



NALSAR ALUMNI NEWSLETTER

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Welcome home!







DEAR ALUMNUS

Welcome!

It has been too long since we last spoke. How have you been?

I have the fondest memories of each one of you, from those who came here when I was little more than a phrase in the statute that created me, to the ones that came yesterday because I am now ranked as one of the top law schools in the country.

Welcome, welcome, all of you. Each one of you forms an integral part of this vibrant community that **NALSAR University of Law** stands for. I have been thinking of the meaning and importance of community, especially in the context of my stated mission of social justice and developing empathetic, technically competent and socially conscious lawyers. We are social creatures, we exist in relationship whether we want to or not, and the networks that bind us throb with life and possibility. An example of this is the rich alumni community and interest/location based groups that exist in your cellphones, on WhatsApp and Telegram. These groups ring with the joy of asking and receiving, with alumni across the length and breadth of the country, and in every major city across the world.

Are you looking for a criminal lawyer in Jaipur? A cardiologist in Bangalore? The best doctor for your pet? Where that latest FEMA notification is? A therapist?

No question is out of bounds, and the answers come in seconds.

I am reliably told that the NALSAR chat groups are the first place any alumnus goes to ask any question that pops into their heads.

Traveling abroad? One is mostly assured of a warm welcome from alumni in whatever part of the world they are in.

Looking for a job? Activate the alumni networks. Moving cities? Find alumni there.
Had enough of the law? Meet a whole group of non-lawyers and exchange notes.

That is the magic of community. Social connection is as essential to us as breathing. Research shows that the body processes social rejection the way it processes physical pain. That is how important community and belonging are to ordinary, everyday life.

This is my homage to community. In the pages of this newsletter, you will read about all the interesting developments and innovations that have taken place since you were last here. You'll also read perspectives from current students and alumni about several of these innovations, intended to give you a flavour of how vibrant the community can be when each member adds their own unique voice and gifts.

So, here is an invitation to you. Come, take part. Dip your toes in.
Let's accelerate our shared mission – empathy, social justice, social relevance, and above all, social consciousness. It's much needed in today's deeply unconscious world.

*Come home.
-Your loving alma mater*



FROM THE VICE-CHANCELLOR'S DESK: PROFESSOR SRIKRISHNA DEVA RAO



It gives me great pleasure to welcome you to the inaugural edition of the **NALSAR Alumni Newsletter**. Over the years, our alumni have gone on to shape the legal profession, public policy, academia, and civil society in remarkable ways. It is only fitting that we now have a dedicated space to celebrate your journeys, share your achievements, and keep our community informed and connected.

This newsletter is one part of our renewed and structured effort to strengthen our relationship with you. As we work towards building a truly connected global NALSAR alumni community, we envision a series of engagements across cities and batches that bring alumni together in meaningful and lasting ways.

I look forward to continuing these conversations with you in the months and years ahead. NALSAR remains, and always will, your intellectual home.

FROM THE REGISTRAR'S DESK: PROFESSOR VASANTHI NIMUSHAKAVI



It is a privilege to introduce the inaugural edition of the **NALSAR Alumni Newsletter**, an important step towards strengthening the University's relationship with its alumni. As the administrative backbone of the institution, our office remains committed to supporting initiatives that keep our alumni community informed, engaged, and connected with campus life. This newsletter will serve as a regular touchpoint, sharing institutional developments, celebrating alumni achievements, and creating opportunities for continued engagement.

I extend my sincere appreciation to everyone who has contributed to bringing this initiative to life. I look forward to seeing this newsletter grow into a meaningful thread that connects our alumni, faculty, and students across generations and geographies.

A WALK DOWN MEMORY LANE AND INTO THE PRESENT MOMENT

Shall we take a little walk down memory lane?

Do you remember how the place looked when we first got here? My first two batches were housed in Chikkadpally, with classes at the city campus in Barkatpura. It was with the third batch that we finally moved to the Shamirpet campus. At the time, it was little more than a patch of land next to a lake - rocky earth, yellow sand, no trees or vegetation. There was one mess building that doubled as a library, one hostel each for the boys and the girls, and common rooms that served as classrooms. A lone Swaraj Mazda bus ferried faculty from the city to the campus and, on occasion, even became the venue for small-group tutorials!

Remember, there were no cellphones or internet back then, and even TV came to campus much later! In 2000, a certain fitness-oriented faculty member organized a swimming competition in Shamirpet Lake. which was great fun indeed - someone from the first batch won, and was rewarded with bars of Dairy Milk!

Do you remember how beautiful the campus became in the rains, how the world came alive? The smell of wet earth, the cool breeze on one's cheek, the company of friends...were you ever happier in your life? It almost made up for the searing heat of a Deccan summer, did it not?

Come and see, my dear friend, what the campus looks like today. Come home. Come and see, my dearest friend, what my campus looks like now. Come home. I have so much to tell you about what has been happening since you were last here, so let's plunge right in.

Let's start with the core, the academics of it all.



ACADEMIC PROGRAMMES AND INNOVATION



I am excited to share the many academic innovations we have introduced, both within our core programmes and through the addition of new ones. Let me tell you about the academic developments and innovations we have introduced:

Increased Intake

From around 2019 onwards, we increased student intake to the five-year programme to nearly double its earlier strength. Each class now has two sections. Today, the University has over 1,800 graduates from the five-year programme, more than 1,000 LL.M. graduates, and over 60 Ph.D. graduates. That's a lot of people out in the world proudly calling themselves NALSARites and I am excited about the social change that we can collectively bring about!

