



MAHARASHTRA NATIONAL LAW UNIVERSITY MUMBAI

ANNUAL REPORT 2020-2021

Under the able guidance and mentorship of Hon'ble Vice Chancellor Prof. (Dr.) Dilip Ukey, Maharashtra National Law University Mumbai continues scaling new heights of academic excellence and outreach. Initiatives undertaken in that direction are enumerated in the report that follows.

Vision

‘Our vision is to become a world-class law university committed to foster an environment of excellence in research, scholarship, education and justice.’

Mission

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.

Motto

Dharme Tatparta Preparedness to Uphold Dharma

1. OFFICERS OF THE UNIVERSITY

Following are the officers of the University:

- The Vice-Chancellor

- The Registrar
- The Heads of Departments
- The Finance & Accounts Officer

The Vice-Chancellor exercises all powers of the Executive Council and performs all functions as may be considered necessary to give effect to the provisions of MNLU Act 2014. The Registrar is the ex-officio secretary to the Executive Council, the Academic Council and the Finance Committee and is the custodian of the property of the University. The Finance and Accounts Officer is responsible for proper maintenance and accounts of University's resources.

2. AUTHORITIES OF THE UNIVERSITY

- The General Council

The General Council is the Chief Advisory body of the University. The Council comprises distinguished jurists, eminent educationists and administrators at the national level. The Chancellor is the Chairman and the Vice-Chancellor is the Secretary to the General Council.

- The Executive Council

The Executive Council is the Chief Executive body of the University. The Vice-Chancellor is the Chairperson and senior members of the judiciary, administration and academia are its members.

- The Academic Council

All academic matters of the University are regulated by the Academic Council headed by the Vice-Chancellor. It is empowered with the control and maintenance of standards of instruction, education and examination of the University.

- The Finance Committee

The Finance Committee is authorized to control and monitor the financial affairs of the University. It oversees the incoming and outgo of University funds and keeps strict vigil over proper custody of public money. The Vice-Chancellor is the Chairperson of the Finance Committee.

There are two other authorities constituted by the Executive Council on the advice of the General Council. These are **Infrastructure Development Committee** and **Standing Committee** of the Executive Council.

2.1 Members of University Bodies

2.1.1 General Council

(Constituted under Section 11 of MNLU Act No. VI of 2014)

Sr.No.	Functionary	Position
1	Hon'ble Mr. Justice Sharad Arvind Bobde, Hon'ble Chief Justice of India & Chancellor, MNLU Mumbai.	Chairman
2	The Hon'ble Chief Justice of Bombay High Court, Pro-Chancellor	Member
3	Hon'ble Ms. Justice Indu Malhotra Judge, Supreme Court of India, New Delhi	Member
4	Hon'ble Attorney General Of India, New Delhi	Member
5	Hon'ble Law Minister, Government of Maharashtra, Mumbai	Member
6	Hon'ble Minister for Higher and Technical Education, Government of Maharashtra, Mumbai.	Member
7	Hon'ble Mr. Justice Nitin Jamdar, Judge Bombay High Court	Member
8	Hon'ble Smt. Justice B.H. Dangre, Judge, Bombay High Court	Member
9	The Advocate General of Maharashtra, Mumbai	Member
10	The Chairman, University Grants Commission, New Delhi.	Member
11	The Chairman, Bar Council of India, New Delhi.	Member
12	The Chairman of Bar Council of Maharashtra & Goa.	Member

Sr.No.	Functionary	Position
13	The Principal Secretary & RLA Law and Judicial Department Department, Government of Maharashtra.	Member
14	The Secretary, Higher and Technical Education Department, Government of Maharashtra, Mumbai	Member
15	Hon'ble Mr. Justice V S Sirpurkar, Former Judge, Supreme Court of India, Nagpur	Member
16	Prof. (Dr.) G Mohan Gopal, Former Director, National Judicial Academy, Bhopal – New Delhi	Member
17	Hon'ble Ms. Justice Rekha Sondurbaldota, Former Judge, Supreme Court of India.	Member
18	Prof. (Dr.) S Parasuraman, Former Director, Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Mumbai.	Member
19	Prof.(Dr.) Dilip Ukey Vice Chancellor, MNLU Mumbai	Member-Secretary

