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A UNIVERSITY PAR EXCELLENCE

THIRTEENTH ANNUAL CONVOCATION



The Thirteenth Annual Convocation of the University was held on February 1st, 2020 at NUALS Campus. Hon'ble Mr. Justice K. M. Joseph, Judge, Supreme Court of India and Visitor NUALS, delivered the Convocation Address. Hon'ble Mr. Justice S. Manikumar, Chief Justice, High Court of Kerala and Chancellor of NUALS, presided over the Convocation. Dr. K. T. Jaleel, Hon'ble Minister of Higher Education, Government of Kerala and Pro-Chancellor, NUALS, delivered the Special Address. The Chief Guest, Hon'ble Mr. Justice K. M. Joseph, Judge, Supreme Court of India, presented Endowment Gold Medals. Ms. Sheena Fathima achieved the C. K. Sivasankara Panicker Memorial Endowment Gold Medal, Justice V. R. Krishna Iyer Memorial Endowment Gold Medal, T. R. Raman Pillai Memorial Endowment Gold Medal & M. K. Nambyar Memorial Gold Medal, Ms. Sharika R. achieved The PTA Gold Medal and Mr. V. Arvind Rajagopal achieved the Nani A Palkhivala Memorial Gold Medal.



BARRISTER M. K. NAMBYAR ENDOWMENT LAW LECTURE



In democratic countries government has to secure the liberty and freedom of all, while respecting the autonomy of the individual, pointed out the US Law professor Roza Pati while delivering the fourth M. K. Nambyar endowment law lecture conducted by NUALS on 25th February 2020.

Vice Chancellor Dr. K. C. Sunny delivered Presidential Address and Prof Mini S. spoke delivered the vote of thanks. Justice Raja Vijayaraghavan, Jayasankar Nambiar, Endowment committee members Adv Dandapani, Prof. Leelaakrishnan and a number of senior lawyers, students and teachers were present. The endowment is instituted at NUALS in memory of the late Barrister M. K. Nambyar by his son and the Attorney General of India K. K. Venugopal.



MOOT MENTORING WORKSHOP

The Moot Mentoring Workshop held on 18th and 19th of January, 2020, organized by the Moot Court Society of the University was one that builds a strong foundation in the basics of mooting for the students belonging to the 1st and 2nd years of the B.A.LL.B (Hons.) course. It included a blend of inspiration, encouragement, professionalism and learning. Over the course of 2 days, the students



participated in informative and interactive sessions on the art of mooting conducted by Prof. David Ambrose, Adv. Tushara James and Mr. Akash Gupta. The moot coaches individually evaluated the memorials submitted by the students and highlighted areas that needed improvement. They also conducted oral rounds followed by a discussion on the Moot proposition. The Moot Mentoring Workshop was largely successful in honing the skills of the students and equipping them with the knowledge that would greatly aid and assist them in their future Mooting endeavors.

HIGH COURT SITTING JUDGES & LEADING LAWYERS TO TEACH NUALS STUDENTS

The University opened a new chapter in Legal education in Kerala by making arrangement with High Court sitting Judges to engage classes to law students at NUALS as Adjunct Professors. Seven sitting judges have been appointed as Adjunct Professors of NUALS. Justice A. Hariprasad, Justice A. Muhamed Mustaque, Justice A. K. Jayasankaran Nambiar, Justice Anil K. Narendran, Justice Sunil Thomas, Justice Devan Ramachandran and Justice B. Sudheendra Kumar are the sitting judges who would engage law classes for students at NUALS.

Besides, Rtd. Chief Justice of Sikkim High Court Justice Pius C. Kuriakose and former Director of Kerala Judicial Academy Justice K. T. Sankaran, senior advocates like Dr. K.B. Muhammed Kutty, Adv. T.P.M. Ibrahim Khan, Adv. Radhakrishnan S., Dr. Pauly Mathew Murikkan, Adv. Nagaraj Narayanan and former Legislative Secretary Dr. M.C. Valson are also appointed as Adjunct Professors as per Section 20 (v) of NUALS Act. As per the arrangement, Adjunct Professor Justice Sunil Thomas had already engaged a class on Transfer of Property Act. Apart from Adjunct Professors the following legal experts are appointed as Adjunct Associate Professors. They are: Pradeep K.P., Dr. Thushara James, Dr. Abraham T Meachinkara and Shyam Kumar V.M.



CERTIFICATE COURSE WITH FOREIGN FACULTY

The University has introduced a novel certificate course for the students of the University by a Foreign Faculty, which is intended to give an additional exposure in the field of law in relation to International traits. Prof. Roza Pati conducted a Certificate on “Human Trafficking Law and Policy in Global and Domestic Law Case Studies: United States of America & India”. There were thirty one student participants for the programme.

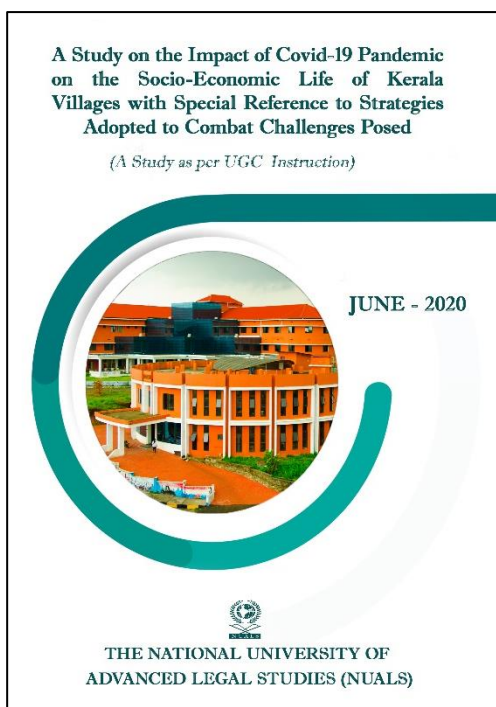


ACADEMIC INTERFACE OF STUDENTS WITH PROFESSOR (Dr.) ROZA PATI

Professor Roza Pati in her visit to NUALS in the month of January 2020 initiated academic interaction with LL.B. students. Having her expertise in the field of Human Rights and Human Trafficking, her good self created a deep understanding among the students regarding human right violation and motivate them to raise their voice against human trafficking. Apart from sharing her experience as a politician as well an academican, she also unfolded opportunities to the students of NUALS to pursue higher education on human rights in her prestigious Institution, Academy of Human Trafficking of which she is the Founder Director.