Choice Based Credit System

You may recall that we began the five-year programme with around 46 mandatory courses and six seminars. We have now moved to a system that enables students to accumulate 200 credits through a smaller number of mandatory courses and a much wider selection of non-mandatory courses. In fact, we are the first law school to have introduced the Choice Based Credit System. This enables students to stay focused in the area of their interest, picking up multiple courses clustered around their core subjects. You can see how appealing that would be, right?

Restorative Justice

In keeping with our social justice mission, the concepts of 'reasonable accommodation' and 'restorative justice' form part of our academic toolbox.





Teaching Assistantships

We are proud to have introduced academic credits for teaching assistantships undertaken by senior students, a programme inaugurated in 2013. This helps students who feel that their calling lies in teaching to gain meaningful classroom experience early in their academic journey. As you can see from the alumni who have shared their experiences here, TA-ships have shaped the professional journeys of many students, even those whose paths don't involve academics



A litigator says

My time as a teaching assistant for constitutional law was enriching in two aspects -

It gave me a sense of deep appreciation for the time, effort, and energy expended by teachers; Preparing for every class forced me to think of intended learning outcomes and the deliberative manner of achieving this, which was an immensely helpful transferable skill into litigation i.e., clear identified intended outcomes, and structuring oral arguments in that direction.



An associate professor says:

As a teaching assistant, I had the opportunity to guide student research, design student assignments and lecture on substantive topics. As a first-generation lawyer and academic, the opportunity was invaluable as it helped me discover my own passion for teaching and provided me the conviction to start my own academic career.



ACADEMIC PROGRAMMES AND INNOVATION



A law firm founder says

Being a TA is one of the things I enjoyed most about my time in college. I thoroughly enjoyed being in the room when people were figuring things out, and helping them along the way. I've taught several guest courses since then, and I suppose being a NALSAR TA is where I first caught the teaching bug!



A civil services aspirant says

I was really happy with the opportunity and really liked the experience. It taught me how to better structure your points in a way that everyone in the class is able to understand what I want to convey. The professor gave me the freedom to structure my class in a way I would want.

Even while I am preparing PPTs or brief notes, I was always thinking how to explain my point in a way that helps to capture the essence. It did help me in a way while drafting petitions as well. Being a person with visual impairment, my experience in terms of accessibility etc. were also wonderful.

The professors were very helpful to give me digital access to any material that was available in physical form for me to use the same during my tutorials.



VISITING FACULTY

COURSES / ELECTIVES



This has got to be one of the most vibrant academic innovations on campus. Especially so because it provides avenues for alumni wishing to teach, to come back home!

We have had more than 100 electives offered by visiting faculty, and many of whom are our alumni. This list includes litigators, law firm partners, in-house counsels, independent practitioners, non-profit founders, academicians, and many more. The topics span a range of subjects and specialisations, with something for everyone. From legal history and anthropology to conflict resolution, from litigation strategy to financial due diligence, from term sheets to the steps involved in an M&A transaction, these courses are the perfect complement to our robust academic curriculum. These courses are usually oversubscribed by enthusiastic students who want to understand the practitioner's perspective.

The visiting faculty find the opportunity to be in a classroom setting a welcome change. In most cases, work pressures for professional life means there isn't time to reflect on deeper questions about practice, or engage in theoretical debate. This changes in the reflective space that is the classroom. The classroom becomes a space for two-way dialogue that stay with both the teacher and the taught for a long time afterwards. Space for dialogue is one of the building blocks of a healthy community, and we are really excited that the visiting faculty courses are able to do just that. Creating these reflective spaces where practitioners' voices meet those of students helps deepen connections between NALSAR's academic/student community and the professional world outside.



What students had to say:

I enjoyed the candor and space for open conversations most. *I truly felt like no question was too basic or too stupid*, and this provided all of us with a great opportunity to get the basics clarified from someone with a vast amount of knowledge and experience, an opportunity I don't anticipate getting too many times in my professional career. Overall, the focus given to the brass tacks and real-world examples and anecdotes to help understand more complex ideas as well as the ease of conversation were my favorite parts of the course.

Most of law school trains us to receive information: from textbooks, from lectures, from case law. We are asked to understand, reproduce, and apply. We are rarely asked how we feel about what we are learning, what it makes us think about ourselves, or what we actually believe.

What surprised me was how much I had to say, once I was given space to say it. I found myself more engaged with the material because I was not just consuming it, I was being asked to relate it to something. And in that process, I became more aware of my own thoughts and reactions than I usually am. That kind of self-awareness is not something law school typically cultivates, and I think it is important.

This course gave me a small but *real experience of what it feels like to speak up, to have your perspective taken seriously*, and to discover that your instincts are often worth something. That confidence, the willingness to contribute rather than just observe, is something I want to carry forward.

EXCHANGE PROGRAMMES

Following that theme of engaging with the wider world and learning to relate to a community beyond oneself, is another offering: exchange programmes. Multiple MOUs are in place with universities abroad.

A 5th year as an overseas exchange student says

Spending Spring 2026 as an exchange student at Santa Clara University School of Law was one of the most enriching experiences of my legal education. Studying in the heart of Silicon Valley gave me the opportunity to learn intellectual property law in an environment where innovation is part of everyday life. My constitutional law courses were equally engaging because they constantly encouraged me to compare the American constitutional framework with our own, giving me a deeper appreciation of the Indian Constitution and its interpretation.

