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## From Vice-Chancellor's Desk

Dear Friend,

I am happy to present to you the second issue of NYAYALOK, the News Bulletin of the National Law University and Judicial Academy, Assam. The Bulletin aims to keep you informed about campus news and events and various activities that the University has undertaken during the past few months. These events help in forging new ties and establishing a rapport with the community as well as developing strong individuals and academics. The University is functioning from its new campus with a rich natural ambience and I believe that with the synergy of everyone concerned in the University, this institution shall achieve the values enshrined in its vision of giving to the society socially conscientious human beings.

**Professor (Dr.) J. S. Patil**  
**Vice-Chancellor, NLUJA, Assam**



## Consultative Workshop on Framing of Legislation for Assam Inland Water Transport: A Report



National Law University and Judicial Academy, Assam in association with the Assam Inland Water Transport Development Society organised a one-day Consultative Workshop on Framing of Legislation for Assam Inland Water Transport, on August 21, 2017. The objective of the workshop was to deliberate upon the various aspects of inland water transport in the State of Assam, and to invite suggestions from government officials, resource persons and academicians with regard to the formulation of legislations for the regulation of inland water transport in the state.

The workshop was graced by Shri Vinod Kumar Pipersenia, Chief Secretary to the Government of Assam, Shri Ashutosh Agnihotri, Commissioner and Secretary to the Transport Department, Government of Assam, Shri Bharat Bhushan Dev Choudhury, Director, Inland Water Transport, Dr. Srinivas Chokkakula, Fellow, Centre for Policy Research, New Delhi and Prof. (Dr.) J.S. Patil, Vice-Chancellor, National Law University and Judicial Academy, Assam. It was also extremely fortunate to have Mr. Biju Oommen and Mr. Honey Gupta, officials of the World Bank, Prof. (Dr.) Chandan Mahanta from the Indian Institute of Technology, Guwahati and other key officials of Inland Water Transport Department, Assam.

The workshop had three technical sessions which included presentations by in-house team of researchers lead by Mr. Chiradeep Basak, Assistant Professor of Law, National Law University and Judicial Academy, Assam and an open-house discussion at the end of each presentation.





The three technical sessions covered the economic paradigms relating to inland waterways and transport in Assam, the environmental and safety concerns which need to be taken into consideration along with discussions on the drafting of a Memorandum of Association and an Article of Association for the companies to be incorporated to regulate ports and vessels for inland water transport. The sessions focused on the costs associated with inland waterways, the various existing legislations dealing with the regulation of ports, vessels and inland water transport in India as well as the guidelines on boat safety designed by the National Disaster Management Authority. Reference was also made to the good practices adopted by other countries with flourishing inland water transport systems, such as Germany, China, Brazil and Bangladesh.

The researchers emphasized on the importance for inclusion in the draft legislation, measures for the protection and preservation of endangered species inhabiting the river Brahmaputra. The researchers further drew attention to the fact that for the formulation of a legislation which takes into consideration the interests of all the stakeholders, coordination among the various departments of the Government of Assam is the prerequisite along with capacity-building and awareness programmes for training and skill-development of stakeholders. The session ended with valuable suggestions from the officials of the Inland Water Transport Department as regards the training of the crewmembers and the regulation of vessels for personal use. Suggestions also flew in with respect to technical aspects related to the river Brahmaputra, such as the nutrient content, frequent flood situation as well as the concerns as regards dredging activities.

## **Visit of Sri (Dr.) Himanta Biswa Sarma, Hon'ble Finance and Education Minister, Government of Assam: A Report**

**August 25, 2017:**

Shri (Dr.) Himanta Biswa Sarma, Hon'ble Finance and Education Minister, Government of Assam visited the National Law University and Judicial Academy, Assam on August 25, 2017. Upon his arrival, the Hon'ble Minister had an earnest discussion with the Vice-Chancellor regarding the vision and the strategies to be adopted towards the development of the University. He conducted a tour of the campus to assess the capacity of the University as also of the imminent deficits and needs. He addressed the students and held an interactive session with them. His charismatic speech and incisive insights enthralled the students, faculty members and administrative staff who participated in the session. He addressed the issue of equal access to Justice for the common people who are always in a disadvantageous position.





He also appealed to the academicians from the University to collaborate with the Gauhati High Court in reducing number of pending cases through projects, internship etc. He urged that NLUJAA should have its own ideology and take inspiration from India's ancient education systems like Takshashila and Nalanda. The Hon'ble Minister assured the University of financial assistance for 300 bedded hostel, a playground and plantation of more trees in the campus. The visit opened up opportunities of strengthening the ties between NLUJAA and the Govt. of Assam and of forging collaborations with the Govt. of Assam, which would enable the university to stand in good stead.

## LECTURES

### Special Lecture on Cyber Law



**September 14-15, 2017:**

Dr. A. Nagarathna, Associate Professor and Coordinator, Advanced Centre for Research, Development and Training in Cyber Laws and Forensics, NLSIU, Bangalore delivered a series of special lectures on "Cyber Law". Dr. Nagarathna also presented few books to the University Library authored by her during the visit.

### Lecture on Constitutional Law

**October 14, 2017:**

Prof. Annam Subrahmanyam, Professor, Department of Law, Andhra University delivered a lecture on Constitutional Law. The session enriched the students' understanding of Constitutional Law.



## Lecture on Jurisprudence

**October 15, 2017:**

Prof. Devidas G. Maley, Assistant Professor (Senior), Dept. of PG Studies and Research in Law, Jnana Ganga, Gulbarga University delivered a lecture on Jurisprudence. Prof. Devidas G. Maley presented a unique insight into the idea of Indian Jurisprudence to the students.



