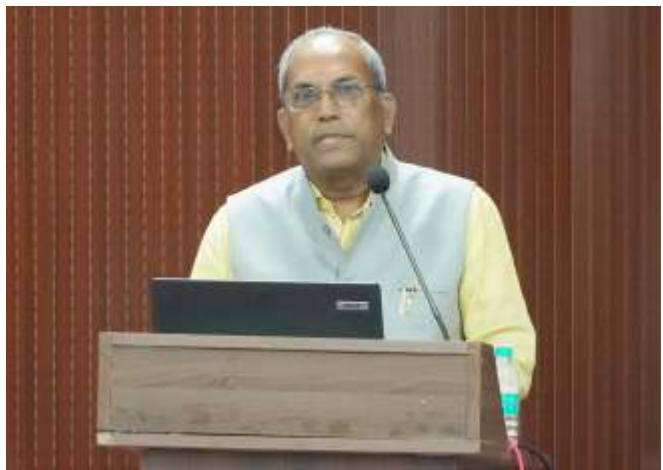
The colloquium served as a vibrant platform for academic exchange and practical learning, fostering a deeper appreciation of constitutional values, democratic institutions, and public policy while strengthening participants' advocacy, research, and governance skills.

Faculty Development Programme (30th June to 04th July 2026)



The event was organized at the Rajiv Gandhi National Cyber Law Centre, NLIU Bhopal. The programme witnessed participation of distinguished academicians and eminent experts who delivered insightful sessions on various contemporary legal and academic issues. The eminent resource persons included Prof. (Dr.) V. Vijayakumar, Former Vice Chancellor, NLIU Bhopal; Prof. (Dr.) G. S. Bajpai, Vice Chancellor, NLU Delhi; Prof. (Dr.) B. T. Kaul, Former Chairman, Delhi Judicial Academy; Prof. (Dr.) V. K. Ahuja, Director, Indian Law Institute, New Delhi; Prof. (Dr.) T. V. Subba Rao, Former Professor, NLSIU Bengaluru; Prof. (Dr.) Amitabh Pande, Director, IGRMS Bhopal; Prof. (Dr.) Amitabh Deo Kodwani, Indian Institute of Management, Indore; Prof. (Dr.) Zargham Haidar, Former Professor, NITTTR Bhopal; Prof. (Dr.) Krishan Mahajan, Distinguished Professor, NLIU Bhopal; and Prof. (Dr.) K. V. Kumar, Visiting Professor, NLIU Bhopal.

The programme was attended by the faculty members of NLIU Bhopal, who actively participated in the interactive sessions, deliberations, and discussions. It provided a valuable platform for academic enrichment, exchange of ideas, and professional development, thereby strengthening the University's commitment to excellence in legal education and research.



During the Valedictory Ceremony, Hon'ble Shri Justice Vivek Agarwal, Judge, High Court of Madhya Pradesh, graced the occasion as the Chief Guest, while Shri Mukesh Kumar, Secretary, Law and Legislative Department, Government of Madhya Pradesh, was present as the Guest of Honour. They distributed mementoes and certificates to the faculty members who successfully participated in the Faculty Development Programme (FDP), recognizing their active participation and successful completion of the programme.



Celebrating Sports, Culture, and Student Engagement (1st January – 30th June 2026)

4th Box Cricket League, which took place from (15th to 19th January, 2026)

National Law Institute University (NLIU) Sports Committee organized the 4th Box Cricket League, which was an intense and competitive celebration of college cricket. Over the course of five days, the competition brought together students, faculty, and non-teaching staff, bringing the NLIU community together through rivalry, resilience, and a passion for the game.

Teams went into every game with a purpose, which led to intense battles, fluctuating momentum, and performances that put skill and poise to the test. Malana Camp Association (MCA), Chambal Gladiators, WHTT, and TRP were the top four teams at the end of the league stage, earning their spots in the playoffs via steady and disciplined play.

The event reached its pinnacle on January 19th when MCA faced TRP in the Final. TRP finished an outstanding season as runners-up after fighting through the playoff stages, while MCA maintained control and poise to win the 4th NLIU Box Cricket League in a closely contested game of cricket.



Community Games 2026 (20th and 21st January 2026)

Spread over two engaging days, the event brought together students, faculty members, administrative staff, and their families, reinforcing the spirit of participation and togetherness that defines the NLIU community. With a diverse mix of competitive sports and light-hearted games, the Community Games celebrated not just skill and performance, but also inclusivity and camaraderie across age groups. The events were broadly divided into Adult Events and Children's Events, ensuring enthusiastic participation from all sections of the NLIU community.



Alumini Meet (24th to 25th January 2026)



The VII NLIU Alumni Meet was organized with the aim of improving alumni engagement, promoting academic interaction, and strengthening institutional bonding between alumni, students, and faculty members.

The event kicked off in the evening of 24th January with an Alumni Sports Meet, where the alumni actively engaged in sports such as chess and badminton. The day ended with a Social Night at the Convention Centre, including performances by the alumni, with cherished memories that allowed the reconnection with old friends, faculty and their alma mater.

The second day of the Alumni Meet, started with a plantation drive, showcasing the institution's dedication to environmental sustainability and social responsibility.

Later the formal event began with the felicitation of the alumni, recognizing their success in their chosen field of practice and their continued association with the institution. This was followed by cultural events such as a musical medley by Roobaroo, Music Club, and a dance performance by Razzmatazz, Dance Club.

One of the major academic events of the programme was the Common Law Method lecture conducted by Prof. Dr. Ghayur Alam. The lecture was a representation of his well-known teaching style, focusing on critical thinking, analytical skills, and exposure to the fundamental principles of law.

A felicitation ceremony was also organized for the faculty members in recognition for their scholarly impact to legal education and the development of the institution. The meet came to an end with a common lunch at the Guest House, fostering ties among the alumni, faculty, and students by opening a pathway.



Republic Day Celebration 2026 (26th January 2026)



Republic Day Celebration – NLIU Bhopal

The 77th Republic Day was celebrated with great enthusiasm on 26th January 2026 at the NLIU campus. The national flag was hoisted by the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, Prof. (Dr.) S. Surya Prakash, who addressed the gathering and highlighted the significance of the day, emphasizing the values of the Constitution and national unity.

The celebration witnessed vibrant cultural performances by students, faculty members, and staff, reflecting the spirit of patriotism. The event concluded with a prize distribution ceremony, where students, staff, and children of faculty and staff were felicitated for their active participation in various competitions organized by the Sports Committee.



Prof. (Dr.) S. Surya Prakash, Vice Chancellor, NLIU, Bhopal, and Shri Vivek Bakshi, Registrar, NLIU, Bhopal, presented prizes and certificates to the children of NLIU staff members in recognition of their outstanding performances in various sporting events conducted during the Community Games organized by the Sports Committee of NLIU, Bhopal.

