



# MAHARASHTRA NATIONAL LAW UNIVERSITY, MUMBAI MAHARASHTRA, INDIA

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## REPORT ON PROJECT INITIATION CEREMONY

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**Project Initiation  
Ceremony 2025  
Academic year 2025-26**

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# Project Initiation Ceremony

## Academic Year: 2025-26

Maharashtra National Law University Mumbai hosted its 'Project Initiation Ceremony and Special Felicitation of the Hon'ble Chief Justice of India', marking a historic milestone in the establishment of the University's permanent campus at Goregaon (W), Mumbai on 5<sup>th</sup> November 2025. The ceremony was graced by Hon'ble Shri Devendra Fadnavis, Chief Minister of Maharashtra, Chief Guest, Hon'ble Shri Justice Bhushan R. Gavai, Chief Justice of India and Chancellor of MNLU Mumbai. The event was held in the august presence of Hon'ble Mr. Justice Shree Chandrashekhar, Chief Justice of the Bombay High Court and Pro Chancellor, MNLU Mumbai; Hon'ble Smt. Justice Bharati Dangre, Judge, Bombay High Court; Hon'ble Shri Justice Sandeep V. Marne, Judge, Bombay High Court; Hon'ble Shri Shivendraraje Bhosale, Minister of Public Works Department, Maharashtra; Hon'ble Dr. Birendra Saraf, Advocate General of Maharashtra; Hon'ble Smt. Suvarna Kishor Keole, Principal Secretary and RLA, Law and Judiciary Department, Government of Maharashtra, along with senior government officials, members of the Bar and academia.



### Maharashtra National Law University Mumbai Welcomes you For Project Initiation Ceremony & Special Felicitation of the Chief Justice of India

Hon'ble Shri Justice Bhushan R. Gavai  
Chief Justice of India and Chancellor, MNLU Mumbai

Hon'ble Shri Devendra Fadnavis  
Chief Minister, Maharashtra

Hon'ble Mr. Justice Shree Chandrashekhar  
Chief Justice, Bombay High Court and Pro Chancellor, MNLU Mumbai

Hon'ble Shri Eknath Shinde  
Deputy Chief Minister, Maharashtra

Hon'ble Shri Ajitdada Pawar  
Deputy Chief Minister, Maharashtra

Hon'ble Smt. Justice Bharati Dangre  
Judge, Bombay High Court and Member, General Council &  
Executive Council, MNLU Mumbai

Hon'ble Shri Sandeep Marne  
Judge, Bombay High Court and Member,  
General Council, MNLU Mumbai

Hon'ble Shri Chandrakantda Patil  
Minister of Higher and Technical Education, Maharashtra

Hon'ble Shri Shivendraraje Bhosale  
Minister of Public Works Department, Maharashtra

Hon'ble Adv. Shri Birendra Saraf  
Advocate General of Maharashtra

Smt. Dr. Tejaswini Gavai

Prof. (Dr.) Prakash Chaudhary  
Registrar  
MNLU Mumbai

Prof. (Dr.) Dilip Ukey  
Vice Chancellor  
MNLU Mumbai

5th November 2025

"Banner displayed during Project Initiation ceremony held on 5<sup>th</sup> November 2025 featuring Hon'ble Shri Devendra Fadnavis, Chief Minister of Maharashtra, Chief Guest, Hon'ble Shri Justice Bhushan R. Gavai, Chief Justice of India and Chancellor of MNLU Mumbai"

#### Schedule for the Ceremony:-

The programme commemorates the Project Initiation Ceremony of Maharashtra National Law University Mumbai, highlighted by the Special Felicitation of the Hon'ble Chief Justice of India, distinguished addresses by constitutional authorities, and formal academic and ceremonial proceedings.