2.1.2 Executive Council
(Constituted under Section 15 of the MNLU Act, 2014)

Sr.No.	Functionary	Position
1	Hon'ble Prof. (Dr.) Dilip Ukey, Vice-Chancellor, MNLU Mumbai	Chairman
2	Hon'ble Smt. Justice Bharti Dangre, Judge, Bombay High Court.	Member
3	Hon'ble Mr. Justice V.S. Sirpurkar, Former Judge, Supreme Court of India.	Member
4	The Additional Chief Secretary, Finance Department, Government of Maharashtra.	Member
5	The Principal Secretary & RLA, Law and Judicial	Member

Sr.No.	Functionary	Position
	Department, Government of Maharashtra.	
6	The Secretary, Higher & Technical Education Department, Government of Maharashtra	Member
7	Professor (Dr.) S Parasuraman, Former Director, Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Mumbai.	Member
8	Associate Professor (Dr.) Kiran Rai, MNLU Mumbai HOD (UG)	Member
9	Director of Centre for Information Communication Technology & Law (CICTL)	Member
10	Director of Centre for Research in Criminal Justice (CRCJ)	Member
11	Director of Centre for Clinical Legal Education (CCLE)	Member
12	Mr. V. Giriraj, IAS (Retired)	Special Invitee
13	The Registrar, MNLU Mumbai	Secretary

2.1.3 Academic Council

(Constituted under Section 22 of the MNLU Act, 2014)

Sr.No.	Functionary	Position
1	Hon'ble Prof. (Dr.) Dilip Ukey, Vice-Chancellor, MNLU Mumbai	Chairman
2	Hon'ble Mr. Manan Kumar Mishra, Chairperson of Bar Council of India	Member
3	The Joint Director, Higher and Technical Education, Mumbai	Member

Sr.No.	Functionary	Position
4	Ms. Madhavi Goradia Divan, New Delhi	Member
5	Prof. (Dr.) Arvind Tiwari, Tata Institute of Social Sciences, (TISS) Mumbai.	Member
6	Prof. (Dr.) P G Babu Indira Gandhi Institute of Development Research (IGIDR)	Member
7	Adv. Jayant Jaibhave, Member of Bar Council Maharashtra & Goa (BCM&G)	Member
8	Dr. Milind Sathe, President Bombay Bar Association	Member
9	Mr. Kaiwan Kalyaniwalla, President, Bombay Incorporated Law Society	Member
10	Prof. (Dr.) Kiran Rai, Associate Professor & HOD (UG), MNLU Mumbai	Member
11	Dr. Anand Raut, HOD (PG), MNLU Mumbai	Member
12	Prof. (Dr.) Bhavani Prasad Panda, Director, CML & R, MNLU Mumbai	Member
13	Prof. (Dr.) Anil G. Variath, Director of CRCJ, MNLU Mumbai	Member
14	Adv. (Dr.) Swapnil Bangali, Director of CICTL, MNLU Mumbai	Member
15	Ms. Tanu Mehta (H. Director – CM&R)	Member
16	Dr. Upamanyu Sengupta, MNLU Mumbai	Member
17	Mr. Mithun V Thanks, Shardul Amarchand Mangaldas & Co.	Member
18	Mr. Abhimanyu Bhattacharya, One India Bulls Centre	Member

Sr.No.	Functionary	Position
19	Mr. Prasanth V G, J Sagar Associates	Member
20	The Registrar, MNLU Mumbai	Secretary

2.1.4 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, MNLU Mumbai.	Chairman
2	The Additional Chief Secretary, Finance Department, Government of Maharashtra, Mumbai.	Member
3	The Secretary, Higher & Technical Education Department, Government of Maharashtra	Member
4	Mr. V. Giriraj, IAS (Retired)	Member
5	The Finance Officer, MNLU Mumbai	Member
6	The Registrar, MNLU Mumbai	Secretary

2.1.5 Infrastructure Development Committee

(Constituted by the First Advisory Committee and ratified by the Executive Council 18/02/2015)

