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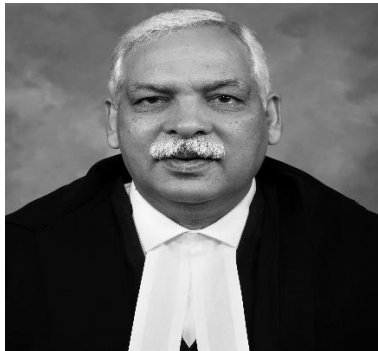
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Hon'ble Justice Bhushan Ramkrishna Gavai
Chief Justice of India Supreme Court and
Chancellor of the Maharashtra National Law University Mumbai



Hon'ble Justice Mr. Devendra Kumar Upadhyaya
Chief Justice of Bombay High Court and
Pro-Chancellor of the Maharashtra National Law University Mumbai



Hon'ble Prof. (Dr.) Dilip Ukey
Vice Chancellor of the Maharashtra National Law University Mumbai

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Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor's



Prof. (Dr.) Dilip Ukey
Vice Chancellor

Maharashtra National Law University Mumbai, established under the Maharashtra National Law University Act 2014 on 20th March 2014, is one of the premier National Law Universities in India. The Act envisaged to establish National Law University in Maharashtra to impart advanced legal education and promote society-oriented research in legal studies for the advancement of the societal life of the people in the country. The prime goal of the University is to disseminate advanced legal knowledge and processes of law amongst the students and impart in them the skills of advocacy, legal services, law reforms and make them aware and capable to utilize these instruments for social transformation and development. To attain this goal, it has started its first academic endeavour on 1st August 2015.

Since its inception, the University has made serious and sincere efforts to excel in the field of legal research and education. Within the span of seven years, the University has been able to traverse an arduous yet, promising path filled with lots of possibilities for the future. The course structures of the University are framed in accordance with the norms of the BCI and UGC with a team of dedicated and committed teachers.

Located in the pristine Powai region of Mumbai, the University enjoys an un-paralleled avenue for higher studies especially in law and related matters. The course structures of the University Programmes are framed in accordance with the norms of the BCI and UGC with a team of dedicated and committed teachers. Hon'ble Justice Bhushan Ramkrishna Gavai, Judge, Supreme Court of India is the Chancellor of the University who not only guides but also inspires the institution with his novel ideas and rich experience in law field.

An institution for higher learning must promote scholarship that engages with practical questions as well as the moral and philosophical dilemmas that arise in contemporary life. Research in law addresses these problems of society in this dynamic sense. In recent years the University has taken long strides in areas of research and has established Research Centres in the areas of Clinical Legal

Education, Criminal Justice, Maritime Law & Research, Intellectual Property, Taxation Law, Arbitration, Mediation and Information Technology. MNLU Mumbai has also been granted Department for Promotion of Industries and Internal Trade (DPIIT), Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Government of India's IPR Chair. MNLU Mumbai also established the Centre for Maritime Law and Research with the support of the Directorate General of Shipping, Government of India.

Recently, the University also established Justice M. L. Pendse Chair in Environmental Law. The University has also undertaken several research projects. The University offers BA. LL.B.(Hons.) five years integrated program, one year LL.M. program in Corporate and Commercial Laws, Maritime Law and Constitutional Law, LL.M. (Professional), LL.M. (Investment & Securities Laws) in association with National Institute of Securities Markets, SEBI, M.A. (Mediation and Conflict Resolution), Post Graduate Diploma Programmes, among others. University is also planning to add more specializations from new academic year. The University also hosts several research programmers in association with foreign universities.

The University is steered by distinguished judges, senior advocates, eminent academicians, seasoned and senior bureaucrats as members of governing bodies and they guide our students with their rich and valuable experience. Our students participate in various reputed competitions both in India and abroad. Through engaged research the University strives to address issues that surround contemporary life in India. The advent of globalization and global connectivity is redefining the frontiers of education. Cognizant of this changing paradigm of learning MNLU Mumbai has signed MoUs with some leading Universities of Europe for a more sustained and engaged exchanges of ideas related to law and society in modern time. MNLU Mumbai believes in the values enshrined in the Indian Constitution viz. Justice, Liberty, Equality, Fraternity, Secularism, Humanism etc. and makes all out efforts to inculcate them amongst its students, staff, and others to make this institution as not only center of legal knowledge but also an inclusive center of humanity.

Prof. (Dr.) Dilip Ukey
Vice-Chancellor

Profile of the University

Maharashtra National Law University Mumbai (MNLU Mumbai) is one of the premier national law universities established in the State of Maharashtra to promote world class legal education and research. Hon'ble Chief Justice of India Bhushan Gavai, Supreme Court of India is the Chancellor of the University. Hon'ble the Chief Justice of Bombay High Court is the Pro-Chancellor of the University. The envisaged object of the University is to advance and disseminate learning, knowledge of law and legal processes to develop in the students a sense of responsibility to serve the society and to impart skills on advocacy and justice, legal services, legislation and law reforms, thereby making law and legal processes efficient instrument of social development. Towards attaining these objectives, MNLU Mumbai offers Five year integrated B.A., LL.B. (Hons.), One year LL.M. (Regular), One Year LL.M. (Investment and Securities Law) jointly with NISM, One Year LL.M. (Executive), M.A. (Executive) in Mediation and Conflict Resolution, Ph.D. programme among other diplomas and short term courses. The University also runs various courses such as Mediation, Data Protection Law, Cyber Law, IPR, Arbitration and foreign languages such as German and Spanish on regular basis.

MNLU Mumbai is a vibrant institute that explores the curious legal dimensions of public policy, ethics, business, and also a plethora of issues in order to produce quality legal scholarship, capable of facing the real world challenges. From its very inception, MNLU Mumbai has aimed to attain excellence in all aspects of legal training and education. It encourages students to engage in a host of curricular, co-curricular and extra-curricular activities for their mental, physical and professional growth. No wonder, the students are leaving their indelible imprint by winning numerous moot, debating and sports competitions of national and international repute thereby putting the University firmly on the national circuit.

The University has entered into a number of MoUs with MUMBAI GRAHAK PANCHAYAT, Dr. Rajendra Prasad National Law University Prayagraj UP, National Legal Services Authority (NALSA), University of Gdansk, Griharmony Redevelopment Stakeholders Federation (GRSF), Sinhgad Technical Education Society's Sinhgad Law College, Pune and Medico Legal Society of India, Pune, NISM, Karnataka State Law University Hubballi, Institute of Constitutional and Parliamentary Studies,

The University boasts its research output via a dedicated Department of Research and 15 research centres including Centre for Research in Criminal Justice (CRCJ), Centre for Arbitration and Research (CAR), Centre for Information Communication Technology and Law (CICTL), Centre for Advanced Training in Taxation Laws (CATTL), Centre for Mediation and Research (CMR), Centre for Training & Research in Commercial Regulations (CTRRCR), Centre for Research in Intellectual Property (CRIP), Centre for Women, Law and Gender Justice (CWLGC), Centre for Insolvency and Financial Laws (CIFL), Centre for Clinical Legal Education (CCLE), Centre for

Advanced Legal Studies, Training & Research (CALSTR), Centre for Maritime Law and Research (CML&R), Centre for Research in Air & Space Law (CRASL). The University has established two sponsored research Chairs one is Justice M. L. Pendse Chair in Environmental Laws and other is IPR Chair under the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT).

MNLU Mumbai being located in the coveted Hiranandani Gardens, Powai, has wide exposure to the sprawling urban facilities of Mumbai city. The campus location is in proximity to IIT Bombay and is 13 kms from the Chhatrapati Shivaji International Airport. The students' hostel (for boys and girls) is situated at Your Space Hostel, Chandivali, and Aadi Allure Kanjurmarg Hostel. The university provides transportation from the hostel, which is approximately 4.5 km away. At present university functions from its rented building located in the MTNL Building. The centrally air conditioned floors of the Academic block of the university have all essential amenities like smart classrooms, library, reading room, moot court hall, mediation centre, legal service clinic, internship cell, board room and conference hall etc., ideal for optimizing the students' learning, research, training and extension activities. The University facilitates access to a well-equipped library with large number of books, law journals, magazines and subscription to multiple online databases such as JStor, Hein Online, SCC Online, Manupatra, Oxford Publications, Lexis Nexis, EBC Reader, Proview and Westlaw. Very soon the university will shift to its own land and the building project is being planned and Govt of Maharashtra is providing due support to develop the building of the university.

MNLU Mumbai's genesis dates back to its establishment, with a vision to promote legal education and research. Here's a brief overview:

- Genesis: Established to promote legal education and research in Mumbai.

- Evolution: MNLU Mumbai prioritizes academic excellence, research, and social responsibility, offering diverse law programs. The university has evolved into a prominent institution, maintaining its focus on these core areas, and continues to grow as a leading law school.

University Fact Sheet (Actual Staff)

The university's faculty includes 22 teaching staff, comprising 1 Professor, 2 Associate Professors, and Directors of Centers. The staff is predominantly young and dynamic, focusing on student development and research. Additionally, the university has 6 University Officers, 48 Admin Staff (non-teaching), and 5 Research Assistants.

Sr. No.	Name of the Employee	Designation
University Officers		
1	Prof. Dr. Dilip Ukey	Vice-Chancellor
2	Dr. Parveen Sayyed	Registrar
3	Dr. Pratapsinh Salunke	Registrar (I/c.)
4	Dr. Abhijit Rohi	HoD (UG)
5	Dr. Kiran Rai	HoD (PG)
6	Mr. Sujit Patil	Finance Officer
Faculty Staff		
1	Dr. Kiran Rai	Associate Professor - (Law)
2	Dr. Pratapsinh Salunke	Associate Professor - (Law)
3	Dr. Abhijit Rohi	Assistant Professor – (Law)
4	Dr. Anand Raut	Assistant Professor - (Law)
5	Mr. Milind Bhaskar Gawai	Assistant Professor - (Law)
6	Dr. Sajid Sheikh	Assistant Professor - (Law)
7	Mr. Chirag Balyan	Assistant Professor - (Law)
8	Mr. Abhijit Anil More	Assistant Professor - (Law)
9	Ms. Tanaya Kamalakar	Assistant Professor - (Law)
10	Ms. Sampada Kangane	Assistant Professor - (Law)
11	Mohammed Aamir Khan	Assistant Professor – (Law)
12	Mr. Amit Kumar	Assistant Professor – (Law)
13	Mr. Sangram Satish Jadhav	Assistant Professor – (Law)
14	Mr. Damodar Hake	Assistant Professor – (Law)
15	Mr. Ashok Bhimrao Chikte	Assistant Professor – English
16	Mr. Sham Gulve	Assistant Professor - Political Science
17	Mr. Amana Khare	Assistant Professor- Maritime Law
18	Dr. Upamanyu Sengupta	Assistant Professor - English
19	Dr. Rohit Bhaskar Jadhav	Assistant Professor - Economics
20	Ms. Shraddha V. Gaikwad	Assistant Professor - Sociology
21	Dr. Garima Pal	Assistant Professor - Sociology
22	Ms. Aastha Tiwari	Assistant Professor- (Law)
23	Adv. Ganesh Sovani	Director
Research Assistant		
1	Ms. K. Ankita Rao	Research Assistant
2	Ms. Amruta Oak	Research Assistant
3	Ms. Shweta Bhuyan	Research Assistant
4	Ms. Anindita Bhaumik	Research Assistant

