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### From Vice-Chancellor's Desk

I am indeed elated to present to you the first issue of second volume of NYAYALOK, the News Bulletin of the National Law University and Judicial Academy, Assam. The period from January to June, 2018 was filled with a number of academic activities. Major other events like the First Convocation of the University and Abhiveera: the Sports Fest in which more than six hundred students from prominent educational institutions from all over the country participated. The visit of the UGC 12 (B) Expert Committee on March 25-27, 2018 was successfully completed. The Bulletin shall try to keep you informed about the various activities and events that the University has undertaken during the period with the active involvement of the students, faculty and officials.

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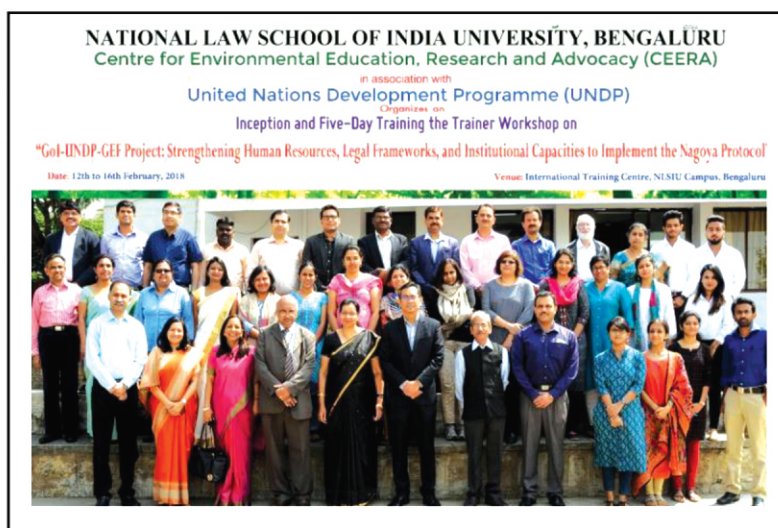
## Reports

### **UNDP-GEF, National Biodiversity Authority, NLSIU and NLUJAA research project on strengthening human resources, legal frameworks, and institutional capacities to implement The Nagoya Protocol**

February 12-16, 2018

**The UNDP-GEF Project: Strengthening human resources, legal frameworks, and institutional capacities to implement the Nagoya Protocol** is a three-year project that specifically aims at assisting countries in the development and strengthening of their national ABS frameworks, human resources, and administrative capabilities to implement the Nagoya Protocol on Access and Benefit Sharing. The project seeks to achieve this by a) strengthening the legal, policy and institutional capacity to develop the ABS Frameworks, b) building trust between users and providers of genetic resources to facilitate the identification of bio-diversity efforts; and c) Strengthening the capacity of indigenous and local communities to contribute to the implementation of the Nagoya Protocol.

The implementation of the basic measures of the Nagoya Protocol in the participating countries is intended to unleash a wide range of monetary and non-monetary benefits for providers of genetic resources. Some of these benefits should be reinvested in the conservation and sustainable use of the biological resources from where the genetic resources were obtained. This will help in fulfilling one of the three objectives of the Convention of Biological Diversity, i.e. the fair and equitable sharing of the benefits arising out of the utilization of genetic resources, including access to genetic resources, transfer of relevant technologies and funding. The first phase of the project involved conducting Inception and Training the Trainers workshop aimed at training law professors/teachers and key persons from the industry in the fundamentals of the Biological Diversity Act, the Convention on Biological Diversity and the Nagoya Protocol on Access and Benefit Sharing and other legal and policy aspects affecting biological diversity and the ABS mechanism in India. This workshop was successfully carried out from the 12th to 16th February 2018 by the National Law School of India University on its campus.



Mr. Chiradeep Basak, Assistant Professor of Law was nominated for the said Master Trainer's program. His project proposal to pursue an action research has also been selected. The said action research will be carried out by Centre for Environmental Law, National Law University and Judicial Academy, Assam under the coordinator-ship of Mr. Basak. A two-day regional workshop will be organized at NLUJAA in 2018 for the same.

### **Proceedings of the First Convocation of National Law University and Judicial Academy, Assam**

February 25, 2018

The First Convocation of the National Law University and Judicial Academy (NLUJA), Assam was held in a grand manner with several distinguished personalities gracing the Ceremony. A number of dignitaries including Hon'ble judges of the Gauhati High Court, judicial officers, distinguished invitees, Government officers, members of the General Council, Executive Council, Academic Council and other statutory bodies of the University took part in the Ceremony held on the 25th of February 2018 at the NLUJAA





campus in Amingaon, Guwahati. Shri Sarbananda Sonowal, Hon'ble Chief Minister of Assam was invited on the occasion to be the Distinguished Guest. The Hon'ble Chief Minister sent his best wishes since due to some unavoidable reasons he was unable to attend the Convocation Ceremony. The ceremony began at 10:58 am with the arrival of the Academic Procession at the venue where the graduands were already waiting. The Academic Procession was led by the Registrar of the University, Mr. Miftahuddin Ahmed, ACS. The Procession comprised of the honorable members of the General Council, Executive Council, Academic Council and the distinguished guests. After the members entered the venue the National Anthem was sung. Then the Registrar of the University requested the Hon'ble Chancellor to declare the Ceremony open. The Chancellor formally declared the opening of the Convocation Ceremony which was followed by the Welcome Address and Presentation of the University Report by the Vice-Chancellor.

In his address, the Vice-Chancellor, welcomed everyone and extended his greetings on the first convocation of the National Law University Assam. The Vice-Chancellor welcomed Hon'ble Mr. Justice J. Chelameswar, Judge, Supreme Court of India. He expressed his gratitude while recalling the Hon'ble Mr. Justice J. Chelameswar's unstinted support and commitment to the development of this University and said that the University was blessed to have him as the Chief Guest to deliver the first convocation address.



