



MAHARASHTRA NATIONAL LAW UNIVERSITY MUMBAI

FIRST FOUNDATION DAY

10th October 2015

Maharashtra National Law University Mumbai (MNLU) today celebrated its 1st Foundation Day at Tata Institute of Social Sciences (TISS) Mumbai. The celebration was graced by **Shri. Devendra Fadnavis Hon'ble Chief Minister of Maharashtra and Shri. Vinod Tawde Hon'ble Minister of Higher & Technical Education**, Government of Maharashtra.

Speaking on the occasion, **Shri. Devendra Fadnavis Hon'ble Chief of Maharashtra** said; "It was always a dream for our government that we should have institutes of national repute for imparting legal education and the government decided to have 3 such institutions at Mumbai, Aurangabad and Nagpur. I am happy that we could start the first one at Mumbai."

He further announced that the Government of Maharashtra is going to start an International Arbitration Centre in Mumbai as there is a huge scope for it, as most global companies have their presence here. While referring to students he added, "MNLU has offered you an opportunity to be part of a mechanism which caters to the youth of India and I am sure you will use it to the fullest."

Shri. Vinod Tawde Hon'ble Minister of Higher & Technical Education expressed his desire that MNLU should include certain other novel disciplines such as International Maritime law and International Humanitarian law. He also assured the students that MNLU will celebrate its next Foundation Day at its own campus and congratulated them on the launch of its maiden newsletter, "NYUSURETA" (means newsletter in Japanese).

"Starting of a new campus was a challenge. Understanding our concerns and challenges, the support offered by The Govt of Maharashtra and TISS has helped MNLU become operational quickly and has also created a healthy environment for students to pursue their courses. As a pioneer law university in the State of Maharashtra NLU will look forward to produce and groom the talent" **said Prof. (Dr.) Bhavani Prasad Panda, Vice Chancellor, Maharashtra National Law University Mumbai.**

Speaking on MNLU and TISS association, **Dr. S. Parasuraman, Director, TISS** said “We welcome MNLU, the presence of university at the campus will encourage dialogue/ conversations and engagement amongst students from both institutes and also offer opportunity to learn from each other.”He further added that “In a country like India, optimum utilization of resources (sharing attitude) at educational institutes will not only be beneficial to students but also contribute in growth of the economy as a whole.”

This event was also graced by Shri Rahul Shewale, MP (Lok Sabha), Shri Tukaram Kathe MLA, Hon’ble Judges, Lawyers, TISS Faculty Members and Students as well as esteemed parents of the MNLU students.

The vote of thanks was proposed by Mr. Yashraj Samant President, Student Bar Council, MNLU Mumbai. The event was followed by a cultural gala evening by the students.