

A SCOUT TO FIGHT AGAINST UBIQUITOUS COVID 19 LOCKDOWN: ENDEAVOUR@ NLUD

It is not the strongest of the species that survive, nor the most intelligent, but the ones most responsive to the changes

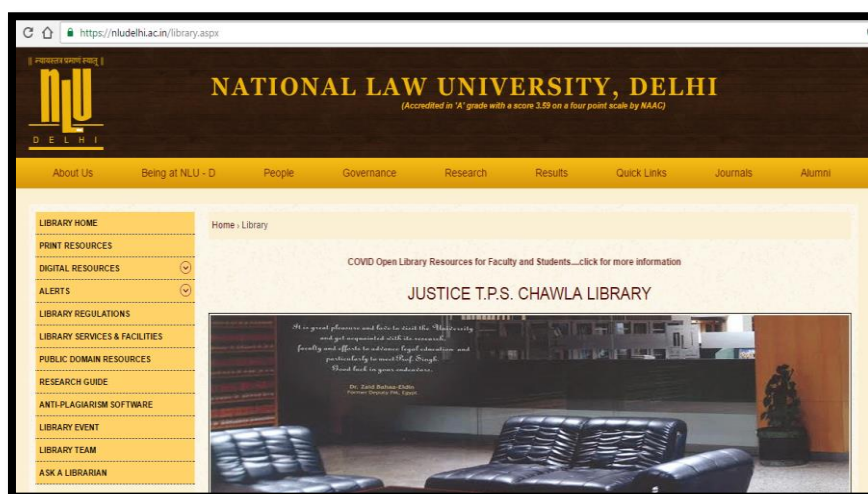
Charles Darwin

National Law University Delhi as its best again proved its services to its students and faculty prompt and speedy after announcing COVID 19 lockdown by Central as well as Delhi Government. The Library of the National Law University Delhi University, naming after Hon'ble Justice T.P.S. Chawa, Former Chief Justice, Delhi High Court created a COVID 19 guidelines and procedures for uninterrupted access of not only subscription based electronic databases, but also a huge treasure of legal information resources available in Public Domain.

As its motto *"The Library of the National Law University Delhi is committed to support teaching and research need of faculty, students and legal researchers by providing the access to high-tech electronic as well as traditional form of information to enhance and support legal research and scholarship in the 21st century"* the library facilitates access of more than 25000 eBooks and more than 15000 eJournals through its subscribed databases. Judicial pronouncements of not only Indian Courts but almost all foreign apex courts and international courts are accessible in digital formats through digital library of the University.

Libraries store the energy that fuels the imagination. They open up windows to the world and inspire us to explore and achieve, and contribute to improving our quality of life.

