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Hon'ble Mr. Justice Dipankar Datta
Chief Justice, High Court of Bombay

Message from the Vice-Chancellor's Desk



First of all, I extend my warmest congratulations to the students who have cleared CLAT and successfully secured their rightful place in MNLU Mumbai. I also congratulate the students who have efficaciously moved forward after passing their respective exams. I am immensely pleased to see the new youth, en masse, get attracted towards the discipline of Law. I also believe that, this energetic 'new blood' will not only aid the structure and super-structure of the legal cosmos but will also try to re-define its very foundations with a re-constructive point-of-view. I further move to assert that it will bring the eternal values like "Liberty, Equality, Fraternity" in the reach of the masses irrespective of the unprecedented challenges of the time- economic depression and Covid-19 pandemic to name a few.

I firmly believe that you all will strive for excellence in the legal scholarship only to serve humanity. I take this opportunity to extend my best wishes to the Faculty members to achieve perfection in the field of pedagogy in specific and academics in general.

Thus, I extend my best wishes to all Students, Staff, Peers, Shareholders and Well-wishers and solicit them to be part of this voyage.

Best Wishes!

Prof. Dr. Dilip Ukey

Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor

MNLU Mumbai

Message from the Registrar's Desk



It is a matter of great pleasure to know that MNLU Mumbai Newsletter for the term ending December 2020 is all set to be released soon. The period under review was a challenging one for all of us with the unforeseen challenges posed by the COVID-19 Pandemic. When the entire world came to a standstill, we had to look out for different options and modes of functioning adhering strictly to the protocols issued by the Government and other regulatory bodies. Despite these challenges, we could conduct the final semester examination on time strictly adhering to the protocols. The results of the other semesters were declared as per the guidelines issued by the Government of Maharashtra. The next challenge was concerning conducting classes which was also successfully and smoothly conducted in online mode.

MNLU Mumbai has spread its wings to development and progress ever since our Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor Prof. (Dr.) Dilip Ukey has taken the charge. In the last academic year, the university started One-year LLM (Investment & Security Laws) in association with the National Institute of Securities Market (NISM) of SEBI, which got an overwhelming response from all over India. The University has also started the LL.M Professional and a unique M.A. Executive program in Mediation and Conflict Resolution. From 2021 we have started two new Postgraduation programs in- 1. Crime Investigation, Medical Jurisprudence and Forensic Science and 2. Litigation Lawyering and Law Firm Management.

Placing its reliance on technology, MNLU Mumbai is keen to ensure that its students have sound academic development even in the times of Global Pandemic. Technology-based learning resources and methods are redefining the frontiers of legal education and seeing the brighter side of the crisis, the university has converted 6 classrooms into smart virtual classrooms by installing smart boards and video conferencing facility. New E-Resources have also been added to the library in addition to the renewal of existing E-Resources.

The University is flourishing during these difficult times and it has been possible only with the guidance and able leadership of our Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor and whole-hearted co-operation & support extended by our Non-teaching staff. The faculty of MNLU Mumbai has put in extra efforts and has gone above and beyond to make online learning comfortable for the students and I also extend gratitude to our students for understanding the difficulties faced by the University and for cooperating with us in overcoming every hurdle.

Prof. Dr. Anil G. Variath

Registrar (I/C)

MNLU Mumbai



MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD OF DEPARTMENT - (P.G.)

First and foremost, I would like to welcome the students of the First year B.A., LL.B. (Hons.) and the LL.M. Batch to the University of endless dreams and opportunities. I wish them good luck as they begin their voyage in the field of law and acquire the requisite skill set to achieve success in the legal profession.

As we were preparing to embrace the new normal owing to COVID 19 pandemic, it had to be ensured that University does not fall short of achieving the globally established standards and best practices in academics. University equipped itself with interactive classrooms, electronic gadgets, enterprise resource planning, computer labs, online legal databases, online classroom platforms and successfully conducted a number of online classes, exams, conferences, certificate courses, webinars, guest lectures, panel discussions, debates and many more. I would be doing great injustice if I fall short of appreciating and applauding the efforts made by our faculty and administrative staff which has worked tirelessly to make the aforesaid things happen amidst the pandemic. I must mention that we all could successfully fight these adversities and make new strides in the field of legal education only because of the able leadership and guidance from our Hon'ble Vice Chancellor and Registrar.

Dr. Anand N. Raut



MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD OF DEPARTMENT - (U.G.)

MNLU Mumbai's campus has always buzzed with one or the other activity. Year 2020 has been significant for MNLU Mumbai. Our first batch graduated. Sadly, because of Covid-19, a farewell party, a significant event, could not be arranged. Where there have been days when parallelly three different academic activities have been conducted ranging from curricular, to co-curricular to extracurricular, it happened that the activities stopped. But very soon, we came back with full throttle on an online platform. Internet not only widened our reach but also gave an impetus to the number & quality of the programmes organised. The Newsletter is not only the mirror of our buzzing life but also a reflection of various achievements and celebrations of togetherness. I invite everybody to peekaboo in the MNLU Mumbai's life through 'Newsletter' and be a part of our journey.

Best Wishes to all!

Regards,

Dr. Kiran Rai



MESSAGE FROM THE ASST. REGISTRAR (ACADEMIC)

MNLU Mumbai is continuously upgrading itself to the world's best academic practices in furtherance of its vision to become a world-class law university, committed to foster an environment of excellence in research, scholarship, education and justice. The contribution of all the stakeholders of the University including students and parents is immense. The whole world saw unprecedented times due to the pandemic, however, under the able guidance of our Hon'ble Vice Chancellor and our Registrar, the academic activities continued with full zeal over the virtual space. Though, it was a tough time for students as well as staff everyone faced this challenge strongly by adjusting with the requirements of the time. Moreover, the University launched three post graduate degree programmes this academic year which are running smoothly along with the other programmes. The University also signed MoUs with some leading institutes viz. The SEBI's National Institute of Securities Markets (NISM), The Institute of Company Secretaries of India (ICSI) and Rajiv Gandhi National Institute of Intellectual Property Management (RGNIPM) Nagpur. Also, it was an overwhelming moment to bid goodbye to the maiden batch of B.A., LL.B. (Hons.) in the month of July 2020 and welcome the 6th batch of B.A., LL.B. (Hons.) and 5th Batch of LL.M. students in the month of Nov. 2020. I pray that the situation may improve sooner and once again we have our students back on campus. My congratulations to the Newsletter team for bringing out this issue.

Regards,

Mr. Sajid Sheikh



MESSAGE FROM THE ASST. REGISTRAR (ADMIN)

Greetings to all, though 2020 has turned out to be a very difficult year with the sudden emergence of the novel coronavirus which spread across the globe like a wildfire claiming many lives, it also marked an opportunity to open ourselves to hope and to dream in a bigger format. The entire university including teaching and non-teaching staff, students and everyone stepped up like a team to the challenge of responding to the pandemic. It was quite challenging to shift the work from on-campus to off-campus in such a short span of time. Though the management of course catalogues, degree audit, managing affairs of the university is a pretty stable work but digging deeper the answers become clear. Locating ourselves at several intersections which affect the academic life and administrative life to protecting student data and making student data actionable with a technology which had not yet developed to the core became a challenging task. The role of university administration in these difficult times has highlighted the concept of getting equipped with the new technology and being innovative and thereby putting them front and centre in the area of administration. It takes a lot of efforts to give a transformational impact which was successfully created by everyone. I hope the pages of 2021 highlight the success and growth for everyone.

Regards,

Mr. Surajkumar Palbansh



MESSAGE FROM THE CONVENOR, NEWSLETTER COMMITTEE

As they say, reviving something is harder than starting it. After a little gap, as we blow life into the MNLU Mumbai Newsletter again, I am filled with a sense of accomplishment that we have done it well. I thank Hon'ble Vice Chancellor Sir, Hon'ble Registrar Sir, and everyone who gave me this responsibility. I am glad to have risen to the occasion- the loyalty and sense of belongingness I feel towards MNLU Mumbai and some of the beautiful people it has, and the fact that this might be the last of my numerous associations with a University body, left me with no other option. As I reach the fag-end of my college life, I realise how much acknowledgement and appreciation mean. I was so glad while compiling the "achievements" section of the newsletter, and I also brooded much over life and achievements. Verily, the spark of passion is the glory of life. The pandemic has had a humbling effect, reminding us that while the head must be unflinchingly unbowed, the feet must know the warmth of the Soil. Being kind would cost us nothing, and smiling more often would make the world better!

I'd reiterate to the readers, especially my juniors- that as you go ahead in life, keep your spark burning. Don't keep it alive just for validation or let it die from rejections. Your success will hit you when it exactly should. Each day, a sense of fulfilment will be the best pillow, and the courage to keep the hustle on the next morning will be the best wakeup call; the rest is largely theatre.

Thank you all!

Sidra Ahmad

Student, 4th Year B.A. LL.B. (Hons.)

MESSAGE FROM THE EDITORIAL TEAM

Dear Readers,

Greetings from the Newsletter Editorial Team!

