

3.3 Department of Law

1. Name of the Department : Department of Law, School of Legal Studies
2. Year of establishment : 1995
3. Is the Department part of a School/Faculty of the university? Yes
School of Legal Studies
4. Names of programmes offered (UG, PG, M.Phil., Ph.D., Integrated Masters; Integrated Ph.D., D.Sc., D.Litt., etc.) : BA-LL.B. (5 Year) & LL.M.
5. Interdisciplinary programmes and departments involved : Nil
6. Courses in collaboration with other universities, industries, foreign institutions, etc.: Nil
7. Details of programmes discontinued, if any, with reasons:
PG Diploma in Human Rights (PGDHR) - Absence of sufficient applicants.
8. Examination System: Annual/Semester/Trimester/Choice Based Credit System: Semester (B.A.-LL.B.), CCSS (LL.M)
9. Participation of the department in the courses offered by other departments: Nil
10. Number of teaching posts sanctioned, filled and actual (Professors/Associate Professors/Asst. Professors/others)

	Sanctioned	Filled	Actual (including CAS & MPS)
Professor	Nil	---	---
Associate Professor	1	Vacant	---
Assistant Professor	2	2	1
Others- Assistant Professor (On Contract)	8	8	8
Others- Lecturer- Part time	2	2	2

11. Faculty profile with name, qualification, designation, area of specialization, experience and research under guidance

Name	Qualification	Designation	Specialisation	No. of years of experience	No. of PhD/M. Phil students guided for the last 4 years
Kavitha Balakrishnan	LL.M., NET	Assistant Professor & Head	Criminal Law	11	Nil
Dr. Sheena Shukkur	Ph.D., LL.M	Assistant Professor (on Deputation)	Corporation Laws and Clinical Legal Education.	18	Nil

Shibu Puthalath	B.A.-LL.B, LL.M, NET, M.A., MPA	Assistant Professor (On Contract)	Constitution and Administrative Law	3	Nil
Gayathri S.	B.A.-LL.B, LL.M	Assistant Professor (On Contract)	Criminal Law and Human Rights Law	3	Nil
Jayamol P.S.	LL.M, NET	Assistant Professor (On Contract)	Constitutional and Administrative Law	2	Nil
Gigimole P.K.	LL.M, NET	Assistant Professor (On Contract)	Commercial Law	2	Nil
Jesitha P.J.	LL.M, NET	Assistant Professor (On Contract)	Constitutional Law	2	Nil
Sruthi A.K. Dasan	M.A, NET	Assistant Professor (On Contract)	English	2	Nil
Sheeja J.	LL.M, NET, PG Diploma in Forensic Science and Criminology	Assistant Professor (On Contract)	Law of Taxation	2	Nil
Santhosh Kumar M.	B.A.-LL.B, LL.M	Assistant Professor (On Contract)	Constitutional And Administrative Law	5	Nil
Jancy Francis	M.A., M. Phil.	Assistant Professor (Part Time)	Socio Cultural Anthropology And Physical Anthropology		Nil
Jishana Basheer	M.A.	Assistant Professor (Part Time)	Political Science		Nil

12. List of senior Visiting Fellows, adjunct faculty, emeritus professors
 1. Justice K .T. Thomas, Supreme Court, India
 2. Prof. A. Sathyaseelan, Former Principal, Govt. Law College, Ernakulam
 3. Dr. Gopalakrishna Pillai, Professor, Medical College, Pariyaram
13. Percentage of classes taken by temporary faculty – programme-wise information : 90% (Engage classes on the subjects Forensic Science and Health Care law)
14. Programme-wise Student Teacher Ratio : B.A.-LL.B - 18:1
: LL.M- 4:1
15. Number of academic support staff (technical) and administrative staff: sanctioned, filled and actual :