5	Ms. Rohini Kalyankar	Research Assistant
Administrative Staff		
1	Mr. Surajkumar Ramkripal Palbansh	Section Officer
2	Ms. Pooja Kulkarni	Junior Technical Assistant
3	Ms. Devyani Ahire	Junior Technical Assistant
4	Ms. Neha R. Gamre	Accountant
5	Ms. Aarya Utekar	CA TO VC
6	Mr. Manohar Kharatmol	Sr. Tech. Asst
7	Ms. Sanchita Ninad Patil	Semi Professional Assistant
8	Ms. Suhasini D. Kamble	Semi Professional Assistant
9	Mr. Pratap A Chavan	Semi Professional Assistant
10	Ms. Hemangi R. Musale	Data Entry Operator
11	Mr. Manish Wani	Data Entry Operator
12	Mr. Rajneesh Kumar Bhardwaj	Data Entry Operator
13	Mrs. Ranjitha Saji Pillai	Data Entry Operator
14	Ms. Rupali Ganesh Shinde	Data Entry Operator
15	Mr. Prashant D. Chavan	Data Entry Operator
16	Ms. Dipali Ramesh Ahire	Data Entry Operator
17	Ms. Madhvi Sahu	Data Entry Operator
18	Ms. Kavita Salunkhe	Hostel Warden
19	Mr. Vivek Ardade	Statistician cum Operator
20	Mr. Suhas Gaikwad	IT Assistant
21	Mr. Sandeep Yadav	Technical Assistant
22	Mr. Ganesh Shelke	Library Assistant
23	Mr. Sumit Shinde	Library Assistant
24	Mr. Priti Pawar	Account Assistant
25	Ms. Shraddha Rawool	Administrative Assistant
26	Ms. Rohani Barapatre	Administrative Assistant
27	Mr. Saji Pillai	Multi Task Staff
29	Ms. Jyoti Tukaram Mestry	Multi Task Staff
30	Mr. Sanjay Mangala Parate	Multi Task Staff
31	Mr. Sandeep Koli	office attendant
32	Ms. Rupali Kudkar	office attendant
33	Mr. Satish Hiwale	MTS with Driving Skill
34	Mr. Parbat Mundhe	MTS with Driving Skill
35	Mr. Amol Gaikwad	MTS with Driving Skill
36	Mr. Siddhant Khambe	MTS with Driving Skill
37	Mr. Gopal Tembhe	MTS with Driving Skill
38	Mr. Sukhdev Sutar	MTS with Driving Skill
39	Mr. Manoj Dolare	MTS with Plumbing Skill
40	Mr. Neeraj Prajapati	MTS with Electrician Skill
41	Mr. Rupesh Bagul	Multi-Task Staff
42	Mr. Dnyaneshwar Dhait	Multi-Task Staff
43	Mr. Sahil Dinde	Multi-Task Staff
44	Mr. Aniket Zade	Multi-Task Staff

45	Mr. Swapnil Damodar	Multi-Task Staff
46	Mr. Namdev Shid	Hostel Caretaker
47	Mr. Ravindra Patil	Library Attendant
48	Mr. Sachin Malap	Office Attendant



Vision of Maharashtra National Law University

Maharashtra National Law University Mumbai to Become A World-Class Law University
Committed to Foster An Environment Of Excellence In Research, Scholarship, Education And Justice.



Mission of Maharashtra National Law University Mumbai

1. To impart legal education by nurturing diversity, equity, ethics and inclusiveness
2. To inculcate passion for creative and critical thinking and a commitment to transformative solutions.
3. To promote and encourage service to society and lifelong learning
4. To adopt research strategies that promote professional skills and scholarly training.



➤ Objective of the Maharashtra National Law University Mumbai

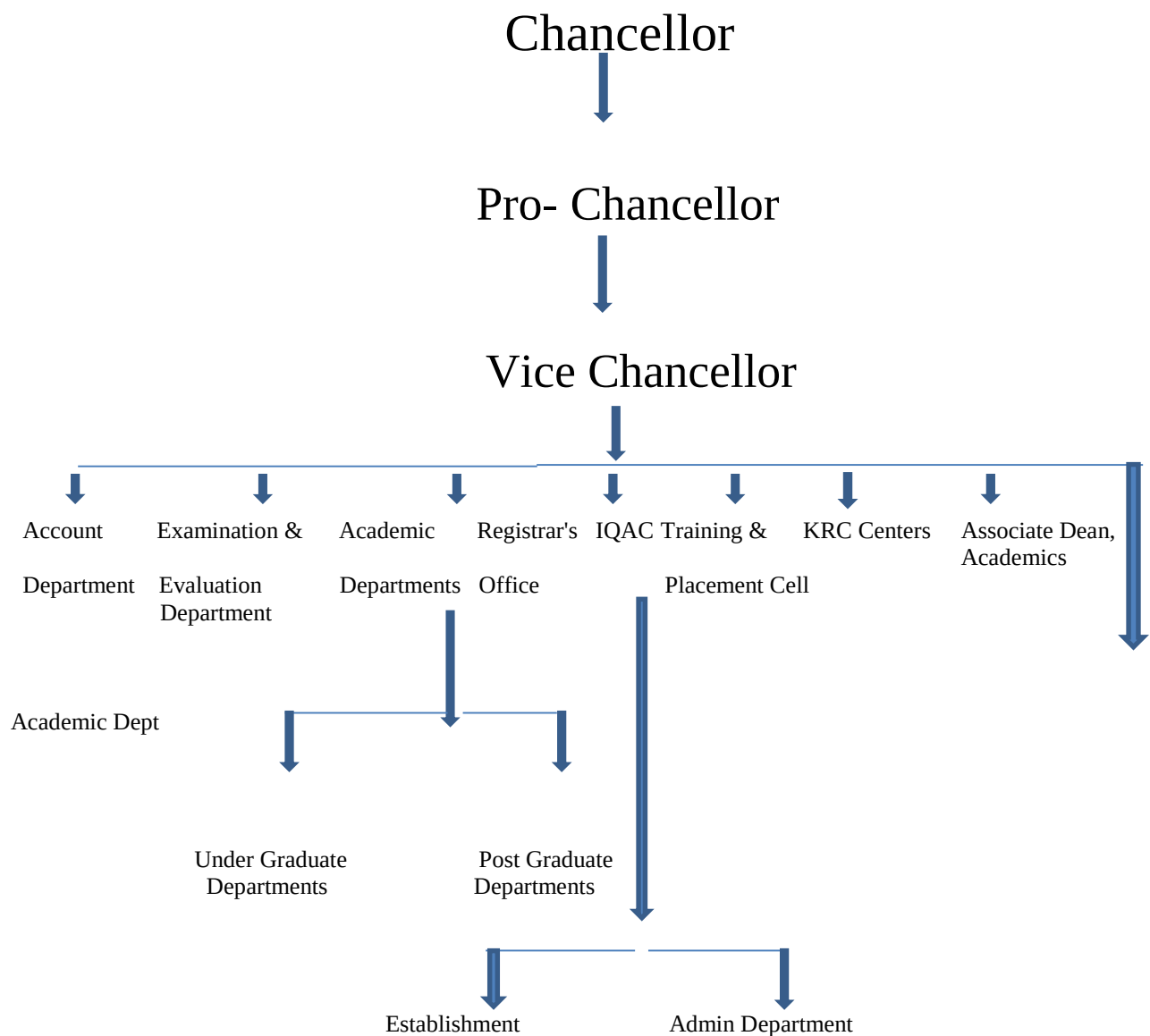
1. To develop in graduate, post graduate students and research scholars a sense of responsibility to serve the society by developing skills in legal services, judicial services and advocacy.
2. To become a teaching intensive university with equal focus on 'research' through dissemination of legal knowledge and to make law efficient instrument of human development.
3. To advance and disseminate knowledge of law research ensuring national development.

4. To bring legal awareness in the community through 'extension activities' by providing legal aid to the various sections of the society.
5. To prepare lawyers of tomorrow for handling legal issues of tomorrow.

Structure of the University

MNLU Organogram

Maharashtra National Law University Mumbai



The Governing Body is constituted under Section 11 of the MNLU Act VI of 2014.

Sr. No.	Functionary	Position
1	Hon'ble Justice Bhushan.R. Gavai Judge, Supreme Court of India and Chancellor of the Maharashtra National Law University Mumbai	Chairman
2	Hon'ble Mr. Justice Devendra Kumar Upadhyaya Chief Justice High Court of Bombay and The Pro-Chancellor of the Maharashtra National Law University Mumbai	Vice Chairman- Ex officio
3	Hon'ble Attorney General of India	Member
4.	Hon'ble Mr. Justice Prasanna B. Varale, Judge, Supreme Court of India	Member
5	Hon'ble Minister for Higher Education, State of Maharashtra	Member
6	Hon'ble Minister of Law, State of Maharashtra	Member
7	Hon'ble Smt. Justice Bharati H Dangre, Judge, High Court at Bombay	Member
8	Hon'ble Mr. Justice Sandeep V. Marne, Judge, High Court at Bombay	Member
9	Hon'ble Advocate General of Maharashtra	Member
10	The Chairperson, University Grants Commission	Member
11	The Chairman, Bar Council of India	Member
12	The Chairman, Bar Council of Maharashtra	Member
13	The Principal Secretary, Higher and Technical Education Department, Government of Maharashtra	Member

Sr. No.	Functionary	Position
14	The Secretary, Higher and Technical Education Department, Government of Maharashtra, Mumbai	Member
15	Prof. Dr. Sukhadeo Thorat, Indian Institute of Dalit Studies	Member
16	Dr. Balkrishan V. Sangvikar, Senior Professor, Department of Management Sciences (PUMBA), Savitribai Phule Pune University, Pune	Member
17	Prof. (Dr.) R. Venkata Rao, Vice-Chancellor, India International University of Legal Education and Research (IIULER), Goa	Member
18	Dr. Pravina Khobragade, Professor, Rashtrasant Tukadoji Maharaj Nagpur University's, Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar College of Law, Nagpur.	Member
19	Prof. (Dr.) S. Shanthakumar, Director, Gujarat National Law University	Member
The Vice-Chancellor of MNLU Mumbai serves as the Secretary of the General Council, acting as the Member-Secretary.		

The Executive Council is constituted under Section 15 of the MNLU Act 2014.

