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Director's Message

The last two years have been tough for all of us, both personally and professionally. 2022 has also not started exactly on a pleasing note. When we were hoping to return to near normalcy after the COVID pandemic's devastating second wave, the virus struck again. However, my theme today is not about the challenges posed by the pandemic. Instead, I would focus on how we rose to those challenges, how quickly we adapted to the new realities and continued our march ahead undeterred.

National Institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF), Ministry of Education, Government of India, released India Rankings 2021 in September and ranked Gujarat National Law University (GNLU) as the sixth-best law university in the country. GNLU improved its ranking for the second year in a row by demonstrating enhanced performance on all the ranking parameters: Teaching and Learning Resources; Research and Professional Practice; Graduation Outcomes; Outreach and Inclusivity; and Peer Perception.

I am particularly delighted about the seven-point improvement in Research and Professional Practice, reflecting our focus on quality research and its publication in reputed journals indexed in Scopus and Web of Science.

We have come a long way from the ninth position in 2019, when we participated in NIRF for the first time, to the sixth in 2021!

I am glad to inform you that the 2017-22 batch completed the Day Zero recruitment process with a record of 52 offers, the best day-zero outcome for any National Law University this year. Nine students received multiple offers, with one student getting as many as seven offers. It is pertinent to note that the batch had gone into Day Zero with 16 pre-placement offers.

Our alumni continue to make us proud, too! They excel in diverse fields. This time, they have proved their mettle at the UPSC Civil Services Examination 2020. Three of our alums have emerged successful for appointment to the prestigious civil services (IAS, IFS AND IPS).

I would attribute this splendid performance on diverse fronts partly to the quest for excellence deeply ingrained in our DNA, propelling us to innovate and improve continuously. Every day, we strive to do better than what we did yesterday. This constant inner urge to improve leads to improved performance year after year, translating into enhanced rankings.

I extend my heartiest congratulations to students, alumni, faculty and staff on these outstanding achievements. I am thankful to faculty and staff who have demonstrated a remarkable degree of flexibility and resilience in the face of the pandemic. Given our excellent track record, especially during these challenging times, I am confident that we will overcome any challenge that the future may pose.

I wish you health and optimism for 2022!

With best wishes,

Prof (Dr) S. Shanthakumar



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Editorial



GNLU is a happening place!

When we compile information for GNLU Times, we are overwhelmed by the sheer number and diversity of activities and events in a semester: several national and international conferences, seminars, colloquiums, round tables, symposiums, academies, lecture series and certificate courses on a variety of topics; alumni meet and student activities: mooting, debating, NCC and NSS, not to mention various celebrations.

All these events bring academicians, practitioners and policymakers in diverse fields from across the globe to GNLU. GNLU faculty and students benefit from interacting with these experts, enriching their knowledge, and widening their horizons. The benefits of this continuous process reflect in and improve the quality of whatever they do. That GNLU is on an upward march in the national ranking is no surprise to us!

With the Covid cloud receding, GNLU campus is opening for students in a phased manner. We eagerly look forward to welcoming students to the campus. The campus will be vibrant, once again, with the youthful vigour they bring with them!

With best wishes,

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SIAC Virtual Congress 2021

GNLU supported SIAC Virtual Congress 2021, organised by Singapore International Arbitration Centre (SIAC). The Congress featured SIAC Board and Court members and other leading international arbitration practitioners and arbitrators. Mr K. Shanmugam SC, Minister for Home Affairs and Minister for Law, Singapore, gave a keynote speech. It had a plenary session, "*How International Arbitration and International Commercial Courts play unique, important and complementary roles in International Dispute Resolution?*".



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Dear Prof. (Dr.) Shanthakumar,

Thank you for sending me a copy of the newsletter 'GNLU Times'.
The articles in the newsletter are quite impressive.

Wish you and the GNLU Faculty the very best in your academic
endeavours.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,

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New Collaborations



Bhaskaracharya National Institute for Space Applications & Geo-Informatics

Gujarat National Law University (GNLU) and Bhaskaracharya National Institute for Space Applications & Geo-Informatics (BISAG-N) have agreed to explore opportunities for collaborative activities in training and capacity building for policy analysis and development, fostering a network of international, national and regional stakeholders and decision-makers, conducting evidence-based policy research to aid policy formulation and monitoring, and collaboration with central ministries and state governments in policy development initiatives.

GNLU Director Prof (Dr) S. Shanthakumar and BISAG-N Director-General Shri T. P. Singh signed an MoU to this effect on 05 July 2021.

BISAG-N is an autonomous scientific society under India's Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology. It has implemented GIS and geospatial technologies for major Central Ministries and almost all States. BISAG helps Central and State Governments apply geospatial technologies to improve e-governance services for citizens.



National Forensic Sciences University

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(Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India)

GNLU and National Forensic Sciences University (NFSU) entered into an MoU for academic and research collaboration.

Under the MoU, both have agreed, among other things, to make active efforts to establish a Centre for Advanced Research in Forensic Justice. The centre shall work to elevate the status of forensic science through knowledge sharing, research, and development activities. It will also offer certificate/diploma programmes in law, criminology and forensic science in conjunction with applied behavioural science.

The MoU also envisages that GNLU faculty, either singly or jointly with NFSU faculty, can guide NFSU PhD scholars in the interdisciplinary areas involving law and allied areas.

GNLU Director Prof (Dr) S. Shanthakumar and NFSU Vice-Chancellor Dr J. M. Vyas signed the MoU on the sidelines of the Colloquium on "*Criminology and Criminal Justice Reforms*" jointly organised by GNLU, NFSU and Indian Society of Criminology on 21 & 22 December 2021.



Swarnim Gujarat Sports University



GNLU and SGSU have agreed to cooperate for education, training, and research in sports law, sports sciences, sports nutrition, adventure sports, fitness and wellness.

Initially, both will jointly conduct two programmes: FDP in Sports Law and another programme for sports persons, students and other stakeholders. They will also promote the *Fit India Movement* launched by the Prime Minister.



The MoU was signed by GNLU Director, Prof (Dr) S. Shanthakumar and SSGU Vice-Chancellor, Prof (Dr) Arjunsinh Rana at GNLU Campus.



INDIA RANKINGS 2021

GNLU continues its upward march.

Improves Ranking for the second year in a row

Enhanced Performance on All Ranking Parameters

Emerges as the 6th Best Law School

Here are the glimpses of the Thank-you lunch hosted by the Director to celebrate the achievement.



Nominations to GNLU's Governing Bodies



Mr Justice N. V. Anjaria on the Executive Council

Hon'ble Dr Justice D. Y. Chandrachud, Hon'ble Judge, Supreme Court of India and Gujarat National Law University's Visitor, has nominated Hon'ble Ms Justice Sonia Gokani, Hon'ble Judge, High Court of Gujarat to GNLU's General Council and Hon'ble Mr Justice N. V. Anjaria, Hon'ble Judge, High Court of Gujarat to GNLU's Executive Council. Heartiest Congratulations and Welcome on Board!



Ms Justice Sonia Gokani on the General Council

Welcoming these nominations, GNLU Director Prof (Dr) S. Shanthakumar said, "Ms Justice Sonia Gokani and Mr Justice N. V. Anjaria bring immense knowledge and vast experience with them. We are confident that they would be able to guide GNLU to new heights. We look forward to working under their guidance."

Review Commission Visits GNLU

Three-member Review Commission constituted by Hon'ble Visitor Dr Justice D. Y. Chandrachud to review the functioning of Gujarat National Law University for the period from 2014 to 2019 visited GNLU on 07 December 2021:

1. Prof (Dr) Uday Salunkhe, Director, L.N. Welingkar Institute of Management Development & Research (Chairman)
2. Prof (Dr) C. Rajkumar, Vice-chancellor, O. P. Jindal Global University (Member)
3. Ms Vaijayanti Joshi, Director, ILS Law College, Pune (Member)

The Review Commission interacted with faculty, administrative staff and students.



Earlier, the Review Commission had interacted with GNLU faculty, staff and students on 07 April 2021. At that time, the Chairman, Prof (Dr) Uday Salunkhe, had visited GNLU Campus in person while the other members had joined virtually.



GNLU Adds Another Feather in Its Cap, Three Alums Enter the Coveted Civil Services

Vasu Jain, Nirja Shah and Saisha Raj Orke enter the IAS, IPS, and IFS Cadres



Nirja Shah



Vasu Jain



Saisha Raj Orke

After being recognised as the sixth-best law university in the country, GNLU has added another feather to its cap. Three of its alumni were among the seven hundred sixty-one candidates who have cleared the coveted Civil Service Examination 2020 and were recommended for various civil services by the Commission.

As per the results declared by the Union Public Service Commission on 24 September, Vasu Jain (BSc LLB 2013-18), Nirja Shah (BA, LLB 2013-2018) and Saisha Raj Orke (BSW LLB 2011-16) secured All India Rank (AIR) 67, 213 and 228, respectively.

Vasu will join the Indian Administrative Service (IAS), Nirja the Indian Police Service (IPS) and Saisha the Indian Foreign Service (IFS).

Saisha has cleared the UPSC Civil Services Examination for the second time. Last year, she was selected for the Indian Revenue Service cadre. Earlier this year, Vasu had cleared UPSC's Central Armed Forces Examination for appointment as Assistant Commandant in Central Armed Police Forces.

GNLU organised a ceremony to felicitate them on their achievements on 22 October. While Vasu and Nirja participated in the ceremony on the GNLU campus, Saisha joined virtually.

GNLU Director Prof (Dr) S. Shanthakumar, Dean (Academic Affairs) Prof (Dr) Mamata Biswal, other faculty members, students and staff were present at the ceremony.

Felicitating three achievers, Dr Shanthakumar said that it is a moment of pride for all of us at GNLU that three of our alumni are joining the coveted civil services in a single year.

Vasu and Nirja shared their experiences with the audience and acknowledged GNLU's role in their success. They said that GNLU had given them a solid foundation for their career and whole life.

Referring to his earlier failures, Vasu said he could not get placement in the campus recruitment process though he was the batch topper with a good CV. Similarly, he could not complete his application for the prestigious Rhodes scholarship as he could not secure faculty references in time. Vasu described those failures as blessings in disguise; If he had succeeded there, perhaps he would not have prepared for the UPSC!

Nirja thanked her faculty, family members and friends for their support and encouragement during the lengthy process.

Dr Saurabh Anand, Head, Alumni Relations, conducted the felicitation ceremony, and GNLU Registrar Incharge, Dr Jagdeesh Chandra T. G., gave concluding remarks.



Gujarat Ministers visit GNLU



Gujarat Ministers, Shri Jitubhai Vaghani (Hon'ble Minister of Education, Higher and Technical Education, Science & Technology) and Shri Brijeshkumar Merja (Hon'ble Minister of State, Labour & Employment, Panchayat (Independent Charge), Rural Housing & Rural Development) visited GNLU campus to attend the closing ceremony of IndiaSkills 2021 Regional Competition–West on 01 November 2021. They also met GNLU Director Prof (Dr) S. Shanthakumar and visited GNLU Legal History Museum.



It's Raining offers at GNLU !

2017-22 batch fetches 52 job offers on Day Zero
The best Day Zero outcome for any National Law University



GNLU completed the Day Zero recruitment process for the 2017-22 batch of its five-year integrated undergraduate programme in law with a record of 52 offers.

This year, eight Top Tier law firms participated in the Day Zero process and made 52 offers to 32 of 117 students who participated in the process.

Nine students have received multiple offers, with one student getting as many as seven offers.

The batch had gone into Day Zero with 16 pre-placement offers (PPOs). One hundred thirty-two students have registered for the campus placement process, and 48 of them have secured their dream jobs with almost a year to go before graduation.

"I am confident that the process that follows will yield

meaningful offers for the remaining students as well," said Dr Nidhi Buch, faculty convener of the Committee on Recruitment Affairs (CRA).

Overwhelmed by the Day Zero outcome, GNLU Director, Prof (Dr) S. Shanthakumar, said, "I congratulate 2017-22 batch on what is perhaps the highest Day Zero outcome for any National Law University. I am thankful to the Committee on Recruitment Affairs, led by Dr Nidhi Buch, for improved show year after year."