We cordially welcome you the latest Issue of the Newsletter of Maharashtra National Law University Mumbai. As another productive semester has just commenced and its documentation was necessary to be recorded and disseminated. It goes without saying that the Newsletter is an essential interface of an academic establishment. It's a mirror of an institution as it reflects the achievements, academic and extra-curricular activities, outreach tasks, programs and key-events of an institution. The MNLU Mumbai's Newsletter's intention is to keep the MNLU Mumbai Family up to date with the recent updates as far as the University activities are concerned. Here we take pleasure in expressing our gratitude to our beloved Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, Prof. Dr. Dilip Ukey and Hon'ble Registrar Prof. Dr. Anil G. Variath for their direction and guidance.

We acknowledge the constant support shown by Dr. Kiran Rai (HOD UG), Dr. Anand Raut (HOD PG), Mr. Sajid Sheikh (Asst. Registrar Academic) and Mr. Mr. Surajkumar Palbansh (Asst. Registrar Admin). We wish to express our sincere thanks to Mr. Abhijit Rohi (Asst. Prof.) and Dr. Upamanyu Sengupta (Asst. Prof.) for their aid during the course of this work. We also want to thank Mr. Manish Wani for his continuous aid as far as technical part is concerned. Last but not least we want to thank Riya Kumar (1st Year B.A. LL.B.) for technical support in the designing of this issue. We hope that you will be pleased to go through this volume. We certainly look forward to your valuable suggestions, comments and ideas to enrich the prospective issue of the Newsletter.

Regards,

The Newsletter Editorial Team,

MNLU Mumbai

ORIENTATION SESSION (BATCH 2020-21)



MNLU Mumbai welcomed its 6th Batch of B.A., LL.B. (Hons.) students and 5th Batch of LL.M. students on 31st October 2020. Due to the ongoing pandemic, the University conducted this programme in a virtual mode. More than 400 participants including students and their parents attended this programme. The aim was that the students and the parents understand the expectations and requirements of the course.

Welcome remarks were given by Dr. Anil G. Variath, Registrar I/C. The Chief Guest of the occasion was Hon'ble Mr. Justice Abhay S. Oka, Chief Justice of Karnataka High Court. The presidential address was given by Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, Prof. (Dr.) Dilip Ukey, Vice Chancellor of the University.

PROFILES OF NEWLY INDUCTED MEMBERS



Dr. Karuna Akshay Malviya

Dr. Karuna Akshay Malviya, BLS, LL.M, NET(SRF), PHD(LAW), DCL, CCP, is the Director of the Centre for Advanced Training in Taxation Laws and Coordinator for the Centre for Women Law and Gender Justice. She has vast teaching experience and authored numerous research papers on socio-legal issues. Her area of interests are Criminal law, law and medicine, women and child law, constitutional law, and clinical legal education. Before joining MNLU Mumbai, she had been I/C Principal to MGM Law College, Nerul, Navi Mumbai and a resource person in renowned universities and colleges. Besides, she has been a Coordinator for the University of Mumbai's Collaborative programs with international Courts and Universities.

In the Navi Mumbai region, she had actively undertaken projects in association with Talaja Jail for undertrial prisoners, organized pro bono legal aid camps, trained students for the legal aid camps and has done exemplary work for the cause of society, especially in the area of gender sensitization and woman empowerment. Her work has been appreciated by the Mayor of Navi Mumbai and has received many recognitions.

Mr. Yash Vardhan

Mr. Yash Vardhan, Assistant Professor, holds an LLM degree in International Law from the Faculty of Legal Studies, South Asian University and an LL B. (Hons.) degree from Banaras Hindu University. His area of academic interest includes, but not necessarily limited to, Public International Law, Law of the Sea, International Maritime Law and International Investment Law. Prior to joining the University, he was engaged as an Assistant Professor at Allahabad University and had also taught at the Central University of South Bihar, Amity University and G.D Goenka University.



Ms. Nausha Naik

Nausha Naik is the Course Coordinator for M.A. (Executive) in Mediation and Conflict Resolution Programme. She has completed a Master of Laws in International Arbitration & Dispute Resolution from the National University of Singapore, Singapore. She is an ADR ODR International Accredited Civil-Commercial Mediator and a Registered Neutral with SAMA Institute.

Ms. Gauri Rane

Ms. Gauri Rane is an alumnus of Government Law College Mumbai. She has a specialisation in Criminal Law and Criminal Administration. She has extensive internship experience in Criminal Litigation before joining the University. She has a proficiency in French Language (B1 Level) from Alliance Française de Bombay. She has joined University as a Teaching and Research Associate. She is also a Coordinator of Centre for Research in Criminal Justice and Justice M. L. Pendse Chair in Environmental Laws. She is also appointed as a Course Coordinator of Post Graduate Diploma Programs from 2021. She is currently pursuing M.A in Security & Defence Laws from NALSAR and looking forward to pursuing a PhD in coming years to elevate her academic career.



In the second part of the day, Dr. Kiran Rai, HoD UG and Dr. Anand Raut, HoD PG oriented the student about the respective courses. Mr. Sajid Sheikh, Assistant Registrar (Academic) I/C informed the students and parents about the facilities and life at the University. The various committee/ student society-based orientations were done in a phased manner on the later days.

DISTINGUISHED GUEST LECTURES & ACTIVITIES @ MNLU MUMBAI

10-12 July 2020: Training Programme on 'Proficiency in Business Communication and Drafting' for the University staff conducted by Dr Kiran Rai, Mr Ashok Chikte and Dr Upamanyu Sengupta.

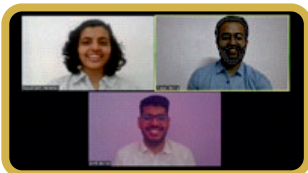
23-25 July 2020: Training Programme on Basics of Indian Constitution and Our Workspaces' for the University staff conducted by Mr Ashok Chikte, Mr Milind Gawai and Dr Upamanyu Sengupta.

16 December 2020: Talk on '(Marathi) Dalit Literature: Contexts and Thrust Areas' organized as part of English I course by Mr Ashok Chikte and Dr Upamanyu Sengupta.

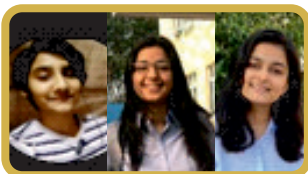
STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

COURSE NAME: B.A. LL.B. (HONS.)

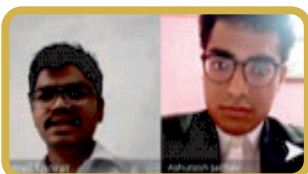
□ The Centre for Transnational Commercial Law at The National Law University, Delhi, supported by the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India (IBBI) and the UNCITRAL RCAP, in collaboration with INSOL India organised the 4th edition of the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Moot Court Competition from January 8-10th, 2021. Our University was represented by the team comprising 4th year students Pranjal Mishra, Devashree Nimbhorkar and Parth Sharma. The team performed exceptionally well and qualified for the octa-final rounds. The team also won the Best Memorial Award.



□ Since the mid-1990s every year the law firm Surana and Surana International Attorneys have hosted, administered & sponsored over a hundred moot court competitions (the count is till 2013 and continuing) in partnership with India's leading law schools. The first Surana & Surana and CUSAT School of Legal Studies, Dr. AT Markose Memorial Technology Law Moot Court Competition was organised by CUSAT School of Legal Studies, Cochi in July 2020. Our team was represented by second-year students, Vaishnavi Bang, Eshani Agarwal, Sairandhri Nawale. The team did exceptionally well and became second runner-up among 17 other teams.



□ The team comprising second year students Amol Thorat and Ashutosh Jadhav reached the semifinals of the 1st Lawtales Criminal Law Moot Court Competition organised by Lawtales in association with LiveLaw. The team beat 45 other teams in the competition



□ The International Mediation Singapore competition, organised by the venerable Singapore International Mediation Institute was held in October and November 2020. Shruti Dhonde, along with Yashaswi Pande and Devshree Patil (Students 3rd Year, MNLU Mumbai) represented the university and bagged a gold medal in Mediation as well as a bronze medal in Mediation Advocacy.



□ The same team comprising Shruti Dhonde, Yashaswi Pande and Devshree Patil also participated in the National Virtual Mediation Competition in August 2020 and qualified as quarter-finalists.

□ In the revered Online International Mediation Competition conducted virtually by the ADR ODR International in July 2020, Yashaswi Pande and Shruti Dhonde were semi-finalists. The team qualified for semi-finals and got an overall team rank of 4. They were also declared the 2nd best team in the preliminary rounds of Mediation, and the 7th best team in Negotiation. The team made the university proud by becoming the only Indian team to be selected for the qualifiers in 2020.

□ The 8th National Client Counseling Competition, 2020, a prestigious competition organised by the Client Counseling Association, UPES, School of Law was held on 21st to 22nd November 2020 in virtual mode. The theme of the competition included a wide range of laws consisting of Labour Law, Cyber Laws, Constitutional Law, Contract Law, Company Law, Arbitration Law, and Transfer of Property Law along with other codified and uncodified laws relevant to the theme. The team representing MNLU, Mumbai, comprising third-year students Siddharth Jasrotia and Yashaswi Pande was adjudged as semi-finalists in the competition, beating 16 other teams.

