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The National Law University and Judicial Academy Assam was established by way of passing the National Law School and Judicial Academy Act, 2009. The aforesaid Act was later amended and the word 'School' was substituted by the word 'University'. The University had become partially functional with effect from **January 2011**. However, it became fully functional with effect from **June 2011**. From **June 2011 to August 2011**, the University operated from a small three room apartment situated at the Bhubhan Road in Uzan Bazar, near the Gauhati High Court. However, in the last week of **August 2011**, immediately after the conduct of the All India Law Entrance Examination and commencement of the admission formalities for the First Batch of Students, the University shifted to the NEJOTI Building and started functioning from the NEJOTI Building with effect from **31st August 2011**. A brief information is given in the following paragraphs about some of the prominent events that took place during the year (**from 1st June 2012 to 30 June 2013**)

1. RECOGNITION TO THE NLUJAA FROM THE UNIVERSITY GRANTS COMMISSION (UGC), NEW DELHI ON 05 JUNE 2012

The University has recently been given recognition by the University Grants Commission under Section 2(f) of the University Grants Commission Act, 1957. The recognition was delayed till the time the word 'National Law School' was substituted by the word 'National Law University' in the University Act. This was done by way of amendment of the National Law School and Judicial Academy, Assam Act. The University now intends to apply for recognition under Section 12(b) of the UGC Act whereby on being recognized, the NLUJAA shall be able to apply to the UGC for the award of financial grants for various purposes.

2. RECOGNITION OF THE NLUJAA FOR THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE ASSOCIATION OF INDIAN UNIVERSITIES (AIU), NEW DELHI

The University had applied for the membership of the Association of Indian Universities (AIU), which is mandatory for every university to take. The membership application was accepted by the AIU authorities subject to the condition that the membership shall be accorded to the NLUJAA on its getting recognition by the UGC under Section 2(f). Now when the NLUJAA has already received the recognition from the UGC, the membership of the AIU is expected very soon.

3. INSPECTION OF THE NLUJAA BY THE HIGH POWERED EXPERT COMMITTEE APPOINTED BY THE BAR COUNCIL OF INDIA ON 20 JUNE 2012

On submission of the application for seeking formal recognition from the Bar Council of India (BCI), New Delhi, the BCI sent a High Powered Expert Team headed by the **Chairman of the Bar Council of India, Mr. Manar Kumar Mishra**, Senior Advocate himself for inspecting the University. The other two members of the team were: **Hon'ble Mr. Justice S.K. Kar, Retired Judge of the Gauhati High Court** and **Mr. Apoorva Kumar Sharma, Chairman of the Executive Committee of the Bar Council of India**. The Team inspected the University and assured that the BCI would give recognition to the NLUJA. The communication from the BCI is awaited.

4. MEMBERSHIP OF THE LEADING PROFESSIONAL ORGANISATIONS AND ASSOCIATIONS

The NLUJAA had applied for the membership of three main professional organizations, namely, the Indian Law Institute, the Indian Society of International Law and the Indian Institute of Public Administration. The applications of NLUJAA have already been accepted by the aforesaid institutions and the NLUJAA shall get their membership soon. Their memberships shall enable the NLUJAA to get their prestigious publications for its library free of cost for the life time and our students can take the benefit of working in their libraries and use their data bases etc. etc.

5. PARTICIPATION OF THE NLUJAA TEACHERS IN VARIOUS ACADEMIC EVENTS HELD ACROSS THE COUNTRY

(i) **MR. ALEK MUVIAH, ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF LAW:**

Attended and participated in the **Three Days Teachers Training Programme in International Humanitarian Law** held on **17-18-19 November 2011** at Kolkata and organized by the West Bengal National University of Juridical Sciences.

(ii) MR. THANGZAKHUP TOMBING, ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF LAW:

- (a) Attended and participated in the National Workshop on **“New Perspectives on IPR Teaching”** organized by the National Law University (NLU), Delhi on **04-05 March 2012**.
- (b) Participated in **“Training Programme on Copyright and Trademark”** organised by the MHRD Chair On IPR, Tezpur on **08-09 November 2012** at NEDFI House, Guwahati.
- (c) Participated in **“Basic Course on Teaching of Law of Criminal”** Procedure from **08-14 December 2012** at National Law University, Delhi.
- (d) Organised the **First North East Round of the Surana and Surana National Trial Advocacy Moot Court Competition 2012**.
- (e) Participated in a National Seminar on **“Education, Society and Human Rights”** on **12-13 March 2012** organised by NHRC, New Delhi and Tezpur Central University at Tezpur.
- (f) Participated in the Interactive Session with Hon'ble Mr. Justice G.S. Singhvi, Judge, Supreme Court of India on the Topic, **“The Challenges Before the Legal Profession in Contemporary Times”** on 12 May 2012 organised by the NLUJA, Assam at the ITA Centre, Machkowa, Guwahati.
- (g) Participated in **“National Tax Conference”** organised by Tax Bar Association, Guwahati on **17-18 March 2012** at ITA Centre, Guwahati.

