

Prof. (Dr.) Vijender Kumar

Prof. (Dr.) Vijender Kumar, Vice-Chancellor of Maharashtra National Law University, Nagpur was the Vice-Chancellor of National Law University and Judicial Academy, Assam and the Registrar of NALSAR, University of Law, Hyderabad before he was invited to join this University as its First Vice-Chancellor. An astute academician and researcher, he has numerous research articles and books to his credit. He has published research articles in reputed law journals on Hindu Law and has contributed several book reviews and papers in books. He has also authored several books amongst which “Hindu Law of Adoption 2004” and “Law Relating to Domestic Violence 2007”, his Revised Editions of “Family Law in India” of Professor G.C.V. SubbaRao, (8th edition, 2004, 9th edition 2007 and 10th edition 2011) and “Hindu Law and Usage” by John D. Mayne (16th edition, 2009 and 17th edition 2014), and his co-edited book titled “Global Perspectives in Consumer Law, 1st edition 2011” are especially noteworthy. He also has five years of experience at the Bar prior to teaching. He has worked on several projects including a project commissioned by the National Commission for Women, New Delhi on “Coparcenary Rights of Women in Andhra Pradesh”; “A Study of Law and Nanotechnology: Exploring the Dimensions for Tackling the Nanotechnology Revolution with Special Relevance to Human Rights and Environment” funded by the Shastri Indo-Canadian Institute, New Delhi; he also worked on a two-year Collaborative Research Project titled “Non Resident Indians (NRI) Marriages: Need for a New Legal Regime” for which grant was supported by the Department of Higher Education, Ministry of Human Resource Development, Government of India and Shastri Indo-Canadian Institute, New Delhi. Prof. Kumar has participated and presented papers in several National and International Conferences. He had also participated in the Law Teachers Programme on “Law Teaching and Legal Research Skills” at Cardiff Law School, (UK) in 2004. Prof. Kumar had been awarded ‘Academic Staff Commonwealth Fellowship 2009-2010’ for six months and ‘Visiting Professor’ at King’s College London, UK for one year.

He has been a visiting faculty at National Academy of Direct Taxes (NADT), Nagpur. Prof. Kumar was co-opted Member of Common Law Admission Test (CLAT) - 2009 by the Core Committee of CLAT and he has organized 3rd All India Entrance Test of National Law University, Delhi in May 2010 as Chairman, Entrance Test Committee. For many years now, he has been a member of NALSAR Academic Council, Executive Council, and General Council. As the Registrar of NALSAR and as the Vice-Chancellor of NLUJAA, he used his administrative skills to promote the all-round growth of the Universities.

Prof. Kumar’s passion for Family Law convinced him to study the principles of ancient Indian legal theory and compare them with Western theories of law. This comparative law insight ignited in him the desire to study Hindu jurisprudence. Consequently, he specialised in personal laws and then undertook his Ph.D. on “Sonship and Adoption under Hindu Law”. The thesis provided him with an opportunity to study a range of classical texts in the original. His research areas include the impact of divorce on children, irretrievable Breakdown of Marriage, live-in relationship and its impact in society, custody of children, adoption, doctrine of relationship, re-defined coparcenary under Mitakshara Hindu law, doctrine of pious-obligation, Matrimonial Property Law in Indian, Causes of Divorce in India, Shared Parental Responsibility, and pre-nuptial agreement in India and surrogacy related issues.

Publications

Books

- Law Relating to Domestic Violence (Hyderabad: S. Gogia & Company, 1st edition 2007)
- Hindu Law of Adoption: Principles and Precedents (Hyderabad: S. Gogia & Company, 1st edition 2004)

- John D. Mayne's Hindu Law & Usage (New Delhi: Bharat Law House, 17th edition 2014)
- John D. Mayne's Hindu Law & Usage (New Delhi: Bharat Law House, 16th edition 2008)
- G.C.V SubbaRao's Family Law in India (Hyderabad: S. Gogia& Company, 10th edition [1st updated reprint] 2014)
- G.C.V SubbaRao's Family Law in India (Hyderabad: S. Gogia& Company, 10th edition 2011)
- G.C.V SubbaRao's Family Law in India (Hyderabad: S. Gogia& Company, 9th edition 2006)
- G.C.V SubbaRao's Family Law in India (Hyderabad: S. Gogia& Company, 8th edition 2003)
- (co-ed.) Global Perspectives in Consumer Law (Hyderabad: S. Gogia& Company, 1st edition 2011)