7th NLIU Futsal League (27th to 31st January 2026)

The National Law Institute University (NLIU) Sports Committee organized the 7th NLIU Futsal League, which was an exhilarating and competitive celebration that brought together students in a test of skill, speed, and teamwork. Over the course of five days, the competition united the NLIU community through thrilling matches, tactical brilliance, and an unwavering passion for the



beautiful game. The tournament began with a high-energy player auction, where team managers strategically built their squads, selecting players who would carry their ambitions forward. The matches were characterized by swift footwork, strategic formations, and moments of individual brilliance that kept spectators on the edge of their seats.

3rd NLIU 3x3 Basketball League (2nd to 6th February 2026)



Organized by the Sports Committee of NLIU, the league was held at NLIU Basketball Court daily from 04:00 PM onwards. The mixed-category tournament brought together talented players from across the university. The event aimed to foster sportsmanship,

teamwork, and healthy competition while encouraging greater student participation in campus sports.

A total of eight teams comprising 35 players competed in the league. The tournament followed a competitive structure consisting of a round-robin league stage with 28 matches, followed by IPL style playoffs featuring the top teams. Each match lasted 12 minutes, with teams earning two points per win.

The league not only strengthened camaraderie among students but also elevated the competitive basketball culture at NLIU. The fast-paced 3x3 format kept both players and spectators engaged, making the event a memorable sporting experience.

Spic Macay (28th FEBRUARY 2026)



In fulfillment of the National Task Force (NTF) recommendations, NLIU Bhopal organized a cultural evening on February 28, 2026, at the University Convention Centre. This event was organised by a team of students under the guidance of Dr. Ayush Jaiswal, Assistant Professor of Law, to foster a more supportive and creative campus environment. The highlight of the evening was a powerful performance of the legendary Chhattisgarhi folk play, Charandas Chor, presented in collaboration with SPIC MACAY by the acclaimed artists of Naya Theatre. The performance featured a vibrant blend of traditional Chhattisgarhi folk music and acting, offering students, faculty, and staff deep insights into honesty, morality, and social structures.



2nd NLIU Premier League, 2026 (6th to 7th March 2026)

The Sports Committee of National Law Institute University successfully organized the 2nd NLIU Premier League, 2026, a vibrant cricket tournament that celebrated teamwork, sportsmanship, and competitive excellence within the university community.

The competition featured three teams—Babu Blasters XI, No Mercy XI, and Devansh Daredevils—led by their respective captains, Yash Patidar, Ayush Pandey, and Devansh Raghuwanshi. Conducted in a round-robin format, the tournament provided each team with an opportunity to compete across multiple matches, showcasing strategic gameplay, exceptional batting displays, and disciplined bowling performances.

The event commenced with an entertaining exhibition match between the Faculty and Students teams. The Students team secured a six-wicket victory, with Sumit Mishra delivering a remarkable performance and earning the Player of the Match title for his explosive batting contribution.

The league stage witnessed several closely fought contests, with standout performances from players such as Kshitij Choudhary of No Mercy XI and Nitesh Prasad, Rahul Chib, and Pranay Chothmal of Babu Blasters XI. Their impressive all-round performances significantly contributed to their teams' success and added to the competitive spirit of the tournament.

The tournament culminated in an exciting final between No Mercy XI and Babu Blasters XI. Demonstrating exceptional teamwork, composure, and tactical execution, No Mercy XI emerged victorious to clinch the championship title of the 2nd NLIU Premier League, 2026.

The successful organization of the tournament further strengthened the spirit of unity and sportsmanship among members of the NLIU fraternity, making the event a memorable addition to the university's sporting calendar.



Training Session on Psychological First Aid (23rd March 2026)



A specialised training session on Psychological First Aid was conducted at National Law Institute University. Dr. Anita Puri Singh, HOD Psychology Department, MLB College, Bhopal and Consultant psychologist, Chirayu Hospital, was invited as a Guest Speaker. The session was designed specifically for faculty, wardens, and superintendents, essentially individuals that serve as primary point of contact for students. The aim of the session was to provide tools for immediate emotional and practical support in the aftermath of distressing setbacks that may be experienced unexpectedly by students. The training emphasized that the initial response of teaching and non teaching staff is crucial in stabilizing a student's mental state and preventing further psychological harm. A central theme of Dr. Singh's presentation was the cultivation of a deep sense of belongingness and security. Discussion focused on the "Look, Listen, Link" framework, which prioritizes observing for distress, listening to immediate needs, and connecting the individual to further resources. By focusing on safety and comfort first, staff can help restore a student's sense of control, which is often the first thing lost during a distressing event.

The training also delved into the nuances of empathetic communication, teaching staff how to be supportive without becoming intrusive. Dr. Singh highlighted the importance of active listening and the "power of presence," where simply being with a student is often more effective than offering unsolicited advice or asking for exhaustive details of a setback. Participants practiced techniques for validating a student's feelings and providing a "psychological bandage" that respects personal boundaries. This balanced approach ensures that students feel genuinely supported and understood, rather than interrogated, fostering a culture of trust between the student body and the university administration.



The NLIU Cup 2026 (31st March to 3rd April 2026)



The National Law Institute University (NLIU) Sports Committee organized the NLIU Cup, 2026 - a grand multi-sport celebration that brought together students across batches in a spirited test of athletic skill, endurance, and competitive excellence.

The event featured teams representing Batches of 2026, 2027, 2028, 2029, and 2030, along with the PG contingent and MCLIS, each competing with fierce determination across seventeen sporting categories.

The NLIU Cup offered every student a platform to showcase their athletic prowess, regardless of the discipline, making it one of the most inclusive and eagerly anticipated events in NLIU's sporting calendar.

Sport	Winner	Runner - up
Pool	Batch of 2027	Batch of 2028
Snooker	Batch of 2027	PG
Table Tennis	Batch of 2028	Batch of 2027
Badminton	Batch of 2027	Batch of 2029
Chess	Batch of 2028	Batch of 2027
Futsal	Batch of 2028	Batch of 2029
Tug of War (Men)	Batch of 2029	Batch of 2030
Tug of War (Women)	Batch of 2030	PG
Cricket	Batch of 2026	Batch of 2027
Volleyball	Batch of 2026	Batch of 2027
Tennis (Men)	Batch of 2029	Batch of 2027
Tennis (Women)	Batch of 2027	Batch of 2030
Powerlifting (Men)	Batch of 2027	Batch of 2028
Powerlifting (Women)	Batch of 2028	Batch of 2030
Powerlifting (Men – Open)	Batch of 2028	MCLIS
Basketball	Batch of 2027	Batch of 2026



NLIU Organizes Specialized CPR Training for Health Law Students (4th April 2026)



In alignment with the National Task Force (NTF) recommendations for student well-being, Assistant Professor Dr. Ayush Jaiswal, alongside Dr. Shalini Kapoor, organized a specialized CPR training session for Health Law students. Conducted by a distinguished medical team from Sagar Multispeciality Hospital, Bhopal- including Dr. Aditya Agrawal, Dr. Mahesh Kurwe, Mr. Rajendra Tiwari, and Ms. Anita, the workshop bridged the gap between legal theory and life-saving practice.

By equipping students with these essential skills, the initiative significantly enhanced the safety and security of the NLIU residential community. This hands-on training reinforced the university's commitment to fostering a prepared, holistic, and secure educational environment for all residents and scholars.

