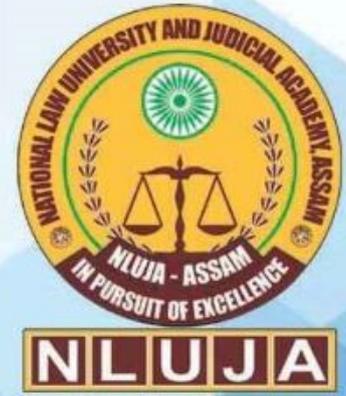




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It is indeed a proud occasion for me to be able to present to you the Special Issue of the NYAYALOK Newsletter which carries news of all the events of the University including a few Conferences and Seminars held during the period. A two-day International Conference on Climate Change in March 2019 was organised by The Centre for Environmental Law, Advocacy and Research (CELAR), a research centre of National Law University and Judicial Academy, Assam which was co-sponsored by the prestigious Shastri Programme Development Grant (SPDG) of the binational Shastri Indo-Canadian Institute, New Delhi. The University also hosted a Two Day Seminar in May 2019 organised by the Centre for Advanced Research on Intellectual Property Rights (CARIP), a research centre of National Law University and Judicial Academy, Assam on “Effective Protection of Traditional Knowledge and Cultural Expressions and Community Experiences” in collaboration with North East Centre, New Delhi. The Bulletin shall endeavor to keep the readers informed about the academic achievements and other milestones achieved by the University from time to time.

PROFESSOR (DR.) J. S. Patil
VICE-CHANCELLOR, NLUJA, ASSAM

One Day International Seminar on Protection of Women and Children Rights January 12, 2019

Law Mantra in collaboration with the Indian Law Institute, New Delhi, National Law University and Judicial Academy, Assam, Maharashtra National Law University, Nagpur, Maharashtra National Law University, Aurangabad and Delhi Commission of Protection of Children Rights, Govt. of Delhi organized a One Day International Seminar on Protection of Women and Children Rights: Issues and Challenges on January 12, 2019 at the Indian Law Institute, New Delhi. The Seminar was inaugurated by Hon'ble Justice Pratibha M. Singh, Judge, High Court of Delhi in presence of Prof. (Dr.). P.S Jaiswal, Vice-Chancellor, RGNUL Patiala, Prof.(Dr.) Manoj Kumar Sinha, Director, The Indian Law Institute, New Delhi, Prof.(Dr.) NishthaJaswal, Vice-Chancellor, Himachal Pradesh University, Shimla, Prof.(Dr.) Naresh Kumar Vats, Registrar, RGNUL, Punjab, Mr. Kishor Kumar Mishra, President, Law Mantra. The Valedictory session was presided by Hon'ble Shri Suresh Prabhu, Minister of Civil Aviation & Minister of Commerce and Industry, Government of India, New Delhi through web in august presence of Shri Deepak Kumar, CEO, Central Adoption Resource Authority, GOI, New Delhi, Sh. Shreenibas Chandra Prusty, Registrar, The Indian Law Institute, New Delhi, Dr. Vijay Pratap Tiwari, Associate Professor of Law, MNLU, Nagpur, Ms Salona Lutchman, Senior Lecturer, Faculty of Law, University of Cape Town, South Africa. In the Seminar more than 250 Participants has participated. Total 166 papers were presented in 7 different technical session which were chaired by Dr. Vijay P. Tiwari, Associate Professor of Law, Maharashtra National Law University- Nagpur, Ms. Mrinalini Banerjee, Assistant Professor of Law, GD Goenka University, Gurugram, Dr. Shobhna Jeet, Assistant Professor of Law, ApeejayStya University, Gurugram, Dr. Dakshita Sangwan, Assistant Professor of Law, G.D Goenka University, Gurugram, Dr. Dharminder Kumar, Dean, Geeta Institute of Law, Panipat, Ms. Anita Yadav, Assistant Professor of Law, Campus Law Centre, University of Delhi, New Delhi, Dr. Rupam Jagota, Assistant Professor of Law, In-charge B.A LL.B(Hons.) FYIC, Dept of Laws, GNDU Regional Campus, Jalandhar. At last vote of thanks were given by Mr. Aditya Mishra, Managing Trustee of Law Mantra and Organising Secretary of Seminar Ms. Akansha Jain, Joint Secretary, Law Mantra.



Report on International Conference on Climate Change March 09-10, 2019



The Centre for Environmental Law, Advocacy and Research (CELAR), a research centre of National Law University and Judicial Academy, Assam, organized a two-day International Conference on Climate Change on 9th and 10th March 2019. It was co-sponsored by the prestigious Shastri Programme Development Grant (SPDG) of the binational Shastri Indo-Canadian Institute, New Delhi. The focal area of the Conference was to explore the multidisciplinary contours of climate change. As such, the conference witnessed the presentation of research made by seventy select people across various academic disciplines, like law, economics, technology, geography, sociology, business, commerce and technology. It also witnessed the scholarly presence of over fifty delegates. The participants hailed from Assam and other places across the length and breadth of India as well as from several foreign countries like Bhutan, Nepal, Bangladesh and Mexico.