Sanctioned	Filled
4	3

16. Research thrust areas as recognized by major funding agencies : Nil
17. Number of faculty with ongoing projects from a) national b) international funding agencies and c) Total grants received. Give the names of the funding agencies, project title and grants received project-wise : Nil
18. Inter-institutional collaborative projects and associated grants received : Nil
a) National collaboration b) International collaboration
19. Departmental projects funded by DST-FIST; UGC-SAP/CAS, DPE; DBT, ICSSR, AICTE, etc.; total grants received.: Nil
20. Research facility / centre with : Yes
- state recognition: Yes
 - national recognition: Yes
 - international recognition: No
21. Special research laboratories sponsored by / created by industry or corporate bodies : Nil
22. Publications:
- Number of papers published in peer reviewed journals (national / international) : Yes,
1. Kavitha Balakrishnan
1. "Human cloning-legal and scientific responsibilities" in Journal of minorities Rights, in vo-1.3issue no.2 p.15-21.ISSN2229-3663
 2. "Viaduct between law and child deviance" JMR vol.4 issue 1JAN2013,ISSN No.2229-3663 P.102.
 3. "Leeways of RTE act 2009 " in JILT,2010.
 4. "Article on legal education and concept of MacCrate" in Kerala Highcourt cases.2010.
 5. "Victimcompensation,Judicial response and global development" in JILT,2009.
 6. "New patterns of democracythrough electoral reforms"BLR,vol2 issue 2 october –dec2013. Issn 2278-6996.p.10
2. Dr. Sheena Shukkur
1. Post divorce maintenance for a Muslim Woman, Cochin University Law Review 2012 June Issue
 2. Making Legal Services Available- the role of NALSA, Nyayadeep, National Legal Services Authority Publication , Supreme Court of India
 3. Public Interest Litigation in India: A Triumph for Social Justice Lawyering, Cochin University Law Review, 2009 June Issue
3. Shibu Puthalath
1. Right to Life vs. Right to Shelter: A Glimpse on Judicial approach on Right to shelter, the Journal of minorities Rights (ISSN 2229- 3663) Published by New Law Academy, Pune, 2012.
 2. Human Right to the Environment and Greening Justice: Innovation and Impact of Judicial Intervention on Environmentalism, the Journal of minorities Rights (ISSN 2229- 3663) published by New Law Academy, Pune, 2013 January.

- Monographs : Nil
- Chapters in Books: Dr. Sheena Shukkur

Books and Chapters

1. *Indian Democracy into Better Governance: Need for Ombudsman*, Mathrubhumi Yearbook Plus 2012, Published by Mathrubhumi Printing and Publishing Co, Ltd.
2. *Legal Literacy Projects: Clinical Experience of Empowering the Poor in India* The chapter co –authored for the book *Global Clinical Movement: Educating Lawyers for Social Justice.*, Edited by Prof. Frank S. Bloch, (Oxford, October 2010)
 - Edited Books: Nil
 - Books with ISBN with details of publishers:
Book: Mr. Shibu Puthalath
Defective Police Investigation- inept, inert, inefficient police investigation: an overview on criminal adjudication process, Published by Kairali Books Private Limited Thalikkavu Road, Kannur, ISBN.978-93-84169-40-4
 - Number listed in International Database (For e.g. Web of Science, Scopus, Humanities International Complete, Dare Database - International Social Sciences Directory, EBSCO host, etc.): Nil
 - Citation Index–range/average: Nil
 - SNIP: Nil
 - SJR : Nil
 - Impact Factor–range/average :Nil
 - h-index: Nil
23. Details of patents and income generated :Nil
24. Areas of consultancy and income generated :Nil
25. Faculty selected nationally / internationally to visit other laboratories / institutions
 - industries in India and abroad :Yes
 1. Dr. Sheena Shukkur
 2. Kavitha Balakrishnan
26. Faculty serving in
 - a) National committees b) International committees c) Editorial Boards d) any other (please specify) :
Dr. Sheena Shukkur,
Important positions held:
 1. Member, Supreme Court Committee on Pendency and Arrears of High Courts, Chaired by Chief Justice of India
 2. Director and Head of the Department of Law, the School of Legal Studies, Kannur University
 3. Member, Executive Council, Kerala State Higher Education Council
 4. Convener, Review Committee, Kerala State Policy on Higher Education, 2012
 5. Convener, Review Committee on Reforming Legal Education in Kerala State, 2012
 6. Member, Board of Studies in Law (PG), University of Calicut, 2012
 7. Member, Executive Council, National University of Advanced Legal Studies Kochi
 8. Member, Global Alliance for Justice Education (GAJE) since 2008.
 - Kavitha Balakrishnan:
 1. Dean, Faculty of Law, Kannur University

