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# Websites of National Law Universities: A Comparative Study

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**Abstract:** National Law University, which are the premier institution for the law studies established in most of the states. The paper analysis about the issues like, Vice chancellor, teaching faculties, Library collections and the Librarians and content of the National Law Universities.

**Key Words:** Law Universities, Library Collection, National Law University, Librarian.

**Introduction:** The National Law universities, which are established by the state government Act and act as a premier institution in the state for the law education. The admissions are based on the central law admission test. The universities conducting Under Graduate program, Post Graduate program, Research program and some universities conducting specialized course in the form of diploma and Certificate courses. Most of the under graduate programs are Honor's in the BA LLB and BBA, LL.B. The research programs are MPhil, PhD, LL.D, D.Sc. National Law School of India University, Bangalore conducting Distance education, The West Bengal National University of Judicial Sciences ,Kolkata conducting Master in Business Laws (MBL), Gujarat National Law University conducting MBA in Financial Management and Business Laws and Online Diploma Program.

**Scope of the study:** The scope of the study is to cover the national law universities in India, so far nineteen states established twenty one national law universities. So the study is limited to twenty one universities only.

## **Objective:**

1. To study about the year of establishment and state wise law University
2. To study about the appointment of Vice Chancellor and Faculty members of the Law Universities.
3. To study about the status of Library collection and Librarian.
4. To study about the content of the university websites.
5. To study about the academic programs conducting in the universities

**Methodology:** The websites of the National Law Universities were taken for the study .The web content of the universities sites analyzed according to the needs i.e. basic information about establishment of the university, faculty members of the universities, Library collection, library staffs, and basic information of the websites.

**Content analysis:** The content of the web sites gives information about the national law universities basic knowledge about the Vice chancellor, faculty members of the universities, establishment of the universities, library collection, and etc.

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Name of the Universities and year of their establishments:

<b>Sr. No.</b>	<b>Name of the University</b>	<b>Yr. of Est.</b>	<b>URL</b>	<b>City</b>	<b>State</b>
1	National Law School of India,	1987	www.nls.ac.in	Bangalore,	Karnataga.
2	National Law Institute University	1997	www.nliu.ac.in	Bhopal,	Madhya Pradesh.
3	National Academy of Legal Studies & Research	1998	www.nalsar.ac.in	Hyderabad,	Telungana.
4	National Law University	1998	www.nlu-delhi.ac.in	New Delhi	New Delhi
5	The West Bengal National University of Juridical Sciences.	1999	www.nujs.edu	Kolkata,	West Bengal.
6	National Law University	1999	www.nlu-jodhpur.ac.in	Jodhpur,	Rajasthan
7	Hidayatulla National Law University	2003	www.hnlu.ac.in	Raipur,	Chhattisgarh
8	Gujarat National Law University	2003	www.gnlu.ac.in	Gandhinagar,	Gujarat
9	Ram Manohar Lohia, National Law University	2005	www.rmlnlu.ac.in	Lucknow,	Uttar Pradesh
10	The National University of Advanced Legal Studies	2005	www.nuals.ac.in	Kochi,	Kerala.
11	Rajiv Gandhi National University of Law	2006	www.rgnul.ac.in	Patiala,	Punjab
12	Chanakya National Law University	2006	www.cnlu.ac.in	Patna,	Bihar
13	Damodaram Sanjivayya National Law University	2008	www.dsnlu.ac.in	Visakhapatnam,	Andra Pradesh
14	National Law University	2009	www.nluo.ac.in	Cuttack,	Odisha
15	National Law University	2009	www.nluassam.ac.in	Gauhati,	Assam
16	National Law University of Study and Research in Law	2010	www.nuslranchi.in	Ranchi,	Jharkhand
17	Tamil Nadu National Law School	2012	www.tnnls.in	Tiruchirapalli,	Tamil Nadu
18	Maharashtra National Law University	2014	www.nlumumbai.edu.in	Mumbai,	Maharashtra
19	Maharashtra National Law University	2014	www.mnlunagpur.edu.in	Nagpur,	Maharashtra
20	Himachal Pradesh National Law University	2016	www.hnlu.ac.in	Shimla,	Himachal Pradesh
21	Maharashtra National Law University (MNLU)	2017	www.nluaurangabad.edu.in	Aurangabad,	Maharashtra

The table number one shows that the name of the university, year of the establishment, URL of the university and the state. The first National law university was established in the year 1987. So far nineteen states have established national law universities except state of Maharashtra all other states established only single law universities in their state. The Maharashtra state have established three National law universities, one at Mumbai, other at Aurangabad and third one at Nagpur. These three national law universities were established during the period of 2014 and 2017.

**Basic Information Available on websites of National Law Universities.** The websites of the universities gives information about academic programs, infrastructure of the university, information about faculty members, students and alumni, contact information, achievement of the faculty members, information about examination, admission, placement, campus life, seminar, governance and library collection and activities.