□ Siddharth Jasrotia, our third-year B.A. LL.B. (Hons.) student, has the following publications to his credit-



- Authored the article titled "Revocation of Special Status-A New Dawn for Hindu Daughters of Jammu Region" published in the India Law Journal [ILJ]; ISSN Number: 0975-0606; Accessible at: <https://www.indialawjournal.org/revocation-of-special-status.php>
- Authored the article titled "Extending Animal Rights Architecture to Climate Migrants: A Perspective" published in the International Law Blog of Centre for Research in International Law, National Law Institute University, Bhopal

[CRIL-NLIU]; Accessible at: <https://nliu-cril.weebly.com/blog/extending-animal-rights-architecture-to-climate-migrants-a-perspective>

- Co-authored the article titled "Revisiting Santhini v. Vijaya Venketesh - Onset of the New Judicial Heterotopia" published in the Gujarat National Law University's Centre for Law and Society Blog [The GCLS Blog]; Accessible at: <https://thegclsblog.wordpress.com/2020/08/13/revisiting-santhini-v-vijaya-venketesh-onset-of-the-new-judicial-heterotopia/> (This article was co-authored with Yagnesh Sharma, (Student 3rd Year, MNLU Mumbai).
- Authored the article titled "Conservation Translocation- Exploring Binaries and Intersections" published in the Environment Law and Society Blog of Centre for Environment and Law, National University of Advanced Legal Studies, Kochi [CEL, NUALS]; Accessible at: <https://elsjournals.wordpress.com/2020/07/18/conservation-translocation-exploring-binaries-and-intersections/>
- Authored the article titled "Social Media Regulation in China and USA- The Bad v. The Ugly" published in the iPleaders Online Blog; Accessible at: <https://blog.iplayers.in/social-media-regulation-china-usa-bad-ugly/>
- Authored the article titled "Comparative Analysis of the Contribution of the Supreme Court of USA and the Supreme Court of India in the Development of Basic Rights" published in the iPleaders Online Blog; Accessible at: <https://blog.iplayers.in/comparative-analysis-contribution-supreme-court-usa-supreme-court-india-development-basic-rights/>
- Other Curricular/ Co-curricular/ Extracurricular Achievements: Our third-year student Siddharth Jasrotia was adjudged as the Winner of the 3rd Law Sikho Weekly Blog Writing Competition, July 2020.

□ Bodhisattwa Majumder, our Fifth-Year student now has the following articles and research papers to his credit-

- An article on "Curbing Fake News Legislations: A tool in the hands of an Orwellian State?", which was published by Human Rights Centre, University of Essex.
- An article on "Free Pratique and its effect on BPVOY4 charter parties," which was published by 'Centre for Maritime Law and Research', National Law University Orissa.
- An article on "Freedom and Security in a world with no off switch", which was published by The Original Position, Centre for Legal Theory, National Law University Jodhpur.
- An article on "Monitoring the prisoners beyond the prisons", which was published by Centre for Criminal Law Studies, NLU Jodhpur.
- An article on "Impact of Coronavirus on the Maritime Industry", which was published by 'Journal of Territorial and Maritime Studies', Yonsei University, South Korea.
- An article on "Fishing wars: Maritime border conflicts between India and Sri Lanka", which was published by Michigan Journal of International Law.
- An article on "Intersection of Admiralty, Insolvency and Company Law: Case Comment on Raj Shipping v Barge Madhwa", which was published by Taxmann, 2020.
- An article on "The Profession of Prostitution", which was published by Manupatra.
- An article on "The Dominance of Dollar", Taxmann, 2020.
- An article on "The Acquisition of Data: Google/fitbit Case", which was published by RGNUL Financial and Mercantile Law Review.
- An article on "Investment Treaty Arbitration & Corruption: Dismissal of claims on the basis of illegal contracts", which was published by ADR Association Blog, UPES Dehradun.
- A research paper on "Force Majeure & Coronavirus: Implications of an epidemic on performance" which was published in the 51st Volume of 'Journal of Maritime Law and Commerce', Maryland, USA, and was INDEXED by WHO.



He was also a finalist in the All-India Current Affairs & GK Quiz 2020, National Quiz 2020, which was organised by Institute of Company Secretaries of India; and the winner of a Blog Writing Competition organized by LawSikho and iPleaders.

□ Yashaswi Pande, our third-year student, got the following published-

- Authored an Editorial titled 'The Need for Defining the Boundary of Space in Light of Suborbital Flights' in Economics Law and Social Sciences Review. Accessible at: <https://elsreview.in/outer-space-law-extent/>
- Authored an Article titled 'The Need for Prosecutorial Control over Investigation in the Indian Criminal Justice System' in Volume 5 of NLUO

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

Student Law Journal [ISSN No. 2305-062X] (Confirmed for Publication, November 2020).

- Shruti Dhonde, our third-year law student, got the following published-
 - Authored a paper titled 'Criminal Tribes to Habitual Offenders: A Change in Name, not in Spirit' published by Thompson Reuters, in the book titled 'Revisiting Reforms in the Criminal Justice System in India';
 - Authored an article titled 'Review and Release: Failure in Implementation of the Jadhav Judgment', published on 'The Human Rights Blog' of Centre for Advanced Studies in Human Rights, RGNUL;
 - Authored an article titled 'Deliberative Democracy: A Bottom-up Approach to Promoting Dissent', published on 'The Human Rights Blog' of Centre for Advanced Studies in Human Rights, RGNUL.

COURSE NAME: LL.M

- Mr. Gururaj Dattaji Raut, LL.M. (Specialisation in Constitution and Administrative Law) along with his team (Youth for Change, Wardha), was honoured by Sunil Kedar, Minister for Animal Husbandry, Dairy Development, Sports and Youth Welfare, Maharashtra, and Guardian Minister, Wardha for his relief work on Mental health, Water and Sanitation Hygiene, Disaster Management, Law, Governance, shuttle, food packets etc in this pandemic time. The relief work started from 27 March 2020, and is still going on. Gururaj and his team work on providing essentials kits that can last for almost 15 days, organising counselling program, providing bypass food service, etc. We are proud of him!



- Mr. Gaurav Sunil Dahale LL.M. (Specialisation in Constitution and Administrative Law), has been honoured with the Rashtirya Ratna Award 2020 for Skating, for-



- World Record
 - 24 Hours Non-Stop Skating
 - 72 Hours Non-Stop Skating
- LONGEST SKATERS CHAIN
 - Guinness World Record
 - Limca Book of Records
 - World Records India
 - India Book of Records
 - Asia Book of Records
 - Unique World Records
 - World Record Academy

COURSE NAME: M.A. (EXECUTIVE) IN MEDIATION AND CONFLICT RESOLUTION

- Mr Ashok Barat
 - Cleared the Examinations of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of England & Wales - appeared for the examination in July 2020 and the results were announced in late November 2020.
- Mr Nasir Shaikh
 - Presented the Honourable Governor of Maharashtra Shri Bhagat Singh Koshiyari a research study named: Mission Confidence: Maharashtra's Mood on the Vaccine by Lexicon Centre of Research & Innovation at the Lexicon Bharat Leadership Awards on December 12, 2020.
 - Became a WMO (World Mediation Organisation) Delegate - January 2021.
- Mr. Dineshwar Gaur
 - Joined as a Mediator/arbitrator-
 - a. Construction Industry Arbitration council (CIAC) (August 2020)
 - b. KFCRI, Chennai (Oct 2020)
 - c. World Mediation Organization (WMO) - Jan 2021
 - d. Webnyay - Nov 2020
 - Joined Peacelate Initiative of IIAM, India in Sep 2020
 - Earned MClarb, CI Arb, UK in Oct 2020
 - Completed 40 Hr Negotiation training of BSOLS, Chennai-Prof John Laug, USA in Dec 2020
 - Completed 16 Hr Mediation training of BCC-CMC-CADR, Mumbai in Jan 2021
 - Completed one-week course in International Arbitration of MNLU-CADER in Dec 2020
 - Completed one-month online Arbitration course of Katog- Min. of Corporate Affairs, GOI 9/2020
 - Empanelled as Arbitrator with IITArb, Chennai in Dec 2020
 - Completed 3 days Master class on delays in construction contracts, KFCRI in Nov 2020
 - Judged a Negotiation competition by LAWADDICTS in Oct 2020
 - Completed 6 Month contractual dispute resolution course of World Bank - AIMA August 2020
 - Judged KFCRI Essay on Institutional vs Ad-hoc Arbitration in June 2020
 - WIPO Mediation conference in Nov 2020



FACULTY ACHIEVEMENTS

MR. ABHIJIT ROHI

- Resource Person at a National Webinar organised by Women's Development Cell of Nari Gursahani Law College, Mumbai on Same-Sex Love: Quest for Acceptance on July 27, 2020.
- Judged 11th Nari Gursahani Fest: Vidhi Manthan-National Level Elocution Competition on August 23, 2020.
- Resource person for two 2-hours sessions on Legal Literacy organised by NUSSD-TISS on Sept. 11, 2020 and Sept. 17, 2020.
- Engaged a three-hour session on Media Law at Somaiya Institute of Management for the students in II trimester of MBA-IMC Programme on Oct. 29, 2020.



