



education and colleges thereby bringing awareness about the subject 'international law' which is occupying enormous significance in everyday life all over the world. He declared the exciting news of GNLU being the head quarters for the India chapter of one of the prestigious international law institutes which is the Asian Society of International Law. Dr. K. Parameswaran, Head of the Center for Public International Law (CPIL) introduced the centre to the august gathering. He emphasised the need of international law scholars to participate in the activities of the centre, exchange knowledge of different state-practices and know also about the Indian tradition of 'universalism' and 'human unity', which is a unique feature of India's contribution to the practice of public international law in the international community system, thereby forging the Asian study of international law on legal, economic and political aspects with the western perspectives and practices. Both Ambassador Mr. Gudmundur Ericksson and Dr. Narinder Singh spoke about the relevance of Public International Law, especially, about the conference which is on "International Courts and Tribunals". This one-day National Law Student's conference was organized to mark the inauguration of the center at the CPIL. They highlighted how the present younger generation should undertake research on international law issues affecting India in particular and Asia in general there by facilitating India and her concerns for a smooth functioning in the realities of international life.

More than 20 student -speakers from all National Law Universities and Law schools all over India presented scholarly papers. Four major themes form part of the conference such as International Criminal Justice, International Court of Justice, International Adjudication of Disputes and finally World Trade Dispute Settlement System. Scholars on International Law like Mr Bimal N. Patel, Dr. Narinder Singh, Dr. Ravindra Pratap and Dr. Srinivas Burra were present to give their expert opinions on the above mentioned themes in their respective panel-discussions. The Center announced its plans to launch various academic programs on International Law, Courts and Tribunals and is planning to bring out in its first edition, a book on International Courts and Tribunals very soon. The Center for the inauguration as well as for this one-day National Law Students' conference received immense support in the form inspiring conference messages from eminent international personalities all over the world such as the President of the International Court of Justice Mr Hishashi Owada, President of International Criminal Court Mr Sang Hyun Song who gave a 12 minute video message about the centre, former President of the International Criminal Court Mr Philippe Kirsch, President of the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda Sir Charles Michael D Byron, distinguished professor of international law Dr Philippe Sands from London, Advisor to Govt. of India and Gujarat Govt Dr Kireet Joshi, former Ad Hoc Judge of ICJ and International Law Commission

Chairman Dr P.S. Rao, Secretary General of the Afro Asian Consultative Committee Dr Rahmat Mohammed and many others. An exciting quiz on international law was conducted with surprise prizes. at the end of the conference. Students whose scholarly papers were selected for the presentation received immense appreciation from everyone present in the conference. The entire inauguration program and the one-day National Law-Students' Conference were organized by a team of student-members of the VII semester batch of the year 2007 at the GNLU.