# **Maharashtra National Law University Mumbai**

## **Project Initiation Ceremony**

### **Special Felicitation of the Chief Justice of India**

**Maharashtra National Law University Mumbai Campus Site, Goregaon (W)**

**Wednesday, 05 November 2025**

#### **Minutes to Minutes Programme**

03.55 pm	Arrival of Dignitaries at venue & Guard of honour
03.58 pm	Dignitaries assume seats on the Dias
04.00 pm	Commencement of the Programme with National Anthem
04.02 pm	Welcome Address by the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor
04.08 pm	Reading of the Citation of Honour for the Chief Justice of India
04.10 pm	Special Felicitation of the Hon'ble Chief Justice of India
04.12 pm	Felicitation of the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Maharashtra and other Dignitaries
04.15 pm	Project Initiation Ceremony
04.18 pm	Address by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Maharashtra
04.33 pm	Presidential Address by the Hon'ble Chief Justice of India
04.48 pm	Vote of Thanks by the Registrar
04.53 pm	Conclusion of the Programme with National Anthem

#### **Guard of Honour**

A ceremonial Guard of Honour was accorded to the Hon'ble Chief Justice of India upon arrival, symbolizing the highest respect and dignity of the institution. The salute reflected constitutional reverence, academic esteem, and the solemnity of the occasion



Photo 1:Hon'ble Shri Justice Bhushan R. Gavai, Chief Justice of India,Hon'ble Shri Devendra Fadnavis, Chief Minister of Maharashtra,Hon'ble Mr. Justice Shree Chandrashekhar, Chief Justice of the Bombay High Court Hon'ble Smt. Justice Bharati Dangre, Judge, Bombay High Court, Hon'ble Prof.(Dr.) Dilip Ukey Vice Chancellor MNLU Mumbai,Hon'ble Shri Shivendraraje Bhosale Minister of Public Works Department, Maharashtra

*“Ceremonial Guard of Honour accorded to the Hon'ble Chief Justice of India on arrival at New campus of Maharashtra National Law University Mumbai, marking the solemn commencement of the Project Initiation Ceremony.”*

Dr. Abhijit Rohi, Head of the UG & PG Departments, extended a warm welcome to all dignitaries, senior government officials, members of the Bar and academia, and students present at the programme.The programme commenced with the National Anthem