## Lecture on Social and Behavioural aspects of Disability Rights Activism

**October 16, 2017:**

The Centre for Disability Studies and Health Laws, NLUJAA, organised a lecture on Social and Behavioural aspects of Disability Rights Activism by Mr. Arman Ali on October 16, 2017. Mr. Arman Ali is a well-known Disability Rights Activist and the Executive Director of Shishu Sarothi, a pioneering not-for-profit organization on Disability Rights. In the said program, the faculties, students and volunteers of the centre had participated in the discussion on various aspects of disability rights advocacy. The esteemed guest shared many ideas and also deliberated upon various research activities that this Center could take up to contribute to disability studies with the audience.

## Lecture on Transnational Commercial Laws

**November 7-8, 2017:**

Dr. Risham Garg, Assistant Professor, National Law University, Delhi delivered a series of lectures on Transnational Commercial Laws. The session focused on Drafting of Contracts, Insolvency and Bankruptcy code as well as Commercial laws. This was immensely useful for the students as it substantiated their understanding of International Business Transactions.



## Interactive Session on Women and Law

**November 14, 2017:**

The Academic Committee, Students Bar Council, NLUJAA organised an interactive session on Women and Law on 14th November 2017. This session was chaired by Ms. Pallavi Pareek and Ms. Esha Shekhar, Co-founder, Ungender.in. They are also consultants of NLUJAA Centre of Gender Studies.



## Special Lectures on Air and Space Law and on 'How to Moot'

**November 16-17, 2017:**

Ms. Veena Kamath, Senior Associate, Kamath and Kamath was the keynote speaker in the session on Air and Space Law and on 'How to Moot' organised by the Academic Committee, Students Bar Council, NLUJAA on November 16-17, 2017. Ms. Veena Kamath has won a lot of international moots and the students benefitted immensely from this session.

### Orientation Programme, 2017

August 01, 2017:

An Orientation Programme was held for newly admitted students and their parents/ guardians at the Seminar Hall, Administrative Block in the presence of Hon'ble Vice Chancellor Prof. (Dr.) J. S. Patil, Faculty members and all the University Officers and staffs. Students were introduced to different centres, the existing facilities and rules and regulations of the University in the programme. They were encouraged to take part in various academic programmes and co-curricular activities.

### Library Orientation Programme, 2017

August 10-12, 2017:

A three day Orientation session on University Library Services was conducted from August 10, 2017 to August 12, 2017 at 4.00 p.m for the newly admitted students. The orientation programme was conducted in order to introduce all the e-resources and print resources as well as Library facilities to the new students.

### Student Bar Council 2017-18 Election



August 14, 2017:

Student Bar Council Election for the Academic Session 2017-18 was held on August 14, 2017. The day ended with the oath-taking ceremony of Student Bar Council 2017-18. The list of elected candidates are as follows:

President



Mr. Suyash Pranay  
Tripathi

Vice - President



Mr. Gaurav Kumar

General Secretary



Mr. Shikhar Singh

Joint Secretary



Mr. Tathagat Sharma

Treasurer



Mr. Akshansh Singh  
Bhadouriya



## Conveners of the Committee

Committees	Convener
Academic Committee	Ms. Manisha Bharati (3rd Year)
Moot Court Committee	Mr. Krishna Kant Jain (3rd Year)
Hostel and Campus Welfare Committee	Mr. Akhand Pratap Singh (2nd Year)
Literary and Debating Committee	Ms. Chitrakshi Singh (2nd Year)
Mess and Hospitality Committee	Mr. Taanvia Jahan (2nd Year)
Sports Committee	Mr. Aviral Vinayak Jaroliya (4th Year)
Student Welfare Committee	Mr. Rohit Baruah (3rd Year)



## Independence Day Celebration

**August 15, 2017:**

The 71st Independence Day was celebrated by hoisting the National Flag in front of the Administrative Block. The Hon'ble Vice Chancellor and Registrar addressed the students, staffs and faculty members present. It was followed by a cultural event held in the Seminar Hall where the students expressed their creative talents and love for their country to the best of their abilities by singing songs and reciting poems on patriotism.

## Blood Donation Camp



**August 15, 2017:**

A Blood Donation Camp was organised by the Student Welfare Committee and Health Centre of NLUJAA on August 15, 2017. The facilities were provided by the Narayana Superspeciality Hospital, Guwahati. It began around 10:00 am and continued up to 2:30 pm with a steady stream of donors throughout. A thorough medical check-up of potential donors was carried out and energetic juices and nutritious supplements were provided at the Camp. The blood samples were carefully sealed and transported to Narayana Superspeciality Hospital, Guwahati.

## Orientation Programme for Student Bar Council Office Bearers

**August 16, 2017:**

Orientation programme was held for Student Bar Council office bearers at the National Law University and Judicial Academy, Assam on August 16, 2017.

## Legal Awareness Camp

**August 21, 2017:**

The Legal Aid Cell, National Law University and Judicial Academy, Assam organised a Legal Awareness Camp at Saraighat School, Amingaon, on 21st August 2017. In this camp the Para-Legal-Volunteers (as resource persons) of the Cell discussed and interacted on various legal issues, such as Consumer Protection, Cyber Stalking, eve-teasing, Child Rights, Child Labour, Domestic Violence, etc. in which 240 students and teachers of the school participated.



