

NSS NLU ASSAM Report(OCTOBER,2021-JANUARY,2022)

52nd NSS DAY CELEBRATION

The NSS Unit of NLU Assam organized the 52nd, NSS Day Celebration, 2021. The Chief Guest of the event Shri Dipak Kumar, Regional Director, Guwahati Assam addressed the webinar on “The commitment of The NSS Unit of the University towards fulfilling Mahatma Gandhi's vision of giving youth leadership a role in society.” Prof. Himnagshu Ranjan Nath Sir welcomes the honorary guests of the meeting with his kind words. He enlightens everyone for the celebration of the 52nd NSS Day celebration.

Our Honorable Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. V.K. Ahuja commences the session enlightening words. He expresses his happiness of the various NSS events being conducted by the volunteers and the moderators. He appreciates the enthusiasm of the young students in building a nation a better place. He highlights the vibrancy of the events and sessions being conducted.

Shri. Dipak Kumar, the regional director of NSS Guwahati, addresses the dignitaries and volunteers of the meeting. He illuminates the idea of a college being the first to be awarded in India in the ceremony held in New Delhi. He remembered the journey started in 1969 with an increasing number of volunteers and universities participating with more villages being adopted by the NSS Unit. He highlights that the NSS volunteers are the ambassadors of the college. He reminisces the dream of Mahatma Gandhi to connect the youth with the problem of the society and instill in them the zest to bring out a spectrum of solutions which would educate themselves leading to a personality development. He states the aim of NSS as ‘personality development through community service’. The motto as ‘Not me but You’. He reminded everyone with the gift of life which is the ‘society’ and he considers NSS as the best platform to pay back society in the best manner possible to bring in development and productivity. He shares the ideas of visiting villages and educating the people there, planting saplings in the adopted villages and donating blood to bring a smile on one’s face to aid the society. He emphasizes the concept of being in an adopted village for 5years, aiding with the best of the abilities. He laments the idea of the people wasting their time on social media and working as a postman by sending messages from one place to another and also the hours wasted by the people. He views that individual need to be very productive in life. Being an NSS volunteer during the pandemic period, what has one

done in proliferating the messages of wisdom, aiding the society and reaching out to the needy ones was a question that the Chief Guest insisted everyone to ponder upon. He shares that he was surprised that volunteers from other units have engaged in various innovative and creative works.

He motivates the audience in documenting the activities by utilizing the legal aspect of knowledge which would help the institute as well. The cardinal principle of NSS Unit as emphasized by Mr. Dipak Kumar is that the prog will be planned, moderated and executed by the NSS volunteer under the supervision of the program coordinator and administration. He insisted on holding an upcoming event for the 'Clean India Movement' in initiating a clean environment drive in different villages. Secondly, he asserts individuals to perform basic activities such as planting saplings or being a regular blood donor, such activities would contribute to society. He even enlightens the audience on the pivotal role of women in donating blood and breaks the shackled idea of only men donating blood. By sharing blood, one keeps oneself as well the other person healthy and happy. He gives the idea of inviting children from underprivileged sections and educating them. Even bringing about awareness on health issues and cancer is another drive. He presents the fact that 70% of women are anemic. He even asserts individuals to hold fitness programs for a healthy mind and body and even visiting older people's homes and spending time with them. He insists on working 2 hours in a week in contributing to society since we have taken a lot from society and it is high time to give society the best. He views that individual need to come forward to set an example for the next batch. Mr. Dipak Kumar expresses his thankfulness to the Vice Chancellor Sir, Registrar Ma'am and NSS Unit for having him.

Honorable Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. V.K. Ahuja brings into light the concept of PLV in disseminating the legal knowledge by the individuals studying law. He substantiates the idea of the chief guest in proliferating the legal knowledge to people who are unaware. He even highlights the idea of the education minister in spreading legal knowledge after passing out from any institution. Vice Chancellor Sir motivates the audience to help all the people around us such vendors, maids and people in need around us. He shares the ideas of holding campaigns such as 'Collecting Clothes' to provide the needy ones and 'Planting Saplings'. He views that when one is accustomed to doing such activities, it will become a part of life. He insists on channelizing the energy in a positive way rather than engaging in futile activities. He enlightens the audience in channelizing the energy in contributing to the society which would lead the nation to greater heights.