The Conference dwelled on three primary themes namely, the international dimension on climate change, focussing specially on the Indo-Canadian dimension and the national and north east Indian dimension on climate change. To stimulate discussions and debates, eminent personalities and experts in each of the thematic dimensions were present. The luminaries included judges like Chief Justice A.S. Bopanna, Justice S. Shyam and Justice U. Bhuyan of Gauhati High Court, Justice P.M.M. Peires, former Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Sri Lanka and Dr. Ranjan Chatterjee from the National Green Tribunal. It also included lawyers like Mr. Sanjay Upadhyay and Mr. Sudhir Mishra of the Supreme Court of India, academicians like Prof. (Dr.) Armin Rosencraz from Stanford University, Prof. (Dr.) Phillip Cullet from SOAS University of London, Prof. (Dr.) M.K. Ramesh from NSLIU, Prof. (Dr.) Chandan Mahanta from IIT-G and activists like Ms. Rama Rauta, Pioneer of the Save Ganga Movement, Mr. JadavPayeng, the Forest Man of India and Mr. Rajendra Singh, the Waterman of India. Led by such personalities, the technical sessions of the Conference witness some intense deliberations on how best to combat climate change, especially the peculiar climate vulnerabilities of Assam and North East India.

Report on Two Day Seminar on Traditional Knowledge and Cultural Expressions May 03-04, 2019

The Centre for Advanced Research on Intellectual Property Rights (CARIP), a research centre of National Law University and Judicial Academy, Assam, organised a two day Seminar on Effective Protection of Traditional Knowledge and Cultural Expressions and Community Experiences in collaboration with North East Centre, New Delhi on May 03-04, 2019. The seminar was sponsored by Indian Council for Social Science Research (ICSSR). The inaugural session was attended by Shri Siddhartha Bhattacharyya the Hon'ble Education Minister, GDD and Law & Justice as the Chief Guest. He congratulated the University for taking up an important issue of traditional knowledge and its protection and expressed his appreciation for the infrastructure of the University and promised to help the latter with any kind of assistance from his end. The Chairman, APSC Shri Deepak Sharma and Dr. S.B. Medhi Retd IAS, Chief Executive, Assam Human Rights Commission were the guests of honour. The seminar was spearheaded by Centre for Advanced Research on Intellectual Property Right (CARIP) of NLUJAA in association with North East Centre, Delhi. The key resource persons were Padmasree P. Pushpangadan, Director General at Amity Institute for Herbal and Biotech Products Development, Prof TC James, NIPO, Delhi, Ms. Ghazala Javed, Ministry of AYUSH, Govt. of India and representative of National Biodiversity Authority and State Biodiversity Board of Assam, Director, NIRD, Prof. Chandan Mahanta from IIT Guwahati, Prof. P.C. Bhattacharyya, Trustee and Vice-Chairman, Wild Life Trust of India and many other eminent people in the area of Traditional Knowledge (TK) and Intellectual Property Right (IPR) graced the two day brainstorming session. The main objective of the seminar was to highlight the legal and other challenges in the area of traditional knowledge and cultural expressions and the growing impact of IPR in this area and its significance. For giving a practical dimension to the seminar real time TK practitioners from north east i.e. Assam, Arunachal Pradesh, Nagaland and Sikkim were invited to share their perspectives. The paper presenters were mainly academicians and research scholars from all parts of India. The book on conference proceedings titled Traditional Knowledge and Traditional Cultural Expressions and Community Perspectives published by NLUJAA with ISBN was released on the inaugural day. The main highlight of the two day seminar was the showcasing of two documentaries on traditional silk making of Sualkuchi and traditional bell metal industry of Sarthebari made by CARIP depicting the historical origin and significance of these TK based industries and problems faced by the artisans and weavers especially the aspiration of the people of Sarthebari to obtain a geographical indication mark for the bell metal. The Valedictory session was graced by Hon'ble Justice A.K. Goswami, Judge Gauhati High Court as the Chief Guest and Dr. Arup Kumar Mishra, Director, Assam Science, Technology and Environmental Council as the guest of honour.





The Director, ASTEC promised to help the people of Sarthebari in getting GI for their traditional bell metal. Hon'ble Justice A.K. Goswami hailed the topic of the seminar as very pertinent and much needed. The Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor Prof. J.S. Patil while thanking the august gathering expressed that the University would work together with govt agencies like ASTEC, NGOs, institutions and directly with communities in legal issues of IPR and capacity building in matters of TK and TCEs. The two day seminar also had exhibitions of silk handloom by Assam textile and handloom department, Assam Co-operative Bell Metal Utensil Manufacturing Society Ltd, Sarthebari and Rural and Tribal Development foundation, Sualkuchi Muga Farm. The key outcome of the seminar can be summed up as urgent need to give a new policy and economic push to preserve the traditional knowledge based rural industries, need for awareness and capacity building, need for modern technology to make the traditional industry compete with the mechanised industry, to give recognition to cultural IP right of the communities over their age old TK, effective use of IPR to grant legal protection to cultural expressions of indigenous communities and need for sui generis Law and policies besides adequate financial and other assistance from the government in a holistic way.

Republic Day Celebration at the University January 26, 2019

The 70th Republic Day was celebrated at National Law University and Judicial Academy, Assam by hoisting of the National Flag by Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor Prof. (Dr.) J. S. Patil in the presence of the Registrar, faculty members, officials and staff of NLUJAA.



Saraswati Puja Celebration at University Premises February 09, 2019

Sri Saraswati Puja was celebrated by the Central Library, NLUJAA on February 09, 2019 at National Law University and Judicial Academy, Assam campus. All the faculty members and staff paid obeisance to the Goddess of Learning and celebrated the puja with gaiety and rituals.



Regional Consultation on Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace (Prevention, Prohibition and Redressal) Act 2013 February 16, 2019

Regional Consultation on Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace (Prevention, Prohibition and Redressal) Act 2013 organised by National Commission for Women in collaboration with Centre for Gender Justice, NLUJAA on February 16, 2019. This exercise is a flagship of the National Commission for Women (NCW) and through the collaboration the intent has been to create a forum where representatives from the eight states of North East India could lend their inputs towards reviewing the POSH (Prevention of Sexual Harassment) Act; mulling the pros and cons of the provisions of the Act and in light of the same proposing recommendations towards enhanced protection of the rights of women at workplace.