2. Chairman Board of studies, Kannur university
 3. Legal expert in ethical committee, Malabar cancer centre, Kannur Thalassery
 4. Legal expert in ethical committee, Department of Health Science, Kannur University.
27. Faculty recharging strategies (UGC, ASC, Refresher / orientation programs, workshops, training programs and similar programs). : Nil
28. Student projects
- percentage of students who have done in-house projects including inter-departmental projects – BA-LL.B (5 year)
2006 Admission - 73%
2007 Admission - 77%
2008 Admission - 91%
2009 Admission - 83%
 - percentage of students doing projects in collaboration with other universities / industry / institute :Nil
29. Awards / recognitions received at the national and international level by
- Faculty : Fulbright Scholarship to Dr. Sheena Shukkur
 - Doctoral / post doctoral fellows : Yes, Dr. Sheena Shukkur (Ph.D.)
 - Students: 1. Divya Krisha M., UGC NET 2010
2. Shibu Puthalath, UGC NET 2010
30. Seminars/ Conferences/Workshops organized and the source of funding (national / International) with details of outstanding participants, if any:National seminar, International seminar
- Barrister M. K. Nambyar Chair
Barrister M. K. Nambyar Chair was constituted in 2005 with the object of, inter alia, imparting high level legal education. Its main object was to provide opportunities to young men and women to gain expertise in constitutional and administrative law, to organize seminars, workshops, group discussions, studies and the like. Several programs have been conducted after the constitution of Barrister M. K. Nambyar Chair.
1. National Seminar on “Minority Rights and Social Justice” on 17th and 18th June 2008.
 2. Two Day National Seminar on ‘Freedom of press and legislative privileges’ on 17th and 18th December 2010.
 3. Three Day International Seminar on the topic “Redressal to Female Victims- Human Rights and Constitutional Perspectives” on 8th, 9th, 10th, March 2013.
 4. P.T.A Sponsored 2 days National Moot Court Training Programme on Oct.1st& 2nd 2013.
 5. National Conference on “Human Rights Issue in Criminal Justice Administration” from 17th Jan. 2014 to 19th Jan. 2014.
 6. Two Day Orientation Programme on 26th and 27th August 2014.
 7. One Day International Lecture series on “National Judicial Appointment Commission Bill 2014 & Legal issues in Forensic Science” held on Sept.17th 2014.
 8. Two Day National Colloquium on “National Judicial Appointment Commission Bill 2014 -Remedy or Malady” on 24th& 25th Oct.2014.
31. Code of ethics for research followed by the departments: As per University Norms

32. Student profile programme-wise:

Name of the Programme (refer to question no. 4)	Applications received	Selected		Pass percentage	
		Male	Female	Male	Female
1 B.A . LL.B (2014 Admn.)	132	7	38
LL.M (2014 Admin)	18	7	5		
2 B.A . LL.B(2013Admn.)	111	3	42		
LL.M (2013 Admin)	14	5	9		
3 B.A . LL.B(2012Admn.)	98	8	37		
LL.M (2012 Admin)	9	0	6		
4 B.A . LL.B(2011Admn.)	75	7	28		
LL.M (2011 Admin)	12	2	5		
5 B.A . LL.B(2010Admn.)	60	7	28		
LL.M (2010 Admin)*	4	Nil	Nil		
6 B.A . LL.B(2009Admn.)	78	13	22		
LL.M (2009 Admin)	9	3	3		

