



PEHCHAAN BEYOND THE BINARIES

TWO-DAY CONFERENCE

12-13 MARCH 2022 | GOOGLE MEET

**Legal Services Team
IDIA Odisha Chapter
National Law University Odisha**

ABOUT IDIA

Increasing Diversity by Increasing Access to Legal Education (IDIA) is a pan-India organization which creates awareness about legal education for students from underprivileged and marginalized backgrounds. A registered Charitable Trust, the organization aims to mitigate the imbalances in access to legal education and assist students from these communities in developing their skills and knowledge for legal competitive examinations.

ABOUT NLUO

National Law University Odisha, Cuttack is one of the premier law institutes of the country. It's a prolific addition to law institutes across India, with emphasis on teaching and research in law. The qualified faculty along with a batch of engaging students has resulted in the university yielding results in research publications, academic proficiency, moot court competitions, and other curricular and co-curricular activities. The liberal yet demanding academic culture coupled with the friendly environment have ensured that students are able to harness their full potential and contribute in the area of their choice.

ABOUT IDIA ODISHA CHAPTER

IDIA-Odisha Chapter seeks to dispel disparities amongst the under-privileged by various measures and programs. For furthering the cause of these students, the team has organized two editions of AMALGAM, our flagship umbrella event for diverse writing events. Other past events include the IDIA MUN in 2019, the IDIA Marathon, the Alumni Batch Fundraiser and the Shelf Indulgence - A Virtual Secret Santa, which saw huge participation from various universities. The team has been passionately working to strengthen its vision of acting as a bridge between resources and the people who need them.

ABOUT LEGAL SERVICES TEAM

The Legal Services Team is a subset of IDIA at NLUO in line with IDIA's goal of community legal empowerment, this team works to make legal services accessible by engagement of students at the grassroots level. The team works closely with, inter alia, the district administration, the municipality and the district legal services authority, to find innovative solutions to the fundamental problems of access and rights. The team has been proactively working towards fieldwork in collaboration with different NGOs, prison visits, legal research & drafting, socio-legal awareness programs (cultural/art) and Right to Information.

PANEL DISCUSSION DAY-1

The panel discussion on **12th March, 2022** from **6:30 to 7:30 PM** will be a discourse on the socio-cultural and legal space that existed before and exists after the passage of the **Transgender Persons (Protection of the Rights) Act 2019**.

The discourse aims to initiate a discussion about the challenges that have arisen as a result of the Act's passage and which pre-existing difficulties still exist. It further aims to understand the stigma that was formerly connected with the community and how their efforts have changed the nation's and society's perspective. This would also act as an attempt to examine how the pandemic affected the community and what role governmental and non-governmental entities had in addressing the community's concerns.



GUEST SPEAKERS DAY-1



Justice Joyita Mondal

Joyita Mondal is India's first transgender judge and a social worker from West Bengal, India. She provided legal aid to 200 transgenders during a foreign project started in 2012. She was also instrumental in building an old-age shelter in 2015 and additionally got voter ID cards made for transgenders in two brothels in Islampur. In 2016, she was the first transgender to vote from her district.

Vjayanti Vasanta Mogli

Vjayanti Vasanta Mogli is a transwoman and a Right to Information (RTI) activist precipitating Public Interest Litigation (PIL) in the High Courts and the Supreme Court of India to advance LGBTI+ rights since 2012. She works with a Wall Street giant as a learning & development professional. She is a founding member of the Telangana Hijra Transgender Samiti, an unregistered and an unfunded collective of transgender people. She also works with the transgender community to have FIRs lodged against atrocities perpetrated on the hijra/transgender community.



Kanmani Ray

Kanmani R is a trans woman & lawyer practising in New Delhi. She has completed her LL.B. from Campus Law Centre, Faculty of Law, University of Delhi, B. A. (Hons.) Political Science from Amity University, Noida and Masters in Public Administration from Indira Gandhi National Open University, Delhi. She is interested in working around issues of health, access to education, public transport & housing in the context of gender & sexual minorities.





DIALOGUE DAY 2

The dialogue on **13th March, 2022**
from **6:00 to 7:00 PM** will be a
discussion on how inclusive Indian Law
Schools are for members of
transgender community.

The purpose of this dialogue is to
improve collective awareness in order
to make this society more inclusive and
open to the community. This dialogue
will provide an avenue for the
speakers to share their experiences as
a member of the transgender
community in today's society and law
school in particular. Being part of this
dialogue and witness the speakers
recount how they first came to identify
as transgender, how they battled
society's rigid binary gender beliefs,
an example of incredible grit and
strength will serve as an inspiration for
others to identify themselves in the
manner they prefer.

GUEST SPEAKERS

DAY-2

Priyasha

Priyasha Sinha (She/They) is a second year law student, studying at NALSAR University of Law. They identify as a Pansexual Non Binary person. They have been leading the NALSAR Queer Collective on their mission to make the university space safer and more accessible for queer students. They are also a part of the Trans Policy Committee which has successfully gotten a draft passed and are working towards the final policy. They have an interest in Gender and Queer Studies, Human Rights Law, Criminal Law and Social Justice.



Ajay Kranthi

Mx Kranthi is a trans student at NALSAR University of Law, Hyderabad. Throughout their time at law school, they have participated in grassroots community organizing, mental health services, human rights advocacy, teaching, and education-oriented research work in and beyond their home state of Telangana. They have also co-founded NALSAR Queer Collective, and have been a part of NALSAR's Trans Policy Committee, Committee on Constitutional Amendments and NALSAR Public Policy Group. They previously served as Secretary for the State of Telangana and a member of the National Executive Council of All India Queer Association (AIQA), New Delhi. Kranthi is also trained and certified in peer support services by the Intentional Peer Support Central, West Chesterfield, USA. They are currently a fellow at Unsound Project Fellowship and are actively involved with Survivors of Psychiatry movement, Hearing voices movement and Mad movement.





Register for the discussion
through the following form
by 11:59 PM, 11 March 2022

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