The POSH Act is an important milestone towards ensuring prevention, prohibition and redressal of harassment of women in their workplaces. However, six years since it has become a statute, it is about time a seasoned critique of the provisions of the Act is undertaken. In this pursuit, resource persons and consultants from all over the region have lent their support. Academicians, administrators, activists, legal professionals from the NE Region have contributed their insights towards reviewing and improvising the scope and applicability of the existing POSH Act. NCW Member, Ms. Soso Shaiza and Chief Programme Coordinator Ms. Lilabati were present during the consultative exercise.

1st Vox Anatolis National Moot Court Competition, 2019 March 01-03, 2019

The 1st Vox Anatolis National Moot Court Competition, 2019 took place on 1st-3rd March, 2019. This was the 4th National Moot Court Competition organised by National Law University and Judicial Academy, Assam. 1st Vox Anatolis National Moot Court Competition, 2019 is first of a kind since it's the first National Moot Court Competition in the country which was based on the legal issues concerning a particular region, in this case the North East. A total of 43 teams had provisionally registered for the competition out of which only 26 teams were allowed to take part in the competition. The inauguration ceremony took place on 1st March, 2019 in the University Seminar Hall and it was graced by Hon'ble Justice (Retd.) B.P. Katakey. The Semi-Finals and the Final Rounds took place on 3rd March, 2019. Distinguished lawyers of the Guwahati High Court and Advocate Surajit Dutta, B.C. Kayel, Rajeev Baruah, S C Biswas, Haisbur Rahman and B C Das along with Hon'ble Mr. Justice Ujjal Bhuyan of Gauhati High Court presided as judges in the Semi Finals and Final Rounds of the competition. The team representing School of Excellence in Law, Christ University won the 1st VoxAnatolis National Moot Court Competition. While the team representing School of Excellence in Law, Ambedkar University became the runner's up. Mr. Ritu Raj of Maharashtra National Law University, Nagpur won the Best Researcher Award. While the team representing Maharashtra National Law University, Mumbai won the best memorial award. Mr. Rohan Pratap Singh of National Academy of Legal Studies and Research, Hyderabad won the Best Counsel award.

ADUJ (Adwik Udjaapan) April 26-28, 2019

The second edition of cultural and literary festival, ADUJ (Adwik Udjaapan) was held at National Law University and Judicial Academy, Assam from April 26-28, 2019. Talented artists from all over the country had taken part in this 3 day celebration. Multiple literary and cultural events were held, giving the participants a chance to get in touch with their creative side and explore different avenues of their interest. The events took place in the festival are Quiz, Parliamentary Debate, Fabrico (Creative Writing), Essay Writing Competition, Pic-o-tale, Devil's Advocate, Caption-It, Harfkaar - Open Mic, Just A Minute, Battle of the Bands, Tilted Tripod (Photography), Laugh Out Loud (Stand-up Comedy), Meltitude (Solo Singing), ADUJ Got Talent, Fiesta (Solo Dance), Fiesta (Group Dance), Nukkad Natak, Brushstrokes (Painting).



Street Play on Environment Protection May 18, 2019

On 18th May, 2019 a street play was organised by the students of the University on environment protection. The main idea behind organising the street play was to raise consciousness on the importance of conservation of trees and their protection. The street play was conducted in a village named Saualkuchi, which is situated around 15 kms away from the University. The play was supervised by Ms. Monmi Gohain, who is an Assistant Professor of the University. The play tried to mainly address the issues of deforestation and its consequences, through the use of dramatic gestures. The play aimed to bring awareness to the audience regarding the importance of planting trees, which was followed by the actual planting of saplings at the place wherever the play was performed, which would gradually grow into trees. 4 saplings were planted in the village and a few saplings were gifted to the villagers. The group was quite successful as their performance succeeded in sending their message across powerfully, as the audience was drenched with emotions and there was a sense of awakening amongst them as they themselves spoke up about the importance of plantation of trees and their conservation. The group comprised of 7 students, whose names are- Bomkesh Mandal, Bidyut Bikram, Jayanta Boruah, Siddhant Das, Bansuri Poddar, Nijhum Roy and Sarthak Aryan.



Orientation Programme 2019 August 01, 2019

An Orientation Programme was held at Seminar Hall, Administrative Block for newly enrolled students and their parents/ guardians in the presence of Hon'ble Vice Chancellor Prof. (Dr.) J. S. Patil, faculty members and officials and administrative staff. Students were introduced to academic programmes conducted by the University, activities of different Centres of the University, existing facilities and rules and regulations of the University in the course of programme. They were also motivated to take part in various academic and co curricular activities.

Independence Day Celebration August 15, 2019

NLUJA, Assam celebrated the 73rd Independence Day on August 15, 2019 with unfurling of the National Flag by the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor of the University. The Registrar, faculty members, officials and administrative staff were present at the time of unfurling of the National Flag. A quiz competition "Bharat ko Jano" organized by Brahmaputra Quiz Club was conducted at the Seminar Hall, Administrative Block, NLUJAA where faculty members, administrative staff, officials and students took part.

Celebration of 8th Foundation Day of NLUJAA September 01, 2019

Eighth Foundation Day of the University was celebrated on September 1, 2019 at Seminar Hall, Administrative Building, NLUJAA, Amingaoan. Hon'ble Dr. Himanta Biswa Sarma, Finance Minister, Govt. of Assam, Dr. R.C Borpatragohain, Advocate General, Assam and Hon'ble Mr. Justice Ujjal Bhuyan, Justice, Gauhati High Court had graced this occasion. Dr. Himanta Biswa Sarma addressed the gathering as the Chief Guest. He greeted the NLUJAA family and congratulated them on the occasion of the 8th Foundation Day of the University. The Hon'ble Minister also urged the students to engage in academic exercises and play a key role in the development of the society in the near future. The University anthem was inaugurated on the occasion.

