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## 1. INTRODUCTION

This Annual Report on working of the University has been prepared by the Executive Council for presentation to the General Council in pursuance of the requirement under Section 12 (2) (iii) (a) of the National Law University and Judicial Academy, Assam Act, 2009. The period covered is the calendar year from **January 1, 2014 to December 31, 2014.**

## 2. CHANCELLORS OF THE UNIVERSITY

**Hon'ble Shri Justice Abhay Manohar Sapre**, Chief Justice of the Gauhati High Court was the Chancellor from October 19, 2013 to August 13, 2014.

**Hon'ble Shri Justice K. Sreedhar Rao**, Chief Justice (Acting) of the Gauhati High Court is at present the Chancellor of the University w.e.f. August 14, 2014.

## 3. GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

National Law University, Assam envisions becoming a centre of excellence in teaching and research in Law, Social Sciences and Humanities in the North East India. During the period under report, meetings of the following University Bodies were held on dates against each :

Academic Council	:	January 10, 2014
Executive Council	:	March 27, 2014; July 8, 2014; September 24, 2014
General Council	:	June 25, 2014; October 14, 2014
Finance Committee	:	May 9, 2014
Construction Committee	:	September 20, 2014, December 9, 2014
Faculty Meetings	:	Since October 20, 2014 every week, the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. (Dr) Vijender Kumar has been organising faculty meetings.

As per the directions of the General Council and Executive Council, the University has established a Health Centre and appointed one Female Doctor and one Male Doctor on contractual basis to look after the health related issues of the students and staff of the University. Further the University has purchased an Ambulance for medical emergencies.

The University has also established a Counselling Centre to address the issues relating to psychological pressures among the students and to provide counselling to them. Dr. Meenakshi Barthakur, who is a trained counsellor from the Norwegian University of Science and Technology in Trondheim, Norway with several years of experience, was appointed as Counsellor on contractual basis to look after the Counselling Centre at the University.

#### 4. APPOINTMENT OF OFFICERS, TEACHERS AND OTHER STAFF

##### (1) Appointment of Officers

**Dr. Silla Ramsundar**, Associate Professor of Law, was appointed as Acting Vice-Chancellor of the University for the period of May 26-July 19, 2014 by the Hon'ble Chief Justice of the Gauhati High Court and the Chancellor of the University.

**Hon'ble Shri Justice A. C. Upadhyay**, Former Judge, Gauhati High Court and Director of Judicial Academy of Assam was appointed as Acting Vice-Chancellor of the University for the period of July 19, 2014-October 20, 2014 by the Hon'ble Chief Justice of the Gauhati High Court and the Chancellor of the University.

**Prof. (Dr.) Vijender Kumar**, Registrar of NALSAR University of Law, Hyderabad was appointed as the Vice-Chancellor of National Law University and Judicial Academy, Assam on October 20, 2014 by the Hon'ble Chief Justice of the Gauhati High Court and the Chancellor of the University on the recommendations of the General Council and the Executive Council of the University.

**Dr. Benarji Chakka**, Associate Professor of Law was appointed as Registrar of the National Law University, Assam w.e.f. September 26, 2014.

**Shri Bishnu Kumar Deka**, AFS officer from the Government of Assam was appointed as Deputy Registrar (Finance) of the University w.e.f. September 12, 2014.

##### (2) Appointment of Faculty on Contractual Basis

In order to strengthen the academics and to have a good mix of experienced scholars, young and experienced faculty from reputed National and International Universities were appointed by the University. The following contractual appointments of faculty were made during the period under report :

Sl. No.	NAME	DESIGNATION	QUALIFICATION
1	Prof. N. Manohar	Visiting Professor of Law	M.L., Ph.D.
2	Prof. Anita Rao	Visiting Professor of Law	LL.M., Ph.D.
3	Prof. Yugal Kishore	Visiting Professor of Law	LL.M., Ph.D.
4	Ms. Shannu Narayan	Visiting Faculty of Law	M.L., M.Phil.
5	Dr. D.N. Choudhury	Visiting Professor of Law	LL.M., Ph.D.
6	Ms. Monmi Gohain	Research-cum-Teaching Assistant	LL.M., NET
7	Mr. Saheb Choudhury	Research-cum-Teaching Assistant	LL.M., NET
8	Ms. Nikita Baruah	Guest Faculty	LL.M., Practicing Advocate
9	Mr. Manish Das	Guest Faculty	LL.M., Practicing Advocate
10	Ms. Kasturi Gakul	Guest Faculty	LL.M., NET
11	Ms. Mayashree Gharphalia	Guest Faculty	LL.M., NET
12	Ms. Mala Sharma	Guest Faculty	LL.M., M.B.L

### **(3) Appointment of Non-Teaching Staff**

The following contractual appointments of non-teaching staff members were made during the period under report :

<b>Sl. No.</b>	<b>NAME</b>	<b>DESIGNATION</b>	<b>QUALIFICATION</b>
1	Mr. Satyajit Deb	System Operator	Diploma in Computer Science Engineering
2	Habibur Rehman	Hostel Warden (Male)	Graduation from Indian Navy and Retd. Naval Person
3	Mr. Konda Babu	Office Attendant	B.A. (Hons.) Maths

### **(4) Visit of Guest Faculties and Eminent Personalities**

To provide specialised learning, the following eminent experts / scholars in different areas were invited to deliver guest lectures during the period under report :

- Ms. Syeda Nishat Shadmani, delivered Lectures on Contract Law and Transfer of Property Law to the Third Year Students in July 2014.
- Mr. Kaushik, delivered Lectures on Indian Evidence Act to the Fourth Year Students in July 2014.
- Dr. Malabika Talukdar delivered Lectures on Indian Constitutional Law to the Third Year Students in July 2014.
- Ms. Smita Sarma of J. B. College of Law delivered Lectures on Conflict of Law to Fourth Year Students in July 2014.
- Hon'ble Shri Justice A. M. Sapre, Chief Justice, the Gauhati High Court interacted with the Third and Fourth Year Students in August, 2014.
- Hon'ble Shri Justice P. G. Agarwal, (Rtd), Judge, the Gauhati High Court, had engaged the students of Third Year on Cr. P. C. on a regular basis during August 2014.
- Prof. (Dr.) Surya Prakasa Rao, Dean, Faculty of Law, Andhra University delivered Lectures on Jurisprudence in August, 2014.
- Prof. (Dr.) Shamnad Basheer, Managing Trustee, IDIA, delivered Lectures on Intellectual Property Law in November, 2014.

## **5. ACADEMIC PROGRAMMES**

### **(A) B.A.,LL.B.(Hons.) Five Year Integrated Course**

#### **Admissions (2014-2015)**

During the period under report, admissions for the Fourth Batch of the Undergraduate Degree Course were made through the Common Law Admission Test-2014 conducted by Gujarat National Law University, Gandhinagar where 34,000 candidates appeared for the test on May 11, 2014 out of which 59 students were admitted to the B.A.,LL.B.(Hons.) degree course. The students admitted to the said course hail from 12 states from across the country. The academic session commenced on July 14, 2014.

#### **Examinations**

The End-Semester Examinations for all the batches of the B.A.,LL.B.(Hons.) degree course were held in the last week of May, 2014 where all the eligible students appeared for the End-Semester Examinations.

## **(B) Two Year LL.M. Degree Programme**

### **Admissions (2014 - 2015)**

During the period under report, admissions for the third batch of the Postgraduate Degree Course were made through the Common Law Admission Test-2014. 10 students were admitted into Two-Year LL.M. Degree Course. The academic session commenced on July 14, 2014.

### **Examinations (2012-2014 Batch)**

The End Semester Examinations for the Two-Year LL.M. Degree Course were held in the last week of May, 2014 where all the eligible students appeared for the End-Semester Examinations.