Book Chapters

- "Facets of Research Methodology: Legal Research Perspective" in Bimal N. Patel et al. (eds.), Explaining and Understanding of Methodologies in Legal and Interdisciplinary Education Fields in India (Gandhinagar: GNLU, 2012).
- "Concept of Marriage under the Hindu Marriage Act 1955: A Critique" in K. Padmaja (ed.), The Law of Marriage (Hyderabad: ICFAI University Press, 2007).
- "Woman and Restitution of Conjugal Rights: An Analysis with Reference to Fundamental Rights" in Prof. (Dr.) C.A Gurudath (ed.), Woman Child Law and Society (Mysore: Vidyavardhaka Law College, 2006).
- "Human Rights of Women in Rural India: A Critique" in Ranbir Singh and Ghanshyam Singh (eds.), Human Rights Education, Law and Society (Hyderabad: NALSAR University of Law, 2004).
- "Internet and Matrimonial Issues" in Ranbir Singh and Ghanshyam Singh (eds.), CYBER Space and the Law - Issues and Challenges (Hyderabad: NALSAR University of Law, 2004).
- "Concept of Justice in Ancient India and Its Relevance in Modern Times" in D. S PrakasaRao (ed.), Festschrift-Constitutional Jurisprudence and Environmental Justice: Essays in Honour of Professor A. Lakshminath (Visakhapatnam: Andhra University, 2001).

ResearchArticles

- Matrimonial Property Law in India : Need of the Hour, 57 (2015) JILI499-522.
- Causes of Divorce in India : An Analysis, 1 NLUALPR 2015, pp. 48-60.
- Shared Parental Responsibility : Need of the Hour, 1 NLUALR 2015, pp. 1-12.
- Prologue – Protection of Rights of the Children : Issues and Challenges, 1 NLUALPR 2015, pp. 7-12.
- "Expanding Horizons of Divorce under the Hindu Marriage Act 1955", 5 ALT (2013) 21-29.
- "Live-in Relationship: Impact on Marriage and Family Institutions", 4 SCC (J) (2012) 19-34.
- "Impact of Divorce on Children: A Socio-Economic and Legal Study", 6 NALSAR Law Review (2011) 124-138.
- "Irretrievable Breakdown of Marriage: Right of a Married Couple", 5 NALSAR Law Review (2010) 15-38.
- "Coparcenary under Hindu Law: Boundaries Redefined", 4 NALSAR Law Review (2008-09) 27-40.

- “A Paradox of Bringing an Inveterate Conjugal Relationship to a Formal End”, 12(1) M.D.U Law Journal (2007) 212-218.
- “Custody of Child: A Critical Appraisal”, 11(1) M.D.U Law Journal (2006) 62-78.
- “Restitution of Conjugal Rights: An Analysis with Reference to Fundamental Rights”, 10(1) M.D.U Law Journal (2005) 117-128.
- “Duty, The Eternal and The Uplifting, in Hindu Jurisprudence”, Kare Law Journal (Nov., 2005).
- “Oriental and Occidental Approaches to Law”, 5 SCC (J) (2005) 17.
- “Social Welfare in Hindu Jurisprudence”, 2 NALSAR Law Review (2004-05) 154-160.
- “Emerging Trends in Sonship and Adoption under Hindu Law”, 1 NALSAR Law Review (2003) 96-111.
- “Legal Research: How to Write a Research Project, Article and Assignment”, 1 ALT (2002) 6-18.
- “Doctrine of Relation Back under Hindu Law: A Case Law Study”, 4 Andhra University Law Journal (2001) 73-103.
- “Women and Law: An Indian Rural Perspective”, Mewar Law Journal (2001).
- “Speedy Justice: Relevance of Ancient Indian Procedural Law”, 3 ALT (2001) 1-6.
- “Vitality of Ancient Indian Legal Philosophy”, 1(3) An.W.R (2000) 1-4.
- “Jurisprudential Approach of Manu to Dharma and Justice”, 3 Supreme Laws Today (Nov. 2000) 13-21.
- “Air Pollution and Environment”, 4 ALT (1999) 9-13.
- “Proprietary Rights of Females under Hindu Law: Strains and Stresses”, 39 JILI (1997) 376.
- “Basis and Nature of Pious Obligation of Son to Pay Father's Debt vis-à-vis Statutory Modifications in Hindu Law”, 36 JILI (1994) 339.