The anthem was written by Dr. Amarjyoti Choudhury and composed by Mr. Ramen Choudhury. A week-long celebration was organized with various competitions like inter batch football and volley ball tournament, inter batch quiz and debate competition, elocution and dance competition, etc. among the students. The awards were distributed by the Hon'ble Minister at the event to the winners of those competitions.



Book Exhibition September 11-12, 2019

A Book Exhibition of Oxford University Press was organized by the NLUJAA Library from September 11-12, 2019 at Administrative Block where books published by Oxford University Press were displayed. Faculty members and students recommended books for University Library.



Orientation Programme by University Counsellor September 13, 2019

An orientation programme was held for the newly enrolled students by Smt. Meenakshi Barthakur, Consultant Pshychologist of the University. She enlightened the students with her insightful talk on mental health in that session and assured them to serve with the necessary counselling whenever required.

Orientation on Internships and Career Choices September 13, 2019

Sri Vijay Sambamurthi, Founder & Managing Partner, Lexygen, Bangalore & Co-founder and Secretary of TiE, Guwahati oriented the students of NLUJA, Assam on Internships and Career Choices.

Celebration of Hindi Diwas at NLUJAA September 14, 2019

Hindi Diwas was celebrated at NLUJA, Assam on September 14, 2019. Hindi Poetry Competition and Hindi Debate Competition were organized on the occasion at Seminar Hall, Administrative Block.

Campaign against Hazards of Plastic Waste September 16, 2019

NLUJA, Assam campaign against hazards of plastic waste commenced from September 16, 2019. Students made presentations on the hazards of plastic waste in their respective classrooms.

Biswakarma Puja Celebrated September 18, 2019

Biswakarma puja was observed at NLUJAA Power House Station on September 18, 2019 in presence of administrative staff, officials and faculty members.

Student Bar Council 2019-20 Election September 19, 2019

The Election for the Students Bar Council for the students of NLUJA, Assam was conducted for the year 2019-20. The list of Elected Office Bearers and Conveners of SBC 2019-20 are as follows:



President
Mr. Krishanu Kar



Vice - President
Mr. Subham Kashyap Kalita



General Secretary
Mr. Kanishk Sinha



Joint Secretary
Mr. Sudarshan Goswami



Treasurer
Mr. Karunesh Shukla

Convener of the Committees:

1. Mr. Priyadarshi Jha, Academic Committee
2. Mr. Jyotiringa Pujari, Cultural Committee
3. Ms. Sanjiban Chakraborty, Hostel and Campus Welfare Committee
4. Mr. Twahid Alam Laskar, Literary and Debating Committee
5. Mr. Nelson Teron, Mess and Hospitality Committee
6. Mr. Aviral Vats, Moot Court Committee
7. Mr. Dipendra Sekhawat, Sports Committee
8. Ms. Jupitara Gogoi, Students' Welfare Committee
9. Ms. Kumari Nivedita, Internship Coordination Committee
10. Mr. Adit Sharma, Recruitment Coordination Committee

Legal Awareness Program September 20, 2019

Legal Awareness Camp at Monikut High School, (adopted village in Hajo) The Centre for Clinical Legal Education and Legal Aid Cell organized an intense Legal Awareness Camp at Monikut High School, (Adopted Village in Hajo), on September 20, 2019. The team comprising of Para-Legal Volunteers of the Centre for Clinical Legal Education and Legal Aid Cell (CCLELAC), headed by Chairperson of the CCLELAC, Dr. Diptimoni Boruah carried out the programme.



It started with a short speech by the Chairperson, CCLELAC, Dr. Diptimoni Boruah, on objective, need and benefits of such programme. The Para-Legal Volunteers of the CCLELAC discussed and interacted with the gathering on some specific topics: Consumer Protection, Cyber Stalking, Domestic Violence and Environmental Protection. The camp ended with a vote of thanks offered by the Chairperson of the CCLELAC, NLUJA, Assam.

Gandhi Jayanti Celebrations October 02, 2019

NLUJA, Assam celebrated 150th birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi. On this occasion, campus cleaning activities were carried out in and around the university campus.



Story Writing and Tweet Competition October 12, 2019

Literary and Debating Committee, NLUJAA conducted its first intra-university story writing and tweet competition at Seminar Hall, Administrative Block, NLUJA, Assam. It was for the first time that an intra-university theme based story writing competition was conducted. The theme of the competition was in consonance with the mental health awareness month of October, "Mental Health". The competition witnessed around 28 participants from all the batches. After completion of the story writing competition the tweet competition was conducted with every student making two theme based tweet. The winners of the story writing competition were – Best Story - Vridhi Kashyap, 1st year, B.A.LLB, Runners-up Story- Darshan Upadhyaya, 3rd year, B.A.LLB and Best Tweet- Sonal Surana, 4th year B.A.LLB.

Warm up Debate October 12, 2019

The warm up debate was a debating exercise among the polished and budding debators of NLUJAA. The Literary and Debating Committee, NLUJAA planned for a debating session on "THBT the violation of human rights in Jammu and Kashmir is a necessary evil to reinstate peace and stability". The exercise witnessed 15-20 participants. The event was coordinated by the convener Twahid Alom.

MoU with Apex Professional University, Pasighat October 22, 2019

National Law University and Judicial Academy, Assam signed a MoU with Apex Professional University, Pasighat which forges a partnership between the two institutions of excellence for Academic Collaboration.



