

**ACTIVITY REPORT
ON
DISSERTATION PROGRESS UPDATE MEETINGS**

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1. KSL: An Overview

Kathmandu School of Law, established in 2000 AD, an affiliated college of Purbanchal University, is a community-based, non-profit academic institution that upholds its unrestrained commitment for a pragmatic, research-based and community responsive legal cum justice education in the country. It was conceptualized within the ambit of non-profit movement dedicated to serve the need of an academically sound and functionally feasible justice education in Nepal. Hence, just within two decades, it has not just shaped legal education in the nation with its innovative courses and teaching pedagogies but also widened the scope of law developing quality legal professionals.

Since its inception, it is persistently serving the aspirations of students and scholars with diverse backgrounds. Being candid in expression, it has brought about a paradigm shift in the field of legal education with its state-of-the-art approaches including clinical and community outreach programs in the curricula and research-based teaching methodology. Thus, it heralds a new beginning in the less-trodden field of legal education in terms of its motive, approach, quality and international standing. It envisions fostering the institution as the center of excellence worth capable to contribute to the positive transformation of the nation into a functional democracy based on rule of law, human rights and good governance. Mission of KSL is to promote Justice through enhanced legal education for social engineering and value-based professionalism.

2. Objectives

Among many, some of objectives of KSL are as follows...

- 1) To provide a conducive educational platform where law students build on empirical method of learning legal concepts and skills in an interdisciplinary approach.
- 2) To develop legal professionals that are able to cater to the socio-economic and development needs of disenfranchised people in particular.
- 3) To shape the legal landscape of Nepal where international standards are given due respect and enforcement.
- 4) To endow law students with the expertise and exposure to represent the cases of national interests in the international setting.

3. Activity

Activity conducted, which is briefed in this report, was Discussion with Scholars of various levels and batches who are progressing with the dissertation work. The basic objective of discussion was to collect the progress status and circulate the necessary updates among and from the scholars and request and facilitate them provided any assistance was needed.

4. Meeting Schedule

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Suryabinayak-4, Dadhikot
Bagmati Province
Nepal

Meeting Details

Subject: Discussion on Dissertation Progress

SN	Activity	Date	Day	Time
1	Meeting With BA LLB 2017 Batch	20 th June, 2022	Monday	7:30 PM
2	Meeting With LLM 2015-2019 Batch	21 st June, 2022	Tuesday	7:30 PM
3	Meeting With LLM 2020 Batch	22 nd June, 2022	Wednesday	7:30 PM

Departmental Representation

- a) Assoc. Prof. Dr. Atindra Dahal, Department Coordinator
- b) Miss Vidhya Sedai, Internee
- c) Mr. Jigme Dorje Lama, Internee

Thank You
Research Department

5. Discussion Highlights & Snaps

a) Meeting with of BALLB 5th Year

The research department of Kathmandu School of Law held short zoom meeting with the students of BALLB 5th year in the evening (7:30 – 08:00 pm) of 20th of June, 2022. The meeting was called by Associate Prof. Dr. Atindra Dahal with the presence of two interneers of research department, Mrs. Vidhya Sedai and Jigme Dorje Lama.

Despite of notice within short period of time, altogether 47 students joined and participated in the meeting.

The main purpose of the meeting was to inform and provide guidelines to the students of 5th year regarding writing and submission of dissertation paper.

Keeping in mind the aforementioned purpose, Dr. Atindra Dahal started meeting with brief explanation to the students. The students are asked to collect their supervisor nomination letter for dissertation from research department.

Along with this, it is found that some of the students were seeking favour from nominated supervisor to opt for another supervisor of their choice inventing the reason of unavailability for supervision. Nevertheless, Dr. Dahal advised that it is not permitted to do so and further requested that all the supervisors are equally qualified in their respected field of study.

The meeting ended with clarifying the confusions shared by the students, where a student asked if one can focus only on one particular issues of the topic. To this, Dr. Dahal, explaining dissertation to be a detail study and deep research on a precise subject matter in general, suggested students that it is entirely up to the common discretion of the supervisor and the student themselves.

Some glimpses of the meeting.

A Zoom meeting screen displaying a presentation slide. The slide has a black background with the name "Samita Khadka" in white text. At the top, there are three small video thumbnails: "Jigme Dorje Lama", "Atindra Dahal", and "Reshi karki".

Participants (50)

- JD Jigme Dorje L... (Co-host, me)
- AD Atindra Dahal (Host)
- VS Vidhya Sedai (Co-host)
- DT Damji Tamang
- RK Reshi karki
- RP Rohan patel
- NK Nisha Khanal
- SD Saru Dumar
- RN Raksha Nepal
- SA Saugat Acharya
- SB Shinja Bhandari
- SK Shakti Kandel
- NP Nishan Pandey
- NS Niti Shahi
- SP Samikshya Pant
- DP Deepika Paswan
- S Sagar

Buttons: Invite, Mute All, ...