Kritagya 2026 (8th April 2026)



The National Law Institute University, Bhopal, witnessed a vibrant celebration of student leadership, talent, and dedication as the Student Bar Association (SBA) successfully hosted the annual felicitation ceremony, Kritagya, on 8th April 2026. True to its name, which signifies deep gratitude, the event served as a formal avenue to acknowledge the relentless hard work, academic brilliance, and consistent extracurricular achievements displayed by the student community throughout the academic year. The highlight of the event was the presentation of the custom Kritagya award plaques and certificates. Special commendations were presented to the university's mooting teams, alternative dispute resolution (ADR) participants, and legal researchers who secured major accolades and published notable works in reputed law journals. Furthermore, the SBA took the opportunity to explicitly thank campus sports stars, creative arts achievers, and student representatives serving on various institutional cells and committees for their administrative leadership. By honoring these diverse triumphs, Kritagya 2026 reaffirmed NLIU's enduring commitment to fostering top-tier legal minds and holistic student development.

Rangmanch 2026: A Celebration of Talent and Cultural Spirit at NLIU (12th April 2026)



Rangmanch, a vibrant cultural event organized by Athena—the Cultural Cell of NLIU Bhopal—was held with great enthusiasm and participation. The event witnessed students from various batches coming together to showcase their talents through an array of performances, including dance, music, and group acts.

The evening was marked by energy, creativity, and a strong sense of community, as participants and the audience alike immersed themselves in the festivities. Rangmanch not only provided a platform for artistic expression but also strengthened the cultural fabric of the university, making it a memorable and engaging experience for all.

Farewell Ceremony for LL.M. Batch of 2026 at NLIU (17th April 2026)



The Farewell Ceremony for the LL.M. Batch of 2026 was organized by NLIU Bhopal under the guidance of Faculty In-Charge Dr. Ayush Jaiswal. The event commenced with the presentation of a memento to the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, Prof. (Dr.) S. Surya Prakash, as a gesture of respect and gratitude. The ceremony was a heartfelt occasion marked by reflections, appreciation, and warm wishes for the graduating batch. Faculty members and students shared their experiences and extended their best wishes to the LL.M. graduates as they prepare to embark on their professional journeys. The event concluded on a memorable note, celebrating the achievements and contributions of the batch.



Farewell Ceremony for BA LL.B. Batch of 2026: A Fond Send-off (18th April 2026)



The Farewell Ceremony for the BA LL.B. Batch of 2026 was thoughtfully organized by the junior students, marking a heartfelt conclusion to the seniors' journey at NLIU Bhopal. The event was filled with a blend of emotions as juniors expressed their gratitude and admiration through speeches, performances, and engaging activities. Seniors fondly reminisced about their time at the university, sharing experiences, lessons, and aspirations for the future. The evening fostered a sense of camaraderie and nostalgia, celebrating the achievements and contributions of the graduating batch while wishing them success in their future endeavours.

International Yoga Day (21st June 2026)



On 21st June 2026, the National Law Institute University (NLIU), Bhopal, organized the Yoga Sangam programme to commemorate the 12th International Day of Yoga. The event brought together ten participants, including staff members and children, who enthusiastically joined the celebration to promote physical fitness, mental well-being, and a healthy lifestyle. The programme began with a brief introduction to the significance of International Day of Yoga and the importance of incorporating yoga into daily life. Participants then assembled in the activity hall, where trained instructors guided them through a series of warm-up exercises, breathing techniques, stretching movements, and traditional yoga postures. The session included standing, balancing, and flexibility exercises that encouraged discipline, concentration, and relaxation. Everyone actively participated and followed the demonstrations with great enthusiasm. The event created a positive atmosphere in which participants of different age groups could practice together while supporting and motivating one another. The gathering also highlighted the value of yoga in reducing stress, improving posture, enhancing physical strength, and maintaining mental balance. Beyond its health benefits, the programme strengthened the sense of community within the university by encouraging teamwork, mutual respect, and collective participation. The presence of both staff members and children made the event more inclusive and reflected the spirit of togetherness promoted by the International Day of Yoga. The successful conduct of Yoga Sangam at NLIU, Bhopal, demonstrated the institution's commitment to promoting holistic well-being and healthy living. The event concluded with a group photograph and words of appreciation for all participants and organizers. Overall, the programme served as an inspiring reminder that regular yoga practice contributes to a healthier body, a calmer mind, and a more balanced lifestyle. The enthusiastic participation of all ten attendees made the event meaningful and memorable, encouraging everyone to continue practicing yoga beyond the celebration and to inspire others to adopt healthy habits in their daily lives.

VISITS



Prof. (Dr.) S. Surya Prakash attended the National Conference on the Functioning & Governance of National Law Universities held at the National Judicial Academy (NJA), Bhopal on May 17, 2026. The conference was organized by the Consortium of National Law Universities and marked a significant gathering of eminent members of the Indian judiciary and legal academia. The conference was chaired by Hon'ble Shri Justice Surya Kant, Hon'ble Chief Justice of India.



Hon'ble Shri Justice Dipankar Datta, Judge, Supreme Court of India; Hon'ble Justice Harish Tandon, Chief Justice, Orissa High Court; Prof. (Dr.) S. Surya Prakash, Vice Chancellor, National Law Institute University, Bhopal; and Prof. (Dr.) Faizan Mustafa, Vice Chancellor, Chanakya National Law University, Patna.

VISITS



Prof. (Dr.) S. Surya Prakash, Vice Chancellor, NLIU, Bhopal, felicitated Hon'ble Shri Justice Sanjeev Sachdeva, Judge, Supreme Court of India.



Prof. (Dr.) S. Surya Prakash, Vice Chancellor, NLIU, Bhopal, felicitated Hon'ble Shri Justice Pankaj Mithal, Judge, Supreme Court of India.

VISITS



Hon'ble Shri Justice Soumen Sen, Chief Justice, High Court of Kerala
with Prof. (Dr.) S. Surya Prakash, Vice Chancellor, National Law Institute University,
Bhopal., Prof. (Dr.) K. V. S. Sarma, Vice-chancellor, NLUJA Assam



Prof. (Dr.) S. Surya Prakash, Vice Chancellor, National Law Institute University (NLIU), Bhopal, participated in the 23rd Annual Asian Law Institute (ASLI) Conference on the theme, "Empowering Asia's Rise: Legal Knowledge for Sustainability, Justice and Regional Integration," held during 3rd to 4th June 2026. The conference brought together distinguished legal scholars and academicians from across Asia. He was joined by Prof. (Dr.) G. S. Bajpai, Vice Chancellor, National Law University, Delhi; Prof. (Dr.) Manwendra Kumar Tiwari, Professor, Chanakya National Law University; Dr. Swati Singh Parmar, Associate Professor, Chanakya National Law University; Dr. Krati Rajoria, Associate Professor, NLIU, Bhopal; along with other eminent academicians.