NSS Head Mr. Pranav Gandhi informed the audience of the First Batch of The NSS Unit conducting 52 programs. He shares that the tenure of the first batch comes to an end and the ceremony would end with the awarding of certificates to them. Special references to Rajat Kumar Garg leading the PR Cell in the most administrative manner, Adult Ashish for holding the promotion up to the mark, Shreya Kumar, the co-coordinator for conducting the events seamlessly and the Ex- Convenor, Aditya Trivedi in bringing the best of the first unit. He shares the upcoming event organized by the NSS Unit- VICHAAAR: the national policy drafting competition, which is the first of its kind in the north eastern part of the country. Mr. Dipak Kumar congratulated the volunteers for their achievement and guided them to mentor the budding volunteers joining the NSS Unit in knocking the various opportunities beneficial for the society. The Registrar Ma'am welcomed the new volunteers with her kind words and encouraged the volunteers into engaging in various drives and programs. She highlighted the NSS as a youth program and reiterated the objective of prioritizing the youth in contributing to society. Each volunteer must devote 120 hours to the society in proving themselves as the forerunners of change. She emphasized the volunteers should have a democratic approach in developing the society with great zest. She motivates the new volunteers to believe in the motto of 'You above Me' and give their best to society.

Pranav Gandhi expressed the vote of thanks to the honorable dignitaries in taking out their precious time and enlightening the audience with their words of wisdom. He even expressed his sincere gratitude to the entire team who contributed in making the event a memorable one.



NSS Unit
National Law University and Judicial Academy, Assam

NSS DAY CELEBRATION

September 24, 2021 at 4:00 pm IST



Chief Guest
Shri Dipak Kumar
Regional Director
NSS, Guwahati

Patron
Prof. (Dr.) V. K. Ahuja
Vice-Chancellor
NLUJAA

NSS Coordinator
Mr. Himangshu Ranjan Nath
Assistant Professor
NLUJAA

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BUZURGON KI BAAT

In accordance with the direction of regional directorate of NSS and under the mandate of Azadi ka Amrut Mahotsav an initiative under the banner of “Buzurgon ki baat” was taken by the volunteers of NSS unit of National Law University and Judicial Academy, Assam who under the initiative paid a courtesy visit to elder members of their family and neighborhood. They during the course of their visit tried to learn some life lessons from them, asked for their advice and guidance, tried to share with them the advantages of the ongoing vaccination drive, booked vaccination slots for them and also urged them to make yoga a part of their daily routine in order to become physically as well as mentally healthy.

Pictures and briefs about some of our volunteers are attached herewith: -

Sarang Koushik, a NSS volunteer of first year had a conversation with some of the elderly people of his locality and tried to enquire about their hardships during the pandemic and the way they have managed to surpass those hard times and keeping themselves confined within the homes. He also urged them to actively engage in meditation and yoga to be physically and mentally fit.





Another volunteer of ours paid a visit to his uncle and helped him schedule his second dose of vaccination and also discussed with him certain steps that his uncle should take in order to protect himself from the impact of this deadly virus.

Krishti Bora, a first-year volunteer of our unit paid a visit to her aunt and helped her to register for the ongoing vaccination drive and booked a slot for her.



Sankalp Shandilya, visited an elderly couple residing in his neighborhood who shared their experiences of live across the long journey of 70 years that they have faced together. Sankalp also urged them to dedicate sometime to yoga that can help them to remain physically and mentally fit amid these hard times.

Another volunteer of ours', Rahul Bora paid a visit to his grandmother in order to thank her for outstanding endeavors made by her towards the social work and women entrepreneurship and also to



congratulate her for being felicitated by a local organization for her wonderful service to the society.



Jyoti Sharma visited her neighbor during which she not only helped her to read the newspaper due to her weak eyesight but also asked her about her journey of life that gave her an opportunity to revive those soothing experiences of life and cherish those moments, that can definitely divert the mind from the ongoing miseries due to the pandemic

Susmita Kanjhilal visited her great grandmother who is currently 103 years old yet more disciplined than and tried to imbibe certain disciplinary approaches that she can apply in her life to achieve better results and can share with the society at large as well.



