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The National Law University and Judicial Academy Assam was established by way of passing the National Law School and Judicial Academy Act, 2009. The aforesaid Act was later amended and the word 'School' was substituted by the word 'University'. The University had become partially functional with effect from **January 2011**. However, it became fully functional with effect from **June 2011**. From **June 2011 to August 2011**, the University operated from a small three room apartment situated at the Bhubhan Road in Uzan Bazar, near the Gauhati High Court. However, in the last week of **August 2011**, immediately after the conduct of the All India Law Entrance Examination and commencement of the admission formalities for the First Batch of Students, the University shifted to the NEJOTI Building and started functioning from the NEJOTI Building with effect from **31st August 2011**. A brief information is given in the following paragraphs about some of the prominent events that took place during the year (**from 31st August 2011 to 30 June 2012**)

1. INAUGURAL LECTURE BY THE THEN CHANCELLOR HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE MADAN LOKUR, CHIEF JUSTICE OF THE GAUHATI HIGH COURT FOLLOWED BY THE INTERACTIVE SESSION WITH THE PARENTS OF THE STUDENTS OF THE FIRST BATCH ON 30 AUGUST 2011

One day before the commencement of the First Academic Session, that is, on 30 August 2011, the then Chancellor of the NLUJAA, **Hon'ble Mr. Justice Madan B. Lokur** delivered an inaugural lecture to the new batch of students and their respected parents at the NEJOTI Building. The speech was followed by an Interactive Session with the parents of the new batch of students. The Vice-Chancellor, the Registrar, and the Officer on Special Duty also addressed the students and their respected parents and answered their queries.

2. COMMENCEMENT OF THE FIRST ACADEMIC SESSION (2011-12) WITH EFFECT FROM 01 SEPTEMBER 2011

The National Law University and Judicial Academy Assam commenced its First Academic Session w.e.f. September 2011 with the First Batch of sixty students. These students were selected on the basis of merit secured by them in the All India Law Entrance Test conducted by the University on **07 August 2011**.

3. ORGANISATION OF THE ORIENTATION WEEK FOR THE NEW BATCH OF STUDENTS (01-06 SEPTEMBER 2011)

The first week after the commencement of the new academic session was the Orientation Week for the new batch of students. During the week, eminent educationists, distinguished speakers, able administrators, and professors from Gauhati University were invited to deliver introductory lectures to the new batch of students and to have close interaction with them. One professor each in the subject of social sciences, that is, English, Economics, History, Political Science and Sociology were invited who explained to the students the relevance of teaching social science subjects to the students of law. **Hon'ble Mr. Justice K.N. Saikia, former judge of the Supreme Court of India and member of the General Council of the NLUJAA** was one of the star speakers during the opening day of the Orientation Week, that is, on **01 September 2011**.

4. PANEL DISCUSSION ON THE TOPIC OF "ROLE AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF A LAW STUDENT IN THE CONTEMPORARY SOCIETY" ON 06 SEPTEMBER 2011

Within a few days of the commencement of the First Academic Session, the NLUJAA organized a panel discussion on the topic entitled: **"Role and Responsibilities of a Law Student in the Contemporary Society"** on **06 September 2011**. **Mr. Ashutosh Agnihotri, IAS, Deputy Commissioner of Kamrup (Metro) District, Mr. Deepak Chaudhary, IPS, the then Senior Superintendent of Police, Guwahati and Mr. Puru Gupta, IAS, Commissioner Gauwahati Municipal Corporation** were the eminent panellists. Each one of the three panellists spoke for a few minutes and then there was a very lively discussion in which the students actively participated and expressed their viewpoints and closely interacted with each one of the three distinguished panellists.

5. ENGAGEMENT OF CLASSES OF THE FIRST BATCH OF B.A.,LL.B. (HONS.) FYIC STUDENTS BY THE TWO EMINENT VICE-CHANCELLORS ON 15-16 SEPTEMBER 2011

Two eminent Vice-Chancellors, **Professor Dr. V. Vijayakumar, Vice-Chancellor B.R. Ambedkar Law University, Chennai** (Tamil Nadu) and **Professor Dr. Faizan Mustafa, the then Vice-Chancellor, National Law University, Orissa (NLUO) and now the Vice-Chancellor of the NALSAR, Hyderabad** and advisor to the NLUJAA, who were at Guwahati as members of the selection panel for the selection of law teachers for the NLUJAA, addressed the new batch of students and delivered the introductory lectures.