Sr.No.	Functionary	Position
1	The Hon'ble Judge (to be nominated)	Chairman

Sr.No.	Functionary	Position
2	Hon'ble Prof. (Dr.) Dilip Ukey, Vice-Chancellor, MNLU Mumbai	Member
3	The Principal Secretary, Department of Higher & Technical Education, Government of Maharashtra	Member
4	The Principal Secretary, Public Works Department, Government of Maharashtra, Mumbai	Member
5	The Principal Secretary & RLA, Law and Judiciary Department, Government of Maharashtra, Mumbai	Member
6	The Principal Secretary, Finance Department, Government of Maharashtra, Mumbai	Member
7	The Principal Secretary, Urban Development Department, Government of Maharashtra	Member
8	The District Collector, Mumbai Suburban District, Mumbai	Member
9	The Architect, MNLU Mumbai	Member
10	The Registrar, MNLU Mumbai.	Member Secretary

2.2 Meeting of University Bodies

The authorities of the University outlined the policies in carrying out the functional obligations and institutional objects, directed the course of action and monitored their implementation in several meetings. The following meetings were held:

<u>Sr.No.</u>	<u>Meetings</u>	<u>Date of Meeting</u>
1	Executive Council	05 November 2020
2	General Council	<DATE>
3	Academic Council	03 November 2020

4	Finance Committee	<DATE>
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3. ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES

3.1 Academic Programmes at the University:

MNLU Mumbai offers five-year B.A., LL.B. (Honours) programme for aspiring law graduates and a One year LL.M. in Corporate and Commercial Laws and Constitutional and Administrative Laws.

In 2020, the University enrolled its sixth batch of CLAT qualified students and featured among the most preferred destination for the B.A., LL.B (Hons) programme nationally.

Additionally, in the academic year 2020-2021, the University launched postgraduate programmes as follows:

- 2-year MA (Executive) in Mediation and Conflict Resolution
- 1-year LLM (Professional)
- <ONE MORE PROGRAMME>.
- <PHD>

3.2 Courses Offered for the Programmes in the Academic Year 2020-21

Following the induction of its third batch of students in July 2019, the University has seen a proliferation of courses offered in the field of legal studies as well as social sciences and humanities. Each of these courses have been designed in keeping with the requirements of contemporary academic and corporate fields while also catering to the need of innovation in these sectors. As would be evident from the table below, the sizeable presence of social sciences and humanities papers in the curriculum serves to fine tune the knowledge and skills of the students to their surrounding realities.

Details of courses offered in BA LLB (Hons) are at **APPENDIX – I**

Details of courses offered in LLM are at **APPENDIX-II**

Details of courses offered in 2-year MA (Executive) in Mediation and Conflict Resolution are at **APPENDIX-III**

Details of courses offered in 1-year LLM (Professional) are at **APPENDIX-IV**

Details of the results of B.A., LL.B. (Hons.) and LL.M. are at **APPENDIX-**

3. COMMITTEES FOR TRANSPARENCY, EQUAL OPPORTUNITY AND MAINTENANCE OF ACADEMIC STANDARDS

The University has the following committees for effective management. They are:

Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC)
 Board of Studies (BoS)
 Board of Examination (BoE)
 Anti-Ragging Committee
 Committee Against Sexual Harassment (CASH)
 Grievance Redressal Cell
 Equal Opportunity Cell
 SC/ ST Cell
 Journal & Publication Cell
 Website Committee

4. LIBRARY

The inception of the Maharashtra National Law University Mumbai Library took place on 1 August 2015 with the inaugural of its parent organization Maharashtra National Law University Mumbai. The Library strives to build a repository of knowledge base in the form of records, reports, journal, and other documents to aid future research and learning. University library has more than 5374 books and over 892 back volume journals / Law Reports. Further, the library has secured various Indian & International Law databases such as SCC Online, Manupatra, Oxford University Press, Westlaw India, JSTOR, Hein Online. The Library has also subscribed to 11 National & International print journals. The University has also been fortunate enough to host a collection of around 6000 donated books and hardbound journals from eminent personalities such as Mr. N.Jayaraman (Advocate and former IAS Officer), Hon'ble Justice Shri Abhay Shreeniwas Oka, M/s. Malvi Ranchoddas & Co, Mr. Ramabhdadran (Advocate). Additionally, Law Suite Case Reporter (software) has been installed on LL.M. and 4th year students' mobiles for study and research purpose.