2018-2023 batch

The 2018-23 batch is fast chasing their seniors. With 15 Pre-Placement offer (PPOs) already in their bag, the 2018-23 batch may perhaps outshine the 2017-22 batch in terms of the PPOs on the Day Zero !

Constitution Day celebrations

GNLU organised many activities to celebrate the 72nd Constitution Day to commemorate the adoption of the Constitution by the Constituent Assembly:

Constitution Day lecture

GNLU Centre for Constitutional and Administrative Law organised a Constitution Day Lecture by Prof (Dr) V. Vijayakumar, Vice-Chancellor, National Law Institute University, Bhopal.

Exhibition of Books on Constitutions

Library organised an exhibition of books on the Constitution of India and Indian Constitutional Law and Governance, Constitutions of the World and Comparative Constitutional Law. Many titles on the Constitution of other

countries such as England, Ireland, USA, Canada, Belgium, Hungary, Romania, Commonwealth Caribbean, Singapore, Thailand, Hong Kong and South Korea were also on display.

Lecture to sensitise HK, Security and Mess Staff

GNLU Legal Services Committee organised a session by Dr Nidhi Buch and Dr Hardik Parikh, both Assistant Professor of Law, to sensitise the housekeeping, security and mess staff members about the importance of the Constitution and their rights and duties under the Constitution.

Reading of the Preamble

GNLU Director, faculty, staff and students, assembled near the Preamble in the main administrative building and read the Preamble, both in English and Gujarati.

Certificate Course on Financial Market Laws

with special emphasis on their applicability in International Financial Services Centres



Shri Injeti Srinivas, Chairperson, International Financial Services Centres Authority (IFSCA) inaugurated this unique certificate course at Gujarat National Law University on 06 December 2021.

GNLU offered this course jointly with the International Financial Services Centres Authority (IFSCA).

In his inaugural address, IFSCA Chairperson Shri Injeti Srinivas said the focus has shifted from the developed countries to the developing ones. The following 20 years belong to Asia. China and India are two major economies in Asia. But China has been growing at 10% plus for 20 years. It cannot continue at that pace for long. So, it is now India's opportunity to grow and outshine China. The IFSCA Act is a step in the right direction to create an ecosystem for attracting global capital required to give huge impetus to India's growth.

IFSCA Executive Director Mr Praveen Trivedi provided a brief overview of the IFSCA Act and said IFSCA and GNLU have collaborated to synergise the experience, resources and outreach of both to achieve the objective of imparting knowledge financial market stakeholders about IFSCs, the IFSCA Act and other laws applicable to them.

GNLU Director Prof (Dr) S. Shanthakumar said this course has been carefully curated to acquaint the participants with the legal and regulatory framework of an IFSC.



IFSCA Chairperson Shri Injeti Srinivas

GNLU Dean Prof (Dr) Mamta Biswal, who designed the course, said that apart from the Indian laws, the course would also cover the relevant laws in a few other jurisdictions such as the European Union, USA, Singapore and Australia.

Close to 100 participants attended the course conducted in hybrid mode on weekends over four months. They included practising Advocates, Chartered Accountants, Company Secretaries, Bankers, Consultants, other corporate executives, faculty, and students in law and finance disciplines.



Justice HR Khanna Memorial National Symposium



Justice
P S Narasimha



Justice
Uday Umesh Lalit



Justice
HR Khanna



Justice
V Ramasubramanian



Justice
S Muralidhar



Senior Advocate
Shyam Divan



Dr Poonam Pradhan
Saxena



Senior Advocate
Neeraj Kishan Kaul

Gujarat National Law University (GNLU), National Law University Jodhpur and CAN Foundation (Confederation of Alumni for National Law Universities) organised the 1st Justice HR Khanna Memorial National Symposium on 14 August 2021.

In the pre-lunch session, Hon'ble Justice Uday Umesh Lalit, Judge, Supreme Court of India and Hon'ble Justice P S Narasimha, Judge, Supreme Court of India (Then Senior Advocate, Supreme Court of India) shared their thoughts on "*Reflections on J. HR Khanna: Nurturing India's Constitutional Fabric.*"

In the post-lunch session, Hon'ble Justice V Ramasubramanian, Judge, Supreme Court of India; Hon'ble Justice S Muralidhar, Judge, Orissa High Court; Mr Neeraj K Kaul, Senior Advocate, Supreme Court of India and Mr Shyam Divan, Senior Advocate, Supreme Court of India spoke on "*Strengthening Doorstep Justice: Augmenting Access to Virtual Courts.*"

Hon'ble Justice Uday Umesh Lalit called Justice HR Khanna a clarion voice in the judiciary's ingenuity, independence, and impartiality, as evidenced by his majority judgment in *Kesavananda Bharati* and his dissenting judgment in *ADM Jabalpur*.

Saluting the courage and conviction of Justice Khanna, Justice Lalit commented that his dissent was the guiding power, and he was the lighthouse of the ethos for succeeding generations of judges.

Hon'ble Justice P S Narasimha, through the writings of Justice HR Khanna, emphasised the two basic principles propounded by Justice HR Khanna, of which one is of basic structure, and the other one is of constitutional morality.

Justice Narasimha, while concluding, admired the courage and far-sightedness of Justice HR Khanna in decisions like *ADM Jabalpur* and *Kesavananda Bharati*.

Mr Siddharth R Gupta, CEO, CAN Foundation said, "*At the time when even the custodians of the Constitution yielded their convictions to their ambitions, Justice Khanna refused to forgo his conscience for the seat of the Chief Justice of India. He stood unwavering for his conviction, the conviction to unconditionally accord the genesis of the nation, unscathed by the mammoth allurements.*"

In his introductory remarks, GNLU Director Prof (Dr) S Shanthakumar quoted Mr Khushwant Singh, "*So clean a man that he makes angels look dishevelled and dirty*" to explain Justice HR Khanna's nature. He described Justice Khanna as one of the bravest and fearless judges the Indian Supreme Court has ever seen.

Enumerating her opinion on Justice Khanna's judgements, NLU Jodhpur Vice-Chancellor Prof (Dr) Poonam Pradhan Saxena remarked, "*Putting the Constitution and nation first, the pronouncements of Justice HR Khanna are also illustrative of the fact that judicial institutions are class apart and have the tremendous responsibility as the harbingers of justice delivery mechanism.*"

Justice Ramasubramanian referred to the UNHRC resolution recognising the impact of COVID-19 on human life and the threat to justice systems and gave examples of different countries that have recognised the need to shift to virtual courts. He felt that training and awareness programmes should be held at all court complexes to help advocates acquire the skills needed to handle digital platforms.

Hon'ble Justice S Muralidhar observed, "*We can't replicate every step of the process. Perhaps, we shouldn't. We should use technology in the best possible manner, but we can't replace what we do physically with what we do digitally.*" He concluded that some aspects should remain physical while some should go digital.

Senior Advocate Mr Neeraj Kishan Kaul said COVID-19-induced court lockdown had demonstrated the power of technology to address a major concern: access to the legal system, and thereby justice.

Senior Advocate Mr Shyam Divan observed the need to have a look at virtual courts in the context of larger transforming technology, not just the pandemic, but examining from the standpoint that we now have huge pressures and changes that are taking place which will result in each one of us re-examining our roles.

US Naval War College Experts on the South China Sea Issue

GNLU Maritime Law Lecture Series for the Indian Naval Officers



Prof (Dr) James Kraska **Prof Raul A. F. Pedrozo**

In collaboration with the US Naval War College, Gujarat National Law University (GNLU) has instituted GNLU Maritime Law Lecture Series for the Indian Naval Officers.

Two leading American experts in Maritime Law delivered inaugural lectures on the South China Sea issue on 30 September.

Prof (Dr) James Kraska (Chair and Charles H. Stockton Professor of International Maritime Law, Stockton Center for International Law, US Naval War College) addressed the participants on "*South China Sea: Legal Issues and Challenges.*"

Prof Raul A. F. Pedrozo (Professor, Stockton Center for International Law, Capt., US Navy, Retired) delivered a talk on "*China's Maritime Militia and China's Recent Enforcement Legislation.*"

Prof (Dr) James Kraska analysed the Award of the Arbitral Tribunal constituted under the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS) in the South China Sea Arbitration between the Philippines and China, issued on 12 July 2016.

Prof Kraska said that the Tribunal has issued a unanimous award in favour of the Republic of the Philippines ruling that any historic rights China may have had to the resources in the South China Sea were extinguished by the EEZ provisions of UNCLOS. The award is binding on both parties. However, China has refused to acknowledge the award and abide by the same.

Prof Kraska also examined the China-Republic of Korea Maritime Boundary Dispute in the Yellow Sea and the China-Japan Maritime Boundary Dispute in the East China Sea.

Prof Raul A. F. Pedrozo primarily focused on the China Coast Guard (CCG) Law, 2021. It empowers the CCG to exert increased authority to threaten China's neighbours and attempts to change the status quo in the East and South China Seas. He dealt with specific provisions of the new Chinese legislation to show how it contradicts international law-UNCLOS.

Articles 21, 22 and 47 of the CCG Law authorise the use of weapons without warning against both government vessels and civilian vessels as a matter of its domestic law. These provisions are in violation of the UNCLOS Articles 32, 95, and 96. Taking illegal coercive measures against other country's warships and government ships causes an increased risk of armed conflict.

Cmdr. Parag Tyagi, the Indian Navy Coordinator (GNLU-IN MoU), thanked GNLU and US Naval War College for facilitating the lecture series.

Earlier, in his welcome address, GNLU Director Prof (Dr) S. Shanthakumar said GNLU takes pride in contributing to the capacity building of the officers of the Indian Navy in the area of Maritime Law and International Law.

More than 100 Indian naval officers of various ranks attended the lectures.

Regional Legal Framework for Sustainable Ocean Governance in the Bay of Bengal

GNLU hosted this webinar in collaboration with Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman Maritime University, Bangladesh (BSMRMU) on 23 December 2021.

BSMRMU's Vice-Chancellor, Rear Admiral M Khaled Iqbal (retd), said Bangladesh is celebrating the golden jubilee of the country's independence and fondly recalled India's contribution to Bangladesh Liberation War. We believe that with the involvement of academia, the cooperation between India and Bangladesh will further strengthen.

National Maritime Foundation, India's Director General Vice Admiral Pradeep Chauhan, AVSM & Bar, VSM, Indian Navy (Retd), spoke on "*Governance Challenges in Maritime Commons: An Overview.*"

BSMRMU's Assistant Professor of Maritime Law and Policy, Dr Md. Ashraf Alam advocated Ecosystem-Based

Management and Transnational Marine Spatial Planning in the Bay of Bengal. He felt Bangladesh, India and Myanmar should initiate bi-lateral or multi-lateral agreements for the development of the trans boundary Marine Spatial Planning (MSP) in the bay of Bengal.

University of Chittagong's Professor of Law, Dr Abdullah Al Faruque, addressed the topic "*Towards a Regional Legal Framework on Ocean Governance in South Asia.*" He said it's time we move forward from maritime boundary disputes to trans boundary and regional agreements.

GNLU Director Prof (Dr) S. Shanthakumar focused on the Critical Governance Challenges for Full Spectrum Sustainability in the Bay of Bengal and advocated for further calibrated effort between the countries for ocean governance.

18th Foundation Day



Gujarat National Law University celebrated its 18th Foundation Day on 17 July 2021. Hon'ble Shri Bhupendrasinh M. Chudasama, Minister for Education, Law & Justice, Government of Gujarat; Shri. D.M. Vyas, Secretary, Legal Department, Government of Gujarat; Mrs Kalpana Kirit Raval, Advocate, High Court of Gujarat; Shri Haribhai Shivabhai Patel, Chairman, Bar Council of Gujarat; GNLU Director, faculty and staff members participated in the celebrations.

Colloquium on Criminology and Criminal Justice Reforms



Gujarat National Law University (GNLU), in collaboration with the National Forensic Sciences University (NFSU) and Indian Society of Criminology, organised the colloquium on 21 & 22 December 2021.