ESSAY WRITING COMPETITION

Honoring the sacrifice that our forefathers made in the name of "Purna Swaraj", the NSS unit of National Law University and Judicial Academy Assam, under the aegis of "The Azadi ka Amrut Mahotsav" a 75-week long nationwide program organized by the central government of India in dedication to the celebration of 75 years of India's Independence, organized an Essay Writing Competition. The National Service scheme was launched in Gandhiji's Centenary year in 1969 and aims at developing student's personality through community service, inculcates among students a love for their society and an attitude to work towards the welfare of mankind and to carry forward the vision an endeavor was made by the NSS unit of NLUJAA that as a university not only seeks to provide the modern legal education and research facilities to students while instilling in them a sense of service thereby Moulding formidable legal professionals who will prove to be an asset to the nation through an essay competition conducted by the NSS unit that took into consideration the following themes :-

- Atmanirbhar Bharat
- EkbharatShreshtha Bharat
- The Glorious Past of India.

Over students from the University participated in the contest from which Ms.Rudrakshi Rai emerged as the winner. She was followed by Ms.Akanksha Sharma and Mr.Brahma Lingesh as the first and second runner-up respectively. The event further strengthened the foundation and spirit of healthy competition that is revered in NLUJAA and consequently.

NSS UNIT , NATIONAL LAW UNIVERSITY AND JUDICIAL ACADEMY ASSAM



Celebrating
Azadi Ka Amrut Mahotsav



ESSAY WRITING COMPETITION

THEMES

Atmanirbhar Bharat

Ek Bharat, Shreshth Bharat

Glorious Past of India

Word Limit: 2000-2500 words
Last Date of Submission: 29th September

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Subject:- Results || Bharat Ka Amrut Mahotsav, **Essay Writing Competition**, NSS Unit NLUJAA

Greetings from the NSS Unit, National Law University and Judicial Academy, Assam!

Hope this email finds you all in good health.

We are really grateful to inform you that the results of the **Essay writing Competition** organised by NSS unit of National Law University and Judicial Academy, under the aegis of 'Azadi Ka Amrut Mahotsav' are now out.

The Azadi ka Amrut Mahotsav is a 75-week long nationwide program organized by the Central Government. It is dedicated to the celebration of the 75 years of India's Independence.

The results of the **essay writing competition** are as follows:-

Winner - Rudrakshi Rai
1st Runner up- Akansha Sharma
2nd Runner up- Brahma Lingesh

We congratulate all the participants and winners of the **competition** and wish them luck for their further endeavours.

We further thank Ms. Namarata Gogoi for adjudicating the **competition**.

Best Regards,
NSS Unit National Law University and Judicial Academy, Assam
Best Regards,
National Service Scheme (NSS) Unit

“VICHAAR”- NATIONAL POLICY DRAFTING COMPETITION 2021 CLOSING CEREMONY



NSS Unit and IQAC Cell

NATIONAL LAW UNIVERSITY AND JUDICIAL ACADEMY, ASSAM

National Policy Drafting Competition

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(October 26, 2021 at 4 PM IST)

Closing Ceremony



Prof. Nanigopal Mahanta
Department of Political Science, Gauhati University
Advisor, Department of Education,
Government of Assam

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Patron
Prof. (Dr.) V. K. Ahuja
Vice-Chancellor
NLUJAA

Co-ordinator
Mr. Himanshu Ranjan Nath
NSS Programme Coordinator
NLUJAA

On October 26th 2021, the NSS unit in collaboration with the IQAC cell of National Law University and Judicial Academy, Assam organised the closing ceremony of “VICHAAR”- A National Policy Drafting Competition.

“VICHAAAR” is the first of its kind, organised by an institute from the North-Eastern part of India, was a National policy drafting competition, and was graced by the enthusiasm of 52 policy submissions from across the nation.

The session commenced with the introductory address by NSS Convenor - Ms. Devanshi Srivastava, who extended a warm welcome to the dignitaries present - Honorable Chief Guest Prof. Nani Gopal Mahanta, the Director of the Centre for South-East Asian Studies, Gauhati University Assam, and Honorable Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. V.K. Ahuja, faculty members, and the other attendees.