To cater to the needs of online learning during the pandemic, the library enabled remote access of its resources to all members of the University community.

The Following Online Resources have been subscribed

SCC Online	ORIL - International Law in European Courts
Hein Online	ORIL - International Trade Law
Manupatra	OLRL - Financial and Banking Law
Westlaw India	OLRL - International Commercial Arbitration
Oxford Competition Law	OLRL - International Commercial Law
Oxford Constitutions of the World	OLRL - Private International Law
ORIL - International Criminal Law	Investment Claims
ORIL - International Human Rights Law	Proview (E-books)
ORIL - International Investment Claims	Economic & Political Weekly

ORIL - International Law in Domestic Courts	J Stor
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5. CENTRES OF THE UNIVERSITY AND ACTIVITIES CONDUCTED

In order to cater to the needs of the developing knowledge world, to ensure dialogue and discourse on latest legal development, to do extension activities thereby involving all our stakeholders, the University conducted various planned activities throughout the academic year.

Some of the activities are also conducted under the aegis of our research centres which are as follows:

Centre for Post Graduate Legal Studies (CPGLS)
 Centre for Clinical Legal Education (CCLE)
 Centre for Research in Criminal Justice (CRCJ)
 Centre for Arbitration and Research (CAR)
 Centre for Information Communication Technology and Law (CICTL)
 Centre for Research in Criminal Justice (CRCJ)
 Centre for Goods and Services Tax and Training (CGST&T)
 Centre for Mediation and Research (CMR)
 Centre for Maritime Law and Research (CML&R)
 Centre for Advanced Legal Studies, Training and Research (CALESTR)
 Justice M. L. Pendse Chair in Environmental Laws (MLPCEL)

Details of all events conducted by the University in this academic year are attached as **APPENDIX VI**

6. FACULTY PARTICIPATION AND ACHIEVEMENTS

Upamanyu Sengupta

1. Selected for Samvaad-Seeds of Peace Interfaith Facilitation Training as part of a project sponsored by the Consulate of the United States of America in Mumbai. The training is in progress.
2. Delivered a talk titled 'The Art of Nostalgia in WG Sebald's *Austerlitz*' at the Manipal Centre for European Studies, a Jean Monnet Centre of Excellence, on 2 November 2020.
3. Organized a talk titled 'Marathi Dalit Literature: Contexts and Thrust Areas' by Dr Rahul Hiranman Jondhale of GITAM University on 23 December 2020.

Anand Shrivias

1. Presented a paper titled Mis-selling of securities in India and EU - a Comparative study at University of Cattolica Italy in conference organized in University of Cattolica Italy in Banking and Finance Law on 21st July 2019.
2. Attended summer school on Banking and Finance Law at University of Cattolica Italy from 21st July to 25th July 2019.
3. Attended Course on Economics of Competition Law by Prof. Regis Lanneau, jointly organized by MNLU Mumbai and University Paris Nanterre from 24 March to 28th March 2020
4. Presented a paper titled Crowdfunding in India- A Critical Study of Regulations in International Conference on Online Platforms held at MNLU Mumbai on 21st March 2020 jointly organized by MNLU Mumbai with University of Potsdam, University Paris Nanterre, Franco German University.
5. Invited for guest lecture at University Paris Nanterre on 21st March 2020 in Paris on Corporate Insolvency Law.
6. Participated in the Faculty Development Program organised by MNLU Mumbai delivered Adv. Aman Hingurani.
7. Participated in the Faculty Development Program on Research Methodology organised by MNLU Mumbai

Dr. Kiran Rai

1. Published Edited Book “Regulations and Business Environment in India-1” Publisher: **INFINITY Publishing, Delhi**
2. Invited lectures on 12 & 14 June 2019 on “**Concept of Consumer, Consumer Rights & Defect (135 min)**” & “**Combinations**” (165 min)” in the 2nd One week Annual Summer School on Consumer and Competition Law, at School of Legal Studies, Cochin University of Science and Technology, Cochi, Kerala 11-15 June 2019.
3. Invited lecture on ‘Law of Contract’ in IVth training camp on "Judicial Services as a Career" on 13-16 July, 2019 organized by BCI Maharashtra and Goa .
4. Attended 2 days training workshops on 29th and 30th August 2019, organised by the Centre for Mediation Research, MNLU Mumbai and MAHARERA.
5. Conducted One day National Workshop in collaboration with Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India (IBBI) on Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code 2016 on 7 September 2019
6. Co-Chair in a Session in One Day Workshop on “Criminalising Triple Talaq – Looking Beyond Religion – The Road Blocks and Road Ahead” on 16 November 2019