## National Conference on "Addressing Violence against Children in North Eastern States and Sikkim"

**August 22-23, 2017:**

Inspired by the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG), Centre for Child Rights hosted a two-day national conference on Addressing Violence against Children in North Eastern States and Sikkim on 22nd and 23rd August, 2017. Addressing violence against children is one of the targets of SDG under goal 16 to achieve peace, justice and strong institution amongst stakeholders. The Conference invited papers from research scholars, academicians, students, civil society organisation, writers/editors and child protection practitioners (advocates/ activist) from across the country to present paper under the following themes:

- i. Supporting parents, care givers and families
- ii. Helping children and adolescent manage risk and challenges
- iii. Changing attitude and social norm that encourage violence and discrimination
- iv. Promoting and providing support services for children
- v. Implementing laws and policies that protect children
- vi. Carrying out data collection and research



The conference saw participation from various states like Rajasthan, Karnataka, Bihar, Uttar Pradesh, Delhi, Punjab, Haryana, Meghalaya, Assam, Tripura, Mizoram, Arunachal Pradesh, Nagaland, Manipur and Sikkim. The occasion was graced by the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, Prof. (Dr.) J.S. Patil of National Law University and Judicial Academy, Assam and by Mr. Vedprakash Gautam, Child Protection Specialist, UNICEF, Officer for Assam.

The two-day deliberation brought together intellectuals to deliberate on the issue of violence against children in North Eastern States and Sikkim. The conference also brought forth important recommendations by presenters to exhort the stakeholders and important players to adopt steps to combat such violence against children.



## Workshop on Social Surfing

**August 24, 2017:**

A One-day Workshop was held on "Social Surfing" organised by IT Section, NLUJAA in association with Center for Social Research, New Delhi. Online safety to control the information shared by the users in the virtual spaces, information and solutions to concerns like trolling, cyber bullying, harassment, fake news etc. were discussed by the participants. Ms. Pratishta Arora and Ms. Suhasini Mukherjee conducted the session.



## Ganesh Chaturthi Celebration



**August 25, 2017:**

Ganesh Chaturthi was celebrated at the National Law University and Judicial Academy, Assam campus by the students on August 25, 2017 with contributions from faculty and students alike. The festival was celebrated with zeal and fervor for three days. On the third day, the Ganesh Idol was immersed in the mighty Brahmaputra river.

## Official Web Portal of Journal of Sports Law, Policy and Governance Launched

**September 13, 2017:**

The web portal for Journal of Sports Law, Policy and Governance was launched on September 13, 2017 at Conference Room, Administrative Block, National Law University and Judicial Academy, Assam by Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, Prof. (Dr.) J. S. Patil. The webportal was designed by Mr. Satyajit Deb, System Operator, NLUJAA and is being maintained by him. Mr. Manvendra Singh Jadon, President, NESFIL played a major role in developing the contents of the website. Dr. Ishrat Husain, Faculty Advisor and team





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members of the North-East Students for the Furtherance of International Law (NESFIL) were present in the event. The JSLPG (Journal of Sports Law, Policy and Governance) is a peer reviewed open-access journal published under the aegis of North-East Students for the Furtherance of International Law (NESFIL), (an International Law Students Association (ILSA) local chapter) in collaboration with the National Law University and Judicial Academy Assam. The JSLPG is published bi-annually (May and December) in the niche area of International Sports Law, Policy and Governance. The JSLPG is the first and the only journal in India of its type to encourage the study of Sports Law in the light of Policy, Governance and other allied issues.



### Visit of Smt. Bijoya Chakravarty, Member of Parliament at Fresher's Party

September 14, 2017:

Smt. Bijoya Chakravarty, Member of Parliament was invited as the Guest of Honor on the occasion of Fresher's Party organised for newly admitted students in the year 2017 on September 14, 2017. Shri Hiren Chandra Nath, IPS, Commissioner of Police, Guwahati had also graced the occasion with his presence.



### Two Day Workshop on Reservation Policy and Roster Maintenance

September 14-15, 2017:

Workshop on Reservation Policy and Roster Maintenance was held on 14 & 15 September, 2017 for administrative staff of the University. Mr. Himanshu Ranjan Nath, Assistant Professor of Law (NLUJAA) was invited as the resource person on September 14, 2017. Mr. Nath deliberated on the history of reservation policy in India; the inception of the policy and the rationale behind the same were dealt with in detail on the first day of the Workshop.

Dr. Biren Das, Registrar (Tezpur University) was invited as resource person on September 15, 2017. Dr. Das provided an intensive training on maintenance of institutional reservation roster. Different aspects related to preparing, maintaining and updating institutional reservation roster was discussed at length. It was an intensive exercise, in which all nuances pertaining to effective implementation of reservation policy as envisaged by GOI has been dealt with at length.



## Internal Complaints Committee (ICC) Orientation Programme

**September 18-19, 2017:**

Internal Complaints Committee (ICC) of the University organised a two day orientation programme on “Prevention, Prohibition and Redressal of Sexual Harassment” for students and non-teaching staff on September 18-19, 2017 at the Seminar Hall, Administrative Building, NLUJAA. The Resource persons were Dr. Topi Basar (Presiding Officer, ICC) and Advocate Ms. Nikita Barooah (member, ICC).

## Gandhi Jayanti Celebration

**October 02, 2017:**

National Law University and Judicial Academy, Assam paid tributes to Mahatma Gandhi on the occasion of Gandhi Jayanti and Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri, on his birth anniversary on 2nd October. Hon’ble Vice Chancellor and Registrar, NLUJAA addressed the gathering on the occasion. Faculty members and students delivered speeches at the event.



## Diwali Celebration

**October 18, 2017:**

On the occasion of Diwali on October 18, a small cultural event was organised at the University. The day started with a Rangoli Competition in the morning judged by Mr. Chiradeep Basak, Assistant Professor of Law. Vishal Ranjan and Manohar Rathor of 4th Year were awarded the First Prize of Rs. 1000/- and Nidhi Gupta and Group of 5th Year were awarded the Second Prize of Rs. 700/-. In the evening, students decorated the University premises with earthen lamps. This was followed by sessions of poetry, music and dance by the students.