6. JOINING OF THE COMMON LAW ADMISSION TEST (CLAT) BY THE NLUJA ON 01 OCTOBER 2011

When the National Law University and Judicial Academy, Assam conducted its Entrance Test, the Common Law Admission Test (CLAT) had already been held. The admission to the First Batch of B.A., LL.B. (Hons.) Five Years Integrated Course was, therefore, done on the basis of its own Entrance Test conducted by the University. However, the University has now joined the CLAT with effect from **01 October 2011** which holds one Common National Level Entrance Examination for admission of candidates in the Fourteen National Law Schools established across the country.

7. INTERACTIVE AND MOTIVATIONAL LECTURE BY HON'BLE FORMER PRESIDENT OF INDIA, DR. A.P.J. ABDUL KALAM TO THE NLUJAA STUDENTS ON 22 OCTOBER 2011

On the invitation of the NLUJAA, the former President of India, **Hon'ble Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam** delivered an interactive and a motivational lecture to the students of the University on **22 October 2011**. The function was held at the Machkova Hall, Guwahati. It was a very well attended function, where the Hon'ble Members of the General Council of the University were also present. Besides, the Law University had also invited the law students from various law colleges from the city of Gauwahati and the Gauwahati University to attend the lecture and interact with the learned speaker. One student per college was encouraged to ask a question to the Hon'ble former President of India. It was a wonderful event that was highly appreciated in the media.

8. VISIT OF HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE DR. M.K. SHARMA, FORMER JUDGE, SUPREME COURT OF INDIA TO THE NLUJAA CAMPUS ON 24 OCTOBER 2011

Hon'ble Mr. Justice Dr. M.K. Sharma, former judge of the Supreme Court of India visited the NLUJAA campus on **24 October 2011**. Hon'ble Justice Dr. M.K. Sharma addressed the students of the new batch. Besides explaining them about his experiences in the legal profession, Justice Dr. Sharma appraised the students with some of the problems being faced by the legal profession in India and asked them to come upto the expectations of the profession and to become the instruments of social change. The students highly appreciated Justice Sharma's talk.

9. APPOINTMENT OF HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE B.P. KATAKEY AS THE NOMINEE OF THE HON'BLE CHANCELLOR ON 28 NOVEMBER 2011

Hon'ble Mr. Justice Adarsh Kumar Goel, Chief Justice of the Gauhati High Court and Chancellor of the National Law School and Judicial Academy Assam appointed **Hon'ble Mr. Justice B.P. Katakey**, Judge of the Gauhati High Court as his nominee to look after the affairs of the Law University w.e.f **28 November 2011**.

10. VISIT OF HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE J. CHELAMESWAR, HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ADARSH KUMAR GOEL, CHIEF JUSTICE OF THE GAUHATI HIGH COURT, HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE B.P. KATAKEY, JUDGE OF THE GAUHATI HIGH COURT AND PROFESSOR DR. N.R. MADHAVA MENON, FORMER VICE-CHANCELLOR, NATIONAL LAW SCHOOL OF INDIA UNIVERSITY, BANGALORE AND VICE-CHANCELLOR OF THE WEST BENGAL NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF JURIDICAL SCIENCES, KOLKATA TO THE NLUJAA CAMPUS ON 10 DECEMBER 2011

It was a proud moment for the University when on **10 December 2011**, **Hon'ble Mr. Justice Chelameswar**, Judge Supreme Court of India, alongwith **Hon'ble Mr. Justice Adarsh Kumar Goel**, the Chief Justice of the Gauhati High Court and Chancellor of the University, **Hon'ble Mr. Justice B.P. Katakey**, Judge of the Gauhati High Court and the Chancellor's nominee and **Professor Dr. N.R. Madhava Menon**, former Vice-Chancellor of the National Law School of India University, Bangalore and the Vice-Chancellor of the West Bengal National University of Juridical Sciences, Kolkata visited the NEJOTI complex to briefly interact with the students. Each one of the distinguished guests appreciated the students who interacted with them.