7. Conducted Two Days Workshop in collaboration with Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India (IBBI) for Insolvency Professionals (IP) on 15 & 16 November 2019
8. Conducted One week Certificate Course on Competition Law in Collaboration with Competition Commission of India (CCI); 2-8 Dec 2019
9. Conducted One Day National Seminar on 'Competition Challenges in E-Commerce' on 7 Dec 2019, in collaboration with Competition Commission of India (CCI)
10. Participated in the Faculty Development Program on Research Methodology organised by MNLU Mumbai from 14-20 January 2020
11. Participated as Resource Person in Round Table Discussion on "Data and IPR Challenges" in 5th International Conference on the Management of Intellectual Property Rights & Strategies" at IIT Bombay on 24 January 2020
12. Conducted One Day National Seminar on "Gender & Media: Representations, Issues & Challenges" with the support grant of Rs. 2,34,000/- from National Commission of Women (NCW)
13. Gave Lecture on " Ethics, Justice & Hinduism" in Two Days National Workshop on Vedic Jurisprudence & Its Impact on Contemporary World" on 23 Feb 2020 organised by Centre for Vedic Science, BHU.

Varada Sambhus

1. Completed 3 years LL.B Degree course from University of Mumbai
2. Chapter Publication – 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.
3. Article Publication (Marathi) – Samajrachanevishayiche Pashchyattya Chintan in *Vimarsha*, Samajrachana Visheshank, January – March 2020, 44-50.
4. Presented a research paper titled “Vari Pilgrimage: Challenging Feminist Essentialism” at National Conference at Banaras Hindu University, organised by Bharat Adhyayan Kendra, BHU, Varanasi between 15th to 17th November, 2019. Presentation available at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IgL383gI4Gc>
5. Participated and co-coordinated the Faculty Development Program on ‘Teaching Advocacy Skills’ delivered by Dr. Aman Hingorani conducted by Maharashtra National Law University Mumbai on 18 -19th October 2019.
6. Attended the Faculty Development Program on ‘Research Methodology’ conducted by Maharashtra National Law University Mumbai between 14th to 20th January, 2020.
7. Participated as a Resource Person at the workshop on ‘Legal and Political Aspects of Policy Formulation’ conducted by Center for Policy Research and Governance, New Delhi between 6th to 14th February, 2020

8. Invited as a guest lecturer at Indian Institute of Democratic Leadership, Mumbai to deliver a lecture on 'Makers of Modern India: Justice. M. G. Ranade' on 3rd December 2019.
9. Selected as a member of Endowment Lectures Committee and Modern Books Selection Committee of Asiatic Society of Mumbai for the year 2019-20.
10. Member, Maharashtra Studies Group

Chirag Balyan

1. Published Chapter titled, BAIL OR JAIL: THE ANTINOMIES IN LIBERAL THEORY AND THE WAY FORWARD in Taking Bail Seriously: The State of Bail Jurisprudence in India (Edited by Salman Khurshid, Sidharth Luthra, Lokendra Malik & Shruti Bedi), LexisNexis.
2. Moderator, Arbitration Panel in INBA's 2nd Annual General Counsel Summit at Mumbai on 19 July 2019.
3. Convener & Moderator, Workshop on 'Digital Transformation: Navigating the Legal Risks of Disruptive Technologies' organised by MNLU Mumbai in association with Association of Corporate Counsel on 20th July 2019.
4. Speaker, "National Consultation on Deterring Demand for Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children" organized by IJM on October 12, 2019 at Grand Hyatt, Mumbai.
5. Moderator & Convener, Panel-Discussion on "Where do we go from here? - Future of Institutional Arbitration in India post the 2019 Amendment" organised by Centre for Arbitration and Research at MNLU Mumbai on 11th October 2019.
6. Convener, Mediation Bombay organised by MNLU Mumbai between 17-20 October 2019.
7. Participated and co-coordinated the Faculty Development Program on 'Teaching Advocacy Skills' delivered by Dr. Aman Hingorani conducted by Maharashtra National Law University Mumbai on 18 -19th October 2019.
8. Speaker & Convener, DIALOGUE ON MARITIME SAFETY AND SECURITY AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION organised by Centre for Maritime Law & Research, MNLU Mumbai in collaboration with Directorate General of Shipping, Stockton Centre for International Law, US Naval War College & National Maritime Foundation, India on 01st November 2019.
9. Coordinator, distinguished guest lecture on South China Sea by Prof. James Kraska on 11th November 2019.
10. Co-Chaired Session, One Day Workshop on "Criminalising Triple Talaq – Looking Beyond Religion – The Road Blocks and Road Ahead" on 16 November 2019.