One of the aspects I enjoyed most was the teaching style. Classes were smaller, highly interactive, and built around discussion rather than lectures. With fewer classroom hours and a greater emphasis on independent preparation, the learning experience felt collaborative and intellectually engaging.

Outside academics, living independently in a country I had never visited before was just as rewarding. Navigating a new culture, travelling to places I had only read about, and meeting people from diverse backgrounds made the semester an unforgettable personal experience.

I am grateful that NALSAR provides students with opportunities like this. My exchange semester broadened my academic horizons, introduced me to a new way of learning, and gave me experiences that will stay with me long after law school.



LL.M.

I hope you found our academic updates interesting!

We have made important changes to the LL.M. programme too. Alongside the B.A.,LL.B. (Hons) programme, and the existing LL.M programme, we now offer an LL.M. in Insolvency and Bankruptcy Laws (IBL) to provide the trained insolvency professionals the system so desperately needs. Hundreds of our LL.M graduates have gone onto rewarding careers across the spectrum.

A NALSAR LLM

Batch of 2022 graduate says

When I chose NALSAR for my LL.M., I was not only choosing a law school. Coming from a traditional university, I was drawn to an institution whose very name carried the word “Research.” We often use the word research loosely in law, but at NALSAR, I encountered it as a discipline, as a method, and as a way of thinking.

Our LL.M. programme brought together people from different universities, practice areas, countries, and life journeys and that diversity made the classroom richer. NALSAR attracted people from all walks of life, and learning was never limited to lectures alone. It happened through conversations, disagreements, late-night discussions, shared anxieties, and friendships that have continued well beyond the campus.

What stayed with me most was the way research was taught and evaluated. Conversations with Professor Dhanda, in particular, helped me understand that research is not just about collecting material or citing authorities. It is about asking the right questions, locating an argument, being honest with uncertainty, and learning how to think deeply before writing. The evaluation process pushed us to read, reflect, argue, revise, and take our own ideas seriously.

The design of the programme also made the experience special. Many elective and seminar courses allowed us to engage with broader LLB offerings, distinguished academicians, practicing lawyers, and law firm partners. Each course had its own method and energy, making legal education feel alive, rigorous, and connected to the world outside the classroom.

Ironically, what once felt like a limitation, spending most of our time on campus after COVID, has become one of my fondest memories. The serene campus, evenings overlooking Shamirpet Lake from Boys’ Hostel 6, and the warmth of our batch are moments I now cherish deeply.

NALSAR did not just strengthen my understanding of law. It taught me how to approach research, how to think with discipline, and how to carry confidence without losing curiosity. I came seeking a formal study of law and research. I left with lifelong friends, sharper perspectives, and memories that have quietly become a part of who I am.



PH.D. PROGRAMME

Our first Ph.D. candidate was awarded a doctorate in 2006. Today, the programme is offered in both law and humanities, as well as management. Our Ph.D students are sought after in reputed research and teaching positions across the country.

This note from one of our PhD scholars says it all!



Notes from an Assistant Professor:

My years at NALSAR shaped me in ways I'm still discovering. I was fortunate to be selected for the integrated LLM-PhD programme, one of just five seats offered across the country, with a stipend that made the journey financially easier and let me focus fully on the work ahead. Coming in after four years in the corporate world, stepping back into academia felt intimidating at first, almost like starting over, but NALSAR made that transition far gentler than I expected.

My LLM ran alongside the regular batch, with a few additions reserved for LLM-PhD candidates, including a mandatory Teaching Assistantship that I didn't fully appreciate then but now recognize as one of the most valuable parts of my training as an academic. What began as an academic relationship with my LLM dissertation guide, over time, grew into one of the dearest friendships I carry from these years.

My PhD guide shaped my research at every stage, pushed me to think with more rigour than I thought I had in me, and was endlessly considerate even when I tested his patience. Much of how I argue, how I build a position and hold it, I learnt from them. The Research Chair at the time did not just teach me, but gave me life lessons. It was here that I learnt to write, really write, with clarity and intention.

There was something transformative about their belief in me, the kind that makes you want to become the person they already saw. So much of these six years lived in the small, ordinary moments: long hours in the library that somehow never felt long, coffee breaks at the CCD on campus that solved more academic dilemmas than any meeting did, and the close friendship I built with my batchmates which made the entire journey lighter.

These years also held many of my major academic milestones, publications, and presentations at national and international conferences, and decisions that set the course for my career. They gave me something just as important too, the unexpected gift of meeting my life partner.



MANAGEMENT STUDIES

Social relevance means that we have spread our wings beyond the law as well!

What some of my earliest batches may remember as the **Internet Centre** building is now the Department of Management Studies. It was established in 2012, and offers the five-year Integrated BBA–MBA (IPM) programme. Graduates are awarded both the Bachelor of Business Administration (BBA) and the Master of Business Administration (MBA) degrees. Students also have the option of exiting after three years.

The curriculum spans fifteen terms across five years: the first three years focus on theoretical foundations in philosophy, psychology, fine arts, mathematics, economics, law and management; the final two years nurture students into business leaders equipped to manage dynamic business scenarios. Management education at NALSAR is shaped by the University's broader commitment to law, the humanities, and social justice, making it a distinctive learning experience.

As one of our first graduates reflects.