MR. ASHOK CHIKTE

Workshop

- 2-Week Faculty Development Programme on "Managing Online Classes and Co-creating MOOCs 3.0" (25 July to 10 August, 2020) organised by Teaching Learning Centre, Ramanujan College under the aegis of Ministry of Human Resource Development and Pandit Madan Mohan Malviya National Mission on Teachers and Teaching, Obtained Grade A.



Paper Presentation

- "Re-reading Franz Kafka's The Metamorphosis in the Time of Covid-19 Pandemic" (11th & 12th September 2020), International e-Conference on Education, Literature & Culture organized by Higher Education & Research Society, Mumbai, India (in collaboration).

DR. ANAND RAUT

Guest Speaker

- Online session on 'Tackling COVID 19: A Cyber Pandemic' at Army law college, Pune
- Online session on COVID 19: The Cyber Pandemic at SHM Law College, Rajgurunagar Pune.
- Online session on 'Protecting Online Privacy amid COVID 19' at Webinar on assessing Human Rights Protection amid COVID 19 and beyond, organized by CPGLS MNLU Mumbai.
- Speaker on Contract law, Cyber Law and Property Law for legal literacy Project 'National University Students' Skill Development Programme' organized by TISS.



Organized

- MNLU Mumbai, CPGLS, 'National webinar on Enforcement of arbitral awards' on 4th October 2020. Speakers Hon'ble Mr. Justice BN Shrikrishna Former Judge Supreme Court India, Mr. Salman Khurshid, Former Union Minister of L&J, Senior Advocate.
- MNLU Mumbai, CPGLS, 'National webinar on Construction Arbitration' on 4th October 2020
- MNLU Mumbai, Webinar on Apposite Method of Dispute Resolution post COVID 19 Era: A Judges' Perspective dated 17th July 2020. Speaker Retd. Judge Kristi Harrington, Certified Mediator and Arbitrator South Carolina Supreme Court
- Coordinator for LLM Professional, MNLU Mumbai Programme

Publication

Authored Course Content/modules/chapters

UNIT-I

- 'Law relating to cybercrime, cyber forensics, and legal procedure'
- Emerging Cybercrimes Threat Landscape

for 'Post Graduate Diploma in Cyber Laws and Cyber Forensics (PGDCL&CF)' jointly offered by National Law Institute University, Bhopal and National Academy of Customs, Indirect Taxes and Narcotics (NACIN) to in-service CBIC officers and its Officer-Trainees.

- Faculty Editor for MNLU Mumbai, PG Newsletter 2020

MR. CHIRAG BALYAN

Training Program

- Coordinator and Speaker, Two Days Virtual Seminar for Prosecutors in Maharashtra on Protection of Victims from Commercial Sexual Exploitation, organized by MNLU Mumbai and IJM on 12-13 December 2020.

Certificate Course

- Course Director and Speaker, One Week Certificate Course in International Arbitration, organized by Centre for Arbitration and Research, MNLU Mumbai on 13-19 December 2020.

Book Launch

- Coordinator & Speaker, Book Launch of 'Revisiting Reforms in the Criminal Justice System in India (Thomson Reuters)' organized by MNLU Mumbai and IJM on 16 October 2020.

The book was virtually launched in the august presence of Hon'ble Justice Gita Mittal, Chief Justice of J & K High Court and Ladakh High Court; Hon'ble (Dr.) Justice K.J. Thaker, Judge, Allahabad High Court; Prof. (Dr.) Dilip Ukey, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, Maharashtra National Law University Mumbai; Prof. (Dr.) Ranbir Singh, Chairperson, Committee on Criminal Justice Reforms at NLU Delhi; Mr. Sidharth Luthra, Senior Advocate, Supreme Court of India; Mr. Sanjay Macwan, VP Partnerships, International Justice Mission South Asia; Ms. Melissa Walavalkar, Director of Operations IJM; Mr. N. Ramachandran, Founder and President, Indian Police Foundation and Former DGP Assam & Meghalaya and other dignitaries.



Publications

- Co-edited a book titled 'Revisiting Reforms in the Criminal Justice System in India' is published by Thomson Reuters 2020. Four chapters are also authored in this book:
 - Classical Autopsy vis-à-vis Digital Autopsy – An Analysis of Legal and Evidentiary Framework in India (with Prof. Dr. Dilip Ukey, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor), p. 1-17
 - Citizenship and Liberal Criminal Law – A Critique on Contemporary Criminal Law Developments In India (with Nilanjan Dey), p. 244-258.
 - Criminalizing Marital Rape in India (with Kopal Garg), p. 271-283
 - Overcriminalisation in India, p. 296-314
- Published a Chapter titled, 'Administrative Powers, Roles and Responsibilities of the Chief Justice of India' published in the book 'Salman Khurshid et al., The Supreme Court and the Constitution: An Indian Discourse' published by Wolters Kluwer, 2020, pg. 206-244
- Published a paper titled, 'An Integrated Approach to Resolve the Crisis of Defections in India', NLUO Law Journal Vol. VII 2020 (ISSN: 2348-8913)

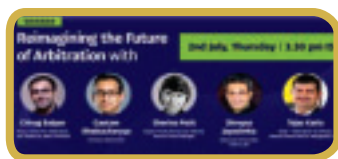
Webinars

- Speaker, Panel Discussion on 'Free Speech vs. Contempt of Court: A Constitutional Dialogue' on 02 Aug 2020. Mr. Balyan spoke alongside Mr. Sanjiv Sen, Senior Advocate; Mr. Sudhanshu Ranjan, Renowned Journalist; Dr. Lokendra Malik; Prof. Dr. Yogesh Pratap Singh, Vice-Chancellor NLU Odisha and others.
- Co-organized, Webinar on Gender Justice on 29 July 2020. The speakers included Justice M.S. Shah, Justice Roshan Dalvi, Justice Shalini P. Joshi and Prof. (Dr.) Dilip Ukey, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor. The event was organized by MNLU Mumbai in collaboration with Beyond Law CLC.
- Speaker, Panel Discussion on 'Legal Profession During COVID 19: Challenges and Solutions' on 26 July 2020. Mr. Balyan spoke alongside, Sh. Salman Khurshid, Former Union Minister (L&J); Prof. Manoj Sinha, Director IILJ; Mr. Sudhanshu Ranjan, Renowned Journalist; Prof. (Dr.) Dilip Ukey, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, MNLU Mumbai; and Dr. Lokendra Malik.
- Speaker, Legal Literacy Course on Criminal Law held on 18 September 2020 organized by National University Students' Skill Development, TISS Mumbai.
- Speaker, Legal Literacy Course on Legal Services and ADR Mechanisms held on 12 August 2020 organized by National University Students' Skill Development, TISS Mumbai.
- Speaker, Webinar Series on Arbitration Law held from 18-25 September 2020 organized by K.L.E. Society's B.V. Bellad Law College, Belagavi.



FACULTY ACHIEVEMENTS

- Speaker in Panel Discussion on 'Assessing Human Rights Protection amid Covid 19 and beyond' held on 25th July 2020. Mr. Balyan spoke alongside, Prof. (Dr.) Dilip Ukey, Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, MNLU Mumbai; Prof. (Dr.) Kishori Bhatia, DAAD and Max-Planck Fellow and Alumni; Former Head and Dean Faculty of Law and Founder Director The Law School, University of Jammu; Prof. (Dr.) Arvind Jasrotia, Professor, Department of Law (Formerly Head and Dean); Director, CDC, University of Jammu; Dr. Sonia Aneja, Assistant Professor (Law), University of Jammu; Dr. Anand Raut, HoD PG Department, MNLU Mumbai; and Mr. Sajid Sheikh, Assistant Professor (Law), MNLU Mumbai.
- Moderator, Panel Discussion on 'Taking Bail Seriously' on 1st July 2020. The speakers included, Mr. Sidharth Luthra, Senior Advocate, Supreme Court of India; Prof. (Dr.) Manoj Kumar Sinha, Director, ILLI, New Delhi; Mr. Sanjiv Sen, Senior Advocate, Supreme Court of India; Dr. Lokendra Malik (LL.D.), Advocate, Supreme Court of India; and Prof. (Dr.) Shruti Bedi, Professor of Law, UIILS, Panjab University, Chandigarh
- Speaker, Webinar titled 'Reimagining the Future of Arbitration' organized by Wolters Kluwer and IDEX Legal on 2nd July 2020. Other speakers included, Tejas Karia, Head of Arbitration Practice, Shardul Amarchand Mangaldas; Shreyas Jayasimha, Advocate and Founder Aarna Law; Sherina Petit, Head of Indian Practice and Partner, Norton Rose Fulbright London; and Gautam Bhattacharyya, Partner Reed Smith, London.
- Organized Guest Lecture Series on Damages in Arbitration
 - i. Title: A Discussion on Damages: Concepts, Risks, Mitigation, Assessment and Contracts
Speaker: Harish Nambiar, General Counsel, Atos Syntel
Date: 29 August 2020
 - ii. Title: Legal Principles of Assessment of Damages
Speaker: Shreyas Jayasimha, Founder, Aarna Law
Date: 22 August 2020
 - iii. Title: Introduction to Assessment of Damages and the Role of General Counsel
Zarina Pundole, GC at Shapoorji Pallonji Group;
Date: 09 August 2020
- Mr. Balyan offered an Elective Course on 'Legal, Financial and Economic Principles of Assessment of Damages in Disputes' in collaboration with Mrinal Jain, Managing Director, FTI Consulting from July- December 2020.
- As the Principal Investigator submitted a report on 'Need for Reforms in Criminal Law' to Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India and Committee for Reforms in Criminal Law on 15 December 2020. The report was prepared on behalf of MNLU Mumbai and IJM Mumbai.