VISITS



Prof. (Dr.) S. Surya Prakash was felicitated by Dr. Vineet Kapoor during SAMBAL 2026, a two-day Social Work and Community Policing Forum



Prof. (Dr.) S. Surya Prakash attended the Inaugural Ceremony of the Training Program at CAPT as the Chief Guest

VISITS



Prof. (Dr.) S. Surya Prakash attended the 15th Convocation of West Bengal National University of Juridical Sciences on January 18, 2026, presided over by Hon'ble Shri Justice Surya Kant, CJI, with Justice Sujoy Paul, Chief Justice, Calcutta High Court and other distinguished legal dignitaries in attendance.



Prof. (Dr.) S. Surya Prakash attended the National Conference 2026 at the Institute of Law & Legal Studies, SAGE University Indore, as a Distinguished Speaker, alongside Hon'ble Justice Pawan Kumar Dwivedi (Judge, High Court of MP), Adv. Abhinav Dhanodkar, Dr. Ankur Saxena (Pro Vice Chancellor), Prof. (Dr.) Vishal Sharma (Head, ILLS), and other esteemed dignitaries.

VISITS



Prof. (Dr.) S. Surya Prakash attended “Oriental TechHack 2.0 – A National Level Hackathon” as the Chief Guest, organized by the Oriental Institute of Science and Technology, Bhopal. He was joined by the Guest of Honour, Mr. Dharmendra Koshtha, along with esteemed guests Mr. Saurabh Nirmale and Mr. Rahul Rajat Singh.



Prof. (Dr.) S. Surya Prakash attended Alumini Meet, at Law College, Andhra University Visakhapatnam

VISITS



Prof. (Dr.) S. Surya Prakash was felicitated by Dr. Meena Rajesh, Vice Chancellor of GHRU, Saikheda, during the 7th Convocation Ceremony held at GHRU, Saikheda.



Prof. (Dr.) S. Surya Prakash was felicitated at "Annual Festival cum Literary Festival" Nirdaliya Prakashan Publication, at Gandhi Bhawan, Bhopal

FACULTY PUBLICATIONS



Dr. Sushma Sharma
Associate Professor

Publications :

- Chapter in a book Titled-'Steering Through the Legal Paradoxes of Sexual and Reproductive Health Rights' Published in the Book titled- Contours of JUSTICE AND PUBLIC HEALTH
Intersections of Law, Rights and Policy, Edited by, Komal Vig and Rajinder Kaur Randhawa, Published on 06th May 2026 Format Paperback, Edition 1st, Pages 318 ISBN: 9789369521531, Imprint Bloomsbury Quest, Publisher Bloomsbury Publishing India Pvt. Ltd



Ms. Neha Sharma
Assistant Professor

Publication :

- Research paper titled " Digital Market and Competition Law in India: A Critical Analysis with Specific Reference to the Digital Competition Bill, 2024" was accepted in April 2026 for publication in the Journal of Indian Law Institute (ILI) ISSN No. 0019- 5731.



Dr. Vijay Singh
Assistant Professor

Publication :

- Co-authored in research paper titled "Similarity in Musical Compositions and Copyright Infringement: An Analysis" in a Seminar Proceeding named, Musical Work and Copyright in the Digital Era: Navigating Innovations, Protection, and Policy, ISBN- 978-81-966846-6-2, Vol. 6, 2026.
- Co-authored in research paper titled "An Analysis of Tribal's Interest under IP Laws: An Indian Perspective" in a Journal of, NLIU Journal of Intellectual Property Law, ISSN- 2394-6148, 2025.



Seema Shrivastava
Assistant Professor

Publications :

- Paper published in Gujarat Journal of Law and Economics (Scopus Indexed). Paper Titled - Regulating Market Power: An Empirical and Legal Analysis of Anti-Competitive Practices in India's Pharmaceutical Sector. Link: <https://doi.org/10.69893/gjle.2025.000080>
- Published an edited volume titled "Law and Economics in India: Market Governance, Digital Change, and Inclusive Growth" has been published by CSMFL Publications (indexed with EBSCO Information Services, Google books, Crossref, Google play books). The book is available at



Dr. Astitwa Bhargava
Assistant Professor

Publication :

- Co-authored a Book Chapter, “Future of AI in Cognitive Disease Diagnosis and Healthcare”, in the edited Book, “The Role of Generative AI in Cognitive Diseases Diagnosis, Treatment Planning, and Future Healthcare”, Springer Nature Publication, Switzerland, 2026, (Scopus Indexed), ISBN: 978-3-032-18781-9 (hardcover)/ ISBN: 978-3-032-18782-6 (e-book).
 - Co-authored a Research Paper, “Digital Evidence in Indian Criminal Law: Admissibility and Authenticity under the BSA, 2023” in an Indian Journal of Law and Legal Research, ISSN: 2582-8878, Volume-7, Issue-5, October 2025 (Peer-reviewed).
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Dr. Amitesh Rajput
Assistant Professor

Publications :

- Paper title: Early round detection Protocols: Strategies against Untargeted adversarial attacks in federated learning Network Journal name: Computer Networks, Elsevier (SCIE and SCOPUS Indexed) Date of Publication: April 2026
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Dr. Srishti Chaturvedi
Assistant Professor

Publication :

- Edited Book titled "Law and Economics in India: Market Governance, Digital Change, and Inclusive Growth" - published by CSMFL Publications (indexed with EBSCO Information Services, Google books, Crossref, Google play books)- ISBN-978-93-49926-73-8 (hbk), 978-93-49926-14-1 (ebk),

Student Achievements

MCA Achievements



A team, comprising of Kanishk Goyal, Pranav Goel, Harris Ahmad, Shubh Agarwal, Vibodh Singh and Survepalli Prithvika, emerged as the Quarter-Finalists at the World rounds of the 19th Monroe E Price Media Moot Court Competition, 2026, held and organised by the Faculty of Law, University of Oxford and Bonavero Institute of Human Rights.



A team comprising Harris Ahmed, Kanishk Goyal, Pranav Goel, Shubh Agarwal, Survepalli Prithvika and Vibodh Singh, emerged as the position of Runners-Up (South Asia Regional Rounds) at the 19th Monroe E. Price Media Law Moot Court Competition, 2026



A team comprising Harshul Mittal and Vrinda Sharma emerged as the Semi-Finalists (National Selection Rounds) at the 42nd Brown Mosten International Client Consultation Competition, 2026



A team comprising Gauri Singh, S. R. Swami Meganathan, and Vaishnavi Tomar emerged as the winners at the XIV All India National Moot Court Competition, 2025–26



A team comprising Aditya Kashyap, Parvi Agarwal and Yajat Sen emerged as the winners at the 2nd Symbiosis Moot Court Competition, 2026



A team comprising Anaya Muchhal, Kriti Sharma and Vidushi Jaiswal emerged as the winners at the 5th National Moot Court Competition, 2026



A comprising Adweita Sahu and Dweepika Sharma emerged as the winners at the RUAS School of Law Moot Court Competition 2.0, 2026



A team comprising Hiya Saxena, Priyam Soni, and Sahil Yadav emerged as the Runners-up at the 3rd Chamber of Tax Consultants National Indirect Tax Law Moot Court Competition, 2026



