

SURYA GAYATHRI

NALSAR UNIVERSITY OF LAW, CLASS OF 2029 [II YEAR, B.A. LL.B. (HONS.)]

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ACADEMIC QUALIFICATIONS

NALSAR University of Law, Hyderabad, India

Currently in the II-year (III Semester) of the Five-Year B.A., LL.B. (Hons.) course

Current Ranking in the Batch (Batch Rank): Rank 10 (10/ 156)

Cumulative Grade Point Average (CGPA) : 8.43 on a scale of 10.0

NSS Higher Secondary School, Choorakode, Pathanamthitta, Kerala

Class XII Board Year : 99.8 percentage

MGM Residential Public School, Kottarakara, Kollam, Kerala

Class X Board Year (CBSE Board) : 98 percentage

- CLAT 2024 All India Rank 105 (Kerala State Rank 3)
- LSAT India 2024- 96.61 percentile
- School Topper for Class 10th and 12th.
- All India Topper for Mathematics and Science (100/100) in Class 10th CBSE Board Examination 2022.
- Kerala State 3rd Rank in Class 12th Higher Secondary Examination.

WORK EXPERIENCE

- Judicial Internship under Hon'ble Justice. PG AjitKumar (Hon'ble Justice Kerala High Court) (May- June 2025)
 - Observed court proceedings, including specially posted matters and bail hearings under the Prevention of Corruption Act.
 - Conducted research on provisions of the Code of Criminal Procedure and assisted in a criminal matter before the Hon'ble Judge.
 - Was assigned a set of 30 criminal law questions to research and present the prevailing legal position with relevant statutes and case law.
 - Engaged in one-on-one discussions with the Hon'ble Judge on research findings and broader questions of criminal law.
 - Gained insights into judicial reasoning, courtroom procedure, and the role of judicial discretion.

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- Internship at MNLU Nagpur DPIIT- IPR Chair, Centre for Intellectual Property (June 2025)
 - Conducted research on fair use and authored an article titled "*Fair Use Defence for Reels and Memes: Balancing Creativity with Copyrights.*"
 - Drafted the June 2025 edition of *IP & Beyond*, the monthly newsletter published by the DPIIT-IPR Chair, Centre for Intellectual Property Rights, summarising key developments in intellectual property law.
 - Attended and summarised webinars on recent national and international developments in intellectual property law.
- Internship under Senior Advocate Chithara Radhakrishnan Nair in the Judicial First-Class Magistrate Court, Sub-court, Kottarakara, Kerala (November- December 2024)
 - Assisted in legal research and drafting on various procedural and substantive issues.
 - Observed proceedings in eight courts, including the SC/ST (POA) Special Court, Family Court, POCSO Court, Sub-Court, Munsiff's Court, and Additional Sessions Court (Abkari cases).
 - Gained practical exposure to courtroom practices and assisted in court-office procedures.
 - Witnessed trial court proceedings, including framing of charges, examination-in-chief, and detailed cross-examinations.
- Legal Writing Internship at Juris Centre for Law (December 2024)
 - Authored a research article titled "*Examining Gender Justice in the Age of New Criminal Laws: Impact on Women and Queer Rights.*"
 - Participated in legal discussions on the implications of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita and other new criminal laws on gender and LGBTQIA+ rights.

CONFERENCES, PUBLICATIONS, AND RESEARCH PAPERS

- Winning Article published in *Competition Success Review (CSR) Magazine* in February 2025. (CSR GK TODAY Special Edition February 2025).
- Attended the Courts and the Constitution Conference 2025, an annual constitutional conference organised by NALSAR Hyderabad.
- Attended Panel Discussion on "*ADR in India at a Crossroads: Why Are Governments Removing Arbitration Clauses While Pushing for Institutional Reform?*" organised by MediateGuru, in collaboration with the Centre for Advanced Dispute Resolution (CADR), Jindal Global Law School (JGLS), and the ADR Society, National University of Juridical Sciences (ADRS, NUJS).
- Author of "*Dual Tax Dilemma: State of Kerala v Asianet Satellite Communications Ltd.*", IndiaCorpLaw Blog (July 2025)

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MOOT COURTS

- Finalist of NALSAR Introductory Moot Court Competition 2025.