STUDY ON IMPACT OF COVID – 19 PANDEMIC



As directed by the University Grants Commission, the National University of Advanced Legal Studies (NUALS) has conducted a study on “Impact of Covid-19 Pandemic on the Socio-Economic Life of Kerala Villages with Special Reference to Strategies Adopted to Combat Challenges Posed”. As per the instruction of Vice Chancellor Prof. (Dr.) K. C. Sunny, a research team was formed under the leadership of Pro. S. Mini along with Student Welfare Officer Dr. Sujith Nair and Research Officer Dr. S.Bindu.’ The team completed the study in the stipulated time itself and submitted the report to UGC on 30th June itself.

The aim of the present study was to find out the awareness, constraints and strategies adopted by the villages in Kerala to combat Covid 19 . By using a questionnaire, the data were collected from 500 respondents from Alangad, Edathala panchayaths and Tripunithura, Trikkakara and Kalamassery Municipalities of Ernakulam District. The study revealed that 47.2% of the people have high level of awareness on Covid 19 pandemic whereas 43 per cent of people have average level of awareness on Covid 19 pandemic and 9.8% per cent of people have awareness on Covid 19 pandemic at low level. In the context of Covid 19 pandemic, more than sixty per cent of people experience discomforts such as fear of illness(64.4 %), confusion over the news on social media (61.2 %), depression and boredom (60.2 %) etc. The research revealed that the people in the five areas of Ernakulam district selected for the study have low level of awareness on H1N1 virus or Spanish flue of 1918. Although they are facing many challenges and constraints in their socio-economic life due to this disease, many of the people are adapting different measures to combat this disease. But some of the people are not yet conscious about the rules and guidelines of Government to prevent the spread of this disease.



SUBHIKSHA KERALAM

'Subhiksha Keralam' scheme aims at large scale production of paddy, fruits, vegetables, tubers, grains and legumes as part of achieving self-sufficiency. As part of the scheme the University has started cultivation of various agricultural crops at the campus. The main crops that are cultivated at the University are tapioca, plantain, yam, elephant foot yam, colocasia and other vegetables. The crops were planted in the 50 cents of land near the Vice-Chancellors quarters.



ENVIRONMENT DAY OBSERVATION

The World Environment day was observed at NUALS on the 7th of June 2020. The Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor of the University Prof. (Dr.) K. C. Sunny inaugurated the programme by planting a bamboo sapling in the Administrative Block of the University. The staff of the University was present during the programme and have planted various saplings throughout the campus. Hundred saplings were procured for the same from the Social Forestry Wing of the Kerala Forests Department.



PROGRAMMES & EVENTS BY CENTRES

Centre for Law & Development, Director: Dr. Balakrishnan K., Associate Professor

Three day training on ‘Law Relating to Investigation and Trial in Economic Offences Cases’



The Centre conducted a three day Training programme on ‘Law Relating to Investigation and Trial in Economic Offences Cases’ for the National Academy of Customs, Indirect Taxes and Narcotics (NACIN), Zonal Campus, Cochin (A Capacity Building Academy, which also conducts Outreach) from 14th to 16th January 2020. The Primary beneficiaries of the programme were 30 field Officers of the

Department. The main objective of the programme was to make the participants aware on interpretation of criminal statutes, investigation, collection and presentation of evidences in economic offences.

The different sessions of the training programme were handled by renowned professionals like Hon’ble Justice K.T. Sankaran, Dr. Jacob Joseph, Justice Abraham Mathew, Dr. Balakrishnan K., Mr. L.S. Sathiyamurthy (CBI Judge), Justice Ramkumar K., Mr. Hari S. Nayar & Dr. Vinod Bhattathiripad. Criminal statutes, complaint/First Information Report, exercises and self-assessment on drafting a criminal complaint, evidences and witnesses, types criminal trials, types of evidences, collection and admissibility of evidences, exercises and self-assessment on litigation strategy, filing and case management etc were the topics under discussion of the training programme.

Centre For Law and Economics, Director-in-charge: Shri. Raveendrakumar D.

1. Altus Disputatio 2020

The centre organised a debate competition – Altus Disputatio 2020, a unique debate based on *devils cross* format developed at NUALS from 13th to 15th of March 2020. In its 10th Edition now, Altus Disputatio has been adorning a prominent place in the debating world & has hosted participants from all over India and the world. Altus Disputatio provides the participants with a unique opportunity to polish and display their skills in articulation – convincing or confusing is your choice, you will be

judged by those who have seen it all. Through this unique form of debate, we aim at simulating real-world hurdles and contestants are expected to use their skill sets to adapt to the fast-moving format.

Centre For Parliamentary Studies And Law Reforms, Director: Dr. Anil R. Nair

1. The Centre organised a session titled “Union Budget Analysis – 2020” on 17th of February, 2020. Sri. Arunkumar S., Finance Officer, NUALS, addressed the students and explained the implications of the full budget and the novel changes brought to the income tax structure.
2. The Centre has during the year published Volumes V, VI and VII of CPSLR-NUALS-IBC E-Newsletter which focuses on current developments in the field of insolvency and restructuring of companies in India under the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code, 2016

Centre For Women And Family Studies, Director-In-Charge: Dr. Sheeba S. Dhar

1. International Seminar on 'Realisation of Human Rights of Women- Changing Dimensions, Challenges and Recourse' on February 5,6 & 7, 2020.

The Centre for Women and Family Studies, NUALS organised a Three Day International Seminar on 'Realisation of Human Rights of Women- Changing Dimensions, Challenges and Recourse' at NUALS from February 5-7, 2020.

The programme commenced with a Welcome address from Dr. Sheeba S. Dhar, Director (i/c), Centre for Women and Family Studies, NUALS. The Seminar was inaugurated by Hon'ble Mr. Justice Raja Vijayaraghavan,



Judge , High Court of Kerala. Prof. (Dr.) K.C. Sunny, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, NUALS delivered the presidential address. Prof. Dr Roza Pati, Founder Director, Academy of Human Trafficking, U.S. delivered the key note address. Felicitation was done by Prof. Dr M.C. Valson, Director, Centre for Environment and Law. Ms. P.B. Arya, Assistant Professor, delivered vote of thanks. There were around 350 participants and presentations were scheduled in 22 sessions at Seminar Hall, Council Hall and Media Room of NUALS . Prof. (Dr.) K. B. Kempe Gowda, Principal Vivekananda College of Law, Bengaluru, Prof. (Dr.) N. B. Chandrakala, Department of Law, Shri Padmavathi Mahila

Vishwavidyalayam , Prof. (Dr.) V. R. Jayadevan , Principal, Government Law College, Kozhikode, Prof. Dr Mini S., Director , Centre for Competition Law and Policy, NUALS, Prof. (Dr.) Bismi Gopalakrishnan, Director, School of Indian Legal Thought, Kottayam, Dr.



Bindumol V. C., Associate Professor, Government Law College, Ernakulam , Dr Gireesh Kumar J., Head, Department of Law, Central University of Kerala, Thiruvalla Campus, Dr Vani Kesari , Director , School of Legal Studies, CUSAT, Dr. P. S. Seema, Former Director , School of Legal Studies, CUSAT, Dr Sonia K. Das , Associate Professor, Government Law College, Thrissur, Dr. Gifty Oommen, Associate Professor, Government Law College, Ernakulam, Dr Anil R. Nair, Associate Professor and Director , Centre for Law and Parliamentary Reforms, NUALS, Dr Sheema S. Dhar, Assistant Professor, Government Law College, Trivandrum, Dr Geena Kumari, Additional Government Pleader and Public Prosecutor, District Court, Trivandrum, Dr. Parvati Poornima, Assistant Professor, St. Joseph College, Bengaluru, Mr. Bineesh Panicker, Journalist, Ernakulam were the resource persons for the various sessions of the Seminar. There were 292 paper presentations conducted in three venues simultaneously. Best Research paper award was received by Subhangi Komal and Meetali Rawat, National University of Study and Research in Law, Ranchi. Best presentation award was won by Ms. Gauri Thampi, BBA LL.B. (Hons.) Alliance University. The Programme was concluded with a Valedictory Session at 5.30. p.m. in the Seminar Hall, NUALS.

- 1. Publication of Book by the Centre on 'Realisation of Human Rights of Women- Changing Dimensions, Challenges and Recourse' in two volumes and the book was released by Prof. Dr Roza Pati on February 5, 2020.***



3. International Women's Day Celebration March 8,2020 , Blood Donation Camp and Orientation Programme on 'Gender Justice And Rights Of Women ' on March 9,2020.

The International Women's Day 2020 Celebration started with Inaugural address by Prof (Dr.) K. C. Sunny, Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, NUALS on March 9, 2020. The Centre for Women and Family Studies, NUALS organized an Orientation Programme on 'Gender Justice and Women's Rights as part of Gender Sensitization in Campus. The first



academic session was by Dr. Neena Joseph, Institute of Management in Government, Kerala. She has highlighted the problems faced by the women with respect to the issue of domestic violence and was trying to find out the recourse. The second session was headed by Dr. Bhuvaneshwari D., Head of Department of International Law and Organization & Director, Department of Research and Publication. She spoke from a constitutional perspective about women's right to her own body. She enlightened the group about the law relating to abortion. This was followed by a discussion and debate. Simultaneously with the Orientation programme, in association with All Kerala Blood Donors' Society , a Blood donation camp was organised in the Campus as a symbol of Women's Empowerment .It



received participation from more than 50 women donors along with men. Following the two academic sessions, an interactive session with involvement of 60 students were arranged which witnessed making of posters on women empowerment, discussions and debates based on posters. The entire programme was attended by 150 students.

4. Publication and Release of CWFS' Newsletter 2020 by Prof. (Dr) K. C. Sunny Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, NUALS.



5. Submission of Proposal for conducting Open and Distance Learning on Gender Sensitization and Legal Awareness to the National Commission for Women on May 4,2020.

Centre For Health Law And Policy, Director-In-Charge: Dr. Liji Samuel

1. 4th edition of the International Seminar on Health, Human Rights and IPR

The Centre conducted a three–day international seminar on Health, Human Rights and IPR 2020 with the theme ‘Biomedical Technologies: Health, Human Rights and IPR perspectives’ from 25th to 27th February 2020. This International Seminar is a joint venture with the Centre for Human Rights and the Centre for Intellectual Property Rights. Eminent resources persons including Dr Ravi Duggal (Independent Researcher, Health Economist), Dr. Gopakumar G. Nair (Head of Gopakumar Nair Associates and founder of GNANLEX Associates), Dr B. Ekbal (Member, Kerala State Planning Board), Dr Reddivari Revathi (Associate Professor, Head of the Department of Constitutional Law and Human Rights at the Tamil Nadu Dr Ambedkar Law University, Mr Jayakrishnan (CEO of ASIMOV Robotics Pvt. Ltd), Dr Bismi Gopalakrishnan (Professor and Director of School of Indian Legal Thought, MG University), Dr Vani Kesari (Head of the Department of School of Legal Studies, Cochin University), Dr Ullas Mony (Assistant Professor, Amrita Vishwa Vidhyapeetam), Dr Meenakumar (Assistant Professor, Government College, Ernakulam), and Ms Hima Sithul (Rajiv Gandhi Centre for Biotechnology) were the resource persons for various sessions of the seminar.

2. Publication of a book on biomedical technologies

The Centre is now working on the publication of a book titled ‘Biomedical Technologies: Health, Human Rights and IPR’ by compiling the research papers received in connection with the international seminar on Health, Human Rights and IPR 2020.

Centre For Intellectual Property Rights, Director-In-Charge: Dr. Athira P. S.

1. International Seminar on Health, Human Rights and Intellectual Property Rights

Following the success of the joint international seminars by the Centre for Intellectual Property Rights (CIPR), the Centre for Human Rights (CHR) and the Centre for Health Law and Policy (CHLP) at NUALS, the Centre co-organized the 4th edition of the International Seminar on Health, Human Rights and Intellectual Property Rights (ISHHI), with the theme "Biomedical Technologies" from 25th to 27th February 2020. The program included a symposium on *Commercialization involving Biomedical Technologies and its challenges* and *Ethical and Regulatory Framework of Biomedical*

Technologies, followed by the release of the eponymous publication by Justice Jayasankaran Nambiar at the NUALS Campus on 25th February 2020.

2. *One day awareness seminar on "Importance of Intellectual Property Rights"*

IPR protection plays a key role in gaining competitive advantage in terms of technological gains for achieving higher economic growth in a market driven economy. Addressing the need to disseminate information about IPR and its benefits for boosting the economic development of the country, and share practices adopted by developed countries, the Centre, in association with the PHD Chamber of Commerce and Industry and the Office of the Controller General of Patents, Designs & Trade marks, Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Government of India organized one day awareness seminar on



"Importance of Intellectual Property Rights" on 2nd March, 2020.

The programme contained sessions handled by experienced professionals in the field and resource persons included were Mr D P Goel, Co-Chairman MSME Committee, New Delhi, Dr Ranjeet Mehta, Principal Director ,PHDCCI, New Delhi, Mr. Manoj Madhav, Assistant Controller of Patents, Patent Office, Chennai, Mr Sandeep Agarwal ,Director, Aadastra IP and Mr Mithilesh Kumar , Joint Secretary PHDCCI.

3. NUALS Intellectual Property Law Review

The NUALS Intellectual Property Law Review (ISSN 2582-4244) is a peer-reviewed, double-blind and open access journal, operating under the aegis of the Centre for Intellectual Property Rights, NUALS. The 2nd volume of the journal was published on May 8th, 2020 and is available at <http://ciprnuals.in/tiplr/> and <http://www.nuals.ac.in/Law-Journals.aspx>. It contains articles from national and international experts in the domain of intellectual property rights.

4. The IP Site

The IP Site, a leading Intellectual Property Law blog initiated by the CIPR, continues to encourage and stimulate the awareness and importance of IP. Available at <http://blog.ciprnuals.in/> the blog is constantly updated with articles of contemporary relevance and promotes the aim of dissemination and promotion of scholarship in intellectual property rights.

Centre for Consumer Protection Law And Policy - Ms. Nandita Narayan, Director (I/C)

National Seminar On Citizenship And Constitution

A three-day national seminar on citizenship and Constitution was held at the National University of Advanced Legal Studies Campus, Kalamaserry from 5 th March – 7 th March 2020. The inaugural ceremony was presided over by the NUALS Vice Chancellor Prof. (Dr.) K.C. Sunny.



The inauguration and keynote address was rendered the Chief Guest, Prof. Dr. K Jayaprakash, Pro-Vice Chancellor, Head of the Dept. of International Relations and Politics, Central University of Kerala.

The national colloquium in connection with the Citizenship Amendment Act was held on the third day of the seminar. M.P. Joseph, (Retd IAS officer and United Nations Officer) was the moderator. Prof. Dr. G. Mohan Gopal, Former Vice Chancellor, NLSIU, Bangalore, Adv. M. B Rajesh, Former M.P., Adv. Aishwarya Bhati, Senior Advocate, Supreme Court, Adv. Prashant Padmanabhan, Advocate on Record, Supreme Court, Dr. Anurag Deep, Associate Professor, Indian Law Institute, Delhi, Adv. Sreeram Parakkat, Advocate on Record, Supreme Court, Adv. Noble Mathew and Sreejith Panicker, Political Analyst took part in the talks and shared their views.

FINISHING SCHOOL

- Dr. Neeti Shikha, Head, Insolvency and Bankruptcy Centre, Indian Institute of Corporate Affairs, Ministry of Corporate Affairs, Government of India, addressed the students of NUALS on 14th February, 2020. She made a presentation to the students on the advantages of the Insolvency Professional Certification programme run by her institution.
- Under the aegis of the NUALS Finishing School, Commander Rajesh Ram Kumar (Indian Navy, ret'd.) has been training students of NUALS to equip them to face challenges in their life under the LIFRED programme. Sessions have been held under this programme on 14th October, 2019, 17th January, 2020, 27th January, 2020 and 3rd February, 2020. This is a continuing programme for the first, second and third year students of the University.



PARTICIPATION OF TEACHERS IN SEMINARS/CONFERENCES/WORKSHOPS

Dr. M. C. Valson, Professor

- Participated in the Seminar on “Realisation of Human Rights of Women – Changing Dimensions, Challenges and Recourse” on 5th, 6th and 7th February, 2020, organised in NUALS

Dr. Mini S., Professor

Publications:

- Citizenship and the Indian Constitution, Dr. Mini S. & Ms Nandita Narayan (Eds.) published by NUALS, Kochi (2020)

Paper Presentations:

- “Labour rights as Human Rights, National Seminar on Migrant Labour, Rajagiri College of Social Sciences 10 January 2020

Programs conducted:

- Orientation Class by XIME Team on 30.1.20 for 6th Semester students (Placement Cell)
- Talk by Dr Venkit Iyer (Placement Cell)
- Lecture by David Sablowski from York University on 26.2.20 (CPGS)

- National Conference on Citizenship and the Indian Constitution from March 5th to 7th 2020 (CPGS)
- Talk by Adv. Nagaraj HC, Kerala on Lawyering (CPGS)
- Talks by Prof. Kembe Gauda on Research Methodology (CPGS)
- Talk by Raghunathan P N, on International Trade and Customs Clearance (CPGS)
- Workshop on Editing to LL M Students (CPGS)

Dr. Anil R. Nair, Associate Professor

- Coordinated a discussion on “Evidence” in the “Training on Law Relating to Investigation and Trial in Economic Offences Cases” conducted at NUALS by the Centre for Law and Development in association with the National Academy of Customs, Indirect Taxes and Narcotics, Cochin from 14th to 16th of January, 2020.
- Published three volumes of the NUALS CPSLR IBC E-newsletter.
- Faculty Coordinator from NUALS for the joint project of NUALS with the State Council for Educational Research and Training on the “Right to Education Act – A Status Study in Kerala”.
- Faculty Coordinator of NUALS Finishing School. Organised the various activities of the School.
- Faculty Coordinator for Semester VI during June-November, 2019 and Semester VIIIA during January-May, 2020.
- Faculty Coordinator of the NUALS Students’ Council. Coordinated the elections to the Students’ Council and advices, monitors the finances and supervises the conduct of all the activities of the Council for the year 2019-20.
- Member of the UG and PG Board of Studies, NUALS. Participated in the syllabus setting and revising exercises during the year 2019-20.
- Member of Board of Studies, School of Legal Studies, REVA University, Bangalore since April 2018.
- Member of Board of Studies, School of Legal Studies, CUSAT, Kochi since February 2020.
- Secretary of the Parent Teacher Association, NUALS. Coordinated the conduct of the Annual General Meeting of the PTA, the election of the office bearers for the year 2019-20 and the periodic meetings of the Association.

Dr. Sheeba S. Dhar, Assistant Professor

Academic Initiatives

- Submitted paper titled 'Right to Education and Right to Safe Environment in Educational Institutions - Need for Reinforcement' for presentation in the International Seminar on Violence and Atrocities against Child and Human Right Infringement - Problems and Perspectives organised by the CALSAR in association with Kerala Law Academy Law College on February 28 & 29, 2020.(Accepted for publication and presentation).

- Invited Resource Person for the International Seminar on State, Civil Society and Human Rights: Neo Liberal Reflections organised by Department of Law, Central University of Kerala, Thiruvalla Campus on February 20-22, 2020.
- Submitted a Paper titled ' Constitutional Rights, Social Justice and Responsibility of State in the Wake of Emerging issues on Right to Property' for the International Seminar on State, Civil Society and Human Rights: Neo Liberal Reflections organised by Department of Law, Central University of Kerala, Thiruvalla Campus on February 20-22,2020(Accepted for publication and presentation).

Institutional Responsibilities

- Director (i/c), Centre for Women and Family Studies, NUALS.
- Member, General Council , NUALS
- Member, Academic Council, NUALS.
- Co-ordinator, Mentoring Programme, NUALS.
- External Expert Member, Anti Sexual Harassment Committee, Govt. Medical College, Ernakulam
- Chief Superintendent of Examination, NUALS
- Faculty Co-ordinator, UGC NET Training, NUALS
- Member, Anti Ragging Committee, NUALS
- Member, Committee for Dealing Discrimination Complaints Against SC/ ST/ OBC

Dr. Liji Samuel, Assistant Professor

- Reviewed articles for the Rajiv Gandhi National University of Law, Punjab on the theme 'Healthcare in India: Tracing the Contours of a Transitioning Regime'.
- Co-Edited a book titled 'Biomedical Technologies: Health, Human Rights and IPR'.
- Being the Faculty coordinator organized a Three Day Moot Mentoring Workshop for the first year students at NUALS.
- Designed the course structure for the One Year LL.M Programme on Healthcare Law.
- Empanelled speaker on the theme 'Re/Imagining the Rule of Law' at the Conference on Rule of Law and Access to Justice , jointly organized by the Jindal Global Law School and NUALS on 6th March 2020.

Dr. Athira P. S., Assistant Professor

International Achievements

- Co-authored paper published in Nature Genetics- *Joly, Y. et al. Establishing the International Genetic Discrimination Observatory. Nat Genet 52, 466–468 (2020)* available at <https://www.nature.com/articles/s41588-020-0606-5> (published online on 23rd March 2020)
- Co-authored paper titled "Genetic discrimination in Asia: A Review of Public Policies, Practices and Incidents" selected for Research Prize in Asian region (First Author and Presenter Dr. Hannah Kim) at the 2020 World Congress of Bioethics, PennMedicine, University of Pennsylvania on 19th June 2020.

Activities

- Editor-in-Chief, Vol. II *NUALS Intellectual Property Law Review* (2020) (ISSN 2582-4244) published on 8th May 2020
- Co-edited book titled *Biomedical Technologies: Health, Human Rights and Intellectual Property Rights* ISBN no. 978 – 81 – 938852 – 9 – 1 released by J. Jayasankaran Nambiar at the NUALS Campus on 25th February 2020
- Co-organizer, *4th International Seminar on Health, Human Rights and Intellectual Property Rights, Theme 2020: Biomedical Technologies* during 25th to 27th February 2020 as well as two symposiums on *Ethics and Regulation of Biomedical Technologies* and *Commercialization of Biomedical Technologies* on 26th February 2020
- Organized *One-day National Seminar on “The Importance of Intellectual Property Rights”*, in association with the PHD Chamber of Commerce and Industry (PHDCCI), the programme being organized under the aegis of Office of the Controller General of Patents, Designs & Trademarks, Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Government of India on 2nd March 2020.
- Organized *Special lecture on Intellectual Property Rights* by Prof. (Dr.) G. B. Reddy, Professor, Osmania University at NUALS Campus on January 9th 2020.
- Panellist at the *Joint Conference on Rule of Law & Access to Justice* organized by the National University of Advanced Legal Studies and the O P Jindal Global Law School at the NUALS Campus held on March 6, 2020
- Resource Person at the *National Seminar on IPR in a Global Economy: Balancing Economic Growth and Public Welfare* organized by Ansar Women’s College, Thrissur, Kerala on 23rd January 2020.
- Resource Person at the *Awareness Program on IP for Universities/Colleges* organized by the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI) jointly with Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion and Intellectual Property India at the Government Law College Ernakulam, and delivered a talk on *The IP Ecosystem in India: The Way Forward* on 24 January 2020.
- Judge, *1st Amity University Dubai Virtual International Client Counselling Competition* held on 16th May 2020
- Judge, Quarter Finals Rounds at the *1st National Online Moot Court Competition 2020*, organized by the School of Law, Ansal University Gurugram, the ICFAI University, Juris Corp and ANB Legal held on 30-31st May, 2020
- Resource Person, Webinar on *Health, Medicine and Innovation: Evidence From Intellectual Property Rights* organized by the Crescent School of Law (CSOL), Chennai on 29th June 2020.
- Participant, Faculty Development Programme organized by School of Legal Studies, CUSAT from 17th to 24th June 2020.
- Participated in USLLS International Webinar on Geographical Indications & Developing Countries: Future Ahead, by Dr. Irene Calboli, on 30th May 2020.
- Participated in the *Kerala Digital Summit 2020* organized by Kerala Management Association on 16th January 2020.

- Participated in the Workshop in connection with preparation of Legal Encyclopaedia in Malayalam titled *Niyamavijnanakosham*, organized by the Ministry of Cultural Affairs, at Jagathy, Thiruvananthapuram on 29th January 2020

Membership in Professional Bodies

Empanelled in the *International Expert Panel of the Genetic Discrimination Observatory*, funded by Quebec's Network of Applied Genetic Medicine and the Genome Quebec and Genome Canada Perspective 1&1 project.

- Empanelled as the Legal member of the *Institutional Ethics Committee*, Government Medical College, Cochin.
- Empanelled as *Member, Gender Sensitization Committee Against Sexual Harassment*, at Al Ameen College, Kochi.
- Empanelled as *Contributor, Live Law*.

Dr. Asif E., Assistant Professor

- Article published in the Book titled Human Rights and Constitutional Governance published by Department of Law, Central University of Kerala (ISBN 978-93-5346-708-1)
Title: Internationalization of Human Rights: Present Day Challenges- An Illustrative Analysis.
- Article published in the Book titled State, Civil Society and Human Rights published by Department of Law, Central University of Kerala (ISBN 978-93-5396-695-9)
Title: Human Rights Protection In The Age Of Neo Liberalism: A Reflection On The Present Day Discourses And Challenges In The Intellectual Property Regime
- Acted as a Resource Person and Chaired a Session in the International Seminar on Internationalization of Human Rights & Changing Dimensions of Fundamental Rights organised by Department of Law, Central University of Kerala, Thiruvalla, Kerala.
- Chaired as Session in the three-day International Seminar on Health, Human Rights and Intellectual Property Rights organised jointly by the Centre for Health Law and Policy, Centre for Human Rights and Centre for Intellectual Property Rights, NUALS from 25-27 February 2020.

STUDENTS' COUNCIL

Bodhi

The Students' council contributed to the organisation of Bodhi, an annual open quiz during NAALAM on 23rd Feb 2020, the annual fest of NUALS. Bodhi had admirable participation of



over 80 participants from across the country. Major Chandrakanth Nair hosted the open quiz. The team comprising of Rumaiza Fathima, Sangeeth S. Varma and Mahendra Balu P. won the 1st prize.

NAALAM 2020

NAALAM is the annual intercollegiate fest of the National University of Advanced Legal Studies (NUALS), Kochi. Since its inception in 2009, NUALS has been a proud host of 12 editions of NAALAM and over the years.



NAALAM-2020 is proud to have introduced a line of business events - Shark Tank and Stock Market Simulation. Although the student community of Kerala is not particularly aware of the concept of 'Business Events', there was eager and enthusiastic participation.

NUALS Debating Society

The NUALS Student Council passed a resolution for creation of the NUALS Debating Society in October, 2017. This year, we have had six sessions so far before the organising of our annual debating tournament, the NUALS Parliamentary Debate 2020 from February 28th to March 1st. During our initial sessions, we had ice-breaker sessions to interact with the first year students who had been inducted into the DebSoc. We mostly watched debates, analysed them and discussed the arguments from each side later. In other sessions, we had basic argumentation sessions on particular motions. As a society, the best part about these sessions is getting to know everyone better. Apart from this, in the month of March, we intend to have Mr. Anil Sebastian, one of the finest debaters and adjudicators in the debating circuit, join us for an interactive session.

NUALS PARLIAMENTARY DEBATE 2020

The 2020 NUALS Parliamentary Debate is its 6th edition, having organised 5 successful editions in the past with teams participating from all across India and abroad. For this year's edition we collaborated with the Centre for Consumer Protection Law and Policy, one of the sixteen Centres for Research and Learning at NUALS, directed by Ms. Nandita



Narayan. The event discussed a range of issues of contemporary relevance thus encouraging critical thinking and argumentative analysis. This year's motions included topics such as the use of unethical

means in scientific discoveries, social movements, diplomacy and peacefulness, the Indian Constitution, federalism and quasi-federalism, sustainable meat production and diets, political parties and ideologies and so on.

There were 3 teams and adjudicators participating from across the country. Our prizes comprised of the following: Best Team: Rs. 52,000; Runners up Team: Rs. 32,000; Best Speaker: Rs. 22,000 and Best Adjudicator: Rs. 22,000. The prize money was sponsored by Supreme Court lawyers and law firms while our knowledge partner was SCC Online.

ALTUS DISPUTATIO

Itus Disputatio is a debating event held in the National University of Advanced Legal Studies (NUALS), Kochi. It is the flagship-debating contest of NUALS, renowned all over India for its unique debating format – the Devil’s Cross format. Conducted by the University’s Centre for Law and Economics, Altus Disputatio granted to its winning team a cash prize of 50,000 rupees. The runner-up team was granted a cash prize of 30,000 rupees. Individual cash prizes were also granted to the best speaker and the best inquisitor. The titles of the Best Speaker and the Best Inquisitor are accompanied by cash prizes of 20,000 rupees each. The 10th edition of the event piqued the interest of debaters from every corner of the country. The enthusiastic participation that Altus brought forth was a result of both its one-of-a-kind format, as well as the enriching experience it entailed. Altus Disputatio is the kind of debating event that is essential in the journey of a debater. The individuality that is its essence makes Altus an event of importance to everyone interest in the art of the argument. You can convince or confuse – the choice is yours. The event will be conducted after a two year sabbatical and is expected to garner maximum participation.

SPORTS CLUB

All Kerala Inter-University 7s Football Tournament

NUALS conducted the 2nd edition of the All Kerala Inter University 7s Football Tournament with eight University teams across Kerala who came and competed vigorously for the title. Kerala University emerged as the champions by winning 5-4 in the Penalties and the Cochin University of Science and Technology (CUSAT) became the runners up of the Tournament. The NUALS home team were the black horse of the tournament that



got into the semi-finals with a miraculous 3-2 comeback victory against the Kerala Agricultural University, Thrissur but the home team couldn't find their luck in the Semis against the winning champions.

All India Inter-University Boxing Championship

Mr. Akhil Sajeev and Mr. Mars Joseph of fifth year and Mr. Aquil Ahammed of first year participated in the All India Inter-University Boxing Championship held in the month of December at Vishakhapatnam. Mr. Akhil Sajeev of the 9th semester won the second round and had reached the quarterfinals of the tournament.



NUALS LEGAL AID CLINIC

The functioning of the NUALS Legal Aid Clinic is revived by the NSS Unit. The Clinic was initially opened for public only on the first Wednesday of every month. Now, on all working days from 4pm to 5pm the Clinic is functioning. The NSS volunteers along with the final year LL.B students run the clinic during the allotted time. The legal issues of the clients are recorded in the register kept for the purpose and necessary legal advice are provided at the clinic itself. Along with that the details of the issue is entered in the register provided by the Ernakulam District Legal Service Authority and the same is forwarded to the DLSA for further actions.



Neethidweep

Neethidweep is a project being conducted in association with the Centre for Continuing Legal Education and Extension (CCLEE) which proposes to study and identify the socio-legal issues of the Lakshadweep Islands. Pilot study of the project was completed by October 2019 where five of our student volunteers visited the island, stayed for four days and did a preliminary survey. The final survey of the project is proposed to be conducted in the month of March, 2020 and is pending approval from the Lakshadweep administration owing to travel restrictions due to Corona virus infection across the globe. There shall be a national level workshop to discuss the issues and problems identified after completion of survey and the final project report would incorporate the recommendations and suggestions that emanate from the Workshop.

Anti-Human Trafficking Drive

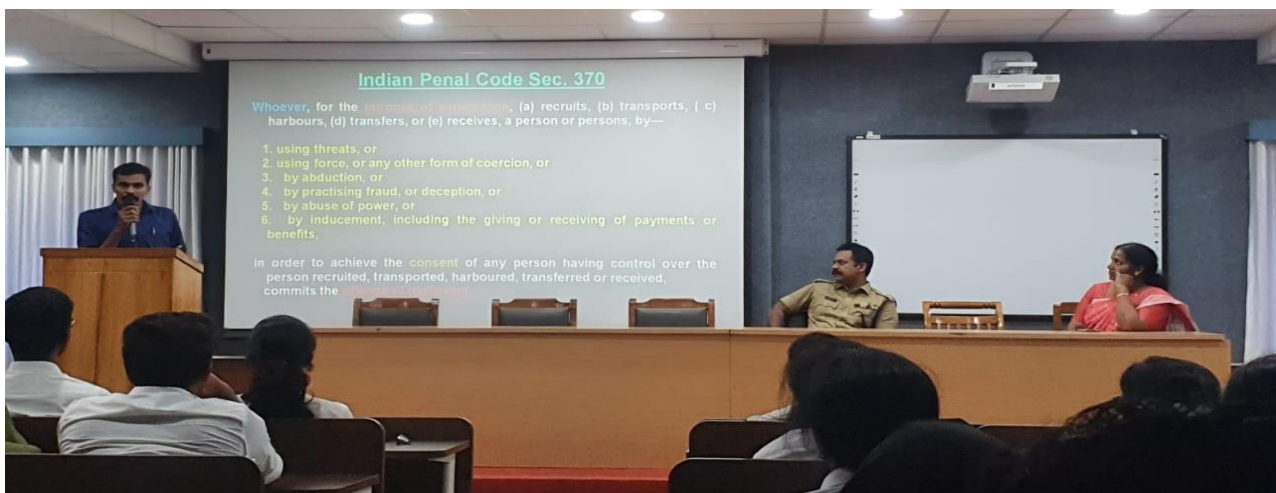


NSS volunteers of NUALS participated in a special drive by the AHTC in an under-developed colony located in Kadavanthra on 06.02.2020. There were students from over 7 law institutions. The volunteers were divided into five groups with members from the labor department, health department and police to guide the

volunteers. The entire colony was packed with small houses and the living conditions were really poor and unhygienic. The population consisted of people from all age groups out of which the children were our target group. Most of them were staying on rent.

Training Session of the Anti Human Trafficking Cell

A training session of the Anti Human Trafficking Cell was conducted at NUALS on 17.02.2020, for the volunteers of NUALS NSS Unit. Shri. T Biji George, Assistant Commissioner of Police, Crime Branch rendered the inaugural address. He explained the importance of AHTC in Kerala wherein he stressed the fact that Kerala is a receiving point for human trafficking. The key points in the working of the AHTC is 'report', 'support' and 'action'. The speaker of the last part of the session was Smt. Betty Mol, who is the Sub-Inspector of Police, AHTC Unit. The speaker shared her real time experiences working with the AHTC and through this she explained as to how AHTC was able to save many from the clutches of trafficking and other menaces.



NATIONAL SERVICE SCHEME

Anti- Narcotics Program



On 16th January, 2020, the NUALS NSS Unit organised an Anti-Narcotics Program in connection with the Kerala State Government initiative, ‘Nalathe Keralam Lahari Muktha Keralam’. The guest of honour was Dr. Asif. E, Director (i/c), Centre for Continuing Legal Education and Extension, NUALS. Under his orchestration, pledge was taken against abuse of drugs.

Caption Making Competition

A Caption competition was conducted inviting students to design a caption/slogan for the anti-drug movement. Sandra Sunil of 2nd year won the first prize and Lakshmi Raj C. of the 1st year won the second prize.

Video Screening and Debate

The videos educated the audience on the harmful effects of drugs on the level of dopamine in the brain and its eroding effect on the health of human body. Following this, the debate witnessed lot of enthusiasm amongst the participants and various coping mechanism were suggested such as awareness campaigns, extending proper medical help, support from family and peers and so on. The debate was concluded with an important message from Dr. Asif.E- “It is YOU who should make a difference”.