The Honorable Vice Chancellor of National Law University and Judicial Academy, Assam gave the opening address expressing his gratitude towards the Chief Guest for his gracious presence to enlighten the students and for facilitating the winners of the event. He further addressed the gathering by defining policy and showcased its importance in recent economic development and other aspects of the society.

Next, the Chief Guest of the Event Honorable Chief Guest Prof. Nani Gopal Mahanta, welcomed the attendees and gave his address.

Professor Nani Gopal Mahanta is a professor of political science at Gauhati University, Assam, India and he is also the advisor to the Ministry of Education, Government of Assam. He was formerly Head of the Department, Political Science, and Registrar (2018–2019), Gauhati University. Dr Mahanta is currently the Director of the Centre for SouthEast Asian Studies, Gauhati University.

The Chief Guest began by appreciating the National Law University and Judicial Academy, Assam for organising the first of its kind event in the North-Eastern part of our country and also praised participants for active efforts in the competition. Next, he shared with the participants the importance of policy making and distinguished it from a mere law making exercise, and instead acknowledged it as an important aspect in achieving the welfare state. According to him policy making requires multiplicity of approaches and cannot be tackled by a single person. Debating the policies, resolving disputes and rational deliberations are required at all stages to design an effective policy.

As per the vision, methodology and objectives of the Chief Guest, a policy needs to be understood at five different layers, the first being the policy leaders such as the legislators and ministers, for they play a key role in directing the parliamentary debates and formulating the law and policy. The second layer consists of the policy practitioners such as the bureaucrats and administrators, who provide feedback and guidance on the policy. The third layer is the policy professionals who are specialised experts making policies in their domains.

During recent times the importance of this has been underscored as evidenced by the lateral induction of policy professionals into ministries, where they are even becoming joint secretaries. Next come the policy researchers and students who are beginning to view policy research as a worthy pursuit, and giving life to the upcoming policy centers all across the country. And lastly, the fourth layer is the institutions which provide for a symbiotic relationship between students and policy centers such as the ORF.

The Chief Guest further elaborated why subject silos must be broken, and encouraged cross-disciplinary collaboration, while mentioning that policies are not ossified documents and are always changing.

The Chief Guest then moved on to the most awaited part of the event on the itenary and announced winners. The first position was bagged by Ms. Ishika Garg from Banasthali Vidyapeeth, Rajasthan and the second position was secured by the team comprising Ms. Pratiti

Hazarika, Ms. Akansha Sharma and Mr. Satish Chandra Chitrapu from National Law University and Judicial Academy, Assam.



To conclude, Assistant Professor Himangshu Ranjan Nath thanked the Chief Guest Prof. Nani Gopal Mahanta, Vice-Chancellor NLUJAA Prof. V K Ahuja, the NSS Unit, and the organising committee of Vichar National Policy Drafting Competition.

NATIONAL UNITY DAY

By- Prince Iftikar Ali &Pratiti Hazarika

Guwahati, 31st October: Beginning from 2014, in order to commemorate the birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, National Unity Day or Rastriya Ekta Diwas is celebrated on 31st October every year. Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel became India's first Deputy Prime Minister after Independence in 1947. He was an ardent believer of unity and had made significant contributions towards the formulation of a strong and independent India. He is often portrayed as the 'Iron man of India' for his remarkable contribution towards the unification of his motherland. He played a major role in persuading over 500 princely states and is also called the "Unifier of India".

In order to honor his extraordinary contribution towards the vision of unified India, the NSS unit of National Law University and Judicial Academy, Assam observed National Unity Day by organizing an oath taking ceremony.

Beginning of the event was marked by a warm introductory greeting addressed by our volunteer Sankalp Shandilya who threw some light about the significant contribution of Sardar Vallabhbhai

Patel towards the unification of our motherland. After which the volunteers recited the Rastriya Ekta Diwas pledge that read:

"I solemnly pledge that I dedicate myself to preserve the unity, integrity and security of the nation and also strive hard to spread this message among my fellow countrymen. I take this pledge in the spirit of unification of my country which was made possible by the vision and actions of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel. I also solemnly resolve to make my own contribution to ensure internal security of my country."

with great enthusiasm, holistic and sacrosanct approach towards the contribution of Sardar Patel and with the hearty desire to contribute themselves towards nation building.