The Vice-Chancellor also extended a warm welcome to Hon'ble Mr. Justice Ranjan Gogoi, Judge, Supreme Court of India who was a Guest of Honour and addressed Hon'ble Mr. Justice Ranjan Gogoi as a 'son of the soil' and expressed hope that his continued support would help in building NLUJAA as a prominent University. The Vice-Chancellor also welcomed Hon'ble Mr. Justice Arvind Bobde, Judge, Supreme Court of India whom he described as a great personality known to Indian Judiciary and acknowledged Hon'ble Mr. Justice Arvind Bobde's keen interest in the overall growth of NLUJAA. The Vice-Chancellor extended a warm welcome to the Chancellor of NLUJAA, Hon'ble Mr. Justice Ajit Singh, Chief Justice of Gauhati High Court, and expressed his gratitude for the continuous guidance and his commitment to the development of the University which was unparalleled.

The Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor presented the University Report called the "Journey So Far" of NLUJAA before the august gathering. The Vice-Chancellor recalled the commencement of the University. The National Law University and Judicial Academy, Assam (NLUJAA) has been established by the Government of Assam by way of enactment of the National Law School and Judicial Academy, Assam Act, 2009 (Assam Act No. XXV of 2009). The word 'School' was replaced by the word 'University' by amending the National Law School and Judicial Academy, Assam (Amendment) Act, 2011. Classes began from a small three room apartment in Uzan Bazar near the Gauhati High Court, Guwahati. Three months later, the University was shifted to the North Eastern Judicial Officers' Training Institute (NEJOTI) building at Ulubari, Guwahati.



## Reports

The first academic session started functioning from September 1, 2011 with the first batch of sixty students of B.A.LL.B. Honours. The foundation stone for the Permanent Campus of the University at Amingaon was laid by Hon'ble Shri Justice Adarsh Kumar Goel, the then Chief Justice of the Gauhati High Court and the Chancellor of the University on July 1, 2012. The permanent Campus is situated in a sprawling 60 acres of beautiful landscape with sylvan hills in the backdrop and the mighty Brahmaputra River flowing in the frontage was inaugurated on March 25, 2017 in the presence of a galaxy of distinguished guests.

The Vice-Chancellor acknowledged the continuous monitoring and support by His Lordship, the Chief Justice of Gauhati High Court who held fortnightly campus review meetings along with the Chief Secretary of Government of Assam and a team of dedicated Hon'ble Judges of Gauhati High Court, Judicial Officers, Government Officers, PWD Engineers and the teaching and non-teaching staff for the growth of the campus with state-of-the-art facilities. A few milestones achieved by the University were presented before the audience. On December 7, 2016, NLUJAA became a member of the Shastri Indo-Canadian Institute (SICI) paving the way for collaborations and exchange programmes with the Canadian Universities. A Ph.D. student of NLUJAA was awarded a fellowship to research for three months in Canada. The Vice-Chancellor also placed on record his visit to Soochow University Law School, Taipei in order to explore collaborations with important universities in China and Japan at their invitation on November 24-26, 2017. Efforts are on to develop collaborations with the European Universities and Universities in the U.S. The University has entered into MoUs with the Assam Administrative Staff College on April 27, 2017, the India International Institute of Democracy and Election Management (IIIDEM), Election Commission of India, New Delhi on April 27, 2017 and IDIA Charitable Trust on May 15, 2017. The University has also established the Centre for Child Rights in collaboration with the UNICEF to study, research and promote child rights activities in Assam and the North-East. The Centre for Environment Law and the Centre for Disability Rights and Mental Health Laws were also established and functioning effectively. The University is handling a Government of Assam project funded by the World Bank for drafting of the legislation for the establishment of Inland Water Transport Regulatory Authority and Memorandum of Association and Articles of Association for the establishment of two companies to manage ports and vessels. The University has started the Dr. Gurjeet Singh Memorial National Moot Court Competition from the academic year 2016-17 as a flagship programme of the University. "Adhwik Udjjapon" ADUJ 2017, a national cultural fest for students was also successfully conducted in the same year. The University is publishing two journals NLUA Law and Policy Review and NLUA Law Review (Student Journal). The University also publishes a six-monthly news magazine called Nyayalok. A project on "Minimum Laws" to research and systematize laws of the State of Assam is under preparation and will soon be taken up. The initiative is taken by the Chief Secretary of the Government of Assam to institute Chief Minister's Good Governance Fellowships where under the students of NLUJAA will be posted in the Government Departments to understand their working and suggest innovations in the system. As desired by the Hon'ble Chief Minister, efforts are on to establish a Centre for Space Law Research with the assistance of ISRO which is being facilitated by Kamath & Kamath, Bangalore.

The Vice-Chancellor also stated that the faculty members are actively engaged in quality teaching, research, extension and other co-curricular activities, participating in national and international seminars and conferences. The students have been participating in national and international conferences and Moot Court Competitions and have brought many laurels to the University. The University has plans to establish a few more study and research centres, launch part time LL.M. degree programme for legal professionals and start some diploma and certificate courses in cutting edge areas of law. Preparatory work is going on in developing necessary regulations for these programmes.

The Vice-Chancellor concluded his speech with a note that in the last seven years of its establishment the University has managed to carve a niche for itself in the highly competitive world of legal academics and



expressed his hopes that this institution shall develop as an eminent University of national and international repute in the coming years with the kind cooperation of everyone present. Then the Presentation of the Degrees and Medals commenced with the bestowing of the Degree by the Hon'ble Chancellor, Mr. Justice Ajit Singh, Chief Justice, Gauhati High Court. Altogether 148 Graduands of B.A., LL.B. and LL.M were given their degrees, the details of which are furnished below,

Sl. No	Name of Programme	Year of Admission	Year of Passing	No. of Students
1.	BA.,LL.B(Hons.) Five Year Integrated Course (Batch-I)	2011	2016	54
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<b>Total:</b>				<b>148</b>

The list of recipients of the Gold Medal is as follows:

