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Proceeding of Internal Quality Assurance Cell

The Meeting of Internal Quality Assurance Cell at National Law University Jodhpur was convened as per the following schedule:

Date: 2 May 2026 (Saturday)

Time: 4 pm

Venue: Board Room, Halls of University Management, National Law University Jodhpur/Google Meet

Members Present:

Prof. Harpreet Kaur, Vice Chancellor, in the Chair
Prof. G.H.S. Prasad, Director, NIFT, Jodhpur
Prof. Anup Surendranath, Professor of Law, NALSAR
Prof. Chhanda Chakraborti, Former Professor, IIT Jodhpur
Dr. Himanshu Mohan, Associate Professor, University of Lucknow
Dr. Sunita Pankaj, Registrar- Director
Dr. Manoj Kumar Singh, Associate Professor of Law
Dr. Om Prakash, Associate Professor of HSS
Dr. Kranti Kapoor, Associate Professor of HSS
Dr. Anjali Thanvi, Assistant Professor of Law
Dr. Renjith Thomas, Assistant Professor of Law
Dr. Anand Kumar Singh, Assistant Professor of Law
Dr. Arunabha Banerjee, Assistant Professor of Law
Dr. Sayantani Bagchi, Assistant Professor of Law
Dr. Neeti Mathur, Assistant Professor of Management
Dr. Vinod D., Assistant Librarian
Mr. Shohit Chaudhry, Alumni
Mr. Ketan Paul, Alumni
Mr. Bhaskar Agarwal, Alumni
Dr. Rashmi Mathur, Associate Professor of HSS- Co-Director

Special Invitees- Members of Curriculum Development Committee

Dr. Archi Mathur
Dr. Niranjana Rajpurohit
Dr. Mahendra Soni
Dr. Chitra Saruparia
Dr. Kanika Dhingra
Dr. Sucheta Boora

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Dr. Prashant Bhadu

Serial No.		Deliberations and Decision
Agenda Item 4.1	Welcome Remarks	<p>Madam Vice Chancellor commenced the meeting with her opening remarks and shared information regarding the new initiatives, including the launch of two new programmes: a two-year regular MBA in Business Regulations and an Executive MBA in Business and Sustainability, the latter to be offered in collaboration with the Indian Institute of Sustainable Development (IISD). Madam stated that the Executive MBA is a unique, blended, and practice-oriented program designed for executives, with greater industry participation.</p> <p>Madam also briefed the house regarding the MoU signed with the State of Rajasthan's Information Technology and Communications department to undertake initiatives related to IT, technology, and Artificial Intelligence. Additionally, the university is establishing an Accessibility Lab in the library in collaboration with the Luthra Foundation, which is scheduled to be inaugurated by the Chief Justice of Rajasthan in the second week of May.</p> <p>The university is also hosting a joint conference with Durham Law School, UK in the month of June, where seven or eight professors from the university will present papers in different specialised areas. Under the MoU with Durham Law School, there is a plan for Durham professors to co-author papers with the university's teachers, which will lead to a special edition of one of the university's journals. The university will provide some funding, and Durham Law School will provide local hospitality funding for the conference.</p> <p>Madam also informed the house regarding the scheme for an Employee Welfare Fund, where every employee contributes 200 rupees per month, and the university contributes an equivalent amount per employee. This fund is intended to create a corpus for providing interest-free loans, a small fund amount in case of an untimely demise, and provisions for different contingencies. The policy also includes an exit opportunity for employees to withdraw their contribution if they leave the university.</p> <p>The university's continuous effort for encouraging outcome-based education were discussed. The University has also signed the Tailories Declaration and is set to intensify its preparations for accreditation.</p>
Agenda Item 4.2	Approval of Minutes of meeting dated 2 May 2025	The minutes of the previous meeting were formally recorded as approved after information regarding the follow up action undertaken in furtherance of minutes of the previous meeting.