## Two Day State Level Orientation Programme

**October 27-28, 2017:**

Centre for Child Rights, NLUJA Assam in collaboration with State Child Protection Society, Assam and with the support of UNICEF, Assam organised Two Day State Level Orientation Programme for DCPOs, LPOs and Counsellors on support services under Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act, 2012 at Seminar Hall, Administrative Block, National Law University and Judicial Academy, Assam on 27th and 28th October, 2017. The Programme aimed at –





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- Creating awareness of the need of Support Persons and other experts in POCSO cases among the participants, namely DCP, LPO and Counsellors from across 32 districts of Assam
- Sensitizing and enabling the participants on the Roles and Responsibilities of a Support Person and other Support Staff in POCSO cases
- Create an understanding of the mental health of a sexually abused child and the role of Support Person to help the child to overcome the traumatized past

There were participants from all 27 districts of Assam. Centre for Child Rights had invited Ms. Bharti Ali, Co-Founder and Co-Director of HAQ – Centre for Child Rights, Delhi, Ms. Gitanjali Ghosh, Assistant Professor of Law, NLUJAA and Ms. Meenakshi Barthakur, Consultant Psychologist to provide their valuable inputs through their sessions.



## Orientation Programme on GST

**November 07, 2017:**

Sri Dinesh Kumar Fuldiya, Asst. Commissioner, Goods & Services Tax (GST) with his superintendent delivered orientation on GST on November 7, 2017.

## Legal Aid Camp

**November 18, 2017:**

Legal Aid Camp was organised by Legal Aid Cell, National Law University and Judicial Academy, Assam in collaboration with the Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC), Sualkuchi Budram Madhab Satradhikar College, Sualkuchiat at the College on November 18, 2017. Mr. Kamal Kumar Baishya, Deputy Commissioner, Kamrup Rural was present on the occasion as chief guest. The main agenda of the Legal Aid Camp was to make the audience aware of their rights and duties by way of presentations and skits being performed by the students of National



Law University and Judicial Academy, Assam. In pursuance of the agenda the students of ninth semester spoke on various legal issues like: (i) Fundamental Rights of Indian Citizens and non-citizens - presented by Debayan Banerjee; (ii) Public Interest Litigation - presented by Abhishek Dhar Karmakar; (iii) Legal Aid and Its Mechanisms under Legal Services Authorities Act, 1987- presented by Ipshita Bhattacharya. Students of National Law University and Judicial Academy, Assam also performed skits on Consumer Protection and Domestic Violence. This was followed by the filling up of questionnaire on legal issues by the audience sitting there.

## NLUJAA-IDIA Food Fest

**November 21, 2017:**

National Law University and Judicial Academy, Assam hosted inaugural Charity "NLUJAA-IDIA Food Fest" to raise funds under newly unveiled "University Social Responsibility (USR)" Scheme.



## Orientation Programme for Jt. Directors of Health Services, Superintendent of District Hospitals and DPMs, on Child Sexual Abuse (CSA)

**November 25, 2017:**

Centre for Child Rights in association with National Health Mission (NHM) had organised a day long programme with District Programme Managers, Jt. Directors of Health Services and Superintendents of Govt. Hospitals from all 9 lower Assam districts (Barpeta, Bongaigaon, Chirang, Dhubri, Goalpara, Nalbari, Kamrup Metro, Kamrup Rural and Kokrajhar) on 25th November, 2017. The programme was organised with the aim to:



1. Create awareness and sensitize the examining doctors at the district level about the legal aspects, roles and their responsibilities and
2. Coordinate with NHM and Dept. of Health and Family Welfare to adopt and notify 'Medico Legal Format' for victims of rape and sexual assault as prescribed in the POCSO guidelines of 2014, to strengthen the prosecution process and conviction of POCSO cases.

In the training programme there were around 30 participants and representatives from the Department. Centre for Child Rights had invited Mr. Surendra Kumar, IPS, Inspector General of Police, CID Assam, Dr. Richa Pandey, Associate Professor, Forensic Medicine, JMCH, Mr. Manjit Das, Advocate – Human Rights Law Network, Assam and Dr. C. Ravichandran, Health Specialist, UNICEF North East to highlight the issues of increasing sexual crimes against children, the role of doctors and the importance of medico legal format during the legal procedure.

The programme generated the need for a Standardized Medical Format for victims of sexual abuse and laid down recommendation and suggestions on the format. It also highlighted good practices adopted by hospitals in treating victims of sexual abuse.

## Free Health Check-up Camp at NLUJAA Health Centre

**November 27, 2017:**

A health camp, sponsored by FHPL, was organised at Health Centre of NLUJAA on Nov. 27, 2017 for the faculty and non-teaching staff members of NLUJAA. The main purpose was to maintain proper health of the University staff. Free general health checkup, R. B.S testing, B.P. test, E.C.G tests were provided. They were directed for TSH, eye checkup as required. Total number of beneficiaries of the free health check-up were 43.





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### Residential Training Workshop for Child Welfare Committee (CWC)

**December 18-22, 2017:**

At the request of the Department of Social Welfare, Centre for Child rights in partnership with State Child Protection Society and with technical assistance from TISS, Guwahati, prepared a 5 days comprehensive training module for Child Welfare Committee and had organised a training programme from 18th to 22nd December, 2017 with the first batch to pilot the module.