DR. KIRAN RAI

- Member of Cartel Working Committee constituted by Competition Commission of India
- Invited Lectures/Resource Person
 - i. "Role of Education in creating a more equal and just society" in HRDC, Pt. Ravishankar Shukla University, Raipur Chhattisgarh, on December 26, 2020; 10.30AM to 12 PM.
 - ii. "Anchoring Professional Ethics in Universal values" in HRDC, Pt. Ravishankar Shukla University, Raipur Chhattisgarh, on December 26, 2020; 12.15 PM to 1.45 PM.
 - iii. "Ethics in Research" in E-Training Course on Research Methodology (December 04-13, 2020), Organized by Maharashtra National Law University, Nagpur, Sponsored by Indian Council of Social Science Research, New Delhi, on December 10, 2020, 12:00 noon to 01:30 PM.
 - iv. "Jurimetrics: Use of AI in Research" in E-Training Course on Research Methodology (December 04-13, 2020), Organized by Maharashtra National Law University, Nagpur, Sponsored by Indian Council of Social Science Research, New Delhi, on December 11, 2020, 12:00 noon to 01:30 PM.
 - v. "Significance of Share Capital and Shares as part of Financial Market" at Amity Law School, Amity University Rajasthan on October 29, 2020 at 2.00 P.M.
 - vi. "Consumer Protection Act 2019- A New Development" at Amity Law School, Amity University Rajasthan on October 21, 2020 at 11 A.M.



- vii. "Consultant" in 2nd Regional Consultation on "Cyber Crime against Women – Do Indecent Representation of Women's Act, Information Technology Act and Other Prevailing Laws Suffice" for Western Region organized by National Commission for Women (NCW) on September 16, 2020, Wednesday from 10:00 - 1:30 pm. through video conferencing.
- viii. "Introduction to Modern Trust Law in India" in National Webinar organized by MNLU Mumbai on August 7, 2020.
- ix. "Corporate Insolvency Resolution Process under Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code 2016" in Virtual Faculty Development Programme on Contemporary Issues in Law (June 17 – 24, 2020) being organised by School of Legal Studies, Cochin University of Science and Technology, Kerala, June 24, 2020 at 2 PM to 3 PM.

MR. ROHIT B. JADHAV

- Participated in a one-week online FDP program on "NAAC Assessment and Accreditation" sponsored under "UGC Pramash Program", New Delhi through Shri Shivaji College, Parbhani, Maharashtra, in May 2020
- Currently attending an online course, "E-Refresher Course in Economics", offered under the ARPIT program conducted by National Resource Centre, Shri Ram college of commerce, New Delhi, from 1/12/2020 to 30/04/2021.



DR. UPAMANYU SENGUPTA

- Delivered a special lecture on 'The Art of Nostalgia in WG Sebald's Austerlitz' on 2 November 2020 at the Manipal Centre for European Studies, Manipal Academy of Higher Education.



MS. VARADA SAMBHUS

Publications

- Building Community Through Pilgrimage: The Pandharpur Vari Pilgrimage in Maharashtra, India in Peace Journeys: A New Direction in Religious Tourism and Pilgrimage Research ed. McIntosh, Ian S., Haddad, Nour Farra and Munro, Dane. UK: Cambridge Scholars Publishing, 2020, 141-151.
- "Lagnavay aani 'Tee' chya Aasha-Aakanksha" (Marathi) published in Sakal on 13th November 2020. <https://www.esakal.com/sampadakiya/varada-sambhus-write-article-about-marriage-age-dreams-and-aspirations-372001>
- "Increasing age of marriage for Women" published by Dr. Shyama Prasad Mookerjee Research Foundation on 5th October 2020. <https://www.spmrf.org/increasing-age-of-marriage-for-women/>
- "Grounding Knowledge Through Language: NEP's emphasis on Indian Languages and Multilinguism" in Organiser, 6th August 2020. <https://www.organiser.org/Encyc/2020/8/6/Grounding-Knowledge-Through-Language.html>



Online Lectures/Webinars

- Delivered a guest lecture on 'Introduction to Jurisprudence' on 16th October 2020 at S.P. College, Pune
- Delivered a guest lecture on 'Justice M. G. Ranade' for the course 'Makers of Modern India' at Indian Institute of Democratic Leadership, Mumbai on 8th October 2020.
- Delivered a talk on 'Need for an Alternative Indic Approach' on 11th April 2020 on the virtual platform of Think India. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_B48BDfigtY&list=RDCMUC-3HWIyIPq50XV0rBDmV7Ug&start_radio=1&t=175
- Delivered a webinar on 'Pandharpur Vari' via Facebook Live on the platform of Rashtriya Patrakarita Kalyan Niyas on 1st July 2020. <https://www.facebook.com/RPKNINDIA/videos/3278411049050924>
- Delivered a lecture on 'Self-Reliance and Globalization' at the Anand Vishwa Gurukul College of Law, Thane on 9th June 2020 <https://www.facebook.com/watch/live/?v=2606084372985903>

REPORT OF THE INTERNSHIP AND PLACEMENT CELL

Internship and Placement Cell ensures timely Internship slots to students in law firms, companies and advocates offices. During the last six months Internship cell has given over 40 Internship opportunities to students of MNLU Mumbai. It has also organised series of lectures such as following :

1. Guest Lecture by Mr. Mukund Puranik, Reliance Industries Ltd. on 21st November, 2020
2. Guest Lecture by Mr. Pramod Rao, ICICI Group General Counsel on 18th July, 2020
3. Guest lecture by Mr. Vinod Joseph, Partner at Argus Partners on 10th July, 2020
4. Guest lecture by Mr. Vinod Joseph, Partner at Argus Partners on 3rd July, 2020

ACTIVITIES OF OUR DEPARTMENTS, RESEARCH CENTRES AND CHAIRS

I. THE DEPARTMENT OF SCHOLARSHIP, MNLU MUMBAI

In the University, the Department of Scholarship is working on various scholarships with

- The Government of Maharashtra,
- Government of Madhya Pradesh,
- Government of Rajasthan and
- NPS – National Portal Scholarships,

Our students have been applying to these scholarships throughout the year. Mainly, our students have been received scholarship of more than 55 lakhs whole year by various scheme. On the other hand, each year the number of scholarship applications of students is increasing, and the department is successfully handling the particular tasks.

The team consisting of Mr. Rohit B. Jadhav (Assistant Professor – Economics / Nodal Officer Scholarship), Ms. Hemangi Musale (DEO) and Ms. Asmita Gaikwad (OA) are working in this department under the able guidance of Hon. VC and Hon. Registrar.

II. THE COMMITTEE ON HUMAN RIGHTS AND DUTIES

The Committee on Human Rights and Duties (CHRD) is constituted at MNLU Mumbai, with the initiative of Mr. Abhijit Rohi, who is the Coordinator of CHRD. After going through a rigorous selection process, on August 25, 2020, following student members joined CHRD. From the Batch of 2019: Amandeep Saini (Section A) and Sulekha Punyani (Section B), from the Batch of 2018: Monika Saini and Vridhi Mathur, from the Batch of 2017: Karthika Rajmohan and Kashvi Shetty and from the Batch of 2016, Shreehari Sontakke. Shreehari is also the Convener of CHRD for the Academic year 2020-2021.

The CHRD has organised three guest lectures on various issues aimed at inculcating human rights research culture at MNLU Mumbai. Legal Research Methodology expert, Dr. Shampa Dev, Associate Professor, School of Law Christ University delivered a talk on the topic 'Research Methods in Human Rights' on August 20, 2020. Dr. Sourav Mandal, Assistant Professor, Jindal Global Law School delivered a talk on 'Queering the Human Rights Legal Framework' on September 4, 2020. Dr. Vasundhara Kamath, Programme Evaluation and Development Manager, Running Start, Washington DC (USA) delivered a talk on 'Building a Representative Democracy through Women's Political Participation' on November 17, 2020. The members of CHRD along with some contributors have undertaken research activities in various areas from a Human Rights perspective.