GNLU Director Prof (Dr) S. Shanthakumar said at the inauguration, crime investigation requires skills and training, time and resources, and adequate forensic capabilities. There is, therefore, an urgent need to create a dedicated, independent cadre of highly skilled investigators for crime investigation.

NFSU Vice-Chancellor Dr J. M. Vyas said that every person is unique in their own way. Our genetic make-up makes us

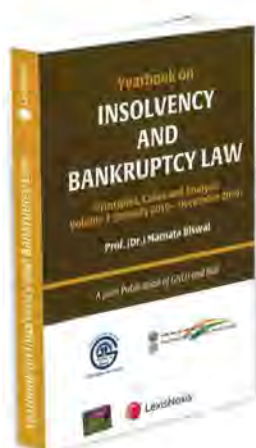
different from everyone else. This uniqueness of a human being helps forensic science to identify a criminal.

Justice Kalpesh Jhaveri said our criminal justice system is offender-oriented, but a victim is left to fend for himself with little or no support from the State machinery.

NCPCR Chairperson Shri Priyank Kannongo said that the POCSO Act is one of the most robust laws in the world, but when it comes to implementation, it is pretty weak. The conviction rate is less than 40 per cent. Many accused can evade conviction under POCSO because the child victim's age cannot be determined with certainty.

Research and Publication Division

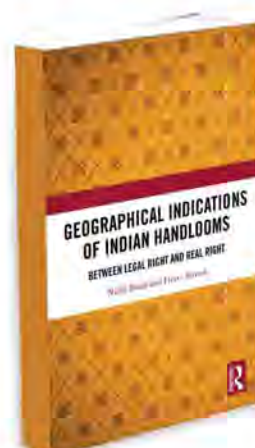
New Publications



Dr Mamata Biswal

"Yearbook on Insolvency and Bankruptcy Law: Principles, Cases and Analysis, Volume 2 (January 2019 – December 2019)", edited by Prof (Dr) Mamata Biswal, Professor of Law and currently Dean, Academic Affairs, GNLU, has been published by Lexis Nexis. The book attempts to highlight and analyse the jurisprudence developed by the judiciary and adjudicating authorities in the decided cases, the legal developments made through the amendments to the Code, relevant regulations and Rules from time to time. It will serve as a ready reckoner and a guide to understanding the complex and intricate nature of the I&B Code, 2016.

The Yearbook is a joint publication of GNLU and the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India. Volume 1 of the Yearbook was published last year.



Dr Nidhi Buch

The global edition of the book "Geographical Indications of Indian Handlooms: Between Legal Right and Real Right", authored by Dr Nidhi Buch (Assistant Professor at GNLU) and Ms Hetvi Trivedi (Research Assistant at GNLU-GUJCOST Centre of Excellence in IPR), has been published by Routledge (Taylor & Francis Group), one of the top three academic publishers in the world.

The art of weaving is a living heritage. Can it be made sustainable with the help of law? The book explores India's handloom heritage through the lens of The Geographical Indications Act, 1999.



Ms Hetvi Trivedi

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Healthcare for All: A Myth or Reality: Critical Analysis of Universal and Free Healthcare Bill 2019.



Prof Dileep
Mavalankar



Dr Rajalakshmi
Ram Prakash



Dr Shaktivel
Selvaraj

Eminent experts in public health management, Prof Dileep Mavalankar (Director, Indian Institute of Public Health, Gandhinagar), Dr Shaktivel Selvaraj (Director, Health Economics, Financing and Policy, Public Health Foundation of India, Delhi) and Dr Rajalakshmi Ram Prakash (Assistant Professor, Loyola Institute of Business Administration, Chennai) participated in the Expert Forum on 27 October 2021.

They critically analysed the Universal and Free Healthcare Bill 2019, focusing on the Status and Reality of Public Healthcare in India, Legal Aspects of Healthcare, Health Economics, Health Management and Inequalities in Access to Healthcare.

Workshop on Interdisciplinary Research Approaches and Methodology

Three-day comprehensive workshop covered all aspects of research methodology: Identifying the Research Problem and Selecting the Topic and Hypothesis and Research Questions, Sampling Techniques, Literature Review, Qualitative Research Methods with Data Collection, Quantitative Research Methods with Data Collection,

Design thinking in legal research, Qualitative Data Analysis using NVivo- Thematic Analysis, Quantitative Data Analysis and Report Writing and Research Ethics.

The Workshop was organised in collaboration with Marathwada Mitra Mandal's Shankarrao Chavan Law College, Pune, from 22 to 24 October 2021.

Understanding the Basics of Research Methodology for Dissertation

Experts engaged the students on various topics such as Identifying the Research Problem and Selecting the Topic; Literature Review; Sampling and Techniques of Sampling; Quantitative Research Methods; Hypothesis and Research

Questions; Data Collection; Qualitative Data Analysis using NVivo- Thematic Analysis; Research Ethics; Plagiarism and Drafting in research, over three days from 24 to 26 August 2021.

Workshop on Read and Publish and Author's Publishing Journey

Mr Gunjan Hajela, Sr. Manager, Marketing and development, Cambridge university press, conducted the Workshop on 09 September. He explained the open-access initiatives about publications followed by step-by-step

elaboration on publication workflow. The Workshop was organised in collaboration with Cambridge University Press, India.

Veterinary Ethics and Law

GNLU organised this webinar in collaboration with Kamdhenu University, Veterinary Council of India and Gujarat Government's Animal Husbandry Department.

Dr N. H. Kelawala, Vice-Chancellor, Kamdhenu University, inaugurated the webinar. Dr U. C. Sharma, President, Veterinary Council of India, Dr Falguni Thakar, Director, Gujarat Government's Animal Husbandry Department, were also present at the inaugural function.

Dr A. P. Singh, Prof & Head, Veterinary Medicine, College of Veterinary and Animal Science, Rajasthan University of Veterinary and Animal Sciences, Bikaner, discussed the legal provisions governing Veterinary Ethics in India.

Dr K. Parameswaran, Associate Professor of Law, GNLU, said, "We are moving from the old anthropocentrism to biocentrism which says that the rights and needs of humans are not more important than those of other living things. As much as humans have pleasure and pain, consciousness and expression, animals have the same spectrums of mind, emotion, sense, and body as humans. We have realised that all living forms and beings need to live in harmony. We have to think holistically and act integrally in our relationship with animals. Our future goal should be an integrated and holistic approach to life where the human-animal-plant relationship would be harmonious. The laws need to recognise and adapt to this new reality."

GNLU Centre for Disability Studies

Conducive Work Environment for Employees with Disabilities: Prospects and Realities



Ms Kinnari Desai
Advocacy Manager,
Blind People's Association



Prof (Dr) Shanthakumar
GNLU Director



Dr Sanjay Jain
Principal,
ILS Law College, Pune



Ms Ruchira Sarin
Principal Architect of Diversity
and Equal Opportunity Centre

GNLU Centre for Disability Studies (GCDS) organised the webinar on 17 September 2021.

In his inaugural address, GNLU Director Prof (Dr) S. Shanthakumar said "*While providing a disability-friendly infrastructure is a must, attitudinal change towards employees with disabilities is more important.*"

Ms Kinnari Desai said "*we need to combat the discriminatory attitude of private sector entities towards disabled employees.*"

Ms Ruchira Sarin said disabled people deserve dignified treatment. We need a new equitable social model wherein

society assumes the onus of ensuring workplace equality.

Dr Sanjay Jain advocated for the amendment of Article 16 of the Constitution for debaring any discrimination against disability.

Research project: Impact Analysis of Work Environment of Employees with Disability in the Government Organisations of Ahmedabad and Gandhinagar Districts

GCDS Head and Assistant Professor of Law Dr Marisport, and Assistant Professor of Economics Dr Hitesh Thakkar, shared the findings of this research project.

Accessible Intellectual Property Rights to the Persons with Disabilities,



Mr Dipendra Manocha,
Director, Developing Countries
Program, DAISY Consortium



Shri Raghavender GR,
Jt. Secretary, Dept. of Justice,
Ministry of Law & Justice



Mr Amar Jain,
Corporate Lawyer and
Certified Accessibility Professional

GCDS, in collaboration with GNLU DPIIT-IPR Chair and GNLU-Microsoft Chair, organised the webinar, on 03 December 2021.

The Problem: Global book famine for 285 million blind or visually impaired people worldwide

In his inaugural address, Shri Raghavender GR said less than 7% of books are published in a format they can read. Without books, journals and magazines, these people are cut off from life. They cannot participate fully in society nor realise their full potential. The most significant barrier in converting published work to accessible formats is copyright laws.

The Solution: The Marrakesh Treaty

Shri Raghavender said the international community had created a way to help: the Marrakesh Treaty. Each country that adopts the Treaty is required to amend its copyright law such that any work can be copied to convert it into an

accessible format without infringing copyright. India was the first country to ratify the Treaty.

Sugamya Pustakalaya: Over 6.5 Lakh books in accessible formats

Mr Dipendra Manocha said National Institute for Empowerment of Persons with Visual Disabilities, TCS and Daisy Forum of India have collaborated to create Sugamya Pustakalaya to end the book famine for people with print disabilities. Here, Users can access over 6,53,234 books, maintain their reading shelves online, and download books in chosen formats.

Technology: An Empowering Tool

Mr Amar Jain said the technology could be a tool for empowering persons with disabilities.

GNLU Director Prof (Dr) S. Shanthakumar gave introductory remarks, and Dr A. Marisport, Assistant Professor of Law and Head of GCDS, proposed a vote of thanks.

Entrepreneurial Leadership and Disability: Prospects and Challenges



Ms Kinnari Desai,
Blind People's
Association



Ms Preeti Monga
Founder
Silver Linings



Mr Vaibhav Kothari,
Founder and CEO
OMVAI



Mr Samir S. Kakkad
SAIKA Mobility Hub



Dr A N Rao,
Dean, Research &
Publication, GNLU

GCDS, in collaboration with GNLU Legal Incubation Council, organised the webinar on 15 December.

Silver Linings' Founder Ms Preeti Monga said we all come with different skills, different strengths and different weaknesses. But as we grow, we get into certain boxes; we get into certain mindsets. Our focus shifts away from our strengths, our skills and 'what we can do' to 'what we should do'. In my opinion, whether disabled or otherwise, one of the most significant challenges we all face is how to change our mindset. Believe in yourself, identify and focus on your strengths, find out what you can contribute, and you will succeed for sure, she advised.

Blind People's Association's Ms Kinnari Desai spoke about various persons with disabilities, and described how they overcame all challenges, turned their disability into diversity and became successful entrepreneurs.

OMVAI Founder & CEO Mr Vaibhav Kothari shared his entrepreneurial journey with the help of a Sign Language Interpreter. He said that a disabled person faces many

challenges in our country when he wants to become an entrepreneur. Now, technology has come to our help. It is proving to be a game-changer. Technology is helping disabled people in breaking barriers.

SAIKA Mobility Hub's Owner Mr Samir S. Kakkad, shared his incredible life story and inspired participants not to fear any hurdle that came in their way. He has an 80% disability in lower limbs due to polio. Today, he designs and develops vehicles for the Physically challenged for over 20 years, has customised hundreds of vehicles, and made many equipment and fittings to suit the needs of the physically challenged all over the country. President of India has awarded him as the best entrepreneur.

GNLU's Dr Ambati Nageswara Rao discussed the government facilities, incentives for persons with disabilities (PWDs) in entrepreneurship. He said market prejudices, business contacts, access to finance, experience, role models, self-belief are significant challenges a PWD faces in entrepreneurship.

Equal Opportunities in Sports to the persons with Disabilities: Prospects and Challenges



Shivajee Kumar



Sandeep Kumar



Parul Parmar



Mohd. Shams Aalam Shaikh

GCDS, in collaboration with GNLU Sports Committee, organised the webinar on 17 December.

GNLU Director Prof (Dr) S. Shanthakumar, in his introductory remarks, said persons with disabilities have the same rights as non-disabled persons and stressed the need for strengthening equal participation of persons with disabilities in sports.

Bihar's Former State Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities, Dr Shivajee Kumar, focused on challenges in sports for persons with disabilities, and stressed the need for qualified sports coaches and trainers coming from the disability group. He also called for more research on sports and disability.

Indian Sports Federation of Cerebral Palsy's National Sports Director Mr Sandeep Kumar shared his own story as to how he, born with a folded leg, could become a national gymnastic player thanks to the supportive family environment and his Coach's encouragement. He added

that a positive environment is vital for PWDs to excel in sports.

Para-badminton player and the 2009 Arjuna Award recipient, Ms Parul Dalsukhbhai Parmar, focused on the dual discrimination female sports persons face based on gender and disability. She also echoed with Mr Sandeep Kumar on the importance of family support.

International Para-swimmer Mohammad Shams Aalam Shaikh praised the role of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016, in promoting the rights of PWDs and added that even some developed countries lack similar legislation. He, however, felt that mere legal provisions are not sufficient; empathy and humanitarian behaviour towards PWDs are equally important.

GCDS a Knowledge Partner for International Conference on Disability and Inclusion

GCDS assisted Bhumika Trust as a knowledge partner in organising the International Conference on "Disability and Inclusion" from 01 to 03 December.

GNLU Legal Incubation Council

FDP: Introduction to Social Entrepreneurship



Prof (Dr) Debbi Brock
Wingate University
USA



Prof (Dr) Sunil Shukla
Director, Entrepreneurship
Development Institute of India



Prof (Dr) S. Shanthakumar
GNLU Director



Prof (Dr) Samapti Guha,
Centre for Social Entrepreneurship
Tata Institute of Social Sciences



Prof (Dr) Raja Samuel,
Principal, Madras School of
Social Work, Chennai



Dr Ram Nath Prasad,
Director, Centre for Entrepreneurship
Development, Government of Gujarat

GNLU Legal Incubation Council (GLIC), in collaboration with GNLU Centre for Law and Society and with the AICTE's support under ATAL Scheme, organised an FDP on Introduction to Social Entrepreneurship during 03 - 07 August 2021.

Delivering a keynote address at the inaugural function, Prof (Dr) Debbi Brock said that students desire to work for a purpose today. They are aware of social issues globally, and most of them want their business or jobs to impact the world.

In another keynote address, Prof (Dr) Raja Samuel said India's youth can transform the country. We should include Social Entrepreneurship in the core curriculum in every discipline to inculcate the spirit of social enterprise among students right from an early age.

In his inaugural address, GNLU Director Prof (Dr) S. Shanthakumar said India needs more Sociopreneurs (social entrepreneurs) to develop unconventional business models to address environmental and social issues.

EDII Director Prof (Dr) Sunil Shukla said that while a business enterprise focuses on pure profit (*Shuddh Labh* –

शुद्ध लाभ), a social enterprise on good profit (*Shubh Labh* – शुभ लाभ).

Dr Sunil Shukla further said that entrepreneurship education had come a long way. Earlier, the question was: Whether entrepreneurship can be taught? Now, the question is: How entrepreneurship can be taught?

CED Director Dr Ramnath Prasad said that our education system needs a review. We have heavy curricula at all levels. Students are taught many subjects in schools and colleges, but most are not helpful in life.

TISS' Prof (Dr) Samapti Guha said that innovation is required not only in products and processes but also in thoughts.

Dr Saurabh Anand, Assistant Professor of Sociology, gave a welcome address and Dr Ambati Nageswara Rao, Dean, Research and Publication, proposed a vote of thanks.

About 200 faculty members and research scholars representing almost every state and union territory participated.

National Quiz Competition on Startups

GLIC, in association with Legal Startups, organised National Quiz Competition on Startups.

After an intense competition in the six-round finals, Symbiosis Law School, Pune's team comprising Aditya Gupta and Savar Arora emerged victoriously. GNLU's

team comprising Rajvi Shah and Saurin Thakkar bagged the second rank. The third spot was claimed by a team comprising GNLU's Shivam Bhattacharya and National Law School of India University, Bangalore's Shweta Bhattacharya.

V.S. Mani Centre for Air and Space Law

GNLU Air and Space Law Academy



Rajeev Kumar Jain



Stephan Hobe



Radhakrishnan Durairaj



Shanthakumar

GNLU's V.S. Mani Centre for Air and Space Law (VSMCASL) organised the sixth edition of a GNLU Air and Space Law Academy (GASLA) in collaboration with the Institute of Air Law, Space Law and Cyber Law, University of Cologne, Germany, during 20-26 September 2021.

At the inauguration, Adani Airports CEO Mr Rajeev Kumar Jain discussed the recent trends in the Indian aviation industry and said, *"The air-travel penetration is quite low, leaving tremendous scope for growth. True, there is a temporary lull in passenger traffic because of the COVID pandemic. However, we hope domestic passenger traffic will return to the pre-COVID level by early next year and the international traffic in about two years."*

New Space India's CMD Dr D. Radhakrishnan gave an overview of NSIL and said NSIL is a commercial arm of the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO). He described NSIL as a commercial space enabler in India. In a significant reform, the Government of India has decided to open up the Indian Space Sector for private players to unlock India's potential in the space sector. With these

reforms, he expressed hope that India's share in the global space economy will increase from the present 2% to 8-10% in coming years.

Prof (Dr) Stephan Hobe, Director, Institute of Air Law, Space Law and Cyber Law, University of Cologne, Germany, did not share Mr Rajeev Kumar Jain's optimism of speedy recovery in the aviation sector. He believed that it might take 3 to 4 years for the passenger traffic to improve to the pre-COVID level, provided there is no new wave. In contrast, Dr Stephan Hobe holds a more optimistic view on space activities.

In his introductory remarks, GNLU Director, Prof (Dr) S. Shanthakumar said, *"The nature of space activities has changed from state-owned, state-governed into private enterprises that have created several challenges to space law. International and national initiatives and regulations will have to cope with these recent developments and fill any regulatory gaps."*

Dr Divya Tyagi, Assistant Professor of Law and Head, VSMCASL, proposed a vote of thanks.

Prof V. S. Mani Memorial Lecture



Prof (Dr) Manoj Kumar Sinha, Director, Indian Law Institute, New Delhi, delivered the 4th Professor V. S. Mani Memorial Lecture following the inauguration of GNLU Air and Space Law Academy.

Prof (Dr) V S Mani was GNLU's founder Director. He passed away in August 2016. GNLU launched a new interdisciplinary

centre for research in the niche field of Air and Space Law and named it V S Mani Centre for Air and Space Law in his honour.

Prof (Dr) Manoj Kumar Sinha reminisced his association with Prof Mani as his doctoral student at Jawaharlal Nehru University, Delhi and described Prof Mani as a sea of knowledge and mountain of inspiration. He emphasised the multi-faceted personality of Prof Mani as a scholar in international law, refugee law, human rights law, with a vision of air and space law to be the future of development.

3rd Prof V. S. Mani Memorial National Essay Competition 2021

The competition received 32 entries from UG and PG students across India.

Ms Ambika Gupta from Vivekananda Institute of Professional Studies, Guru Gobind Singh Indraprastha University, won the first prize of Rs.11,000 for her essay titled *"The Great Beyond: Understanding Intellectual Property Rights in Outer Space."*

Ms Gnanavi Gummadi from Jindal Global Law School won the second prize of Rs.10,000 for her essay titled *"Remote Sensing and Intellectual Property Rights in India – Harmonising the Need for Privatisation with Access"*.

VSMCASL gratefully acknowledges generous grant support received from Prof Stephan Hobe (Institute of Air Law, Space Law and Cyber Law, University of Cologne, Germany) for instituting this competition to commemorate the inspiring contribution of Prof (Dr) V.S. Mani in the field of international law, particularly air and space law.

GNLU-Dept for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT) IPR Chair

The Need to Protect Utility Model in India



Prof (Dr) Shanthakumar
GNLU Director



Shri Ranjeet Kumar, IAS
Commissioner, MSME, Gujarat



Prof. T.C. James,
President, NIPO,



Dr Krishna Ravi Srinivas
Senior Fellow,
Consultant RIS,



Dr Joseph Aristotle S
Secretary, Supreme Court
Advocates on Record
Association



Dr K.S. Kardam
Former Senior Joint Controller,
Patents & amp; Designs,
Indian Patent Office



Shri T.P. Singh
Director General,
BISAG-N

GNLU DPIIT IPR Chair and Bhaskaracharya National Institute for Space Applications & Geo-Informatics (BISAG –N) jointly organised the panel discussion, The Need to Protect Utility Model in India, on 19 July.

Shri Ranjeet Kumar, IAS, spoke about the relevance of the Utility Model for MSMEs. He said patent registration is a long drawn and expensive process that local innovators may not afford. Therefore, India needs a utility model that is both time and cost-effective.

BISAG-N DG Shri T. P. Singh elaborated on the practical problems local innovators, many of them illiterate, face. They are unaware that their innovations can be monetised and valuable for India's economic development. He stressed the need to recognise local innovations to encourage local innovators.

Dr K.S. Kardam referred to his 2006 report titled, *Utility Model –A Tool for Economic and Technological Development: A Case Study of Japan*, and said Japan has become an IP Nation by positively exploiting the Utility Model Protection.

NIPO President Prof T. C. James said there was a time the whole world was talking about globalisation. But now, everyone is talking about providing a global platform to local innovators, as in Make in India.

Dr Krishna Ravi Srinivas felt that India needs separate legislation for Utility Model protection. It would incentivise innovation and enhance local innovators' participation in its economic development.

Dr Joseph Aristotle discussed the draft bill to protect the utility model that he had prepared as a part of his doctoral work. He concluded with a hope that India would soon have legislation for utility model protection.

In his introductory remarks, GNLU Director Prof (Dr) S. Shanthakumar said protection under Utility Model encourages MSMEs. Given the critical role of MSMEs in the Indian economy, India should have laws protecting the utility model. The countries with legislation on Utility Models secure a high rank in the World IP Index.

GNLU's DPIIT IPR Chair Professor, Dr Annamma Samuel, moderated the panel discussion.

3D Printing and Intellectual Property: Prospects & Challenges

GNLU's DPIIT IPR Chair and GNLU Microsoft Chair on IPR Law and Policy Research jointly organised a panel discussion on 3D Printing and Intellectual Property: Prospects and Challenges on 13 November.

Mr Asheesh Gupta (Head, Legal, Adani Wilmar), Mr Ashok Doppalapudi, (Manager, IP, Mahindra & Mahindra), Advocate Chitra Subbiah (Managing Associate, Anand) Mr Jagadeesh Kumar (Divisional Manager, Legal – IPR, Technology, Licensing & Product Litigations, Ashok Leyland) and Prof (Dr) MadhuVadali, (IIT Gandhinagar)

participated in the panel discussion based on the following sub-themes:

- The position of India as a global hub for 3D printing development and deployment
- Intellectual property system relating to 3D printing
- Possible infringement issues across IP spectrum
- Strategies to counter IP Challenges

GNLU's DPIIT IPR Chair Professor, Dr Annamma Samuel, moderated the panel discussion.

Tribal Cultural Landscape: Rights and Expressions

GNU's DPIIT IPR Chair and TRIFED jointly organised the webinar on 09 August.

Professor (Dr) S. Rama Rao said It is unfortunate that people take advantage of indigenous people's traditional knowledge and exploit their resources without credit. There is an urgent need to respect, preserve and protect their historical knowledge.

Smt. P. V. Valsala G. Kutty stated the protection under the existing laws is confined only to copyright and is grossly inadequate to safeguard the tribal culture. Therefore, there is a strong case for new comprehensive legislation to protect the rights of Indigenous people on the lines of the Philippines' Indigenous Peoples Rights Act 1997.

Mr Raj Vashisth, briefed about the role of TRIFED (Tribal Cooperative Marketing Development Federation of India Limited) in bringing about socio-economic development of the country's tribals.