The NSS unit of National Law University and Judicial Academy, Assam as an organization is immensely inspired by the phenomenal vision and work ethics of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel and keeping in mind his saying, "*Manpower without unity is not a strength unless it is harmonized and united properly, then it becomes a spiritual power*", is contributing towards nation building through its unified and dedicated volunteers in every possible way. The unit is striving to honor

his commitments in every possible way through the process of adding value to the society by
integrating and amalgamating the citizens of every stratum.

The NSS volunteers, through their valued presence and unified efforts made the event a great
success.

Free Legal Aid to Beneficiaries: A Significant Step Towards Access to Justice

By – Darshana Chetry, Hiya Bharali and Rohit Yadav

Guwahati 9 November: NSS Unit and Centre for Clinical Legal Education and Legal aid cell (CCLELA) of National Law University and Judicial Academy, Assam organized a special lecture

on *Free Legal Aid to Beneficiaries: A Significant Step Towards Access to Justice*. The keynote speaker was Hon'ble Mr Justice N Kotishwar Singh who is the senior-most Judge of the Gauhati High Court and Executive Chairman of Assam State Legal Services Authority. He was the former Judge of Manipur High Court and has also served as an Acting Chief Justice of Manipur High Court.

The event was held on the special occasion of National Legal Services Day. This day is marked across the country annually on 9 November to commemorate the enactment of the Legal Services Authority Act, 1987 and to spread awareness about the concerned provisions of the act.

The beginning of the event was marked by an introductory speech by Rishika Sharma, a volunteer of the NSS unit, followed by a welcome speech by Dr Diptimoni Boruah, associate professor of law and Chairman of CCLELA Cell at NLUJAA. She gave a brief introduction on how and why the National Legal Services Day celebration came into being in India. She further reiterated the aim of celebrating 9th November as a Legal Services Day since 1995 i.e., to offer free legal services to the people belonging to the weaker sections of the society, and to make them aware of their rights and duties. After her address Hon'ble vice-chancellor of NLUJAA, Dr VK Ahuja addressed the audience with his enlightening words. He stated that National Legal Services Authority (NALSA) was constituted under the Legal Services Authorities Act 1987 to provide free legal aid to people who belonged to marginalized socio-economic communities in the country and to set up Lok Adalats for amicable settlement of disputes. He further stated that Legal service is not just about helping people but is equally about providing quality legal services. After his brief and enlightening remarks, he requested Hon'ble Mr Justice N Kotishwar Singh to address the audience on the aforesaid topic.

His lordship started by defining law in the broader sense, he stated that law is something which is an essential element of our life from the day we are born till we depart from this world. Throughout our life we are governed by different laws in our own spheres and even death can't change this and to justify his arguments, he came up with the example of the Hindu Succession

Act, 1956. He further stated, “living or death, law hovers around a person with all its omnipresence.” All laws define the rights and duties in our day-to-day life. Though we know ignorance is not an excuse in the court of law yet many of us are oblivious of these laws. Moving on with the topic he further discussed the reasons behind this oblivious or ignorant nature of the people and the later consequences they need to face due to this nature. He also talked about our Indian Constitution and the need for awareness among people about the implications and significance of principles enshrined in our preamble as they act as a source of guidance throughout our life. He also shared data according to which India is home to one in every three illiterate persons in the world and constitute around 34% of the world’s total illiterate population. Through this data, he tried to convey that how far people stand from the knowledge of laws which itself is an essential ingredient of the justice delivery mechanism because if one is not aware of the laws that are there to protect their rights then the question of Justice becomes irrelevant. He also mentioned that there are certain instances where the concerned person is aware of the laws yet other factors like poverty restrict their access to justice as they won’t be able to hire any lawyers or advocates who can represent them. Then he talked about the preamble of the Legal Service Authority act where it is mentioned that the weaker sections of the society have a right to get free and competent legal services.