Name of the Programme	Year	Name of the Student
Master of Laws (LL.M) Two Years	2012 – 2014	Shivani Dutta
	2013 – 2015	Kamreen Hazarika
	2014 - 2016	Minakshi Goswami
Master of Laws (LL.M) One Year	2015 – 2016	Sunita Panth
	2016 - 2017	Partha Shankar Biswas
Bachelor of Laws with Honours (B.A., LL.B.)	2011 – 2016	Saptarshi Das
	2012 – 2017	Aditya Awasthi

The Convocation Address was delivered by the Hon'ble Mr. Justice J. Chelameswar, Judge, Supreme Court of India who was the Chief Guest on the occasion. Hon'ble Mr. Justice J. Chelameswar began his speech by expressing his happiness at being associated with this University since its establishment. He recalled that Thomas Jefferson, President of the United States wanted to be known as the author of the American Declaration of Independence and founder of Virginia University rather than as the President of the United States—association with educational institutes brings honour and recognition to those who understand the value of education. He stated that legal history of mankind has been a conflict







between individuals' liberty and state's efforts to curtail that liberty and that the State has to establish "just social order" but the understanding of it changes with time and space. Two things emerge from such conflict—establishment of organised State and Law. The requirement of law is for regulating conduct of rulers and subjects. Human experience shows that power tends to destroy liberty and excesses of power must be regulated. This led to invention of concept of governance by the Constitution.

The Constitution is designed to establish fundamental norms of the government and limitation on power to make laws. Hon'ble Mr. Justice J. Chelameswar also reminded the audience that the Constitution is made by human beings and that the State exists for welfare of the people not vice versa. Securing liberties of people is only possible when the institutions established for upholding constitution are strong, vibrant and committed to the values of the Constitution. And that Constitutional history shows that it is a saga of sacrifice. According to Lawrence Tribe, "a constitution is a document written in human blood". The Hon'ble Mr. Justice also urged upon the students to be mindful of the fact that as future lawyers, lawmakers, judges they would have to make a choice between achieving personal success and having it tempered with a noble goal. He concluded his speech by quoting John F. Kennedy who mentioned about Theodore Roosevelt in some context, 'Credit goes to that man whose face is marred by the sweat, the dust and the scars of the battle—if he succeeds he knows the high achievement, if he fails he fails so daringly that his place shall never be with those cold and timid souls who know neither victory nor defeat'.

Hon'ble Mr. Justice Ranjan Gogoi, Judge, Supreme Court of India and Hon'ble Mr. Justice Arvind Bobde, Judge, Supreme Court of India who were the distinguished Guests of Honour also addressed the students' community and the graduating students. In his speech, Hon'ble Mr. Justice Arvind Bobde, Judge, Supreme Court of India, gave a valuable insight into the life of an individual who is shaped by adversity and resilience by sharing an anecdote. He also urged the students to be aware that they would be assisted by technology to a large extent and they should arm themselves with adequate knowledge and exert themselves well. Hon'ble Mr. Justice Ranjan Gogoi, Judge, Supreme Court of India, mentioned in his address that it gave him immense pride to be associated with the first National Law University in the North East. He expressed his satisfaction that the University is offering to the country dedicated and motivated individuals who have undergone a transition from being unassuming under graduate students to insightful Law graduates, from being 'Dreamers' to 'Doers'. The Hon'ble Mr. Justice Ranjan Gogoi reminded the students, 'the social engineers' to inculcate personal integrity which is dwindling across institutions and across ideologies. He urged them to find their moral compass and be governed by it and defend the truth wherever they go since they are the harbingers of the new order, new ambitions, new aspirations and values. The Hon'ble Mr. Justice concluded his address by asking them to "Be the change that you wish to see in the world".

The Convocation was declared closed by the Hon'ble Chancellor and the hall rose for the National Anthem. The Ceremony came to a close after the Academic Procession left the Convocation Hall.



## Visit of Prof. Armin Rosencranz, Lawyer and Political Scientist to NLUJAA

March 10, 2018

On 10th of March 2018, Professor Armin Rosencranz delivered a 2 hour discourse to students of NLUJA, Assam on the topic 'Climate change, Energy and Equity'. Armin Rosencranz is a lawyer and political scientist (AB, Princeton; JD, MA, PhD Stanford). He has taught at Berkeley (1987-94) and Stanford (1994-2012). He founded and led an international environmental NGO, Pacific Environment (1987-96). With all the talks on climate change today, with nations realising the need to combat climate change and re-strategize on energy



consumption methods, he elucidated upon how a very ambitious renewable energy plan/strategy by states may lead to consequential effects on the non-renewable energy sources of the planet, and also stated that the United States and India have taken regressive steps on climate change. Today, with renewable energy in the market equivalent to the cost of fossil fuels, he emphasised on how countries around the globe are trying to better utilise the renewable sources available- such as solar, hydro, wind, geothermal and nuclear energy. This recent change can be a tipping point that may make fighting climate change profitable for energy companies.

In relation to each of these, he elaborated on how each energy source can be and is being put to use for generation of energy in the most efficacious way, with the least amount waste generation. Taking India as an example, he related to how making use of the abundance of solar energy by way of installing rooftop solar panels or photovoltaic cells can help the large population residing in the rural areas, inaccessible to electricity avail the luxury of light.

Nuclear power, to be precise, nuclear fusion, considered 'the future of clean energy' if rightly put to use, can revolutionise energy supply. There, however exists differing views amongst the world community on how its usage can lead to more harm or more good. Issues relating to the vulnerability of the nature of nuclear power, generation of nuclear waste, and safety measures are constantly being debated. Professor Rosencranz threw light on how the world would benefit and lay all questions to rest if the possibility of having a single nuclear reactor can be made true.

Climate change is primarily because of excessive carbon in the atmosphere; this overload is because of a number of reasons- burning fossil fuels, large scale deforestation including burning of forests for cultivation purposes, etc. With developing countries undertaking operations of cutting down their tropical forest lands for trade, (export) and, for reasons such as to habitat their increasing population, stored carbon is released to the atmosphere, contributing to the already carbon-overload in the atmosphere. Soil is another carbon-rich component, which when ploughed for cultivation (agricultural purposes) releases a massive amount of carbon. Solutions to prevent and control such operations include processes such as-

1) Carbon capture and storage- a process of capturing and storing carbon below the ground so that it does not enter the atmosphere.

