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## VIGNAN INSTITUTE OF LAW

Dated. 22.11.2025

### Minutes of Board of Studies Meeting (UG, PG and Doctoral)

Vignan Institute of Law, VFSTR conducted Board of Studies (BoS) meeting for the BA.LL.B(Hons.) and BBA.LL.B(Hons.), LLM (2 Years) and Ph.D. Course Programmes on 22.11.2025 at 02:00 pm in hybrid mode

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#### **Agenda of the BoS Meeting:**

1. To discuss the DAAC report for approval.
2. To discuss and finalize the curriculum structure of BA.LL.B(Hons.) and BBA.LL.B(Hons.), course programmes with the necessary changes as per the Bar Council of India norms.
3. To discuss the curriculum structure of LL.M. (2 years) course programme for the AY 2026-2027 onwards.
4. To discuss the curriculum structure of Ph.D. degree programme AY 2025-2026 onwards.
5. Any other points with the permission of the Chairperson.

Prof. (Dr.) Kalpana Koneru, Dean, School of Law and Management, VFSTR took the chair and welcomed all the present members and introduced the external members for detailed discussion about the agenda points.

**The following points were discussed in the BoS meeting:**

#### **1. To discuss the DAAC report for approval.**

**Resolution.** Dr. Partha Sarathi Rakshit, Director, VIL and Mr. Romil Aryan, Assistant Professor, pointed out all DAAC agenda/s and readout for open discussion. After thorough discussion the DAAC resolution has been accepted by the BOS members unanimously. Hence, it has been accepted. (as enclosed Annexure 'A')

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**2. To discuss and finalize the curriculum structure of BA.LLB(Hons.) and BBA.LLB (Hons.), course programmes with the necessary changes as per the Bar Council of India norms.**

**Resolution:** Dr. Partha Sarothi Rakshit, Director, Mr. Romil Aryan, and Ms. G.S.S. Niharika Assistant, Vignan Institute of Law, VFSTR proposed that as per the Bar Council of India norms and approval of affiliation letter [*vide no. BCI: D:3943:2025 (LE/App/afflin) dated. 17.10.2025*] stated that one core Computer Instructor/ Faculty ought to be appointed by the CLEs; at present Vignan Institute of Law offers 'Basic Computer and IT Skills' both the BA.LL. B(H) and BBA.LL. B (H) course programme. For better understanding with advanced computer skills the members inform the Board for one 'Advanced Computer Course programme' (applicable both the BA.LL. B(H) and BBA.LL. B(H) courses). The external members Mr. Ramesh B. Advocate and Prof. (Dr.) Srikrishna Deva Rao, Honourable VC, NALSAR suggested that the 'Advanced Computer Course' can be renamed as "*Law and Technology*" for the 10<sup>th</sup> semester BA.LL. B (H) and BBA.LL. B(H) course. BOS members accepted the suggestions made by the external members.

Mr. Abhinav Deep Dora Assistant Professor pointed out that the alteration/ modification of the syllabus of a few subjects were necessary to be incorporated. The subjects are following; Interpretation of Statute (IOS) (Alteration and shifting from 2nd year to 4th year), any core law paper will be introduced in 3<sup>rd</sup> semester because students should understand basics of law before learning Interpretation of statute, Legal Methods and Research, Law of Contract- II, the Right to Information, Mergers and Acquisitions, Air and Space Law (modification of syllabus is required). All the members discussed thoroughly in line of DAAC recommendations and accepted for further modifications, hence it has been resolved accordingly.

Dr. Partha S. Rakshit, Director, VIL proposed to introduce a subject named Mediation and Conciliation in the final semester as per the BCI vide circular BCI: D: 1897 :2020 (323/2020) dated 13.08. 2020. The syllabus for the subject will be framed as stated by the council norms; after thorough discussion all the members accepted the proposal to introduce the 4 credit course for the forthcoming academic year 2026-2027 onwards. It was resolved that a paper on '*Mediation and Conciliation*' be introduced in accordance with BCI norms in either 9<sup>th</sup> or 10<sup>th</sup> Semester for both BA.LL. B(H) and BBA.LL. B(H) Course.

