

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE NATIONAL LAW
UNIVERSITY, ASSAM AND THE IDIA CHARITABLE TRUST**

This Memorandum of Understanding (hereinafter referred to as the “MoU”) is made at Guwahati on this **15th day of May 2017**,

BETWEEN

1. The National Law University, Assam (hereinafter referred to as “NLUA”) has been established by the Government of Assam, by the way of passing the **National Law School and Judicial Academy, Assam Act, 2009 (Act No. XXV of 2009)**, this Act was later amended as the **National Law University and Judicial Academy, Assam (Amendment) Act, 2011 (Act No. II of 2012)**, wherein the word “School” was replaced by the word “University” and having its permanent campus at Hajo Road, Amingaon, Guwahati – 781 031 is the fourteenth National Law University in the country offering the B.A.,LL.B (Hons.) Five Year Integrated Course, LL.M. One Year Course and Ph.D Courses- Full time (3 Years) and Part-time (5 years).
2. **IDIA Charitable Trust** (hereinafter referred to as “IDIA”), a public trust constituted under the Deed of Trust dated February 4, 2011 in India and having its office at No. E – 1/9, Hanumanthappa Layout, Off Ulsoor road, Bangalore – 560 042, that trains underprivileged students with the aim of transforming them into leading lawyers and community advocates, and

NLUA and IDIA agree that:

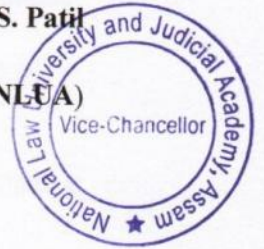
- (a) The IDIA project identifies and selects students from underprivileged and marginalized sections of society who have an aptitude for the study of law. The selected scholars are then trained by IDIA for the leading law entrance examinations in India (such as CLAT, AILET etc.) through a rigorous and intensive training programme.

- (b) IDIA is run on the backbone of highly motivated student volunteers from different law schools in India, who travel across the length and breadth of the country to select and subsequently help with training the selected students.
- (c) The basis of this MoU is a commitment to foster and improve co-operation between IDIA and NLUA for the mutual benefit of promotion of social justice for the underprivileged sections of society (including individuals with disabilities) and to undertake necessary steps to facilitate increased access to quality legal education.
- (d) IDIA will carry out a three-pronged selection process in order to induct students as trainees within its programme – an aptitude test, a personal interview, and a background check to verify their socio-economic status. The IDIA team operating in the State of Assam, out of NLUA will then train the shortlisted students for the various law entrance exams.
- (e) IDIA reserves the right to modify its selection criteria from time to time. However, IDIA shall constantly endeavour to ensure that the maximum number of eligible students can utilize the benefits of the training programme.
- (f) IDIA will also help NLUA in carrying out sensitizations in association with NLUA's various Centres of Research and partner organizations about law as a career option. The timing and venue for such sensitizations shall be decided by mutual agreement between NLUA and IDIA, taking into account the availability of their respective employees/volunteers/other resource persons.
- (g) NLUA agrees to cooperate and support joint activities by furnishing student volunteers/faculty members/ resource persons *inter alia* for sensitizations, in training the selected students for the various law entrance exams and fund-raising events in the University or with its partner organizations.
- (h) For a pilot collaborative project, IDIA shall assist NLUA in establishing the Centre for Disability Studies and Health Laws. The proposed Centre aims to further the academic deliberations and associated research in the domains of disability laws and health laws in the country.
- (i) NLUA and IDIA may, from time to time, evolve the scope of this MoU (through writing only, unless otherwise agreed to by both NLUA and IDIA) to undertake more collaborative projects with the common aim of providing quality legal education to the under-privileged and disabled.

NLUA and IDIA AGREE TO THE TERMS OF THIS MoU ON:

SIGNED by duly authorized representative of / for and on behalf of NLUA

Prof. (Dr.) J.S. Patil
(Vice-Chancellor, NLUA)



SIGNED by duly authorized representative of / for and on behalf of IDIA

Prof. (Dr.) Shamnad Basheer
(Managing Trustee, IDIA)