Sr.No.	Functionary	Position
1	Hon'ble Prof.(Dr.) Dilip Ukey Vice Chancellor, Maharashtra National Law University Mumbai	Chairperson
2	Hon'ble Smt. Justice Bharati H Dangre, Judge, High Court at Bombay	Member
3	The Principal Secretary, Higher & Technical Education Department, Govt. of Maharashtra	Member
4	The Principal Secretary, Finance Department, Govt. of Maharashtra	Member

Sr.No.	Functionary	Position
5	The Principal Secretary & RLA, Law and Judicial Dept., Govt. of Maharashtra	Member
6	Dr. Pravina Khobragade, Professor, Rashtrasant Tukadoji Maharaj Nagpur University's, Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar College of Law, Nagpur	Member
7	Prof. (Dr.) S. Shanthakumar, Director, Gujarat National Law University	Member
8	Dr. Pratapsinh B. Salunke, Associate Professor (Law), OSD-VC Office & Associate Dean, Maharashtra National Law University Mumbai	Member
9	Mr. Milind B. Gawai, Assistant Professor (Law), Maharashtra National Law University Mumbai.	Member
The Registrar of the Maharashtra National Law University, Mumbai shall be the Secretary of the Executive Council		

The Academic Council is constituted under Section 22 of the MNLU Act 2014.

Sr.No.	Functionary	Position
1	Hon'ble Prof.(Dr.) Dilip Ukey, Vice Chancellor, Maharashtra National Law University Mumbai.	Chairperson
2	Prof. (Dr.) V. C. Vivekanandan, Vice Chancellor, Hidayatullah National Law University, Raipur, Chhattisgarh	Member
3	Prof. (Dr.) Harpreet Kaur, Vice Chancellor, National Law University Jodhpur, Rajasthan	Member
4	Prof. Dr. Manoj Kumar Sinha, Vice Chancellor, Dharmashastra National Law University, Jabalpur Madhya Pradesh	Member
5	Adv. Ameet Mehta, Managing Partner, M/S. Solicis Lex, Advocated and solicitors, Government Nominee	Member
6	A Nominee of Bar Council Of India	Member
7	The Head of the Department (Post Graduate) MNLU Mumbai	Member
8	The Head of the Department (Under Graduate), MNLU Mumbai	Member

Sr.No.	Functionary	Position
9	Dr. Pratapsinh B. Salunke, Associate Professor (Law) MNLU Mumbai	Member
10	Mr. Milind Gawai, Assistant Professor (Law) MNLU Mumbai	Member
The Registrar of the Maharashtra National Law University, Mumbai shall be the Secretary of the Academic Council.		

The Standing Committee is constituted under Section 25(1) of the MNLU Act 2014.

Sr.No.	Functionary	Position
1	Hon'ble Smt. Justice Bharti Dangre, Judge, Bombay High Court	Chairperson
2	Hon'ble Prof. (Dr.) Dilip Ukey, Vice Chancellor, Maharashtra National Law University Mumbai.	Member
3	The Principal Secretary & RLA, Law And Judicial Dept., Govt. Of Maharashtra	Member
4	Dr. Pratapsinh B. Salunke Associate Professor (Law) MNLU Mumbai	Member
5	Mr. Milind Gavai Assistant Professor (Law) MNLU Mumbai	Member
6	The Registrar, MNLU Mumbai	Member Secretary

Board of Examinations

Sr.No.	Functionary	Position
1	Dr. Pratapsinh B. Salunke Associate Professor (Law) Associate Dean and OSD to Hon'ble Vice Chancellor office	Chairperson
2	Dr. Anand Raut – HoD PG	Member (Ex-Officio)
3	Mr. Sajid Shaikh – Asst Registrar Academic	Member (Ex-Officio)
4	Dr. Upamanyu Sengupta	Member
5	Ms. Shraddha Gaikwad	Member
6	Dr. Abhijit Rohi	Member
7	Controller of Examination	Ex-Officio

Sr.No.	Functionary	Position
8	Ms. Ranjitha Pillai - Data Entry Operator	Secretary

Finance Committee (Constituted under Section 25(1) of the MNLU Act, 2014)

Sr.No.	Functionary	Position
1	Hon'ble Prof. (Dr.) Dilip Ukey, Vice Chancellor, Maharashtra National Law University Mumbai.	Chairperson
2	The Principal Secretary, Higher & Technical Education Dept., Govt. Of Maharashtra	Member
3	The Additional Chief Secretary, Finance Dept., Govt. Of Maharashtra	Member
4	Director of Centre of Research in Criminal Justice (CRCJ) MNLU Mumbai	Member
5.	Director Of Centre For Information Communication Technology And Law (CICTL) MNLU Mumbai	Member
6	Mr. V. Giriraj, IAS (Retired)	Member
7	The Finance Officer, MNLU Mumbai	Member
8	MR. ANIL G. VARIATH, REGISTRAR I/c	Member Secretary

Standing Committee (Constituted under section 25 (1) of the MNLU Act, 2014)

Sr.No.	Functionary	Position
1	Hon'ble Smt. Justice Bharti Dangre, Judge, Bombay High Court	Chairperson
2	Hon'ble Prof. (Dr.) Dilip Ukey, Vice Chancellor, Maharashtra National Law University Mumbai.	Member
3	Dr. Pratapsinh B. Salunke Associate Professor (Law) Associate Dean and OSD to Hon'ble Vice Chancellor office	Member
4.	Mr. Milind Gawai, Assistant Professor of Law, MNLU Mumbai	Member
5.	The Registrar, MNLU Mumbai	Member Secretary

ABOUT THE PRO BONO CLUB MNLU

Speed Mentoring

On October 16, 2024, members of the Pro Bono Club, in partnership with PCGT, visited Mankhurd, a slum in Mumbai. This visit aimed to educate local children on constitutional fundamentals, including the preamble and their fundamental rights. The session, held at Jan Jagruti Vidhyarti Sangh, utilized storytelling, interactive quizzes, and games like dumb charades to engage the children and simplify complex legal concepts. The children responded enthusiastically, participating eagerly in discussions and games that encouraged understanding of justice and equality. Activities were designed to make learning enjoyable, with rewards such as chocolates and engaging games that fostered a lively, supportive environment. The visit was impactful, instilling a sense of empowerment and curiosity in the children about their rights. The initiative underscored the importance of legal awareness in underprivileged communities, creating lasting connections and providing valuable learning for both the children and the Pro Bono team.

Podcast

This report documents three significant podcast sessions conducted in October 2024 featuring distinguished legal experts discussing crucial aspects of India's legal system. The first session featured Dr. Sharmila Ghuge, Associate Professor at SVKM's Jitendra Chauhan College of Law, who provided valuable insights into Public Interest Litigation (PIL) as a tool for social justice and democratization. She emphasized PILs' role in bridging legal gaps for marginalized communities and advocated for incorporating PIL education in law school curricula. The second session hosted Dr. Shailesh Gandhi, former Central Information Commissioner, who discussed the Right to Information (RTI) Act's impact on transparency and governance. He shared experiences from his tenure, highlighting RTI's role in exposing corruption and promoting administrative accountability, while also addressing implementation challenges and future technological opportunities. The final session featured Advocate Arvind Giriraj, discussing the Real Estate Regulatory Authority (RERA) and its effectiveness in protecting homebuyers' rights. He addressed various aspects of RERA's grievance redressal mechanism, enforcement challenges, and recommendations for improving accessibility, particularly for vulnerable homebuyers and those in rural areas.

Street Play

As part of the Pro Bono Club's mission, the students organized two impactful street plays to raise awareness about fundamental rights among the general public. These events, held in September and October 2024, showcased the dedication and creativity of the law students in championing access to justice. The first street play focused on three pivotal rights: the right against wrongful detention, the right to a fair trial, and the right to free legal aid. Through engaging dialogue and realistic scenarios, the performance highlighted the significance of these constitutional safeguards in protecting individual freedoms and ensuring equality before the law. The second street play centered around the right to information, the right to profession and occupation, and the right to humane working conditions. Using the same student-led approach, the performance conveyed the empowering nature of these fundamental rights and their crucial role in upholding dignity and social justice. The street plays served as a powerful medium to connect with the community and inspire them to be vigilant about their constitutional protections.

Legal Assistance Lab

The Pro Bono Legal Assistance Lab demonstrates its commitment to justice by handling complex cases requiring legal expertise and empathy. In *Jayshree Chintal v. State of Maharashtra*, the lab defended accused family members by arguing procedural misuse in an FIR alleging harassment, steering the case toward mediation. In *Naveen John v. Zia Modi*, the lab supported a father in a custody battle, ensuring his voice was heard and advocating for the child's right to express her preferences, resulting in judicial acknowledgment of her autonomy. In *Akshay Subhash Kapre v. State of Maharashtra*, the team highlighted constitutional violations when police denied the petitioner rightful access to ancestral property, successfully advancing the case under Article 226 of the Constitution. Similarly, in *State of Maharashtra v. Shailesh Lavaniya*, the lab opposed bail for a POCSO accused, showcasing rigorous research and courtroom advocacy that led to bail denial. These efforts underscore the lab's purpose: to empower vulnerable individuals by navigating procedural complexities, upholding constitutional principles, and pursuing impactful remedies. For a competition, this body of work illustrates the lab's ability to blend technical acumen with a

passion for justice, making a tangible difference in the lives of those often overlooked by the legal system.

In a world where the scales of justice are frequently tipped in favour of the wealthy, everyone must have access to legal representation. Despite being intended to serve as an institution of equity, the legal framework frequently becomes a labyrinth that alienates marginalized and vulnerable communities. This dilemma raises a question that the legal academy has grappled with for a long time: how can the gap between legal services and those in dire need be bridged? The Pro Bono Club of the Maharashtra National Law University in Mumbai addresses this dilemma.

Within the legal community, it is general knowledge that access to justice is the fundamental right of every citizen. At the same time, the legal community is also well aware that the current legal structure makes access to legal services an extremely privileged right. This results in many people from underprivileged, underdeveloped, marginalized, and vulnerable communities being unable to access the legal information and assistance that they need.

Keeping this in mind, Maharashtra National Law University, Mumbai, aims to establish a Pro- Bono Club in the University. This Club will take the legal and academic talent of the University students and match them with ventures and projects to ensure that justice reaches even the marginalized and most vulnerable communities and people.

The Pro Bono Club of the Maharashtra National Law University in Mumbai stands as a beacon of hope in this challenging landscape. As an institution, it strives to dismantle the barriers that impede equal access to justice. The club serves as a conduit for Nyaya Bandhu, a Pro-Bono Legal Services Program that empowers law students to extend their expertise beyond the classroom. Through this program, they offer their legal skills and knowledge to public and private entities, including governmental departments and practicing lawyers, all with the noble purpose of providing legal assistance without charge.