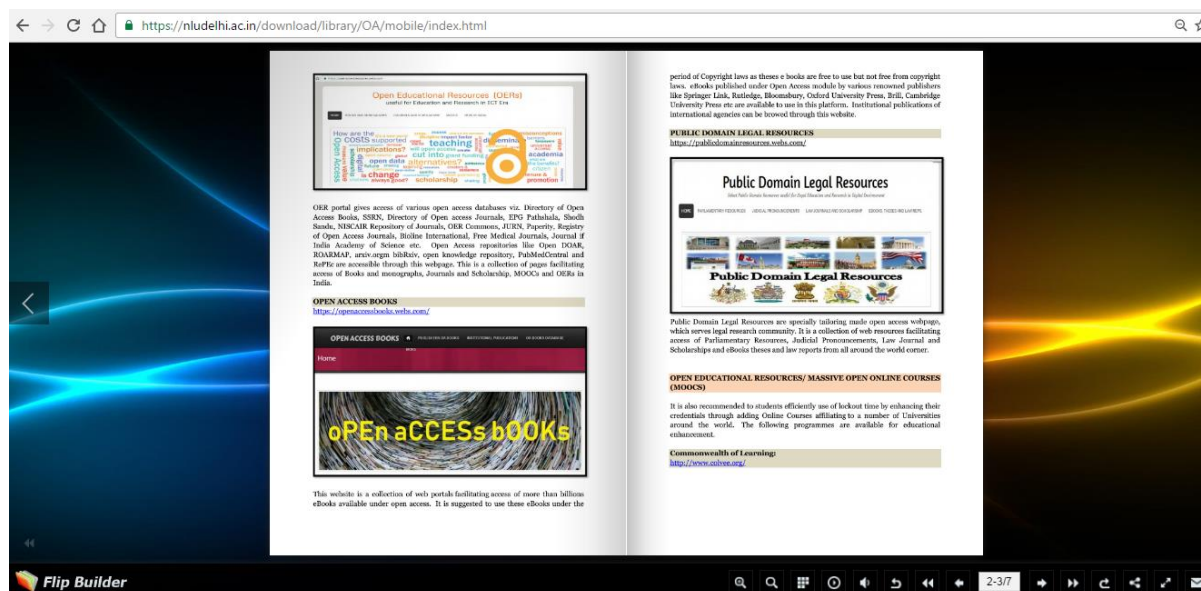
Sidney Sheldon



The National Law University Delhi has enabled the access of subscription based databases through Digital Access Portal to its students and faculty members from outside campus based on access credentials assigned. The Digital Access Portal provides access of subscription based databases and open access/public domain resources as well.

Guide to Open Online Resources

The Library has developed a *Guide to Open Online Resources* available at the website accessible through the link <https://nludelhi.ac.in/download/library/OA/mobile/index.html>. The Guide, equivalent to knowledge treasure, accommodates path to plenty full of open access resources useful for legal education and resources. In the first part, the guide elaborates about three websites designed by the Library of National Law University Delhi.



The research guide elaborates about the Public Domain Legal Resources (accessible through <https://publicdomainresources.webs.com/>) where legal fraternity can access verity of legal information including parliamentary, legislative, judicial and law reform resources. The portal is open for all and can be accessed by any law practitioner or student around the world. Another open access portal developed and elaborated in the research guide by the Library is Open Educational Resources: Useful for Education and Research in ICT Era. The web portal (accessible through <https://openaccessresources.webs.com/>) embeds more than few billions of books and scholarly articles published in peer reviewed scholarly journals. The web portal furnishes access of various massive open online courses and open education resources. In third web portal design and developed by the Library, a layman can get access of eBooks published under open access agreements by reputed publishers. Open Access books

published by Springer Link, Rutledge, Bloomsbury, Oxford University Press, Cambridge University Press, Brill, Open Book Publishers, IntecOpen and IOS Press can be referred through this portal (accessible through <https://openaccessbooks.webs.com/>). Library has tagged institutional publications and books available more than 08 databases in this web portal.

In second part of the Guide to Open Online Resources, Library expounds various open educational resources and massive open online courses explaining about Commonwealth of Learning, Swayam: Free Online Education, ePgPathshala, eAcharya, NPTEL, Vidya Mitra, IIMBx, Harvardx and Stanford University Courses.

During the COVID 19 lockdown, the Library of the University commits to dispense current and updated information to its faculty and students. The Library regularly circulates digital copies of Newspapers and magazines to faculty members. Library has managed to get access of additional resources from database publishers to server their clientele in best possible manner. Research based queries from undergraduate and post graduate students of the University, professors, judicial officers, Hon'ble Judges, government officials and students from other law schools are solved on daily basis by the library. On the mandate and direction of Prof. (Dr.) Ranbir Singh, Vice Chancellor of the National Law University Delhi, the Library welcomes and opens to receive reference quires from legal fraternity during the COVID 19 lockdown period.

Blended Learning @ NLUD: Fighting with COVID 19 Lockdown

On mandate of best and quality education by Prof. (Dr.) Ranbir Singh, Vice Chancellor and NLUD faculty members, National Law University Delhi initiated routine classes through online tools at very initial days of lockdown. Initially classes were attended by students on Zoom, but now, Google Meet-corporate version is being used for online classroom learning. Besides online classes, the University maintains TCS iON LMS system for sharing subject based teaching material and other tools. The faculty members upload subject based teaching material prepared by them for students. Students having access of this platform, frequently use this material during their ordinary course of study. Obviously, the same platform is very much in use during COVID 19 lockdown period. The University faculty have also created a shared Google drive, where day to day notes of classes are kept for the purpose of sharing with students.

National Law University Delhi has assisted in development of more than 400 modules in the subject of Law Post Graduate Courses modules developed by UGC. The University has assisted UGC for development of sixteen subjects for Criminology under ePg-Pathshala Project. The faculty of the University have also contributed and developed a number of MOOCs under SWAYAM-MHRD PORTAL on Research Methodology, Corporate Law, Environmental Law, ICT, IPR and Access to Justice. All timely efforts made by NLUD faculty through developing online modules, are now in demand using by not only NLUD students but also law students around India. The University has also recommended its students to pursue MOOCs courses started through SWAYAM, HarvardX by Harvard University and also other commercial platform which are extending free services during COVID 19 lockdown period for optimum use of facilities provided. More than 500 students have registered and completed online courses through Course Era online courses which are free to get certificate based online courses during COVID 19 lockdown period.

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