2) Conservation tillage- a method of soil cultivation which is a system that would conserve soil by improving methods of plating, growing and harvesting of crops with as less erosion of the top soil as possible.

Other strategies that can be followed to control carbon output such as levying carbon tax, having regulations such as Renewable Portfolio Standard (RPS), utilisation of geo-thermal energy, adopting methods that would prevent huge energy loss during transmission were also discussed.





Other highlights included discussion on principles of equity in sustainable development, with emphasis on understanding intergenerational equity as well as intra-generational equity. Some core principles that were discussed included the Neighbour's Principle, the Polluter Pays Principle, and the Precautionary Principle. The entire discourse was replete with case laws and judicial analysis, more so in the discussion of The Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act passed by the Indian Parliament in 2006. Two important cases- The Vedanta case (*Orissa Mining Corporation v. Union of India and Ors.* (2013) 6 SCC 476) and *T.N. Godavarman Thirumulkpad v. Union of India* were crucial with regards to the aforementioned legislation. The latter case being particularly related to the North Eastern region of India, wherein, a large number of wood-based industries of the region were affected as a reason of the Hon'ble Court's judgment. The Supreme Court of India developed what is known as a 'continuing mandamus' in this case- which Professor Rosencranz mentioned that it is a concept peculiar to Indian judiciary. The discussion ended with Professor Rosencranz answering questions from the enlightened audience.

### Visit of Shri Nandan Kumar, Joint Director of Economics, Competition Commission of India

May 4, 2018

Shri Nandan Kumar, Joint Director of Economics, Competition Commission of India delivered a special lecture on Competition Law and Policies.





## Visit of Prof. Dr. H. Raghavendrachar, Principal, Sri Vijayanagar College of Law, Andhra Pradesh

May 10, 2018

Prof. Dr. H. Raghavendrachar delivered a series of lectures on Family Law at the University.

## Special Lecture on Constitutional Law

May 23, 2018

Prof Paramjit Jaswal, Vice Chancellor RGNUL, Punjab visited University campus on May 23, 2018 and delivered a special lecture on Constitutional Law. The significant scheme of this lecture revolved around the election outlook held in Karnataka. He touched upon several contours of election related laws citing precedents from Indian legislative, judicial and political history. His lecture was a fair critic of certain electoral events of India where the aspects of democracy has been under the radar of criticism. The practical aspects and constitutional spirits with respect to elections was the focal point of the class discussion.

## News & Events

## NLUJAA Digital Repository cum Digital Library under the initiative of National Digital Library of India (NDLI)

January 19, 2018

National Law University and Judicial Academy, Assam has signed the terms of reference of National Digital Library of India (NDLI), project of MHRD's National Mission on Education through Information and Communication Technology to develop a Digital Repository of National Law University and Judicial Academy, Assam. The NLUJAA Digital Repository aims to manage and integrate useful digital contents of the University and related to the University in a single platform to make those accessible worldwide in full text form whenever needed, to facilitate e-learning environment by providing access to thesis, dissertation, courseware and many audio-visual lectures etc. NDL India is designed to provide support for all academic levels including researchers and life-long learners, all disciplines, all popular form of access devices and differently-abled learners and to enable people to learn and prepare from best practices from all over the world and to facilitate researchers to perform inter-linked exploration from multiple sources.

## Republic Day Celebration at NLUJAA

January 26, 2018

The 69th Republic Day was celebrated at National Law University and Judicial Academy, Assam by hoisting the National Flag by Hon'ble Vice Chancellor Prof. (Dr.) J.S. Patil in front of the Administrative Block. The Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, Registrar, and Senior faculty members addressed the staffs, faculty members present on the eve of republic day celebration.



## News & Events

### Investors Awareness Programme

January 29, 2018

An Investors Awareness Programme was organized by the University to know about different class of investment avenue on January 29, 2018 at the conference hall, Administrative Block. Persons from M/S Sundaram Mutual Ltd. shows different investment opportunities to the faculty members, officers and staff present at the awareness programme.

### National Academic Depository (NAD) Implementation

January 31, 2018

As per guidelines from University Grant Commission (UGC), National Law University and Judicial Academy, Assam has signed the service level agreement on 31/01/2018 with NSDL Database Management Limited (NDML), one of the depositories for the National Academic Depository (NAD). NAD is a 24X7 online store house of all academic awards viz. certificates, diplomas, degrees, mark-sheets etc. duly digitised and lodged by academic institutions / boards / eligibility assessment bodies. The Academic Awards of Graduates who received original/provisional degrees in 1st Convocation (Batches - B.A., LL.B. (Hons.) 2011, 2012 and LL.M. 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016) have been already uploaded on the National Academic Depository. This will allow the graduates to retrieve their academic awards at any time and even allow employers and other person with prior approval of the concerned graduate to verify the authenticity of any academic award.

### Saraswati Puja Celebration at University Premises

February 01, 2018

Sri Saraswati Puja was celebrated by the University Library, on February 01, 2018 at the National Law University and Judicial Academy, Assam campus. All the faculty members and staffs paid obeisance to the Goddess of Learning and celebrated the puja with gaiety and rituals.



### Formation of National Law University and Judicial Academy, Assam (NLUJAA) Alumni Association

February 24, 2018

National Law University and Judicial Academy, Assam (NLUJAA) Alumni Association has been formed with the approval of the Statutory Bodies of the University, viz. the General Council, the Executive Council and the Academic Council. On the eve of the first convocation of NLUJAA (that is on 24th February, 2018) the Alumni Association was formally inaugurated by Prof. (Dr.) Vijender Kumar, former Vice-Chancellor of NLUJAA and present Vice-Chancellor of Maharashtra National Law University, Nagpur.