## **(C) Constitution of the Committees in the University**

Following were the Committees constituted during October 21 to December 31, 2014 by the Vice-Chancellor of the University for smooth functioning of the University :

- Examination Committee
- Moderation Committee
- Unfair Means Committee
- Disciplinary Committee
- Purchase Committee
- Information Technology Committee

## **6. CAMPUS DEVELOPMENT / INFRASTRUCTURE**

### **(a) Present Campus**

**Disabled-friendly Campus :** The University understands the importance of building a responsive environment which accommodates the changing needs of differently abled people to ensure their full participation in academic, co-curricular and extra-curricular activities. The campus has a ramp for wheelchair movement which is installed in the side entrance to the University and there are two elevators to facilitate easy and fast movement to the top floors of the building and disabled friendly toilets in the hostels and the campus.

**Gymnasiums :** The University believes in the holistic development of its students and has two well designed state-of-the-art gymnasiums which include various machines for workout. One Gymnasium is for the male students which is situated on the ground floor of the present campus and another for the female students which is situated on the third floor of the Girls' hostel.

### **(b) Permanent Campus at Amingaon**

The permanent campus of the National Law University and Judicial Academy is coming up on the north bank of the river Brahmaputra at Amingaon. The physical progress during the reporting period was taken into consideration by the Construction Committee in its meeting held on September 20, 2014. The physical progress of work recorded against package-I of the first phase of the project was only 54% and only Rs.20.93 crores had approximately been spent for the project. The Construction Committee was informed that the construction work was to have been completed by November 2014. However, due to lack of fund flow and other administrative constraints, it was not completed. The package-II has been very slow and it was much behind the schedule time and the physical progress was only 20% with an amount of approximately Rs.7.87 crores spent and the project was delayed due to land filling and problems of fund flow. In view of the unreasonable

delay in the construction work, the matter was brought to the notice of the Hon'ble Chief-Justice of the Gauhati High Court and the Chancellor of the University. Subsequently, the matter was taken seriously by the Hon'ble Chancellor and he along with some other dignitaries visited the campus.

- Hon'ble Chancellor along with other dignitaries of the Gauhati High Court and Government of Assam visited the campus of the University at Amingaon and a meeting was held with the officials of the Government of Assam and Construction Company at the site on November 26, 2014.
- Again, Hon'ble Chancellor visited the construction site along with Hon'ble Dr. Justice M. K. Sharma, Former Judge, Supreme Court of India, Hon'ble Members of the General Council and the Executive Council and other dignitaries on November 29, 2014 to review and discuss the progress of the campus at Amingaon.

The above mentioned visits brought momentum in the construction of the Academic and Administrative Blocks of the University. During the meetings, Hon'ble Members of the General Council, Executive Council and the Hon'ble Chancellor directed the Government as well as the University authorities to abandon the plans of centralized air conditioning system which had been planned earlier and suggested that split air conditioning systems may be installed wherever necessary to expedite the construction of the University. Subsequently, the Construction Committee of the University deliberated on the matter in its meeting held in December 9, 2014 and took decisions in this regard.

Further, the Vice-Chancellor of the University took up the matter with concerned authorities in the Government of Assam to expedite the construction of the University as the University is planning to shift the campus from its temporary NEJOTI building at Ulubari. Subsequently, the matter was discussed with the government officials to expedite the release of funds, land filling and land acquisition which were causing inordinate delay in the construction process. Meanwhile, when the Vice-Chancellor took note of the construction of the hostel buildings, it came as a shock that the girls' hostels were not planned in tune with the intake of the girl students at the University where it has been seen that the admission pattern of the National Law Universities in the country is witnessing more than 50% girl students. In view of this the Vice-Chancellor took this matter through the Construction Committee and Executive Council and requested the Government of Assam to make provisions for the construction of three additional floors to accommodate girl students at the Hostels in the University Campus in the first phase of the construction plan.

## **7. LIBRARY**

### **(1) Acquisitions**

A total number of 1693 books, back volumes of 13 periodical titles, 3 kindle e-book readers as well as a few important classic titles (Indian Appeal, Moore's Indian Appeal etc.) were added to the existing collection during the period under report.

### **(2) User Services and Building Operations**

**Library Timing :** Library working hours are extended until mid-night during exam time.

**Automation :** NLU, Assam library has started Barcode circulation process with Koha software and installed OPAC kiosk at the entrance of the NLU, Assam library.

**Blog :** A blog (<http://librarynlujaa.blogspot.in/>) was developed to keep NLU, Assam fraternity up-to-date with the most recent happenings and development in the NLU, Assam library. Users may subscribe the RSS feeds to have regular updates of the library in their emails.

**Library Website :** New library website was launched at <https://sites.google.com/a/nluassam.ac.in/library/>

**Remote Access through VPN Connectivity :** All the licensed e-databases were made accessible to the students and accordingly their laptops were configured.

**Stock Verification :** University library underwent stock verification process in the month of December, 2014.

### **(3) E-Book / E-Databases / Offline Database / Print and E-Journals / Membership**

#### **E-books**

- Elgar Online (<http://www.elgaronline.com/browse>)
- E-Journals
- Indian Journal of Gender Studies (<http://ijg.sagepub.com>)
- South Asia Research (<http://sar.sagepub.com>)
- Margin: The Journal of Applied Economic Research (<http://mar.sagepub.com>)
- Indian Quarterly (<http://iqq.sagepub.com>)
- Indian Historical Review (<http://ihr.sagepub.com>)

#### **Offline Database**

- AIR Supreme Court Database (1950-2011)
- AIR High Court Database (1950-2011)
- AIR Privy Council Database 1914
- AIR Online Institutional Version

**Membership** - Life time membership of Indian Human Rights Law Review

### **(4) Renewed subscription of E-Databases/ Print Journals**

#### **E-Databases**

- Jstor
- Hein Online
- LexisNexis
- Manupatra
- Westlaw
- SCC Online

#### **Printed journals and Magazines**

- Number of Print Journals 6
- Magazines 9

#### **Membership**

- DELNET
- INFLIBNET

### **(5) Library Publications**

A draft copy of NLU, Assam Library Information Brochure was submitted to the office of the Registrar for necessary approval and publication in soft and hard forms.



## **8. ADVANCED RESEARCH CENTRES / ENDOWMENT CHAIRS / RESEARCH PROJECTS**

**Report of the Study on the situation of Child Rights in the Conflict affected Baksa District of Assam - sponsored by “Save the Children”** : Save the Children, an international NGO had sponsored a short-term study **“On the situation of child rights in the ethnic conflict affected village of Narayanguri, within the district of Baksa”**. A team of students of undergraduate and postgraduate degree courses along with the faculty members had visited Narayanguri for investigation and analysis of the situation of children in the conflict affected areas of Baksa district in the months of December, 2014 and January, 2015. The research team was supported by the district administration which shared the resources and ideas at various junctures to facilitate the research. After due investigations and deliberations, the final report on the study was submitted to ‘Save the Children’.

## **9. INTERNSHIP / PLACEMENTS**

The students of the B.A.,LL.B.(Hons.) and LL.M. degree courses attended internships for a period of four weeks during the semester break at various Law Firms, Courts, NGOs, Statutory Commissions and at various other places to understand the applicability and execution of law in different avenues. According to the broad internship and placements scheme of the University, the students of the first year B.A.,LL.B.(Hons.) degree course underwent internship training at NGOs, the students of the second year underwent training with lawyers and Judges of the district courts, the third and fourth year students went for training as Internees (Law Clerks ) with the Hon’ble Judges of the Supreme Court and the High Courts and leading Law Firms, departments of the Central and the State governments as well as the chambers of senior lawyers. After the internship period, the students submitted their reports to the University and these reports are taken into consideration for their next internships.