MoU with University of Science and Technology, Meghalaya October 24, 2019

National Law University and Judicial Academy, Assam signed a MoU with University of Science & Technology, Meghalaya (USTM) which forges a partnership between the two institutions of excellence for Academic Collaboration.



Legal Aid Camp at Udalguri District Detention Camp November 2, 2019

The Centre for Clinical Legal Education and Legal Aid Cell, on November 2, 2019, organized Legal Aid Camp in detention camp of Udalguri district where seven students of NLUJA Assam along with the Indian Civil Liberties Union (ICLU) team members visited Udalguri District and conducted the camps in two different locations of a remote village. The team assisted around 300 people by looking over their documents, explaining the reason why their names failed to appear in the final NRC list, and assuring them to believe in the judicial framework of the country. The participants were directed as to what should be the proper legal documentation recourse for inclusion of their names as citizens of the country. It was an eye-opening exercise where the students got to experience the dilemma of the impoverished and analyse the socio-legal conflicts in context of the issue. The team returned back by 10 p.m. after a day of fruitful learning and a sense of fulfilment of being an instrument in the quest to deliver to the society.

Abdhyuday- Intra Quiz Competiton November 02, 2019

Literary and Debating Committee, NLUJAA conducted its first intra-university quiz competition on November 02, 2019 at Seminar Hall, Administrative Block. It was for the very first time in the University that a quizmaster was invited from outside the University for conducting the quiz competition. The quizmaster was Mr. Derajuddin Ahmed, an experienced quizmaster and a member of Q-Gnosis Inc. a knowledge initiative. The competition witnessed fourteen teams and a good number of audiences. The quiz was conducted in two rounds- prelims and finals. Top six teams who qualified the prelims reached finals. The winners of the competition were Sudarshan Goswami (4th year) and Himangshu Sonowal (3rd year). The second prize was bagged by Darshan Upadhyaya (3rd year) and Harsh Amrit (1st year).

2nd NLUJAA National Law Quiz Competition, 2019 November 15, 2019

The Centre for Clinical Legal Education and Legal Aid Cell of the National Law University and Judicial Academy, Assam had organized 2nd National Law Quiz Competition, 2019 on November 15, 2019. The agenda of the competition was to create awareness among the students about the history of the development of our laws and intention of the legislature for various existing laws in our country.

The above programme was in consonance with the vision of The National Legal Service Authority Act, 1987 (NALSA). A total of around 52 teams participated in the programme from various national and regional colleges and universities. A Team mix composition of NIT Silchar and GMCH won the 1st Prize, with a mix team of Delhi University and Gauhati University closely following as the runner up in this competition.

Winner of the Competition : Mr. Sandipan Goswami and Mr. Souvik Bhattacharya

First Runner-up: Mr. Jyotish Kalita and Mr. Nayan Jyoti Medhi

Second Runner-up: Mr. Bishyayan Bhattacharya and Mr. Jyotishman Gogoi



2nd NLUJAA National Essay Competition, 2019 November 15, 2019

National Law University and Judicial Academy, Assam encourages young talents in the fields of oral advocacy research, legal aid, by way of organizing various competitions, including Essay Writing Competition, Quiz Competitions and Moot Court Competitions etc. As a part of its research and awareness activities, the Centre for Clinical Legal Education and Legal Aid Cell (CCLELAC), organized the 2nd NLUJAA National Legal Essay Competition, 2019. The essay writing competition is intended to provide students with an opportunity to study, analyse and understand the role played by various legal aid mechanisms to make justice accessible for public. The primary objective of this essay competition is to increase awareness and promote the idea of free legal aid as has been envisaged under Article 39-A of the Constitution of India, 1950. With an aim to encourage the energetic students of the country enable them with a platform to come up with new ideas and suggestions in this Endeavour. The broader theme was “Religious laws and Religious Crimes in Developing Countries”. The last date of submission of essays was November 15, 2019 and the result of the competition was declared on December 27, 2019. The winners of the competition were awarded with cash prize and certificate.

Workshop on Due Diligence and Corporate Legal Drafting November 16, 2019

Centre for Advance Research on Corporate Law (CARCL), NLUJA Assam organized one day Workshop on Due Diligence and Corporate Legal Drafting on November 16, 2019 at Seminar Hall, Administrative Block. The speaker on that event was Anindita Phukan, Co-Founder, Altum Law, Bangalore. She delivered a wonderful speech where she talked about significance of due diligence and corporate legal drafting in corporate sector. Due diligence and Legal drafting in the corporate sector is one of the emerging and most demanding aspects of Indian corporate sector. Legal due diligence is a crucial component to any significant corporate transaction. Although it can be a demanding process, it helps understand the basic functioning of the company. It comprises of a basic manner in which it is usually conducted and the process brings more efficiency in the company, saving costs and helps in solving several other issues. On the other hand creation of legal documents is an integral part to the practice of law in any form, individual or corporate. Irrespective of the type of the document, drafting skills are most essential and time-consuming for every practicing lawyer as they lay the foundation of successful performance. The event was an successful one where students, academicians and professionals took part.