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<p>Agenda Item 4.3</p>	<p>Consideration of Standardized Framework for Journal Governance and Review Procedures of the University Journals</p>	<p>The house was apprised that the university is developing a common Online Journal System (OJS) platform for submissions and a common digital object identifier (DOI) system for all its journals.</p> <p>The Open Journal System (OJS) platform shall allow authors to track the status of their submissions, including the steps of peer review, copy-editing, and final decisions.</p> <p>The Standardized Framework for Journal Governance was shared with the house consisting of three parts: policy for the editorial board and peer review process, submission guidelines for authors, and peer reviewing processes. The framework has been prepared keeping in mind indexing guidelines of global databases and Committee on Publication Ethics (COPE) guidelines to scale up operations for future accreditation.</p> <p>On perusal of the framework, the following suggestions were given:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Madam Chair recommended inclusion of a specific clause in the standardized format explicitly prohibiting peer reviewers from uploading documents to or using AI tools, such as ChatGPT, for reviewing submitted articles. b. The policy framework can allow individual journals the liberty to determine the desirable length of submissions based on their specific requirements and domain expertise. c. Prof. Surendranath suggested for introduction of an "online first" publication practice, where articles that are finalized are published immediately without waiting for an entire issue to be compiled.
<p>Agenda Item 4.4</p>	<p>Consideration of Individual Journal Policies</p>	<p>4 journals of the University namely Journal of Intellectual Property Studies, Indian Journal of Arbitration Law, Constitutional and Administrative Law Journal and Solventia have prepared their individual policies based on the Standardized Framework.</p> <p>The other journals are in the process of finalizing their policies.</p>
<p>Agenda Item 4.5</p>	<p>Consideration of NLUJ Copyright Policy</p>	<p>Dr. Arunabha briefed the house on the University Copyright policy. The policy balances the economic interests of creators and the university with the need for wide access to protected works by the larger community. The policy makes provision for a Copyright Management Committee that will administer the rules, handle dispute resolution, and any appeal would go to the Vice Chancellor.</p>

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Agenda Item 4.6	Consideration of NLUJ AI Policy	<p>Dr. Niranjana Rajpurohit presented the University's proposed AI policy which has been framed with the objective of promoting the ethical and responsible use of AI, restricting its scope to academic and research methods.</p> <p>The house was informed that the policy avoids a blanket ban on generative AI (GenAI) tools, instead advocating a flexible approach where use is permitted for brainstorming, idea generation, exploration, and online searches powered by AI. Looking at the dynamic nature of AI, the policy will be periodically tracked and updated in accordance with changing regulatory guidelines.</p> <p>The following suggestions were received from the house:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. It was suggested that the nature of testing and assessment must evolve, potentially including higher weightage, for viva components, to gauge genuine intellectual output. b. It was suggested that the policy should also include consequences for violation. c. An orientation on how AI works should be provided to students at the time of their admission. d. AI policy should be declared for all types of assessment other than Continuous Assessment, Mid Term and End Term examination. e. Wherever usage of AI is permissible, students can be asked to declare their prompts and the AI tool used.
Agenda Item 4.7	Consideration of NLUJ Elective Courses Framework	<p>Dr. Renjith Thomas presented the framework for Elective Courses that shall be offered to the Batch admitted in 2024 once they start their III Year from Academic Session 2026-27 onwards. This framework incorporates the Choice-Based Credit System (CBCS) and allows third-year students onwards to choose elective courses of one, two, and five-credit, supplementing their compulsory core and honors courses.</p> <p>The new scheme mandates students to satisfy 50 elective credits: 10 in the third year, and 20 each in the fourth and fifth years, through formats like taught, research, and seminar courses.</p> <p>On a query posed by Mr. Shohit, it was clarified that the Alumni are welcome to offer these new elective credit courses, and</p>

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		interested individuals should approach the Dean Academics with their proposals.
Agenda Item 4.8	Reconstitution of Research Cell	<p>The house was apprised that the university's research cell has been reconstituted into three new verticals: PhD research, Faculty research, and a Residency research vertical to enhance research quality and collaboration.</p> <p>A new residency program is being proposed, inspired by international universities, consisting of immersive two to three-week residential cycles for 8 to 12 fellows per cycle. The university will provide administrative assistance, research mentorship, data, and support for the subsequent high-quality publications.</p>
Agenda Item 4.9	Integration of Edchemy Modules in University Academic Management	<p>In order to bolster academic and administrative efficiency, the university has adopted the Edchemy module, an Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) system, to streamline academic and administrative management, including admissions, fee collection, faculty allocation, attendance, grading, and student information management.</p> <p>The adoption of this system aims to increase efficiency by automating processes like attendance and salary calculations.</p>
Agenda Item 4.10	Consideration of Amended Examination Rules	<p>The house was apprised of the new promotion rules by the Controller of Examination Dr. Archi Mathur.</p> <p>For promotion to the second year, students must pass at least three out of six courses in each semester of the first year, which allows a backlog of up to three papers. Promotion to subsequent years requires passing all previous year courses and at least three out of six current-year courses in each semester. The University has kept the earlier ceiling for completing various courses, such as the five-year course in eight years, the two-year MBA in four years and the one year LL.M. in two years, intact.</p> <p>The university has amended the promotion rules to provide leniency to students who fail a course by allowing them to appear in the failed course as a backlog paper alongside the new batch's repeat examination, while still being promoted to the next semester or year.</p>
Agenda Item 4.11	Consideration of Policy for Student & Faculty Exchange Programs	<p>The University has signed several MoUs for Student & Faculty Exchange and accordingly a policy has been prepared for effective implementation of the Exchange Programme. The policy facilitates student exchanges, a move permitted under the new course scheme started in 2024 for the UG Programme.</p> <p>Dr. Soni was requested to apprise the house regarding the details of the policy. The student exchange program offers two types: a short-term study program lasting one to two months, often</p>