## **10. SEMINARS / CONFERENCES / WORKSHOPS / MOOT COURT COMPETITIONS / TRAINING / CAPACITY BUILDING PROGRAMMES / ACADEMIC PROGRAMMES ORGANISED**

During the period under report, the University has organised the following Seminars / Conferences / Workshops / Moot Courts / Training / Academic Programmes :

### **RAJIV GANDHI ADVOCATES TRAINING PROGRAMME**

The University organised a month long training programme for young Advocates under the **“Rajiv Gandhi Advocates Training Scheme”** from **January 6 to February 2, 2014** sponsored by the Ministry of Law and Justice, Government of India, New Delhi in coordination with the Bar Council of Assam. The programme was conducted in 114 sessions with 40 resource persons including former and sitting High Court Judges, District Judicial Officers, Advocates, Police Officers and Academicians. The Programme was coordinated by Dr. Silla Ramsundar, Associate Professor of Law.

### **VISIT OF HIS EXCELLENCY, DR. LOBSANG SANGAY, PRIME MINISTER, GOVERNMENT IN EXILE, TIBET ON FEBRUARY 5, 2014**

On the invitation of the University, His Excellency, Dr. Lobsang Sangay, the Prime Minister of the Tibetan Government-in-Exile, Tibet visited the University on **February 5, 2014**. His Excellency was accompanied by Mr. Karma Yeshe, Member of Parliament of the Tibetan

Government-in-Exile and other dignitaries. They were accorded a traditional welcome by the students and the staff of the University. His Excellency, who is a Harvard Law School graduate, delivered a talk on “**Democracy in Exile: The Case of Tibet**”.

#### **SECOND INTRA-NLU, ASSAM DEBATE COMPETITION ON FEBRUARY 22, 2014**

The Literary and Debating Committee of the University organised the “**Second Intra NLU, Assam Debate Competition**” on **February 22, 2014**. The topic of the debate was “*Criminalisation of Homosexuality is an Infringement of Human Rights*”. Altogether, fifteen (15) teams participated in the event which was adjudged by the faculty members of the University. Certificates and cash prizes were awarded to the participants and the winners.

#### **A TWO-DAY STATE CONSULTATION ON ESTABLISHMENT OF CHILDREN’S COURT AND SPECIAL COURT IN ASSAM ON MARCH 22-23, 2014**

A Two-Day State Consultation on “**Establishment of Children’s Court and Special Court in Assam**” was organised by the University on **March 22, 2014** funded by the United Nations International Children’s Emergency Fund (UNICEF). All District Judges of the State of Assam, ten Public Prosecutors, eight Child Welfare Committee Members, five District Child Protection Unit heads and representatives of five NGOs participated in the Consultation. The function was inaugurated by Hon’ble Shri Justice B. P. Katakey, Judge, Gauhati High Court and attended by Hon’ble Shri Justice Joymalya Bagchi, Judge, Calcutta High Court; Hon’ble Shri Justice P. G. Agarwal, former Judge, Gauhati High Court; Ms. Upasana Varu, Officer in Charge, UNICEF; Shri H.K. Sharma, IAS, Commissioner and Secretary to the Government of Assam, Department of Social Welfare; Prof. Anita Haladi, Consultant UNICEF and many other eminent specialists in the field of Child Rights. The event was coordinated by Dr. Benarji Chakka, Associate Professor of Law.

#### **A TWO DAY NATIONAL SEMINAR ON PROSPECTS AND CHALLENGES IN BRIDGING THE GENDER DIVIDE ON MAY 2-3, 2014**

A Two-Day National Seminar on “**Prospects and Challenges in Bridging the Gender Divide**” was organised by the University on **May 2-3, 2014**. The Seminar was an interdisciplinary event that drew participation from various fields. The Chief Guest at the Inaugural Session was Prof. (Dr.) Faizan Mustafa, Vice-Chancellor, NALSAR University of Law, Hyderabad. The Key note address was delivered by Dr. Melville Pereira, Director, North-Eastern Social Research Centre (NESRC). The Seminar was coordinated by Ms. Preeti Priyam Sharma, Assistant Professor of Sociology and Ms. Namrata Gogoi, Assistant Professor of History. The valedictory addresses were delivered by Prof. Priyam Goswami, Department of History, Gauhati University, Guwahati; Prof. Nandana Dutta, Head, Department of English, Gauhati University, Guwahati and Prof. Virginius Xaxa, Deputy Director, Tata Institute of Social Sciences (TISS), Guwahati.

#### **A TWO-DAY NATIONAL WORKSHOP ON MAINTENANCE OF INTERNATIONAL PEACE AND SECURITY AND CONTEMPORARY CHALLENGES TO INTERNATIONAL LAW ON MAY 24-25, 2014**

A Two-Day National Workshop on “**Maintenance of International Peace and Security and Contemporary Challenges to International Law**” was organised by the University on **May 24-25, 2014** and it was inaugurated by Lt. Gen (Retd.) K.K. Kohli, AVSM, as its Chief Guest. Wherein 40 participants from all over the country attended the Workshop and more than 25 research papers were presented in the Workshop. As a result of the Workshop, formation of a Society for

Promotion of International Law (SPIL) was initiated. The Workshop was coordinated by Mr. Thangzakhup Tombing, Assistant Professor of Law.

**A TWO-DAY REGIONAL ROUND TABLE CONFERENCE OF NORTH EASTERN STATES AND SIKKIM ON EFFECTIVE IMPLEMENTATION OF JUVENILE JUSTICE (CARE AND PROTECTION OF CHILDREN) ACT, 2000 ON AUGUST 23-24, 2014**

A Two-Day Round Table Conference of North-Eastern States and Sikkim on “**Effective Implementation of Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2000**” was jointly organised by the Supreme Court Committee and Monitoring Committee of the Juvenile Justice of the Gauhati High Court, UNICEF Assam Field Office, Assam, State Legal Services Authority, Centre for Child and the Law (CCL), National Law School of India University (NLSIU), Bangalore and National Law University, Assam on **August 23-24, 2014** at the Lily Hotel, Guwahati. The Conference was inaugurated by Hon’ble Shri Justice K. Sreedhar Rao, Chief Justice (Acting), the Hon’ble Chief-Justice of the Gauhati High Court and the Chancellor of the University, followed by addresses of Dr. Tushar Manohar Rane, Chief, UNICEF, Assam; and Hon’ble Shri Justice Madan B. Lokur, Judge, Supreme Court of India. The Conference witnessed the participation of representatives of various government departments, police, Judiciary and members of the Civil Society Organisations of the seven North Eastern States and Sikkim.

**THIRD EDITION OF SURANA AND SURANA NATIONAL TRIAL ADVOCACY MOOT COURT COMPETITION HELD ON SEPTEMBER 5-7, 2014**

The University organised the “**North East India Rounds of the Surana and Surana National Trial Advocacy Moot Court Competition**” in collaboration with Surana and Surana International Attorneys on **September 5-7, 2014**. The three-day Moot Court Competition witnessed the participation of eight teams from various Law Colleges, Law Departments and National Law Universities of India which included Assam, Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand, Punjab, and West Bengal.

Dr. Ravichandran, Head, Academic Initiatives, Surana and Surana International Initiatives addressed the inaugural session of the competition. The second day of the competition witnessed the preliminary rounds in which eight judges judged the eight teams. Four teams, i.e., Hidayatullah National Law University, Chhattisgarh, Raipur; NEF Law College, Guwahati; Rajiv Gandhi National University of Law, Patiala and West Bengal National University of Juridical Sciences, Kolkata qualified for the Semi-Final Rounds which were adjudged by six judges. Two teams qualified for the final rounds. On the third day, the Final Round took place between Hidayatullah National Law University, Raipur and NEF Law College, Guwahati wherein the finalists were adjudged by a bench of three esteemed judges from the Gauhati High Court, Hon’ble Shri Justice Biplab Kumar Sharma, Hon’ble Shri Justice Chitta Ranjan Sarma, Hon’ble Shri Justice P.G. Agarwal (Retd.). Hidayatullah National Law University, Chhattisgarh, Raipur was adjudged the winner and cash prize of Rs.21,000/- was awarded to them along with certificates and plaques. NEF Law College, Guwahati was the Runners-up Team and a cash prize of Rs.11,000/- was awarded along with certificates and plaques. Apart from the above-mentioned prizes, other prizes in different categories were also distributed which consist of the Best Speaker Award, Best Memorial Award at the valedictory function. The valedictory function was followed by a cultural event organised by the Cultural Committee of the University. The competition was coordinated by Dr. Silla Ramsundar, Associate Professor of Law.