The programme invited a total of 30 participants who are Members and Chairperson of CWC from various districts of Assam. The training programme focused at sharpening the understanding of participants towards appreciating psychosocial concerns and issues of children who are vulnerable, understand macro issues that shape such issues and work towards developing skills in relation to analysis as well as in relation to Communication. It was designed with an objective to –

1. To enhance conscientisation of value base (warmth, empathy, Confidentiality and genuineness) when dealing with issues related to children.
2. To impart understanding of CWC members on psychosocial issues related to Children through an appreciation of theoretical frameworks.
3. To impart an understanding of structural and macro issues that leads to vulnerability of children and enhance analytical skills.



4. To develop skills and competencies in relation to Communication with Children encourage child participation using child friendly approach.
5. To orient them on other legislations pertaining to children, viz. Child Labour (Prohibition and Regulation) Amendment Act, Protection of Children from Sexual Offences, Act, Prevention of Child Marriage Act, provisions of Criminal Law Amendment Act pertaining to Children, etc.

The training programme received recommendation and suggestion on the learning requirement of the members of the Child Welfare Committee and paved the way for developing a certificate course for the Members and Chairpersons of the CWC in the state of Assam.

### FIFA Competition

**December 25-26, 2017:**

To promote a gaming culture among the students of the University, the Cultural Committee decided to organise the best thing that helps develop both hand-eye coordination and friendly rivalry: a FIFA competition. Some gaming equipments were procured to organise the event which was held on December 25 and 26, 2017. The winner was Abhishek Rathore of 4th Year. He was awarded a Gamepad and a Poster.

## VICE CHANCELLOR'S ACTIVITIES

### CLAT-2017 Core Committee Meeting

**August 19, 2017:**

Prof. (Dr.) J.S. Patil, Vice Chancellor, NLUJA, Assam had attended CLAT-2017 Core Committee meeting held at NLSIU, Bangalore on August 19, 2017.



### **IDIA conference at the Indian Law Institute, Delhi on Law and Creativity at New Delhi**

**September 16, 2017:**

Prof. (Dr.) J.S. Patil, Vice Chancellor, NLUJA, Assam had attended the IDIA conference at the Indian Law Institute, Delhi on Law and Creativity on September 16, 2017.

### **CLAT-2018 Core Committee meeting at Kochi**

**September 20, 2017:**

Prof. (Dr.) J.S. Patil, Vice Chancellor, NLUJA, Assam had attended CLAT-2018 Core Committee meeting held at Kochi on September 20, 2017.

### **Special Lecture Series at Alliance School of Law, Alliance University**

**September 27, 2017:**

Prof. (Dr.) J.S. Patil, Vice Chancellor, NLUJA, Assam had inaugurated a Special Lecture Series at Alliance School of Law, Alliance University, Bengaluru and delivered a lecture on Legal Research and Legal System.

### **Convocation address at Apex Professional University, Arunachal Pradesh**

**October 15, 2017:**

Prof. (Dr.) J.S. Patil, Vice Chancellor, NLUJA, Assam had delivered the Convocation address at Apex Professional University, Arunachal Pradesh on October 15, 2017.

### **Visit to Acharya Pharmacy School, Bangalore**

**November 11, 2017:**

Prof. (Dr.) J.S. Patil, Vice Chancellor, NLUJA, Assam had visited Acharya Pharmacy School, Bangalore. He was the Chief Guest at the valedictory session of Millennial Pharma Student's Congress 2017 at Acharya Pharmacy School, Bangalore on November 11, 2017.



### **East Zone Vice Chancellor's Meet**

**November 17-18, 2017:**

Prof. (Dr.) J.S. Patil, Vice Chancellor, NLUJA, Assam had attended the East Zone Vice Chancellor's Meet on Future Universities: Challenges and Opportunities for Relevance and Excellence organised by Association of Indian Universities, New Delhi and hosted by Manipur University on November 17-18, 2017 at Manipur University, Imphal. He also participated in the Pre-concluding Session of East Zone VC's Meet to draft Resolutions of the two days proceedings.





## VICE CHANCELLOR'S ACTIVITIES

### 2017 Taipei Conference on International & Comparative Law



**November 24, 2017:**

Prof. (Dr.) J.S. Patil, Vice-Chancellor, NLUJA, Assam had participated in the Taipei Conference on International & Comparative Law held on November 24, 2017. Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, NLUJAA delivered a speech at the inaugural session of the conference. He felicitated the Indian representatives to Taiwan and other dignitaries with *Gamocha* (as a symbol of Assamese Culture) at the Conference.

### Silver Jubilee Celebration at Dispur Law College



**December 3, 2017:**

Prof. (Dr.) J.S. Patil, Vice Chancellor, NLUJA, Assam had attended the silver jubilee celebration at Dispur Law College on December 3, 2017.



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### National Conference

#### at Himachal Pradesh National Law University, Shimla

**December 8-10, 2017:**

Prof. (Dr.) J.S. Patil, Vice Chancellor, NLUJA, Assam has attended a National Conference on the Theme “Paradigmatic Shifts in Law and Justice in 21st Century: Challenges and Opportunities at Himachal Pradesh National Law University, Shimla held on December 8-10, 2017. He chaired a session on Administration of Justice and Contempt of court in the Conference.

## STUDENTS' ACTIVITIES

### Students' Participation in Moot Court Competition

**25-27 August, 2017:**

A team comprising of Krishna Kant Jain, Gargi Dhang and Sagnika Banerjee participated in 34th BCI trust All India Inter-University Moot Court Competition organised by Galgotias University and reached till quarter finals.

**8-10 September, 2017:**

A team comprising of Adrita Bhuyan and Rohit Boruah participated in 5th KIIT National Moot Court Competition. The team won the round in Prelims.

