

# MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

Between



**National Law Institute University, Bhopal  
Madhya Pradesh, India**

And



**National Law University and Judicial Academy, Assam  
India**

18<sup>th</sup> May, 2026

Registrar  
A. R.  
K. V. S. Saikia  
22/05/2026

## PARTIES

- (1) **THE NATIONAL LAW INSTITUTE UNIVERSITY, BHOPAL (INDIA)** (“NLIU”), was established by the Rashtriya Vidhi Sansthan Vishwavidyalaya Adhiniyam, (Act No. 41 of 1997) enacted by the Madhya Pradesh State Legislature, now substituted by the Madhya Pradesh National Law Institute University Act, 2018 (Act No. 6 of 2018), has been a leading law school in the country imparting legal education and promote research and publication. NLIU is recognized by the University Grants Commission as well as the Bar Council of India.

The **Vision** of NLIU is to become one of the best centres of legal education, training and research in the world. The **Objectives** of NLIU *inter alia*, are: (I) to advance, disseminate and impart comprehensive legal education, learning and knowledge including through distant and continuing legal education at all levels to achieve excellence with a view to ensure its proper role in national development; (ii) to organize advanced studies and promote research in various branches of law; (iii) to promote legal awareness in the community for achieving social and economic justice; (iv) to undertake research, study, workshops or training to judicial officers and training projects relating to law, legislation and judicial institutions etc.: and (v) to hold administrative officers training programme and research on the legal subjects and social importance. NLIU has been offering its flagship course, the B.A.LL.B (Hons) course, one year LL.M, regular Ph.D., and the two-year MCLIS courses.

With more than twenty three years of commitment to legal education in India, the NLIU has become the first Law University to offer an inter-disciplinary post-graduate course known as the Masters in Cyber Laws and Information Security (MCLIS). NLIU has been organizing a number of training programmes for the academic staff, Non-governmental organizations, governmental bodies and others from time to time on diverse areas. NLIU has organised a number of seminars and conferences and has co-sponsored such international conferences in association with other Law Schools and Institutions.

- (2) **NATIONAL LAW UNIVERSITY AND JUDICIAL ACADEMY, ASSAM(NLUJAA)** was the first NLU to have been established in the North Eastern Region of India with the view to promoting exemplar legal education that deconstructs the trends of provincialization and reaches out for global standards. In keeping with the stated vision, NLUJAA, Assam since its inception, has endeavoured to provide cutting edge legal education which addresses both the theoretical as well as practical aspects of the discipline. The UG and PG curriculum designed by the University is a progressive approach to legal studies that not only consolidates the fundamentals but also stretches beyond to explore interdisciplinary and multidisciplinary trajectories. Further, the curriculum provides an array of optional and specialization papers in order that students can explore the varied facets of the discipline. The pedagogy is bolstered by inputs from invited resource persons, from variegated disciplines – national as well as international, thereby enriching the learning experience of students. The thrust on Seminar Papers, Project Works and Dissertations cultivates the students’ acumen for legal writing grounded on their lived experiences and practical engagement with legal issues. The evaluation schema is also ground breaking, as far as NE India is concerned. Continual evaluation of 200 marks has been incorporated. Active learning strategies are duly incorporated and evaluated.

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Value/Skill based multidisciplinary courses, a unique feature, adds to the diversity and richness of the curriculum.

NLUJA, Assam by dint of its academic activities has marked its presence in the region as a hub of legal knowledge and has effectively forged ties with government and non-government such as UNICEF, Department of Revenue and Disaster Management, Oil India Limited, National Commission for Women for the purpose of training, capacity building, consultation, action research etc. Further, collaboration with renowned universities and academic fora has added vibrancy and dynamism to NLUJA, Assam academia. Through strategic partnerships with other Universities and organizations, NLUJA, Assam has gained access to diverse resources, expertise, and opportunities that enriches its academic programs. Collaborations with potential for joint research initiatives, exchange programs, faculty development, and shared resources have broadened the academic horizons for both students and faculty, exposing them to different perspectives, methodologies, and areas of expertise. Additionally, partnerships with organizations have facilitated real-world insights and practical applications of legal education. These collaborations have also culminated in joint conferences, seminars, and workshops, fostering a culture of continuous learning and intellectual exchange.

Hallmark of a vibrant academia is its publication; accordingly, the University engages in scholarly publications to contribute to legal research, promote academic discourse, and share knowledge within the legal community. These publications include journals, books, research papers, newsletter etc. The publications of the University showcase the intellectual contributions of its faculty, researchers, and students. These publications cover a wide range of legal topics, including but not limited to emerging areas in the field of law as well as multidisciplinary areas. Journals affiliated with NLUJA, Assam serve as platforms for legal scholars to publish their research, providing insights into contemporary legal issues and contributing to the academic growth of the institution. Additionally, the University encourages students to participate in the publication process, promoting a culture of research and academic excellence. My academic publications of the University are focused on NE India, thereby, enriching the canon of literature on the region.