OUR OBJECTIVES

Enroll the students of the University in the Nyaya Bandhu (Pro-Bono Legal Services Club) Programme to assist private and public bodies and persons like Government Departments and lawyers to carry out pro-bono work.

2. To facilitate undertakings and projects to give the students an opportunity to volunteer and work in favour of underprivileged communities. This is done with the aim of actually helping those in need and also allowing the student to explore the intricacies of social work and establish themselves as contributing professionals in society.
3. The Pro-Bono Club will be working on the 'Assisted Model', where it will be collaborating with governmental and private organizations, which in turn would improve the efficiency and efficacy of the Club in all its undertakings.

SPEED MENTORING

Gandhi Bal Mandir School Visit Report 5th September, 2024

A pro bono club specifically engages in volunteer work to provide free legal services, typically to support those in need or support various charitable causes. On September 05, 2024, at 9 AM, a group of pro bono associates visited a school, Gandhi Bal Mandir, located in Kurla West, Mumbai. It is a co-ed school. Pro Bono Associates organized an educational session at Gandhi Bal Mandir as part of our outreach program aimed at spreading awareness about fundamental legal and social issues. The session was attended by students from grades 5 to 10 and covered topics such as the Indian Constitution, the Preamble, cybersecurity, and good touch, bad touch. The interactive session aimed to equip students with knowledge essential for becoming responsible citizens and staying safe in the digital and real world.

We conducted 3 sessions each of around 30 mins on consent, good touch bad touch, menstrual hygiene, cyber security, constitution, and fundamental rights. Two separate sessions were conducted for boys and girls. The session with girls began with the most crucial topic, "good touch and bad touch, a sensitive yet vital topic for young students. Through simple language and role-playing activities, the associates explained the differences between touches that are safe and those that are uncomfortable or inappropriate. Students were encouraged to speak up if they ever

encountered a bad touch and were taught to recognize unsafe situations. This session empowered them to trust their instincts and seek help when needed. We also spoke about how to maintain menstrual hygiene and deal with the pain caused during menstruation.

The session continued with a brief overview of the Indian Constitution and its importance in shaping the country's laws and governance. The significance of the Preamble was explained in simple terms, with emphasis on values such as justice, liberty, equality, and fraternity. Through interactive discussions, the students shared their perspectives on how these values influence their lives and how they can practice them in their community. Following this, the focus shifted to cybersecurity, where the students were educated on the importance of safe online practices, protecting personal information, and recognizing cyberbullying.

The session with the boys began with the introduction of the Constitution and the preamble. The associates then emphasized the importance of cybersecurity and how to prevent cyberbullying. The session concluded by telling them about good touch and bad touch. Boys were also encouraged to open up to their parents and close ones about these types of incidents. The students were highly engaged throughout the sessions, actively participating in discussions and activities. Many shared their thoughts and asked questions, particularly on cybersecurity and personal safety, showing their eagerness to learn. Teachers also appreciated the initiative, noting how important it was to address these issues at a young age.

Overall, the visit was successful in its goal of equipping students with the knowledge to become more aware and responsible, both as digital users and as individuals in society. Pro Bono Associates plans to continue similar programs in other schools to further their mission of promoting legal and social awareness among children.

Mankhurd Visit Report 16th October, 2024

The club collaborated with PCGT for the visit. PCGT (Public Concern for Governance Trust), which is a non-profit organization located in Mumbai, was founded in the year 2002 with the primary objective of fighting corruption and promoting good governance in the country. The organization came into force primarily by the efforts of Dr R. K. Anand and Mr. Dara Gandhi,

who had successfully challenged the transfer of an honest police officer through a PIL in the Bombay High Court. PCGT Mumbai concentrates its efforts on various fronts to achieve its goals.

One of its key approaches is to focus on influencing the younger generation by imparting ethical and moral values at the school and college levels. By instilling these values, PCGT aims to develop responsible citizens who will contribute to a corruption-free society. The organization has been successful in engaging and inspiring young individuals, as evidenced by the significant number of interns who volunteer to work with PCGT to further its mission.



On October 16, 2024, at 2:00 pm, a group of Pro Bono Associates, along with the PCGT team, visited a community centre named Jan Jagruti Vidhyarti Sangh in Mankhurd, a slum in Mumbai, to spread legal awareness. The main Aim of the visit was to educate the children about their fundamental rights, the preamble of our constitution. Members of the Pro Bono Club engaged with local children by teaching them about the Indian Constitution, its preamble, and fundamental rights. The session began with an engaging introduction to the significance of the Constitution, highlighting its role in ensuring justice and equality. Members used storytelling and relatable examples to make complex concepts accessible.

Interactive quizzes were designed to reinforce learning, with questions tailored to the children's understanding. Chocolates were given to the children to encourage them to participate. This encouraged friendly competition and sparked their enthusiasm. The atmosphere was further enhanced by playing games like dumb charades, where kids expressed fundamental rights

through gestures, making the learning process fun and memorable. The laughter and excitement during these activities created a vibrant environment, allowing the children to absorb knowledge while enjoying themselves.



Response of the Children

The children's enthusiasm was palpable from the moment the session began. As they listened to the stories about the Constitution, they were filled with curiosity. During the interactive quizzes, they eagerly raised their hands, excited to answer questions. Friendly competition sparked lively discussions among them, and they cheered each other on, creating a supportive atmosphere. The highlight was definitely the dumb charades game, where kids expressed fundamental rights through gestures. Laughter filled the room as they mimicked scenarios, showcasing their creativity and understanding in a playful way. Many children shared their own thoughts on what justice and equality meant to them, revealing a newfound pride in their knowledge of the Constitution. The entire experience not only educated them about their rights but also empowered them to feel more connected to their role in society. They left the session inspired, eager to learn more and share what they had learned with their families and friends. Overall, it was a memorable day that combined learning with joy, fostering a sense of community and curiosity among the children.

In conclusion, our visit to the slums of Mankhurd was a rewarding experience that fostered meaningful interactions with the children. By teaching them about the Constitution, the Preamble of India, and Fundamental Rights, we aimed to empower them with knowledge. The engaging activities, including quizzes and Dumb Charades, not only made learning enjoyable but also strengthened our connection with the community. This initiative highlighted the importance of education and awareness, leaving a positive impact on both the children and our team.



Rabale Visit

On October 18th, 2024, at 10:00 am, a group of Pro Bono Associates, along with the PCGT team, visited a community center in Rabale, an area in Navi Mumbai. This community center was the hub of the 'Children of the World Trust, Rabale'. The main Aim of the visit was to educate the children about their fundamental rights, the Indian Constitution, and traffic rules, along with road safety. Members of the Pro Bono Club engaged with local children by teaching them about the Indian Constitution, their fundamental rights, and traffic rules. The session began with an engaging introduction to the significance of the Constitution, highlighting the role of fundamental rights in ensuring justice and equality. Members used storytelling and relatable examples to make complex concepts accessible. With questions catered to the kids' comprehension, interactive tests were created to promote learning. To get the kids involved, chocolates were distributed to them. This ignited their passion and promoted healthy competitiveness. Providing real-life examples that children can relate to further improves the environment and makes learning enjoyable and memorable. The lively atmosphere created by

the engagement and enthusiasm throughout these activities allowed the kids to learn while having fun.

Response of the Children

The children's enthusiasm was palpable from the moment the session began. As they listened to the stories about the Constitution, they were filled with curiosity. During the interactive quizzes, they eagerly raised their hands, excited to answer questions. Friendly competition sparked lively discussions among them, and they cheered each other on, creating a supportive atmosphere. The highlight was definitely the children getting excited over various models of cars when the traffic rules were introduced. The children enjoyed the games and activities that the members had planned for them. Activities such as role play further helped them to understand the topics being taught. Laughter filled the room as they mimicked scenarios, showcasing their creativity and

Understanding in a playful way. Many children shared their own thoughts on what justice and equality meant to them, revealing a newfound pride in their knowledge of the Constitution. The entire experience not only educated them about their rights but also empowered them to feel more connected to their role in society. Furthermore, the children also understood the importance of road safety and traffic rules with the help of real-life examples and games. They left the session inspired, eager to learn more and share what they had learned with their families and friends. Overall, it was a memorable day that combined learning with joy, fostering a sense of community and curiosity among the children.

PODCAST

Podcast Report on Public Interest Litigation with Dr. Sharmila Ghuge

October 22, 2024

Hosts: Anurag Shelke, Shantanu Mhaske

Guest: Dr. Sharmila Ghuge

Introduction

In our recent podcast session on October 22, 2024, we had the privilege of engaging with Dr. Sharmila Ghuge, a renowned Associate Professor at SVKM's Jitendra Chauhan College of Law, Mumbai. With impressive credentials in the legal field, Dr. Ghuge has contributed immensely to the discourse on Public Interest Litigations (PILs) in India. Her commitment to legal education, social reform, and advocacy has been acknowledged through multiple awards, including the Global Women's Inspiration Award, the Best Teacher Award, and the Research Excellence Award. Dr. Ghuge's extensive background, including her filed Public Interest Litigations in both the Supreme Court and Bombay High Court, set the stage for an enriching conversation on the transformative impact of PILs in promoting access to justice.

This session aimed to explore how PILs have evolved, their role in enforcing constitutional rights, challenges within the current system, and the inspiration behind Dr. Ghuge's work in this field. Her insights gave us an in-depth understanding of PILs as tools of democratization, empowerment, and social reform, particularly for marginalized communities.

Dr. Ghuge began by contextualizing the evolution of PILs in India, explaining how they emerged as judicial innovations aimed at ensuring access to justice for all. Initially, PILs were introduced to provide a mechanism for marginalized and disadvantaged groups who lacked the resources to represent themselves. Over time, PILs became a powerful instrument through which the judiciary could intervene in matters where government inaction had left significant social issues unaddressed. She emphasized how PILs broadened the traditional locus standi rule, enabling even those with no personal stake to advocate for the public good.



Dr. Ghuge shared that this shift was instrumental in giving voice to communities that were historically silenced or overlooked. By allowing concerned individuals or groups to file PILs on behalf of others, the judiciary created a bridge between the legal system and marginalized populations. She noted several landmark cases where PILs helped reform areas such as environmental protection and women's safety.

In response to a question on how PILs bridge gaps for marginalized groups, Dr. Ghuge eloquently described PILs as tools of empowerment. She explained that PILs give marginalized communities, often deprived of legal representation, a direct pathway to the justice system. With a proactive judiciary, PILs serve as channels through which societal voices, often ignored by legislative or executive branches, find recognition and redress. The discussion highlighted the judiciary's proactive role in entertaining PILs, which, according to Dr. Ghuge, has substantially impacted public welfare. She praised the judiciary's willingness to address social issues, noting that its proactive stance has often served as a check on administrative and legislative inaction. This judicial activism, she explained, is central to India's democratic structure as it holds government agencies accountable and prevents them from ignoring their constitutional obligations. She also discussed structural and procedural hurdles in filing PILs, particularly for individuals from rural or economically disadvantaged backgrounds. She suggested creating legal aid frameworks within the PIL mechanism to assist those who lack the means or knowledge to initiate litigation.