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Agenda Item 4.12	Consideration of ODLP Brochure	<p>The university is currently offering the third edition of its Open and Distance Learning (ODL) short-term certificate courses, with 95 students enrolled across seven courses, including AI law and ethics and emotional intelligence.</p> <p>The university has been trying to design courses to meet market demand, noting that public policy and artificial intelligence courses have been well-received and asking the house for their valuable inputs.</p> <p>Mr. Shohit Chaudhry suggested inviting course suggestions from alumni, who could potentially serve as resource persons to widen the ambit of the courses on offer.</p> <p>Hosting the certificates of Coursera or Udemy were not considered viable because the university prioritizes offering courses at a minimum or no cost as a public institution, rather than commercially exploiting course content.</p>
Agenda Item 4.12	Consideration of amended Continuous Assessments Curriculum Development Committee Academic 2026-27	<p>The house was informed regarding the scheme for continuous assessment framework, approved by the Curriculum Development Committee and set to be implemented from Academic Year 2026-27.</p> <p>For UG law courses with a mandatory CRE requirement, the framework includes two tests (the better score considered), a Court Room exercise, and a closed-book exam, with the closed-book component increased to 60% weightage.</p> <p>Dr. Himanshu Mohan suggested that management courses, which are application-based, should have a higher emphasis on</p>

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		<p>practical, application-oriented assessments, that are situational or case study based.</p> <p>Mr. Shohit Chaudhry advocated for project submissions and class presentations in all undergraduate courses (law and non-law) to develop practical skills beyond theoretical or rote learning.</p> <p>Madam Vice Chancellor opined that the university prioritizes objective assessment methods that are not easily challenged while also maintaining academic quality and curtailing the use of AI in projects.</p>
<p>Agenda Item 4.13</p>	<p>Any other matter with the permission of the Chair</p>	<p>Mr. Bhaskar Agarwal suggested a policy to promote post-class internships for students to gain practical knowledge.</p> <p>Madam Vice Chancellor clarified that the current course rigor, which includes daily classes, multiple assessments, and mandatory moot court participation, does not permit post-class internships. Internships are available during summer and winter breaks, and the university has already adjusted those break timings to allow for more meaningful internship time.</p> <p>Mr. Ketan Paul suggested that the university's journals should create condensed blog-style articles of their published research to enhance online searches and increase the visibility of the university's research output. The visibility of the journals will also be enhanced through indexing.</p> <p>Mr. Paul also proposed implementing a significant institutional feedback mechanism for students regarding faculty, course content, and internships, citing the detailed interview process used by foreign universities.</p> <p>The University conceded to the need for a more detailed feedback and outlined the prevalent feedback mechanism. This established system already covers both course and instructor feedback, ensuring they address the needs of students and courses.</p> <p>Mr. Ketan Paul's suggestion for conducting exit interviews or collecting exit feedback from graduating students, possibly through voluntary final interactions with senior leadership like the Vice-Chancellor or Dean Academics were also discussed.</p> <p>Additionally, Mr. Paul suggested a structured system for tracking alumni in placements to better understand their adjustment and utilizing that network more effectively for future placements.</p> <p>The University acknowledged the suggestion for a structured feedback from employers, potentially through the Recruitment and Internship Coordination Committee, and noted an existing</p>

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		<p>decision to assess the RICC's performance and employer types over the past five years.</p> <p>Further, Mr. Paul also recommended establishing a "Distinguished Professional in Residence" program to more effectively engage with professionals and view the invitation as an honour.</p> <p>The University clarified that they are already on this path, with 10 to 12 international Visiting Professors coming in every year, along with full-time scholars, to ensure students receive the best knowledge.</p>
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The house expressed gratitude to Prof. G.H.S. Prasad, Director, National Institute for Fashion Technology, Jodhpur for his meaningful inputs and unique cross-perspective, especially coming from the fashion technology institute, noting that fashion and law is an area where interests converge. All external and internal members were thanked for their participation in the deliberations.

The meeting ended with thanks to the Chair.

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