**Information about Vice Chancellor's and Faculty members:** Out of twenty one National Law Universities nineteen universities are having Vice Chancellor and two universities are in-charge vice Chancellor. Out of nineteen Vice Chancellors, three are women. In Gujarat and Madhya Pradesh Called their Vice Chancellor as Director. Twelve universities are having professors, five universities are having adjunct professors, twelve universities are having assistant professor, fourteen universities are having visiting faculties, two universities are having teaching associates and nine universities are having research / Teaching assistant

**Information about Library staff:** Out of twenty one Universities only three universities are having librarians i.e. The West Bengal National University of Juridical Science, Kolkata, Gujarat National Law University, Gandhinagar and Rajiv Gandhi National University of Law, Patiala. Ram Manohar Lohia National Law University, Lucknow and National Law School, Bangalore having Librarian In-Charge. Nine universities are not having librarian and five Universities are not having any information about library staffs. Only two universities such as National Law Institute University, Bhopal and National Law University, Delhi are having Deputy Librarian. Nine universities are having assistant librarian and nine universities are having supporting staffs.

**Information about Library collection:** Out of twenty one universities 4 universities not having information about books and bound volumes. National law school, Bangalore having good collection of printed version of books and bound volume of journals. Out of eleven online databases subscription taken for the study most of the universities using West Law, Lexis Nexis, Jstor, Manupatra, SC online and Hein online. Other than the above mentioned online databases University like NLS subscribing KLUWER Online, World e-book library, NALSAR subscribing database like KLUWER Arbitration, Economic and Political Weekly, NUJS subscribing Web resources, KLUWER Law and Business, GNLU subscribing World Bank e-library Database, Corporate Law Adviser, CMIE Online Economic database KLUWER Arbitration and electronic books like Cambridge University press e-book, Oxford University Press Scholarship e-book and etc., RGNUL subscribing LII of India, Economic and Political Weekly, NUALS subscribing Kerala Law Times, NLUDELHI subscribing Lexis Nexis Academia, Taxman, E-Hart books, DSNLU subscribing WOLTER KLUWER's Competition law, Arbitration and EBSCO Host, and TNNLS subscribing LII of India, OYEZ and CDJ Law journal.

**Academic Program:** The academic programs conducted by the national law universities, all the universities are conducting BA LLB, only four universities conducting BBA LLB and only two universities are conducting BSc LLB program me. Only Damodaram Sanjivayya National Law University, Vishagapattinam conducting LLB LLM program. Two universities i.e. Tamil Nadu National Law University, and Maharashtra National Law

University Nagpur not having information about LLM Program. However, Chanakya National Law University, Patna not conducting LLM program.

**Research Program:** Out of twentyone Universities only four universities i.e. National Law School of India, Bangalore, National Academy of Legal Studies & Research Hyderabad, The West Bengal National University of Juridical Science Kolkata and National Law University Cuttack are conducting MPhil program m. Two universities like Tamil National Law Universities and Maharashtra National Law University Nagpur are not having information about MPhil program. Except National Law Institute University, Bhopal, Tamil Nadu National Law University and Maharashtra national law universities all other universities are conducting PhD programme. Only National Law School of India, Bangalore, West Bengal University of Juridical Science, Kolkata and Chanakya National Law University, Patna are conducting LLD programme.

**Diploma Program:** Universities like National Academy of Legal Studies & Research, Hyderabad, The West Bengal National University of Juridical Science, Kolkata, Gujarat National Law University, Gandhinagar, Ram Manohar Lohia National Law University, Lucknow, The National University of Advanced Studies Kochi, National Law University, Delhi, Damodaram Sanjivayya National Law University, Vishagapattinam are conducting Diploma program.

**Distance education program:** Only two universities i.e. National Law School of India, Bangalore and The West Bengal National University of Judicial Science are conducting Distance education program.

**Management Program:** Three Universities like National Academy of Legal Studies and Research, Hyderabad, Gujarat National Law University, Gandhinagar and The West Bengal National University of Judicial Science, Kolkata are conducting MBA programme. The West Bengal National University of Judicial Science, Kolkata is conducting MBL programme.

**Observations:** The Bar Council of India taking steps to provide quality legal education. For providing quality education in law the library play very important role, it is consider as a heart of the institution. However following facts gives different impression.

1. Out of twenty one national law schools only 4 universities having librarian, 2 universities having deputy librarian and 7 universities without any qualified librarian, deputy librarian or assistant librarian.
2. Two universities are run by in-charge Vice- Chancellor.
3. Except State of Maharashtra all other states are having only one law school, Maharashtra has three law schools.

**Suggestion:**

1. For running National Law Schools Vice-Chancellor post is very important, so the Bar Council of India needs to take steps to appoint the Vice-Chancellor.
2. Librarian working in the Law Schools should have basic degree of Law with Library Science degree, this will help to serve the users in proper way.
3. National Law Schools may start consortia for the Databases.

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