(3) **SCOPE OF AGREEMENT**

This Memorandum of Understanding is signed between the NLIU Bhopal, hereinafter referred to as the First Party and NLUJA, Assam, hereinafter referred to as the Second Party, for the purpose of Academic/institutional Collaboration that will encompass the exchange of students and members of faculty between the two parties, as well as other academic activities, research and publication. In addition to this, active efforts will be made to develop joint training and research programmes that will be pursued in a collaborative spirit. The collaboration between the First Party and the Second Party shall be subject to the following:

**I. TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF COOPERATION:**

- (a) The NLIU Bhopal and the NLUJA, Assam shall collaborate in mutually agreeable academic events, teaching, training and research, wherever feasible. Such collaboration will be based on mutually agreeable terms and conditions specifically agreed for each of the collaborative efforts;
- (b) The modalities for a exchange of researchers and faculty members will be laid down through mutual discussion that should be made operational for a period of five years;

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- (c) Ph.D. Scholars of both the parties shall be allowed to make use of the library resources of each other and to have academic interaction with the faculty;
- (d) Research Scholars and Teaching Faculty of both the NLIU Bhopal and the NLUJA, Assam will explore possibility of taking up collaborative research work and also apply for funding from national and international agencies, governments and other funding agencies;
- (e) Any financial implication emerging out of such collaborations (other than the fees of the students etc.) shall be worked out and decision will be taken with mutual agreement;
- (f) In case of any dispute that may crop up regarding execution of the MoU, the matter would be settled through arbitration agreed by both the parties.

## **II. AREAS OF COOPERATION**

This Memorandum expresses a mutual desire by NLIU Bhopal and the NLUJA, Assam co-operates in building intellectual and research capacity and scholarship. Additional areas of co-operation may be added by written consent of both the parties. Both parties will act in good faith to ensure that the objectives of this Memorandum are realized:

## **III. TERMS OF AGREEMENT**

Progress in realizing the terms and conditions referred to herein will be reviewed periodically as mutually agreed and the memorandum may be amended at any time by mutual consent in writing.

## **IV. INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY AND CONFIDENTIALITY**

- (a) In respect of each project and programmes of co-operation, the parties shall negotiate and mutually agree in writing on their respective rights to intellectual property and commercial exploitation of the same (including without limitation, trademarks and service marks, copyright, patents, designs and confidential information pertaining thereto).
- (b) Neither party shall, at any time disclose to any third party any confidential information of the other party which is acquired in the course of activities under this Memorandum, e.g., a collaborative project or a programme, without the prior consent of the other party in writing.
- (c) The confidentiality obligations herein will not apply to information in the public domain; information in the possession of the receiving party prior to the disclosure of the information; information which is independently developed by the receiving party; information required to be released by law; and information which is rightfully received by the receiving party from third parties without any breach of confidentiality obligations.

## **V. NON-BINDING NATURE OF MEMORANDUM**

Nothing in this Memorandum shall be construed as creating any contract, partnership, agency or other legal relationship between the parties. This Memorandum is only anon-binding statement of intent to foster genuine and mutually beneficial collaboration.

## **VI. TERMINATION**

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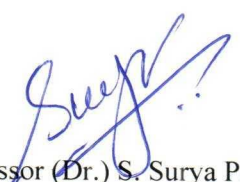
- (a) This memorandum shall come into force immediately upon its signature by the parties.
- (b) The validity of this Memorandum of Understanding is initially for a period of five years from the date of its execution and the same can be further extended on mutual agreement.
- (c) This Memorandum of Understanding can be terminated by either party at any time by giving 3 months written notice to the other, and without jeopardizing the implementation and/or continuance of programmes or projects established pursuant to this memorandum prior to the effective date of termination.


**VII. IN WITNESS WHEREOF**

This Memorandum of Understanding is executed by the parties hereto on the date of signing of the Memorandum of Understanding by the two parties.

**SIGNED by**  
**NATIONAL LAW INSTITUTE**  
**UNIVERSITY, BHOPAL**

**SIGNED by**  
**NATIONAL LAW UNIVERSITY AND**  
**JUDICIAL ACADEMY, ASSAM**

  
Professor (Dr.) S. Surya Prakash  
Vice Chancellor  
NLIU Bhopal

  
Professor (Dr.) K. V. S. Sarma  
Vice-Chancellor  
NLUJA, Assam

Date

15/5/21

Date