A team comprising Aastha Sharma, Purva Goswami, and Somya Chaubey emerged as the runners-up position at the 14th Nyayavalokan Trial Advocacy & Judgement Writing Competition, 2026



A team comprising Dipendra Pandey, Devansh Raghuwanshi, and Ridhima emerged as the position of runners-up at the ILNU-NHRC Moot Court Competition, 2026



A team comprising Ananya Singh, Ayush Pandey, and Saanvi Prasad emerged as the position of runners-up at the 2nd National Moot Court Competition on Consumer Protection Laws, 2026



A team comprising Palak Ladha, Vaibhav Pande, and Yashasvi Bhalse emerged as the position of runners-up at the 6th VITSOL Moot Court Competition, 2026



A team comprising of Leesha Goyal and Rashmi Saini emerged as the position of runners-up at the JusCosmos Client Counselling Competition, 2026



A team comprising Jagyansh Kumar, Prathviraj Singh Sikarwar, and Sanat Nandkishore emerged as semi-finalists at the 5th CNLU-CARCIL National IBC Moot Court Competition, 2026



A team comprising of Ayush Verma, Krati Hariyale, and Shambhavi Palnitkar emerged as semi-finalists at the 8th Surana & Surana Constitutional Law Moot Court Competition, 2026



A team comprising Anurag Mishra, Gunjeeta, and Shaniya Dwivedi secured the position of Quarter-finalists at the 2nd Vidhi Pragati National IP Moot Court Competition, 2026.



A team comprising Ayush Kumar Vishwakarma, Paarth Sundrani and Siddhi Gupta emerged the position of Quarter finalists at the 4th Justice G. D. Kamat National Level Moot Court Competition, 2026



A team comprising Adarsh Jain, Kavya Vaditya, and Shreyay Agrawal emerged as quarter-finalists at the 5th Trilegal's NALSAR - CCI Antitrust Moot Court Competition, 2026



A team comprising Anushka Singh, Nripangana Deka, and Urja Bhardwaj emerged the position of quarter-finalists at the 9th GNLU Moot on Securities and Investment Law 2025-26



A team comprising Ayushi Kumari, Bhoomi Agrawal, and Krrish Nema emerged as the position of Quarter Finalists, Best Speaker, and Second-Best Speaker at the 3rd T.M.A. Pai International Technology Moot Court Competition, 2026



A team comprising Janhavi Gupta, Manvi Sharma, and Vaishnavi Gupta emerged as the position of Best Memorial (Applicant and Respondent) at the 14th Justice P.N. Bhagwati International Moot Court Competition on Human Rights, 2026



A team comprising Avani Raj and Vismaya Tulsian emerged as quarter-finalists at the XI UPES Madhyastham Client Counselling Challenge, 2026



A team comprising Divyanshi Shukla, Ipshita Sharma, and K. Kavidharani emerged as quarter-finalists at the 4th NMIMS Moot Court Competition, 2026



A team comprising Raj Nandani Singh, Adweita Sahu, and Jyotsna emerged as the position of Best Researcher at the III CTIL- Bennett International Moot Court Competition, 2026



A team comprising Sahil, Shreya Sahu, and Swayam Lakhota emerged as the position of Octa-Finalists and Best Student Advocate at the 7th Surana & Surana & Army Institute of Law, Family Law Moot Court Competition, 2026



A team comprising Guru Lokhande, Manvi Singh Tomar, and Raj Nandani emerged as the position of Octa-Finalists at the 1st NMIMS Bengaluru Moot Court Competition. Additionally, Guru Lokhande was awarded the title of Best Researcher in the competition.



A team comprising of Jeet Dani, Pritika Bhatia and Shivansh Patidar emerged the position of Best Memorial (Petitioner) and Jeet Dani was awarded as the Best Researcher at the PESU National Moot Court Competition, 2026



Tanushka Shukla, Somya Sharma, and Drishti Agrawal emerged as the position of Best Researcher at the ILNU-NHRC Moot Court Competition, 2026

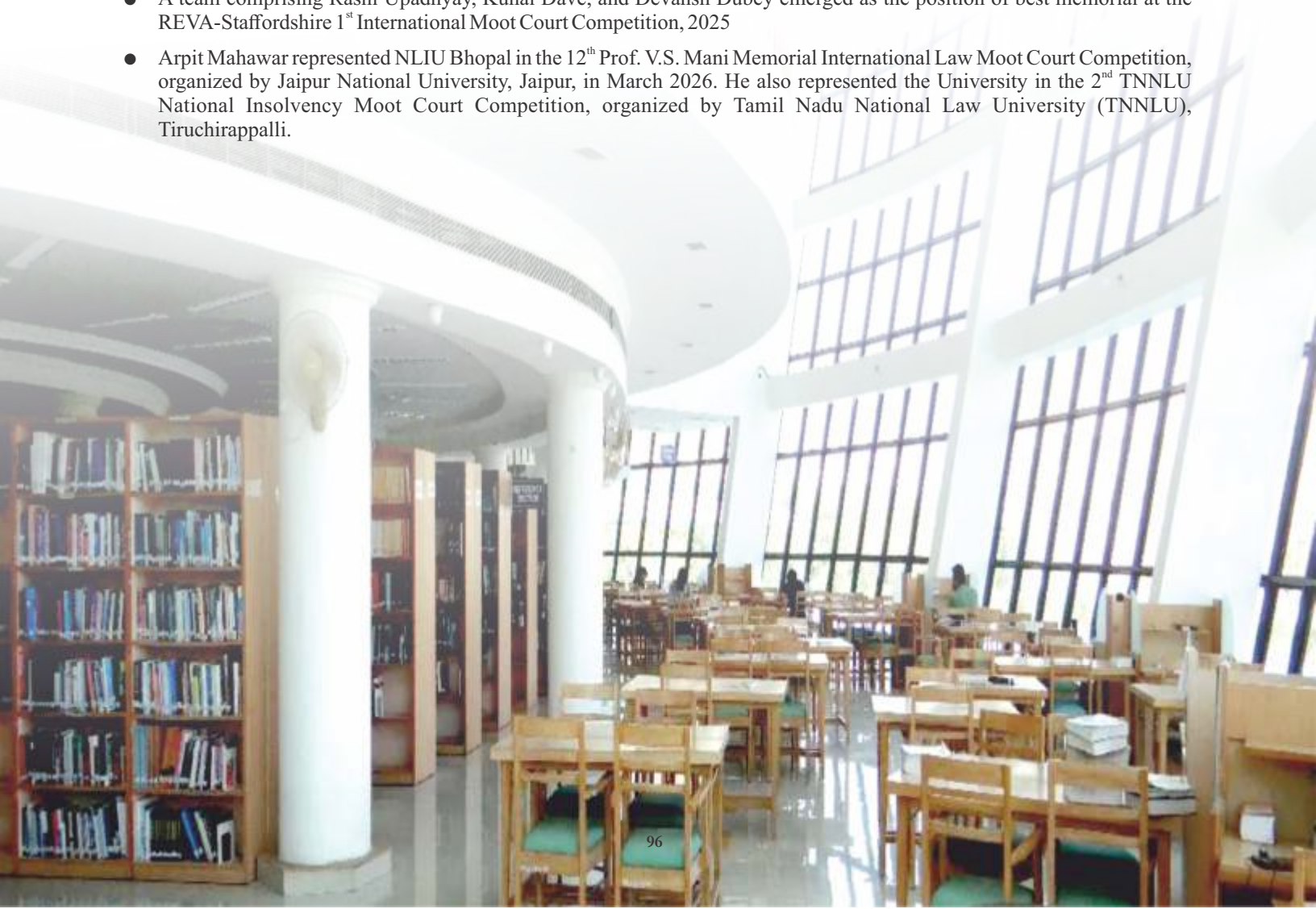


A team comprising of Avika Sharma, Vaishnavi Singh, and Mohit Rajoriya emerged as the positions of Best Researcher, Best Female Speaker, and Best Novice Speaker at the 1st NHRC-CUSB National Moot Court Competition, 2026