11. Participated in Panel Discussion on Insiders' Perspectives: Peering into the Arbitration World organised by London Court of International Arbitration on 04th December 2019 at Mumbai.
12. Convener, Annual International Conference on Arbitration - 'Practice & Procedure in International Arbitration' organised by Centre for Arbitration and Research at MNLU Mumbai on 6th December 2019.
13. Participated in ICC India Arbitration Conference, 7 December 2019 at Mumbai.
14. Attended the Faculty Development Program on 'Research Methodology' conducted by Maharashtra National Law University Mumbai between 14th to 20th January 2020.
15. Resource Person, Round Table Discussion on "Data and IPR Challenges" in 5th International Conference on the Management of Intellectual Property Rights & Strategies" at IIT Bombay on 24 January 2020
16. Expert, Maharashtra State Consultation for Voluntary National Review 2020 for Victims of Human Trafficking organised by IJM under the aegis of NITI Aayog in collaboration with United Nations India, Wada Na Todo Abhiyan (WNTA) and partner CSOs on 24th January 2020.
17. Speaker & Co-Chair, National Conference on Crime Prevention and Crime Control organised by Symbiosis Law School Hyderabad on 29th Feb -01st March 2020.
18. Successfully completed the PhD Coursework & the PhD Research Proposal was approved at Symbiosis Law School Pune

Raghav Pandey

1. Appointed to the Board of Studies of Model College, Dombivli.
2. Delivered a TEDx Talk at NSIT, New Delhi
3. Delivered a Keynote Address at Yugaantar fest at MS University Baroda.
4. List of popular articles are supplied in a separate document.
5. Delivered a Keynote Address at Leadership Conclave organized by Vision India Foundation.
6. Select Publications

Reservation cannot be demanded as a right, reiterates Supreme Court; observes that state not duty-bound to provide it

By Raghav Pandey, Neelabh Bist

firstpost.com — India Raghav Pandey and Neelabh Bist Feb 11, 2020 09:31:08 IST Unless the government of the day decides to make a provision for reservation in the matters in which it is allowed, it can't be demanded as a right The Supreme Court has also in the past recognised that there are matters which fall beyond the scope and reach of judicial scrutiny relating to the subjective satisfaction of the state The only check that the court can make in such cases is on the question of patent illegality in the...

Constitutionality of Citizenship Act is too nuanced, protesters don't have agency to decide complex legal issues

By Raghav pandey

firstpost.com — India Raghav Pandey Dec 26, 2019 19:53:15 IST In this previous piece on the debate on the constitutionality of the Citizenship Amendment Act (CAA), I rested my central argument on the presence of certain valid legal propositions that currently exist under Indian law, and hence, I argued, that the debate on the Constitutionality of the CAA has to be settled by the Courts of Law and not on the streets.

CAA and NRC: Those arguing that the two are discriminatory and tools of persecution must read up on Constitution and Indian law

By Raghav Pandey

firstpost.com — India Raghav Pandey Dec 21, 2019 16:04:31 IST The debate over Citizenship Amendment Act and the issue of NRC has been raging for over two weeks now, but there is still dearth of legal scholarship on the constitutionality or unconstitutionality of the CAA and the proposed NRC If CAA is unconstitutional, it has to violate some provision of the Part III. Article 14 - Right to Equality, forms a constituent of Part III.