A Zoom meeting screen in gallery view showing a 4x4 grid of participants. The top-left cell shows "Jigme Dorje Lama" and "Atindra Dahal". The other cells contain names: "Anjali Tiwari", "Samita Khadka", "Vivek Sah", "Damji Tamang", "Reshi karki", "Rohan patel", "Nisha Khanal", "Saru Dumar", "Raksha Nepal", "Saugat Acharya", "Shinja Bhandari", "Arnab Chaudhary", "Nishan Pandey", and "Shakti Kandel".

Participants (46)

- JD Jigme Dorje L... (Co-host, me)
- AD Atindra Dahal (Host)
- VS Vidhya Sedai (Co-host)
- VS Vivek Sah
- DT Damji Tamang
- RK Reshi karki
- RP Rohan patel
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Dikshya Budhathoki	Prasansha Rimal	Subigy Mahat	Sandhya Bista
Umisha poudel	Dikshya sitaula	Charul Sigdel	Ramana khatri
Namita Subedi	Samikshya Acharya	Prashika Thapa	Sashwot Baniya
Arpan Shrestha	Suruchi yadav	Anjali Tiwari- LCK Resunga	Neha jha

b) Meeting with LLM Scholars (2015-2019) Batches

In the evening (7:30 – 08:00 pm) of 21st of June, 2022, Research Department at Kathmandu School of Law held a short zoom meeting with the scholars of LLM batch 2015 to 2019. Associate Prof. Dr. Atindra Dahal called the meeting with the presence of two interneers at Research Department, Ms. Vidhya Sedai and Jigme Dorje Lama.

Altogether 17 scholars joined and participated in the meeting apart.

The major reason behind calling the meeting was to get information regarding the progress of dissertation work from the scholars.

The meeting started with some relevant but informal questions and answers, where host asked few questions on acceptance of proposal, progress of report and current status to the respective scholars individually. Along with this, he also inquired if any scholar is facing problems with dissertation. To these questions, some scholars responded as that they are about to complete their paper, while some are on rework except few, who are yet to start their research works.

Keeping in mind the aforementioned purpose, Dr. Dahal passed following information on behalf of Research Department to the scholars.

1. The scholars, who are in the final phase of writing, were requested to submit their paper by the end of Shrawan. Next deadline will be shared to them if they remain unable to submit by the said time.
2. The scholars were requested to contact with Niraj Sir if they need letter of recommendation from college for different research purposes. They were suggested that it would be even better if they prepare sample of letter themselves.
3. Those who are yet to submit their proposal will be notified soon and those who were asked to rework should go through again.
4. Mrs. Vidhya Sedai will share link form for progress report, which the scholar needs to have signature of the respective supervisor. Along with this, she will also share the video of class taken with BALLB 5th year on formatting dissertation.
5. The one, who completes the dissertation work- and assuming surety of its format-, was advised to bring only one copy to Research Department from departmental approval and submit three copies only after the approval from Research Department.

The meeting ended with clarifying confusions of the scholars.

Some glimpses of the meeting.

The screenshot displays a Zoom meeting interface with 19 participants. The main video shows a man wearing a white shirt and a red patterned headband, set against a background of palm trees and a beach. The interface includes a top gallery view, a main gallery view, and a participants list on the right.

Top Gallery View:

- Jigme Dorje Lama
- Sangeeta Dangal
- Ravi Shankar Chaudhary
- Sabina Maharjan

Main Gallery View:

Jigme Dorje Lama	Research Department	Rabina sujaku	Vidhya Sedai
sheela gwachha	Sangeeta Dangal	Ravi Shankar Chaudhary	Sabina Maharjan
Tara devi Shrestha	Sajani shrestha	Ranjita Pokhrel	Bipin Koirala
Shraddha Prasai	Suresh Khatiwada	Priyanka Gupta	Lawanya Raj Karki

Participants List (19):

- Jigme Dorje L... (Co-host, me)
- Research Department (Host)
- Vidhya Sedai (Co-host)
- Ravi Shankar Chaudhary
- Sabina Maharjan
- Tara devi Shrestha
- Sajani shrestha
- Ranjita Pokhrel
- Bipin Koirala
- Shraddha Prasai
- Suresh Khatiwada
- Priyanka Gupta
- Sangeeta Dangal
- Lawanya Raj Karki
- sheela gwachha
- Karuna Shrestha
- Hasana Timalsina

c) Meeting with LLM Scholars-2020 Batch

The research department of Kathmandu School of Law held short zoom meeting with the scholars of LLM of 2020 batch in the evening of 22nd of June (7:30 pm to 8:30 pm), 2022. Along with the three representatives from the research department, 24 scholars participated in the meeting, making altogether 27 participants.

Dr. Atindra Dahal, Associate Prof. at Kathmandu School of Law, and coordinator of Research Department started the meeting with greetings to the scholars, expressing gratitude for their timely response over request made on the behalf of the research department.