III. ADR SOCIETY

Details of ADR competitions between July-Dec 2020 are as follows:

- A team of 3 students represented MNLU Mumbai in 3rd VIPS-MAADHYAN DRCC National Virtual Mediation Competition (27th August-30th August, 2020)
- A team of 2 students of MNLU Mumbai was quarter-finalist in 2nd National Online Negotiation Competition by SYAR (2nd October-4th October, 2020)
- A team of 5 students represented MNLU Mumbai Lex Knot 2020 Virtual Lex-Festum (16th October-18th October, 2020), in the Client Counselling Segment MNLU Mumbai was Runners Up.
- A team of 3 students represented MNLU Mumbai in 1st NLIU International Negotiation Competition 2020 (28th October-1st November, 2020) and bagged the Best Advocate award.
- A team of 3 students represented MNLU Mumbai in 1st School of Law, CHRIST, National Online Med-Arb Competition (30th October-1st November, 2020) and was Runners Up in the Negotiation Segment
- A team of 2 students of MNLU Mumbai was semi-finalist in 8th UPES Virtual Client Counselling Competition, 2020 (21st November-22nd November, 2020)
- A team of 3 students represented MNLU Mumbai in Indore Institute of Law's International Law Fest: Lex Bonanza 2020 (Client Counselling Competition) (18th December-20th December, 2020) and was adjudged as Runners Up.

IV. CENTRE FOR MEDIATION AND RESEARCH (CMR)

The Centre for Mediation and Research ("CMR") at MNLU Mumbai was inaugurated in January 2019. It is the first Centre in India dedicated solely to the subject of Mediation. The Centre envisions itself as a place of Study and Research, and wishes to Collate, Build Resources, Archive and Disseminate the Knowledge, Process and Practice of Mediation and Conciliation in the Country.

The aim of the Centre is to design and run courses for the Study and Certification in Mediation, Conciliation, Conflict Resolution and Collaborative Dispute Resolution. The Centre also hopes to be able to publish papers/journals relating to Mediation, Conciliation, Collaborative Dispute Resolution and such practices.

CMR began its journey in January 2019, with an inaugural program on 19 January at the hands of the Hon'ble Mr. Justice A.S. Oka, who was then the Chairman of the Main Mediation Monitoring Committee of the High Court of Bombay.

After running a few workshops successfully in 2019, the Centre embarked on a journey of launching India's first MA Program in Mediation and Conflict Resolution. The Centre used the whole Covid 19 period of lockdown to design and launch the said 2-year degree course. Between Dec 2019 to Sept 2020, the Centre engaged with various faculty, worked and reworked on modules, syllabi, modus of teaching, pedagogies of different faculties, budgets, resources, documentation and content development, and finally publicising and marketing the program. Sometime in June 2020, the Centre engaged a full time Co-Ordinator for the launch of the unique degree program.

MNLU received more than 40 applications for the degree program. It successfully began in Sept 2020, fully online.

Now that the program is on track, the Centre will begin its regular activities of programs and workshops in 2021. The Centre has planned 2 series of programs called 'Meet a Mediator' series, and 'Moderate a Dialogue' series, to be continued in 2021. These series will be for general public, and will begin in March 2021. It may be recalled that one program each on both these series was conducted in Dec 2019 and Jan 2020. The Centre has also planned the following paid workshops to be conducted in the year 2021:

- Two-day workshop on Legal Validity of Mediation- February 2021
- One day workshop on Online Mediation-April 2021
- One day workshop on Environmental Negotiation-June 2021
- Two-day workshop Matrimonial Mediation-July 2021
- Two-day workshop on Insolvency Mediation-August 2021
- Two-day workshop on Construction Mediation-October 2021
- Two-day workshop on Mediation for Enhanced Leadership-Dec 2021

V. CENTRE FOR ADVANCED TRAINING IN TAXATION LAWS (CRTTL)

The Centre for Advanced Training in Taxation laws is established at Maharashtra National Law University, Mumbai with the objective to advance Studies and Research in the area of Taxation.

Dr Karuna Akshay Malviya, BLS, LL.M, NET (SRF), H.D., DCL, CCP, is the Honorary Director of the Centre.

The Centre has the vision to foster and promote a thorough understanding of the Indian Tax System, tax policies and laws and their implication for domestic and International Business Practices.

Taxes in India are levied by the State and Central Government. While tax law might sound to be something very generic, it is indeed one of those aspects of the Indian Legal Structure that tend to affect every Indian citizen on a daily basis. Although many believe that Tax law demands great quantitative skills, it rather wants the student's focus on ethics, passions for the subject and incomparable intellectual capacity to keep up with the tax reforms.

The Centre will be offering P.G. Diploma courses, Certificate Courses, Practical Training sessions, Workshops, Webinars and Interactive sessions in coming days. The Centre will help students widen their knowledge on taxation laws with practical orientation towards the subject.

VI. CENTRE FOR TRAINING & RESEARCH IN COMMERCIAL REGULATIONS (CTRCR)

The Centre, founded under the patronage of Hon'ble Vice Chancellor Prof. (Dr.) Dilip Ukey, aims to provide an environment of debate, discussion, research and training in Corporate Law and the areas intertwined with it by bringing together academicians, professionals, legal experts, economists, regulators, judges and students. It also aims to discuss, debate & spread awareness about contemporary changes & challenges faced by different businesses in Indian & International Market. The Centre's Convener is Dr Kiran Rai, Associate Professor of Law at MNLU Mumbai.

Following activities were conducted by the Centre during the Odd Semester of 2020:

- Online One Week Certificate Course on Competition Law from 7 – 13 December 2020.
- National Seminar on "Cartels & Competition Policy" on 12 December 2020.

Additionally, the Centre also provide online internship and research opportunities.

For the upcoming session, the Centre is scheduling for Certificate Course on Online Mergers & Acquisition and P.G. Diploma Courses on Competition Law and Insolvency & Bankruptcy Laws.

VII. Centre For Arbitration And Research (CAR)

The Centre, with its Coordinator, Prof. Chirag Balyan, seeks to serve as a think-tank to generate awareness about arbitration law in theory and in practice and also carry out high quality research in the field to assist policy-formulation by the Government. The Centre also intends to serve as a platform for imparting professional training to the stakeholders in the field of arbitration and cater to all areas of arbitration especially the niche areas.

The Centre has conducted Webinars on the following topics in the Odd Semester Academic Session:

Post COVID 19 Restructuring Framework

Date: 12 September 2020. Speakers: L. Vishwanathan – Partner, Cyril Amarchand Mangaldas; N. Shivraman – Managing Director and Group CEO ICRA; Mukesh Soni – ARCON; Mrinal Jain – Managing Director FTI Consulting; Prasad Shetty – Managing Director Risk Advisory & Investigations FTI Consulting; and Abhijeet Das – Partner, Cyril Amarchand Mangaldas.

Co-organizers/Supporting Organizations: FTI Consulting and Bombay Chambers of Commerce

Discovering Full Potential of E-Discovery in India's Dispute Resolution Landscape

Date: 05 September 2020. Speakers: Mrinal Jain, Managing Director, FTI Consulting; Jayesh H, Co-founder of Juris Corp; Amit Jaju, Senior Managing Director at FTI Consulting; Naveen Raju, GC & Executive VP at Mahindra Group; Kevin Nash, Deputy Registrar and Director, Singapore International Arbitration Centre; Prof. (Dr.) Dilip Ukey, Vice Chancellor of MNLU Mumbai; and Prof. (Dr.) Chirag Balyan MNLU Mumbai

Co-organizers/Supporting Organizations: FTI Consulting, Juris Corp, SIAC, MCIA, Mahindra, EBC and SCC Online.

Construction law in India and Investment Treaty Arbitrations

Date: 21 August 2020. Speakers: Dorine Farah – Partner at Baker Botts (UK) LLP; Hemant Sahai – Founding Partner at HSA Advocates; Mahesh Rai – Deputy Head, Construction & Engineering and Director, Dispute Resolution, Drew & Napier LLC; Mrinal Jain – Managing Director, FTI Consulting; Zarina Pundole – Legal Head, EPC Shapoorji Pallonji Group; and Shwetha Bidhuri – Head (South Asia), Singapore International Arbitration Centre

Co-organizers: HSA Advocates, FTI Consulting, Baker Botts and Drew & Napier LLC

Exceptions to the Breach Date Rule in Assessment of Damages - The Golden Victory and Beyond

Date: 14 August 2020. Speakers: Mr. Chirag Balyan- Coordinator CAR, MNLU Mumbai; Ratan k Singh FCIARB, FMIARB, FAIADR, FPD; Vyapak Desai, Partner NDA; Mrinal Jain, MD FTI Consulting; Parveen Mahtani, GC Mahindra; Jatin Jalundwala; Faisal Saifee, Barrister England and Matthew Janssen Christensen, Korea. Co-organizers/Supporting Organizations: Society of Construction Law (India), CIARB, Indian Arbitration Forum, SIAC, MCIA and Bar and Bench.