Maharashtra government: After shocker from Devendra Fadnavis and Ajit Pawar, new combination may have to pass through legal scrutiny

By Raghav Pandey

firstpost.com — Politics Raghav Pandey Nov 23, 2019 12:39:10 IST The correct political position will determine the development of legal issues, which no doubt will be open to scrutiny by courts. As far as the preset development goes, there has been no news on any official whip of the NCP directing to support or vote in any particular manner.

Delhi Police vs Lawyers: Clashes a reflection of substandard quality of legal education in India, occur regularly in small towns

By Raghav Pandey

firstpost.com — India Raghav Pandey Nov 06, 2019 20:26:04 IST The substandard quality of legal education is appropriately reflected in the legal profession, through incidents like the clash between the Delhi Police and lawyers It can be regarded as a structural or a cultural issue which ails the profession in India At the education level, the legal profession in India suffers from over-regulation, which is an inherent

roadblock to quality education The law departments of most traditional universities in the...

Hindi 'imposition' debate: Schools can play key role in promoting integration through 3-language formula

By Raghav Pandey

firstpost.com — India Raghav Pandey Sep 15, 2019 16:31:10 IST Curriculum requiring the learning of English, the mother tongue, and one language from the other group would have promoted national integration much more efficiently A strong language bonding across the country is not only desirable but also essential for national integration The lessons from Europe should not be forgotten, when strong linguistic identities precipitated two World Wars, even when there was a monolithic religion identity The...

Route taken by government to scrap Article 370 isn't only constitutional, it also complies with all legal requirements

By Raghav Pandey

firstpost.com — India Raghav Pandey Aug 06, 2019 11:56:27 IST First of all, understanding the contours of the issue from a legal theoretical standpoint is essential. It has been argued that Article 370 was a repository of the contractual obligation of the Indian State with the promises that were made to the then independent princely state of Jammu and Kashmir.

Bombay HC upholds Maratha quota: Court's verdict is based on flawed report which discourages constitutionalism

By Raghav Pandey, Anoushka Mehta

firstpost.com — India Raghav Pandey and Anoushka Mehta Jun 28, 2019 22:14:33 IST The prolonged debate and discord regarding the Maratha reservation in Maharashtra got a new issue of contention. The Bombay High Court on Thursday upheld the reservation for Marathas in Maharashtra. It, however, quashed the group's demand of 16 percent quota in the state by calling it 'not justifiable'.

Secure Outer Space

By Raghav Pandey, Anoushka Mehta

dailypioneer.com — Secure outer space Wednesday, 19 June 2019 | Raghav Pandey & Anoushka Mehta Secure outer space Wednesday, 19 June 2019 | Raghav Pandey & Anoushka Mehta There is a dire need to revisit treaties governing our space to protect our extra-terrestrial security interests and scale down militarization On May 23 this year, the United States (US) successf

Prashant Kanojia's arrest underscores need to revisit law on criminal defamation, restrictions on right to free speech

By Raghav Pandey, Neelabh Bist

firstpost.com — India Raghav Pandey and Neelabh Bist Jun 11, 2019 10:19:27 IST
Much has been written about the recent arrest of journalist Prashant Kanojia by the Uttar Pradesh Police. He was arrested for posting a tweet, in which a woman claimed she was in a relationship with Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath and wanted to marry him. Kanojia had shared the tweet with his own mocking comment.

Sajid Sheikh

1. Participated in a Workshop on Digital Transformation: Navigating the Legal Risks of Disruptive Technologies (Also Moderated one Session) 20th July 2019
2. Participated in the FDP on Advocacy Skills for Law Teachers organized by MNLU Mumbai on 18-19 Oct. 2019.
3. Resource Person for the Law and Liberty Conference held at Gokhale Institute of Economics, Pune 20 August 2019. Spoke on the topic of Competition Law and IP: Welfare, but for whom?
4. Delivered lecture on Patent Infringement at Kirti P. Mehta School of Law, NMIMS on 3rd February 2020.
5. Program Co- Chair and Moderator of 5th International Conference on Management of Intellectual Property Rights and State Theme: IP Development: The Emerging Paradigm with SJMSOL IIT Bombay, 24th - 25th Jan. 2020.
6. Co-Coordinator of iPolicy for Young Leaders – Certificate Course in Public Policy conducted by Centre for Civil Society, New Delhi.
7. Judge of the final rounds of Public Interest Litigation Competition on Road Safety at Abhyuday, IIT Bombay held on 19th January 2020.
8. Co-Coordinator of One Day Workshop on Compliance under Environmental Laws conducted by Justice M. L. Pendse Chair in Environmental Laws on 3rd November 2020.
9. Resource Person at 'Two Day National Seminar on Legal, Ethical and Contractual Issues in Sports - 27th -28th, 2019 organized by Centre for Environmental Law Education, Research and Advocacy (CEERA), National Law School of India University, Bangalore. Spoke on IP and Sports.
10. Participated in the FDP organised by MNLU Mumbai from 14th to 20th January 2020.
11. Worked as Nodal Officer of the Admission Committee 2019 of MNLU Mumbai.