## 11. FACULTY ACCOMPLISHMENTS

### (1) Publications / Seminars / Conferences / Workshops / Other Academic Activities

#### Prof. (Dr.) Vijender Kumar, Vice-Chancellor

- Attended meeting with Dr. Laura Fernandez, Asst. Dean International and Graduate Affairs, Moritz College of Law, The Ohio State University, USA on October 31, 2014 at New Delhi to explore the possibilities of Student and Faculty Exchange Programmes with the Foreign Universities.
- Attended meeting of the Core Committee of CLAT-2015 on November 1, 2014 at RMLNLU, Lucknow.
- Visited UGC on November 3, 2014 to find out the possibility of Plan Grant and free e-database for the University.
- Represented NLU, Assam in the Indo-Global International Expo and Summit in Hyderabad from November 20–23, 2014 to explore the possibilities of Student and Faculty Exchange Programmes with the Foreign Universities.

#### Dr. Benarji Chakka, Associate Professor of Law

##### Publications

- The Prevention of Arms Race in Outer Space-Current Challenges to International Space Law, *Indian Journal of International Law*, 2014.
- Report on Implementation of Juvenile Justice Mechanism in North East of India, August, 2014.
- Report on Establishment of Special Court and Children's Court in the State of Assam, May 2014.

##### Lectures

- Delivered lectures as a Resource Person on “Issues relating to Legal Research Methodology” and “The Implementation of International Law by Domestic Courts : The Role of Legal Practitioners” at the Rajiv Gandhi Advocates Training Programme organised by the National Law University, Assam sponsored by the Ministry of Law and Justice, Government of India from January 6 to February 2, 2014.
- Delivered a lecture as a Resource Person on “Armed Conflicts and International Humanitarian Law” at the District Level Orientation Programme on *Impact of Conflict on Women and Children in the Context of the North East Region* organised by Dibrugarh District Administration, Government of Assam in collaboration with UNICEF Assam on February 1-2, 2014.
- Delivered a lecture as a Resource Person on “Importance and Relevance of the Faculty Development and Orientation Programmes at the Law Universities”, at a two-day Faculty Development programme organised by National Law University, Assam during October 4-5, 2014.

##### Paper Presentations

- Presented a paper on “Gender Justice in Conflict Situations : A Critical Appraisal” at a National Level Seminar on *Prospects of and Challenges in Bridging the Gender Divide* organised by National Law University, Assam, on May 2-3, 2014.

- Presented a paper on “Intervention in Syria : Is it Humanitarian Intervention, or Responsibility to Protect, or Reprisals: A Critical Diagnosis?” at a National Workshop on *The Maintenance of International Peace and Security: Contemporary Challenges to International Law*, organised by National Law University, Assam, on May 24-25, 2014.

### **Dr. Silla Ramsundar, Associate Professor of Law**

#### **Lectures**

- Delivered a lecture as a Resource Person on “Intellectual Property-Concept, Identification and Creation”, at a Seminar on *Intellectual Property Rights* jointly organised by Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI) in association with the Office of Controller General of Patents, Designs and Trademark and Registrar of Geographical Indications, India at Hotel Landmark, Guwahati on October 9, 2014.
- Delivered lectures as a Resource person on “Issues Relating to Intellectual Property Rights, Cyber Law and Code of Civil Procedure” at the Rajiv Gandhi Advocates Training Programme organised by National Law University, Assam sponsored by the Ministry of Law and Justice, Government of India from January 6 to February 2, 2014.

#### **Paper Presentations**

- Presented a paper titled “Biodiversity Conservation and Its Assessment : Threat and Constraints” at the National Workshop on *Maintenance of International Peace and Security : Contemporary Challenges to International Law* organised by National Law University, Assam on May 24-25, 2014.
- Presented a paper titled “Role of Indian Judiciary and Women Empowerment : an Analysis” at the National Seminar on *Prospects of and Challenges in Bridging the Gender Divide* organised by National Law University, Assam on May 2-3, 2014.

#### **Event Organisation**

- Organised as Coordinator / Faculty-in-charge “3<sup>rd</sup> North East India Rounds’ of Surana and Surana National Trial Advocacy Moot Court Competition and The judgment writing competition on Criminal Law” at National Law University, Assam in September, 2014.
- Organised as Coordinator “Rajiv Gandhi Advocates Training Programme 2013-14” on behalf of the National Law University, Assam in collaboration with The Bar Council of India, sponsored by the Government of India, Ministry of Law and Justice, Department of Legal Affairs from January 6 to February 2, 2014.
- Assistant Coordinator for the North-Eastern States and Sikkim in connection with “Project to Prepare Compendium of Terrorism Related Cases” by the Indian Law Institute, New Delhi.

### **Dr. Diptimoni Boruah, Assistant Professor of Law**

#### **Lecture**

- Delivered a lecture as a Resource Person on “The Implementation of Human Rights by the Domestic Courts in India” at the Rajiv Gandhi Advocates Training Programme organised by National Law University, Assam sponsored by the Ministry of Law and Justice, Government of India from January 6 to February 2, 2014.

### **Paper Presentation**

- Presented a paper titled “Evolving Jurisprudence of the International Criminal Law of Environment : A Critical Assessment” at a National Seminar held at Habraghat College, Goalpara on February 2-3, 2014.
- Presented a paper titled “Breaking the Silence : Prosecuting Rape as an International Crime” at the National Workshop on *Maintenance of International Peace and Security : Contemporary Challenges to International Law* organised by National Law University, Assam on May 24-25, 2014.
- Presented a paper titled “Government of India’s Policy on Immigration and Immigrants” at the 4<sup>th</sup> *International Film Festival on Crime and Punishment and Academic Session on Migration* in Istanbul, Turkey from November 6-13, 2014.

### **Mr. Thangzakhup Tombing, Assistant Professor of Law**

#### **Lectures**

- Delivered lectures as a Resource Person on “Personal Laws and Role of Lawyers” at the Rajiv Gandhi Advocates Training Programme organised by National Law University, Assam sponsored by the Ministry of Law and Justice, Government of India from January 6 to February 2, 2014.

#### **Paper Presentation**

- Presented a paper titled “Gender and Governance : An Analysis of the North East Legal Framework” at the National Seminar on *Prospects and Challenges in Bridging the Gender Divide* held on May 2-3, 2014.
- Presented a paper titled “Legal Pluralism: International Justice” at the National Workshop on the *Maintenance of International Peace and Security : Contemporary Challenges to International Law* at National Law University, Assam held on May 24-25, 2014.
- Participated in the “Orientation Course on Youth Parliament” conducted by the Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs at Guru Nanak Dev University, Amritsar, Punjab on September 29 - 30, 2014.

### **Dr. Swapna M. N. Deka, Assistant Professor of Law**

#### **Lectures**

- Delivered lectures as a Resource Person on “Indian Constitutional Law, Issues and Challenges” at the Rajiv Gandhi Advocates Training Programme organised by National Law University, Assam sponsored by the Ministry of Law and Justice, Government of India from January 6 to February 2, 2014.