Conference/ Seminar/ Workshop/ Training/ Discussion/ Lecture attended

- Delivered address as the Guest of Honour at the valedictory session of the “STC-Semester System and Accreditation” held on March 10-16, 2016 organised by UGC-Human Resources Development Centre, Gauhati University, held at Gauhati University, Guwahati.
- Delivered inaugural address at the National Conclave on “Public International Law, Legal Research and Publication” held on February 27, 2016 jointly organised by National Law University, Assam and Lexis Nexis, New Delhi at NLU, Assam.
- Delivered address as the Guest of Honour at the Two-Day State Level Conclave on “Impact of Disaster on Protection of Children” held on February 26-27, 2016 organised by Assam State Commission for Protection of Child Rights in Partnership with Gauhati University and UNICEF, Office for Assam at the Gauhati University.
- Delivered address as the Chief Guest at the “North East Graduate Congress 2016” held on February 26-28, 2016 organised by University of Science and Technology, Meghalaya (USTM) at the University of Science and Technology, Meghalaya.
- Delivered inaugural address at the Two-Day State Level Workshop on “the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act 2015” jointly organised by National Law University, Assam, Assam State Commission for Protection of Child Rights and UNICEF, Office for Assam held on February 19-20, 2016 at the National Law University, Assam (Guwahati).
- Delivered inaugural address at the Two-Day International Conference on “Protection of Child Rights in Tea Plantations of India, with a Particular Reference to the Implementation of the Plantations Labour Act 1951” jointly organized by the Centre

for Child Rights, National Law University, Assam in collaboration with Department of Labour and Employment, Government of Assam Supported by UNICEF, Office for Assam and Ethical Tea Partnership (ETP) Assam held on November 14-15, 2015 at the Administrative Staff College, Guwahati, Assam.

- Delivered inaugural address at the Two-Day Capacity Building of Police Officers (GRP) on “Child Related Laws” jointly organised by National Law University, Assam and UNICEF, Office for Assam held on December 10-11, 2015 at the National Law University, Assam (Guwahati).
- Delivered special lectures on ‘Family Law : Issues and Challenges Pertaining to Violation of Human Rights’ at the “Faculty Development Programme” organised by Gujarat National Law University, Gandhinagar, held on November 2-7, 2015 at the Gujarat National Law University, Gandhinagar (Gujarat).
- Delivered inaugural address at the Two-Day Capacity Building of Police Officers on “Child Related Laws” jointly organised by National Law University, Assam and UNICEF, Office for Assam held on September 26-27, 2015 at the National Law University, Assam (Guwahati).
- Delivered inaugural address at the Two-Day Capacity Building of Police Officers on “Child Related Laws” jointly organised by National Law University, Assam and UNICEF, Office for Assam held on September 18-19, 2015 at the National Law University, Assam (Guwahati).
- Delivered inaugural address at the Two-Day State Level Consultation on “the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act 2012” jointly organised by National Law University, Assam, Assam State Commission for Protection of Child and UNICEF, Office for Assam held on September 4-5, 2015 at the National Law University, Assam (Guwahati).
- Delivered inaugural address at the Two-Day Capacity Building of Police Officers on “Child Related Laws” jointly organised by National Law University, Assam and UNICEF, Office for Assam held on August 21-22, 2015 at the National Law University, Assam (Guwahati).
- Delivered lectures as Expert Resource Person on “Present Trends and Future Prospects in Legal Research” at the Workshop on Legal and Interdisciplinary Research held on August 7-13, 2015 at Gujarat National Law University, Gandhinagar, Gujarat.
- Delivered inaugural address at the programme on “Dr. A. P. J. Abdul Kalam - His Love for Children” held on August 1, 2015 organised by the Centre for Child Rights, National Law University, Assam at NLU, Assam.
- Delivered inaugural address at the programme on ‘Let the Juvenile be Juvenile’ held on May 16, 2015 organised by the Centre for Child Rights, National Law University, Assam at NLU, Assam.
- Delivered inaugural address at the National Conference on “Protection of Children : Issues and Challenges” jointly organised by National Law University, Assam and UNICEF, Office for Assam, held on March 14, 2015 at National Law University, Assam (Guwahati).
- Delivered inaugural address at the Round Table Meeting on “Land Problems in Bihar : Need for Support Mechanisms” organised by Chanakya National Law University, Patna and Landesa / RDI, held on March 12, 2015 at Chanakya National Law University, Patna.
- Delivered inaugural address at the Round Table Meeting on “Land Problems in Andhra Pradesh : Need for Support Mechanisms” organised by