Alumni of the following programmes have registered themselves as members of the NLUJAA Alumni Association

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## 2nd Book Exhibition at NLUJAA Library

March 05-07, 2018



The second Book Exhibition was organised from March 05-07, 2018 by the University Library in the NLUJAA Library premises to facilitate the students and faculty members to select books for acquisition to the library, as well as to buy books for themselves. The second Book Exhibition was participated by three Book Agencies namely Book Corporation, Asia Law House and Unique Books. The exhibition was inaugurated by Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor Prof. (Dr.) J.S. Patil in presence of Mr. Miftahuddin Ahmed (ACS), Registrar, on the 5th of March 2018. The exhibition covered the books dealing with subjects/courses run by the University.

## Abhiveera: The Sports Fest of National Law University and Judicial Academy, Assam

March 07-10, 2018

National Law University and Judicial Academy Assam, conducted its first version of Inter-University National Sports Fest "ABHIVEERA" from March 07-10, 2018. Abhiveera, the annual sports fest of NLUJAA, was inaugurated by His Honourable, Retired Justice, A.C. Upadhaya, who presided as the Chief Guest of the opening ceremony and lit the lamp. The Vice Chancellor of NLUJAA presided as the Guest of Honour along with other guests and students from different universities across the country.





The speeches of the Chief Guest and the Guest of Honour was followed by various cultural performances by the students which marked the successful opening of the sports fest.

Abhiveera witnessed a participation of more than six hundred students from prominent institutions like, National University of Study and Research in Law (NUSRL), Ranchi, Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Guwahati, North East Frontier Law College, Guwahati, Tata Institute Of Social Sciences, Guwahati, L.C.B College, Guwahati, K.C. Das Commerce College,

Guwahati Commerce College, Guwahati, Regional Institute of Management, Narangi Anchalik Mahavidyalaya, Guwahati, DADRA Football Club, Jorhat College, West Guwahati College, etc. The three day event witnessed outdoor sports like Cricket, Football, Basketball, Badminton and indoor events like Chess, Carrom, Table Tennis, Sports Quiz etc. which was enthusiastically played by the participating students. After the end of three days, K.C. Das Commerce College, Guwahati, bagged the best contingent prize with Three Gold and One Silver.

The Closing Ceremony was presided by Mr. Mukhesh Sahay, DGP, Assam Police along with Prof. Armin Rosencranz, Stanford School of Law. Mr. Mukesh Sahay infused the sportsman spirit into the students with his fiery speech. The trophies were given away by the Chief Guest and Guest of Honour which was followed by a Social Night, where students from all the institutions had a fun-filled and lively interaction. Abhiveera, the first of its kind National Sports Fest of NLUJAA was a grand success.



## Celebration of International Women's Day by the Centre for Gender Justice, NLUJAA

March 08, 2018

National Law University and Judicial Academy, Assam (NLUJAA) Centre for Gender Justice has been established in the month of December, 2017 in order to facilitate academic and action-oriented programme towards promotion of gender equality. On March 8, 2018, i.e., International Women's Day, the Centre for Gender Justice has organised its first programme wherein twenty (20) female staff members of housekeeping and security services and five (05) women employed at NLUJAA canteens were felicitated for the service they render to the University. It was a momentous occasion where the subaltern women were duly honoured for their service and were given a forum to express their joys, travails and aspirations.





## Movie Screening by Art Collective

March 17, 2018

On 17th March 2018, Art Collective screened a movie based on the horror genre. Keeping in mind the diversity in the choices of the students of the law school, the opportunity to choose the movie was given to the student fraternity through the medium of online voting via the students' mail. Accordingly, the film titled 'Other side of the Door', a 2016 film directed by Johannes Roberts was screened at the first ever event of Art Collective.

## UGC 12 (B) Expert Committee Visit

March 25 – 27, 2018

An Expert Committee comprising of Prof. (Dr.) P. Ishwara Bhat, Vice-Chancellor, The West Bengal National University of Juridical Sciences, Kolkata, Chairman; Prof. (Dr.) Manoj Kumar Sinha, Director, Indian Law Institute, New Delhi, Prof. (Dr.) S. S. Chatterji, Department of Law, University of Calcutta, Kolkata and Shri Satish Kumar, Deputy Secretary, UGC, New Delhi visited the University for consideration under 12(B) section of the UGC Act, 1956. The committee members visited the University for three days from March 25th to 27th, 2018 to have spot assessment of various infrastructural and other facilities available with the University. The committee also had quality interaction with the management, faculty members, non-teaching staff and the students during the visit.



The detailed programme schedule of the inspection is furnished below:

Date	Time	Programme	Venue
25.03.2018	10.30 a.m.	Reception at NLUJAA	VC's Office, Admin Block
	11.00 a.m.-12.00 p.m.	Presentation of the University Report by the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, NLUJAA	VC's Conference Hall, 3 <sup>rd</sup> Floor, Admin Block
	12.00 p.m.-1.30 p.m.	Campus tour	
	2.30 p.m.- 4.00 p.m.	Interaction with Academia	Academic Block
	4.30 p.m.-5.00 p.m.	Visit to Legal Aid Cell and Centre for Disability Studies	Academic Block
	10.00 a.m.-11.00 a.m.	Visit to Centre for Child Rights and Centre for Environmental Law	Admin Block

26.03.2018	11.30 a.m.-2:00 p.m.	Visit to Admin Block starting from Registrar's Office, Exam Section, Library, Establishment Section, Accounts Section, Health Centre, IT Section, Engineering Section	Admin Block
	3.00p.m.- 4.30p.m.	Interaction with students	VC's Conference Hall, 3 <sup>rd</sup> Floor, Admin Block
27.03.2018	11.00 a.m.-12.00 p.m.	Feedback on the visit by Expert Team	VC's Conference Hall, 3 <sup>rd</sup> Floor, Admin Block

### MoU with Maharashtra National Law University, Nagpur

April 12, 2018



The Maharashtra National Law University, Nagpur signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with National Law University and Judicial Academy, Assam on April 12, 2018 at Nagpur for fostering academic collaboration between the two universities. This MoU facilitates MNLU, Nagpur to operationalize its vision and mission of ensuring academic collaboration that will encompass exchange of students and members of faculty between the two universities; collaborate in mutual agreeable academic events, teaching, training and research; offer full time as well as optional courses to the undergraduate and postgraduate degree courses offered at these universities on mutually agreeable terms and conditions; supervise Ph.D. Scholars in interdisciplinary areas of research having interface with law; and initiate other academic activities, research and publication. In addition to this, active efforts will be made to develop joint training and collaborative research programmes that will be pursued in a collaborative spirit. Prof. (Dr.) Vijender Kumar, Vice-Chancellor, MNLU, Nagpur and Prof. (Dr.) J.S. Patil, Vice-Chancellor, National Law University and Judicial Academy, Assam signed the MoU in the presence of Dr. N. M. Sakarkar, Registrar, C. Ramesh Kumar, OSD (Academics) and faculty members Prof. (Dr.) Naresh Kumar Vats, Dr. Himanshu Pandey, Dr. Anirban Chakraborty and Dr. Manish Yadav.



