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### Military Law and Justice 2017 Academy begins at GNLU

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GNLU Military Law and Justice Academy 2017 Edition, organized in collaboration with the resource persons from the US Naval War College, USA, began today with the inauguration by Mr A.B. Mathur, Member, National Security Advisory Board, Dr Prabhakarn Paleri, PTM, TM, former Director-General, Coast Guard of India, Capt. Ms. Bethany O Brien, Judge Advocate General, US Navy and Major Jennifer Maddocks, UK, Military Professor. Vice chancellor of the university Dr. Bimal N. Patel who conceptualized the Academy, welcomed the resource persons and participants. He noted that GNLU remains the only law university in India to conduct training programs for the defence forces and that University is ready to provide its services by training other stakeholders as well. Officers from Indian Air Force, Indian Navy, Indian Coast Guard, Indo-Tibet Border Police, Academicians, Lawyers and Students are participating in the Academy.

2017 Program Faculty includes resource persons from India, UK and USA. Dr. Prabhakarn Paleri, PTM, TM, former Director-General, Coast Guard of India; Mr A. K. Mathur, Member, National Security Advisory Board; Capt. Ms. Bethany O Brien, Judge Advocate General, US Navy and Major Jennifer Maddocks, UK, Military Professor have already arrived in the University campus and Capt Kevin Brew US Navy, Lt Gen S. L. Narasimhan (fmr.), PVSM, AVSM, VSM, Indian Army and Col B. P. Singh (fmr.), Indian Army will be visiting the Academy in upcoming days.

The First Edition of GNLU Military Law and Justice Program was Organised from 26th July - 1st August, 2015 which included the themes mainly based on the concepts of justice and the changes brought-in under the Indian Military Justice system. Participants for the program included officers from the Navy, Army, Air force, ITBP and BSF.

This Second Edition of Training Program takes a major step ahead to focus on the concept of Militarism, Martial Law, Human Rights of the Forces and Global Perspective of Military Laws, English Articles of War on which the Indian and US military laws are primarily based. With the winds of necessity, the laws have evolved and the practices have changed. It includes training on Comparative

analysis of procedures and practice: the British, US and Indian Military Justice System; Critical appraisal and analysis and future reforms.

The Academy is coordinated by Mr. Virendra Singh Thakur, Member, GNLU Research Department and Teaching and Research Associate. For any further questions or queries, please contact Mr. Virendra Singh Thakur. ([vtthakur@gnlu.ac.in](mailto:vtthakur@gnlu.ac.in)) (8128650886).

