

Major Highlights of this Issue

Nirma University ranks overall at 9th position in the Private Universities ranking list

Students win the National Robocon Championship 2021

Students win the Championship trophy in Asia's biggest solar vehicle championship

IP Hall of Fame Award conferred on Institute of Law

Nirma University held its 30th Convocation Ceremony on Dec 17, 2021

Electric vehicle (EV) charging station inaugurated at the campus

Establishment of Faculty Chair Professor Positions to promote research and academic work

Celebration of World Habitat Day 2021

World Habitat Day was celebrated at the Institute of Architecture and Planning, Nirma University on Oct 5, 2021 on the theme 'Accelerating urban action for a carbon-free world.' The event was held in hybrid mode. Mr Prabir Banerjee, President of PondyCAN (Pondy Citizens' Action Network), an NGO committed to preserving and enhancing the natural, social, cultural, and spiritual environment through a collaborative approach spoke on 'Collaboration for an Integrated Planning and Development of Pondy Bioregion.' The session gave the viewers a new perspective on sustainability.



Webinar on Labour and Market Access

A webinar on 'Labour and Market Access' was held at the Institute of Law on Oct 16, 2021. The speakers at the event were Prof Elmarie Fourie, HoD- Department of Public Law, University of Johannesburg; Prof Babu Mathew, Professor, National Law School of India University, Bangalore; Dr Devisha Sasidevan, Assistant Professor, Centre for Livelihoods and Social Innovation, Tata Institute of Social Sciences (TISS), Mumbai; Prof Irudaya Rajan, Chairman, The International Institute of Migration and Development, Kerala; and Prof Manius Van Staden, Associate Professor, Department of Public Law, University of Johannesburg. The first sub-theme of the session was 'Future of the workforce: Legal developments and the informal economy in India and South Africa'. The second sub-theme of the session was 'Climate change and vulnerabilities of migrant workers'.



ILNU-UJ Seminar Series

As part of a four-part webinar series on 'Social Justice Continuum in Comparative Context: Indian and South African Perspectives on Equality, Labour Law and Legal Education', Institute of Law in collaboration with the Faculty of Law, University of Johannesburg; organised the first seminar on the theme of Equality and Anti-Discrimination Law on Sep 18, 2021. The speakers at the event were Miss Meghan Finn, Lecturer, Department of Public Law, and Miss Leoni Van der Merwe, Lecturer, Department of Practical Business Law, University of Johannesburg; Mr Anand Grover, Senior Advocate, Supreme Court of India; Mr Manvendra Singh Gohil, Founder, Lakshya Trust, Champion of rights of LGBTQI+; and Miss Shreya Srivastava, Assistant Professor, Institute of Law, Nirma University. The first technical session was on 'The Rights and Realities of LGBTQI+ Communities' and the second on 'Commitments to CEDAW'.

NIRMAN: The National Technical Symposium

NIRMAN - A three-day national technical symposium was organised by the Student Association, OrCES (Organisation of Civil Engineering Student) Civil Engineering Department, Nirma University from Oct 22-24, 2021. More than 600+ students registered across the state. Technical events like Tech-Trio, Placement Guru, Technical house, Paper/Idea Presentation; and Non-technical events like Open-mic and Online Extempore were organised as part of the symposium. The event was inaugurated by the guest of honours, Shri P R Patelia, Chief Engineer R & B Department, Government of Gujarat; and Shri Mukesh Raval, Advisor L&T Ltd (Retired Project Manager at Statue of Unity). Mr Taral Shah, MD at the Shivalik Group was invited for a talk show with fellow participants present and discuss the future and difficulties faced in the Real Estate industry.

Institute of Architecture & Planning along with its 16 partner institutes organised the first International Conference on 'Future is Urban': Livability, Resilience & Resource conservation from Dec 16-18, 2021.



The Institute of Law organised an online Panel Discussion on 'Changing Terrains of Fundamental Rights Protection in India' on Dec 4, 2021. The panellists for the discussion were Dr Uday Shankar, Professor and Registrar, Hidayatullah National Law University, Raipur; Dr Yogesh Pratap Singh, Professor and Registrar, National Law University, Odisha; and Dr Afroz Alam, HoD, Department of Political Science, Maulana Azad National Urdu University, Hyderabad.



An expert session on 'Infrastructure Law: Electricity Sector' by Mr Prabjot Singh Bhullar, Independent Legal Counsel, Infrastructure Law was held on Dec 8, 2021 at the Institute of Law.

A lecture on 'Changing Contours of Public Policy in India' by Ms Binsy Susan, Partner in the Shardul Amarchand Mangaldas & Company was organised by the Institute of Law on Dec 9, 2021.

The Department of Computer Science and Engineering, Institute of Technology organised a Scopus Indexed '4th International Conference on Futuristic Trends in Networks and Computing Technologies' on Dec 10-11, 2021, technically collaborated with Springer Nature.

Mr Mrugen Rathod, a Sculptor by profession, had an interactive session with the students of the Institute of Design on Dec 14, 2021. With his drive to protect nature and make people aware of the life that is being destroyed, Mr Mrugen talked about his projects in different areas of the world involving the use of different materials, but the common factor of them all was their message, to protect the wildlife and its habitat. The students were not only inspired by the art but also deeply moved by the thought.

In the ongoing Nirma University - SUNY Binghamton University alumni lecture series, a session was conducted by Dr Tian He, Operations Research Engineer, Intel Corporation on Dec 17, 2021. The title of her talk was 'Pick-and-Place Machine Optimisation in Semiconductor Industry'.