## Second Dr. Gurjeet Singh Memorial National Moot Court Competition (GSMNMCC)

April 20-22, 2018

The moot is named after the Founder Vice-Chancellor, Late Prof. (Dr.) Gurjeet Singh who left for his heavenly abode on the 1st of April, 2017, out of gratitude for his contribution in building this University and to symbolically immortalise his legacy in the annals of National Law University and Judicial Academy, Assam. The inaugural Lamp was lit by Chief Guest Mr. Manveen Singh, Assistant Professor, Jindal Global Law School and son of Late Prof. (Dr.) Gurjeet Singh and the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, NLUJAA, Prof. (Dr.) J. S. Patil, Mr. Miftahuddin Ahmed, Registrar, NLUJAA and Prof. Yugal Kishore, Professor of Law, NLUJAA.



## Pen Down - A Written Quiz Competition

May 15, 2018

Pen Down a written Prize money quiz competition was organized by National Law University and Judicial Academy, Assam on May 15, 2018 at the University campus. The quiz competition was conducted by Mr. Miftahuddin Ahmed, ACS, Registrar, NLUJAA where total 30 teams comprising 2 members in each team have participated. The team comprising Sudarshan Goswami, IV Semester and Himangshu Sonowal, II Semester won the 1st prize; Sanjivan Chakraborty, IV Semester and Susmit Ifsaq, IV Semester won the 2nd prize; Rudransh Sharma, X Semester and Gaurav Arya, X Semester won the 3rd Prize.





## News & Events

### Legal Awareness Camp

May 16, 2018



The Legal Aid Cell, National Law University and Judicial Academy, Assam organized a Legal Awareness Camp at Dadara High School, Dadara on 16th May, 2018. In this camp the Para-Legal Volunteers of the Cell discussed and interacted on various legal issues such as Consumer Protection, Environment, Domestic Violence, etc. All the students and teachers of the school participated in the programme.

### 1st Event of “Mudda Series”: Presentation-cum-symposium on Women Safety in Present Era

May 18, 2018

Hostel and Campus Welfare Committee, National Law University and Judicial Academy, Assam in collaboration with “CELEBRATING INDIA” conducted the 1st Event of “Mudda Series” i.e. Symposium-cum-presentation, on the topic – Women Safety in Present Era. Students of various institutes like, Symbiosis Law University, Pune, RMNLU, Lucknow and law colleges from Guwahati have participated in the programme. More than 14 Research Paper and presentation was witnessed in the event. The Participants were awarded with both participation certificates and also cash prizes to the winners.



## Vice-Chancellor's Activities

### Inauguration of Career Guidance of SCAB Law College, Raichur

March 29, 2018

Prof. (Dr.) J.S. Patil, Vice Chancellor, NLUJA, Assam inaugurated Career Guidance programme of SCAB Law College, Raichur on March 29, 2018.



### **Man of the Year Award**

March 29, 2018

Awarded Man of the Year award by the Dr. M. Nagappa Pratishtan, Raichur, Karnataka on March 29, 2018.

### **Delivered lectures on Jurisprudence and Research Methods in the Maharashtra National Law University, Nagpur**

April 12-13, 2018

Delivered lectures on Jurisprudence and Research Methods in Maharashtra National Law University, Nagpur on 12th and 13th April, 2018.

### **Chief Guest of Annual Day Celebration at KLE Law College, Bangalore**

May 16, 2018

Invited as chief guest of Annual Day celebration at the KLE Law College, Bangalore and released the souvenir "Chiguru" on the occasion.

### **Meeting of Core Committee CLAT-2018**

May 29, 2018

Attended 2nd meeting of the Core-Committee of CLAT- 2018 held on May 29, 2018 at the Courtyard Marriott, Nedumbassery, Kochi, Kerala.

## Students' Activities

### **NLUJAA Team Wins Rs.1.25 Lakh Prize Money**

January 20, 2018

Centre for Sustainable Development Goals (CSDGs) in collaboration with United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), Centre for Innovation & Futures Studies (CIFS) and Transformation & Development Department organised a two-day event on 2nd and 3rd November 2017, titled 'Ideathon: Youth Innovations for a Brighter Assam' at Assam Administrative Staff College in Guwahati where the team from NLUJAA comprising of Animesh Anand Bordoloi, Prannoy Joe Sebastian and Adrita Goswami was one of the runners-up of the event. The winning team shall be given 1.25 lakhs (one lakh twenty five thousand) in two instalments. The first installment of Rs. 60,000 was transferred to the University Account in the month of February.

### **Brij The Gap: The Poetry Slam**

February 13, 2018

Brij the Gap: The Poetry Slam was organized by Literary and Debating Committee of NLUJA, Assam on 13th February, 2018 at the University premises. Students of the University had participated in the Poetry Slam.



## Students' Activities

### Achieved 4th rank in Surana & Surana and Ramaiah College of Law National Tort Law Moot and Judgement Writing Competition

March 09-11, 2018

Adarsh Awasthi, Amit Jain and Ujjwal Jyoti of National Law University and Judicial Academy, Assam have achieved 4th rank in Surana & Surana and Ramaiah College of Law National Tort Law Moot and Judgement Writing Competition held in Bangaluru on March 09-11, 2018.