### **Ms. Preeti Priyam Sharma, Assistant Professor of Sociology**

#### **Lectures**

- Delivered lectures as a Resource Person on “Gender Justice and the Indian Legal System” at the Rajiv Gandhi Advocates Training Programme organised by National Law University, Assam sponsored by the Ministry of Law and Justice, Government of India from January 6 to February 2, 2014.

### **Paper Presentations**

- Presented a paper titled “Reconceptualising Peace : Voices of Marginalised Women in Kokrajhar District of Assam” at the ICSSR sponsored National Seminar on *Development and Social Issues* organised by the Department of Sociology, Periyar University, Salem, Tamil Nadu held on January 23-24, 2014.
- Participated in a ICSSR sponsored *Two-week long Workshop on Capacity Building of Young Faculty of Social Sciences* organised by the Department of Anthropology, University of Delhi from February 3-February 14, 2014.
- Presented a paper on “Understanding Glass Ceiling among the Academia in Guwahati” in the National Seminar on *Prospects of and Challenges in Bridging the Gender Gap* at the National Law University, Assam held on May 2-3, 2014.

### **Ms. Aparajita Dutta Hazarika, Assistant Professor of English**

#### **Publications**

- Presented a paper titled “Voices of Conflict Within and Outside the Novels of a few Women Writers Belonging to the North East of India” at the National Seminar on *Harassment of Women* organised by MDKG, College, Dibrugarh. The said paper was published in the Conference Proceedings (ISBN: 978-93-83580-24-8).

#### **Paper Presentations**

- Presented a paper titled “Others in Everyday Life : The Evaluation of Everyday life in an Old Age Home in Assam” at the National Seminar on *The Practice of Everyday Life in North East India : An Interdisciplinary Approach* organised by the Department of English and Foreign Languages, Tezpur University, Assam held on March 15-16, 2014.
- Presented a paper titled “The Feminine Subject in the Fiction of Mamoni Raisom Goswami” in the National Seminar on *Prospects of and Challenges in Bridging the Gender Gap* at the National Law University, Assam held on May 2-3, 2014.

#### **Lectures**

- Delivered lectures as a Resource Person on “Communication Skills in the Legal Profession” at the Rajiv Gandhi Advocates Training Programme organised by National Law University, Assam sponsored by the Ministry of Law and Justice, Government of India from January 6 to February 2, 2014.

### **Ms. Namrata Gogoi, Assistant Professor of History**

#### **Publication**

- Presented a paper titled “Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace : A Phantom Patriarchy at Play” at the National Seminar on *Harassment of Women* organised by MDKG, College, Dibrugarh. The said paper was published in the Conference Proceedings (ISBN: 978-93-83580-24-8).

## **Lectures**

- Delivered lectures as a Resource Person on “The History of Indian Courts” at the Rajiv Gandhi Advocates Training Programme organised by National Law University, Assam sponsored by the Ministry of Law and Justice, Government of India from January 6 to February 2, 2014.
- Presented a paper titled “Widows : An exclusion through Symbols and Rituals” at the National Seminar on *Prospects of and Challenges in Bridging the Gender Gap* at the National Law University, Assam held on May 2-3, 2014.

## **Ms. Barsha Kalita, Assistant Professor of Political Science**

### **Lectures**

- Delivered lectures as a Resource Person on “Basic Features of the Indian Constitution” at the Rajiv Gandhi Advocates Training Programme organised by National Law University, Assam sponsored by the Ministry of Law and Justice, Government of India from January 6 to February 2, 2014.

### **Paper Presentation**

- Presented a paper titled “Political Participation of Women in India : Issues and Challenges” in the National Seminar on *Prospects of and Challenges in Bridging the Gender Gap* at the National Law University, Assam held on May 2-3, 2014.

## **Mr. Nayan Jyoti Pathak, Assistant Professor of Economics**

### **Lectures**

- Delivered lectures as a Resource Person on “The Indian Economic System” at the Rajiv Gandhi Advocates Training Programme organised by National Law University, Assam sponsored by the Ministry of Law and Justice, Government of India from January 6 to February 2, 2014.

## **Ms. Thajamanbi Yumkham, Assistant Professor of Law**

### **Lectures**

- Delivered a lecture as a Resource Person on “Plea Bargaining and its Rationale” at the Rajiv Gandhi Advocates Training Programme organised by National Law University, Assam sponsored by the Ministry of Law and Justice, Government of India from January 6 to February 2, 2014.

## **Ms. Kankana Baishya, Assistant Librarian**

### **Paper Presentation**

- Presented a paper titled “Web Scale Discovery Service (WDS) : A Comprehensive Tool for Knowledge Management Presentation” at IASLIC 26<sup>th</sup> National Seminar on *Roadmap to Usher in Knowledge Society* organised by Department of Library & Information Science, Gauhati University, Guwahati and IASLIC, Kolkata on November 25-28, 2014.



- Presented a paper titled “Intellectual Property Right Issues with Special Reference to Indian Institutional Repositories: A Study” at the Library and Information Professional Summit 2015 on *Transforming Dimensions for IPR : Challenges for New Age Libraries*, organised by National Law University, Delhi, Society for Library Professionals, UN Information Centre for India and Bhutan and Special Library Association-Asian Chapter. The said paper was honoured with “Best Paper Award”.
- Participated in an audio visual programme on “Library and Information Science broadcast in the Gyan Taranga” programme was produced by the Multimedia Production Unit of Krishna Kanta Handique State Open University, Dispur, Guwahati on February 15, 2014.

**Ms. Jyotirekha Bhattacharyya, Library Assistant**

- Presented a paper titled “Copy left : An Emerging Tool for Open Access to the World of Knowledge” at IASLIC 26<sup>th</sup> National Seminar on “*Roadmap to Usher in Knowledge Society*” organised by DLISC, Gauhati University and IASLIC, Kolkata held on November 25-28, 2014.
- Presented a paper titled “Retrieval Techniques of Online Databases in Law University Libraries with Special Reference to National Law University, Assam” at the National Conference on *Contemporary Issues and Challenges in Library and Information Management*, organised by Central Library, Tezpur University held on February 14-15, 2014.

**Mr. Pallab Kumar Goswami, Library Assistant**

- Presented a paper titled “Retrieval Techniques of Online Databases in Law University Libraries with Special Reference to National Law University, Assam” at the National Conference on *Contemporary Issues and Challenges in Library and Information Management*, organised by Central Library, Tezpur University held on February 14-15, 2014.
- Presented a paper titled “Collaboration Tool : A Mean for Enhancing Library Services with special Reference to University Libraries of North East India” in the National Seminar organised by Dibrugarh University, Dibrugarh, held on September 25-27, 2014.

**12. STUDENTS’ ACTIVITIES / ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

**(1) Academic Achievements**

**Mr. Tilu Linggi**, student of Master of Laws (LL.M.) of the University was selected for the **2014 R. P. Anand Scholarship**. The scholarship, valued at Rs.60,000/- aimed at providing financial assistance to the students pursuing their Postgraduate studies in International Law. A certificate and some books written by Late Prof. R. P. Anand, who was the Professor of International Law at Jawaharlal Nehru University, President of the prestigious Indian Society of International Law (ISIL) and a Vice-President of the Asian Society of International Law (ASIL), were also provided to him.

**Ms. Shehnaz Aziz**, student of Third Year B.A.,LL.B.(Hons.) degree course and **Ms. Shivani Dutta**, student of Second Year LL.M. degree course, were selected out of a hundred

meritorious students from all over the country to witness the Republic Day Celebrations from the Prime Minister's Box in New Delhi on **January 26, 2014**.