DamodaramSanjivayya National Law University and Landesa/ RDI, held on February 27, 2015 at DamodaramSanjivayya National Law University, Vishakhapatnam.

- Attended and chaired a session on “Law and Policy and Judicial Perspectives” at the Two-Day National Seminar on *Surrogacy* on September 13-14, 2014 jointly organised by National Law University, Delhi, the National Commission for Women and the Institute of Chartered Management Association, New Delhi at National Law University, Delhi.
- Submitted a paper on *Women and Christian Laws of Succession In India : Quest For Equality And Justice*, the National Consultation on “Women and Personal Laws” held on July 14-15, 2014, organised by the High Level Committee on ‘Status of Women’, Ministry of Women and Child Development, New Delhi.
- Delivered key note address on “Family Structure, Social Change and Law” on December 20, 2013 at Two-Day National Conference organised by Vivekananda Institute of Professional Studies, New Delhi.
- Attended and delivered valedictory address at “5-Day Advanced Training in Mediation” on November 19, 2013 at International Centre for Alternative Dispute Resolution (ICADR), Hyderabad.
- Attended as Panelist on Two-Day International Seminar on “Journey of Women Empowerment: Miles to Go” on March 24-25, 2012 organised by Gujarat National Law University at Gandhinagar.
- Attended and presented a paper titled “Non-Resident Indians (NRI) Marriages: Need for a new Legal Regime” at National Seminar on Issues Relating to NRI Marriages, organised by National Commission for Women on February 15, 2011 at VigyanBhawan, New Delhi.
- Participated in a Discussion on A Bill of Rights for Northern Ireland? led by Professors Colin Harvey and Aileen McColgan on February 22, 2010 at King’s College London.
- Participated in discussions on PIL-Global Justice and International Law on November 3, November 17, December 1, and December 15, 2009 held at King's College London.
- Attended an International Conference on “Impact of TRIPS-Indo US Exchange” jointly organised by University of Oklahoma, College of Law, Michigan State University, College of Law and NALSAR University of Law on December 15-16, 2006 at NALSAR University of Law, Hyderabad.
- Attended and presented a paper entitled Social Welfare Principle in Vedic Literature: Its Relevance in Modern Times, at “International Vedic Conference” organised by Department of Ved, GurukulKangri University, Haridwar-Uttranchal, on January 27-30, 2005.
- Attended and presented a Paper entitled “Human Rights Education- Law and Society” at a National Seminar organized by NALSAR University of Law, Hyderabad in collaboration with Association of Indian Universities, New Delhi on December 9-10, 2002.
- Participated in the National Workshop on “Problems of Enforcement and Compliance with Environmental Laws in India”, organized by CEERA, National Law School of India University, Bangalore, S.D.M. Law College, Mangalore, and CPR Environment Education Trust, Chennai at S.D.M. Law College, Mangalore on March 29, 1999.

Guest Lectures delivered

- Delivered lecture on “Legitimacy and its incidents under Hindu Marriage Act 1955” on September 9, 2013 at National Law University, Delhi for 2nd year students.