**8-11 September, 2017:**

A team comprising of Rohit Ghosh, Riya Agarwal and Praveen Pratap Singh Tomar participated in 7th M.S. Ramaiah Memorial National Moot Court Competition organised by Ramaiah College of Law where researcher of Team Mr. Praveen won the Best Researcher Award.

**15-18 September, 2017:**

A team comprising of Adrita Bhuyan, Anurag Sharma, Prince Raj Participated in SLCU National Moot Court Competition which was organised by Christ University. The team won the prelims round but could not qualify for finals. They secured 10th Rank in the competition.

**1-3 October, 2017:**

A team comprising of Tathagat Sharma, Diksha Sarma and Anand Raghuvanshi participated in 3rd Manipal Ranka National Moot Court competition organised by Manipal University, Jaipur.

**5-8 October, 2017:**

A team comprising of Hemant Mishra, Anshuman Pandey, Shree Krishna Singh and Manvi Joshi participated in 8th SKVM's Pravin Gandhi College of Law National Moot Court Competition.

**8-11 October, 2017:**

A team comprising of Ritambra Kaushik, Vaibhav Pandey, Anushri Mondal and Raman Virk participated in 3rd Prof N.R. Madhav Menon SAARC Mooting Competition organised by Lloyd College of Law.

**14-15 October, 2017:**

A team comprising of Apoorv Mishra, Seemansh Agrawal and Tejaswa Mishra participated in 20th Sri S. C. Javali Memorial National Moot Court Competition organised by Sir Siddappa Kambali Law College, Dharwad, Karnataka. The team reached the Quarter final rounds.



## STUDENTS' ACTIVITIES

### Dissertations Submitted by LL.M batch 2016-17

SL. No.	Name of the Student	Supervised By	Topic
1	Anjanav Kumar Gogoi	Dr. Diptimoni Baruah	Discretionary Powers of the Governor in the States of India
2	Varuna Chakraborty	Himangshu Ranjan Nath	Parliamentary Privilege in India- An Analytical Study
3	Kankana Choudhury	Dr. Topi Basar	IP Protection of Traditional Cultural Expressions in India and South Africa- A Comparative Study
4	Parth Sankar Biswas	Himangshu Ranjan Nath	Role of PIL in Protecting and Promoting the Rights of the Disadvantaged in India: A Critical Analysis
5	Ankuran Borkakoty	Kasturi Gakul	Rights of the Prisoners in India: A Legal Analysis
6	Jitendra Nath Tiwari	Dr. Ishrat Husain	National Judicial Appointment Commission: A Critical Study
7	Yasser Iftikar Rahman	Saheb Chowdhury	Secret Killings of Assam: A Debacle of Constitutionalism
8	Bhargov Bikash Dutta	Dr. Diptimoni Baruah	Human Trafficking Relating to Women and Children with Special Reference to North-East Region

### Activities of Literary and Debating Committee

**November 18, 2017:**

National Commission for Women sponsored Quiz on Rights of the Women and Children: Under the aegis of the National Commission for Women, the Committee had organised a quiz competition on Rights of Women and Children on 18th November 2017 at 4:00 PM in the Academic Building, NLUJAA. The Quiz Master for the event was Tathagat Sharma of 3rd year. There were around 40 Questions in the Quiz and active participation from the students were observed. The winners of the Quiz were Vaibhav Shukla and Pranoy Goswami and Anshuman Pandey and Brijhban Singh Rajawat finished runners up. There were also 5 other runners up. Cash prizes were awarded to all the 7 teams.

## LEGAL UPDATES

### New Rules:

- RBI Circular Regarding Dishonour of Cheque for Scheduled Banks.
- Form of Complaint (To be Lodged) with the Banking Ombudsman.
- Address of the Office of Banking Ombudsman along with Area of Operation.
- IBBI (Grievance and Complaint Handling Procedure) Regulations, 2017 notified.



### New Amendments:

- Companies (Amendment) Act, 2017.
- Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India (Fast track Insolvency Resolution Process for Corporate Persons) (Fourth Amendment) Regulations, 2017.
- Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2015.
- Central Goods and Services Tax Rules, 2017.
- Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education Act, 2009.
- Tax Return Preparer (Amendment) Scheme, 2018 notified.

### State Acts:

- Bihar Motor Vehicle Taxation (Amendment) Act, 2016
- Jharkhand Municipal (Amendment) Act, 2016
- Karnataka Souharda Sahakari (Amendment) Act, 2016
- Madhya Pradesh Co-operative Societies (Amendment) Act, 2016
- Maharashtra Prohibition (Amendment) Act, 2016
- Punjab Excise (Amendment) Act, 2016
- Tamil Nadu District Municipalities (Amendment) Act, 2016
- Tamil Nadu Fiscal Responsibility (Amendment) Act, 2016
- West Bengal Correctional Services (Amendment) Act, 2016

### MEETINGS

- \* On August 03, 2017 a meeting was held with Assam Inland Water Department and World Bank.
- \* On August 11, 2017 a preliminary meeting was held with Assam Inland Water Department officials along with the research team of NLUJAA to organise workshop on Inland Water Regulatory Authority Legislation to be drafted by the National Law University and Judicial Academy, Assam.
- \* On August 16, 2017 a meeting was held with Officers of Inland Water Department for organizing the workshop on August 21, 2017
- \* 21st Executive Council meeting was held at the Administrative block, NLUJAA on August 17, 2017
- \* Shri Justice Ajit Singh, Chief Justice of Gauhati High Court and other dignitaries visited National Law University and Judicial Academy, Assam for Construction Review Meeting on September 04, 2017
- \* Research Review Committee meeting was held on September 09, 2017 in the presence of Prof. V. Vijay Kumar, NLSIU, Bangalore; Prof. K. I. Vibhute, IIT, Khargpur and Prof. Ajay Kumar, CNLU, Patna at the National Law University and Judicial Academy, Assam.