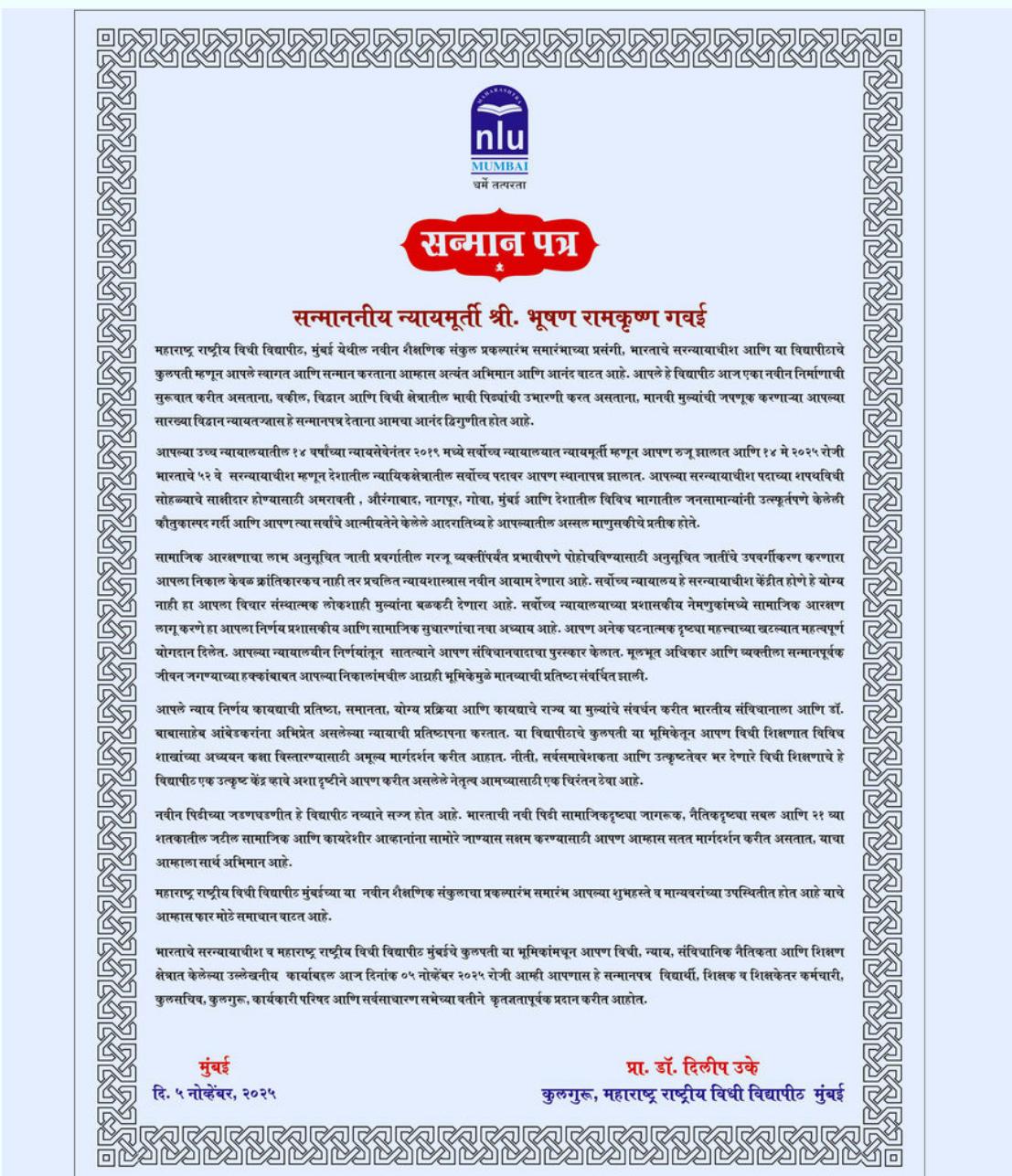
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*“Dignitaries standing in solemn respect during the rendition of the National Anthem at the commencement of the programme.”*



**Photo 3: Prof.(Dr.) Dilip Ukey, Vice Chancellor MNLU Mumbai delivering welcome address & reading citation of honour (maanpatra)**

**Welcome Address:-** In his welcome address, he appreciated the support of the judiciary and government for granting land to the university in the heart of Mumbai city. He also stated that it is a proud moment for the university to finally initiate its campus project and laid down the vision of the university to be a hub of world-class legal education in India. He also read the citation of honour (maanpatra) for the Chief Justice of India, highlighting his achievements in the legal landscape.



#### Photo 4: citation of honour (maanpatra)

## Special Felicitation of the Hon'ble Chief Justice of India



*"Hon'ble Chief Minister felicitating the Hon'ble Chief Justice of India with a ceremonial shawl as a mark of respect and honour."*

**Photo 5:Hon'ble Shri Justice Bhushan R. Gavai, Chief Justice of India, Hon'ble Shri Devendra Fadnavis, Chief Minister of Maharashtra**

*"On behalf of Maharashtra National Law University Mumbai, the Hon'ble Chief Minister presenting the Citation of Honour (Maanpatra) to the Hon'ble Chief Justice of India in recognition of distinguished service and contribution."*



**Photo 6:Hon'ble Shri Justice Bhushan R. Gavai, Chief Justice of India,Hon'ble Shri Devendra Fadnavis, Chief Minister of Maharashtra,Hon'ble Mr. Justice Shree Chandrashekhar, Chief Justice of the Bombay High Court**

*"Felicitating the Hon'ble Chief Justice of India with a bouquet"*



**Photo 7: Hon'ble Shri Justice Bhushan R. Gavai, Chief Justice of India,Hon'ble Shri Devendra Fadnavis, Chief Minister of Maharashtra,Hon'ble Mr. Justice Shree Chandrashekhar, Chief Justice of the Bombay High Court,Hon'ble Smt. Justice Bharati Dangre, Judge, Bombay High Court.**