- Delivered lectures on “Legal Research and Research Methodology” for the students of 1st Batch of Post Graduate Diploma in Aviation Law and Air Transport Management (PGDALATM) offered by Centre for Air and Space Law of NALSAR on August 21-22, 2013 at NALSAR, Hyderabad.
- Delivered lecture on “Legitimacy and its incidents under Hindu Marriage Act 1955” on September 7, 2012 at Gujarat National Law University at Gandhinagar for 3rd year students.
- Delivered lectures on “Legal Research and Research Methodology” at the National Academy of Direct Taxes (NADT), Nagpur for 65th Batch of the IRS Probationers (Master’s Course in Taxation & Business Laws) from July 23-25, 2012.
- Delivered lectures on “Hindu Law-Hindu Joint Family/Hindu Undivided Family, Coparcenary, Alienation, Partition and Succession” at the National Academy of Direct Taxes (NADT), Nagpur for 65th Batch of the IRS Probationers (Master’s Course in Taxation & Business Laws) on June 11-13, 2012 and July 3-6, 2012.
- Delivered lectures on “Legal Research and Research Methodology” at the National Academy of Direct Taxes (NADT), Nagpur for 64th Batch of the IRS Probationers (Master’s Course in Taxation & Business Laws) from December 20-22, 2011.
- Delivered lectures on “Legal Research and Research Methodology” for the students of 1st Batch of Master’s Degree in “Business Laws and Administration” (MBLA) offered by NALSAR University of Law, Hyderabad from December 12-19, 2011.
- Delivered lectures on “Legal Research and Research Methodology” for the students of 3rd Batch of Master’s Degree in “Law of Financial Services and Capital Markets” (ML-FS&CM) jointly offered by NALSAR and Institute of Insurance and Risk Management (IIRM), Hyderabad from September 27-29, 2011 and October 7-8, 2011.
- Delivered lectures on “Legal Research and Research Methodology” for the students of 3rd Batch of Post Graduate Diploma in Aviation Law and Air Transport Management (PGDALATM) jointly offered by NALSAR and Institute of Applied Aviation Management (IAAM), Calicut on August 20, 2010.
- Delivered lectures on “Hindu Law-Hindu Joint Family/Hindu Undivided Family, Coparcenary, Alienation, Partition and Succession” at the National Academy of Direct Taxes (NADT), Nagpur for 64th Batch of the IRS Probationers (Master’s Course in Taxation & Business Laws) on June 1-2, 2011 and June 8-9, 2011.
- Delivered lectures on “Legal Research and Research Methodology” at the National Academy of Direct Taxes (NADT), Nagpur for 63rd Batch of the IRS Probationers (Master’s Course in Taxation & Business Laws) from January 24-25, 2011.
- Delivered lecture on “Research Methodology” for All Gujarat Law Teachers’ Training Programme held on December 29, 2010 at Gujarat National Law University, Gandhinagar, Gujarat.
- Delivered lectures on “Legal Research and Research Methodology” for the students of 2nd Batch of Master’s Degree in Law of Financial Services and Capital Markets (ML-FS&CM) jointly offered by NALSAR and Institute of Insurance and Risk Management (IIRM), Hyderabad from November 3-6, 2010.
- Delivered lectures on “Legal Research and Research Methodology” at the National Academy of Direct Taxes (NADT), Nagpur for 63rd Batch of the IRS Probationers (Master’s Course in Taxation & Business Laws) from September 6-9, 2010.
- Delivered lectures on “Legal Research and Research Methodology” for the students of 2nd Batch of Post Graduate Diploma in Aviation Law and Air Transport Management (PGDALATM) jointly offered by NALSAR and Institute of Applied Aviation Management (IAAM), Calicut on August 14, 2010 at Air Force Academy, Dundigal, Hyderabad.