## MEETINGS

Review meeting was held for drafting of the "Inland Waterways Authority Act" at the National Law University and Judicial Academy, Assam with Assam Inland Water Department officials on September 14, 2017.

On November 22, 2017 a meeting was held to welcome the new Registrar of NLUJAA at the Administrative Block, NLUJAA. Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, NLUJAA felicitated and welcomed Mr. Miftahuddin Ahmed, ACS, on his first day at the University as Registrar. All the administrative staff, officers and faculty members were present in the meeting.

On December 13, 2017 a Campus review meeting was held at the National Law University Assam to review the progress of construction activities on the campus. Hon'ble Chief Justice, Chief Secretary, Director of Judicial Academy and other officers were present in the meeting.

On December 21, 2017, a Purchase Committee meeting was held for IT enablement under the chairmanship of Mr. Justice Ujjal Bhuyan, Judge, Gauhati High Court.

## NLUJAA NEW APPOINTMENTS

**NLUJAA Welcomes...**



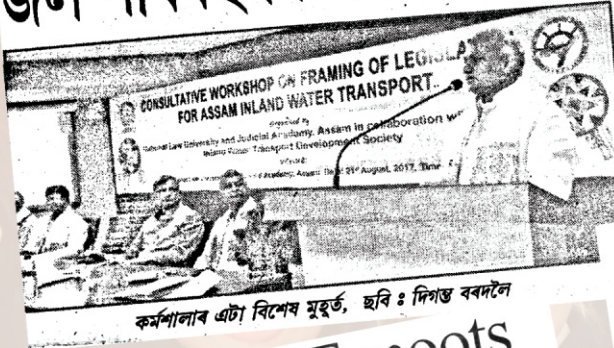
**Mr. Miftahuddin Ahmed,**  
Registrar, NLUJAA



**Prof. (Dr.) Anirudh Prasad**  
Adjunct Professor of Law, NLUJAA



আমিনগাঁৱত অসম চৰকাৰৰ মুখ্য সচিব ভি কে পিপাৰছেনিয়া  
জল পৰিবহণৰ বাবে ৰাজ্য চৰকাৰে প্ৰণয়ন কৰিব নতুন আইন



আমিনগাঁবের প্রতিনিধি, ২১ আগস্ট : জল পৰিবহণের ক্ষেত্রে অসমত শীঘ্ৰে প্রণয়ন করা হ'বে নতুন আইন। জলপথ উন্নতকরণ আৰু জল যাতায়াত আধুনিকীকৰণৰ সমান্তৰালভাৱে নতুন জল আইন প্রণয়নৰ বাবে অসম চৰকাৰে যো-জা আৰম্ভ কৰিছে।—এই কথা ভূমিপাল সিয়ে অসম চৰকাৰৰ মুখ্য সচিব তৈ কেপিলাৰেছেনিয়াই। উল্লেখ্য, অভ্যন্তৰীণ জল পৰিবহণ বিভাগ আৰু আইন বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়ৰ যৌথ উদ্যোগত আমিনগাঁওস্থিত আইন বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়ত আজি অনুষ্ঠিত উচ্চ পর্যায়ৰ কৰ্মশালা এটা উদ্বোধন কৰি অসম চৰকাৰৰ মুখ্য সচিবৰাকীয়ে পুনৰ কয় যে ৰাজ্যৰ নতুন জল পৰিবহণ আইন প্রণয়নৰ বাবে অসম চৰকাৰে আমিনগাঁওস্থিত আইন বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়ক দায়িত্ব অৰ্পণ কৰিছে। অসম চৰকাৰে প্রণয়ন কৰিবলগীয়া নতুন জল পৰিবহণ আইনে ব্ৰহ্মপুত্ৰৰ বৰাকৰ জল সামগ্ৰিক

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ৰত ভূষণ

নিও রাজ্য  
 গত আইন  
 বত ভূষণ  
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শিশুৰ অধিকাৰ আৰু সুৰক্ষা

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পৰ্যায়ৰ কৰ্মশালাত  
নিয়মীয়া বাৰ্তা, উত্তৰ গুৱাহাটী, ১ নবেম্বৰ ৯ শিশুৰ অধিকাৰ আৰু সুৰক্ষা  
সন্দৰ্ভত আমিনগাঁওস্থিত বাস্তৱ আইন বিশ্ববিদ্যালয় আৰু জুডিসিয়েল  
একাডেমীত প্ৰাৰম্ভিক পৰ্যায়ত কৰ্মশালা এখন যোৰা ২৭ আৰু ২৮ অক্টোবৰত  
অনুষ্ঠিত হৈ যায়। চেন্তোৰ ফৰ চাইল্ড ৰাইটচ উদ্যোগত আৰু ইউনিফেৰ  
সংযোগত অনুষ্ঠিত উচ্চ পৰ্যায়ৰ কৰ্মশালাত জিলাসমূহৰ শিশু সুৰক্ষা  
বিয়ানকলক লি অ'এছ আইন ২০১২ সন্দৰ্ভত বিশেষভাৱে প্ৰশিক্ষণ  
দেৱী  
শিশু অধিকাৰ বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়ৰ উীন দেৱী  
নি বিশ্ববিদ্যালয় আৰু জুডিসিয়েল  
সন্দৰ্ভত

**ACHIEVEMENT**



**Workshop on framing legislation for inland water transport in Assam**

CORRESPONDENT

**JALUKBARI, Aug 21:** A daylong workshop was held at the Moot Court Hall of the National Law University and Judicial Academy, Amingaon today on deciding the legislative framework for inland water transport in Assam, in presence of the legal and government fraternity.