Rahul Mishra was awarded the Best Speaker Award at the 6th THEMIS Moot Court Competition 2026, organised by Christ (Deemed to be University), in recognition of his outstanding advocacy and oral presentation skills.

- A team comprising Amolika Maheshwari, Manan, and Prakhar Chaturvedi emerged as quarter-finalists at the 7th M.K. Nambyar – NUALS International Maritime Law Arbitration Competition, 2026
- A team comprising Ishika Chauhan, Siddhi Gupta, and Tejas Pratap Singh emerged as quarter-finalists at the 8th Smt. Nirmala Devi Bam Memorial International Moot Court Competitions, 2026
- A team comprising of Dipendra Pandey, Saumya Chaubey, and Nikhil Ranjan emerged as Octa-Finalists at the 14th RGNUL National Moot Court Competition, 2026
- A team comprising Rashi Upadhyay, Kunal Dave, and Devansh Dubey emerged as the position of best memorial at the REVA-Staffordshire 1st International Moot Court Competition, 2025
- Arpit Mahawar represented NLIU Bhopal in the 12th Prof. V.S. Mani Memorial International Law Moot Court Competition, organized by Jaipur National University, Jaipur, in March 2026. He also represented the University in the 2nd TNNLU National Insolvency Moot Court Competition, organized by Tamil Nadu National Law University (TNNLU), Tiruchirappalli.



ADR Achievements



A team comprising Mahak Karnani, Avani Raj, Vismaya Tulsian emerged as Runner s-Up at the GLC-AZB National ADR Triathlon, 2026



A team comprising Yajat Sen; Anshu Sharma emerged as semi-finalists at the 8th RGNUL, Sports and Entertainment Mediation Competition, 2026



A team comprising Vismaya Tulsian and Jiya Gulati emerged as winners at the 7th Annual Legal Services Forum Mediation Competition, 2026



Utkarshita Shrivastava emerged as quarter-finalists (mediator) at the 8th NUJS International Mediation Competition, 2026



A team comprising Shaily Navadia and Stanzin Yangsdo n emerged as octa-finalists at the 8th NUJS International Mediation Competition, 2026



A team comprising Anushka Singh; Suhani Arya emerged as octa-finalists at the 8th NUJS International Mediation Competition, 2026



Nandita Karan Yadav emerged as octa-finalists (mediator) at the Mediation Bombay: National Mediation Competition, MNLU Mumbai, 2026



A team comprising Subha Swamina than and Manasvi Sharma emerged as the Best mediating pair at the 5th Annual Mediation Competition, NMIMS Navi Mumbai, 2026



Diya Jain emerged as first runner-up (mediator) at the 5th Annual Mediation Competition, NMIMS Navi Mumbai, 2026

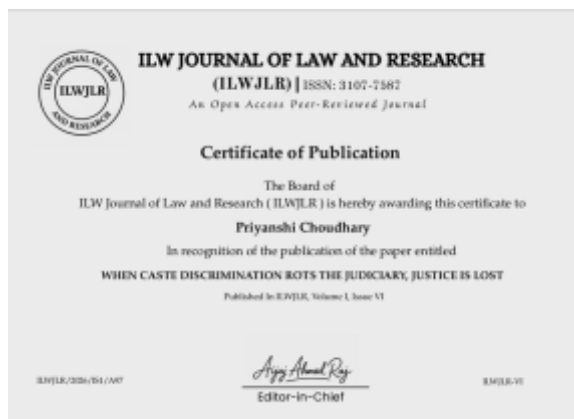


A team comprising of Kislay Parashar; Jyotirmay Sharma emerged as quarter-finalists at the Third Legal Lock National Mediation Competition

Other Achievements

Publication Achievement:

- Priyanshi Choudhary's article was published in the ILW Journal of Law and Research, marking a significant academic achievement and reflecting her commitment to legal research and scholarship.
- Yashasvi Bhalse co-authored a research paper titled "When the Family is Not Biological: Redefining 'Family' in Law", which was published in Legal Research Analysis in April 2026. The paper examines evolving legal understandings of family structures and the need for a more inclusive interpretation of the concept of family within contemporary legal framework



- Bhavesh Basod and Avani Agrawal

Blog Publication

- From Legislative Promise to Regulatory Paradox: Why India's Digital Personal Data Protection Rules, 2025 Need Urgent Reform (Co-authored).
Published on Virtuosity Legal. <https://virtuositylegal.com/streamlining-crime-reporting-with-digital-signatures-a-modern-approach/>

Research Paper Publications

- The State of the Legal Profession in India: A Comparative Analysis of Education, Practice and Global Integration, Published in Voices of Law and Humanity, Volume I.
- Music and Copyright in the Digital Era: Beyond Takedown and the Rise of Dynamic Enforcement Published in the DPIIT Chair Book, National Law Institute University, Bhopal.
- An Ecocentric Reckoning: Rethinking Criminal Law to Match the Scale of Climate Change Published in Criminal Law in Transition.
- Gyan Upadhyay, along with Aviral Joshi, presented a paper, "Prosecuting Atrocities in Syria and Myanmar through Universal Jurisdiction: Successes and Challenges," at the GCRCJS International Conference on International Criminal Law, 2026, organised by GNLU, Gandhinagar.

Competition Achievement:

- Adarsh Tiwari secured the Runner-up position in the 2nd NLIU-IALR Arbitral Award Drafting and Presentation Competition, 2026, held in January 2026.



- A team of Khushan Singh Nehra, Vanshaj Arora and Khushaan Aswal won the first position in the 3rd Justice Quest Quiz Competition.
- Aahwan, the Dramatics Society of NLIU, represented the University at Sunergos 2026, the annual cultural festival of CHRIST (Deemed to be University), Delhi NCR, by participating in Nyay-e-Rang, a National-Level Role Play Theatre Competition.