NALSAR's Integrated Programme in Management (IPM)

A graduate of the first batch (2024) says:

Nothing at NALSAR comes to you easy.

When I joined NALSAR in 2022 as part of the first IPM batch, I didn't really know what to expect. We were entering a university that was already deeply established, but not for the programme we had chosen. There was excitement, but also uncertainty. You constantly wondered whether you belonged, whether this new course would find its place, and whether you would.

Looking back, what NALSAR taught me more than anything was resilience. You fight for opportunities, for ideas, for spaces, and sometimes simply to be heard. That can feel exhausting, and many would call parts of that culture toxic. Maybe they're right. But somewhere in that process, you also learn to persevere. You realise that if you're genuinely good at what you do, people notice. Opportunities eventually find you.

Some of my closest friends never came from my own batch. They came from different years, different courses, and different corners of campus. That's probably my favourite memory of NALSAR. Despite all our disagreements, everyone seemed to share the same hunger to become better than they were yesterday. It wasn't always comfortable, but it brought together people who cared deeply about what they believed in.

I also found myself becoming part of change. Whether it was advocating for worker rights, questioning existing systems, helping organise events, or arguing over something as small as the design of a moot poster, I learnt that institutions only evolve because people are willing to push back and ask for something better. Those lessons have stayed with me far longer than any classroom lecture. It's this grit that NALSAR gave me. It taught me that respect is rarely handed to you.

You earn it by showing up, working hard, and standing by what you believe in.





CENTRES AND THE EXCITING WORK THEY DO

We have a range of centres doing exciting work in multiple fields, from **legal philosophy and education to economics and finance, disability studies, and alternative dispute resolution (ADR)**. These centres are a key way in which our opinions on things that matter find a voice in the outside world and influence public discourse. The work of our centres has informed judgments of the Supreme Court. Their research output through reports, books, legislative drafting, and conferences shapes social and legal change. Here are more details about each of these centres.

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JOURNALS

As a research university, we are proud of the quality of our research output, including our academic journals. Good writing can change minds and influence the direction of discourse. Here is a brief overview of the journals published at NALSAR:

● **NALSAR Law Review**
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● **Indian Journal of Intellectual
Property Law**
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● **NALSAR Student Law Review**
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● **Indian Journal of
Constitutional Law**
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● **Environmental Law and
Practice Review**
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● **Annual Survey of State Laws**
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CAMPUS LIFE

Well, that certainly was a lot of information to take in! Let's switch gears a little and talk about life on campus outside the classroom, which has always had community at its heart, hasn't it?

Some of the memories that the earliest batches will remember include jamming sessions in the mess, festival celebrations with food served by students themselves on banana leaves, the first editions of Carpe Diem and Summons, throwball, volleyball and kabaddi outside the mess, taekwondo in the academic block, and early morning yoga in front of the library. Let's now see what campus life is like today, in the words of our present-day students themselves.

Sports at NALSAR



The NALSAR Running Club and the Sunrise Circle are a few collectives where people bond over fitness and getting into the best of shape. We also have an active community for the sport of Ultimate Frisbee. Our college team is called Disc.located, it's a mixed-gender team that represents NALSAR at frisbee competitions. There's also the NALSAR Soccer League. Students form teams and compete against one another in football. There are both male and female teams. NALSAR teams also compete against other colleges, including BITS Pilani Hyderabad, in football, volleyball, ultimate frisbee, table tennis, and kabaddi.



● Moot Courts, Debates, ● Conferences and Fests



If moot court competitions were your thing, you'd be pleased to know that NALSAR today hosts the Competition Commission of India Antitrust Moot and Justice Bodh Raj Sawhney Memorial Moot Court Competition, respectively India's premier competition law and constitutional law moots. The NALSAR Mediation Tournament and NALSAR IV Debate sharpen ADR and British Parliamentary debating skills. The Courts and Constitution Conference brings judges, lawyers and scholars together for invigorating discussions on public law, while the NALSAR in Dialogue Series hosts closer conversations on some very interesting topics in the law and its sister fields. Every year, students organise a multitude of festivals to celebrate cultural diversity. There's the Telugu Fest, Southie Fest (Karnataka, Tamil Nadu and Kerala), Onam, West Fest (conducted during Navaratri - Maharashtra, Gujarat and Goa), East Fest (North Eastern States, Odisha, West Bengal, Nepal and Bangladesh), the Rajasthani Fest, Lohri (celebrated by students from Delhi, Haryana and Punjab), and Awadh Magadh (Northern states). During these festivals, each batch (across law and management) stages a batch performance to songs from that region. The dances are followed by a special dinner where food native to those regions is served.

During Onam, in particular, the college's Malayali community organises a variety of games such as the lemon-and-spoon race and musical chairs. This is followed by batch dances and a traditional Sadya lunch. Awadh Magadh organises a Shayari night, while West Fest hosts a traditional Garba night. Carpe Diem is still going strong - three days of DJs, games and fashion shows. Winnow is the flagship inter-college festival of the Department of Management Studies, bringing together students from across Hyderabad for sports tournaments, games, DJ nights, and case competitions (the management equivalent of moot court competitions)

Literature/Art/Films

A film festival is organised every year. We also have Interrobang, a tournament for professional quizzes and literature-related games. These events bring people from all across India (and sometimes even the globe!) together. NALSAR also regularly takes part in professional quizzes that are organised pan-India such as the Hindu College Quiz. To keep in touch with art, the Cultural Committee organises Art Wednesdays every week, where students come together in front of the academic block to paint and create art. A recent student initiative is NALSAR Reads, where students come together every Saturday morning to read.