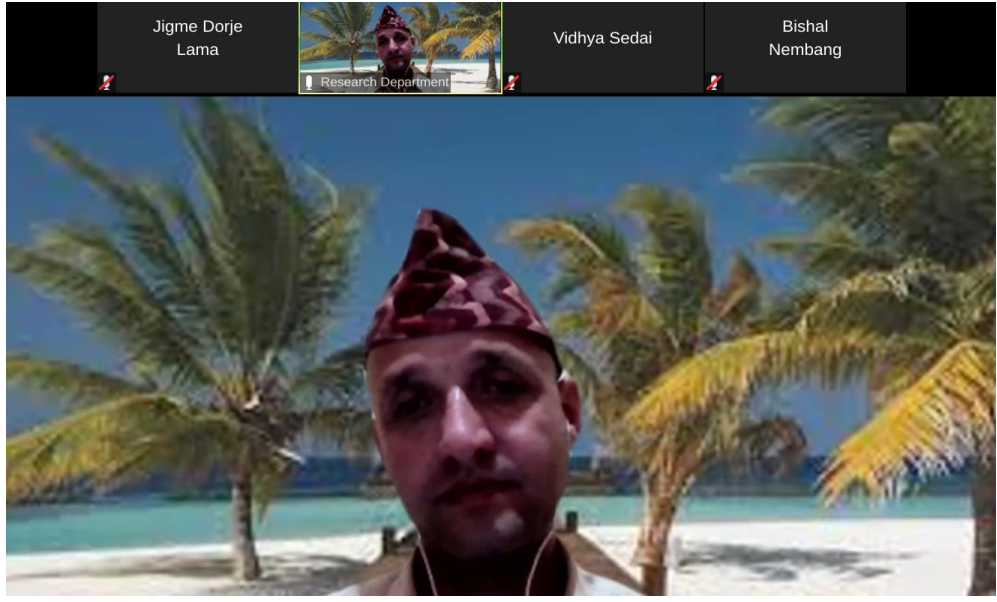
The purpose behind calling for the meeting was to know the current status of progress on dissertation work of the scholars and to guide them if there is any confusion or dilemma.

As usual, the meeting started with random informal questions and answers with scholars individually by Dr. Dahal on their current status of dissertation. It was found that many of the scholars have submitted their proposal, started research as well as contacted their supervisor. However, few of them are yet to submit their proposal. Some of them are in their research phase. Then official meeting progressed where Dr. Atindra Dahal shared following points with the scholars.

1. Considering and assuming the various valid reasons whatsoever, the scholars who were not able to submit the proposal on earlier call, would be soon notified for submission of the proposal.
2. The scholars, who have the proposal accepted and supervisor nominated, need to collect supervisor letters from the research department. Unless and until it is from the department side, the scholars were advised not to ask for alteration of supervisor for all the nominated supervisors are qualified in their respective field. After getting supervisor nomination letter, the scholars need to keep frequent contact with supervisor and notify them of their progress.
3. The supervisor may provide feedbacks on different matters. Thus, the scholars were highly recommended to respect the feedbacks.
4. Those who have already started the work will have to submit their paper by End of Ashoj. The department will notify first call for the submission accordingly.
5. For data collection, if any scholar needs certifying letter from college, they were requested to contact Niraj sir with the sample of letter they need.
6. Finally, the scholars were requested to contact any member of the research department if there arises any issues.

The meeting ended with clarifying confusions of the scholars.

Some glimpses of the meeting



Jigme Dorje Lama		suruchi	Suraj Timalsina
Nikhil Dongol	Vidhya Sedai	Thakur Ram Bhandari	Narendra kr. Sah
Adarsh koirala	Bishal Nembang	Rejina Dahal	Pratap Adhikari
Gobinda Acharya	Puja Silwal	Sarita shrestha	Anusuya Bhattarai

- Participants (27)
- Jigme Dorje L... (Co-host, me)
 - Research Department (Host)
 - Vidhya Sedai (Co-host)
 - Thakur Ram Bhandari
 - Nikhil Dongol
 - Narendra kr. Sah
 - Adarsh koirala
 - Bishal Nembang
 - Rejina Dahal
 - Pratap Adhikari
 - Gobinda Acharya
 - Puja Silwal
 - Sarita shrestha
 - Anusuya Bhattarai
 - Kranti Bhattarai
 - Asmita khadka
 - Dibya Shrestha
- Invite Mute All

Narendra kr. Sah	Adarsh koirala	Bishal Nembang	Rejina Dahal
Pratap Adhikari	Gobinda Acharya	Puja Silwal	Sarita shrestha
pratima pokharel	Anusuya Bhattarai	Kranti Bhattarai	Asmita khadka
Dibya Shrestha	Muskan Basnet	Sapna Bhattarai	Pooja panthee

- Participants (23)
- Jigme Dorje L... (Co-host, me)
 - Research Department (Host)
 - Vidhya Sedai (Co-host)
 - Thakur Ram Bhandari
 - Nikhil Dongol
 - Narendra kr. Sah
 - Adarsh koirala
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 - Rejina Dahal
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 - Anusuya Bhattarai
 - Kranti Bhattarai
 - Asmita khadka
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6. Conclusion

The overall discussion of all three days was a successful. Scholars were benefitted of necessary updates and even could chop the doubt out. However, the low participation of students should be considered improvable.

7. Key Observation

Research Department should make such discussions regularly for their convenience and comfort so that timely submission of dissertation will be possible.