

STATEMENT BY UNDERSIGNED ALUMNI OF THE NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF ADVANCED LEGAL STUDIES (NUALS), KOCHI

We, the undersigned alumni of the National University of Advanced Legal Studies (NUALS), are deeply disturbed by continuing, compelling evidence and reports of excessive use of police force upon sections of civil society peacefully protesting the passage of the Citizenship Amendment Act, 2019. (Hereinafter "the Act") We hereby stand in solidarity with protesters across India who continue to peacefully protest the passage of the Act even amidst this present climate of fear.

It is our position that the Act is ex facie unconstitutional as it drives a deeply polarizing divide in our Country purely on the basis of religion. It is trite law that every piece of legislation must be understood not merely in terms of its form, but in terms of the tangible, real effects it has on the society to which it is applied. While the Act - in its form - seeks to protect refugees, it only serves to divide us all in its essence. We believe that the Act is unconstitutional not least because it is an under-inclusive law based on an unreasonable, irrelevant differentia contrary to the requirements in Article 14 of the Constitution of India. It is unconstitutional because it is a colorable legislation which instills in every Muslim citizen in the country - illegal migrant or not - a genuine, real, tangible fear that in this country, they would be subject to disabilities purely on account of their religion.

Moreover, dissent is the life-blood of any democracy. Widespread misuse of Section 144 of the Code of Criminal Procedure coupled with shutdown of the internet and communication lines can only be understood as determined attempts to muffle dissent. Fundamental Rights are not watertight compartments. It is our position that the Act and official response to protests in the wake of its passage - in effect - impinge upon Fundamental Rights enshrined under Articles 14, 19, 21 and 25 of the Constitution of India.

In light of the aforementioned circumstances, we, the undersigned alumni of the National University of Advanced Legal Studies, do hereby strongly, unequivocally and unabashedly condemn the same. This sorry state of affairs has threatened the preservation of the rule of law in our great Nation, and therefore, we, the undersigned, do find it incumbent upon us to call for urgent attention to this matter. In these troubling times, we reiterate our pledge towards protecting, preserving, and defending our Constitution and the rule of law.

DISCLAIMER: These are the views expressed by the undersigned alone. The remaining alumni/students of NUALS may or may not subscribe to these views, and it is up to them to express the same. It is for this freedom of expression and liberty that the undersigned stand for.

**ALUMNI OF NUALS, KOCHI ENDORSING THE STATEMENT
ABOVE ARE ENLISTED BELOW (432 in Total)**

Batch of 2007

1. Nikhil Narendran
2. Nihlas Basheer
3. Vipin P Varghese
4. Vidya Venu
5. Jijo George Cherian
6. Asok Chacko Thomas
7. Jose Jacob
8. Lekha Balakrishnan
9. Menjeri Subin Sunder Raj
10. Lijo Kalathil
11. Jenne Varghese
12. Shyaam Nagarajan
13. Molty Majeed
14. Asif Hamza
15. Midhun Manamel
16. Oneal Sabu

Batch of 2008

17. Bobby M. Sekhar
18. Vishnu Nair
19. Fashiya Youseff
20. Clint H
21. Sreeparvathy
22. Sarah Poulose
23. Muthumani Somasundaran

Batch of 2009

24. Rahul Kandampully
25. Mahesh Menon
26. Farah Mushathick
27. Angely Anto
28. Shyama Kuriakose
29. Malu John
30. Karthika Kaimal
31. Karthik Ashok
32. Amina Akbar
33. Raaga Ramalakshmi
34. Jawahar Hamid
35. Jithin Paul Varghese
36. Rohith Subramanian
37. Aswin Unnikrishnan
38. Arun Ajay Shankar
39. Enoch David Simon Joel