(iii) MS. PRIETI P. SHARMA, ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF SOCIOLOGY:

Attended and participated in the **National Seminar on Education, Society and Human Rights** at the Tezpur Central University, Tezpur on **13 March 2012**.

(iv) MR. ISHAN SAIKIA, ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF HISTORY:

- (a) Attended and participated in the **National Seminar on Education, Society and Human Rights** at the Tezpur Central University, Tezpur on **13 March 2012**.

- (b) Presented a paper titled “**Good Governance and Human Rights: Requisite Juxtaposition**” in ICSSR sponsored National Seminar on “**Emerging Challenges of Governance and State of Human Rights in North East India**” organised by the Institute of Tai Studies and Research held on **06-07 October 2012**.
 - (c) Presented a paper titled “**Prospected and Problems of Tourism in Assam: A Study in Jorhat District**” in the UGC sponsored National Seminar on “**Prospectus and Potentialities of Tourism Industry in Assam in the Era of Globalisation**” organised by Chandra Kamal Bezbaruah College, Teok held on 13-14 February 2013.
- (v) **MS. SUJATA HATIBARUAH, ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF POLITICAL SCIENCE:**
- (a) Attended and participated in the **National Seminar on Education, Society and Human Rights** at the Tezpur Central University, Tezpur on **13 March 2012**.
 - (b) Participated and presented a paper in the National Seminar on “**Emerging Challenges of Governance and State of Human Rights in North Este India**” organised by Institute of Tai Studies & Research, Moranhat and ICSSR titled “**Food Securities and Good Governance in India: Understanding Violation of Human Rights**” held on **06-07 October 2012**.
 - (d) Participated and presented a paper titled “**Prospect of Development of North East India through Ethnic Tourism: An Overview**” in the UGC sponsored National Seminar on “**Prospects and Potentialities of Tourism Industry in Assam in the Era of Globalisation**” organised by handra Kamal Bezbaruah College, Teok held on 13-14 February 2013.
 - (c) Selected and invited to participate in the **Advanced Diploma in International Humanitarian Law and Peace Operations** on **08-13 October 2012** in Milan, Italy.
 - (d) Contributed two chapters in the textbook “**Human Rights in North East India**”, Fernandez, Walter (Ed), Guwahati, North Eastern Diocesan Social Forum, June 2012.
 - (e) Published a Research Paper titled “**Political Unrest: Roots and Prospect**” in Ethnicity and Identity Crisis in North East India, Guwahati, K.K. Publications, **(ISBN-9788192344003) July 2012**.

- (f) Published a Research Paper titled “**Status of Women in Customary Laws: A Study of Four Tribes of North East India**” (ISSN-2277-6168) on **16 February 2013**.
- (vi) The NLUJAA faculty and students attended a **Seminar on Monitoring Mechanism for Juvenile Justice System** on **17 March 2012** at Don Bosco Institute at Guwahati.
- 6. PARTICIPATION OF THE NLUJAA STUDENTS IN VARIOUS CONFERENCES, MOOT COURT COMPETITIONS, SEMINARS, SYMPOSIA, TRAINING PROGRAMMES AND WORKSHOPS**
- (i) RASHMI PATWARY, 4TH SEMESTER B.A.,LL.B. (HONS.) FYIC**
- (a) Participated in *9th Asia Pacific Conference On Prevention Of Child Abuse (APPCAN)* Organised By Indian Child Abuse, Neglect And Child Labour Group (ICANCL Group), Indian Academy Of Paediatrics And International Society For Prevention Of Child Abuse And Neglect (ISPCAN), Theme: Child Abuse And Neglect In Asia Pacific Countries: Challenges And Opportunities- 2011.
- (b) Participated in *Regional Conference of East Zone on Mediation- A-Win-Win Model of Dispute Resolution*, Organised by Gauhati High Court Mediation Centre, Guwahati, Assam on 18th February 2012.
- (c) Participated in *National Seminar on Education, Society and Human Rights*, Organised by National Human Rights Commission, New Delhi and Tezpur University, Assam held from March 12, 2012 to March 13, 2012 at Tezpur University.
- (d) Participated in a two day *Training Programme on Copyright and Trademark for police officials, Judicial Officers and Prosecutors* from 8-9 November 2012, organised by MHRD Chair on IPR, Tezpur University.
- (e) Presented a paper titled *Empowering Rural Vigilantes and Activists Through Legal Literacy A way of Accessing Grass root Justice* in the 36th All India Criminology Conference of the Indian Society of Criminology (ISC) organised by the National Law University, Delhi during February 15-17, 2013.