Student Governance



NALSAR's culture is very much oriented towards involving the student government in matters of significance as well as day-to-day administration. The Student Bar Council is very active and comprises multiple committees, including the Academic Committee, Executive Council, Cultural and Fine Arts Committee,

Literary and Quizzing Committee, Hostel Committee, Moot Court Committee, Mess Committee, and the Alternate Dispute Resolution Committee.



Health & Wellness



The study and practice of law by its very nature requires practitioners to stay in their minds quite a bit – there is so much to read, so much information to process. We tend to over rely on our minds to the exclusion of other forms of intelligence, knowing and awareness in our bodies. The adversarial nature of the profession tends to contribute to chronic low grade stress. Global statistics concerning the mental health of legal professionals is quite shocking. Producing socially conscious, aware and empathetic lawyers begins with first turning the focus inward and healing ourselves first, so we can show up better for the people who need us professionally and personally. NALSAR has recently constituted a student-led Mental Health Policy Group which works towards developing suitable mental health infrastructure on campus. A recent success of the group is providing free access to MindPeers (an app-based platform that connects users with therapists) to the entire college.



Student Initiatives & Collectives



The NALSAR Lecture Series on Constitutionalism brings leading experts in political science and constitutional law to deliver talks on campus. Notable speakers have included Anupama Roy, Asaduddin Owaisi, and Satish Deshpande. The Public Policy Group introduces initiatives relating to public policy. Recently, it organised the #FixItNALSAR Challenge, where students competed to develop solutions to issues on campus. The winning team proposed a solution to the campus Wi-Fi problem. Students also organise guest lectures, with recent visitors including Nivedita Menon, Salman Khurshid, and Justice Madan Lokur. The Nyaya Forum for Courtroom Lawyering organises lectures on litigation and trial advocacy, while the Tech Law Forum is a blog dedicated to technology law in India. There are several student collectives that add to the diversity and vibrancy of student life while undertaking important work across a range of areas.



● NALSAR Queer ● Collective



The NALSAR Queer Collective (NQC) is a student collective of the University's LGBTQIA+ feminist students. It primarily serves as an informal forum where queer students can share their ideas, experiences, stories, struggles, and artwork. The NQC emerged from discussions with the Student Bar Council in late 2021 on the need for gender-neutral safe spaces, which eventually shaped an interim Trans University Policy. The efforts of the NQC eventually coalesced into the establishment of India's first gender neutral washroom at the university level. The ground floor of Girls Hostel 7, at one point in time, was also earmarked as a gender-neutral space with rooms allotted to students self-identifying as members of the LGBTQ+ community.



Gender and Sexual Minorities Forum



Formerly known as the Transgender Policy Committee, the Gender and Sexual Minorities Forum works towards addressing issues of discrimination, institutional accommodation, and grievance redressal for members of NALSAR's gender and sexual minorities. The Forum is developing a comprehensive policy aimed at making the campus more welcoming for everyone. The proposed policy includes provisions on institutional support, gender-neutral dormitories, a non-discrimination policy, and the establishment of the Gender and Sexual Minority Committee (GSM Committee) as a formal body for grievance redressal.



Savitribai Intersectional Study Circle (SISC)



The Savitribai Intersectional Study Circle (SISC) is an informal student collective built by and for students from the Dalit, Bahujan, and Adivasi communities. It describes itself as an anti-caste feminist collective based at NALSAR. SISC primarily serves as a platform for students to talk about and collectivise against caste-based discrimination in higher education. For instance, in 2025 the SISC along with other student bodies across NLUs presented a petition to the Bar Council of India and the Consortium of NLUs - with over 18,000 signatures - to strike down non-refundable CLAT admission and counselling fees. The SISC also challenged and struck down the practice of allocating hostel rooms based on CLAT ranks.

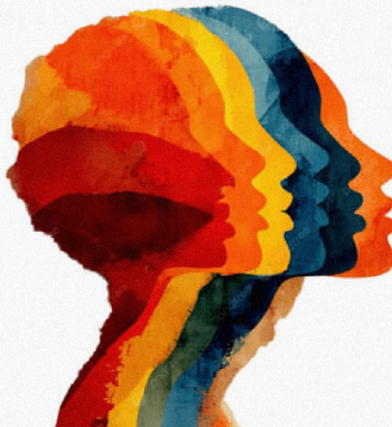


Disability Associates Alliance



The Disability Associates Alliance (DAA) is committed to making NALSAR a more accessible and inclusive environment for persons with disabilities. As part of this ongoing effort, the DAA is currently drafting a comprehensive institutional policy to address the needs of individuals who face accessibility challenges due to disabilities, whether physical or otherwise. The DAA also regularly supports persons with disabilities by providing scribe assistance, organising guest lectures to raise awareness, and creating mentorship and internship opportunities specifically tailored for disabled law students.

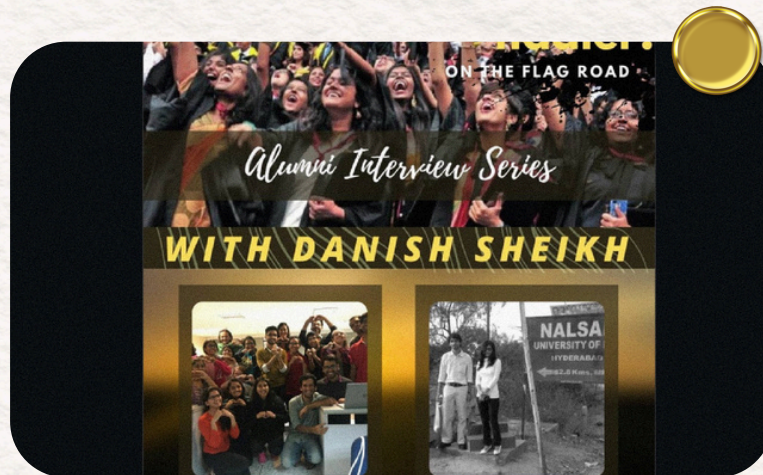
SC/ST Cell



The SC/ST Cell is an institutional body comprising both student and faculty members. It was established to address grievances concerning Dalit and Adivasi students. The Cell aims to prevent caste-based discrimination, serve as a grievance redressal forum on campus, and facilitate compliance with the applicable UGC guidelines.



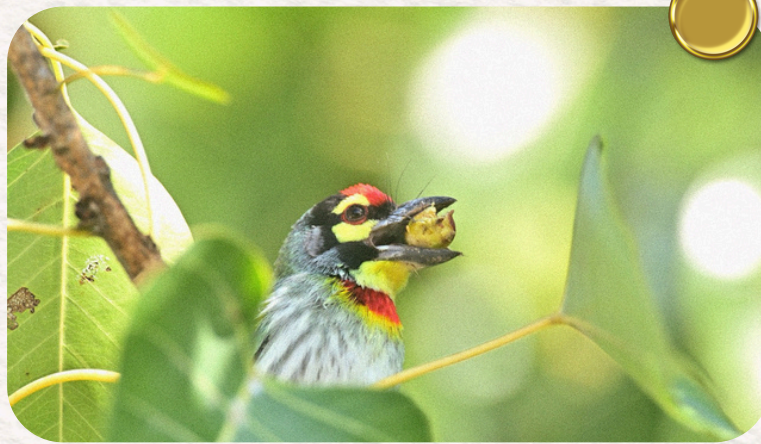
Fiddler on the Flag Road



Fiddler on the Flag Road is NALSAR's official annual student magazine, run by an editorial board of undergraduate law students, with the aim of documenting life in Shamirpet. It seeks to encourage thoughtful conversations within the NALSAR community beyond the world of law, while providing a much-needed space for students to express themselves through creativity, humour, joy, and even anguish. The magazine takes its name from Flag Road, the central avenue on campus that has long been the setting for some of NALSAR's most random but thought-provoking, and nostalgic conversations. It regularly publishes essays, humour pieces, and poetry on its blog.



Birds at NALSAR



Birds at NALSAR is an informal WhatsApp group started by the Batch of 2025. The group brings together bird enthusiasts who enjoy discovering and observing the rich birdlife on campus. Members often head out with cameras and binoculars to photograph birds in their native environments. As they work together to identify different species, discuss their characteristics, and exchange observations about their behaviour and calls, these outings frequently become valuable learning experiences. The initiative has also inspired similar communities, including Animals at NALSAR and Flowers at NALSAR, which celebrate the University's rich natural environment.



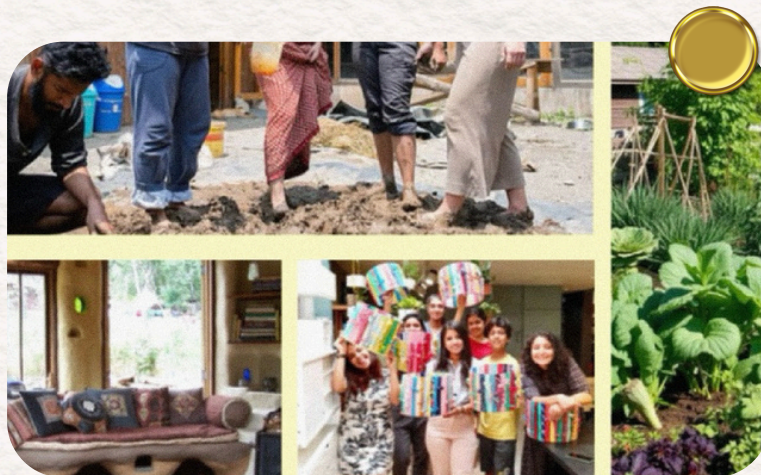
Workers Welfare Society



The Workers Welfare Society (WWS) is an informal student collective that aims to help facilitate the rights of NALSAR's workers, including the housekeeping, gardening, and security staff. The WWS frequently organises Bonalu celebrations, where workers and students come together, conducts awareness programmes, and negotiates with the NALSAR administration to address issues relating to fair wages, safe working environments, and workers' welfare.



Waste audit



In collaboration with the Hyderabad-based Maati Foundation, NALSAR carried out its first comprehensive campus waste audit over eight days between August and September 2025. By weighing and characterising waste across more than twenty locations, the audit found that the campus generates roughly 660 kilograms of waste each day, with food and organic waste forming the largest share and a heavy reliance on single-use plastics across the mess and vendor outlets.

Beyond the numbers, the report lays out a practical roadmap including source segregation, on-site composting, a material recovery facility, sanitary waste management, and a transition away from disposable plastics at vendor outlets through which the University could divert over 70% of its waste from landfill within a year and work towards becoming a model zero-waste campus.



LIST OF ALL VICE-CHANCELLORS OF NALSAR

Are you as energised as I am? It is wonderful to see how far we have come, isn't it?

It feels important to me to acknowledge the giants on whose shoulders I stand.
Here is a whole list of incredible people that have shaped me into what I am today.

- **Prof. Ranbir Singh** (Founding Vice-Chancellor)
- *October 1998- July 2008*

- **Prof. Veer Singh**
- *July 2008- March 2012*

- **Prof. Faizan Mustafa**
- *April 2012- July 2022*

- **Prof. Srikrishna Deva Rao**
- *August 2022- Present*



LIST OF ALL REGISTRARS OF NALSAR



- **Shri Y.V. Ramakrishna**
- **04.07.1998- 12.10.1999**

- **Prof. (Dr.) Amita Dhanda**
- **12.10.1999- 07.01.2002**

- **Prof. (Dr.) A. Lakshminath**
- **08.01.2002- 19.06.2006**

- **Prof. (Dr.) Ghanshyam Singh**
- **19.06.2006- 20.06.2008**

- **Prof. (Dr.) K. V. S. Sarma**
- **17.07.2008- 25.07.2011 | 20.03.2012- 27.02.2013**

- **Prof. (Dr.) M. Sridhar Acharyulu**
- **01.08.2011- 20.03.2012**

- **Prof. (Dr.) Vijender Kumar**
- **27.02.2013- 18.10.2014**

- **Prof. (Dr.) V. Balakista Reddy**
- **18.10.2014- 6.01.2023**

- **Prof. (Dr.) K. Vidyullatha Reddy**
- **06.01.2023- 31.08.2024**

- **Prof. (Dr.) N. Vasanthi**
- **01.09.2024- Present**



LEADERSHIP ROLES OF NALSAR FACULTY AT OTHER LAW SCHOOLS

Professor A. Lakshminath was appointed the founding Vice-Chancellor of Chanakya National Law University, Patna.

Professor Vivekandan is the Vice-Chancellor of Hidayatullah National Law University, Raipur. He also served as India's representative at WIPO and ALAC-ICANN.

Professor K. V. S. Sarma is the Vice-Chancellor of the National Law University and Judicial Academy, Assam (NLUJAA), and formerly served as the Vice-Chancellor of Maharashtra National Law University, Aurangabad.

Professor Vijender Kumar is the Vice-Chancellor of Maharashtra National Law University, Nagpur, and formerly served as the Vice-Chancellor of the National Law University and Judicial Academy, Assam (NLUJAA), Guwahati.

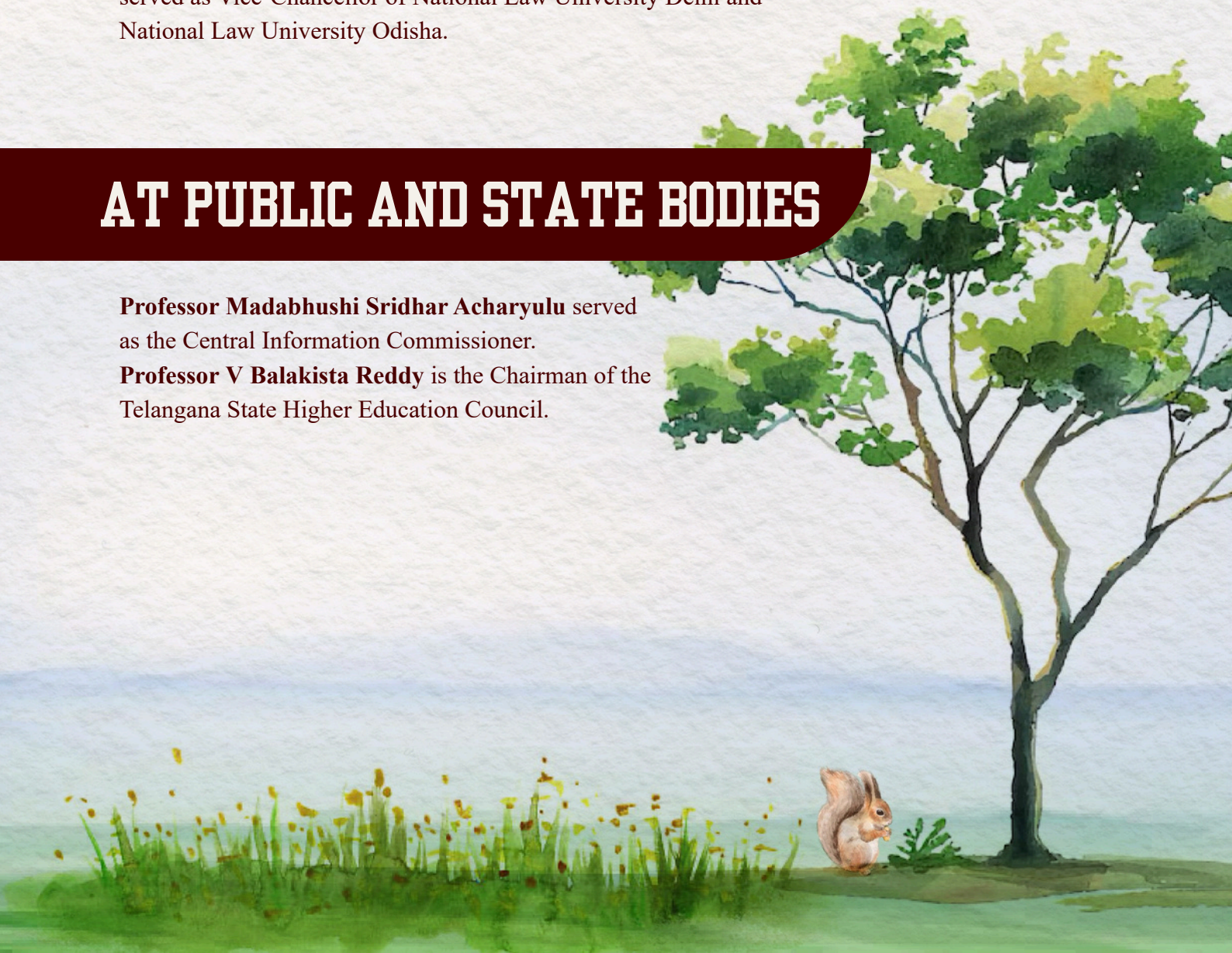
Professor K Vidyullatha Reddy is the Vice-Chancellor of National Law University Odisha.