33. Diversity of students

Name of the Programme (refer to question no. 4)	% of students from the Same university	% of students from other Universities within the State	% of students From universities outside the State	% of students from other countries
BA ., LL.B	NA	NA	NA	NA
LL.M				

34. How many students have cleared Civil Services and Defence Services examinations, NET, SET, GATE and other competitive examinations? Give details category-wise:

NET – 2

JS – 2

35. Student progression

Student Progression	Percentage against enrolled
UG to PG	30 %
PG to M.Phil.	10 %
PG to Ph.D.	Nil
Ph.D. to Post-Doctoral	Nil
Employed <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Campus Selection ▪ Other than campus recruitment 	No Campus Selection process 30 %
Entrepreneurs	Nil

36. Diversity of staff

Percentage of faculty who are graduates of the same university	1
From other universities within the State	1
from universities from other States	
from universities outside the country	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>

37. Number of faculty who were awarded M.Phil., Ph.D., D.Sc. and D.Litt. during the assessment period : One. Dr. Sheena Shukkur, awarded Ph.D.
38. Present details of departmental infrastructural facilities with regard to
- Library : 6228 books, 9 Journals
 - Internet facilities for staff and students : Wi-Fi facility
 - Total number of class rooms :8
 - Class rooms with ICT facility : Nil
 - Students' laboratories : Computer Lab
 - Research laboratories :Nil
39. List of doctoral, post-doctoral students and Research Associates Nil
- from the host institution/university
 - from other institutions/universities
40. Number of post graduate students getting financial assistance from the university: Nil.
41. Was any need assessment exercise undertaken before the development of new programme(s)? If so, highlight the methodology.: Nil
42. Does the department obtain feedback from
- Faculty on curriculum as well as teaching-learning-evaluation? If yes, how does the department utilize the feedback?
Yes
 - Students on staff, curriculum and teaching-learning-evaluation and how does the department utilize the feedback?
Yes, more inclusive approach towards teacher student interaction and teaching learning process
 - Alumni and employers on the programmes offered and how does the department utilize the feedback?
43. List the distinguished alumni of the department (maximum 10)
- Mithun Roy- (Munsiff/Magistrate, Wayanad)
 - Donald Sequera(Munsiff/Magistrate, Wayanad)
 - Sheeja A. M (Assistant Public Prosecutor, Parappanangadi)
 - ShibuPuthalath (Assistant Professor (on Contract), Kannur University, Dept. of Law
 - Santhoshkumar M (Assistant Professor (on Contract), Kannur University, Dept. of Law
 - Adv. E C Bineesh (Advocate, High Court of Kerala)
 - Arathi P M (M. Phil, Ph. D, Jawaharlal Nehru University, Delhi)
 - NishaT S (Assistant Professor, V R Krishnan Ezhuthachan Memorial Law College, Elavanchery, Palakkad)

