In the State of Bihar, where the seeds of the earliest republic were sown and the crop of democracy cultivated, a need was felt by the government for a university which would provide quality legal education and strive to raise national legal standards to competitive international level and promote legal awareness in the community, which will lead to the realization of goals embodied in the Constitution of India. Thus, on August 15th, 2006 came into being Chanakya National Law University at Patna under the able guidance of its Vice-Chancellor/Pro-Chancellor, Prof. Dr. A. Lakshminath, former Dean and Registrar, NALSAR University of Law, Hyderabad. CNLU was established under the Chanakya National Law University Act, 2006 (Bihar Act No. 24 of 2006) and included in section 2(f) & 12(B) of the U.G.C. Act, 1956.

No Educational Institution is complete without adequate facilities to its Students, Faculties & Employees. CNLU provides wide range of facilities on its campus. A well managed residential accommodation with modern facility provided to students. Mess & Canteen facilities on campus provide everything from a simple coffee and sandwich to a full meal. University provides a full range of medical services for students & for employees who register as patients. In addition to general practice services, CNLU provides a range of specialist clinics and visiting practitioners. University organised regular careers fairs, training workshops, and one-to-one guidance for students. Counseling Service aims to enable students to achieve their academic and personal goals by providing confidential counseling and support for any difficulties encountered while at CNLU. University provides a wide range of IT services including campus internet access via a wireless network and in student residences.

Number of retired Judges of the Supreme Court, High Courts and lower Judiciary as well as Senior Advocates & Educationalist have offered to assist the CNLU in its teaching and research programmes making education at CNLU a rare and exciting experience to the student body. CNLU admired example of maintaining financial autonomy along with greater accountability. It is equipped with the state-of-art infrastructure for successful imparting of legal education of the highest standards. The faculty at CNLU comprises highly acclaimed and experienced academicians who are proactively involved in grooming the younger generation to take CNLU to greater heights. The construction work of the university spread on 18 acres of land at Nyaya Nagar, Mithapur near Mithapur Bus stand, Jakkanpur Police Station, Patna. A sprawling lawn with various types of palm trees has adds beauty to the landscape.