### Secured 1st rank in 1st Online Judgement Writing Competition 2018

May 1, 2018

Apoorv Mishra and Rupali Poodar secured 1st rank in 1st Online Judgement Writing Competition 2018 organized by the Journal for Indian Researchers on May 1, 2018. Total 104 teams participated in the competition including participants from nine National Law University NLIU, GNLU, RGNLU, DSNLU, NLUO, NUALS and others.



### Dissertations Submitted by LL.M Batch 2017-2018

May 18, 2018

SL.No.	Name of the Student	Supervised By	Topic
1	Abhishek Chakravarty	Prof (Dr.) Yugal Kishore	The Role of Indigenous People in Environmental Governance with Special Reference to United Nation's Redd+ Initiative in Northeast India
2	Anee Das	Dr. Topi Basar	Expounding Design Act, 2000 in Context of Assam's Textile Sector
3	Arunav Talukdar	Mr. Saheb Chowdhury	Media Trial and Right to Freedom of Speech and Expression: An Analysis
4	Dasukshisha Lyngdoh Marshilong	Ms. Kasturi Gakul	Capital Punishment in India: A Legal Analysis
5	Deboleena Dutta	Dr. Ishrat Husain	Appointment of Judges in the Higher Judiciary in India: An Analytical Study
6	Farhana Newaz	Prof. (Dr.) Anirudh Prasad	Judicial Activism in India with Reference to Article 21 of the Constitution
7	Himashri Baishya	Dr. Ishrat Husain	Corporate Criminal Liability in India: An Analytical Study
8	Jaysri Sarmah	Dr. Diptimoni Baruah	The Rights of Differently Abled persons in India: An Analysis
9	Jyotisikha Choudhury	Mrs. Monmi Gohain	Online Dispute Resolution for Resolving E-Commerce Disputes in India: A Gateway to the Future
10	Monzur Ul Kabir Choudhury	Mrs. Monmi Gohain	Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code, 2016: A Paradigm Shift in Insolvency Law



## Students' Activities

11	Mridusmita Sarkar	Prof. (Dr.) Anirudh Prasad	Preventive Detention Laws in India and Violation of Human Rights: A Study with Special Reference to Article 22 of the Indian Constitution
12	Nichinka Upadhyaya	Mr. Himangshu Ranjan Nath	An Analytical Study on the Customary Laws of Chakesang Naga Tribe of Nagaland
13	Rituparna Sarmah	Dr. Topi Basar	Non-Conventional Trademark with Special Reference to India and U.S.A.- An Analysis
14	Shehnaz Aziz	Mrs. Gitanjali Ghosh	Exploring the Need of Legalisation to Protect the Right to Privacy in India: A Critical Study
15	Sujata Sarma	Prof. (Dr.) Anirudh Prasad	Food Adulteration in India Challenging the Basic Constitutional Imperatives: A Study
16	Swastik	Prof (Dr.) Yugal Kishore	A Critical Legal Analysis of Technology Transfer under United Nation's Framework on Climate Change
17	Swarnali Barua	Mrs.Monmi Gohain	Investment Arbitration in India with Special Reference to Model Bit 216: Future Opportunities and Challenges
18	Upasana Sarma	Mr. Himangshu Ranjan Nath	National Register of Citizens (NRC) in Assam: Problems and Prospects
19	Vinnoka Achumi	Mrs.Monmi Gohain	Role of Auditor in Promoting Efficient Corporate Governance in India- A Critique on Recent Reform in Companies Act, 213.

## Meetings

- 6th Meeting of the Academic Council was held under the Chairmanship of Prof. (Dr.) J.S. Patil, Vice-Chancellor, NLUJA, Assam on February 16, 2018.
- 22nd Executive Council Meeting was held under the Chairmanship of Prof. (Dr.) J.S. Patil, Vice-Chancellor, NLUJA, Assam, on February 16, 2018.
- 19th General Council Meeting at National Law University and Judicial Academy, Assam was held on February 21, 2018 under the Chairmanship of Hon'ble Shri Justice Ajit Singh, Chief Justice, Gauhati High Court and the Chancellor, NLUJA, Assam.
- 8th Finance Council meeting was held under the Chairmanship of Prof. (Dr.) J.S. Patil, Vice-Chancellor, NLUJA, Assam on April 06, 2018.
- 7th Academic Council Meeting was held on April 9, 2018 at Administrative Block, National Law University and Judicial Academy, Assam.
- 23rd Executive Council meeting was held at Administrative Block, National Law University and Judicial Academy, Assam on April 10, 2018.
- 20th General Council meeting was held on May 25, 2018 at National Law University and Judicial Academy, Assam.



## Bird's-Eye View of UGC 12B Expert Committee Visit





# ৰাষ্ট্ৰীয় আইন বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়ৰ প্ৰথম সমাৱৰ্তন সমাৰোহ সম্পন্ন

মহানগৰ বাতৰি সেৱা  
উত্তৰ গুৱাহাটী, ২৫ ফেব্ৰুৱাৰী : কামৰূপ  
জিলাৰ আমিনগাঁওস্থিত ৰাষ্ট্ৰীয় আইন  
বিশ্ববিদ্যালয় আৰু ন্যায়িক একাডেমী অসমৰ  
প্ৰথম সমাৱৰ্তন সমাৰোহ আজি  
বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়খনৰ চৌহদত অনুষ্ঠিত হয়।  
২০১১ চনৰ জুন মাহত আৰম্ভ হোৱা আইন  
বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়খনৰ প্ৰথমখন সমাৱৰ্তন  
সমাৰোহত ১৪৮ গৰাকী কৃতি শিক্ষাৰ্থীক এল  
এল এম, এল এল বি ডিগ্ৰীসমূহ প্ৰদান কৰা  
হয়। এই শিক্ষাৰ্থীসকলৰ মাজৰপৰা সাতগৰাকী  
শিক্ষাৰ্থীক স্বৰ্ণ পদক প্ৰদান কৰে উচ্চতম  
ন্যায়ালয়ৰ ন্যায়াধীশ