40. Jennis Stephen
41. Catherine Paulson
42. Shina Salim

Batch of 2010

43. Sriram Parakkat
44. Renjini Rajagopalan

Batch of 2011

45. Arjun M Nair
46. Aarsha Unnikrishnan
47. Aparna Deepthi
48. Archana S Kumar
49. Deepti Susan George
50. Dhruvan Gautham
51. Salman S.
52. Ajay Justin Odathekal
53. Murali Krishnan
54. Priyanka Devershetty
55. Raghul Sudheesh
56. Anjali GS
57. Thanooja Sayed
58. Anna Alphonsa Mathew
59. Ruth Thomas
60. Cyriac Tom
61. Ashitha MA
62. Faseela Odivalukanjarugothi
63. Gayathri Madhavan
64. Naveen Gopal
65. Mary Reshma
66. Mohan Roy Thomas
67. Neethu Susan Abraham
68. Pranoy K Kottaram
69. Swathy Pisharody
70. Sindhu Sarah Thomas
71. Srinivas Vijayakumar
72. Karthika Prasad
73. Jikku Seban George
74. Ishaan George
75. Reshma George
76. Deepu Jojo
77. Vishnu Sivanandan
78. Renu C. Paul

Batch of 2012

79. Anu Mariya Thomas
80. Deepthi Alexander
81. Althaf M Hussain
82. Vidya Kurup
83. Abraham Tharakan
84. Kiran K
85. Ajay Ben Jose
86. Bhupendra Pal Singh
87. Atul N
88. Rukma George
89. Mehtab P Easa
90. Saritha T
91. Deviks S Sruthy
92. Dina Francis
93. Bijitha S Khan
94. Linta Susan Joseph
95. Jyogita K.P
96. Arun Bala
97. Neethu Sreedhar
98. Manju Meena Narayan
99. Noorie Kariyat

Batch of 2013

100. Teza Jose
101. G Meenakshi
102. Thomas Joseph
103. Sharath Kumar KJ
104. R Vaisakhi
105. Minchu Punnoose
106. Nikhil Teggi
107. Sarica AR
108. Pavitra Warriar
109. Gowri Nair R
110. Devi P
111. Abhijith Krishnan
112. Goutam Suresh Tampi
113. Anand Sree
114. Riza Jose
115. Asitha AP
116. Sooraj K Abraham
117. Kiron Noronha
118. Jansher Jaleel
119. Nidhin S
120. Harishankar Madhu
121. Vishnu Babu
122. Jino Kurien Jose

123. Sincy Roy
124. Siddharth Baladevan Nair
125. Rinie Rajan Mathews
126. Ammu Charles
127. Rahul Kumar
128. Rosie Athulya Joseph
129. Sivaranjini S
130. Yamuna Vijayagopal
131. Parvathi S. Shaji
132. Vishnu Chandran
133. Nilofer P A
134. Sheba Rivy Simon
135. Boncy Mathew
136. Boaz Babu Abraham
137. Arjun David Alexander
138. Preetha S
139. Tony Philip
140. Anu Maria Francis
141. Anaz Bin Ibrahim
142. Akhilesh Laleedharan

Batch of 2013 (LLM)

143. Sanya Yadav

Batch of 2014

144. Paul Francis
145. Alok Padman
146. Telma Raju
147. Nichu Willington
148. Irene Paramel
149. Iyalpari S. R.
150. Niraj J. Chitilappilly
151. Ruben George Rock
152. Aishwarya H.
153. Gowri V. R. H.
154. Anjana Parvathy
155. Ananthakrishna S.
156. Lalia Elizabeth Philip
157. M.P. Priyanka
158. K.E. Hizana Thasnim
159. Rahul Rajan
160. Neha Miriam Kurian
161. Bhargavy Ramesh
162. Fathima Nadackal
163. Sachin S.
164. Noor Ameena
165. Swarupa M.
166. Adeeba Rahman

167. Reshma Abraham
168. K. Priyadarshini
169. Deepika Shekar
170. Neeraja R
171. Indu K
172. Sukumar
173. Arya J Nair
174. P.B.Arya
175. Ammu Manoharan
176. Raghav Vashisth
177. Midhika Mary Joseph
178. Nimmy Tom
179. Aalim Khan
180. Asmita Malviya
181. Saumya R. Nair
182. Harveen Dhillon
183. I. Manvendra
184. Varun Sharma
185. Sruthy P. Bhasi