Navigating the Global 360° Impact of COVID-19 co-organized by CAR MNLU Mumbai with Economic Laws Practice (ELP) and FTI Consulting. Date: 15 August 2020

Other supporting organizations: HKIAC, MCIA, Bombay Chamber of Commerce, Bar and Bench, Norton Rose Fulbright, Film Information. Speakers: Naresh Thacker, Partner and Head-Disputes Practice, Economic Laws Practice; Namrata Shah, Principal Associate, Rashmikant and Partners; Alok Jain, Associate Partner, Economic Laws Practice; Komal Nahta, Bollywood Trade Analyst, Film Critique and Publisher of 'Film Information' trade magazine; Sherina Petit, Head of International Arbitration (EMEA) Head of India Practice (Global) at Norton Rose Fulbright, London; Zarina Pundole, Head Legal – EPC Division, Shapoorji Pallonji Group; Mrinal Jain, Managing Director, FTI Consulting; Saugata Bhattacharya, Executive Vice President and Chief Economist, Axis Bank; Abhileen Chaturvedi, Associate Partner, Economic Laws Practice.

Use of Blockchain and AI for ODR. Supporting Partners: MCIA, IAF, Lawlex Organization.

Date: 11 July 2020. Speakers: Hon'ble Ms. Justice Gita Mittal, Chief Justice, High Court of Jammu and Kashmir; Cdr. Madhvendra Singh FCIARB, FIE; Dr. Paresh Kathrani, Director Professional Services CIARB; Ben Giaretta, FICARB, Chair, CIARB, London; Alessandro Palombo, CEO JUR Smart Contracts; Chirag Balyan, Assistant Professor MNLU Mumbai; Neeti Sachdeva, Registrar General, MCIA.

Virtual Arbitration in India – I

Date: 12 July 2020

Speakers: Darius Khambata - Sr. Counsel Supreme Court of India; Sonali Mathur – Partner AZB & Partners; Vikas Mahendra Partner, Keystone Partners; Sameer Jain – Managing Partner. PSL Advocates and Solicitors; Ben Giaretta – Mishcon de Reya, Partner

Supporting Partner: CORD

Sole Arbitrator Appointments

Date: 18 July 2020

Speakers: Justice S.C. Gupte, Judge, Bombay High Court, Neeti Sachdeva, Registrar, & Secretary-General, Mumbai Centre for International Arbitration; Prof. Steve NGO, President, Beihai Asia international Arbitration Centre; Shashank Garg, Partner, Advani & co., New Delhi; Kevin Nash, Dy. Registrar, Singapore international Arbitration Centre, Supporting Partners: MCIA, Indian Arbitration Forum and Law Lex Organization.

Virtual Arbitration in India - II

Date: 25 July 2020

Speakers: Prof. Dr. Dilip Ukey, Vice Chancellor, Maharashtra National Law University Mumbai; Nakul Dewan - Senior Advocate, Supreme Court of India and Barrister, 20 Essex Street; Per Magnusson - Founder, Magnusson Minds; Shwetha Bidhuri - Head (South Asia), Singapore International Arbitration Centre; Ylli Dautaj - Managing Partner, D.E.R. Juridik; Ankoosh K Mehta - Partner, Cyril Amarchand Mangaldas

Supporting Partner: CORD

Centre had organised Faculty Development Program on Alternative Dispute Resolution. Date: 08 & 09 August 2020. The speakers were Prof. (Dr.) Dilip Ukey – VC MNLU Mumbai; Dr. Aman Hingorani, AOR Supreme Court; Rajeev Virmani, Senior Advocate, High Court of Delhi; Dr. Anirban Chakraborty, Associate Professor MNLU Nagpur; Mr. Chirag Balyan- Coordinator CAR, MNLU Mumbai and Mr. Sajid Sheikh, Assistant Professor, MNLU Mumbai.

Oxford Style Debate on 'Third Party Funding of Dispute Resolution – Is India Ready Today?' and 'V-shaped economic recovery in India in 2021' on 25 July 2020 and 26 September 2021 respectively. Speakers: Lim Seok Hui, CEO of SIAC, Singapore; Fereshte D. Sethna, Founding and Managing Partner of DMD Advocates, Mumbai; Dilip N. Massand, Co-Founder and CEO at Phoenix Advisors, U.A.E.; Mrinal Jain, Managing Director, Economic and Financial Consulting Practice, FTI Consulting, Mumbai; Sherina Petit, Head of International Arbitration (EMEA) Head of India Practice (Global), Norton Rose Fulbright, London; Shaneen Parikh, Senior Equity; Partner at Cyril Amarchand Mangaldas, Mumbai; Dhyan Chinappa, Senior Advocate and Additional Advocate General for the State of Karnataka; Bhaskar Chandran, General Counsel and Legal Head for the GMR Group, Delhi; and Chirag Balyan, Faculty of Law, Coordinator, Centre for Arbitration and Research, MNLU Mumbai.

Supporting Partners – FTI Consulting, Singapore International Arbitration Centre and Lawlex Organisation.

Research at CAR

1. The Centre has published a guide on 'Virtual Arbitration in India: A Practical Guide' on 12 July 2020.
2. The Centre also submitted Comments to secretariats of ICSID and UNCITRAL on 30 July 2020 on the 'Draft Code of Conduct for Adjudicators'.

VIII. MR. JUSTICE M.L. PENDSE CHAIR IN ENVIRONMENTAL LAW

Mr. Justice M. L. Pendse Foundation has established the Environmental Law Chair in Maharashtra National Law University Mumbai and since its inception, that is working towards creating general awareness among people about the threat, the existing activities of human pose to nature and need for strong laws to protect the abuse of natural resources. The main aim of the Justice M. L. Pendse Chair in Environmental Laws is to organize various training programs, webinars, seminars, for stakeholders in these fields like students, academicians, researchers, etc. to provide an interactive platform for exchanging thoughts about current events and interesting topics in the field of environmental laws and Environmental Studies and to organize student's centric initiative in the form of an outreach program.

Chair Professor: Prof. (Dr.) Anil G. Variath

Coordinator: Ms. Gauri Rane

Activities conducted from July 2020 to December 2020:

- E-Panel Discussion on "The Eco-Sensitive Western Ghats and Environment- Revisiting the Gadgil Committee Report"
Date: 5 September 2020
(<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4Xwr7JBOFWM>)
- Webinar on "Non-Governmental Intervention in Environmental Protection"
Date: 27 September 2020 (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XADoHRJub3k>)
- Webinar on "Protection of Environment in the era of Industrialization"
Date: 11 October 2020 (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Jb-dggnJG4A>)
- Special Online Lecture on "Importance of Biodiversity for Sustainable Development Goals and Human Welfare"
Date: 1 November 2020 (https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VuSxX-_L4mA).

IX. CENTRE FOR RESEARCH IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE (CRCJ)

The University has established the Centre to promote and advance national and comparative research and scholarship in the area of Criminal Law and Criminal Justice, Criminology, Victimology, and Human Rights. The Centre was inaugurated by Hon'ble Justice Naresh Patil (Judge, Bombay High Court) and Hon'ble Justice A. S. Oka (Judge, Bombay High Court) in the presence of Hon'ble Shri. Ashutosh Kumbhakoni (Advocate General, State of Maharashtra), Dr. Milind Sathe (Advocate and President, Bombay Bar Association), and other legal luminaries from Bar and Academia on 13th January 2018. The Centre aims to carry out co-ordinated research into the efficacy and adequacy of the Criminal Justice System in India and communicate the findings and recommendations to the agencies of Government concerned with the same. To research, analyse, and critically examine the laws, policies, and programs related to criminal laws and disseminate the findings through publications, workshops, seminars, and other means. Further, the centre also undertakes specific research programs in many areas.

Director: Prof. (Dr.) Anil G. Variath

Deputy Director: Mr. Chirag Balyan

Coordinator: Ms. Gauri Rane

Activities conducted from July 2020 to December 2020:

- Criminal Justice Talks Session 1 "Encountering with Mind, Act and Results in the philosophical Labyrinth of Criminal Law- Demystifying the justification for fixing Criminal Responsibility"
Date: 22 June 2020
- Criminal Justice Talks Session 2 "Bail or Jail? The Dilemma Continues" Panel Discussion
Date: 11 July 2020 (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zg9ASHmXKZs>)
- Criminal Justice Talks Session 3 "Law Relating to Police Encounter" by Advocate Ganesh Sovani
Date: 30 July 2020 (https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZKg56zY_Xuk)
- Criminal Justice Talks Session 4 "International Crimes against Humanity: International Human Rights in a fight with COVID 19"
Date: 21 August 2020 (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EGmA5wVaZSk>)
- Criminal Justice Talks Session 5 "Issues related to the registration of First Information Report"
Date: 30 September 2020 (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5BDYoV5p4zA>)
- CRCJ Special Program on "Contribution of Lokmanya Bal Gangadhar Tilak to

Indian Independence" to celebrate the 100th Death Anniversary of Lokmanya Bal Gangadhar Tilak

Date: 17 October 2020 (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-K04etRT84I>)