Observation of Road Safety Week

NUALS NSS Unit conducted 31st National Road Safety Week Observation on 17th January, 2020. All the NSS volunteers had turns up for the same. Creative posters and placards were created by the combined efforts of the dedicated NSS volunteers and also distributed pamphlets to the pedestrians, school students, and drivers which emphasizes the basic rules of road safety. The event was flagged by Shri. Mahadev M. G., Registrar, NUALS.



National Girl Child Day Program



National Girl Child Day is observed every year on 24th January as a national observance day for the girl child. National Girl Child Day has been started as a National Girl Child Development Mission by the Government of India under the Ministry of Women and Child Development. In adherence to this, the NUALS NSS Unit observed National Girl Child Day by orchestrating a visit to Santhwanam Charitable Society, Manalimukku. It is an orphanage consisting of female inmates.

World Wetlands Day

The theme for the World Wetland Day 2020 is “Wetlands and Biodiversity”. As part of the Wetlands Day Observance the NSS team decided to visit Mangalavanam which is an ecologically sensitive area located in Kochi near the High Court. There were varieties of trees including a Nakshatravanam at Mangalavanam. The staff explained the significance of certain varieties of trees to the volunteers. The volunteers learned what a wetland is as defined by the Ramsar convention and why they are referred to as the “kidneys of the earth”. They also learned that to know more about its identification procedure and on whom the onus is to conserve wetlands etc a thorough reading of the wetland (Conservation and Management) Rules is necessary.



OTHER PROGRAMMES

Seminar on "Rule of Law & Access to Justice" organised by NUALS in Association with O.P. Jindal Global University and Jindal Global Law School.



There are many striking similarities between the legal systems of India and the U.S.A, observed Justice Mathew F. Cooper, Judge, Supreme Court of New York. Both countries took a conscious decision not to be ruled by whim or despots, but by the bedrock of our Constitutions. Justice urged all to reaffirm these principles in our Constitution and move forward carrying bright the torches of our democracy. He was talking after inaugurating the conference on the Rule of Law and Access to Justice, jointly organised by National University of Advanced Legal Studies, Kalamassery and OP Jindal Global University. High Court Justice A.K Jayasankaran Nambiar chaired the function. The Keynote Address was by Professor Stephen P. Marks, Francois-Xavier of Harvard University, USA. Dr. K.C Sunny, Vice-Chancellor, NUALS, Dr. C. Raj Kumar, Vice-Chancellor, O.P Jindal Global University, Prof (Dr.) Micheal C. Davis of Jindal Global Law School also spoke. Dr. S.G. Sreejith, Vice Dean, Jindal Law School and Mahadev M. G, Registrar, NUALS spoke in the closing ceremony.

New Year Celebration



STUDENT ACHIEVERS

Winners of Prestigious Stetson International Environmental Moot Court Competition - Pranav Valiyathan Pillai 5th Year, Shilpa Prasad 5th year and Ashna Devaprasad 3rd Year.

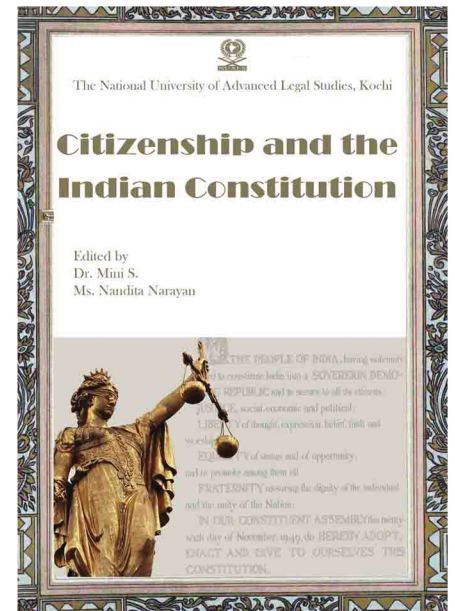
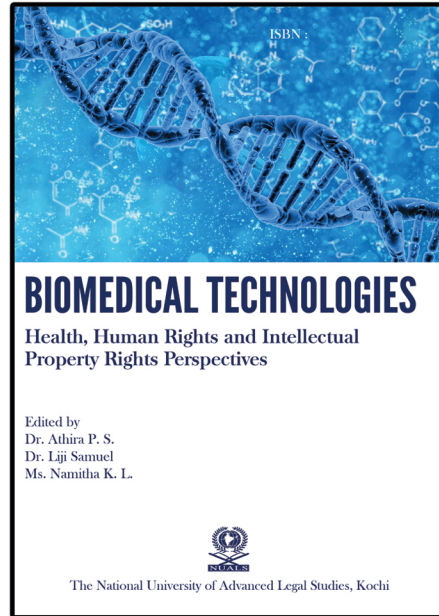
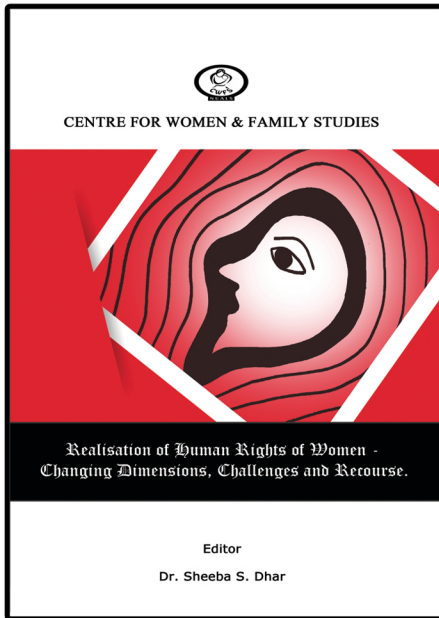


Winners of the International moot court competition on Media Law, conducted jointly by Ram Manohar Lohia National Law University Lucknow and Supreme Court Case Online. Abhinav Mathur, Pankaj Kumar Sukla-4th year & Padmavathi Prasad – 3rd year.

Winners of “Ragam 2020 “ of NIT Calicut and Winners Rs 75000 prize at TATA Crucibles Quiz.



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