STUDENT ACTIVITIES AND ACHIEVEMENTS

Alternate Dispute Resolution Society - Activities

Sr. No.	Competition Name	Competition Date
1	17th Cologne Academy on International Commercial Arbitration	25.08.2019 to 29.08.2019
2	CNLU's National Legal Aid Fest, Vidhikta 2019 Mediation Competition	27.09.2019 to 28.09.2019
3	5th National ADR Competition	
4	NLIU – INADR	22.11.2019 to 24.11.2019
5	5th National ADR Competition, 2020	
6	ADR Competition : Symbhav Legal Events 2020	28.02.2020 to 01.03.2020
7	Sambhav 2020 Negotiation Competition	28.01.2020 to 15.02.2020
8	1st GLC - National ADR Triathlon	15.02.2020 to 16.02.2020
9	International Mediation, INADR, Chicago 2020	03.03.2020 to 10.03.2020

Moot Court Society – Activities

Sr. No.	Competition Name	Competition Date
1	NLU Delhi CCI Moot	13th - 15th March 2019
2	8th RGNUL Moot Court Competition	16th - 18th August 2019
3	NHRC - GNLU Moot 2019	26.09.2019 to 28.09.2019
4	Surana & Surana National Trial Advocacy Moot Court Competition 2019	20.09.2019 to 22.09.2019
5	NUALS International Maritime Arbitration Law Moot Competition, 2019	18.10.2019 to 20.10.2019
6	VIIth Intra Moot Court Competition	26.09.2019 to 27.09.2019
7	19th Henry Dunant Moot Court Competition, 2019	
8	Stetson International Environmental Moot	
9	Philip C. Jessup Moot Court Competition, 2020	
10	27th Annual Willem C. Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot, 2020	
11	Willem C. Vis (East) International	

	Commercial Arbitration Moot	
12	DM Harish Moot Court Competition	
13	3rd TNNLU - CCI Moot Court Competition	
14	Philip C Jessup Moot Court Competition	29.01.2020 to 03.02.2020
15	2020 Manfred Lachs Space Law Moot Court Competition	
16	18th Surana and Surana National Corporate	
17	Moot Competition 2020	
18	International Maritime Arbitration Moot 2020 - NLUU	
19	5th NLIU Tankha Memorial International Moot Court Competition	21.02.2020 to 23.02.2020
20	GNLU International Moot Court	12.02.2020 to 16.02.2020
21	Stetson International Environment Law Moot Court Competition, 2020	
22	6th Damodaram Sanjivayya National Moot Court Competition	14.02.2020 to 16.02.2020
23	4th INTA Asia Pacific Moot Court Competition 2020	

Cultural Association – Activities

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Position	Name of Student	Competition
1 st	Aditya Tannu Aarushi Gupta Snehal Dhote	Treasure Hunt
1 st	Vanshika Dubey Snehal Dhote Kartik Gupta Mudit Mahajan Diya Dutta Aarushi Gupta Mahima Zamindar	Darma
2 nd	Vanshika Dubey	Slam Poetry
2 nd	Vanshika Dubey Snehal Dhote Kartik Gupta Mudit Mahajan	Mad Ads

	Diya Dutta	
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Position	Name of Student	Competition
3 rd	Aditya Tanay Pandey Krishna Shinde Isha Akat	Kolkata Race

Pentagram' 19- Gujarat National Law University

Position	Name of Student	Competition
1 st	Vridhi Mathur	Tik-Tok Art
2 nd	Mallika Luthra Trupti S. Patil	Duet Dance