The technical sessions held on the occasion covered the economic paradigm relating to water in Assam and need to be taken into consideration and incorporated into the draft legislation for regulation of inland water transport in Assam.

The session ended with valuable suggestions from the officials of the Inland Water Transport Department as regards the training of the crew members and the regulation of vessels for personal use.

The workshop was attended by State Chief Secretary Vinod Kumar Pipersenia, Ashutosh Agnihotri, Commissioner and Secretary to the Government of Madhya Pradesh.

Reference was also made to the good practices adopted by other countries with flourishing inland water transport systems, such as Germany, China, Brazil and Bangladesh.

The researchers participating in the workshop underlined the importance of including the draft legislation, measures for protection and preservation of endangered species inhabiting the River Choumoutra.

For the formulation of a legislation which takes into consideration the interests of all the stakeholders, coordination

# Assam IWT moots law to curb mishaps

MANASH PRATIM DUTTA

**Guwahati, Aug. 21:** The Assam inland water transport department has proposed to the government to frame a comprehensive law to prevent accidents involving motorised boats.

Admitting that capsizes have become rampant in the state, IWT Director Bharat Bhushan Dev Choudhury today blamed ill-equipped boats which neither have proper engines nor meet safety norms. He said there are about 2,000 private motorised boats plying on the Brahmaputra in the state, of which around 50 per cent do not have licences issued by the department.

National Disaster Management Act to control or streamline such boats. So, we have proposed to work out a specific act for the Brahmaputra transport system," said Ghoshdury.

"The inland water transport department is the only entity which maintains ferry ghats, controls the ferry service but lacks manpower. So, we plan to decentralise the system where there will be a separate department for management of ghats and ferry service. Under the new act, we propose to provide subsidy to private boatmen so that they can install gear-control systems and proper engines in their boats," says an Inland Water

The Assam Inland Water Development Soci-

creasing day by day. The Medurati boat tragedy in Dhuburi in 2012 is one of the worst examples. The main cause of such accidents is that the government is unable to provide adequate boats as there are only 80 government ferries and neither can the department control the private motorised boats for lack of manpower. Private motorised boats are an essential part of inland water transport so we are planning to bring them under the jurisdiction of the department," Choudhury IWT manager. Telegraph. [www.telegraphindia.com](http://www.telegraphindia.com)

The inland waterways authority follows the National Disaster Management Act after the Inland Ferry Act became irrelevant, he added.

শিশুৰ অধিকাৰ, সুৰক্ষা সন্দৰ্ভত কৰ্মশালা

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উত্তৰ গুৱাহাটী, ৩১ অক্টোবৰ : শিশুৰ অধিকাৰ আৰু সুৰক্ষা সন্দৰ্ভত  
আমিনগাঁৱৰ ব্যাপ্তিৱ আইন বিশ্ববিদ্যালয় আৰু জুডিচিয়েল একাডেমিত  
ৰাজ্যিক পৰ্যায়ত ২৭ আৰু ২৮ অক্টোবৰত এখন কৰ্মশালা অনুষ্ঠিত হয়।  
'চেঞ্চাৰ ফৰ চাইল্ড ৰাইটছ'ৰ উদ্যোগত আৰু ইউনিচফৰ সহযোগত  
অনুষ্ঠিত এই কৰ্মশালাত গিলাসমূহৰ শিশু সুৰক্ষা বিষয়াসকলক  
'POCSO' আইন ২০১২ৰ সন্দৰ্ভত বিশেষভাৱে প্ৰশিক্ষণ দিয়া হয়।  
শেহতীয়াভাৱে ৰাজ্যত শিশু কন্যাসকলৰ ওপৰত বুদ্ধি পোৰা যৌন  
নিৰ্যাতন ৰোধ কৰাৰ লগতে ভুক্তভোগী শিশুসকলক কিদৰে সুৰক্ষা  
প্ৰদান কৰিব পাৰি সেই সন্দৰ্ভত আলোচনা কৰা হয়। গুলবাৰ্গ  
বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়ৰ তাঁন ভং দেৱীদাস মালেই শুভাৰম্ভ কৰা কৰ্মশালাখনত  
আইন বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়ৰ উপাচাৰ্য ভং জে এছ পাটিলে শিশুৰ অধিকাৰ  
আৰু সুৰক্ষা সন্দৰ্ভত আলোকপাত কৰে। চেঞ্চাৰ ফৰ চাইল্ড ৰাইটছৰ  
পঞ্জীয়ক ভং মৃগল কিশোৰে আদৰণী ভাষণ দিয়া কৰ্মশালাত  
কেইবাগৰাকী বিশেষজ্ঞই ভাষণ দিয়ে।

## ACHIEVEMENT



Barasha Borthakur, an eighth semester student of National Law University and Judicial Academy, Assam, Guwahati under five year integrated BALLB (Hons) course has presented a research paper titled "The reality of blowing the whistle" in a national RTI seminar organised by the West Bengal National University of Juridical Sciences, Kolkata in July, 2017. She also presented jointly another research paper titled "Consular relations on the light of Kulbhusan Jadhav case" organized at Guru Govinda Indraprastha University, Delhi. Her four research papers have already been published in ISSN/ISBN accredited Law and Socioeconomic Journals. Besides attending many national seminars, she is selected for one month internship programme at Ministry of Law and Justice, Delhi by Govt. of India. She is the only child of Dr. (Mrs) Jyoti Borthakur, Chief Geologist, ONGC, Shivsagar and Sanjib Borthakur, a voluntarily retired Assam Govt. Engineer & a builder in Jorhat.

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