He then explained to us the functioning of the state legal service authority and highlighted certain essential functions of Legal Service Authority, which according to him is:

- ❖ To encourage the settlement of disputes by way of Negotiation, Arbitration and

Conciliation.

- ❖ To carry out a legal literacy campaign.

- ❖ To conduct Lok Adalats at regular intervals.

- ❖ To undertake research/organize training in the field of legal services.

- ❖ To create Legal awareness about the rights, benefits and privileges of the weaker section of the society.

- ❖ To provide legal aid to persons entitled under section 12 of the concerned act.

Then he informed us about the aims and objectives of the National Legal Services Authority

Scheme,2013 and finally ended his speech by urging the students to ensure active participation towards the cause so that there can be upliftment of the society and promised all possible institutional support to the student fraternity of NLUJAA at times when community outreach programs are organized.

The event concluded after a vote of thanks tendered by our NSS Coordinator, Professor Dr Himangshu Ranjan Nath who expressed his sincere gratitude towards the Chief Guest for this enlightening session, he also thanked Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, Mr V.K. Ahuja, for rendering all possible support for the events of NSS. He also thanked the entire unit of NSS Unit of NLUJAA and finally concluded by thanking the audience for their gracious presence throughout the session.



**NSS Unit
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**Centre for Clinical legal Education and Legal Aid Cell
NATIONAL LAW UNIVERSITY AND JUDICIAL ACADEMY, ASSAM**

National Legal Services Day

Special Lecture on

**Free Legal Aid to Beneficiaries:
A Significant Step Towards Access to Justice**

(November 09, 2021 at 4:00 PM)



Chief Guest

Hon'ble Mr. Justice N Kotishwar Singh

Judge, Gauhati High Court

Executive Chairman, Assam State Legal Services Authority

Patron

Prof. (Dr.) V. K. Ahuja
Vice-Chancellor, NLUJAA

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SPECIAL LECTURE ON MAKING OF THE CONSTITUTION



Academic Committee, NSS Unit
and
IQAC Cell



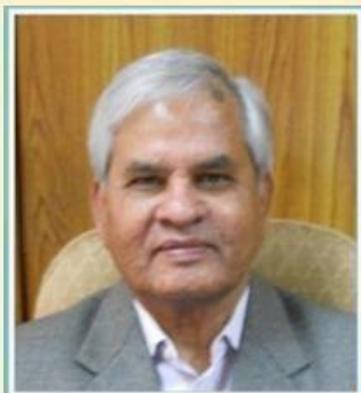
National Law University and Judicial Academy, Assam

NLUJA Lecture Series 2021

Special Lecture on

Making of the Constitution

(November 26, 2021 at 4 PM)



Prof. M P Singh

Professor Emeritus, University of Delhi

Distinguished Professor, National Law University, Assam

Patron

Prof. (Dr.) V. K. Ahuja

Vice-Chancellor

NLUJA, Assam

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Every year on November 26th, India celebrates Constitution Day, also known as "National Law Day," to honour the adoption of the Indian Constitution. The Constituent Assembly of India enacted the Indian Constitution on November 26, 1949 which came into force on January 26, 1950. The Prime Minister of India, Shri Narendra Modi declared 26th November as Constitution Day in 2015. To mark this sacred occasion, the Academic Committee, IQAC and NSS Unit of National Law University and Judicial Academy, Assam organised a webinar. To begin with, Mr Harsh Amrit (B.A., LL.B 3rd year), welcomed and addressed everyone, giving a brief about the Constitution Day. Following this Reverend Dr V.K Ahuja, Vice Chancellor of NLUJAA introduced the Respected keynote speaker, Dr Mahendra P Singh, with a warm and wholehearted introduction. Dr M P Singh, Professor Emeritus, University of Delhi is a renowned scholar in the field of Constitutional Law. Dr M P Singh with his address, threw light on the Constitution of India, reminding us that the Constitution of India was adopted by the constituent assembly after a long and arduous process and how on 26th November 1949, just before the members of the Constituent Assembly signed the document that was to become the Constitution, Dr B. R. Ambedkar expressed his apprehensions about the future of the Constitution of India. Dr Singh said that the makers knew that the Constitution was not perfect, but they realised that with the scope provided for amendments, it could be remedied. On 26th Jan 1950, India became a democratic republic, for the people, of the people and by the people. He opined that the concerns of the makers were ultimately baseless, as India flourished. Inequality was minimised in 72 years by democratic processes, and also, fortunately, India didn't face any severe threat to its existence. Dr Singh further expressed that on 26th Nov 1949, the Chairman of the constitution, Dr Rajendra Prasad expressed his views that those who had worked hard to free India must not sit back now that their goal was achieved, instead, they must lend a hand in a struggle perhaps far more difficult than winning independence - keeping the state afloat. He also advised against nepotism in politics, as that would kill the spirit of India. Dr. Singh concluded by saying that India had cleared the stress of external and internal exigencies and has still maintained her democratic spirit by conducting free and fair elections regularly. The only way forward is through constitutional and democratic means and not any other violent or unlawful way. On a closing note, he advised us to contribute to achieving democratic goals and fundamental