Standing (Left to Right): Manveer Singh Bhagat (Batch of 2029), Yashaswi Raj Singh (Batch of 2030) Tanya Vagela (Batch of 2030), Krati Haryale (Batch of 2030), Khushaan (Batch of 2030), Sitting (Left to Right): Harshita Suryapani (Batch of 2030), Srija Kirti (Batch of 2029), Diya Jain (Batch of 2029)

Achievements in Cyber Security, Pragyan 2026

The students of the MCLIS First Year Batch (2025–2027), namely Piyush Korani, Vinay Pratap Singh Bhadouriya, Tushar Singh, Ankita Verma, and Arnold Rakshit Masih, brought laurels to the institution through their outstanding performance at Pragyan 2026, held on 3rd to 4th April 2026 at JECRC University, Jaipur. Competing against participants from various institutions across the country, the students showcased exceptional analytical, investigative, and problem-solving abilities in two highly demanding events—the Open Source Intelligence (OSINT) Hackathon and the Crime Scene Investigation (CSI) Competition.

In the OSINT Hackathon, the team Hex Hunters, comprising Piyush Korani, Vinay Pratap Singh Bhadouriya, and Tushar Singh, secured First Place in a rigorous intelligence-gathering challenge that tested participants' skills in open-source investigation, digital forensics, and data analysis.

· Further adding to the institution's success, the team Enigma Experts, consisting of Ankita Verma and Arnold Rakshit Masih, delivered an impressive performance in the Crime Scene Investigation (CSI) Competition. The event simulated real-world criminal investigations through multiple rounds involving evidence collection, forensic analysis, and deductive reasoning. Demonstrating exceptional critical thinking and investigative aptitude, the team successfully progressed through the preliminary rounds and reached the semifinals, securing a place among the top-performing teams in the competition.



Sports Achievements

ZELUS 2026- SPORTS FEST Organized by RGNUL

The students of National Law Institute University (NLIU), Bhopal participated in Zelus 2026, the annual sports fest organized by Rajiv Gandhi National University of Law from 12th to 15th March 2026. The fest witnessed participation from several prestigious law universities across the country and provided a competitive platform for athletes to showcase their talent across multiple sports disciplines including cricket, basketball, volleyball, futsal, badminton, athletics, chess, and strength sports.

The NLIU contingent consisted of more than 80 students, including players, coordinators, and supporters, who represented the university in various sporting events. The large participation reflected the vibrant sports culture of the university and the commitment of students towards excellence in both team and individual competitions. The contingent displayed commendable enthusiasm, sportsmanship, and determination throughout the tournament, with several notable victories and medal-winning performances. The participation of the NLIU contingent at Zelus 2026, hosted at RGNUL, reflected a strong sense of determination, resilience, and sporting spirit. While several teams encountered tough competition and could not progress beyond the group stages, the contingent achieved notable success in key events. Exceptional performances in Futsal (Women), Tennis (Women), Athletics, and Strength Sports



brought pride to the university, with multiple medals and a championship title adding to the overall achievement. It fostered a deeper sense of teamwork, discipline, and camaraderie among the participants. NLIU's Women's Tennis team, represented by Naavya Dixit and Maanvi Singh, also delivered an outstanding performance. In the Women's Singles event, Naavya Dixit emerged as the Champion, while Maanvi Singh secured the Runner-up position, showcasing NLIU's excellence in competitive sports.

S. No.	Name of the Event	Name of the Participants	Medal
1	Tennis (Women's Singles)	Navya Dixit	Gold
2	Futsal (Women)	Aditi Shrivastav ©, Bhumika Alawa, Ipshita Sharma, Anshu Sharma, Drizzle Topo, Disha Kothawade	Gold
3	Women's 100m	Anshu Sharma	Gold
4	Women's 200m	Anshu Sharma	Gold
5	Javelin Throw	Ayush Kumar Vishwakarma	Gold
6	Arm Wrestling	Ishaan Yadav	Gold
7	Tennis (Women's Singles)	Maanvi Singh Tomar	Silver
8	Men's 200m	Kavya Johar	Silver
9	Men's 4x100m	Kavya Johar, Harshit Kumar, Swayam Lakhotia, Ayush Kumar Vishwakarma	Silver
10	Shot Put	Samarth Dubey	Silver
11	Bench Press	Ishaan Yadav	Silver
12	Squat	Ishaan Yadav	Silver
13	Deadlift	Shubh Agrawal	Silver
14	Discus Throw	Swayam Lakhotia	Bronze

THE SAGE EQUINOX 2026 – Season 4

The National Law Institute University marked an impressive presence at The SAGE Equinox 2026 – Season 4, a prestigious three-day inter-institutional sports and cultural fest organized by the SAGE Student Ambassadors Council (SSAC) at SAGE University from 7th January 2026 to 9th January 2026. Conducted under the theme “Clash Hard. Rise Higher.”, NLIU teams participated with exceptional enthusiasm and competitive spirit in Cricket, Football, and Basketball events. The teams contingents delivered remarkable performances throughout the tournament, reflecting the institution's growing sporting culture and commitment to extracurricular excellence.

Celebrating Academic Excellence



Professor (Dr.) S. Surya Prakash, Vice Chancellor, NLIU Bhopal, felicitated Mr. Solomon Girma Taddesse (From Ethiopia) on the successful completion of his Ph.D. under the ICSSR Scholarship, supervised by him. Professor (Dr.) Sanjay Yadav, Dean, Postgraduate Studies, also graced the occasion.



STUDENT PLACEMENTS

B.A.LLB. (Hons.), Bs.C.LLB. (Hons.), Batch of 2026 & 2027



Vidushi Jaiswal
2021BALLB47
Batch of 2026
at Trilegal



Anushka Ajay
2021BALLB91
Batch of 2025
at Jyoti Sagar Associates



Samyak Jain
2021BALLB24
Batch of 2026
at Wadia Ghandy & Co



Devesh Dubey
2022BALLB129
Batch of 2027
at Trilegal



Shambhavi Anand
2022BSCLLB09
Batch of 2027
at Saraf & Partners



Lavya Bhasin
2022BSCLLB02
Batch of 2027
at Trilegal



Utkarsh Maheshwari
2022BSCLLB60
Batch of 2027
at CMS Induslaw



Sumati Arora
2022BSCLLB44
Batch of 2027
at Talwar Thakore &
Associates, Mumbai



Priyam Soni
2022BALLB19
Batch of 2027
at S&R Associates



Sarfraz Alam
2022BSCLLB04
Batch of 2027
at Saraf and Partners Law Offices

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A-LIGN



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A-LIGN



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Placement and internship Initiatives and Outreach Special Initiatives

Expert Lecture and Pre-Placement Talk by A-LIGN

The RGNCLC and Placement Committee for the MCLIS Batch 2024–26 organized a Pre-Placement Talk for A-LIGN, a global leader in cybersecurity, audit, and compliance services. The session was attended by the final year students of MCLIS and fourth year students of B.Sc. LL.B.(Hons.) [Cyber Security].



The distinguished representatives from A-LIGN included Mr. Vishal Handa (Director, A-LIGN India), along with Mr. Chirag Gupta (Manager, GRC) and Ms. Pooja Ahuja (HR Head), who not only shared valuable insights about the company's services but also elaborated on the skills and attributes expected from young professionals entering the cybersecurity and compliance domain. The talk proved to be highly enriching, helping students better understand industry expectations, the recruitment process and practical applications of compliance frameworks.