১ পৃষ্ঠাৰ পৰা

## সমাৱৰ্তন সমাৰোহ সম্পন্ন

ৰঞ্জন গগৈয়ে। স্বৰ্ণ পদক প্ৰদান কৰি দিয়া ভাষণত ন্যায়াধীশ ৰঞ্জন গগৈয়ে  
আইন ৰক্ষকসকলক সমাজৰ একোগৰাকী অভিযন্তা হিচাপে অভিহিত  
কৰি প্ৰত্যেকজন আইন ৰক্ষকক সুস্থ সমাজ গঠনত মনোনিৱেশ কৰিবলৈ  
আহ্বান জনায়। ৰাষ্ট্ৰীয় আইন বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়ৰ উপাচার্য ড° জে এছ পাটিলৰ  
উদ্বোধনী ভাষণেৰে আৰম্ভ হোৱা সমাৱৰ্তনত উচ্চতম ন্যায়ালয়ৰ  
ন্যায়াধীশ জাষ্টি চেলামেশ্বৰ, উচ্চতম ন্যায়ালয়ৰ ন্যায়াধীশ সাবদ অৰবিন্দ  
কোবদে, ৰাষ্ট্ৰীয় আইন বিশ্ববিদ্যালয় আৰু ন্যায়িক একাডেমী, অসমক  
আচাৰ্য তথা ন্যায়াধীশ অজিত সিং, অসম চৰকাৰৰ মুখ্য সচিব বি কে  
পিপাৰছেনিয়াই অংশগ্ৰহণ কৰে।

## ৰাষ্ট্ৰীয় আইন বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়-ন্যায়িক একাডেমী প্ৰথমখন সমাৱৰ্তন সমাৰোহ সম্পন্ন

নিয়মীয়া বাৰ্তা, উত্তৰ গুৱাহাটী, ২৫  
ফেব্ৰুৱাৰী : কামৰূপ জিলাৰ  
আমিনগাঁওস্থিত ৰাষ্ট্ৰীয় আইন  
বিশ্ববিদ্যালয় আৰু ন্যায়িক  
একাডেমী, অসমৰ প্ৰথম সমাৱৰ্তন  
সমাৰোহ আজি বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়খনৰ  
চৌহদত অনুষ্ঠিত হয়। ২০১১ চনৰ  
জুন মাহত আৰম্ভ হোৱা আইন  
বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়খনৰ প্ৰথমখন সমাৱৰ্তন  
সমাৰোহত ১৪৮গৰাকী কৃতি  
শিক্ষাৰ্থীক এল এল এম, এল এল  
বি ডিগ্ৰীসমূহ প্ৰদান কৰে। এই  
শিক্ষাৰ্থীসকলৰ মাজৰ পৰা ৭গৰাকী  
শিক্ষাৰ্থীক স্বৰ্ণ পদক প্ৰদান কৰে  
উচ্চতম ন্যায়ালয়ৰ ন্যায়াধীশ ৰঞ্জন

গগৈয়ে। স্বৰ্ণ পদক প্ৰদান কৰি দিয়া  
ভাষণত ন্যায়াধীশগৰাকীয়ে  
আইনৰক্ষকসকলক সমাজৰ  
একোগৰাকী অভিযন্তা হিচাপে  
অভিহিত কৰি প্ৰত্যেকজনকে সুস্থ  
সমাজ গঠনত মনোনিৱেশ কৰিবলৈ  
আহ্বান জনায়। ৰাষ্ট্ৰীয় আইন  
বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়ৰ উপাচার্য ড° জে এছ  
পাটিলৰ উদ্বোধনী ভাষণেৰে আৰম্ভ  
হোৱা সমাৱৰ্তনত উচ্চতম ন্যায়ালয়ৰ  
ন্যায়াধীশ জাষ্টি চেলামেশ্বৰ, উচ্চতম  
ন্যায়ালয়ৰ ন্যায়াধীশ সাবদ অৰবিন্দ  
কোবদে, ৰাষ্ট্ৰীয় আইন বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়  
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ৰাষ্ট্ৰীয় আইন বিশ্ববিদ্যালয় আৰু ন্যায়িক একাডেমী, অসম  
National Law University and Judicial Academy, Assam



Students of the LLM Batch posing for a group photograph during the first convocation of the National Law University and Judicial Academy, Assam, in its new Amtingam campus on Sunday. - UB Photos

## আমিনগাঁৱৰ ৰাষ্ট্ৰীয় আইন বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়ৰ সমাৱৰ্তন ১৪৮ শিক্ষাৰ্থীক এল এল এম-এল এল বি ডিগ্ৰী প্ৰদান



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একাডেমী, অসমৰ প্ৰথম সমাৱৰ্তন

এল এল এম, এল এল বি ডিগ্ৰী  
প্ৰদান কৰা হয়। এই শিক্ষাৰ্থীসকলৰ  
মাজৰ পৰা ৭ গৰাকী শিক্ষাৰ্থীক  
স্বৰ্ণপদক প্ৰদান কৰে উচ্চতম  
ন্যায়ালয়ৰ ন্যায়াধীশ ৰঞ্জন গগৈয়ে।  
স্বৰ্ণপদক প্ৰদান কৰি দিয়া ভাষণত  
ন্যায়াধীশ ৰঞ্জন গগৈয়ে  
আইনৰক্ষকসকলক সমাজৰ  
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সুস্থ সমাজ গঠনত  
মনোনিৱেশ কৰিবলৈ আহ্বান জনায়।  
ৰাষ্ট্ৰীয় আইন বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়ৰ উপাচার্য  
ড° জে এছ পাটিলৰ উদ্বোধনী  
ভাষণেৰে আৰম্ভ হোৱা সমাৱৰ্তনত  
উচ্চতম ন্যায়ালয়ৰ ন্যায়াধীশ জাষ্টি  
চেলামেশ্বৰ, উচ্চতম ন্যায়ালয়ৰ  
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পিপাৰছেনিয়াই অংশগ্ৰহণ কৰে।





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