duties earnestly for the benefit of the nation. The floor was then opened for queries moderated by Mr. Harsh Amrit. Many enthusiastic students asked Mr Singh about the view of the Constitution makers on restrictions on fundamental rights and harmonious construction. Answering the question, Dr Singh said the constitution makers knew it was essential so that legislations don't contradict each other. He cited some case laws where conflict between fundamental rights and directive principles arose and said that in such cases, it will always be the fundamental rights that will prevail. Some other participants questioned him on the appointment of Supreme Court judges to which Dr Singh answered that initially, there were no provisions for the process to be democratic. The requirement was that the president should appoint the CJI and then consult him for the appointment of the other judges. During Late Indira Gandhi's and Late Rajiv Gandhi's tenure, the opinion of the Chief Justice of India was ignored. Later, during Late Atal Bihari Vajpayee's tenure, it was decided that judges were to be appointed in consultation with the CJI. However, he said that here, CJI does not mean the CJI alone, but 2 senior colleagues of his too. Ultimately, the collegium was decided as the body which would appoint judges. He opined that the effectiveness of the collegium was not up to the mark, and left much to be desired. One may say that the present arrangement is something that is not something against the Constitution as it was created by the judges in the interest of the Constitution. During the interaction Dr Singh informed all the participants about preventive detention. He pointed out that at the time the Constitution was made, preventive detention existed as a British Law, meant to quell dissent. The makers could have removed it but they realised that it would be unwise to do so because of the presence of some elements that would try to usurp power. He lamented that it is unfortunate that we still haven't removed preventive detention from the Constitution. The professors of NLUJAA also participated with the students in this special lecture on the making of the constitution. A question was asked by Respected Professor Saheb Chowdhury (Assistant Professor of Law, NLUJAA). He asked Dr Singh about the reason why Dr. B. R. Ambedkar said that "I'll be the first to burn the Constitution". Dr Singh dismissed Dr. B. R. Ambedkar's remark and said that it was not meant to be critical of the Constitution. Ambedkar had said this when he was no longer in any kind of office, and that this statement should not be given much weight. Respected Professor Mr. Saheb Chowdhury then gave the vote of thanks. He thanked Respected Dr. M P Singh, the registrar Respected Dr Indranoshee Das, Respected

Vice-Chancellor Dr VK Ahuja, the Academic Committee, NSS Unit of NLUJAA, IQAC Cell and the IT section for organising this successful event and also extended his thanks to the audience for giving time from their busy schedule and attending this event.

Equality And Empowerment Through Human Rights

By: Ananya Saxena, Priyanka Khandelwal and Satyam Jain

The NSS Unit of National Law University and Judicial Academy, Assam in collaboration with the IQAC cell organized an event on the occasion of International Human Rights Day on 10th December. The event was graced by Prof. (Dr.) Priti Saxena, Director of the Centre of Post-Graduate Legal Studies at Babasaheb Bhimrao Ambedkar Central University, Lucknow.

She spoke on the theme - 'Equality and empowerment through Human Rights'.