- Delivered lectures on “Hindu Law-Hindu Joint Family/Hindu Undivided Family, Coparcenary, Alienation, Partition and Succession” at the National Academy of Direct Taxes (NADT), Nagpur for 63rd Batch of the IRS Probationers (Master’s Course in Taxation & Business Laws) from June 14-18, 2010.
- Delivered a series of lectures on “Family Law-II” at National Law University, Delhi for 2-Year students of B.A.,LL.B.(Hons.) Course from May 24 to June 12, 2010.
- Delivered lectures on “Legal Research and Research Methodology” at the National Academy of Direct Taxes (NADT), Nagpur for 62nd Batch of the IRS Probationers (Master’s Course in Taxation & Business Laws) on January 16, 2010.
- Delivered lectures on “Legal Research and Research Methodology” for the students of 2nd Batch of Post Graduate Diploma in Aviation Law and Air Transport Management (PGDALATM) jointly offered by NALSAR and Institute of Applied Aviation Management (IAAM), Calicut on January 8, 2010.
- Delivered lectures on “Legal Research and Research Methodology” for the students of 1st Batch of Master’s Degree in Law of Financial Services and Capital Markets (ML-FS&CM) jointly offered by NALSAR and Institute of Insurance and Risk Management (IIRM), Hyderabad from October 6-10, 2009.
- Delivered lectures on “Hindu Law-Hindu Joint Family/Hindu Undivided Family, Coparcenary, Alienation, Partition and Succession” at the National Academy of Direct Taxes (NADT), Nagpur for 62nd Batch of the IRS Probationers (Master’s Course in Taxation & Business Laws) from July 12-16, 2009.
- Delivered lectures on “Hindu Law-Hindu Joint Family/Hindu Undivided Family, Coparcenary, Alienation, Partition and Succession” at the National Academy of Direct Taxes (NADT), Nagpur for 61st Batch of the IRS Probationers (Master’s Course in Taxation & Business Laws) from May 7-10, 2008.
- Delivered lectures on “Legal Research and Research Methodology” at the National Academy of Direct Taxes (NADT), Nagpur for 60th Batch of the IRS Probationers (Master’s Course in Taxation & Business Laws) on April 15-16, 2008.
- Delivered lectures on “Hindu Law-Hindu Joint Family/Hindu Undivided Family, Coparcenary, Alienation, Partition and Succession” at the National Academy of Direct Taxes (NADT), Nagpur for 60th Batch of the IRS Probationers (Master’s Course in Taxation & Business Laws) on May 30-31, 2007.
- Delivered a lecture on “Muslim Law of Gift, Will and Wakf” for the XIV Basic Course-Part-1 (2nd Batch) Institutional Training for 46 Junior Civil Judges on November 22, 2006 at the A.P. Judicial Academy, Hyderabad.
- Delivered a series of lectures on “Legal Research Design, Methodology, Footnotes, Moot Court Preparation and Presentation Skills” at Chanakya National Law University, Patna for B.A.,LL.B.(Hons.) students from November 6-11, 2006.
- Delivered lectures on “Hindu Law-Hindu Joint Family/Hindu Undivided Family, Coparcenary, Alienation, Partition and Succession” at the National Academy of Direct Taxes (NADT), Nagpur for 59th Batch of the IRS Probationers (Master’s Course in Taxation & Business Laws) from June 5-10, 2006.
- Delivered lectures on “Hindu Law-Hindu Joint Family/Hindu Undivided Family, Coparcenary, Alienation, Partition and Succession” at the National Academy of Direct Taxes (NADT), Nagpur for 59th Batch of the IRS Probationers (Master’s Course in Taxation & Business Laws) from April 16-21, 2006.
- Delivered lectures on “Hindu Law-Hindu Joint Family/Hindu Undivided Family, Coparcenary, Alienation, Partition and Succession” at the National Academy of Direct Taxes (NADT), Nagpur for 58th Batch of the IRS Probationers (Master’s Course in Taxation & Business Laws) from May 24-28, 2005.

- Delivered a lecture on “Muslim Law- Gift, Will and Wakf” at the IX Specialized Course for Senior Civil Judges on March 23, 2005 at the A.P. Judicial Academy, Hyderabad.
- Delivered lectures on “Legal Research and Methodology” at the City Office NALSAR for the students of Post Graduate Diploma in Insurance Law offered by NALSAR University of Law, Hyderabad on April 8, 2005.
- Delivered a lecture on “Muslim Law- Gift, Will and Wakf” at the VI Specialized Course for Senior Civil Judges on August 8, 2001 at the A.P. Judicial Academy, Hyderabad.
- Delivered a lecture on “Muslim Law - Gift, Will and Wakf” at the V Specialized Course for Senior Civil Judges on November 11, 2000 at the A.P. Judicial Academy, Hyderabad.