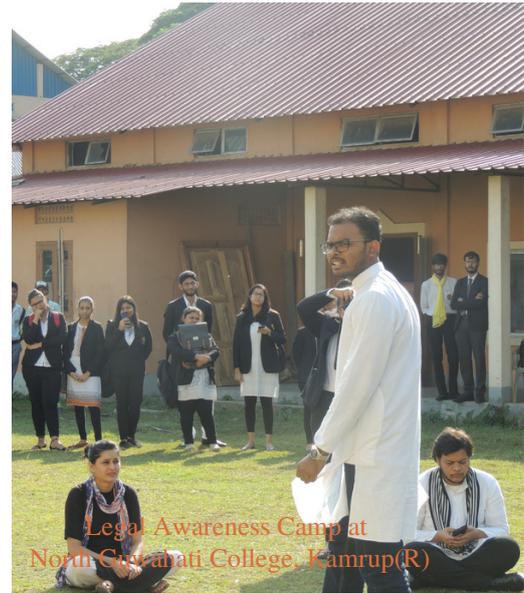
Tahzeeb 1.0 November 17, 2019

Literary and Debating Committee, NLUJAA in association with Virsaa poetry group organized a poetry show called Tahzeeb 1.0. It was hosted by Sarthak Kala “Beechen” (Shayar) from Dimapur, Nagaland. A total of 23 poets and artists performed in the event.



Legal Awareness Camp November 23, 2019

The Centre for Clinical Legal Education and Legal Aid Cell (CCLELAC) organized a Legal Awareness Camp at North Guwahati College, Kamrup (Rural) on 23 November, 2019. Along with the Para-Legal Volunteers of the CCLELAC, Ninth semester students participated in this camp. The programme commenced with an opening speech of the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, Prof. (Dr.) J. S. Patil and followed by the speech of Justice D. N. Choudhury (Retd. judge of Gauhati High Court) and Mr. S .C. Biswas, Sr. Advocate of Gauhati High Court. It was followed by skits performed by the students of NLUJA Assam on Eve Teasing, Domestic Violence and Rape. The event ended with a song- 'Bekhauff' and 'Choti si Asha', performed by the students of NLUJA Assam.



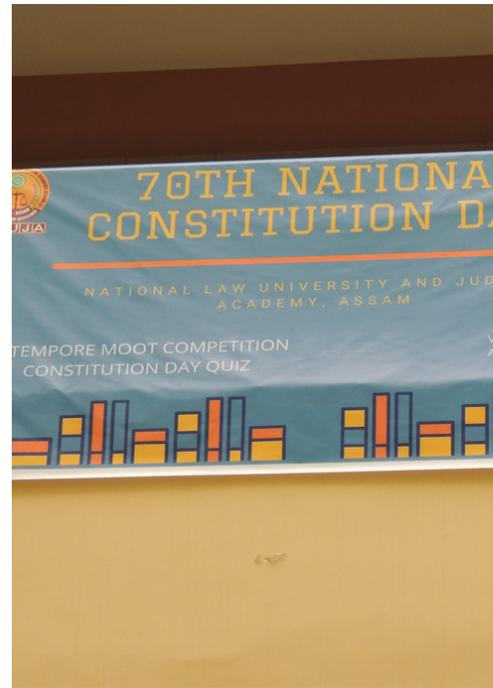
Lachit Diwas Celebrations November 24, 2019

NLUJA, Assam with Think India celebrated the birth of the valiant leader, and a treasured son of the Assam, Lachit Borphukan on Lachit Diwas at Seminar Hall, Administrative Block, NLUJA, Assam. Shri Bhabesh Kalita, Hon'ble Minister of Irrigation, Assam and Mr. Dilip Mozumder, Senior Advocate, Additional Advocate General, Assam graced the occasion with their presence. Lachit Borphukan was a commander and Borpphukan in the Ahom kingdom known for his leadership in the 1671 Battle of Saraighat that thwarted a drawn-out attempt by Mughal forces under the command of Ramsingh to take back Kamrup. The event was inaugurated with lighting of the lamp followed by welcome address delivered by Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor of the University Prof. (Dr.) J. S. Patil. A cultural programme was organized after the meeting. A debate competition was also conducted on that event.



Celebrated 70th National Constitution day November 26, 2019

NLUJA, Assam celebrated 70th National Constitution Day at Academic Block. Extempore Moot Competition and Constitution Day Quiz Competition were organized on the occasion of National Constitution Day.



Lecture on Corporate Law February 11, 2019

Siddharth Marwah, Associate, Khaitan & Co. and Akshay Pathak, Associate, Cyril Amarchand Mangalca delivered a series of lectures on Corporate Law.

Lecture on Forest Act May 21, 2019

Dr. Ranjan Chatterjee, Retd. IAS Officer and former Expert Member, National Green Tribunal delivered a special lecture on Forest Act.

Lecture on Judiciary and Environmental Justice August 23, 2019

Sri Debajit Kumar Das, Advocate, Gauhati High Court, Guwahati delivered a special lecture on Judiciary and Environmental Justice.

Lecture on Mediation and ADR September 14, 2019

Sri Gautam Choudhury, Advocate Gauhati High Court delivered special lecture on Mediation and ADR.

Lecture on Institutional Arbitration October 12, 2019

Mr. Suraj Prakash, Advocate, Delhi High Court, New Delhi delivered special lecture on Institutional Arbitration and Relevance of Seat and Venue in Arbitration.



Lecture on Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code, 2016 October 12, 2019

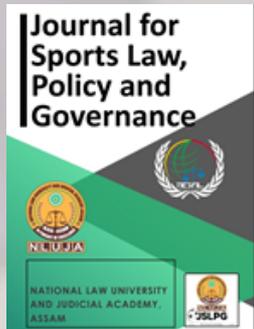
Mr. Aakarshan Sahay, Senior Associate L&L Partners Law Offices delivered special lecture on Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code, 2016 (IBC).

Lecture on India's Soft Power as a Pillar of Foreign policy December 06, 2019

Ambassador Malay Mishra, I.F.S., delivered Distinguished Lecture on "India's Soft Power as a Pillar of Foreign Policy".