The event was coordinated by Dr. Astitwa Bhargava, MCLIS Faculty Placement Coordinator.

MITIGATA Placement Drive at RGNCLC



The RGNCLC organized an On-Campus Placement Drive for the Mitigata, a fast-growing company in the field of cyber insurance and cybersecurity consulting. The drive was led by Mr. Archit Vyas, part of the founding team and Head of Partnerships & Business (North), and Mr. Darshan Vishwakarma, Senior Risk Consultant. They introduced students to Mitigata's vision of helping organizations manage risks, build resilience, and stay secure in today's

evolving digital landscape. The talk also highlighted career opportunities in areas such as sales, partnerships, client success, and cyber risk consulting, while encouraging students to stay adaptable and future-ready.

The placement drive was coordinated by Dr. Astitwa Bhargava, MCLIS Faculty Placement Coordinator.

Two-day Certificate Programme on “Data Privacy and Information Security Management System” offered by Deloitte India

The Deloitte India, successfully conducted a Two-day Certificate Programme on “Data Privacy and Information Security Management System.” The programme was designed to bridge the gap between legal frameworks and practical implementation of privacy and information security standards in contemporary digital environments.

Industry experts, Mr. Vijay Shankar, Director, Deloitte, Mr. Chiragdev Verma, Manager, Deloitte, Ms. Vyoma

Kulshrestha, Manager, Deloitte and Mr. Heramb Hirway, Senior Consultant, Deloitte India led intensive, hands-on workshops covering key aspects of data protection laws, privacy governance, risk management, and Information Security Management Systems (ISMS).

A key highlight of the programme was the opportunity provided to students to work on real-life case studies. Students analysed practical scenarios, designed implementation strategies, and presented their solutions before the experts, receiving valuable professional feedback.



GCAI Makeshift Incubation Arrangement - YUKTI Programme

In a landmark development for the Centre for Labour Laws, CLL has established a makeshift incubation arrangement with the General Counsel Association of India (GCAI) — a prestigious body representing in-house legal counsel across India's leading corporations. This collaboration creates a structured pathway for CLL students to gain first-hand exposure to in-house legal practice through periodic internships placed under different General Counsels across industries.

The arrangement provides NLIU students with a distinctive opportunity to work directly within corporate legal departments, observe how general counsels navigate complex regulatory landscapes, draft in-house policies, manage employment disputes, and interface with external law firms. For the academic year 2025–26, the inaugural cohort of CLL students interned under the YUKTI Programme — GCAI's flagship internship initiative placing law students under General Counsels at prominent Indian corporations.

YUKTI Programme Interns 2025–26

S.No.	Name	Institution
1	Shaurya Chauhan	NLIU, Bhopal
2	Manish Kumar	NLIU, Bhopal
3	Ayush Pandey	NLIU, Bhopal

Alumni Achievements



NLIU Bhopal takes immense pride in the achievements of its distinguished alumni. Advocate Bishwajit Dubey, an alumnus of the University, has been appointed as the Additional Advocate General for the State of Chhattisgarh before the Supreme Court of India. In this esteemed role, he represents the Government of Chhattisgarh in matters before the apex court. His appointment reflects his professional excellence, legal acumen, and commitment to public service, and serves as an inspiration to the NLIU community.



Kanchan J. Modak
Batch of 2012-2017
Promoted to Associate Partner
at
AQUILAW.



Rajat Mittal
Elected as Member Executive in the
Supreme Court Advocates-on-Record
Association (SCAORA) Elections 2026.



Shantanu Jugtawat
Batch of 2003-2008
Appointed as the Central
Government
Counsel by The Ministry
of Law and Justice, Department
of Legal Affairs, Union of India.



Varun Mehta
Batch of 2010-2015
Promoted to Director at
Cyril Amarchand
Mangaldas.



Rohini Dayalan
Batch 2014-2019
Promoted to Principal Associate at
Cyril Amarchand
Mangaldas.



Abhishek Sinha
Batch of 2003-2008
Promoted to the position of
Head – Legal at ICICI Bank.



Shikhar Agarwal
Batch of 2016–2021
Promoted as Partner Designate
at S&A Law Offices.



Shashwat Sharma
Batch 2010–2015
Promoted to Partner
at Trilegal.



Rudra Srivastava
Batch 2001–2006
Joined Dua Associates
as Partner in its
Corporate practice.



Nikita Singhi
Batch 2015–2020
Promoted to Principal Associate
at
Cyril Amarchand Mangaldas.



Sandeep Kumar
Batch of 2003–2008
Honoured with the
“LegalTech & AI General
Counsel Of The Year”
Award at Bespoke Global
Litigation & IP Summit
2025- Delhi Edition



Rudraditya Khare
Batch of 2017
Special Public Prosecutor for
the Enforcement Directorate in Delhi &
Deputy Advocate General
of Madhya Pradesh



Vipin Upadhyay
Batch of 2009–2014
Joined King Stubb &
Kasiva as a Partner &
Special Public Prosecutor For
Enforcement
Directorate in Karnataka.



Kriti Sharma
Batch of 2003–2008
Honorary Core Committee
Member at
The National Cyber
Security research Council



Uzma Naseem
Batch of 2016
Partner at Talwar Thakore &
Associates



Aditya Dhiman
Batch of 2025
Secured AIR 753 In UPSE
Civil Services examination 2025



NLIU proudly congratulates Kriti Sharma (Batch of 2003–2008) on her appointment as Director & Head of Data Privacy and Data Protection Officer at Angel One. This remarkable achievement reflects her legal expertise, dedication, and professional excellence. Her success is an inspiration to the NLIU community and highlights the University's strong legacy of producing leaders in the legal and regulatory domain. The NLIU fraternity extends its best wishes to Kriti for continued success in her new role.



NLIU proudly congratulates Meehir Mishra (Batch of 2004–2009) on his promotion as Lead Legal at Adani Airport Holdings Ltd. Following his successful tenure as Head of Legal at Navi Mumbai International Airport, this well-deserved achievement reflects his expertise in projects and commercial contracts, as well as his exemplary leadership. His accomplishment is a source of pride for the NLIU community and inspires aspiring legal professionals. The University extends its best wishes to Meehir for continued success in his new role.



Lt. Amit Choudhary
(Batch of 2022)

Lt. Amit Choudhary, an alumnus of NLIU from the Batch of 2022, had the honour of serving as the Contingent Commander at the Republic Day Parade. Currently serving in the Judge Advocate General (JAG) Branch of the Indian Army, he led personnel from the Arunachal Scouts, Garhwal Scouts, Ladakh Scouts, Sikkim Scouts, Dogra Scouts, and Kumaon Scouts during the prestigious national event. A second-generation military officer, Lt. Choudhary's achievement exemplifies leadership, commitment, and distinguished service to the nation, making the NLIU community proud.

- **Neelabh Dubey** an alumnus of NLIU from the Batch of 2004, designated as Senior Advocate by the High Court of Chhattisgarh.
- **Amrito Das** an alumnus of NLIU from the Batch of 2005, designated as Senior Advocate by the High Court of Chhattisgarh.



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