**Ms. Anoocha S. Panwar**, student of Fourth Year B.A.,LL.B.(Hons.) degree course was adjudged the 2<sup>nd</sup> Best Paper Presenter at a National Conclave and Seminar on **Recent Amendments and Developments in Corporate Law and Codification of Sexual Harassment at Workplace : An Industry Institute Interaction** organised by the Internship and Placement Committee, Faculty of Law, Jamia Milia Islamia University, New Delhi, on April 20, 2014. Her paper was titled "*Understanding Sexual Harassment at the Workplace : An Analysis of Power Dynamics*".

**Ms. Rashmi Patowary**, student of Fourth Year B.A.,LL.B.(Hons.) degree course presented a paper titled "*Scrutinizing the Impact of GMOs through the Prism of Human Rights*" at the International Conference on Sustainable Development 2014 (ICSD 2014). It was presented through a web conference on **August 8, 2014**. Her abstract has also been published in the Conference Proceedings (ISSN 1923-6670). The Conference was jointly organised by the International Centre for Interdisciplinary Research in Law (ICIRL) at Laurentian University Centre for Research in Social Justice and Policy (CRSJP) at Laurentian University and Ontario International Development Agency (OIDA) held on August 7-8, 2014 in Canada.

## (2) Mooting Achievements

Detailed list of participation of students of NLU, Assam in various Moot Court Competitions during the period under report is as follows :

- A Moot Court team comprising of Ms. Sukanya Gogoi, Ms. Mita Rajmohan and Mr. Kaustav Debbarma, students of the Fourth year participated in the **Justice P.B. Sawant First National Moot Court Competition** held on **January 12, 2014** organised by Marathwada Mitra Mandal's Shankarrao Chavan Law College, Pune. The team bagged the Best Memorial as well as the First Runners up Trophy in the Moot Competition in which thirty-five teams participated.
- A Moot Court team comprising of Ms. Dipali Rai, Mr. Shashank Pathak and Mr. Saptarshi Das, students of Fourth Year participated in the **5<sup>th</sup> NLIU JURIS CORP Moot Court Competition** held from **September 5-7, 2014** which was organised by National Law Institute University, Bhopal in Bhopal.
- A Moot Court team comprising of Ms. Shehnaz Aziz, Mr. Sweden Doley, students of Third Year and Ms. Madhumanti Ghosh, Mr. Subornadeep Bhattacharjee, students of Second Year participated in the **Surana & Surana National Trial Advocacy & Judgment Writing Competition 2014 (North Rounds)** held from **September 12-14, 2014** which was organised by Rajiv Gandhi National University of Law Punjab, Patiala.
- A Moot Court team comprising of Mr. Abhishek Chakravarty, Mr. Akash Bhamu and Ms. Nishigandha Paniphukan, students of Third Year, participated in the **7<sup>th</sup> Justice Hidayatullah Memorial National Moot Court Competition 2014**, held from **October 17-19, 2014** which was organised by Hidayatullah National University of Law, Chhattisgarh, Raipur.

- A Moot Court team comprising of Mr. Irfan Hasieb, Mr. Krishnajyoti Deka, Mr. Manash Pratim Hazarika, students of Third Year participated in the **Lex Omina National Moot Court Competition** held from **October 31 to November 2, 2014** which was organised by Birla Institute of Technology and Science (BITS) Pilani in Goa.
- A Moot Court team comprising of Ms. Archana Phukan, Ms. Mona Gupta and Ms. Shayer Agni, students of Fourth Year participated in the **2<sup>nd</sup> Vivekananda Institute of Professional Studies International Moot Court Competition** held from **November 7-9, 2014** which was organised by Vivekananda Institute of Professional Studies, New Delhi.
- A Moot Court team comprising of Mr. Aditya Awasthi, Ms. Issa Sharma, Mr. Paranjay Sharma, students of Third Year participated in the **2<sup>nd</sup> Mangi Lal Pagariya Memorial National Moot Court Competition 2014** held from **October 31 to November 2, 2014** which was organised by MATS Law School, MATS University, Raipur.
- A Moot Court team comprising of Mr. Aditya Singh, Mr. Falakyar Askari and Mr. Aishwarya Nigam, students of Fourth Year participated in **3<sup>rd</sup> Indraprastha National Moot Court Competition** held from **October 10-12, 2014** organised by University School of Law and Legal Studies, GGSIPU, New Delhi.
- A Moot Court team comprising of Mr. Suresh Khadav, Md. Ghulam Ashraf and Mr. Noor Kutub Alam, students of Third Year participated in the **5<sup>th</sup> School of Law, Christ University Moot Court Competition, Bangalore** held from **September 4-7, 2014** organised by School of Law, Christ University, Bangalore.

### 13. SPECIAL LECTURES / VISITORS TO NLU, ASSAM

- Mr. Sishir Tiwari, Assistant Professor of Law, NEHU, Shillong
- Ms. Moushumi Dutta Pathak, Assistant Professor of History, Arya Vidaypeeth College
- Mr. Nijan Chandra Pegu, Assistant Professor of Economics, B. Barooah College
- Dr. Shabeena Yasmin Saikia, Assistant Professor of Sociology, Gauhati University
- Dr. Madhurima Hazarika, Faculty Political Science, Handique Girls' College
- Dr. Pranjal Sarma, Faculty of Sociology, Dibrugarh University
- Dr. G. Mallikarjun, Faculty of Law, NALSAR University of Law, Hyderabad
- Prof. (Dr.) R. Venkat Rao, Vice-Chancellor, National Law School of India University, Bangalore
- Prof. (Dr.) Faizan Mustafa, Vice-Chancellor, NALSAR University of Law, Hyderabad
- Prof. (Dr.) Paramjit Singh Jaswal, Vice-Chancellor, Rajiv Gandhi National University of Law, Punjab, Patiala
- Prof. (Dr) K. V. S Sarma, Professor of Law and former Registrar of NALSAR University of Law, Hyderabad
- Dr. S. N. Shafi, Faculty of Law, NALSAR University of Law, Hyderabad
- Prof. (Dr.) Balaram Gupta, Director of National Judicial Academy, Bhopal
- Prof. (Dr.) Ranbir Singh, Vice-Chancellor, National Law University, Delhi

- Prof. (Dr.) C. Raja Kumar, Vice-Chancellor Jindal Global University, Sonapat, Haryana
- Prof. (Dr.) N. L. Mitra, Former Vice-Chancellor of National Law School of India University, Bangalore, NLU Jodhpur, Chancellor, KIIT Law School, Bhubaneshwar
- Prof. (Dr.) Nirmal Kanti Chakravarthy, Director, KIIT Law School, Bhubaneshwar
- Dr. Sumana Das, B. Barooah College, Guwahati
- Dr. Abhigyan Prasad, Assistant Professor of English, B. Barooah, Guwahati
- Mr. Raghava Awasthi, Advocate Delhi High Court, Delhi

#### **14. ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

The University is extremely thankful to the Hon'ble Chancellor, the Hon'ble Members of the General Council, Executive Council, Academic Council, Finance Committee, Library Committee, Academic Planning Board and Construction Committee for their guidance and continuous support in developing this University as a centre of excellence in the region of North East India. The University is specially thankful to the Hon'ble Judges, sitting and retired of the Supreme Court of India and the Gauhati High Court for chairing, participating, attending the various meetings of the University bodies as well as conferences, workshops, moot court competitions and other academic activities.

The University is also thankful to the Government of Assam and its Senior Officers including Chief Secretary, Additional Chief Secretary, Principal Secretary Finance, Secretary and Commissioner of Higher Education and Social Welfare, Commissioner and Special Secretary, Assam Public Works Department (Building and NH) and Secretary Judicial Department, LR and Joint Secretary, Judicial Department for their constant support in all respects. The University is also thankful to the Bar Council of India and the Bar Council of Assam for recognising the University under the Bar Council of India Act. The University wishes to place on record its gratitude and appreciation to all the donors, supporters and well-wishers.