- (f) Participated in the 12th Amity Moot Court Competition, 2013 organised by Amity Law School, New Delhi from 01 March 2013-03 March 2013.
- (g) Presented a paper titled *Participatory Forest Management: Lessons from Rural Sikkim* in the national seminar on “Envisioning a Legal Framework for Mainstreaming Environmental Conservation”, organized by Centre for Environment and Law at NUALS Kochi on 11th and 12th of March, 2013. (the paper was presented on our behalf by Namrata Vinod, 4th Semester Student from NUALS, Kochi).
- (h) Selection of paper titled - *Relevance Of Kautilya's Ideas In The Growing Age Of Consumerism: A Critical Evaluation Of The Consumer Protection Act, 1986* for International Conference on ‘Governance Issues and Corruption’ under auspices of the University Grants Commission of India's Special Assistance Programme (SAP), to be organised by the Department of Economics, Maharshi Dayanand University, Rohtak from 19-20 March 2013.

(ii) SOUMYA RAJSINGH, 4TH SEMESTER B.A.,LL.B. (HONS.) FYIC

- (a) Participated in a two day *Training Programme on Copyright and Trademark for police officials, Judicial Officers and Prosecutors* from 8-9 November 2012, organised by MHRD Chair on IPR, Tezpur University.
- (b) Participated in *National Seminar on Education, Society and Human Rights*, Organised by National Human Rights Commission, New Delhi and Tezpur University, Assam held from March 12, 2012 to March 13, 2012 at Tezpur University.
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- (g) Participated in National Tax conference, organised by National Tax Bar Association.
- (h) 1st prize winner of legal quiz, second prize winner of debate, national law fest organised by Utkala University, Odissa.

(iii) ANOOSHA S. PANWAR, 4TH SEMESTER B.A.,LL.B. (HONS.) FYIC

- (a) Participated as Delegate in 9th ISPCAN Asia Pacific Conference on Child Abuse and Neglect held at the National Law University, Delhi on 06-09 October 2011.
- (b) Participated in National Tax Conference 2012 organised by All India Federation of Tax Practitioners (Eastern Zone) jointly with Tax Bar Association, Guwahati on 17-18 March 2012 at ITA Centre, Guwahati.
- (c) Participated in Training Programme on Copyright and Trademark for Police Officials, Judicial Officers and Prosecutors organised by Ministry of Human Resource Development Chair on Intellectual Property Rights, Tezpur University on 08-09 November 2012 at NEDFI House, Guwahati.
- (d) Participated in 12th Amity National Moot Court Competition held by Amity Law School, Noida from 01-03 March 2013.
- (e) Participated as Delegate of Vanuatu in Indian School of Mines Model United Nations Srijan 2013 held from 14-16 March 2013.
- (f) Participated in Hidayatullah National Law University's 3rd Gurucharan Singh Tulsi National Legal Essay Writing Competition on "Does Indian Police Stations Need an Overhaul".

- (iv)** Falakyar Askari and Aditya Mishra of B.A.,LL.B. (Hons.) 4th Semester, published a paper titled "Legal Protection of Consumers' Choice From Deception Advertising", publishers -

Legally Service Indian (on-line journal) on 03 March 2013. [ISBN No. 978-93-82417-01-9].

(v) P.S. Chandralekha, 4TH SEMESTER B.A.,LL.B. (HONS.) FYIC

(a) SHISHU SAROTHI: Centre for Rehabilitation of Training for Multiple Disability. Conference attended on 19 February 2012 on "UNCRPD of Disability Laws".

(b) National Seminar on "Education, Society and Human Rights" on 12-13 March 2012, organised by NHRC, New Delhi and Tezpur Central University.

(c) Indian School of Mines - Model United Nations, SRIJAN - 2013 on 15-16 March 2013.

(vi) Paranjay Sharma, Aditya Mishra and Nitesh Dwivedi of B.A.,LL.B. (Hons.) 2nd Semester went to Chanakya National Law University, Patna to participated in Model United Nations on 09-10 February, 2013.