Batch of 2014(LLM)

186. Kiran Gavir

Batch of 2015

187. Sarthak Behera
188. Ashwin H
189. Ananthu Bahuleyan
190. Ziyad RV
191. Safwan Yahiya
192. Navaneeth Krishnan
193. Hari Krishnan
194. M Vishnu
195. Mitha Sudhindhran
196. Mukund P Unny
197. Sijo Joseph
198. Arun Baby
199. Shreedhar Kusuman
200. Dushyant Krishnan
201. Soumik Chakraborty
202. Soujannya Manna
203. Rizwin Kochhery
204. J.Mandakini
205. Neenu Pavithran
206. Anju Ana John
207. Reshma Shekhar
208. Athira S Kumar
209. Meera Gopal
210. Miriam Jacob

211. Shazia Ashraf
212. Arabhi Anandan
213. Krishna Santosh
214. Bismi Parvin K
215. Meenakshi Menon
216. Pragnya Vasishtha
217. Vishal Achanta

Batch of 2015 (LLM)

218. Jinesh Madhav

Batch of 2016

219. Keshavdev JS
220. Joshita Jothi
221. Sushma Philip
222. Archana iyer
223. Sruthi Anil
224. Manmayi
225. Devashree Pillai
226. Anjana Ravi
227. Lakshmi Babu
228. Meera Nazer
229. Asif Ali MH
230. Preethu Pradeep
231. Kevin Robin
232. Tara Francis
233. Arya Vivek
234. Athul Shaji
235. Aswin T Suresh
236. Vineetha James
237. Anchala C
238. Aravind T Ramesh
239. Lakshmi Sreedhar
240. Anhar Salih CP
241. Jyothis Lal
242. Aishwarya Nair
243. Harikrishnan PK
244. Aparna Sukumaran
245. Raaga Maria Sanjeev
246. Seba Nageeb
247. Deepak Stalin Devan
248. Arjun Shaji
249. Sachin Jacob Ambat
250. Rizwana Mahamood
251. Lincy Eleena Shaji
252. Sarath S Janardanan
253. Vishnupriya P Govind
254. Minu Babu
255. Arvind G Alexander

- 256. Laya Mary Joseph
- 257. Anasuya Syam
- 258. Prerna Venkatesh
- 259. Gokul Nair CC
- 260. Surya K. R.
- 261. Razan Harris
- 262. Govind Abhijith
- 263. Sachin Ramesh
- 264. Arun Chandran A K
- 265. Bijith Kumar
- 266. Anuja Jacob
- 267. Soorya Pradeep
- 268. Swarathmika Kumar

Batch of 2016 (LLM)

- 269. Abdullah Naseeh
- 270. KR Rajeev Krishnan
- 271. Mohammed Safeer

Batch of 2017

- 272. Apoorv KC
- 273. Gopika G
- 274. Allen Baiju
- 275. Almas Shaikh
- 276. Nidhi Singh
- 277. Varada Balachandran
- 278. Naveena Varghese
- 279. Shambhu Ajith
- 280. Shaima Vahab
- 281. Savitri Rajeev
- 282. Apoorva Bose
- 283. Renoy Vincent
- 284. Abhinaya Chandran
- 285. Shweta V
- 286. Neethu Roy
- 287. Anand Thumbayil
- 288. Abhijit Ajayan
- 289. Paulose Abraham
- 290. Roshnara Abdul Rauf
- 291. Arya Devi
- 292. Xavier Joseph
- 293. Nilima Rajdev
- 294. Akhil Mahesh
- 295. Meera Elizabeth
- 296. Alan Dev
- 297. Aravind Krishna
- 298. Soujanya Gollapudi
- 299. Asher Job