**NOTE :** The achievement of the Faculty and students are only indicative and not exhaustive and various items in the report are based on the information provided by the concerned Faculty / Students. Again, the Lecturers / Visitors list is also not exhaustive but indicative of some of the selected Guest speakers / important visitors.

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## 1. INTRODUCTION

This Supplementary Annual Report on the working of the University has been prepared by the Executive Council for presentation to the General Council in pursuance of the requirement under Section 12 (2) (iii) (a) of the National Law University and Judicial Academy, Assam Act, 2009. The period covered is the calendar year from **January 1, 2015 to March 31, 2015**.

## 2. GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

To realise the founding objectives and aspirations, National Law University and Judicial Academy, Assam has been working very diligently. The selection and appointment of new Vice-Chancellor, Prof. (Dr.) Vijender Kumar in October 2014 gave a new momentum in the working of the University. During the period under report, meetings of the following University Bodies were held on dates against each:

Academic Council	:	March 10, 2015
Executive Council	:	January 19, 2015; February 10, 2015; March 31, 2015
Finance Committee	:	March 30, 2015
Construction Committee	:	February 14, 2015
Purchase Committee	:	February 2, 2015
Library Committee	:	March 7, 2015
Faculty Meetings	:	Every week the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. (Dr.) Vijender Kumar has been organising Faculty Meetings.

As per the directions of the General Council and Executive Council, the University has procured an Air Conditioned Bus for the use of the Students and the Staff.

## 3. ACADEMIC PROGRAMMES

### (A) Re-opening of the University

After the Semester break the University reopened on **January 19, 2015** and the students were provided with the course outlines for the current semester.

### (B) Distribution of Course Materials

For the first time in the history of National Law University, Assam all the faculty members have prepared the course outlines along with the course materials and handed them over to the students after the reopening of the University. 25 subjects for the B.A.,LL.B.(Hons.) degree course and 4 papers for the LL.M. (Human Rights) degree course, are being offered in the University and accordingly the course materials have been prepared and distributed to all the students in the University.

### (C) Examinations

The Mid-Semester Examinations for the B.A.,LL.B.(Hons.) degree course were held from March 23-30, 2015 in which all students appeared and the results are awaited. The results will be declared in the second week of April.

#### (D) Appointment of Non-Teaching Staff

Sl. No	NAME	DESIGNATION	QUALIFICATION
1	Mr. Pranab Dey	Assistant Engineer	B.E.
2	Ms. Lipika Sharma	Lady Warden cum Matron	B.Sc. Nursing, MBA in Hospital Administration
3	Mr. Santanu Gogoi	Library Attendant	Higher Secondary
4	Mr. Bikash Nath	Library Attendant	Higher Secondary
5	Mr. Guneswar Deka	Ambulance Driver	Matric Pass

#### 4. CAMPUS DEVELOPMENT / INFRASTRUCTURE

The progress in the construction of the permanent campus at Amingaon is found to be relatively satisfactory for the Administrative and Academic Blocks, as the civil works of these two buildings are near completion. The Vice-Chancellor along with other University authorities and Hon'ble Members of the University Bodies have organised a series of meetings with the concerned officials of the Government of Assam which includes PWD, Finance, Revenue, Judicial and District Officials of the Kamrup (Rural) and Contractors to expedite the matters relating to land filling, construction of hostel buildings, construction of Grade-III and IV quarters and release of balance funds of Phase-I budget and construction of 33 KV electrical sub-station which had been pending for a long time.

To discuss the matters, a high level meeting was held on **January 28, 2015 in the Chamber of Principal Secretary (Finance), Shri Sameer Kumar Khare**. In this meeting the Principal Secretary (Finance) took note of the situation and ordered the concerned officials to expedite the process of construction. Subsequently, a meeting of the **Construction Committee** was held on **February 14, 2015**. During the meeting, the PWD authorities have assured that the pending matters will be resolved and that they will hand-over the Administrative and Academic Blocks by end of June 2015 to the University.

#### 5. LIBRARY

During the period under report, the University has recruited two Library Attendants to facilitate the library services to the students and the faculty members. Further, the University has taken steps to procure the Radio-Frequency Identification (RFID) Technology to provide fully automated security systems to the Library which was recommended by the Library Committee and Academic Council.

##### Acquisitions

A total number of 567 books were added to the existing collection.

##### E Books

Cambridge Book Online (151 titles)

<http://ebooks.cambridge.org>



## **6. ADVANCED RESEARCH CENTRES / ENDOWMENT CHAIRS / RESEARCH PROJECTS**

The Executive Council in its meeting held on **January 19, 2015** accorded its approval on the creation of the following Centres at the University :

1. Centre for Post-Graduate Legal Studies (CPGLS)
2. Centre for Family Law and Customary Studies
3. Centre for Tribal and Land Rights
4. Centre for Human Rights and Refugee Law
5. Centre for Constitutional Law and Governance
6. Centre for Studies of North East, South Asia and South East Asia Legal Studies
7. Centre for Natural Resources Laws
8. Centre for Peace and Conflict Resolution Studies
9. Centre for Corporate Law and Good Governance
10. Centre for Disability Rights and Studies
11. Centre for Child Rights
12. Centre for Law, Language and Culture
13. Centre for Criminal Justice Administration and Human Rights
14. Centre for Socio-Legal Research and Gender Studies
15. Centre for Disaster Management and Law
16. Centre for Intellectual Property Rights Studies
17. Centre for Environmental Law

### **CENTRE FOR CHILD RIGHTS**

The **Centre for Child Rights** was inaugurated on **March 14, 2015**. This initiative has received financial support from the UNICEF Office for Assam. The Centre will be working on the various issues relating to the protection of Child Rights in the North East India and it would also facilitate research works which are undertaken by various students and research scholars across the North East India. The University is striving to develop it as a Centre of Excellence in research and teaching for the protection of Child Rights in this region.

### **NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON PROTECTION OF RIGHTS OF CHILDREN : ISSUES AND CHALLENGES HELD ON MARCH 14, 2015**

The University in partnership with UNICEF, Office for Assam organised a National Conference on “**Protection of Rights of Children : Issues and Challenges**” on **March 14, 2015**. The objective of the National Conference was to commemorate the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the entry into force of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC). The National Conference began with the inauguration of the Centre for Child Rights (CCR) by one of the girl

students of NLU, Assam in the presence of Prof. (Dr.) Vijender Kumar, Vice-Chancellor of NLU, Assam; Dr. Tushar Rane, Chief, UNICEF, Office for Assam, distinguished speakers, other special invitees, faculty and staff of UNICEF and NLU, Assam.

The thematic sessions were chaired by academicians and experts in the field of child rights, such as Dr. Tushar Rane, Chief, UNICEF, Office for Assam; Mr. Mukesh Sahay, IPS, Additional Director General of Police (ADGP)-CID, Assam Police; Ms. Bharti Ali, Co-Director, HAQ: Centre for Child Rights, New Delhi; Prof. (Dr.) Vijender Kumar, Vice-Chancellor, NLU, Assam; Dr. Benarji Chakka, Associate Professor of Law, NLU, Assam; Dr. Yugal Kishore, Visiting Faculty, NLU, Assam; and Ms. Shannu Narayan, Visiting Faculty, NLU Assam coordinated the Conference.

**R. K. Gupta, Deputy Director General, Competition Commission of India** held a Camp Court in the University complex for the purpose of investigation in Case No. 41/2011- Sandhya Drug Agency, Barpeta, Assam v. All India Chemist and Druggist Organisation and others. The Commission was assisted by Shashank Pathak, a Fourth Year student of the University.

## **7. FACULTY ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

### **(1) Publications / Seminars / Conferences / Workshops / Other Academic Activities**

#### **Prof. (Dr.) Vijender Kumar, Vice-Chancellor**

- Delivered the inaugural address at the Round Table Meeting on “Land Problems in Andhra Pradesh : Need for Support Mechanisms” organised by Damodaram Sanjivayya National Law University and Landesa / RDI, at Vishakhapatnam on February 27, 2015.
- Delivered the inaugural address at the Round Table Meeting on “Land Problems in Bihar : Need for Support Mechanisms” organised by Chanakya National Law University, Patna and Landesa / RDI, at Patna on March 12, 2015.
- Delivered the inaugural address at the National Conference on “Protection of Children : Issues and Challenges” jointly organised by National Law University, Assam and UNICEF, Office for Assam, at NLU, Assam on March 14, 2015.
- Attended the meeting of the Core Committee of CLAT-2015 on February 20, 2015 at RMLNLU, Lucknow.

#### **Dr. Silla Ramsundar, Associate Professor of Law**

- Participated in a Training Programme on “Patent Filing and Processing, Patent Drafting” organised by the Rajiv Gandhi National Institute of Intellectual Property Management (RGNIIPM), Nagpur, a Central Government organisation under the Ministry of Commerce and Industry held on January 5-9, 2015.

#### **Ms. Shannu Narayan, Visiting Faculty, Law**

- Presented a paper titled “Engaging TWAIL to Restructure the New International Economic Order” at International Conference on *Third World Approaches to International Law : On Praxis and the Intellectual* at the American University in Cairo, Egypt on January 5-9, 2015.

### **Ms. Aparajita Dutta Hazarika, Assistant Professor of English**

- Research paper titled “Voices of Conflict in Select Fiction of Temsula Ao and Easterine Kire” published in *DIALOGIA, An Anthology of Critical Ideas* (ISBN: 978-81-924095-3-5, Volume 1 March 2015).

### **Ms. Namrata Gogoi, Assistant Professor of History**

- Presented a paper titled “Tradition as Sanction to Human Trafficking : A Look at Early Practices and Rituals” at the International Conference on *Combating Human Trafficking with Special Reference to Women and Children* organised by Campus Law Centre, Faculty of Law, University of Delhi, held on February 13-15, 2015.

### **Ms. Kankana Baishya, Assistant Librarian**

- Research paper titled “Intellectual Property Right Issues with Special Reference to Indian Institutional Repositories : A Study” published in *Transforming Dimensions of IPR : Challenges for New Age Libraries* edited by Dr. Priya Rai, et al, 2015, pp. 66-76.
- Research paper titled “Building A Digital Institutional Repository In India : A Study”, published in *Golden Research Thoughts* (ISSN 2231-5063, Impact Factor : 3.4052) Volume 4, Issue 8, February 2015.

## **8. STUDENTS’ ACTIVITIES / ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

### **Mooting Achievements**

Detailed list of participation of students of NLU, Assam in various Moot Court Competitions during the period under report is as follows :

- A Moot Court team comprising of Ms. Shehnaz Aziz, Mr. Sweden Doley, students of Third Year and Ms. Madhumanti Ghosh a student of Second Year participated in the **5<sup>th</sup> Verdict Moot Court Competition on Intellectual Property Law**, held from **January 30 to February 1, 2015** which was organised by IIT Kharagpur.
- A Moot Court team comprising of Mr. Sujeet Kumar, Mr. Utkarsh Kumar and Mr. Varij Nayan Mishra, students of Second Year participated in the **Surana and Surana National Corporate Law Moot & Judgment Writing Competition 2015** held from **February 13-15, 2015** which was organised by JSS Law College, Mysore.
- A Moot Court team comprising of Ms. Anoushka Singh, Ms. Shradhanjali Sarma and Ms. Sucheta Ray, students of Third Year participated in the **7<sup>th</sup> GNLU International Moot Court Competition, 2015** held from **February 4-8, 2015** which was organised by Gujarat National Law University in Gandhinagar.
- A Moot Court team comprising of Ms. Sukanya Gogoi, a student of Fourth Year and Mr. Chiranjeev Gogoi and Ms. Simona Waheed, students of Third Year participated in the **IP Markets, Osmania University Moot Court Competition** held from **February 20-22, 2015** which was organised by Osmania University, Hyderabad.
- A Moot Court team comprising of Mr. Srijan Mishra, Mr. Aman Kumar and Mr. Sudarshan Gupta students of Third Year participated in the **2<sup>nd</sup> Damodaram Sanjivayya National**

**Moot Court Competition, Vishakhapatnam** held from **March 6-8, 2015** which was organised by Damodaram Sanjivayya National Law University (DSNLU), Visakhapatnam, AP.

- A Moot Court team comprising of Ms. Anurupa Chetia, Ms. Getashree S. Kurup and Ms. Rachna Jha, students of Fourth Year participated in the **26<sup>th</sup> Kerala Law Academy All India Moot Court Competition** held from **February 12-14, 2015** which was organised by Kerala Law Academy.
- A Moot Court team comprising of Mr. Partha Sankar Biswas (Fourth Year), Ms. Deboleena Dutta (Third Year) and Ms. Akanchha Shrivasta (Second Year), participated in the **2<sup>nd</sup> Justice P. B. Sawant National Moot Court Competition 2014-15**, held from **January 31 to February 1, 2015** which was organised by P.B. Sawant, Shankar Rao Chavvan Law College, Pune.
- A Moot Court team comprising of Mr. Abhishek Yadav (Fourth Year), Ms. Dharmishtha Dutta and Bipasha Saikia, students of Third Year participated in the **S. P. Sathe Moot Court Competition** held from **February 13-15, 2015** which was organised by ILS, Pune.
- A Moot Court team comprising of Mr. Akshat Kumar Srivastava, Ms. Lovina Ropia and Ms. Raman Virk, students of Second Year participated in the **8<sup>th</sup> Amity Lucknow National Moot Court Competition** held from **February 27 to March 1, 2015** which was organised by Amity University Lucknow, UP.
- A Moot Court team comprising of Mr. Jagdish Jena, Mr. Dinesh Bhamu, Ms. Nashrat Majid, Mr. Utkarsh Pandey, students of Fourth Year and Ms. Sylvine Sarma, a student of Second Year participated in the **Philip C. Jessup International Moot Court Competition, 2015** held from **January 30 to February 1, 2015** which was organised by Christ University, Bangalore.
- A Moot Court team comprising of Mr. Md. Ashraf, Mr. Noor Kutub Alam and Mr. Simanta Rabha, students of Third Year participated in the **2<sup>nd</sup> Anand Law College Moot Court Competition 2015** held from **March 14-15, 2015** which was organised by Anand Law College in Gujarat.
- A Moot Court team comprising of Ms. Divyani Singh, Ms. Jafreen Haque and Ms. Ravina Mishra, students of Third Year participated in the **SGT University National Moot Court Competition, 2015** held from **March 13-16, 2015** which was organised by SGT University in Gurgaon, Haryana.
- A Moot Court team comprising of Mr. Karthik Shikari, Mr. Pritam Dey and Mr. Abhishek Karmakar, students of Second Year participated in the **Justice P. N. Bhagwati 5<sup>th</sup> International Moot 2015** held from **March 21-22, 2015** which was organised by New Law College, Pune.
- A Moot Court team comprising of Mr. Kaustav Debbarma, Ms. Mita Rajmohan and Ms. Benchilo Odyuo, students of Fourth Year participated in the **RBUSL 1<sup>st</sup> National Moot Court Competition 2015** held from **March 28-29, 2015** which was organised by Rayat Bahra University School of Law, Mohali, Punjab.

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- Shri. Adity Singh, Attorney, White and Case, LLP, New York, USA
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- Ms. Shivani Dutta, N.E.F. Law College, Guwahati
- Ms. Anamika Mitra, Gauhati University, Guwahati
- Prof. N. Sreenivasulu, Professor of Law, WBNUJS, Kolkata
- Dr. Shaikh Nazim Ahmed Shafi, Assistant Professor of Law, NALSAR University of Law, Hyderabad
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