(viii) Madhumanti Ghosh and Sucheta Ray of B.A.,LL.B. (Hons.) 2nd Semester participated in Model United Nations Conference at Indian School of Mines, Dhanbad held on 16 March 2013.

(viii) Presented paper in the National Seminar on Bio-Research and Biodiversity Conservation of North-East India held at D.K. College, Mirza, Assam on 24 March 2013. The topic of the paper "An Evaluation of the Status of Wildlife with Special Reference to Assam".

(ix) Presented paper in the National Seminar on Women and Environment - A look into the issues, problems and opportunities held at D.K. College, Mirza, Assam on 31 March 2013. The topic of the paper - "Women, Environment and its Catalysts".

(x) Paranjay Sharma, Suyash Pranay Tripathi, Ashutosh Singh, Mathuk Thumra, Ankit Konwar, Shivang Bhargava, Abhinandan Baruah of

During the last academic year, some other students participated and attended a large number of conferences, moot court competitions, seminars, symposia, training programmes and workshops etc. etc.

7. THE FOUNDATION STONE OF THE UNIVERSITY LAID BY THE CHANCELLOR AND HON'BLE CHIEF JUSTICE OF THE GAUHATI HIGH COURT MR. JUSTICE A.K. GOEL.

The Foundation Stone laying Ceremony of the Upcoming permanent campus of NLUJAA at the Amingaon site was laid down by the Hon'ble Chancellor of NLUJAA, the Chief Justice of the Gauhati High Court, Hon'ble Mr. Justice Adarsh Kumar Goel, on 1st July 2012. In a formal function, in the presence of the Hon'ble members of the Governing Council of NLUJAA, Teaching and Non-Teaching Staff, a few students and members of the print and mass media of Guwahati. The Chief Guest was ushered in by a Gayan-Bayan, followed by unveiling of the foundation stone and lighting of the ceremonial lamp by the distinguished guest. A Saraswati Vandana was rendered by renowned singer Sangeeta Kakati. An interactive event that saw coming together of the different generations of the NLUJAA family and sharing of thoughts, was culminated at a luncheon hosted by the NLUJAA authorities at its Ulubari premises.

8. THE PARENTS OF THE FIRST BATCH OF STUDENTS MEETING WITH THE UNIVERSITY FACULTY MEMBERS'.

9. CULTURAL EVENT – FRESHERS

10. FAREWELL OF MR. KHANDAKAR SHAHIN AHMED, ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF ENGLISH ON 29-01-2013

11. FAREWELL OF FIRST REGISTRAR

12. WELCOME PROGRAMME OF THE NEW REGISTRAR

Mr. Kausar Jamil Hilaly, ACS joined as the New Registrar in the National Law University and Judicial Academy, Assam on **05 April 2013**.

13. VISIT OF PROFESSOR (DR.) N.L. MITRA, CHANCELLOR, KIIT UNIVERSITY TO THE NLUJAA CAMPUS AND INTERACTION WITH THE STUDENTS AND FACULTY ON 27 APRIL 2013

Prof. (DR.) N.L. Mitra, He is an eminent academician and academic administrator well known in India and abroad. He had been the Vice-Chancellor of the National Law School of India University (NLSIU), Bangalore and National Law University (NLU), Jodhpur. He has been the Chairman of different important Government of India Committees and has advised Reserve Bank of India and other important bodies. Currently he has taken over as the new Chancellor of KIIT University with effect from 8th January 2012.

Prof. (Dr.) N. L. Mitra, visited the NLUJAA campus on **27 April 2013** and interacted with the students. In his interaction he stressed upon the need to develop critical legal thinking among the students. He also encouraged the students to develop in them a sense of competitive edge so that they may stay ahead of their contemporaries in the legal arena.

14. FAREWELL OF TEACHING STAFF:

(a) **MR. ISHAN KRISHNA SAIKIA, ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF HISTORY ON 01 MAY 2013**

(b) **MS. SUJATA HATI BARUAH, ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF POLITICAL SCIENCE ON 30 JUNE 2013**

15. QUIZ COMPETITION - FALAKYAR ASKARI

16. **STARLITE - PRIZE DISTRIBUTION PROGRAM AND ANNUAL CULTURAL EVENT ON**

17. **INTERNSHIPS**

18. **FAREWELL PROGRAM OF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER ON 15 JUNE 2013 AND WELCOME PROGRAM OF NEW ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER**