



Gujarat National Law University

Gandhinagar, Gujarat, India

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GNLU PRESS NOTE No. 79/2017 GNLU Hosts 8th Convocation

Dear Sir/Madam,

Greetings from GNLU!

Gujarat National Law University's Eighth Convocation was held on March 18th, 2017. Degrees were felicitated to 221, PhD scholars (4), Post Graduate (LL.M) students (66) and Under graduate LL.B (Hons.) Programme students (151). This solemn event had several dignitaries in attendance: Shri Ravi Shankar Prasad, Hon'ble Minister of Law and Justice, Government of India, was the chief guest and Justice Pinaki Chandra Ghose, Hon'ble Judge, Supreme Court and Visitor GNLU presided over the event. Other guests of honour included Justice Subhash Reddy, Chief Justice of the High Court of Gujarat and Shri Pradeepsinh Jadeja, Minister of Law and Justice, Government of Gujarat.

The event began with the Director, Dr. Bimal Patel, delivering the opening speech, and the Visitor declaring the convocation open. The degrees were conferred upon all the students by the Chief Guest and the Visitor, GNLU. Director informed the establishments of two chairs — **Cyril Amarchand Mangaldas & Co Chair on Ethics in Everyday Legal Profession and Navinchandra Desai Law Foundation Chair to promote research and provide assistance to litigation-opting students**. He thanked Trustees and Mr Cyril Amarchand Mangaldas & Co for their generous grant.

Shri Ravi Shankar Prasad delivered a speech, in which he praised the achievements of the students, with a special reference to a large number of girls achieving excellence. This was in context with several girls winning gold medals for the highest marks and excellence in various subjects as well as academic toppers for the entire duration of their degrees, in comparison to the number of boys who won the same, which were lower. He expressed his happiness about the same, declaring himself as a supporter of gender equality and greater participation of women in the workforce. He extended his support to the women students, stating that he believed that the graduating batch had amongst it several potential Supreme Court judges and Ministers. He lauded the efforts of the University in having dedicated chair to promote ethics and values in the legal profession.

He further spoke about the great heritage of our country, wherein historically, several lawyers such as Dr. Rajendra Prasad rose to great ranks in politics. He emphasized on the need to remember the struggle for freedom and the rise of Indian lawyers, and to be motivated by the same. His unsolicited advice to the new graduates was to enter the litigation practice; despite the initial struggle, the hard work will always pay off. He made special reference to the Make in India and Digital India campaigns, praising the work of his fellow Information Technology Minister in the Cabinet. The convocation was declared to be closed by the Visitor, and concluded with the national anthem.

For more information, you may contact Dr. Thomas Mathew, Registrar GNLU (registrar@gnlu.ac.in or 8128650877).

List of Gold Medals is as follows:

<u>GOLD MEDALS FOR POST GRADUATES (LL.M.) 2015-16 BATCH</u>		
<u>GOLD MEDAL</u>	<u>SUBJECT</u>	<u>NAME OF STUDENT</u>
Nani A. Palkhivala Gold Medal	Top LL.M. (Final) Student	R Jana Ranjani
Hon'ble Mr Justice R.B. Mehta Gold Medal	Best Outstanding LL.M. Student	Srishti Vaishnav
H.K. Acharya & Company Gold Medal	Outstanding Achievement in Intellectual Property Law (PG)	Chandrika Tewatia
Constitutional and Administrative Law Gold Medal	GNLU	Nidhi Tewari
Corporate and Business Law	GNLU	Pavithra R
<u>GOLD MEDALS FOR UNDER GRADUATES (LL.B.) 2011-2016 BATCH</u>		
<u>GOLD MEDAL</u>	<u>SUBJECT</u>	<u>NAME OF STUDENT</u>
Justice P.D. Desai Gold Medal	Law of Torts	KAMNA KUMAR
Corporation Bank Gold Medal	Commercial Law	ZAHRA AZIZ
	(Contract-I, Contract-II, Corporate Law-I, Corporate Law-II & Banking and Negotable Instruments Act)	
Aditya Books Pvt. Ltd. Gold Medal	Best Student in any discipline on annual basis	RANJANI JAGANNATH
Late Mr M.K. Nambyar Gold Medal	Constitutional Law	RANJANI JAGANNATH
	(Constitutional Law-I, Constitutional	

	Law-II & Constitutional Law-III)	
Late Mr A.P. Ganguli Gold Medal	Best Student for overall performance in the 5 year course	ADITI TAMBI
Late Hon'ble Mr Justice V.B. Raju Gold Medal	Criminal Law (Criminal Law-I & Criminal Law-II)	ZAHRA AZIZ
Late Mr Jayantilal H. Parekh Gold Medal	Media Law	SWARAANGI SHUKLA
Mr Gopinath M. Amin Gold Medal	Human Rights & International Humanitarian Law	SHWETA SRIRAM
Late Mr Praful V. Nanavaty Gold Medal	Insurance Law	RANJANI JAGANNATH
Late Hon'ble Mr Justice S.B. Majmudar Gold Medal	Civil Procedure Code	RANJANI JAGANNATH
	(Civil Procedure Code-I & Civil Procedure Code-II)	
Mr Y.J. Trivedi Gold Medal	Intellectual Property Law	ZAHRA AZIZ
Late Mr Milon Kumar Banerji Gold Medal	Alternative Dispute Resolution (Arbitration)	ANAMIKA RAY
Late Shri. Sharad B. Vakil Gold Medal	Constitution Judicial System (Constitution II)	ADITI TAMBI
Mr Divyakant Nanavaty Gold Medal	Criminal Law (Criminal Law-III, i.e. Law of Evidence)	ZAHRA AZIZ
Advocate Sanat P. Mehta (Bombay) Gold Medal	Direct Taxation (Law of Taxation-I)	VIVASWAN AWASTHI
Mr Yatin Oza Gold Medal	Family Law (Family Law-I)	SWARAANGI SHUKLA
B.A LL.B Gold Medal	GNLU	AKANKSHA MISHRA
B.Com LL.B Gold Medal	GNLU	ANSHUL ASRI
B.S.W LL.B Gold Medal	GNLU	SAISHA RAI ORKE
B.B.A LL.B Gold Medal	GNLU	ADITI TAMBI
B.SC LL.B Gold Medal	GNLU	SWARANGI SHUKLA
Late. Shrimati Mrunalini Devi Puar Gold Medal	Food Security and Agro Economics	SWARANGI SHUKLA