The conversation became deeply personal as Dr. Ghuge reflected on her motivations for engaging in PILs. She recounted instances where her PILs had positively impacted society. These cases, she shared, were not only legally significant but also transformative in terms of social impact, as they provided immediate relief and empowered communities to advocate for their rights.

To conclude, Dr. Ghuge spoke passionately about the need to encourage young lawyers and law students to view PILs as powerful tools for social change. She urged legal educators to incorporate PIL-related content into law school curricula to foster a sense of social responsibility among future lawyers. Through her own experiences, she conveyed how engaging with PILs can be both professionally fulfilling and socially impactful, inspiring younger generations to take on similar challenges.

This podcast session with Dr. Sharmila Ghuge provided an insightful exploration of Public Interest Litigation in India. Her experience, passion, and commitment to social justice illuminated the many facets of PILs, from their role in bridging legal gaps for marginalized communities to their impact on policy reform. This discussion enriched our understanding of PILs not just as legal instruments but as catalysts for social change, and it underscored the judiciary's vital role in maintaining democratic accountability. Through Dr. Ghuge's insights, we gained a profound appreciation for PILs as essential tools in the pursuit of a more just and equitable society.

Podcast on Right to Information with Dr. Shailesh Gandhi

October 21, 2024

Hosts: Vedant Mainkar, Devarshi Shirsat

Assisted by: Ashya Agarwal, Aashna Nayyar

Guest: Dr. Shailesh Gandhi

Introduction

In our October 21, 2024, podcast, we had an insightful conversation with Dr. Shailesh Gandhi, a distinguished advocate for transparency and the Right to Information (RTI) in India. A former

Central Information Commissioner, Dr. Gandhi, has been instrumental in promoting the RTI Act as a mechanism to empower citizens and improve governance. His unique background, having transitioned from a successful business career to full-time RTI activism, set the stage for an engaging discussion on RTI's potential to bring accountability and transparency to the Indian administrative system. This podcast session explored the transformative power of RTI, challenges within its implementation, and ways to enhance citizen empowerment through information access.

Dr. Gandhi began by sharing his journey from entrepreneurship to activism, detailing how he became passionately involved in the RTI movement. His transition was driven by a desire to make public institutions more accountable and transparent. Reflecting on his tenure as Central Information Commissioner, he described this experience as both challenging and fulfilling. His activism, motivated by a belief in citizens' sovereign rights to government-held information, underscored the RTI Act's fundamental role in democratizing governance.

A memorable question posed by one of the hosts talks about a defining RTI case from Dr. Gandhi's time as CIC that showcased the power of RTI in ensuring justice. Dr. Gandhi shared impactful examples, including instances where RTI requests exposed corruption, delays, and administrative inefficiencies, resulting in significant changes within the concerned departments. This experience reinforced his belief in RTI's capacity to serve as a tool for citizen empowerment. The discussion then shifted to RTI's role in promoting timely and effective justice. Dr. Gandhi has long advocated for time-bound responses within the justice system, and he noted that RTI plays a crucial role in expediting justice delivery. Through RTI, citizens can quickly obtain crucial information that may otherwise take years to uncover, potentially preventing injustices and providing timely recourse. He explained how RTI has enhanced transparency by compelling public officials to disclose information and thereby act more responsibly.

Dr. Gandhi also highlighted several RTI cases that led to significant policy reforms, particularly those concerning human rights violations and government accountability. In response to questions about the intersection between RTI and whistleblower protections, Dr. Gandhi argued for stronger protections for individuals who use RTI to expose misconduct. He suggested that the RTI framework should be reinforced to protect those who risk personal safety in pursuit of

public welfare. A core theme of the conversation was the challenges encountered in implementing RTI effectively, particularly at the grassroots level. Dr. Gandhi discussed the obstacles that rural and marginalized communities face when attempting to utilize RTI. Language barriers, lack of legal knowledge, and fear of retaliation often deter individuals from submitting RTI applications. To address these issues, Dr. Gandhi proposed an increased focus on regional languages in RTI processes and advocated for community awareness programs to educate citizens on their rights under the Act.

Dr. Gandhi shared his thoughts on the future of the RTI Act, expressing optimism about the potential of technology to improve access to information. He discussed how digital platforms can make filing RTI requests more accessible and reduce processing times. However, he also voiced concerns regarding possible threats to RTI, such as bureaucratic resistance, attempts to limit the Act's scope, and misuse of RTI for personal or political gains. He recommended vigilance to ensure that amendments to the Act do not compromise citizens' access to critical information.

When asked about RTI's capacity to adapt to modern governance needs, Dr. Gandhi envisioned a future where transparency is embedded within government operations, potentially reducing the need for formal RTI requests. He proposed that technological advancements like artificial intelligence and blockchain could play transformative roles in creating automated systems for information dissemination, thus pre-emptively addressing citizens' needs for data.

RTI has empowered Indian citizens to hold public officials accountable, and Dr. Gandhi stressed this point by sharing success stories where RTI led to the exposure of significant corruption and inefficiencies. He described RTI as a tool that allows citizens to challenge wrongful acts and demand accountability, especially within government departments that handle public funds. Notable cases of RTI's impact include instances where citizens, empowered with information, were able to stop misappropriation of resources and secure better public services for their communities.

Dr. Gandhi closed the discussion by addressing the younger generation of lawyers and activists. He emphasized that RTI is a powerful instrument for social change and urged law students to view it as an integral tool in their pursuit of justice and equity. He encouraged the audience to

actively engage with RTI, not only in professional capacities but also as citizens committed to transparent governance. He shared personal anecdotes about cases that provided him with a sense of fulfilment, inspiring young listeners to see RTI as a way to positively impact society. Dr. Gandhi called for law schools to incorporate RTI education into their curricula, helping students understand both the theoretical and practical applications of the Act. This podcast session with Dr. Shailesh Gandhi provided a deep and comprehensive understanding of the RTI Act's transformative role in Indian society. From his experiences as an activist and Central Information Commissioner, Dr. Gandhi illuminated RTI's power to promote transparency, combat corruption, and empower citizens.

Podcast on RERA with Adv. Arvind Giriraj

Introduction

In our October 25, 2024, podcast, we had the privilege of speaking with Adv. Arvind Giriraj is an accomplished lawyer with extensive experience in both arbitration and trial law. With over 100 arbitration cases and more than 500 trials under his belt, Arvind is widely regarded as one of the most seasoned advocates in his field. A graduate of Gujarat National Law University, where he earned his B.Com., LL.B. (Hons.), he further specialized with a Master's in Business Laws and is also a licentiate in Company Secretaryship.

Arvind's impressive legal career spans corporate, contractual, real estate, and succession law. He has represented a diverse clientele, including prominent companies, sports federations, and professionals in the cinema industry. Known for his commitment to client advocacy, Arvind combines versatility and depth in his legal practice, making him a preferred counsel often briefed by leading law firms. During this session, we explored his perspectives on the Real Estate Regulatory Authority (RERA) and its critical role in protecting homebuyers.

Discussion Highlights

Accessibility of RERA's Grievance Redressal Mechanism

Arvind discussed RERA's grievance redressal system and its accessibility to the average homebuyer, particularly those without a legal background. He shared insights on specific provisions designed to simplify the process for laypersons.

RERA's Role in Reducing Justice Delays

We examined how effectively RERA has minimized delays in justice for homebuyers impacted by project setbacks. Arvind shared observations on the frequency of timely resolutions.

Protections to Prevent Costly Litigation

Arvind highlighted the crucial protections RERA offers to help homebuyers avoid lengthy and costly litigation, focusing on mechanisms that shield buyers from unnecessary legal battles.

Enforcing Transparency from Developers

The discussion moved to RERA's enforcement of transparency requirements. Arvind assessed how these requirements protect homebuyers from potential fraud, noting areas where improvements may be necessary.

Compensation for Developer Financial Mismanagement

Arvind outlined the process available for homebuyers seeking compensation or refunds under RERA in cases of financial mismanagement by developers and discussed its accessibility and efficiency.

Challenges in RERA's Appellate System

Common obstacles faced by homebuyers in RERA's appellate system were addressed, with Arvind providing insight into initiatives aimed at making appeals more accessible and efficient.

Faculty Accomplishments and Achievements

1. Name of the Faculty : Dr. Rohit B. Jadhav

Designation: Assistant Professor in Economics

Joining date: 1st October, 2016.

Identity Card: MNLU 008

(A) Research Paper Publication :

International Research Journal of Multidisciplinary Research- Peer-Reviewed Journals.

1. Multidisciplinary Scholarly Research Association, India & Aarhat Publication and Aarhat Journals

Title of Paper:

Book Review: India-china boundary problem 1846–1947 – history and diplomacy by a. G. Noorani.

ISSN P-2455-0515 E-2394-8450, Volume–XII, Issues–III, May – June 2025, Impact Factor: 8.182,

DOI: [10.5281/erj.15762547](https://doi.org/10.5281/erj.15762547)

2. Multidisciplinary Scholarly Research Association, India & Aarhat Publication and Aarhat Journals

Title of Paper:

Book review: China and India – towards global economic supremacy? By Rita Dulci Rahman and Jose Miguel Andreu

ISSN-2278-5655, Volume–XIII, Issue– VI, Nov -Dec, 2024, SJIF Impact Factor: 8.343

DOI: [10.5281/amierj.15762571](https://doi.org/10.5281/amierj.15762571)

(B) Conference/Seminar/Workshop/Training/Discussion/Talk Delivered/Attended

1. one Patent – AI based device for digital education.

Registration no. 14-02, date 20/03/2025, Design no. 452232-001.

2. Invited as Chair Professor for the International Conference of Law and Economics at GNLU, Gujrat, India. 8th GNLU International Conference on Economic Analysis of Law on 19th – 1, 2 and 3 March 2025.

3. Invited: Board of Study Meeting Deogiri College @ Thu 6 Feb 2025 12:30 - 13:30) by Deogiri college, Ch. Sambhaji nagar, Maharashtra as member of BOS.

4. Invited: Board of Study Meeting Deogiri College 5th September 2025 12:30 - 13:30) by Deogiri college, Ch. Sambhaji nagar, Maharashtra as member of BOS.

(C) Lecture(s) delivered at Faculty Development Program/ Professional Training

1. Invited as Guest Speaker by Dept. of political science, cha. Sambhaji Nagar, MH for subject of “competitions and Political science” on 21st Feb, 2025.

2. Invited as Guest speaker by Dept. of Law, D.Y.Patil Univsrity, Navi Mumbai, and MH for the subject of some topics in “Indian Economy and International trade” in January and March 2025.