POSITIONS OF RESPONSIBILITY

- Elected ADRC (Alternate Dispute Resolution) Representative, NALSAR Student Body Council 2024-25.
- Member, Kerala Corporate Law Council, Women's Indian Chamber of Commerce and Industry (WICCI) 2025-26.
- Student Editor, NALSAR's Official Magazine- *Fiddler on the Flag Road*.
- Editor, Tech Law Forum Blog, NALSAR
- Part of the Organising Committee of Technology Law Forum, NALSAR.
- Student Editor, The Legal Journal on Technology (TLJT)
- Research Assistant under Professor Amita Dhanda, Professor Emerita at NALSAR University of Law, Hyderabad (Part of the Centre for Disability Team to Implement Supreme Court Judgment)
- Member of IDIA (Increasing Diversity Increasing Access) Training and Material Team [IDIA (Hyderabad Chapter)]
- Volunteering
 - NALSAR Negotiation Mediation Competition.
 - The Courts and the Constitution Conference (Rapporteur).
 - The B.R. Sawhney (BRS) Moot Court Competition.
 - Inter-Varsity Debate Competition (the Biggest inter-varsity debate competition in India).
- Member of *Souhrida* Initiative (Adolescent Counselling and Grievance Redressal Initiative of Kerala Government)
- Mentor at *Career Launcher* Thiruvananthapuram.
- Editor, School Editorial Board 2022-24

CO-CURRICULARS

- Completed and passed the Cyber Crimes Investigation and Digital Forensics using OSINT Tools and Techniques Course 2025 conducted by NALSAR University of Law.
- Vidhi Centre for Legal Policy (Delhi) Legal Drafting Workshop
- Manupatra Certified Legal Researcher (Manupatra is the pioneer of online legal research in India)
- AI and Law Course by Lund University, Sweden.
- Law Student's Toolkit by Yale University, United States.
- 3-Month Public Speaking Training by ORMA International, United States.

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EXTRA-CURRICULARS

- Aditya Birla Scholar 2024-29. (Instituted in 1999 and continuously being held for 25 years, this scholarship extends to the country's top scholars from 21 premier institutes (IITs, IIMs, NLUs)
- Represented the State of Kerala at the *Viksit Bharat* National Youth Parliament 2025 held at the Central Hall of Parliament Building, Delhi.
- 1st prize winner of *Viksit Bharat* National Youth Parliament Kerala State Level Competition.
- Selected as one of the top 5 essayists in the Tamil Nadu National Law University (TNLU) National Essay Writing Competition, 2025.
- Quarter-Finalist at the AI National Speech and Debate Tournament 2025.
- 1st Prize Winner of National University of Study and Research in Law (NUSRL Ranchi) National Blog Writing Competition 2025
- 1st Prize in *Competition Success Review* (CSR) Junior Essay Writing Competition 2025.
- High Commendation in *Nyaya Shastra* Article Writing Competition 2024
- High Commendation in the Cambridge Re-think Essay Competition 2024 (Law)
- Shortlisted for Oxbright Essay Competition in Law Category (United Kingdom)
- 1st Prize in Season 2 International English Speech Competition conducted by ORMA International, United States, 2024.
- Silver Medal Winner of the International *WeVoi Reload* Speech Competition 2024
- International ‘Speaking To Inform’ Champion at International Oratory Festival 2024 (United Kingdom)
- 2nd prize in Kerala Legal Service Authority Quiz Competition (KeLSA, 2024)
- Winner in Kerala State Level Kalolsavam in English Extempore (2023, 2024)
- Winner in Kerala State Level Kalolsavam in English Recitation (2024)
- Merit-based civil service coaching scholarship offered by Vedic IAS Academy to the top 7 ORMA International Speech Competition orators.
- Became Eligible for O.P. JINDAL Global School Merit-Based Scholarship in the Law category.
- Received the Merit-Based Scholarship from Top Rankers *Legal Edge Institute*, Bhopal (Super-30 batch).
- Selected among the top 100 CLAT Aspirants by Career Launcher.
- Completed all eight levels of the Indian Abacus Training Programme in 2021
- Selected to participate in the Kerala State Level Accounting Aptitude Test conducted by the Indian Institute of Chartered Accountants in 2024.
- Selected from the district for the Mathematics Talent Search Examination by the Department of General Education, Government of Kerala.
- Trained in Carnatic Music and was felicitated by Navaratri Samiti at the “Sangeetha Aradhana” (Classical Music Festival)
- Trained in Bharatanatyam and Mohiniyattam

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PARTICIPATION

- Represented NALSAR at the KLA (Kerala Law Academy) 4th International Mediation Competition 2025.
- National Essay Writing Competition 2025 conducted by Presidency School of Law, Bengaluru.
- Debate Competition by Maharashtra National Law University (MNLU) Nagpur.
- Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam National Essay Writing Competition conducted by the All-India Council for Technical Education (AICTE)
- 2024 International Essay Contest for young people by Goi Peace Foundation, Japan.

REFERENCES

Professor Balakrishna Assistant Professor of Law dbkbalu2@gmail.com	Hon'ble Retired Justice Ajit Kumar Retired Judge, Kerala High Court Phone No: 9656266024
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