**3. To discuss the curriculum structure of LL.M. (2 years) course programme for the AY 2026-2027 onwards.**

**Resolution:** Prof. (Dr.) K. Kalpana, Dean, SLM and Dr. Partha Sarothi Rakshit, Director, Vignan Institute of Law proposed the LL.M. (2 years) degree course programme and outline of the syllabus for detailed discussion (as enclosed the syllabus Annexure 'B').



The decision to introduce a 2 years LL.M. course programme is in line with the BCI norms and guidelines. Prof. (Dr.) Srikrishna Deva Rao, Hon'ble Vice- Chancellor, NALSAR (External Member), has welcomed the proposal for the introduction of the LLM (2 Years) course programme. He emphasized the need for adequate faculty strength, with experienced Professor/Associate Professor/ Assistant Professor (with experience in the specialised area). Professor Y. Satyanarayana, Founding VC, DSNLU (external member) welcomed the introduction of a 2 year LL.M. programme and suggested that the programme will be introduced under his and Director, VIL supervision. Dr. Rakshit pointed out that the VIL has a post graduate centre for legal education and research as stated by the BCI and UGC norms to run the 2 years' full time LL.M. degree course program.

The members after thorough deliberation suggested that initially to start an LL.M. program with 1 or 2 specializations instead of 4 specializations at a time. After consolidating first 1 or 2 specializations and having adequate Doctorate faculty with specializations may be introduced other specializations in the LL.M. Course.

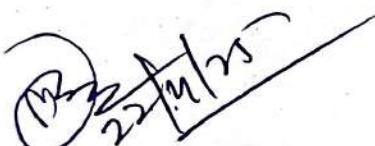
Vignan Institute of Law already has a Director with 23 years of experience, and other 4 Doctorate and law faculties (UGC NET qualified) having adequate teaching and research experience with specializations to run the LL.M. course programme. Mr. Ramesh Babu Vishwanathula, IPR Attorney, (External member) suggested that the LLM course should be accepted, provided a detailed syllabus is prepared. The 2 years LL.M. with the intake capacity of 15 per specialization will be introduced for the forthcoming academic year 2026-2027 onwards, hence all the external suggestions and recommendations have been resolved unanimously.

The external member further recommended that a course design committee will be formed to prepare the syllabus of 2 years LL.M. course programme. The following members

- 1) Prof. (Dr.) Y. Satyanarayana, Founding VC, DSNLU- Chairman
- 2) Dr. Partha S. Rakshit, Director, VIL- (Member Secretary, BOS)- Member
- 3) Dr. M. Santoshraju, Assistant Professor (BOR) - Member
- 4) Mr. Romil Aryan, Assistant Professor (BOA)- Member
- 5) Mr. Abhinav Deep Dora, Assistant Professor (BOE)- Member

#### **4. To discuss the curriculum structure of Ph.D.**

**Resolution:** Prof. (Dr.) K. Kalpana, Dean, SLM and Dr. Partha Sarothi Rakshit, Director, Vignan Institute of Law informed the BoS members that Ph.D. (Law) has been introduced and currently one full time scholar (Ms. V. Aravinda Rohini) and three part-time scholars (Mr. B.N.S Sriram, Mr. Romil Aryan, Mr. Ritul Aryan) are pursuing their Ph.D. degree course under the supervision of Dr. Partha Sarothi Rakshit, Director, VIL. Dr. Rakshit presented and read out Pre Ph.D. coursework syllabus (as enclosed annexure 'C'). Professor Y. Satyanarayana, Founding VC,



DSNLU and Prof. (Dr.) Srikrishna Deva Rao, Honourable VC, NALSAR appreciated the syllabus and title of the subjects finding it relevant in the contemporary context for the legal scholars. After detailed discussion all the members unanimously accepted.