Tribal Link Foundation's Director, Mr Roberto Mukaro Borrero, said he has first-hand knowledge of the struggles of indigenous people as he hails from Columbia's indigenous group. Although they comprise less than 5% of the world population and cover an estimated 21 per cent of the earth's land, indigenous peoples protect 80% of the earth's biodiversity in the forests, deserts, grasslands, and marine environments they have lived for centuries. Therefore, safeguarding indigenous peoples rights is vital for conserving biodiversity.

Shri Arora Salim Shariff, Acclaimed Artisan, Jamnagar Bandhini and Shri Paresh Ratwa, Acclaimed Artisan, Pithora Painting, shared their experience working with TRIFED.

In his inaugural address, GNLU Director Dr Shanthakumar said understanding the tribal cultural landscape is crucial to preserving tribal cultural resources.

Traditional Knowledge as IP: Opportunities and Challenges



Mr Wend Wendland, Director, Traditional Knowledge Division, World Intellectual Property Organisation, delivered the webinar organised by the DPIIT IPR Chair and GNLU Microsoft Chair on IPR Law and Policy Research on 13 October.

Mr Wendland focused his presentation mainly on the ongoing

efforts to protect traditional knowledge (TK) as intellectual property (IP) at the international level. He underscored that the benefits of the outcomes of this global process could range from political and economic development to scientific, legal and business environment protection.

These negotiations in WIPO's Intergovernmental Committee on Intellectual Property and Genetic Resources, Traditional Knowledge and Folklore (IGC) are proceeding extremely slowly. No clear legal outcomes have emerged even after 41 sessions of IGC held in the last 20 years.

Webinar on Intellectual Property Rights

GNLU's DPIIT Chair, in collaboration with the DPIIT's Cell for IPR Promotion and Management (CIPAM), organised a webinar on Intellectual Property Rights as a part of *Azadika Amrit Mahotsav* on 17 November.

Mr V C Mathews, Managing Associate, IntlAdvocare, delivered a session on Copyright Law. Mr Ashok Doppalapudi, Manager, Intellectual Property, Mahindra &

Mahindra, Swaraj Division, took a session on The Patent system in India. Advocate Shobana Komal, Head, IPR, Sricharan & Gowtham Law Chambers, delivered a session on the practical perspective of Trademarks.

Mr N. Subramanian, Assistant Manager, CIPAM, DPIIT, Ministry of Commerce, Government of India, proposed a vote of thanks.

Centre for Intellectual Property Rights



Podcast on Intellectual Property Talent Search Exam

Dr Sheetal Chopra (Honorary Course Director, IPTSE Academy and Director, IP Policy, Ericsson India), Mr Sourabh Sachdeva (Director, IPTSE Academy) and Dr Nidhi Buch (Head, GCIPR) discussed intellectual property rights and IPTSE in a live podcast for GNLU students on 18 September 2021. IPTSE is the first of its kind Intellectual Property Olympiad for students and researchers who want to test their knowledge in the field of IP and gain an edge in today's time when innovation is supreme.



IP Fest

GNLU Centre for Intellectual Property Rights (GCIPR) was the Knowledge Partner for the 5th IP Fest organised by the IP Promotion Outreach Foundation, Ahmedabad, on 29 September 2021. IPFEST is a unique initiative intended to deploy a multipronged IP framework, to encourage today's youth to become leaders and take their best foot forward. In this virtual celebration of IP, Dr Nidhi Buch, Head, GCIPR, moderated a session on "*Tips and Tricks to Identify and Protect Intellectual Property*".

GNLU Centre for Law and Economics

Workshop on Research in Law and Economics

GNLU Center for Law and Economics (GCLE) conducted a five-day workshop on Research in Law and Economics.

In his inaugural address, GNLU Director Prof. (Dr.) S. Shanthakumar said this workshop combines the study of Law and economics, two of society's fundamental social constructs, which allows a multi-faceted study of society's significant problems today.

Others present at the inaugural function included GNLU's Dean, Academic Affairs Prof (Dr) Mamta Biswal; GCLE's Head Prof. (Dr) Ranita Nagar; and the Workshop

Convenor Dr Hiteshkumar Thakkar.

The workshop provided an insight to the participants into applying the economic approach in the legal arena by touching numerous laws such as constitutional law, competition law, finance law, mediation law, environmental law, capital markets, policy-making, etc.

Twenty-seven distinguished speakers spoke on various subjects concerning Law and Economics. A total of 60 students from across the country participated in the workshop.

Roundtable Discussion on RBI DIGITAL LENDING REPORT

Mr Varun Chauhan, Manager, Impact Investment Banking, Ashika Capital Limited, Mumbai and Mr Mandar Kagade, Founder and Principal, Black Dot Public Policy Advisors, participated in the roundtable and critically analysed the Report of the Working Group on digital lending, including lending through online platforms and

mobile apps, recently released by the Reserve Bank of India for comments of stakeholders and members of the public.

GCLE's Head Prof (Dr) Ranita Nagar and Assistant Professor of Economics Dr Hiteshkumar Thakkar, moderated the roundtable discussion.

Essay Competition on Law and Economics

This edition primarily targeted students and research scholars pursuing M.A./M.Phil/PhD. Contestants were invited to submit essays focusing on the economic analysis of Law in any substantive area of Law and Economics.

Pranay Agarwal, from GNLU got the first prize (a cash prize of Rs.15,000 and publication of the essay in GNLU Journal of Law and Economics) for his essay titled "*Economics Of Juvenile Delinquency In India: Examining The Contemporary Issues With The Juvenile Justice Act 2015.*"

Akshita Joshi and Jay Bhaskar Sharma, from National Law School of India University, Bengaluru, got the second prize (a cash prize of Rs.10,000) for their essay on "*The Economics Of The Fake News Market: A Response Using Law, Economics And Game Theory.*"

The third prize (a cash prize of Rs.5,000) went to Jyoti Jindal from the Rajiv Gandhi National University of Law for her essay on "*A Socio-Economic Analysis Of Menstrual Hygiene Practices Among Women Of Low-Income Class.*"

GNLU Centre for Alternative Dispute Resolution

Advanced Course on International Commercial and Investment Arbitration

GNLU Centre for Alternative Dispute Resolution (GCADR) offered this 40-hour Advanced Course in August 2021.

The course was designed for the students considering arbitration, ADR and international disputes as a career option and for new arbitrators and counsels as a short intensive skill-upgrade executive program. It was divided into three parts: Procedural and Substantive International

Commercial Arbitration, Substantive International Investment Arbitration and Written and Oral Arbitration Advocacy.

The course was offered in collaboration with Skyword Law, a boutique Indian law firm focusing on specialised practice areas and delivered by Mr Garv Malhotra, who heads the firm's International Disputes and Arbitration Practice. He is a certified mediator and a cross-culture negotiator.

Lecture Series on Investment Arbitration



Ms Bhavya Shukla, a GNLU alumna (2014-19) and a Practicing Advocate, Delhi High Court & Supreme Court, delivered six lectures on Investment Arbitration under GCADR's continuing Legal Education Lecture series:

1. Investment Arbitration and How is it different from Commercial Arbitration.

2. Parties to Investment treaties and the scope of 'Investor' and 'Investment' covered under them.

3. Bilateral Investment treaty.

4. Settlement of disputes under a Bilateral Investment Treaty - Jurisdictional issues and substantive rights.

5. Investment Arbitration in India.

6. Enforcement of Investment Arbitration Awards in India.

Centre for Environment, Sustainable Development and Climate Change

SOUTH ASIAN RESEARCH COLLOQUIUM ON ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE CHANGE LAW

Author's Workshop



Ms Christina Pak
ADB



Mr Matthew Baird
ADB



Dr Georgina Lloyd
UNEP



Dr S. Shanthakumar
GNLU



Dr Stellina Jolly
South Asian Uni



Dr Nupur Chowdhury
JNU

The workshop (18-20 December 2021) was a part of the South Asian Research Colloquium on Environment and Climate Change Law being organised in collaboration with Jawaharlal Nehru University's Centre for the Study of Law and Governance and South Asian University's Faculty of Legal Studies and with the support from the Asian Development Bank (ADB).

The workshop was preceded by Legal Research Methods workshop in June 2021. After the workshop, the participants submitted their draft papers, which were reviewed by 20 expert reviewers, including the Program Directors.

During the Author's Workshop, the participants presented their revised papers before 11 discussants, who were experts in their respective domains, and provided specific feedback on each paper.

Authors will now refine and fine-tune their papers and submit the final version. The Program Directors will finally select the papers for submission for publication to Journals (scopus-indexed, open access) and/or publishers for a special issue or an edited volume.

This publication, in all likelihood, is expected to be unveiled in an international conference tentatively planned for April 2022 as the third and final phase of the Colloquium.

Those present at the inaugural function included GNLU Director and Programme Director of the Colloquium, Prof (Dr) S. Shanthakumar; Ms Christina Pak, Principal Counsel, Asian Development Bank (ADB), Dr Georgina Lloyd, Regional Coordinator (Asia and the Pacific) of Environmental Law and Governance, United Nations Environment Program; Dr Stellina Jolly, Assistant Professor, Faculty of Legal Studies, South Asian University and Co-Program Director of the Colloquium; and Dr Nupur Chowdhury, Assistant Professor, JNU's Centre for the Study of Law and Governance and the Co-Programme Director for the Colloquium.

GNLU Director Dr Shanthakumar thanked the Asian Development Bank for their support and hoped that this workshop would contribute significantly to the existing body of knowledge and fulfil ADB's objective of Developing Environmental Law Champions Project.

GNLU Centre for Public and Private International Law

GNLU-CTIL TradeLab Clinic



Bhavnish Kaur Chhabda
(2017-22)



Manthan Nagpal
(2017-22)



Anchit Jasuja
(2018-23)



Salonee Shukla
(2018-23)

Bhavnish Kaur Chhabda, Manthan Nagpal, Anchit Jasuja and Salonee Shukla, selected as student researchers for the TradeLab Clinic, worked on a research project for a confidential beneficiary during the Monsoon semester. They presented their findings before Dr James J. Nedumpara, Head, Centre for Trade and Investment Law, Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Government of India, on 13 January 2022. After incorporating Dr Nedumpara's feedback, the student researchers will give their final presentation to the beneficiaries in February 2022.

GNLU-CTIL TradeLab Clinic is a joint initiative of the Centre for Trade and Investment Law, Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Government of India and GNLU. It gives student researchers an opportunity to network with beneficiaries, address contemporary real-life issues of International Trade Law, and gain clinical legal education benefits. It is supervised by Dr Harsha Rajwanshi, Assistant Professor of Law under GNLU Director Prof (Dr) S. Shanthakumar, who also heads GNLU's Centre for Public and Private International Law.

GNLU Centre for Law and Society

Lecture series on Positive Psychological Health and Wellness



Dr Parameswaran



Dr Sampath



Dr Ganesh Kumar



Mr Narsimha Komar



Dr Purvi Pokhariyal



Dr Nisha Khanna



Adv Manan Thakkar

GNLU Centre for Law and Society (GCLS), in collaboration with GNLU's NSS unit, organised a three-day lecture series on "Positive Psychological Health and Wellness."

Sports, Spiritual & Holistic Transformation

On the first day, Neuro-Linguistic Programming experts Dr Sampath Dorairajan and Dr K Parameswaran (Associate professor of Law, GNLU) delivered lectures on "*Sports, Spiritual & Holistic Transformation*".

Sports, Cognitive Behaviour Therapy & Self Development

On the second day, Dr B. Ganesh Kumar, Psychologist and Yoga Therapist, and Dr K Parameswaran delivered lectures on "*Sports, Cognitive Behaviour Therapy & Self*

Development".

How to deal with Cyber Harassment?

On the third day, Mr Narsimha Komar, IPS, Additional Director General of Police (Law and Order), Gujarat State; Prof (Dr) Purvi Pokhariyal, Dean, School of Law, National Forensic Science University; Dr Nisha Khanna, Mental Health Care Professional; and Advocate Manan Thakkar, Cyber Law Expert and Information Security Advisor, shared their thoughts on dealing with cyber harassment.