- 300. Robin Chacko
- 301. Fathimathu Zainab
- 302. Drishya Moses
- 303. Adarsh Mohandas
- 304. Anirudh Kadavil
- 305. Jayasankar Narayan
- 306. Aparna Asokan
- 307. Mary Kavita Dominic
- 308. Rajeev Hadson
- 309. Raunak Samdani
- 310. Girish Deepak
- 311. Aditi Agarwal
- 312. Ashima Nazar
- 313. Karun Rajan
- 314. Navaz PC
- 315. Sindhu Sambrani
- 316. Ishita Puranik
- 317. Akhilesh K
- 318. Janaki Krishnan
- 319. Niranjana Sudhir
- 320. Aakash Kumbhat
- 321. Hafiz Mohammed
- 322. Anjali Nair
- 323. Subin Kattuparambil
- 324. Nadine Kolliyil
- 325. Gokul Narayan
- 326. Yamini Harish
- 327. Arjun Krishnan
- 328. Rajath Kumar
- 329. Ajay Jayachandran
- 330. Tia Jose

Batch of 2018

- 331. Pratik Bakshi
- 332. Armaan Mistry
- 333. Amal Antony
- 334. Akshay Shah
- 335. Drishya K Prakash
- 336. Ponnu Tom Padinjarekara
- 337. Bharat Vijay P
- 338. Reshma Suresh
- 339. Bhavna Firoz
- 340. Namratha Keshava
- 341. Teresala Paul
- 342. Nikita Mary Abraham
- 343. Pranay Prakash
- 344. A.S.Vani
- 345. Dhanuja M S
- 346. Kritika Chavaly

347. Afreen Farhana
348. Joshua Davis Dalus
349. K. Salma Jennath
350. Thareeq Anver K.
351. Shinto Mathew Abraham
352. Chinmai Ajith
353. Govind G. Nair
354. Advait Govind
355. Manisha K Mohan
356. Niloofar O Nizam
357. Shahnoy Shaji
358. Siva Sankar Santhosh
359. Harima Hariharan
360. Raymond George Dias
361. Reshma Das
362. Athira Palangat
363. Atishya Kumar
364. Sneha Vijayan
365. Manju Elsa Isac
366. Reshma Balu
367. Karthik V Venkatesh
368. Atul Narayan
369. Sara Fathima J
370. Anjali Dileep
371. Rassal Janardhanan
372. Abhirami K Uday
373. Abhijith SR
374. Angita T Menon
375. Gauri Anand
376. S Ramya Sruthi
377. Lalit Kumar
378. Nishant Bhatia
379. Siddharth Bhati
380. Rohit Sharma
381. Amal Ramesh
382. Ammalu Sasi
383. Hannah Joseph
384. Rhea Sydney
- Batch of 2019**
385. Athif Ahmed
386. Rintu Mariam Biju
387. Aarathi Das
388. Jithin Pius
389. Siljo Samuel
390. Arjun P.K.
391. Vaishnavi Menon
392. Sarhan Yahiya
393. Tresa Ajay
394. Saira Raffi
395. Varun Chopra
396. Gaurav Saxena
397. Lijin Varughese
398. Unnikrishnan S.T.
399. Suryakanth Roy
400. Sithara Suresh Babu
401. Sanjana Banerjee
402. Vaidehi U. Menon
403. Priyanka Pillai
404. Vidya Muppirala
405. Safna Salim
406. Anjali Pradeep
407. Shilpa Sangameswaran
408. Mathew Varghese
409. Rishi Joy
410. Jishnu Veetil
411. Mamata Anil
412. Akash Loya
413. Femy Ann Johnson
414. Alisha Zakkir
415. Samyukta Ramaswamy
416. Bharat R.K.
417. Alan Sunny
418. Dona George
419. Tony Johnson
420. Amrita Jacob
421. Sukanya Subramanian
422. Amal P.K.
423. Trilok Sudhish
424. Kurian K. Jose
425. Krishna Narayanan
426. Anjana Ajit
427. Akshaya Suresh
428. Divya Muralidharan
429. Atly Yesudas
430. Ashwin Venu
431. Sheerene Mohamed
432. Sheena Fatima