44. Give details of student enrichment programmes (special lectures / workshops / seminar) involving external experts.
1. One Day International Lecture series on “National Judicial Appointment Commission Bill 2014 by Dr. P D Sebastian, Principal , SDM Law College, Manglore on 17th September 2014
 2. Lecture on “Legal issues in Forensic Science” by Dr. P Sachidanandan, Assistant Director, Regional Forensic Science Laboratory, Kannur) on 17th September 2014
 3. National Moot Court Training Programme at Seminar Hall, Palayad Campus on Oct.1st& 2nd 2013 by Dr.TharanathShetty, Assistant Professor, SDM Law College, Mangalore
 4. Two Day Orientation Programme under for the 1st Semester BA,LL.b 2014 Admission on 26th and 27th August 2014 by Vidyth K.S., Assistant Professor, Govt Law College, Calicut and Mini Joseph, Sociologist, Pariyaram Medical College.
45. List the teaching methods adopted by the faculty for different programmes.
- Lecture, group discussion and Seminar method for LLB program
 - Discussion and seminar method for LL.M
46. How does the department ensure that programme objectives are constantly met and learning outcomes are monitored?
- The distinguished alumni of School of Legal Studies include Judicial Officers, Advocates in High Courts, Academicians, Law Officers, Assistant Public Prosecutors etc. Our graduates never stop being part of School of legal studies, it provide valuable support to the law department. The department ensure the placement of students and database information is available in the department.
47. Highlight the participation of students and faculty in extension activities.
1. Legal Aid Clinic
The main objectives of the Clinic are to impart Clinical Legal Education to the students, to conduct legal aid camps, to organize seminars, conferences, symposiums, debates, speeches, moot court competitions, lecture services & other academic programs in law, human rights & other related fields.
Activities: Conducting legal literacy and legal aid clinic programmes for school – college students and others.
 2. Moot Court Club
With the objective of uplifting our students to the excellent level of advocacy the School of Legal Studies set up a Moot Court Club inside the campus with the participation of the students and faculties. The Moot Court Club functions by organising interclass moot court competitions for the students and organises frequent moot court training programmes with the help of legal experts including judicial officers, eminent lawyers and law academicians.
 3. Debate Club
With the objective of providing a significant training ground for the development of student’s communicative abilities, to provide opportunities for students to practice and share their skill development and to develop the ability to analyse controversies, select and evaluate evidence, construct and refute

arguments the School of Legal Studies organised a Debate Club inside the campus. The Club organise debate sessions on different social and legal issues on every week for its students.

4. Natural Club:

The club started its activities with the following objectives :

1. Motivating students to value and preserve environment
2. Organising workshops and seminars on environmental concern issues,
3. To conduct plantation programmes and
4. To organise various eco-friendly activities in the campus.

Co-ordinators

Staff co-ordinator: Gigimole P. K. , Assistant Professor in Law (contract)

Student Co ordinators: Jayesh, Adarsh Raveendran (4th Semester BA-LL.B)

48. Give details of “beyond syllabus scholarly activities” of the department.

- Organises moot court training programs and interclass moot court competitions.
- Organises debate sessions.

49. State whether the programme/ department is accredited/ graded by other agencies? If yes, give details.

Yes. The School of Legal Studies is recognised by the Bar Council of India and Bar Council of Kerala

50. Briefly highlight the contributions of the department in generating new knowledge, basic or applied.

School of Legal Studies is being promoting Legal Education in Malabar region. The objective of this institution is to produce Lawyers who are not only superior Legal craftsmen but also socially conscious leaders who would promote the public interest above that of individual clients and pursue groups.

51. Detail five major Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Challenges (SWOC) of the Department.

Strength

- Barrister M.K. Nambyar Chair on Constitutional and Administrative Law.
- Competent students selected on the basis of merit.
- Separate and independent legal studies campus and newly constructed building
- Involvement of distinguished alumni for the development of the department
- Parent involvement in the activities relating to the welfare of the department for the progress of individual students
- Presence of good library

Weaknesses

- Absence of opportunity for inter/multidisciplinary programs, self-funded programs, faculty exchange programs, etc.
- Lack of permanent teaching, administrative and technical staff
- Lack of infrastructure, moot court hall, seminar hall, shortage of furniture , information and communication equipment and connected facilities

Opportunities

- M. Phil, Ph.D. and Diploma courses. The department can strengthen the research by ensuring the presence of permanent faculties
- Implementation of the recommendations of national knowledge commission

Challenges

- Lack of permanent job opportunities in government departments

52. Future plans of the department.

2. Start new programmes like B.Com.LL.B, BBA. LL.B, LL.B (Three Year), M. Phil., Ph.D., Diploma Courses
3. Implement the recommendations of National Knowledge Commission
4. Construct well-furnished Moot Court Hall, Seminar Hall, Canteen, Hostels, etc.
6. Planning to start a new centre for competitive examinations like judicial service and civil service and other examinations.