(D) Supervised LL.M Dissertations

1. LL.M- Ketan Swaraj Nair
Topic of dissertation - Banking Crises in India: An Analysis of Regulatory Failures and International Insights for Policy Reform.
2. **Evaluated the M.A. – Mediation P.G. Course’s Final Dissertations.**
 - A) **Mrs. Shambhavi Singh**
Topic of dissertation – Family Dispute in India
 - B) **Manoj V Daisaria**
Topic of dissertation - Redevelopment in Mumbai

(E) Project ongoing

I received a minor research project in March 2025 for Rupees 9.5 lakhs from ICSSR, New Delhi.

Project Title:- “An Analytical Study of PDS System in Providing Food Security in India”

Project Director: Dr Rohit B Jadhav, Assistant Professor

Project Co- Director: Dr Jayan T.

Funding: ICSSR, New Delhi, File No.14/2024-25/ICSSR/RP/MN/SC

2. Name of the Faculty: Dr. Sampada Jagannath Kangane

Designation: Assistant Professor (Law)

Joining date: 23/01/2013

Identity Card: MNLU88

(B1) Co-authored in the Book:

Title of Book- Live in Relationship Laws in India- Legal Protections and Moral Predilections

Title of Chapter: Notion of Live-in Relationship in India: Myth or Reality?

(F) Conference/Seminar/Workshop/Training/Discussion/Talk Delivered/Attended

Presented paper titled ‘Language and Educational Equity: Bridging the gap to ensure education for all’ in 13th Symbiosis Annual International Research Conference- Rule of Law: Just World Order, Digital Life, AI, and Emerging Technologies on 26th April 2025

(G) Lecture(s) delivered at Faculty Development Program/ Professional Training/Attended Programmes

Participation in One Week Faculty Development Program on ‘Teaching Pedagogy of the Constitution of India: New Dimensions During 75 Years of Journey’ organized by Faculty of Law, Vivekananda Global University, Jaipur from 20th January 2025 to 26th January 2025.

Participation in One Week Faculty Development Program on ‘The Study of New Criminal Law: From Colonial to Modern Era’ organized by Faculty of Law, ICFAI University Tripura from 15th-21st of July, 2024

Attended Refresher Course in ‘Mental Health Literacy for Educators’ conducted by the Malaviya Mission Teacher Training Centre (erstwhile UGC-HRDC), The University of Burdwan from 01.07.2025 to 14.07.2025

Centre Achievements

1. Name of the Centre: Centre for Research in Public Law, Policy and Jurisprudence

Name of Director: Dr. Sampada Kangane Joint Co-ordinator- Mr. Milind Gawai

Conference/Seminar/Workshop/Training/Discussion/Talk Organised:

1. Two days National conference on 'Endurance of the Constitution of India: A Journey of 75 Years of Transformation and the March Ahead'

The Centre conducted this conference on 6th and 7th April 2024 which saw around 120 participants. The mode of the conference was hybrid in nature. The aim of the Conference was to understand the evolution of the different areas under constitutional law and have an overview at the 75 years of the Indian Constitution. Through the paper presentations made during the Conference, along with 75 years of the Indian Constitution, the way ahead for the Constitution of India was also discussed.

This conference was organized in collaboration with School of Law, Bennet University (BUSOL), Delhi.

2. Two days National Conference on 'Towards Inclusive Society: An Interdisciplinary Perspective on Social Justice'

The Centre conducted this conference on 26th and 27th April 2024 which saw around 100 participants. The mode of the conference was hybrid in nature. The aim of the Conference was to delve into the socio-economic dimensions of social justice, focusing on the representation and participation of the marginalised groups. Special emphasis was put on exploring the constitutional safeguards for the Scheduled Castes (SC) and Scheduled Tribes (ST), along with assessing the contemporary challenges related to the reservation policy. Through the paper presentations made during the Conference, the Conference also aimed to facilitate a comparative analysis of the affirmative action policies, drawing insights from diverse experiences to enhance the understanding of their impact on social equity and inclusion.

April 1, 2025 to October 15, 2025

2. Name of the Centre: Centre for Research in Public Law, Policy and Jurisprudence

Name of Director: Dr. Sampada Kangane Joint Co-ordinator- Mr. Milind Gawai

Conference/Seminar/Workshop/Training/Discussion/Talk Organised:

A. Panel Discussion on "One Nation, One Election: A Democratic Reform or a Constitutional Dilemma?"

The center organized this panel discussion on 6th April 2025 (Sunday) at MNLU Mumbai in association with Public Concern for Governance Trust (PCGT). The panel discussion was attended by around 300 participants, both online and offline. As the electoral process is the bedrock of democracy in Bharat, ensuring governance and representation based on the people's will. The concept of One Nation, One Election has been proposed as a transformative reform to synchronize elections for the Lok Sabha, State Legislative Assemblies, and local bodies. However, the fundamental question remains: Does this reform strengthen or dilute the democratic ethos of Bharat? Given the significant constitutional, legal, and governance implications, the aim of this panel discussion was to bring together experts to critically examine the viability, challenges, and constitutional ramifications of the One Nation, One Election proposal.

2. Distinguished Lecture Series on 'The Role of the UN in Global Security & Core Crimes of International Criminal Law' by Hon. Mr. Justice Mohan Peiris, Former Chief Justice, Supreme Court of Sri Lanka.

This lecture series was scheduled on 7th & 8th April 2025 at MNLU Mumbai. This lecture series was organised for in-house students of MNLU Mumbai wherein around 120 students attended the same. The aim of the lecture series was to acquaint the students on role of United Nations in the cases of global security and what are the core crimes of international criminal law.

(B) Any other Activity of the Centre:

1. **The Lok Sabha Secretariat** sent the letter to the University to seek response on **the Constitution (129th Amendment) Bill, 2024, and The Union Territories Laws (Amendment) Bill, 2024**, introducing ‘One Nation One Election’. The centre conducted extensive research through its members for this purpose and submitted the response to the Registrar office on 10th May 2025.

2. Similar response like Point 1 was also intended by a **Joint Committee of both the Houses of Parliament** headed by Shri P.P. Chaudhary, MP and it was submitted by the Centre to the Registrar office on 15th September 2025.

Alternative Dispute Resolution Society

Achievements in Mediation Competition

Best Mediator at 5th GNLU ALSF Mediation Competition, 2024

- Winning Negotiating Pair at 4th NMIMS Annual Mediation Competition, 2025
- Winning Negotiating Pair at 1st Nitin Patil Memorial SymArbitrate Advocacy Deal Mediation Competition, 2025
- Winning Negotiating Pair at Symbhav Deal Mediation Competition, 2025
- Best Mediator at 9th 2TG-RMLNLU Mediation Competition, 2025
- Best Mediator at Symbhav Deal Mediation Competition, 2025
- Best Mediator at 3rd Xavier Mediation Competition, 2025
- Best Mediator at 1st Nitin Patil Memorial Sym Arbitrate Advocacy Deal Mediation Competition, 2025
- Best Mediator at 4th NMIMS Annual Mediation Competition, 2025
- Best Mediator at 2nd ICFAI Mediation Competition, 2025
- 2nd Runners – Up Negotiating Pair at Mediation Championship India by the PACT, 2025
- Runner-Up Team at 5th AZB-GLC National ADR Triathlon, 2025
- Runners – Up Negotiating Pair at 6th UPES Madhyastham Mediation Challenge, 2025
- Runners – Up Negotiating Pair at 7th RGNUL Sports and Entertainment Law Mediation Competition 2025

Achievements in Negotiation Competition

- Winners at 2nd National Negotiation Competition, 2024 organised by the Infinity Lexathon Society, 2024
- Winners at Symbhav Deal Negotiation Competition, 2025
- Winners at 2nd GAJE-NLOU National Negotiation Competition, 2025

Achievements in Client Counselling Competitions

Runners-Up at Client Counselling Segment at NH-65, 2024 [Cultural Fest of NLUJ]

- Runners-Up at Brown Mosten International Client Consultation Competition, 2025 [India Rounds.
- **Name of the Centre:** Centre For Applied Research In Public Health Law, Rights And Policies
- **Name of Coordinator/ Centre In charge/ Director:** Mr Amit Kumar, Assistant Professor of Law
- **Conference/Seminar/Workshop/Training/Discussion/Talk Organised:**
- **Call for Papers: Virtual Summit on Gender, Data, Technology, and Health on 12th and 13th October, 2024**
CPHL and Pro Bono released a call for papers for a **Virtual Summit** focused on the intersection of gender, data, technology, and health. The initiative sought to bring together interdisciplinary perspectives on topics such as digital privacy, bias in healthcare systems, and gender equity in data governance. This event broadened academic participation beyond the university, inviting contributions from law students, scholars, and professionals across India.
- **Yuvak Biradari (Bharat) Policy Drafting & Presentation Competition 2025** on 13th and 14th September, 2025
Policy Drafting and Presentation Competition 2025, organised in collaboration with *Yuvak Biradari (Bharat)* and the *Pro Bono Club, MNLU Mumbai and CPHL*. This event provided students with an opportunity to develop innovative policy frameworks addressing current challenges in public health law and governance.
- **Any Journal Publication/ Book Publication:**
- Blog and Online Publications – The Centre’s blog functioned as a space for student publications and research dissemination. Articles published during this period explored pressing issues such as vaccine equity, reproductive autonomy, mental health reforms, and the legal regulation of emerging health technologies.

Centre for Advanced Legal Studies, Training and Research (CALSTAR).

NAME OF COORDINATOR/ CENTRE IN CHARGE/ DIRECTOR: Ms. Aastha Tiwari

CONFERENCE/SEMINAR/WORKSHOP/TRAINING/DISCUSSION/TALK ORGANISED:

1. Workshop on Emerging Technologies and Cyber-crime – 4th May, 2024.
2. Expert Discussion and Conference on Child Independent Lawyer (CIL) – 5th October, 2024.
3. National Symposium on AI: Privacy, Security and AI (in association with CICTL) – 5th April, 2025.
4. Online Training Session on “How to Prepare for Judicial Services) – 28th September, 2025.

ANY JOURNAL PUBLICATION/ BOOK PUBLICATION:

Book on Child Independent Lawyer published by CAPT, Bhopal and BPR&D.

1. INAUGURATION OF THE FORUM FOR COMMERCIAL AND CORPORATE LAWS (FCCL)

The Centre for Training and Research in Commercial Regulations (CTRRCR) at Maharashtra National Law University, Mumbai, inaugurated the Forum on Commercial and Corporate Laws (FCCL), a significant academic and professional initiative under its umbrella. This newly Launched Forum aims to provide a collaborative platform for students, academicians, and practitioners to engage in critical discussions on corporate and commercial law themes such as antitrust, arbitration, insolvency, taxation, ESG, and intellectual property. The Forum seeks to cultivate scholarly exchange and policy dialogue through regular calls for submissions and interdisciplinary collaborations. With this initiative, CTRRCR reaffirms its commitment to nurturing informed dialogue on evolving legal challenges in corporate governance and commercial regulations.