Ms Apoorva Patel, Assistant Professor of Social Work and Head, GNLU Centre for Law and Society, moderated the lectures. Dr Saurabh Anand, Assistant Professor of Sociology, proposed a vote of thanks.

Ecosystem for Socio-legal Start-ups: A Law and Policy Perspective



Aditya Bhatt



Shubhangini Tiwari

Advocate Aaditya Bhatt (Advocate, Gujarat High Court) and Advocate Shubhangi Tiwari (Legal Mentor, Innodesk Designation Services) conducted the webinar on 04 December. They discussed the concepts of social entrepreneurship, Civil Society Organisations & Socio-Legal Startups, various forms of organisations, their

relative advantages and disadvantages, and their legal and regulatory framework.

Advocate Bhatt discussed the triple bottom line concept: people, planet, and prosperity. He said, historically, businesses operated solely to boost their profits. However, companies now realise the connection between environmental health, social well-being, and the company's financial success and resilience. If an organisation is only focused on profit and ignores people and the planet, it will not succeed long term.

Advocate Shubhangini Tiwari explained various ways for raising capital for a startup: crowd funding, bootstrapping, angel seed funding, venture capital and incubation.

Legal Service Committee

Certificate Course on Legal Aid and Allied Laws

GNLU's Legal Service Committee, in collaboration with RGNUL's Legal Aid Clinic and ProBono India, organised the 2nd edition of online Certificate Course on Legal Aid and Allied Laws.

GNLU Director Dr Shanthakumar said at the inaugural that is no shortage of free legal aid lawyers but quality lawyers. Law schools can be used as resource centres, for improving the quality of free legal service.

RGNUL's Vice-Chancellor Prof (Dr) G. S. Bajpai said, as per the World Justice Report, 44 per cent of people remain without the protection of the law, and their justice needs largely remain unmet.

In his keynote address, Mr Kamal Singh of the NALSA said

that creating awareness about free legal aid is of paramount importance. Therefore NALSA has organized a six-week Pan India Awareness and Outreach Campaign.

Dr Kalpshkumar Gupta, a GNLU alumnus and Founder of ProBono India, gave an overview of the course. Dr Abhinandan Bassi, Faculty Convener, RGNUL Legal Aid Clinic, proposed a vote of thanks.

The course covered topics such as Legal Aid in India, Public Interest Litigation, Right to Information, Consumer Protection Act, Alternative Dispute Resolution and Rights of the Victim.

This edition received an overwhelming response, with more than 1300 registrations from across the country.

GNLU Centre for Research in Criminal Justice Sciences

Certificate Course on Cyber Crimes, Cyber Forensics and Law



GNLU Centre for Research in Criminal Justice Sciences (GCRCJS), in collaboration with the National Forensic Sciences University (NFSU) and Police Academia Interaction Forum, offered a Certificate course on Cyber Crimes, Cyber Forensics and Law from 16 to 22 August 2021.

Mr Narsimha Komar, IPS, Additional Director General of Police, Gujarat, inaugurated the

course.

The week-long certificate course attempted to provide a holistic understanding of contemporary issues in cyber-crime and their correlation with forensic science.

Subject experts from GNLU and NFSU delivered the course.

Admissibility of Electronic Evidence



Mr Bharat Chugh, an independent counsel, practising in the Supreme Court of India, delivered the webinar. He primarily focused on Section 65B of the Indian Evidence Act, 1872, which deals with the admissibility of electronic records. He traced the evolution of the provision and explained its intricacies.

Crime and Justice :A Discourse Series

To engage students in discussion and deliberations on topics related to crime and justice regularly, GCRCJS has instituted a discourse series on Crime and Justice. Four discourses were held during the monsoon semester:

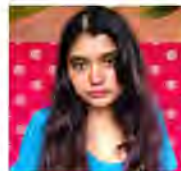
Chapter 1: Dissolving Dissent or Regulating Speech?: Testing the vires of Sedition Law in India

Chapter 2: Abrogation of Article 370: Legality and its Aftermath

Chapter 3: Liquor Prohibition Laws: Arguments For and Against

Chapter 4: Repeal of the Farm Laws: Dissent, Discourse and Beyond

National Essay Competition



Ms Shruti Avinash of NALSAR University of Law, Hyderabad, bagged the first prize of Rs.5,000 for her Essay: *Criminal Victimization of Dissidents: India's treatment of protesters and activists.*



Ms Bhavya Anand, Guru Gobind Singh Indraprastha University, got the second prize of Rs.2,500 for her Essay: *Homicide of Unprejudiced Criminal Mechanism: Adversities & Need for its Antidote.*



Mr Aadarsh Mittal of Institute of Law, Nirma University got the third prize of Rs.1,000 for his Essay: *Sentencing Policy: An invigoration that Indian Criminal Jurisprudence is in need.*

The top 10 entries were awarded a Certificate of Merit.

GNLU Centre for Corporate and Insolvency Law



Corporate Debtor under the SARFAESI & RDDBFI Act: The Role of the Debt Recovery Tribunal in India

Shri Anil Kumar Chaturvedi, Presiding Officer, DRT-III, Kolkata with the additional charge of DRT, Patna and DRT-I, Kolkata, delivered an Expert Talk on the subject on 18 September 2021.

Anil Kumar Chaturvedi

Shri Chaturvedi vividly explained the relevance, historical background, objects, and purposes of the Recovery of Debts Due to Banks and Financial Institutions Act (RDDBFI Act), 1993 and Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interests Act (SARFAESI Act), 2002 with the help of latest case laws.

IBC: Legal and Regulatory Development - Special Reference to Cross Border Insolvency

Dr KP Krishnan, IAS (Retd.), Chairman of Cross-Border Insolvency Committee constituted by the Ministry of Corporate Affairs and IEPF Chair Professor in Regulatory Economics, National Council of Applied Economic Research, delivered another Expert Talk on IBC: Legal and Regulatory Development - Special Reference to Cross Border Insolvency, on 03 November 2021.



Dr KP Krishnan, IAS (Retd.),

He explained key features of the code with particular reference to cross border insolvency.

Alumni Meet



**Rajasthan Chapter
04 Dec 2021**



**Gujarat Chapter
18 Dec 2021**

Alumni



Vineet Gupta (2005-10) was on India's Official Business Delegation to India-GCC (Gulf Co-operation Council) Business Conference, where he had meetings with the senior Government officials and Business delegates from several nations, including UAE, Saudi Arabia, Qatar, Bahrain, Oman, Kuwait, and Vietnam, exploring cross-border business and investment opportunities. The conference was organised by the Indian Chamber of Commerce and Industry within India's pavilion at Expo 2020 Dubai.



Jacques Onnen (LLM 2017) is working with the French Office for Protection of Refugees and Stateless People (OFPRA) as an Investigative Protection Officer. After graduating from GNLU in 2017, he returned to France and completed his Bilingual Master on the Laws of Europe (M2BDE) from his home university Paris Nanterre. Then he came back to India briefly to participate in GNLU Winter school on International Law and National Defence in February 2018. He presented a paper titled "The Rightfulness of the Use of Military Force against Foreign States International Law Compared to the Political Practice of India and France". Brill Editors published this paper as chapter 10 in the book "*National Security of India and International Law*" edited by then GNLU Director Prof Bimal N Patel. Before joining OFPRA in 2019, he performed nine months of French civil service with a small NGO dedicated to educating disadvantaged Nigerien children and teenagers in Niamey, Niger, as a home teacher for primary and secondary school pupils. In the same year 2019, he cleared the French Bar examination, enabling him to access the advocate school, which he has not joined yet.



Karthyaeni Vittala (2004-2009) is listed as a Ranked Lawyer/Rising Star/Associate to watch in the recent Chambers & Partners UK 2022 edition. Karthyaeni has been working as a Senior Corporate Associate at a London-based firm, Preiskel & Co LLP, for over nine years.



Tejas Kishore Motwani, PhD is appointed as a Teaching Fellow at the John F. Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University. Tejas will be working with distinguished Professor Marshall Granz during the upcoming spring semester. Tejas has previously graduated from the University of Oxford as a department scholar.



Faiz Ayat Ansari (LLM 2018-19, Assistant Professor at Parul Institute of Law and a PhD Scholar at NLSIU, Bengaluru) is selected as a Researcher and Collaborator at Mediterranean International Center for Human Rights Research, Mediterranean University of Reggio Calabria, Italy, for one-year renewable starting 21 June 2021.

He delivered a keynote address on 'Data Protection Law in India' in the seminar on Data Protection organised by Federal District University Centre, Brazil, 22 October 2021.

Jacques says that he misses India a lot and nurtures the hope to settle down in India later. Jacques' picture with his fiancée alongside.



Siddhant Khetawat (2013-18) secured All India Rank 1 in SEBI's Officer Grade A Examination 2020-21 (legal stream) and joined SEBI as an Assistant Manager in August 2021. Earlier, he worked with Cyril Amarchand Mangaldas from 2018 to 2021.



The Wire published Shantanu Singh (2015-20)'s article, An Indian was Elected to the UN Law Commission But does India really contribute to It?, on 23 November 2021. Shantanu is currently working with the Trade Policy Division of the Ministry of Commerce, Government of India.



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Skilled Workforce

Availability of quality and skilled manpower from Gujarat Maritime University

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A specialist Arbitration Centre for resolving dispute in maritime sector

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World class infrastructure for institutions and residence

Connectivity

Ahmedabad is well connected domestically and internationally through Air, Rail and Road network



Gujarat Maritime Cluster

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- Ship Operators
- Ship Charterers / Agents / Brokers
- Freight Forwarders / Customs Brokers
- Transport Operators, etc.

Intermediate Services Providers

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- Maritime Arbitrators / Maritime Law Firms,
- Maritime Information Technology (IT) firms, etc.

Support Services Providers

- Maritime Education Institutes / Maritime Event Managers / Publishing Houses, etc.



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Student



GNLU students at the National Conference of Law Students

GNLU 2020-25 batch students, Aditya Sharma (BBA LLB), Arayan Khare (BA LLB), Sarvagya Chitranshi (BSC.LLB) and Satyam Agarwal (BA LLB), attended the National Conference of Law Students organised by the Lok Sabha Secretariat on the eve of Constitution Day 2021. Hon'ble Speaker of Lok Sabha, Shri Om Birla, inaugurated

the conference. Sarvagya Chitranshi represented GNLU on the Dias and presented his views on the plenary session's theme: "Separation of Powers as Enshrined in The Indian Constitution".

The conference was held at the Central Hall, Parliament House, New Delhi.

Champion of inclusive education



Underprivileged Children in Assam will finally be able to benefit from the Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education Act, 2009 (commonly known as Right to Education Act, RTE Act) after over a decade of its enactment; thanks to GNLU's Debargha Roy (2019-24).

Debargha says, "though the RTE Act came into force in 2010, many states, including my home state, Assam, had not issued guidelines for its implementation. The government's inaction resulted in the denial of the benefits of free education to poor children. I, therefore, filed

a Public Interest Litigation (PIL 66/2020) before the Hon'ble Gauhati High Court for the implementation of the Act in the State of Assam. On 18 December 2020, the Court asked the State of Assam to file an affidavit on how they propose to implement the Act. Following this direction, the State of Assam issued guidelines for implementing the RTE Act on 02 September 2021."

Debargha has founded an NGO, Project Saathi, which works towards inclusive education by implementing the RTE Act. He intends to expand the operations of Project Saathi to other north-eastern states in the coming days.

Qualified for West Bengal Judicial Service



Subrajit Majumder (LLM 2021-22) qualified for recruitment in the West Bengal Judicial Service based on the West Bengal Judicial Service Examination 2021. He is among the Select List of 25 qualified candidates released by West Bengal's Public Service Commission on 24 December.

Fellowship Program for Human Rights



Ankit Shah, a doctoral scholar, is awarded Prof Ved P. Nanda Fellowship Program for Human Rights by The International Commission for Human Rights and Religious freedom.

Talk on Akashvani



Vedanta Vishwakarma (2017-22) was invited by Akashvani (All India Radio) Ahmedabad Station to share his thoughts on the occasion of the National Legal Services Day (9 November). The talk was broadcast on the Sunday preceding the National Legal Services Day 2021.



Aabhas Soni was declared Runner-up in the International Paper presentation in the International Virtual Law Fest, Lex Bonanza 2021, organised by Indore Institute of Law. Aabhas also completed Internships at HUDCO's Law Department; Uttarakhand Janekta Party in Rishikesh, Uttarakhand (Election Campaign Manager) and Stambh Organization (writing research papers, blog, articles and news editing).

Table Tennis Champions



Radhapriya Goel (2021-2026) became Uttar Pradesh State Champion in Women's category and Youth Girls' (under 19 years) category by bagging Gold Medals in respective categories at 68th STAG UP State Table Tennis Championships held at Agra during 14-17 December.

She was felicitated by Uttar Pradesh Table Tennis Association on 16 December 2021 for winning Bronze Medal In Youth Girls (Under 21 years) at 82nd Junior & Youth Nationals Table Tennis Championships 2020. She is the first player in the history of Uttar Pradesh to bag a medal in the youth category (U-21) at the National Table Tennis Championships



Dev Shroff (2021-26) represented India at international table tennis tournaments (under-15 category) in Thailand, Jordan, Maldives, China, Myanmar and the Czech Republic.

In 2017, he achieved India Rank # 2 in the Sub Junior Boys Ranking by the Table Tennis Federation of India.

In 2018, he achieved world rank # 36 (Cadets) in the International Table Tennis Federation's World Ranking. In the same year, he was adjudged the South Asian Champion (under-15 category) at the Maldives. Maharashtra became a National Champion (under-15 category) under his captaincy and Dev won a gold medal in the under-15 men's category.

Dev won a Gold medal (for doubles) & bronze medal (for Singles) in the under 18 categories at Khelo India Youth Games 2019.

Paper presentation at the International Conference of Law and Economics



Arayan Khare



Govinda Asawa

Arayan Khare (2020-25) and Govinda Shrikant Asawa (2020-25) presented a paper, *Contemporary Understanding of Crypto and Digital Currency – A Study in Indian Context*, at the 7th International Conference of Law and Economics 2021, organised by Tamil Nadu National Law University.

Arayan Khare's review of Rana Foroohar's book, Don't Be Evil: A Case Against Big Tech, is published in Science, Technology and Society Journal, a Scopus and UGC CARE (Group II) indexed journal.

Quiz Competition Achievements

Shivam Bhattacharya (2019-24) secured third position in the National Quiz Competition on Startup organised by GNLU Legal Incubation Council and Legal Startups.



Secured third position in the National Virtual Quiz Competition on Digital Transformation of Law organised by ICFAI Law College, Dehradun.

Secured second position in the National Online Quiz Competition on Constitutional Law organised by Law Fight, a legal forum.

Showed outstanding performance and secured a position in the Top-10 in the 3-day Online Quiz Competition organised by Society for Quiz, University Institute of Legal Studies, Punjab University.

Admitted as a student member of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators- Singapore Branch (CI Arb), July 2021.



Akshatha Paranjyothi Kumar, a doctoral scholar, wrote a chapter on *Child Labour: A Social Evil* in the book titled "Emerging Global Issues and Challenges (ISBN No: 978-9381247-48-8), published by Shriyanshi Prakashan, Agra, October 2021.

Akshatha's article on *Gender Discrimination in Government Policies and Programmes with Special Reference to Transgender Community* is published in the Journal of Research and Development, a multidisciplinary peer-reviewed Journal titled Gender: Dimensions, Issues and Development (ISSN no: 2230-9578), October 2021.

Her article on, *Empowerment of Transgender*, is published by Leader Press, Bengaluru, titled Women Empowerment: Issues and Perspectives with ISBN no: 93-93395-03-0, November 2021.

She set a question paper on Indian Society for Group B posts of Karnataka Public Service Commission, Bengaluru, November 2021.

She presented a paper titled "*Socio-Legal Study of Child Labour*" at the 46th All India Sociological Conference during the Department of Sociology, University of Mumbai's Century Celebrations, December 2021.

She has signed a contract with Blue Rose Publishers, New Delhi, to write a book titled, *The Others*.

Akshatha is an Assistant professor of Sociology at Bangalore University.



Ravi Saxena, a doctoral scholar at GNLU, participated in the Winter School on 'Arthayaama: Towards a Dharma-centric Vision of Economy/Political Economy with special reference to Gandhi and other Indian Thinkers', organised by the Indian Institute of Advanced Studies, Shimla during 01-15 December 2021. His paper in

the Winter School, *Babasaheb Ambedkar and the Political Economy of Caste in India: Some Reflections*, will be published in a special issue of IIAS Journal.

Ravi presented a paper titled, '*Dalit Women, Caste and Patriarchy in Indian Society: A Contemporary Assessment*' in the 2nd Annual Elimination of Violence Against Women Conference organised by the School of Law, Nelson Mandela University, South Africa, 25 November 2021.



Akshay Jain (LLM 2018-19 and currently enrolled for PhD at GNLU) has become a Certified Mediator on completion (with distinction) of the 45-Hour training on Commercial Mediation and Negotiation organised by the Indian Institute of Corporate Affairs under the aegis of the Ministry of Corporate Affairs, Government

of India, September 2021.

His article titled "*Women and Equal Opportunity in Indian Army: An Analysis with Special Reference to Combat Arms*" was published in Army Institute of Law Journal, a UGC-CARE listed journal, in July 2021.

PhD Awards



Mr Dinesh Dasa was awarded a PhD in Law for his thesis titled "*Forest Laws and Sustainable Development with Special Reference to the Impact of the Saurashtra Prevention of Felling of Trees (Infliction of Punishment) Act, 1951 on Conservation and Livelihood in Dang, Gujarat, India*" under the guidance of

Prof (Dr) Shobhlata Udapudi, Professor of Law at GNLU.

Dr Dasa has been the Chairman of the Gujarat Public Service Commission from Feb 2016 to date and Chairman of the Standing Committee of All India Public Service Commission from December 2020. Earlier, he was a Syndicate Member of Veer Narmad South Gujarat University for three consecutive terms (2005-2012) and Director of Gujarat Tourism (2011-2015).

Dr Dasa holds an undergraduate and postgraduate degree in forestry from Navsari Agricultural University.



Mr Jatinder Kumar Jolly was awarded a PhD in Law for his thesis titled "*Corporate Frauds and Effectiveness of the Audit Committee in Mitigating Frauds: Special Focus with regard to Listed Companies in India*" under the guidance of Prof (Dr) Mamata Biswal, Professor of Law and Dean, Academic Affairs, GNLU.

Dr Jolly has a distinguished career of about 36 years as an Indian Corporate Law Service (ICLS) Officer under the Ministry of Corporate Affairs (MCA), Government of India. He also has teaching and training experience at MCA's Indian Institute of Corporate Affairs. He has also attended MCA-sponsored training programmes in Singapore and South Africa.

Dr Jolly holds a Bachelors and Masters Degree in Commerce from the University of Madras and is an Associate Member of the Institute of Company Secretaries of India.

GNLU Chapter of ILSA

GNLU set up a local chapter of the International Law Students Association (ILSA).

ILSA serves as an umbrella organization for its member chapters (mostly known as International Law Societies) at individual law schools. Chapters exist as independent entities as well as members of the larger Association. ILSA's

structure grants autonomy to its Chapters to meet their unique needs locally while making an international network of pooled academic and organizational resources available to them. The Chapter marks an essential step in GNLU's efforts to establish itself as an institution dedicated to research in international law.

Mooting at GNLU

14th Foreign Direct Investment International Arbitration Moot, 2021



Surya Ravikumar
Batch 2019-24



Arjun Suresh
Batch 2019-24



Hritvik Mohan
Batch 2019-24



Ramachandran Murugesan
Batch 2019-24



Krishna Agarwal
Batch 2019-24

8th Highest Ranked Team Combined for
Written and Oral Pleadings,
7th Place in the Global Orals, and
4th Place in the 7th Annual Budapest Pre-moot

7th ALSA International Moot Court Competition, 2021



Sayan Chandra
Batch 2018-23



Devarshi Mohan
Batch 2018-23



Adhira Menon
Batch 2018-23



Arunima Phadke
Batch 2018-23

International Rounds

Runners-Up,
Best Overall Team
3rd Best Respondent Memorial award

Devarshi Mohan: Citation for Ex Curia International Preliminary Round Top 10 Best Advocates.

1st National Moot Court Competition 2021 (Lokmanya Tilak Law College, Pune)

Semi-Finalists



Mansi Subramaniam
Batch 2020-2025



Varun Matlani
Batch 2020-2025



Aabhas Soni
Batch 2020-2025



Shubham Shanu
Batch 2018-2023



Isha Lodha
Batch 2019-2024



Keshav Bansal
Batch 2020-2025

6th Shri N J Yaraswi Memorial Virtual Moot Court Competition, 2021

International rounds Runners-Up



Mansi Subramaniam
Batch 2020-2025



Varun Matlani
Batch 2020-2025



Aabhas Soni
Batch 2020-2025



Shubham Shanu
Batch 2018-2023



Isha Lodha
Batch 2019-2024



Keshav Bansal
Batch 2020-2025

10th Novice Arbitration Mooting Competition, 2021



Raghav Saha
Batch 2020-2025



Anya Aranha
Batch 2020-2025



Karma Shah
Batch 2019-2024



Pallavi Meena
Batch 2018-2023

Octo-Finalists in the International Rounds

1st N J Yasaswy Virtual National Environmental Law Moot Court Competition, 2021

Quarter-Finalists



Dhruv Gupta
Batch 2019-2024



Sanigdha Budhia
Batch 2020-2025



Shreya Kumar
Batch 2020-2025



Ananya
Batch 2019-2024



Marisha Dube
Batch 2020-2025



Raiji Suhani Utpal
Batch 2020-2025

1st Justice Sabyasachi Mukharji Memorial National Moot Court Competition, 2021

Best Memorial



Marisha Dube
Batch 2020-2025



Raiji Suhani Utpal
Batch 2020-2025

Debating Society



Ann Sarasa K R.
(2020-2025)



Kavya Ramasubramanian
(2020-25)



Soundarya Rajgopal
(2019-24)



Dev Shroff
(2021-26)

Ann Sarasa K R.

5th Best Open Speaker at the Seattle IV

Kavya Ramasubramanian

Open quarter finalists, North Luzon Online Debate Philippines (with two students from other colleges)

Dev Shroff

Team rank #12 in NLSIU Debate Championship 2021 (Competition Law in Digital Space)

Ann Sarasa K R. and Kavya Ramasubramanian

- Novice Champions of the 11th NALSAR IV, 2021
- Open Semifinalists of the Seattle IV, 2021

Kavya Ramasubramanian and Soundarya Rajgopal

Open quarter finalists, Premchand Memorial Debate 2021 (with one student from another college)



NCC & NSS



Senior Under Officer
Rohan Jha



Junior Under Officer
Nahush Gautam



Junior Under Officer
Vedanta Vishwakarma



Cadet
Shiwang Mishra



Cadet
Manav Danwal



Cadet
Jogender

6 cadets of GNLU's first NCC Batch secured NCC 'B' Certificate.

Combined Annual Training Camp



SUO Rohan Jha, JUO Nahush Gautam, and JUO Vedanta Vishwakarma completed the Combined Annual Training Camp held at Ahmedabad during 8-16 October 2021. They are now eligible for the NCC 'C' Certificate examination.

Cleanliness Drive at Koba



GNLU students, under the aegis of NSS, undertook a Cleanliness Drive at Koba village on 15 October 2021.

Trekking Expedition



JUO Nahush Gautam, Cadet Dhawal Jangir, Cadet Rishiraj Chouhan, Cadet Prathamesh Bhagure and Associate NCC Officer Dr Sugnes Chudasama completed the 12-day national-level Ahobilam and Gandikota trekking expedition organised by the NCC Group Headquarters, Kurnool, Andhra Pradesh.