##### **5. Other points with the permission of the chair.**

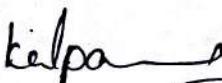
Dr. M. Santoshraju, Mr. Romil Aryan, Mr. Abhinav Deep Dora and Ms. G.S.S. Necharika, Assistant Professor pointed out to the board members regarding the existing assessment pattern and course structure followed by both the B.A.LL. B(H) and BBA.LL. B(H) course programme that is under R 20, R22 and R 25. Dr. Partha S. Rakshit explained to the board members that at present law course curriculum is not under the purview of the NEP 2020 regulations as recommended by the Bar Council of India under the Legal Education Rules,2008. Prof. (Dr.) Srikrishna Deva Rao, Vice- Chancellor, NALSAR and Prof. (Dr.) Y. Satyanarayana, Former Vice Chancellor, DSNLU, accepted that law is not under the purview of the NEP 2020. It is under the observation pattern. Hon'ble external members recommended revising the assessment structure for the entire course pattern and instead of R22 and R25. The proposed pattern followed by NALSAR and other premier Law Institutes/ University / IIT Kharagpur that is:

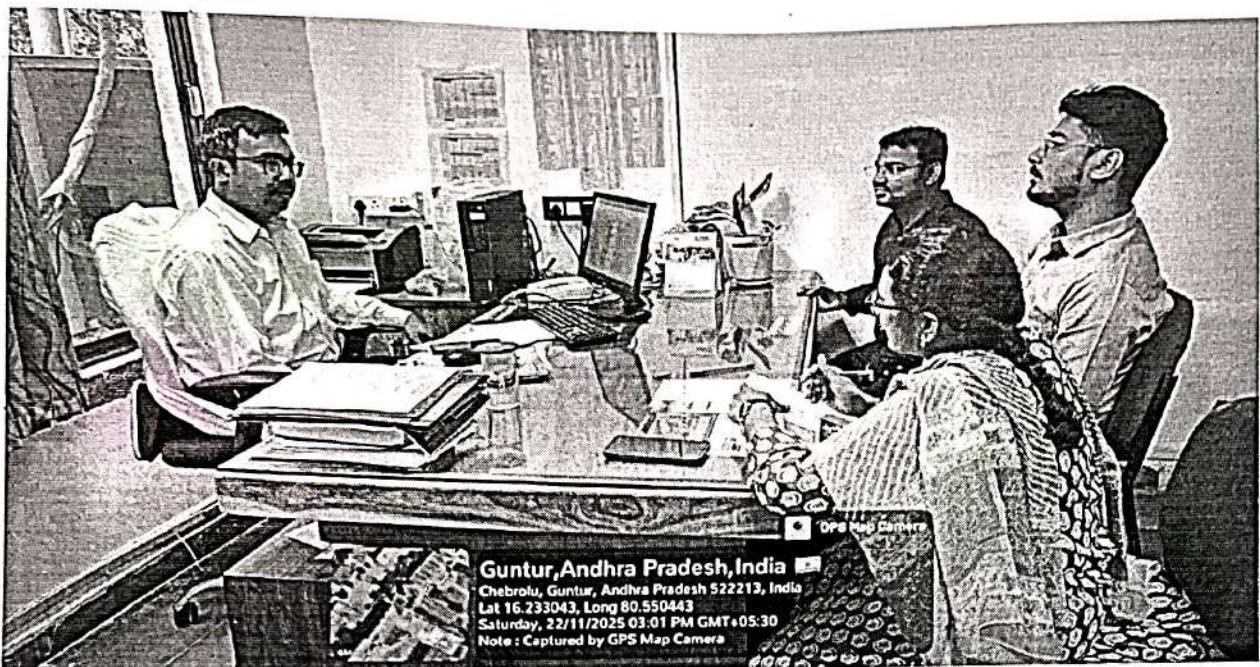
- a) Two Mid-Semester Examinations (which includes the pattern of Moot Court, presentations, debate, case analysis etc.) for formative assessment maximum 20/30 marks.
- b) One End-Semester Examination summative assessment 80/70 maximum marks which is suitable under R20.

Further, Prof. Srikrishna Deva Rao, Vice- Chancellor, NALSAR and Prof. Y. Satyanarayana, Former Vice Chancellor, DSNLU explained that more examinations might deviate the core principles of legal education and faculty members should be more engaged in quality teaching and research activities instead of conducting frequent examinations. They observed that multiple examinations, as in other streams like engineering or science based teaching pedagogy would not be feasible for law courses due to the greater classroom time required. All the members discussed thoroughly and resolved accordingly.

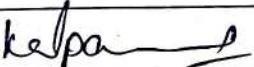
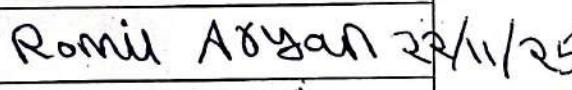
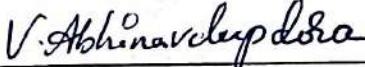
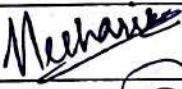
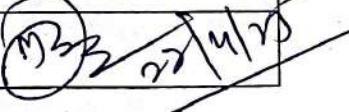
There being no further points for discussion, the Chairperson thanked all the external, internal members and announced that the meeting was adjourned.

  
Member Secretary, BoS

  
Chairperson, BoS



The following members were present in hybrid mode:

| Sl. No.                 | Name                            | Designation                                    | Signature with date  |
|-------------------------|---------------------------------|--|--|
| 1.                      | Prof. (Dr.) Kalpana Koneru      | Dean- SLM, Chairperson-BOS, VIL                |    |
| <b>EXTERNAL MEMBERS</b> |                                 |  |  |
| 2.                      | Prof. (Dr.) Y. Satyanarayana    | Founding Vice-Chancellor, DSNLU, Visakhapatnam | Online presence<br><a href="https://us04web.zoom.us/j/79522726911?pwd=fcRV3aUsvG6ynfLUzZw72a1g8ymahw.l">https://us04web.zoom.us/j/79522726911?pwd=fcRV3aUsvG6ynfLUzZw72a1g8ymahw.l</a> |
| 3.                      | Prof. (Dr.) Srikrishna Deva Rao | Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, NALSAR, Hyderabad     | Online presence<br><a href="https://us04web.zoom.us/j/79522726911?pwd=fcRV3aUsvG6ynfLUzZw72a1g8ymahw.l">https://us04web.zoom.us/j/79522726911?pwd=fcRV3aUsvG6ynfLUzZw72a1g8ymahw.l</a> |
| 4.                      | Shri. Srinivas K                | Head Legal, Rain Industries Ltd, Hyderabad     | Online presence<br><a href="https://us04web.zoom.us/j/79522726911?pwd=fcRV3aUsvG6ynfLUzZw72a1g8ymahw.l">https://us04web.zoom.us/j/79522726911?pwd=fcRV3aUsvG6ynfLUzZw72a1g8ymahw.l</a> |
| 5.                      | Shri Ramesh B Vishwanathula     | IPR Attorney, Ramesh Global IPR Law firms      | Online presence<br><a href="https://us04web.zoom.us/j/79522726911?pwd=fcRV3aUsvG6ynfLUzZw72a1g8ymahw.l">https://us04web.zoom.us/j/79522726911?pwd=fcRV3aUsvG6ynfLUzZw72a1g8ymahw.l</a> |
| <b>INTERNAL MEMBERS</b> |                                 |  |  |
| 6.                      | Mr. Romil Aryan                 | Assistant Professor, VIL                       |   |
| 7.                      | Mr. Abhinav Deep Dora           | Assistant Professor, VIL                       |   |
| 8.                      | Dr. Santhosh Raju               | Assistant Professor, VIL                       |   |
| 9.                      | Ms. GSS Neeharika               | Assistant Professor, VIL                       |   |
| 10.                     | Dr. Partha Sarothi Rakshit      | Director, VIL, Member Secretary                |   |