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### **Khaitan & Co on top as NLIU Bhopal first placement round puts 18 students with six recruiters**

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Pangea3 turned up to recruit from NLIU Bhopal on the first day of its campus recruitment.

Khaitan & Co emerged as winner at NLIU Bhopal, winning the signatures of five final-year students on job offers as Trilegal, Lakshmikumaran and Sridharan, ICICI Bank and Pangea3 also turned up to recruit from the law school on the first day of its campus recruitment last week and Amarchand Mangaldas inviting 10 students for interview.

Trilegal made three offers to NLIU Bhopal students but ultimately only one accepted because two students opted to join Khaitan & Co which had also offered them jobs.

Lakshmikumaran and Sridharan chose three students, of whom one is on a provisional job offer, while ICICI Bank and legal process outsourcing (LPO) company Pangea3 each selected four students after visiting the NLIU Bhopal on 7 and 8 August.

Amarchand's Delhi and Mumbai offices invited 10 students for interviews, although the firm did not visit the campus. JurisCorp made one pre-placement offer to an NLIU Bhopal student who had interned with the firm.

Sixty NLIU Bhopal students out of a total batch of eighty students participated in the ongoing campus placement rounds that kicked off last week.

NLIU has now placed a total of 18 of its students with as many as six students holding more than one offer each, confirmed NLIU placement co-ordinator professor Raka Arya.

She said that the recruitment process would continue throughout the year but they hoped to finish the first round this week.

"We have plans to take up the next round in the last week of October after Dusshera vacations after which we will have another round in March when some of the PSUs and banks like to visit campus before the financial year ends," she said.

Arya also added that due to upcoming exams the candidates shortlisted by Amarchand could not travel immediately for their final round of interviews to Delhi.

The latest five offers from [Khaitan & Co at a new increased basic salary package of Rs 10.8 lakh per year](#), takes the firm's total recruitment tally to 17 students, with eight joining from NUJS Kolkata and four from Nalsar Hyderabad.

Khaitan & Co partner Upendra Joshi told Legally India last week that the firm still planned to visit between three and four more campuses, including NLIU Bhopal, GNLU Gandhinagar and the two Pune law schools Symbiosis and ILS.

So far various top-paying firms have also attended first-round recruitment days at NLSIU Bangalore, NUJS Kolkata, NLU Jodhpur, Nalsar Hyderabad and GNLU Gandhinagar, [with Amarchand having hired the most with 41 students so far](#).

**UPDATE 21 August 2010:** According to an NLIU Bhopal source Amarchand's Delhi office shortlisted three students for job interviews and Amarchand's Mumbai office shortlisted seven. Of these seven four sat for interview last Friday (13 July). Amarchand Mumbai made three job offers taking the total number of students placed at NLIU to 21 after the first round of placements, pending the interviews at Amarchand Delhi, said the source.

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