## Felicitations of the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Maharashtra and other Dignitaries



**Photo 8: "Felicitations by the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor to the Hon'ble Shri Devendra Fadnavis, Chief Minister of Maharashtra."**



**Photo 9: Felicitations by the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor to the Hon'ble Justice Shri Chandrashekhar, Chief Justice, Bombay High Court, and Pro-Chancellor, MNLU Mumbai.**



**Photo 10: "Felicitations by the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor to the Hon'ble Smt. Justice Bharti Dangre, Judge, Bombay High Court, and Member of the General Council and Executive Council, MNLU Mumbai."**



**Photo 11:** Felicitations by the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor to the Hon'ble Shri Justice Marne, Judge, Bombay High Court, and Member of the General Council, MNLU Mumbai.



**Photo 12:** Felicitations by the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor to the Hon'ble Shri Shivendararaje Bhosle, Minister, Public Works Department, Government of Maharashtra.



**Photo 13:** Felicitations by the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor to Dr. Birendra Saraf, Advocate General of Maharashtra.



**Photo 14: Felicitations by the Registrar to Smt. Suvarna Keole, Principal Secretary, Law and Judiciary Department**

### Project Initiation Ceremony



In the presence of the Hon'ble Chief Minister and all our distinguished guests on the dais, the project was initiated with the unveiling of a plaque, followed by the display of a model video.



**Hon'ble dignitaries viewing the project model video during the ceremonial proceedings.**

**Address by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Maharashtra**



The Hon'ble Chief Minister emphasised on this project as a landmark moment for MNLU Mumbai and the legal education in Maharashtra. He noted that Maharashtra is the only state in the country to have three National Law Universities and emphasized that MNLU Mumbai, which is the first NLU of the state, will now witness the development of its most advanced and prestigious campus. He recounted the long journey of identifying suitable land and obtaining the necessary clearances for the Goregaon campus, assuring that all permissions and environmental compliances are in place. He assured that MNLU Mumbai's campus would be completed at the earliest with world-class infrastructure which is aligned with the National Education Policy, and strengthens the vision of the upcoming EduCity in Mumbai.

**Address by Hon'ble Justice Shri Chandrashekhar, Chief Justice, Bombay High Court, and Pro-Chancellor, MNLU Mumbai.**



Hon'ble Mr. Justice Shree Chandrashekhar, Chief Justice of the Bombay High Court and Pro Chancellor, MNLU Mumbai, thanked the Hon'ble Chief Justice of India and the State Government for their vision behind the project. He also stressed that the true purpose of education is to create good human beings who can serve society better.

**Presidential Address by the Hon'ble Chief Justice of India**



Delivering the Presidential Address, the Hon'ble Chief Justice of India extended greetings on Guru purab and invoked Guru Nanak's teachings of equality and social justice as guiding principles for legal education. Recalling Dr. B.R. Ambedkar's view that lawyers are social engineers, he stated that students graduating from this university will become torchbearers of social transformation. He expressed deep appreciation to the Government of Maharashtra for allocating a prime land for the university and commended the Chief Minister for ensuring rapid progress of the legal projects in the state. He acknowledged Maharashtra's leadership in providing top-tier infrastructure for courts and law universities, stating that the MNLU Mumbai campus would be comparable to the best international law schools such as Harvard and Cambridge. He emphasized that legal education has evolved from theory to practical training, preparing students as future social engineers committed to constitutional morality and justice. At last, he also gave his best wishes to the students and faculty of the MNLU Mumbai for their future journey.

### **Vote of Thanks by the Registrar**



Prof. (Dr.) Prakash Chaudhary, Registrar of MNLU Mumbai delivered a vote of thanks emphasising the contribution of all the stakeholders in this journey. He also thanked M/s Hiten Sethi and Associates, the architectural company for designing the model of the University.



**Landowners, along with esteemed faculty members, staff, and students, who graciously graced the ceremony with their presence.”**



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