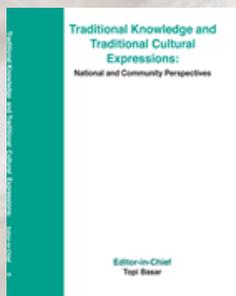


Title: Journal for Sports Law, Policy and Governance
Date of Publication: 2019



This is the first issue of Journal for Sports Law, Policy and Governance which is the result of perseverance and dedication of Student Editorial Board of this publication. The main objective of this journal is to promote discussion on the laws governing sports and sportspersons. As a subject, sports law has only come to spotlight in recent years.

Title: Traditional Knowledge and Traditional Cultural Expressions: National and Community Perspectives
Date of Publication: May, 2019



This book is a compendium of selected papers presented by some eminent scholars and eager research scholars at the two day national seminar on “protection of traditional knowledge and cultural expression- national and community experiences” organized by National Law University and Judicial Academy, Assam sponsored by ICSSR. This book will be helpful to students, researchers, teachers, lawyers, judges and public in general having a particular interest in traditional knowledge and traditional cultural expressions as there is a dearth of consolidated literature on traditional knowledge. The book is edited by Dr. Topi Basar, Associate Professor, NLUJAA.

Documentary Title: Sualkuchi: Manchester of Assam
Date of Publication: May, 2019

It is a documentary on Sualkuchi, the land of silk weaving. Sualkuchi, a village in the Kamrup district of Assam that has been developed over the years as a major centre for commercial production of indigenous fabrics especially the Assam Silk. Situated on the northern banks of the mighty Brahmaputra, it is famous for its centuries-old heritage of weaving. Sualkuchi is endearingly referred to as the Manchester of the East because the people of Sualkuchi are very industrious and out of their hard labour, they weave out beautiful attires of Assam silk known as the Mekhela Chadar. The Mekhela Chadar is the traditional dress worn by women in Assam. Sualkuchi has a population of nearly fifty thousand people, most of who are engaged in weaving magic on their looms. The documentary focusses mainly on the methods and processes involved in Assam silk weaving. Assam silk denotes the three major types of indigenous wild silks produced in Assam—golden muga, white paat and warm Eri silk. The documentary also covers the issues and challenges faced by the silk weaving industry of Sualkuchi. It also highlights the historical attractions of Sualkuchi such as Hati Satra, Gandhi Mandap, Ishwar Sri Sri Siddheswar Devalaya, etc. This documentary is prepared by the members of Centre for Advanced Research on Intellectual Property Rights, NLUJAA.

Documentary Title: Bell Metal Industry of Sarthebari: A Golden Treasure
Date of Publication: May, 2019

The documentary titled “Bell Metal Industry of Sarthebari: A Golden Treasure” is another production of the Centre for Advanced Research on Intellectual Property Rights, NLUJAA which is based on traditional bell metal industry of Sarthebari. It highlights the processes and stages involved in making the bell metal items. Sarthebari is a town located at a distance of around 90 km to the west of Guwahati in Barpeta district of Assam. Sarthebari has occupied a distinct place in Assam because of its uniqueness of being associated with production of bell metal items which is an important craft industry and have survived for ages. The main craftsman known as “Kanhari” who inherit the skill of making bell metal items from their forefathers and under their leadership other artisans used to work in the production of bell metal items. The documentary also reflects the problems faced by the traditional bell metal industry of Sarthebari. The industry is facing a very tough competition from the cheaper quality substitute items which are replacing the original bell metal items. The Government should provide adequate support to survive this bell metal industry and protect this traditional knowledge from extinction.

- 9th meeting of Finance Committee held on April 8, 2019 at 4:30 p.m. at National Law University and Judicial Academy, Assam.
- 25th meeting of Executive Committee held on April 25, 2019 at 4:30 p.m. at National Law University and Judicial Academy, Assam. The Vice-Chancellor of NLUJAA presided over the meeting as Chairman.
- 21st Meeting of General Council held on 1st May, 2019 at 10.30 a.m. in the Conference Hall of NLUJA, Assam, Hajo Road, Amingaon, Kamrup, Guwahati-31. The meeting was chaired by the Hon'ble Shri Justice A. S. Bopanna, Chief Justice, Gauhati High Court and Chancellor, NLUJA, Assam.
- Administrative Staff Meeting held on June 28, 2019 at 11:30 a.m. in the Conference Hall of NLUJA, Assam.
- On July 25, 2019 a meeting was held at the Conference Hall, Administrative Block where Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor Prof. (Dr.) J. S. Patil, Registrar, administrative officials and faculty members were present.
- 22nd General Council Meeting was held on September 14, 2019 at the Conference Hall, Administrative Block. The meeting was chaired by Hon'ble Justice Shri A. K. Goswami, Acting Chief Justice of Gauhati High Court, Guwahati.
- On October 26, 2019 a meeting was held at the Conference Hall, Administrative Block regarding Bar Council of India (BCI) Inspection. Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor Prof. (Dr.) J. S. Patil, Registrar, all the faculty members, administrative staff and CCR staff were present at the meeting.
- On October 30, 2019 a review meeting was held at the Conference Hall, Administrative Block regarding Bar Council of India Inspection which was scheduled to be held on November 1, 2019. Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor Prof. (Dr.) J. S. Patil, Registrar, all the faculty members, administrative staff and CCR staff were present at the meeting.
- On November 01, 2019 a meeting was held with the BCI inspection team at the Conference Hall, Administrative Block. Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor Prof. (Dr.) J. S. Patil, Registrar, all the faculty members, administrative staff and CCR staff were present at the meeting.
- On November 04, 2019 a meeting was held at the Conference Hall, Administrative Block where Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor Prof. (Dr.) J. S. Patil, Registrar, administrative staff, officials and faculty members were present.