- Criminal Justice Talks Session 6 "Sentencing Jurisprudence in India: The Good, the bad and the ugly" Date: 18 October 2020
- Inauguration of "CRCJ Quizzical", weekly, monthly and yearly quizzes by CRCJ
Date: November 2020
- Criminal Justice Talks Session 7 "Gender Equality in Criminal Laws" Panel Discussion in association with Team Samaanta (SIP Team) of LMThapar School of Management
Date: 25 November 2020 (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rFHnGYC9HsU>)
- CRCJ Special Program on "Role of Indian Constitution in strengthening democracy and Rule of Law" to mark the 71st Constitution Day of India.
Date: 26 November 2020 (https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GCpeAEOIF_Y)
- Centre for Research in Criminal Justice started its blog "MNLUM Criminal Law Review Blog" in November 2020 (<https://www.crcjnmnlum.com/blog>)
- CRCJ Special Program on "Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar's Contributions in Promoting Social Justice in India" to pay tribute to Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar on his 64th Death Anniversary.
Date: 6 December 2020 (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7ywl09FMUgY>)
- Website launched of the Centre (<https://www.crcjnmnlum.com/>) to give more insights and information on the working and activities of the Centre in December 2020
- Introduced Postgraduate Diploma in "Crime investigation, Medical Jurisprudence, and Forensic Science" and Litigation Lawyering and Law Firm Management in December 2020
- Criminal Justice talks: IGTV Interview on "Economic Offences as a part of Criminal Law"
Date: 26 December 2020

X. DEPARTMENT FOR PROMOTION OF INDUSTRIES AND INTERNAL TRADE (DPIIT) - IPR CHAIR & CENTRE FOR RESEARCH IN INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY (CRIP)

Department for Promotion of Industries and Internal Trade (DPIIT), Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Government of India, launched a Scheme for Pedagogy & Research in IPRs for Holistic Education & Academia (SPRIHA) in the year 2016 under which IPR Chairs have been set up in select universities and academic institutes. This was in accordance National IPR Policy launched by the Government of India in 2016, which proclaims, as one of the objectives under section 7.2 as, "Strengthen IP Chairs in educational institutes of higher learning to provide quality teaching and research, develop teaching capacity and curricula and evaluate their work on performance-based criteria." MNLU Mumbai has been selected by the DPIIT as one of the 12 universities/organizations for setting up IPR Chairs in the country. Dr. W.M. Dhumane, Former, Sr. Jt. Controller of Patents & Design is the IPR Chair Professor.

The University has established a Centre for Research in Intellectual Property (CRIP) with an aim to promote research, extension and training in the field of intellectual property rights of India. The Centre is headed by Mr. Sajid Sheikh, Assistant Professor (Law).

The following activities were conducted by the DPIIT IPR Chair and Centre for Research in IP:

- Webinar on Trademark Law by Dr. W.M. Dhumane, DPIIT, IPR Chair Professor; MNLU Mumbai
Date: 10 July 2020
- Second Faculty Development Programme on Intellectual Property and Academic Integrity
Date: 18 July 2020
- DPIIT IPR Chair and Centre for Research in IP, MNLU Mumbai - Virtual Roundtable Discussion on Utility Model Protection under Indian Scenario
Date: 29 August 2020
- Expert Lecture on the Protection of Geographical Indications in India by Prof. (Dr.) K. D. Raju, Professor at Rajiv Gandhi School of Intellectual Property Law, IIT Kharagpur
Date: 18 September 2020

ACTIVITIES OF OUR DEPARTMENTS, RESEARCH CENTRES AND CHAIRS

- Expert Lecture on Filing and Processing of Patent Applications by Dr.W. M. Dhumane, DPIIT, IPR Chair Professor, MNLU Mumbai
Date: 24 October 2020
- One Week Online Certificate Course on Patenting System in India and Recent Developments from 14 to 19 December 2020
- Organised "Gender Bias: Challenge to Equality and Diversity" for UGC & MNLU Mumbai on August 4, 2020, Chief Guest was Smt. Rekha Sharma, Chairperson NCW.
- Organised Online One Week Certificate Course on Competition Law from 7 - 13 December 2020.
- Organised National Seminar on "Cartels & Competition Policy" on 12 December 2020

XI. CENTRE FOR TRAINING & RESEARCH IN COMMERCIAL REGULATIONS

DAYS OBSERVED

- On 15th August 2020 the University observed the Independence Day, marking the completion of 74 years of Indian Independence.
- On 27th November 2020 the University observed the Constitution Day and organised a lecture series. The student members of National Constitution Society of MNLU Mumbai, had organised Constitution Day Quiz 2020 which was conducted on November 29, 2020. The MCQ quiz was based on Constitutional history, landmark judgements, amendments and latest updates. Students across all the batches enthusiastically took part in the quiz. Medha Bhatt secured 1st Rank, Bodhisattwa Majumder ranked 2nd and Yashna Singh & Ayashkant Parida secured third rank.



A GLIMPSE OF SOME IMPORTANT ACTIVITIES AT THE UNIVERSITY

Sr. No	Name of the Event	Names of the Prominent Experts	Date
1.	Webinar on Shades of Federalism	Dr. Shilpi Sharma Head of School of Law and an Associate Professor at Auro University, Surat Dr. Swapnil Bangali Director CICTL, MNLU Mumbai Dr. Anand Raut Deputy Director, CICTL MNLU Mumbai	25th July, 2020
2.	Introduction to Law of Damages & Role of GC	Ms. Zarina Pundole, General Counsel at Shapoorji Pallonji Group	15 th August, 2020
3.	First Orientation Program LL.M(Pro) 2020	Chief Guest - Hon'ble Mr. Justice R. C. Chavan, Judge, Bombay High Court (Rtd.), Hon'ble Vice Chancellor Prof. (Dr.) Dilip Ukey Vice Chancellor, MNLU Mumbai Prof. (Dr.) Anil G. Variath I/c registrar MNLU Mumbai	16 August, 2020
4.	Inaugural of M.A. (Executive) Mediation and Conflict Resolution Program	Hon'ble Justice Mrs. Bharati Dangre, Judge, Bombay High Court Mr. Sriram Panchu, Senior Advocate & Mediator Dr. Aman Hingorani, AOR & Mediator Presided by Hon'ble Prof. (Dr.) Dilip Ukey, Vice Chancellor, MNLU Mumbai Hon'ble Mr. Justice B.N. Srikrishna, Former Judge, Supreme Court of India Hon'ble Smt. Justice Roshan Shamim Dalvi, Former Judge, Bombay High Court Hon'ble Mr. Justice Nitin Jamdar, Judge, Bombay High Court Prof. (Dr.) Anil G. Variath I/c Registrar MNLU Mumbai	6 th September, 2020
5.	LL.M (Pro) 2020-21 Guest Lecture on ADR- Drafting of Arbitration Agreement and Pleading	Ms. Rajni Iyer - Senior Counsel	12 th September, 2020
6.	National Webinar on Covid 19 Pandemic Its Legal Impact and Lessons for the Future	Prof. (Dr.) Dilip Ukey Hon'ble Vice Chancellor of MNLU Mumbai Prof. (Dr.) Manoj Dhar Hon'ble Vice Chancellor of University of Jammu Prof. (Dr.) Satinder Kumar Director The Law School University of Jammu Prof. (Dr.) Raghuvendeer Singh Dean and Chairman, Dept of Law, Himachal Pradesh University Shimla Dr. Monika Narang Sr. Asst. Prof., the Law School University of Jammu Dr. Seema Rohemetra Asst. Prof., The Law School University of Jammu Dr. Shubha Vats Asst. Prof., The Law School University of Jammu Dr. Seema Sharma Sr. Asst. Professor, The Law School University of Jammu Mr. Sajid Shaikh Asst. Prof. and Coordinator MNLU Mumbai	17 th September, 2020

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7.	LL.M (investment & Securities Laws) 2020- Guest Lecture on Role of Stock Broker in Capital Market	Special Lecture by Mr.Trivikram Kamat- Sr.Vice President, Kotak Securities	22 nd September, 2020
8.	LL.M (investment & Securities Laws) 2020- Guest Lecture on Working of Stock Exchanges	Special Lecture by Mr.Nagendra Kumar, Chief Marketing Manager, NSC	26 th September, 2020
9.	LL.M (Pro) 2020-21 Guest Lecture on 'Emerging issues in delivering Justice	Adv. M.G. Malavade Advocate High Court of Karnataka At Bench Dharwad	27 th September, 2020
10.	Changing World Oder	Dr. Amit Singh (Assistant Professor, Delhi University) Dr. Rashmini Koparkar (Assistant Professor Jawaharlal Nehru University	4 th October, 2020
11.	India New Delhi G. A Thakker Memorial Lecture	Mr. Justice B.N Srikrishna Former Judge Supreme Court of India	10 th October, 2020
12.	MOU Signed between Maharashtra National Law University Mumbai with The Institute of Company Secretaries of India, New Delhi		18 th November, 2020
13.	Centre for Training and Research in Commercial Regulations (CTRRCR) Conducted an online paper presentation in National Seminar of Competition Policy and Cartel	Prof. (Dr.) Dilip Ukey Hon'ble Vice Chancellor MNLU Mumbai Prof. (Dr.) Kiran Rai Head of the UG Dept. MNLU Mumbai	12 th December, 2020
14.	Guest Lecture on English Dalit Literature – Context and Thrust	Dr. Rahul Jondhale, Assistant Professor of English, GITAM Hyderabad	23 rd December, 2020

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