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Name of Faculty Convener/Centre In charge: ASST. PROF. SHRADDHA GAIKWAD

Conference/Seminar/Workshop/Training/Discussion/Talk Organised:

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- 1) National Level Webinar jointly organised by the DPIIT IPR Chair, Centre for Research in IP (CRIP) MNLU Mumbai and Bombay Science Librarians Association (BOSLA), commemorating World Intellectual Property Day. This esteemed event promises an insightful exploration into the theme of "**Intellectual Property Rights & Innovations.**" Date: 29th April 2024.

3. Academic Work (Curriculum Development and Teaching activities) in regard to IPR undertaken by the University.

- 1) Online Certificate Course on Indian Patenting System- 28th June 2024- 5th July 2024.
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- 8) Ms. Darsana RS was invited as a Resource Person for a seminar on Intellectual Property Rights and Health on 12th April 2024 by Amity Law School, Mumbai.
- 9) 17 students admitted under LL.M. Programme with specialization in IPR in the Academic Year 2024-2025
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- 13) Mr. Abhijith Rohi was invited a resource person for the Faculty Development Program on IPR scheduled on September 23, 2024 to address the participants on the topic “Introduction to Industrial designs: Subject Matter of Industrial Designs and Criteria for Protection” at Maharashtra National Law University, Nagpur.
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Internship Tirthaj Mishra, Student of B.A., LL.B. (Hons.), MNLU Mumbai from 1st to 30th June 2024.
5. Research Activities undertaken the University in regard to IPR.
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6. Books and Journals purchased by the University under the Budget Head of Books and Journals.
7. Works undertaken by JRF/SRF scholars if engaged by the University.

8. Events/Outreach Programs in regard to IPR conducted by the University, if any.

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2. Any other details or works undertaken by the University, if any.

- a. Dr. Sajid Sheikh, Assistant Professor (Law), as a resource person participated in a panel discussion "Creating, Enabling, and Growing MSMEs through IPR" at the "Bharat IP Yatra & GI Mahotsav," organized by the India SME Forum in Thane, Mumbai, on March 17, 2025.
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List of Programs Offered by the University

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1	B.A., LL.B. (Hons.)	2024-2029
2	LL.M. (Full time one year)	2024-2025
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4	M.A. (Executive) in Mediation and Conflict Resolution	2024-2026
6	Ph.D.	2024-2025
7	PG Diploma in Arbitration and Mediation	2024-2025
8	One year LL.M. program in Investment and Securities Laws (In association with NiSM)	2024-2025

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IQAC Activities for AY 2024 - 2025

IQAC has conducted 4 regular meetings in this year. Some internal meetings were also conducted.

The IQAC has prepared the programme structure, modified the syllabus format, drafted and proposed programme outcomes, course outcomes for all the regular programmes at the University. On March 16, 2024, a workshop on mapping the POs, COs, and teaching methods was organized.

The IQAC also performed the task of benchmarking of each of the matrix for NAAC accreditation. It has drafted the formats for conduct of 6 audits of the University viz. Academic Audit, Administrative Audit, KRC Audit, Question paper audit, Environmental Audit and Gender Audit.

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For better organisation and management, IQAC proposed categorising the Budget Heads at finance office. Exam Department and Central Library are renamed as 'Examination and Evaluation Department' and 'Knowledge Resource Centre' respectively. The structure and scope of the KRC was redefined.

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MOUs

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1	DOGRA LAW COLLEGE BARI BRAHMANA JAMMU	01.01.2024	01.01.2030
2	DEPARTMENT OF LEGAL STUDIES AND RESEARCH BARKATULLAH UNIVERSITY BHOPAL	09.01.2024	08.01.2030
3	FAMILY COURT BAR ASSOCIATION MUMBAI	24.01.2024	23.01.2026
4	KNOWLEDGENTIA CONSULTANTS	07.03.2024	06.03.2030
5	SAVITRIBAI PHULE PUNE UNIVERSITY PUNE	01.04.2024	30.03.2030
6	MAHARASHTRA SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION LIMITED MSSIDCL	24.04.2024	23.04.2025
7	ROTARY CLUB OF NAVI MUMBAI	27.05.2024	26.05.2025
8	SME FORUM	15.06.2024	14.06.2028
9	DHARMASHTRA NATIONAL LAW UNIVERSITY JABALPUR MP	31.07.2024	30.07.2028
10	MUMBAI GRAHAK PANCHAYAT	09.10.2024	08.10.2028
11	DR. RAJENDRA PRASAD NATIONAL LAW UNIVERSITY PRAYAGRAJ UP	26.11.2024	
12	NATIONAL LEGAL SERVICES AUTHORITY (NALSA)	01.03.2025	
13	UNIVERSITY OF GDANSK		
14	GRIHARMONY REDEVELOPMENT STAKEHOLDERS FEDERATION (GRSF)	02.04.2025	
15	SINHGAD TECHNICAL EDUCATION SOCIETY'S SINHAGD LAW COLLEGE, PUNE AND MEDICO LEGAL SOCIETY OF INDIA, PUNE	05.04.2025	
16	NISM	02.04.2025	
17	KARNATAKA STATE LAW UNIVERSITY HUBBALLI	19.04.2025	18.04.2030
18	INSTITUTE OF CONSTITUTIONAL AND PARLIAMENTARY STUDIES	09.06.2025	

Scholarship Facilities at MNLU Mumbai

The Scholarship Department of the University has been functional since 2015 and facilitates the students in securing scholarships offered by Governments, NGOs, or philanthropic agencies viz.

Scholarships Briefing Schedule:

- a. The **Government of Maharashtra: (MAHADBT)** – This facility of scholarship is provided by the Govt. Maharashtra to Maharashtra domiciled students; under this portal (MahaDBT) various scholarships are available to candidates as per their eligibility.
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- c. **The Government of Rajasthan:** This scholarship scheme (*Mukhya Mantri Sarvajan Uchiha Shiksha Chhatravriti Yojana*) is being offered by the Rajasthan Government exclusively for Rajasthan State-domiciled students only.
- d. **National Scholarships Portal (NSP)** – This is a common portal for various Scholarship schemes at all Indian levels; in which most scholarships would be offered to All Indian candidates (Non-Maharashtra and Maharashtra Candidates), Minority candidates, and Handicapped candidates.
- e. **Top Class Education:** The Scheme aims at recognizing and promoting quality education amongst students belonging to SCs, by providing full financial support. The scheme will cover SC students' scholarships for pursuing higher studies.
- f. **Foundation for Excellence Scholarship Programme:**

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The financial support for students through scholarships is combined with skills training for Engineering students (supported by a grant from the Michael and Susan Dell Foundation and Capgemini), along with opportunities for employee engagement, particularly mentoring, projects, internships, workshops, and similar, that makes this a well-rounded program for students, and is the largest program of its kind with a pan India presence (27 States).

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Our students have been applying for these scholarships throughout the year. Mainly, our students have also been receiving scholarships each year as per the various scholarship schemes' patterns and their eligibility.

On the other hand, each year, the number of scholarship applications from students is increasing, and the department is successfully handling particular tasks viz. - application checking, verifying with forwarding to concerned authorities, Verifying fees with scholarship amounts, and approving fee structures of various registered courses, etc.

The Scholarship team consists of the following members:

All activities of scholarships are going smoothly under the observation of the Hon'ble VC sir and Hon'ble Registrar sir. And the following team is assigned to the work.

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2. Dr. Ashok Chikte (Member)
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National Days

National Days unite us in patriotism, reflection, and celebration of our nation's history and values.

Sr. NO.	NATIONAL DAYS	Date
1.	INDEPENDENCE DAY	15.08.2024
2.	TEACHERS' DAY	05.09.2024
3.	MAHATMA GANDHI JAYANTI	02.10.2024
4.	CHILDREN'S DAY	14.11.2024
5.	REPUBLIC DAY	26.01.2025

- **Foundation Day** - The University 08th Foundation Day was celebrated on 27th June 2022(Monday) by hoisting the University flag by Hon'ble Prof. (Dr.) Dilip Ukey, Vice Chancellor of the University.

Celebration of Other days

Sr. No.	Celebration days	Date
1.	TEACHER DAY CELEBRATION	05.09.2024
2.	GANESH CELEBRATION	07.09.2024
3.	DUSSERA CELEBRATION	12.10.2024
4.	DIWALI CELEBRATION	01.11.2024
5	CONSTITUTION DAY	26.11.2024
6	NAVY DAY	16.12.2024
7	CHATRAPATI SHIVAJI MAHARAJ JAYANTI	19.02.2025
8	INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY	08.03.2025
9	GUDIPADWA	30.03.2025
10	DR. BABASAHEB AMBEDKAR JAYANTI	14.04.2025
11	YOGA DAY CELEBRATION	21.06.2025

Library Department

The library plays a vital role in supporting the academic programs of the institute. It identifies, evaluates, procures, processes, and makes learning resources accessible to faculty and students for their teaching, learning, and research assignments. This is why Dr. S.R. Ranganathan, the father of library science development in India, famously stated that the library is the trinity of learning resources, faculty/students, and library staff.

It is with great pleasure that we welcome you to MNLU Mumbai. The MNLU Mumbai Knowledge Resource Centre (KRC) is a fully computerized, Wi-Fi-enabled library with well-developed collections encompassing a comprehensive array of legal resources in both print and electronic formats. The KRC boasts extensive resources in the field of law and allied subjects such as management, sociology, science and technology, history, economics, and English literature, as well as a variety of e-resources. The KRC is fully automated with the user-friendly library software KOHA-LMS and RFID technology.

In keeping with the aims and objectives of MNLU Mumbai, the library has been developed by a team of qualified professional library staff, guided by the Library Advisory Council. The library has expanded beyond its physical infrastructure by providing online access to users and offering assistance in navigating and analyzing the vast amount of knowledge available through various

digital tools. As the MNLU Mumbai KRC team, we utilize contemporary approaches for the comprehensive development of our students' personalities.

❖ **Highlights of Activities**

The Maharashtra National Law University Mumbai library exemplifies excellence in both services and collections. Its shelves hold over **10,764** volumes, including print and electronic formats. This collection comprises textbooks, reference books, treatises, bare acts, handbooks, encyclopedias, dictionaries, directories, commission reports, and subordinate legislation. The library features extensive resources in law and allied subjects such as management, sociology, science and technology, history, economics, and English literature. The library's e-resources include online access to HeinOnline, Manupatra, Oxford Competition Law, Oxford Constitutional Law, ORIL-International Law, Westlaw, Taxmann, JSTOR Full Package, LexisNexis, EBC Reader, LiveLaw, OLR- Legal Research Library, IC-Investment Claims, Oxford Law Citator, ProView (e-books), and Economic and Political Weekly. The Law Reports are also available in print.