Conclave on academic integrity, plagiarism held

GUWAHATI, Sept 27: The National Law University and Judicial Academy, Assam, in association with TurnItIndia Education Pvt Ltd, held a conclave on academic integrity and plagiarism at the university premises yesterday, a press release stated today.

Over 100 academicians and scholars from all over the North East took part in the event that focused on the urgent need to curb malpractices in research. Addressing the event, Maninder Singh, Principal Secretary, Department of Higher Education, Government of Assam, assured cooperation from the government and said that universities would be directed to adhere to anti-plagiarism rules issued by the UGC.

NLUJAA Vice Chancellor Prof JS Patil, IIT

Guwahati Director Prof Gautam Barua, Prof Dhruva Kumar Bhattacharyya, dean of academic affairs at Tezpur University, Prof Sanjay Kumar Singh, head of the Department of Library & Information Science at Gauhati University, Dr Topi Basar, associate professor at NLUJAA and Royal Global University Vice Chancellor Dr SP Singh took part in the discussion.

TurnItIndia Education Pvt Ltd, which deals with anti-plagiarism software, presented the technical nuances of policy making to achieve a culture of academic integrity along with an insight into anti-plagiarism tools and techniques.

The event, organised by the NLUJAA Library, was conducted by Assistant Librarian Dr Kankana Baishya.

ৰাষ্ট্ৰীয় আইন বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়ত আলোচনা-চক্র

মহানগৰ বাতৰি সেৱা

উত্তৰ গুৱাহাটী, ২৬ ছেপ্টেম্বৰ ১৯: আজি আমিনগাঁৱৰ ৰাষ্ট্ৰীয় আইন বিশ্ববিদ্যালয় আৰু ন্যাযিক একাডেমীত এখন আলোচনা-চক্র সম্পন্ন হয়। 'কনক্লেভ অব একাডেমিক ইণ্ডিণ্ডিটী এণ্ড প্লেগিয়াৰিজিম' শীৰ্ষক আলোচনা ৰাষ্ট্ৰীয় আইন বিশ্ববিদ্যালয় আৰু ন্যাযিক একাডেমীৰ উদ্যোগত আৰু টাৰ্নিট ইণ্ডিয়া প্ৰাইভেট লিমিটেডৰ সহযোগত উত্তৰ-পূৰ্বাঞ্চলৰ সামাজিক তথা ন্যাযিক মান অক্ষুণ্ণ ৰখাৰ অৰ্থে অনুষ্ঠিত কৰা হয়। আলোচনা-চক্ৰত উপস্থিত থাকে অসম চৰকাৰৰ উচ্চ শিক্ষা বিভাগৰ প্ৰথম সচিব মনিন্দৰ সিং, বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়কৰ উপাচার্য জে এছ পাটিল, আই আই টি গুৱাহাটীৰ প্ৰাক্তন সঞ্চালক অধ্যাপক সৌতম বৰুৱা, বয়েল প্লেটেল বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়ৰ উপাচার্য এ পি সিং, তেজপুৰ বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়ৰ একাডেমিক ডীন অধ্যাপক সঞ্জয় কুমাৰ সিং, ৰাষ্ট্ৰীয় আইন বিশ্ববিদ্যালয় আৰু ন্যাযিক একাডেমিক অধ্যাপক ড° টপি বাহাৰৰ লগতে অধ্যাপকসকল।

Consultation on sexual harassment

GUWAHATI, Feb 22: A 'Regional Consultation on Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace (Prevention, Prohibition and Redressal) Act, 2013' was organised by the Centre for Gender Justice of National Law University and Judicial Academy, Assam (NLUJAA) in collaboration with the National Commission for Women at NLUJAA here recently, stated a delayed press release.

Several academicians, administrators, activists and legal professionals from the eight northeastern states took part in the consultation.

Soso Shaiza, member, National Commission for Women and M Lilabati, senior coordinator, National Commission for Women were present in the regional consultation. NLUJAA registrar Miftahud-

Seminar on traditional knowledge, culture

GUWAHATI, March 10: The National Law University and Judicial Academy, Assam, is organising a two-day national seminar on 'Effective protection of traditional knowledge and cultural expressions: National and community experiences' on May 3 and 4 in collaboration with the North East Centre, New Delhi, and sponsored by the Indian Council of Social Science Research.

Indigenous practitioners from the entire North East and custodians of traditional knowledge and cultural expressions are invited to the seminar to present their papers. The last date for submission of abstracts is on March 20. The interested persons may send their queries, if any, to nationalseminar@nluassam.ac.in, and log on to the National Law University website for registration and other details, stated a press release issued today.

Conference on climate change

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GUWAHATI, March 11: The Centre for Environmental Law, Advocacy and Research (CELAR) of the National Law University and Judicial Academy, Assam, organised an international conference on climate change here on March 9 and 10, said a press release today.

The focal area of the conference was to explore the multidisciplinary contours of

climate change. As such, the conference witnessed the presentation of research made by seventy select people across various academic disciplines, like law, economics, technology, geography, sociology, business, commerce and technology.

It was attended by over fifty delegates. The participants hailed from Assam and other places across the length and breadth of India as well as from several foreign coun-

tries like Bhutan, Nepal, Bangladesh and Mexico.

The conference dwelt on the international dimension on climate change, focusing specially on the Indo-Canadian dimension and the national and North East Indian dimension on climate change.

The conference was co-sponsored by the prestigious Shastri Programme Development Grant (SPDG) of the binational Shastri Indo-Canadian Institute, New Delhi.



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