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Free Legal Aid Clinic and Contribution for Computer Set-up at Koba School

Dear Sir/Madam,

Greetings from GNLU!

Gujarat National Law University (GNLU), since its inception in 2003, has witnessed perpetuated augmentation in its efficiency and quality each year towards being a world class Law University. Being a Research Based Teaching University, it is committed to address the contemporary legal issues. Its objective has always been to provide world class legal education providing support to the public in various initiatives for the upliftment and development of the society.

As a part of such initiatives, GNLU facilitated the establishment of **Free Legal Aid Clinic at Koba village in Gandhinagar**. The clinic was inaugurated by Shri Ashish Dave, Chairman of the Gandhinagar Urban Development Authority on 18th January 2016. Shri Shambhuji Thakor, Member of Legislative Assembly from South Gandhinagar, Shri Yogesh Nayi, Sarpanch, Koba Village and Mr. Saurabh Anand, Faculty Convener of GNLU Centre for Law and Society and Legal Services Committee were also present on this occasion. Gujarat National Law University has initiated *pro-bono* activities as a part of their course curriculum. The students involve in these activities to provide free legal assistance and legal knowledge to the villagers of Koba. The villagers are provided assistance through a variety of methods including traditional casework, summary advice, community legal education, awareness programmes and community development.

Shri Ashish Dave, Shri Shambhuji Thakor, MLA, Dr. Thomas Mathew, Registrar, GNLU and Shri Yogesh Nayi distributed dustbins as a part of *Swachh Bharat* and *Nirmal Gujarat* programmes started by the Central and State Governments respectively which is being supported by GNLU and Koba Panchayat. It is worth mentioning that Koba village has been adopted by the Gujarat National Law University under the Swachh Bharat initiative. Dr. Thomas Mathew, the Registrar of the university also shared the commitments for the people of Koba as a part of their responsibility towards society.



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The Koba Gram Panchayat has been actively working for the welfare of the Koba residents. The Panchayat will be installing around ten computers in the Government Primary School, Koba village to encourage computer education of children. Moreover, in order to fight the menace of malnutrition, they will also be giving away milk products for the children living in the village twice a week. An amount of Rs. 1 Lakh was donated by Shri Jaxay Shah, Managing Director of Savvy Construction, for the cause of education of school children of Koba village. There were other donations too which were made on this occasion by other individuals.

GNLU Legal Services Committee (LSC) is one of the most important initiatives of GNLU which aims to contribute to the empowerment of the society by providing legal awareness and aid. Working to realize the motto “**Awareness, Assertion, Action**”, GNLU LSC undertakes teaching, research and training round-the-year on issues and challenges faced by the civil society at large.

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