MNLU Mumbai KRC (Library) ICT-Enabled Library Services

❖ **Installed RFID System:**

- The RFID system, installed in 2020, is designed to streamline and enhance library operations by providing faster, more accurate, and secure services. It significantly improves efficiency, accuracy, and security. By automating routine tasks like checkouts, returns, and renewals, and incorporating theft detection at the gates, the library provides faster and more reliable service to users, while reducing manual labor and minimizing errors. The combination of RFID tags, smart card readers, staff stations, and gate antennas creates a seamless and secure library experience.
- RFID Tags: RFID tags, attached to books, store detailed information about each book, including its unique identification number, allowing the system to track the book efficiently.
- Smart Card Reader: The smart card reader facilitates transactions involving library users. Students or patrons use RFID-based smart cards for transactions like borrowing, returning, or renewing books.
- Staff Station Reader: The staff station reader is used by library staff to perform RFID tagging and circulation operations, ensuring accurate inventory and transaction records.
- Gate Antenna System: The gate antenna system monitors the movement of tagged materials, preventing theft or unauthorized removal of books.
- Handheld Reader: The handheld reader is used for on-the-go scanning of RFID tags, making inventory checks, stock-taking, and book searches more efficient.
- ❖ Turnitin: Turnitin is proprietary software used to check documents for similarities or potential instances of plagiarism.
- ❖ Digital Attendance Systems: Digital attendance systems have also been installed.

❖ Library Facilities

❖ ICT-Enabled Library Services:

1. Automated Library with KOHA-LMS
2. Current Awareness Services
3. Remote Log: Access to Online Library Resources
4. Digital Library Resource Center with Multimedia
5. E-Journals/E-Books/E-Newspapers
6. Access to the National Digital Library
7. E-Shodh Sindhu
8. E-Shodhganga
9. Research Tools: Plagiarism Checking
10. Circulation Services
11. Reference and Referral Services
12. Legal Databases
13. OPAC/Web OPAC facility



❖ MNLU- KRC Purchased of Book and E-journals:

❖ Gratis Publications

Informal exchanges and donations from various sources continue to supplement purchased books. We gratefully acknowledge the contributions of individuals, institutional donors, and government bodies, which have enriched the library collection. Books have been received from legal fraternities, well-known legal experts, organizations, and NLU publications.

❖ User Education Programs

The MNLU Mumbai KRC organizes annual "Legal Information Literacy Orientation Programs" for undergraduate and postgraduate students. Individual guidance is also provided to students to enable them to retrieve information from library resources. The objectives of these programs are to introduce library resources and services and to develop users' competencies in retrieving needed information. This year, four programs were conducted, and 600 participants (UG, PG, MBA, PG IPR, and other centers) were trained in the use of various information resources.

Significant usage of Hein Online, Manupatra, Oxford Competition Law, Taxmann, JSTOR, LexisNexis, EBC Reader, and LiveLaw was observed. These services are made available to faculty and research students through password-based access.



❖ Conferences / Seminars / Programmes

*The MNLU-KRC (library) and DPIIT IPR Chair, CRIP, along with Bombay Science Librarian's association (BOSLA) has organized a one-day National level Webinar on the occasion of World IP Day 2024 29 April, " **Intellectual Property Rights and Innovation** "*

❖ Displays / Reading Lists / Bibliographies

Bibliographies and reading lists were compiled on various topics, including Constitution Day, Energy and Environment Studies, Women's Day, Women's Health, and World Tourism Day. Displays were also created in the library featuring Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar, Mahatma Jyoti Rao Phule, World Environment Day, World Book Day, University Foundation Day, Constitutional Day, and 'Vachan Prerana Din' (Dr. APJ Kalam).

❖ Staff Activities

MNLU-KRC staff members actively participated in library activities and conferences, and were invited as resource persons for programs and lectures in Library and Information Science.

❖ Participation/Attended LIS ICT Activities:

❖ Library Timings

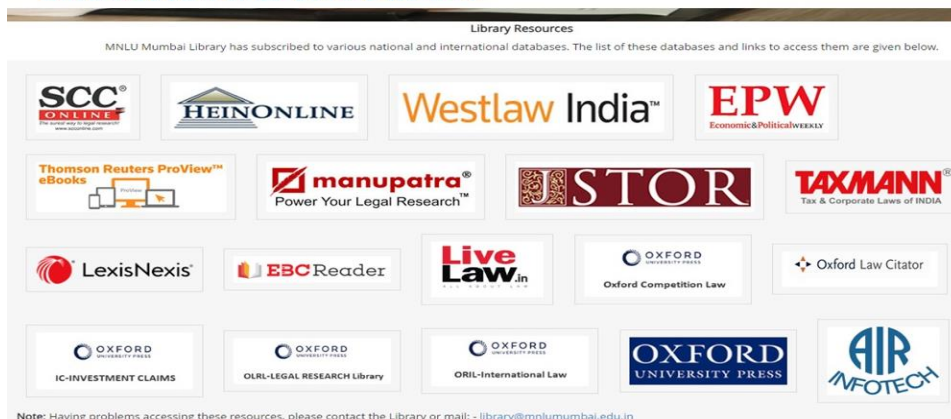
➤ Library Timings are as follows;

Monday- Saturday **8.00 a.m. to 9.00 p.m.**

All Sundays and 2nd/4th Saturday **9.30 a.m. to 5.30 p.m.**

❖ List of Databases Subscribed:

Subscribed E-Resources



Academic Department

The Academic Departments are responsible for overseeing all aspects of academic life within the University. In addition to fostering enthusiasm for academic subjects, Department Heads will develop strategies to enhance student progress, aligning with the University's Academic Priorities and Strategic Plan.

"Key Responsibilities:

Leadership and Vision:

- Provide strategic direction to the academic department, aligning with the University's mission, values, and long-term objectives.
- Develop and implement the department's academic strategy, prioritizing students' academic and personal well-being.
- Strike a balance between academic rigor and student support, fostering a nurturing and challenging environment."

- Responsibilities of Academic Department
 1. Student Record Management:
 - Prepare individual student files for academic records.
 - Maintain and update student files and academic records.
 2. Student Enrolment and Data Management:
 - Issue enrolment numbers to newly admitted students.
 - Enter student data in excel sheets and circulate to departments.
 - Create institutional email IDs and group emails for students.
 3. Academic Calendar and Time Table:
 - Format and circulate academic calendars and time tables for each semester.

4. Event and Program Management:

- Circulate invitations for events, programs, seminars, and webinars to students and staff.

5. Student ID Cards and Attendance:

- Prepare data for student ID cards and scan photos of new students.
- Record and publish attendance for B.A., LL.B. (Hons.) and LL.M. (regular) batches.

6. Student Participation and Reimbursement:

- Record student participation in Moot Court, ADR, Debate, and other activities.
- Verify reimbursement forms and documents for competitions.

7. Administrative Tasks:

- Prepare notes for approval on student, faculty, and society-related matters.
- Send required student documents via speed post.
- Create academic files as requested by faculty.

8. Railway Concession Forms:

- Facilitate railway concession forms for students through official channels, in collaboration with Railways Authorities.

- Student Attendance Management

1. Attendance Register Management:

- Prepare and issue hardbound attendance registers to subject faculty, organized by subject and semester.
- Send reminders to faculty to submit attendance registers by the deadline.

2. Attendance Data Collection and Record-Keeping:

- Arrange for floor in-charges to collect and print monthly attendance records.
- Maintain records of deemed attendance and menstrual leave, updating student records accordingly.

3. Attendance Tracking and Reporting:

- Enter attendance records for B.A., LL.B. (Hons.) and LL.M. (regular) batches.
- Publish monthly attendance reports to students and faculty.
- Prepare semester-wise aggregate attendance reports and circulate before exams.

4. Attendance Eligibility and Exam Clearance:

- Identify students with insufficient attendance for exam eligibility.
- Send lists to the Examination and Evaluation Department.
- Collect applications from students with insufficient attendance and submit for approval.

5. Faculty Feedback Eligibility:

- Prepare lists of eligible students for submitting Faculty Feedback.
- Payment and Honorarium Management
 1. Visiting Faculty Payment Processing:
 - Collect attendance sheets from visiting faculty.
 - Prepare consolidated payment statements.
 - Coordinate with visiting faculty to verify lecture details and process monthly payments.
 2. Guest Faculty Payment Processing:
 - Process payments for guest faculty.
 3. Student Refund Processing:
 - Prepare and share a Google sheet with other departments to process refundable deposits for graduating students.
 - Process refunds for students who withdraw from courses.
 - Process refunds for extra fees, including hostel, mess, and late fees.
- The Academic Department has issued certificates to the students.
 1. Bonafide
 2. Hostel Certificate
 3. Attendance Certificate
 4. CAP Certificate
 5. Letter of Recommendation
 6. Appreciation Letter (As instructed by the Faculty)
 7. LoR (As instructed by the HoD & Faculty)
 8. Caste Validity Letter
 9. Authorization Letter
 10. Railway Concession Form
 11. Character Certificate
 12. Migration Certificate
 13. Transfer Certificate

The Academic Department diligently performs all these duties with precision and dedication, ensuring seamless academic operations and exceptional student support.

Future Plan

Prof (Dr.) Dilip Ukey, Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, of the university has great vision for the future of MNLU Mumbai. The following are a few highlights of plan for future.

➤ **Academic**

Proposal to start new Programmes phase wise

1. B.B.A., LL.B (5 Years)
2. LL.B (3 Years)
3. B.Sc. LL. B (Cyber Securities & Cyber Forensics)
4. LL.M Insurance Law
5. LL.M Public Health Law
6. M.Sc. Maritime Studies
7. M.Sc. Artificial Intelligence and Law
8. Distance Education Programmes with the approval of UGC

➤ **Collaborative proposals for Research with:**

1. World Bank
2. UNDP
3. World Maritime University, India
4. National Human Rights Commission, India
5. Ministry of External Affairs, India
6. Ministry of Home Affairs, India
7. Ministry of Consumer Affairs, India
8. National Commission for Women, India
9. SC / ST Commission, India
10. Backward Class Commission, India
11. Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India

➤ **Revenue Generation**

1. By introducing various 'self-financed' programmes including distance mode.
2. By organizing training programmes.
3. By way of receiving donation from philanthropist, industry, senior counsels, Retd. Judges or Professionals through a policy.

➤ **Chairs planned to be established**

1. Consumer Chair with Ministry of Consumer Affairs.
2. Dr. Ambedkar Chair with Ministry of Social Justice & Welfare.
3. ISRO Chair with the support of Ministry of Civil Aviation or ISRO.
4. Possibilities will be explored to set up other Chairs.
5. Cyber Forensic Lab with support of National Forensic Science
University, Gandhinagar Gujrat.
6. International Trade lab / Sub Chair by the Ministry of Commerce and
External Affairs.

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