Professor Srikrishna Deva Rao is Vice-Chancellor, NALSAR University of Law, and formerly served as Vice-Chancellor of National Law University Delhi and National Law University Odisha.

AT PUBLIC AND STATE BODIES

Professor Madabhushi Sridhar Acharyulu served as the Central Information Commissioner.

Professor V Balakista Reddy is the Chairman of the Telangana State Higher Education Council.



OBITUARIES

Remembering our own

I would like to, at this juncture, pay tribute to members of the NALSAR community whom we have lost, honoring their lives and contributions to the world. I apologise in advance if we have missed out any one.

• Five-year programme

Aruna Shobha Regidi - 2000
Tirthankar Pramanik - 2000
Deepak Singh Negi - 2000
Nishant Singh - 2000

Saksham Chavan - 2024
Sahastranshu Pandey - 2021
Mathew Kurian - 2014
Mahesh Gopan - 2010
DV Ram Reddy - 2005

• LL.M

B Anil Kumar - 2011
PPR Tej Kumar - 2011



IN CLOSING

It has been absolutely wonderful walking down this road with you, dear alumni. I hope this newsletter has given you a little thrill of both nostalgia and excitement for this moment in our institution's history, and that you are as energised as I am to expand and deepen our shared mission. I will close by sharing a letter written to you by a present student. I couldn't have framed a more powerful message myself. I'll see you again very soon. Don't forget to share the information we have requested, the contact details are overleaf.

Au revoir.

Dear Alumni,

I write to you from the same quiet, formative campus in Shamirpet that shaped you - older now, greener, but carrying the same restless spirit you left behind. We walk the same corridors, sit under the same trees, argue about the same impossible questions of law and justice that I imagine kept you up at night too. The library still smells of ambition. The mess still tests our patience.

But I write with a purpose beyond sentiment. NALSAR taught you that the law is not a career, it is a calling. We, your juniors, are still learning what that means. We stumble, we doubt, and sometimes we wonder whether the world has room for the kind of socially conscious lawyers this place insists on making.

That is where you come in.

Come back to us, to give visiting faculty lectures, to deliver guest talks, to serve as judges or coaches for our competitions, or simply just to reconnect. We are listening.

Your presence reminds us that someone sat exactly here, carried the same doubts, and went on to matter.

Come back to us, we are listening.

With warmth,

A student of NALSAR



A NEW OFFICE AN OLD PROMISE

Have you wondered, over the years, who keeps track of you? Who remembers that you graduated in '04, or '11, or last year, who has your number tucked away for the day NALSAR wants to say hello again?

Until this January, the honest answer was: no one, really. Not because anyone forgot you, but because there was no one whose job it was to remember. So in January 2026, NALSAR did something it had never done before: it opened an Office of Alumni Relations and Internationalisation, and gave someone the singular task of keeping this vast, scattered family of ours in touch with itself. It began, as most things do, with unglamorous work. Building a database of every alumnus we could find. Slowly, quietly, the scaffolding of a real alumni community started to go up, brick by brick, spreadsheet by spreadsheet. None of this is happening alone. It has been the work of the Faculty Alumni Affairs Committee together, with Prof. Anup Surendranath, its Chairperson, as the guiding hand, thinking, questioning, shaping what this office should become. And then came the bigger dream: what if we actually got you all back in a room together? Not on a WhatsApp thread, not in a forwarded message, but really, physically, back home. That dream is this reunion. That dream is this newsletter, the first of what we hope will be many, many more. And we mean many. This is only the beginning. In October, the batch of 2006 comes home to Shamirpet for a reunion on campus, and around the same time, our Delhi chapter gathers for one of their own. Wherever you are, whenever you graduated, your reunion is coming. Watch this space.

So consider this page not an announcement, but an introduction. There is an office now. There are people in it who think about you, who want to hear from you, who are building something that outlasts any one batch or any one year. *Come find us. We've been waiting.*

Alumni Affairs Faculty Committee:

Professor Anup Surendranath (Chairperson) | Mx. Anindita Mukherjee |
Dr. Aymen Mohammed | Mr. Sunishth Goyal | Dr. Vivek Mukherjee

Ms. Pranitha Hemanth

Director-Alumni Relations & Internationalisation







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You can also write to us at alumnioffice@nalsar.ac.in.