11. COMPLETION OF THE FIRST ACADEMIC SESSION on 31 DECEMBER 2011 AND INTERNSHIP PROGRAMME FOR THE STUDENTS OF THE FIRST BATCH

The final examination for the first semester of the B.A.,LL.B.(Hons.) FYIC were over on **31 December 2011**. The students were asked to do their first internship with the leading Non-Governmental Organizations across the country. They were, however, given permission to do internship in the NGO in the same city to which they belonged to so as to enable them to stay at home with their parents and family, wherever possible and do internship in the city of their stay. Our students did internship with some of the country's leading NGOs. Each one of the students were encouraged to give a brief oral presentation about their experience during the internship.

12. VISIT OF THE NLUJAA FACULTY AND STUDENTS TO THE TEZPUR CENTRAL UNIVERSITY, TEZPUR ON 13 MARCH 2012 TO ATTEND AND PARTICIPATE IN THE NATIONAL SEMINAR ON "EDUCATION, SOCIETY AND HUMAN RIGHTS."

Our faculty and students visited Tezpur Central University to attend and participate in the National Seminar on Human Rights organized by the Tezpur University, Tezpur on **13 March 2011**.

13. VISIT OF HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE J.R. MIDHA, JUDGE, DELHI HIGH COURT TO THE NLUJAA CAMPUS AND INTERACTION WITH THE FACULTY AND STAFF ON 04 APRIL 2012

Hon'ble Mr. Justice J.R. Midha, Judge of the Delhi High Court visited the NLUJAA campus on **04 April 2012** and interacted with the teaching faculty and non-teaching staff of the University. Justice Midha gave some very important suggestions with regard to the training of students for mooting and with regard to the preparation of case files. The University is all set to inculcate his suggestions while drafting the curriculum for the moot court training and also for the pre-trial case preparation.

14. LECTURE BY HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE G.S. SINGHVI, JUDGE SUPREME COURT OF INDIA TO THE STUDENTS AND FACULTY OF NLUJAA ON 12 MAY 2012 ON THE TOPIC ENTITLED: "CHALLENGES BEFORE THE LEGAL PROFESSION IN CONTEMPORARY TIMES"

Hon'ble Mr. Justice G.S. Singhvi, Judge, Supreme Court of India addressed the students of the NLUJAA on the topic entitled: **"Challenges Before the Legal Profession in Contemporary Times"** on 12

May 2012 in the presence of the hon'ble judges of the Gauhati High Court. The lecture was organized at the Machkhowa Hall and was attended by a large number of students from other law colleges and from the Guwahati University. In addition to the students, practicing advocates from the Gauhati High Court were present in a sizeable number.

15. ESTABLISHMENT OF THE CENTRE FOR ADVANCED RESEARCH AND TRAINING IN INTERNATIONAL HUMANITARIAN LAW AT THE NLUJAA CAMPUS WITH THE LIBERAL SUPPORT OF THE INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE OF THE RED CROSS (ICRC), REGIONAL DELEGATION, NEW DELHI

With the liberal logistic support of the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), Regional Delegation, New Delhi, the NLUJAA has been able to establish a Centre for Advanced Research and Training in International Humanitarian Law at its present campus. The Centre shall impart knowledge regarding the concept, applicability and relevance of the subject of International Humanitarian Law. The Centre was jointly inaugurated by **Hon'ble Mr. Justice G.S. Singhvi**, Judge Supreme Court of India and **Hon'ble Mr. Justice K.N. Saikia**, in the presence of **Hon'ble Mr. Justice A.K. Goel**, Chief Justice of the Gauhati High Court and Chancellor of the University and other Hon'ble Judges of the Gauhati High Court, University staff and the students and guests.