The special session began with a brief introduction of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR). She emphasised on empowerment and equality in a social, cultural and legal aspect. "Empowerment is the expansion and the translation of one's freedom and rights into action and that should be skilfully, knowledgeably, meaningfully and above all confidently exercised" she said.

She touched upon the preamble of the UDHR that begins with 'Everyone and None', implying that there is no room for any distinction or discrimination among humans and further drew a parallel between Article 1 of UDHR and Article 14 of Indian Constitution, where the idea of equality is upheld.

Further, she stressed upon various international conventions and declarations that strongly ensure human rights protection and emphasized on how creating statutes is only half the battle won. She emphasized on implementing these statutes by national efforts. She stated that the lack of awareness is the prime cause behind human rights violations.

She went on to cover the concept of gender equality and empowerment of girls through human rights and the mentioned how of Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW) is positively impacting the society at large.

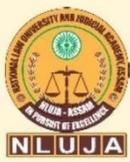
Prof. Priti asserted the role of the state in protecting women by enhancing and adopting different positive measures to eliminate different kinds of discrimination, including those pertaining to marriage and within families. She stressed on the implementation of educational rights, improved marriage and maternity laws, reproductive rights, entrepreneurship measures, vocational training and workplace positivity.

She reflected optimism and emphasized that change is being observed. She mentioned certain improvements like the literacy rate for females, their contribution to the workforce and participation in the political arena. She also quoted several judgements like the Shah Bano

judgment, the Vineeta Sharma case, Sabarimala judgment, and the recent Babita Puniya case, showcasing the change being brought into the justice system.

In conclusion, the Vice Chancellor, Prof. (Dr.) V. K. Ahuja, National Law University and
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Academy, Assam, and NSS Coordinator Prof. HR Nath expressed gratitude to Dr. Priti Saxena for her insightful analysis of distinct socio-legal aspects.



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National Youth Day

By- Siddhant Das & Prakhar Prabhat Srivastav

Guwahati, January 12,2021: The NSS unit of National Law University and Judicial Academy, Assam launched their first edition of **Pradyut** (Year Book of NSS Activities,2021) and organized a webinar on “Role of Youth in Bringing Social Change” to pay tribute and honour the teachings of Swami Vivekananda that is celebrated across India as National Youth Day.

The first Edition of the NSS yearbook titled “Pradyut” comprising details of all the tasks performed by NSS volunteers of National Law University and Judicial Academy, Assam was launched in the presence of Hon’ble Chief guest Anand Mishra, Superintendent of Police, Nagaon, Assam, Hon’ble Vice-Chancellor Prof. (Dr.) V. K. Ahuja, NSS Co-ordinator Mr Himanshu Ranjan Nath, Assistant Professor of Law along with the joyous volunteers of NSS.

The beginning of Hon’ble Chief guest’s lecture was marked by his confession about the influence that Swami Vivekananda’s ideals had on him since his childhood days which he imbibed through multiple pieces of literatures. He mentioned about the book “life of a yogi” and his love for martial arts that helped him invoke an essence of spirituality in him.

He then stressed the fact that youth aspire for changing the world in a way that fits in their own crafted definition of ethics but their own definition of the moral system fails to incorporate this. He believes that change in the world is a step-by-step process of refinement of civilization and refinement of our cultural setup that happens with every upcoming generation and thus, he finds it difficult to believe that they are going to bring any sort of renaissance or reformation in this regard.

He also touched upon the technological aspect in his addresses and emphasized the fact that technology is one of the biggest influencers in today's context that has the potential to transform

our existing lifestyle pattern and have an everlasting impact on our ideals and our existing morals and ethical standards.

Further, he emphasized the need for social change as it paves way for the new generational mindset, and highlighted the fact that it's possible that the structure of the ethical system proposed by the new generation will receive the desired recognition in future by upcoming generations and he believes that youth will always have to encounter certain challenges in order to improve the social structure that they have inherited and he requested the youth to actively contribute towards the cause that will help in further uplifting the existing social standards of society.

He then answered a series of questions posed by an anxious audience towards the end of his address following which Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor Prof. (Dr.) V. K. Ahuja expressed his sincere gratitude towards Hon'ble Chief Guest for his insightful analysis of the theme and the audience for their patient hearing.