16. RECOGNITION TO THE NLUJAA FROM THE UNIVERSITY GRANTS COMMISSION (UGC), NEW DELHI ON 05 JUNE 2012

The University has recently been given recognition by the University Grants Commission under Section 2(f) of the University Grants Commission Act, 1957. The recognition was delayed till the time the word 'National Law School' was substituted by the word 'National Law University' in the University Act. This was done by way of amendment of the National Law School and Judicial Academy, Assam Act. The University now intends to apply for recognition under Section 12(b) of the UGC Act whereby on being recognized, the NLUJAA shall be able to apply to the UGC for the award of financial grants for various purposes.

17. RECOGNITION OF THE NLUJAA FOR THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE ASSOCIATION OF INDIAN UNIVERSITIES (AIU), NEW DELHI

The University had applied for the membership of the Association of Indian Universities (AIU), which is mandatory for every university to take. The membership application was accepted by the AIU authorities subject to the condition that the membership shall be accorded to the NLUJAA on its getting recognition by the UGC under Section 2(f). Now when the NLUJAA has already received the recognition from the UGC, the membership of the AIU is expected very soon.

18. INSPECTION OF THE NLUJAA BY THE HIGH POWERD EXPERT COMMITTEE APPOINTED BY THE BAR COUNCIL OF INDIA ON 20 JUNE 2012

On submission of the application for seeking formal recognition from the Bar Council of India (BCI), New Delhi, the BCI sent a High Powered Expert Team headed by the **Chairman of the Bar Council of India, Mr. Manar Kumar Mishra**, Senior Advocate himself for inspecting the University. The other two members of the team were: **Hon'ble Mr. Justice S.K. Kar, Retired Judge of the Gauhati High Court** and **Mr. Apoorva Kumar Sharma, Chairman of the Executive Committee of the Bar Council of India**. The Team inspected the University and assured that the BCI would give recognition to the NLUJA. The communication from the BCI is awaited.

19. MEMBERSHIP OF THE LEADING PROFESSIONAL ORGANISATIONS AND ASSOCIATIONS

The NLUJAA had applied for the membership of three main professional organizations, namely, the Indian Law Institute, the Indian Society of International Law and the Indian Institute of Public Administration. The applications of NLUJAA have already been accepted by the aforesaid institutions and the NLUJAA shall get their membership soon. Their memberships shall enable the NLUJAA to get their prestigious publications for its library free of cost for the life time and our students can take the benefit of working in their libraries and use their data bases etc. etc.

20. PARTICIPATION OF THE NLUJAA TEACHERS IN VARIOUS ACADEMIC EVENTS HELD ACROSS THE COUNTRY

- (i) **Mr. Alek Muviah, Assistant Professor of Law**, attended and participated in the **Three Days Teachers Training Programme in International Humanitarian Law** held on **17-18-19 November**

2011 at Kolkata and organized by the West Bengal National University of Juridical Sciences.

- (ii) **M. Thangzakhup Tombing, Assistant Professor of Law** attended and participated in the National Workshop on “**New Perspectives on IPR Teaching**” organized by the National Law University (NLU), Delhi on **04-05 March 2012**.
- (iii) **Mr. Ishan Saikia, Mr. K.S. Ahmad, Ms. Prieeti P. Sharma, Mr. Reshwat Shrinkhal, Ms. Sujata Hatibaruah and Mr. T. Tombing**, all Assistant Professors, attended and participated in the **National Seminar on Education, Society and Human Rights** at the Tezpur Central University, Tezpur on **13 March 2012**.
- (iv) The NLUJAA faculty and students attended a **Seminar on Monitoring Mechanism for Juvenile Justice System** on **17 March 2012** at Don Bosco Institute at Guwahati.

21. PARTICIPATION OF THE NLUJAA STUDENTS IN VARIOUS CONFERENCES, MOOT COURT COMPETITIONS, SEMINARS, SYMPOSIA, TRAINING PROGRAMMES AND WORKSHOPS

During the last academic year, our students participated and attended a large number of conferences, moot court competitions, seminars, symposia, training programmes and workshops etc. etc.