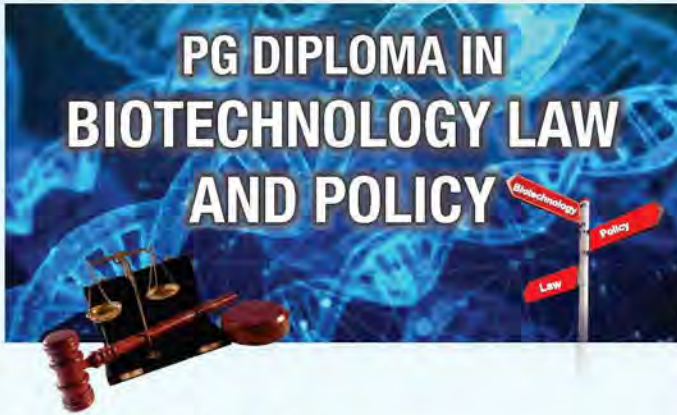
RUN FOR UNITY



"RUN FOR UNITY" to celebrate the National Unity Day to mark the birth anniversary of Sardar Patel. Students and faculty started the run after offering floral tributes at the statues of Mahatma Gandhi and Sardar Patel on the campus. One visually-impaired LLM student, Penav Mota, also completed the Run enthusiastically.



Cycle Rally from GNLU campus to Vidhan Sabha



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PG Diploma in Intellectual Property Rights

Programme Highlights

- Comprehensive, Industry-ready Curriculum
- Focus on Indian Legal Framework on IPR
- Strong Pedigree: GNLU, GUJCOST, I-Hub and SSIP
- Expert Faculty from GNLU, Government & Industry including global experts
- Remote Access to GNLU Library Resources
- One-Year, weekend Programme

Course Package

Semester I

- Indian Legal System: A Primer
- Nature, Origin and Evolution of Intellectual Property
- Law of Patents
- Law of Trademarks and Geographical

Semester II

- Law of Copyright and Industrial Designs
- IPR and Biotechnology, Plant Varieties, Traditional Knowledge and Traditional Cultural Expressions
- IPR: Valuation, Management, Litigation and Dispute Resolution
- Dissertation

Eligibility Criteria: Bachelor's Degree or equivalent

The Third Batch will commence from **January 2023**.

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Faculty



Prof (Dr) S. Shanthakumar
GNLU Director

01. Delivered introductory remarks and Valedictory Address at the GMU-CI Arb International Maritime Arbitration Competition organised by Gujarat Maritime University and Chartered Institute of Arbitrators, 09 and 11 July 2021.
02. Delivered inaugural address at the Faculty Induction Programme: Guru-Dakshata, organised by UGC-HRDC, Gujarat University, 12 July 2021.
03. Invited as a distinguished panelist for the panel discussion on "Upcoming Research Areas in Law and Interdisciplinary Research", 22 July 2021.
04. Delivered a session on 'National Education Policy' at the Workshop for College Principals organised by UGC-Human Resource Development Centre (HRDC), Pondicherry University, 30 July 2021.
05. Was an eminent speaker at the Webinar on 'National Education Policy and Present Legal Education' organised by Xavier Law School, XIM University, 07 August 2021.
06. Was a Chief Guest at the function to launch a book titled "An Introduction to International Law", authored by Ms Swati Singh Parmar and Mr Adithya Anil Variath, 14 August 2021.
07. Was a Chief Guest at the inaugural of the National Moot Court Competition organised by Karnataka Lingayat Education Society's KLE College of Law, Mumbai, 27 August 2021.
08. Delivered a session on 'Developing Critical Thinking and Mentoring Students' in the FDP on Pedagogy of Teaching, Assessment and Research, organised by V.M. Salgaocar College of Law, Goa, 04 September 2021.
09. Inaugurated the UGC-sponsored Refresher Course in Law organised by HRDC, Gujarat University and delivered a session, Evaluating Law and Policy in India from the lens of 21st Century Reality, 06 September 2021.
10. Was an eminent speaker at the Webinar on Legal Professionals as Pillars of Strong Society, organised by Gitarattan International Business School, Delhi, affiliated to Guru Gobind Singh Indraprastha University, 10 September 2021.
11. Was an eminent speaker in the FDP on 'Shifting Paradigm in Legal Teaching: Adoption to New Methodologies' organised by Graphic Era Hill University, 20-24 September 2021.
12. Was a Chief Guest for the Valedictory Ceremony of National Conference-cum-Training, Climate Change and Disaster Management, organised by the National Institute of Disaster Management and School of Law, CHRIST (Deemed to be University), 06 October 2021.
13. Delivered Inaugural address at the National Interdisciplinary Webinar on Reforming Mining Law in Tune with SDGs-2030, organised by the National University of Advanced Legal Studies, Kochi, 29 October 2021.
14. Delivered a session on Rights of Persons with Disability at the 'Capsule Style Intensive Training Programme for Capacity Building of Judges from Bhutan' organised by National Law University, Jodhpur in collaboration with the Indian Council of Technical and Economic Cooperation, Ministry of External Affairs, 19 November 2021.
15. Delivered a session on 'Honing the Teaching and Research Skills' at the National FDP on Teaching, Research & Mentorship, organised by Karnataka Lingayat Education Society's KLE College of Law, Mumbai. Was also a Chief Guest for FDP's valedictory, 28 November 2021.
16. Was a Guest of Honour at the Valedictory of the Seventh International Conference on Law and Economics, organised by The Tamil Nadu National Law University, Tiruchirappalli and Indian Association of Law and Economics, 28 November 2021.
17. Was a Chief Guest for the inaugural function of the Advanced Workshop on Arbitration Proceedings organised by SRM University, Delhi-NCR, 03 December 2021.
18. Delivered a thematic session, A new Constellation: The inclusive epistemology of global legal studies, at the Global Law Schools' Summit on "The Present and Future of Global Legal Education" organised by O.P. Jindal Global University, 03 December 2021.
19. Was a Guest of Honour and Eminent Speaker for the Seminar on "Implementing the Sustainable Development Goals: Role of Universities and Civil Society in Protecting the Environment" and the Release of the Sustainability Development Report 2021, organised by O. P. Jindal Global University, 06 December 2021.
20. Delivered a session on 'Key elements of Building Strong IP Ecosystem for Ease of Doing Business' at the Webinar on 'IPCON-2021 Building Strong IP Ecosystem for Ease of Doing Business' organised by Confederation of Indian Industry in association with Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises, 10 December 2021.
21. Was a distinguished panellist for the thematic session on 'Ensuring Equity and Access in Higher Education Institution through Diversity and Inclusion' at the "Society of Transnational Academic Researchers (STAR) 2021 Global Conference", organised by Jindal Global Law School, 11 December 2021.



Apoorva Patel

Assistant Professor of Social Work

1. Received Accredited Mediator certificate under Bangladesh International Mediation Society (BIMS), AAMA and BIMF accreditation system from Hon'ble Justice Syed Muhammad Hussain, Chief Justice of Bangladesh.
2. Presented a paper at the 22nd Biennial Conference of the International Consortium for Social Development; hosted online by the Centre for Social Development at the University of Johannesburg, Africa; 13–16 July 2021.
3. Presented a paper, Research for Impact: An Inclusive and Sustainable Planet, at the 9th Annual International Conference on Sustainable Development, organised by the Global Master's in Development Practice and the Sustainable Development Solutions Network; September 20-21, 2021.
4. Invited as a guest speaker in a panel discussion, Role of Youth in Peacemaking through Mediation, organised by Bangladesh International Mediation Society on International Peace Day, September 2021.
5. Invited as resource person in Workshop, Introduction to International Mediation, organised by Bangladesh International Mediation Society for the Cox's Bazar International University Law Students, 12 November 2021.
6. Invited as a paper setter for the Social Work – PG Programs Entrance Examination of the University of Lucknow.
7. Invited as Member of Karnavati School of Dentistry's Ethics Committee in the category of Social Scientist.
8. Invited as an External Examiner for MSW Program in the subjects' Concurrent Field Work' and 'Human Resource Management' at Ganpat University, Gujarat.
9. Participated in the Training And Learning Academy's online Elementary FDP on "Emerging Paradigms in Organisational Behaviour" at Shri Ram College of Commerce, July 2021.
10. Participated in AICTE-sponsored short-term training programme, Entrepreneurship Course Curriculum Design and Development, conducted by Entrepreneurship Development Institute of India, November 2021.



Dr. Asha Verma

Assistant Professor of Law

1. Delivered a session on Gender Equality and Safety at Work Place in the Orientation Program 2021 at NIFT Gandhinagar, 24 August 2021.
2. Delivered a session on "Overview of Four Labour Codes" in a training programme on Labour Codes and Rules in India at Mahatma Gandhi Labour Institute, Ahmedabad, 14 September 2021.
3. Participated in a Panel Discussion on Labour Laws at Ahmedabad Management Association, 20 November 2021.
4. Delivered a lecture, Child Rights in India, in the webinar organised by the Center of Excellence for Child Protection in Partnership with UNICEF at the Rashtriya Raksha University, 20 November 2021.
5. Delivered a talk on Human Trafficking of Women and Children in a Training Program on Safety of Women for Investigators, organised by Gujarat Police Academy, 24 November 2021.
6. Invited to chair a technical session in an International Conference on Comparative Public Law organised by the Mediterranean International Centre for Human Rights Research, Mediterranean University of Reggio Calabria, Italy and Centre for Constitutional Law and Policy, Parul Institute of Law, 25 November 2021.
7. Delivered a talk on Medicolegal Status of Women's Sexual and Reproductive Rights in the National Seminar on Legal Regime relating to Reproductive Rights of Indian Women and Social Reality organised by Shankarrao Chavan Law College, Pune.



Dr Saurabh Anand

Assistant Professor of Sociology

- Participated in the panel discussion, Role of law Schools for Community Development: A Roadmap for future, organised by Bharati Vidyapeeth's New Law College, Pune, 20 July 2021.



Dr Bindu Vijay

Assistant Professor of Science & Technology

- 1 Presented a paper titled "Human Genome Editing using CRISPR Cas9: Ethical Concerns" in the National Conference on CRISPR: From Biology to Technology organised by SRM University and Institute of Bioinformatics and Applied Biotechnology, Bengaluru, 25-27 November.
- 2 Was on the panel of examiners for the M.Sc Environmental Science Programme at HNG University, Gujarat.
- 3 Delivered a few lectures on "Biotechnology Law Bioethics" for LLM (IPR) students at School of Law, Gujarat University, and also a few on "Environmental Impact Assessment" for M.Sc. Environmental Science Program at Department of Life Sciences, HNG University, Patan.



Dr Nidhi Buch

Assistant Professor of Law

1. Invited to chair a webinar session on "Protecting & Preserving Cultural Heritage of India through Geographical Indications" by ICAFI University Tripura, 03 September 2021.
2. Invited as a jury member for the "IPR League 2021" a unique contest for Registered Startups, as part of the 5th Edition of IPFEST, 28 September 2021.
3. Invited to deliver a lecture on Law of Trademarks in the Online Certificate Course on "Innovation to Commercialisation; Intellectual Property Rights Landscape", 18 November 2021.
4. Invited to deliver a talk on Introduction to Patent and Industrial Designs in the Seminar on Basics of Patent, Trademark, Copyright and Design by the Gujarat Chamber of Commerce and Industry, 18 December 2021.



Mr Sushil Goswami

Assistant Professor of Law

Resumed duties at GNLU on completing his deputation at the Rashtriya Raksha University (RRU), an institution of National Importance, under the Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India. At RRU, he served in various positions, including Director (the Office of the Vice-Chancellor), Director, School of Integrated Coastal and Maritime Security Studies, and Chief Vigilance Officer. He was also instrumental in planning and establishing first of its kind school across the globe - RRU School of Integrated Coastal and Maritime Security Studies.



Dr Annamma Samuel

DPIIT-IPR Chair Professor

1. Invited to Chair a technical session at the International Conference on 'Interdisciplinary Aspects of Law and Technology' organised by GD Goenka University, 28 December 2021.
2. Invited as a resource person at the National Seminar on 'Capacity Building cum Awareness Program in Intellectual Property Rights' jointly organised by Chanakya National Law University and Cell For Intellectual Property And Management (CIPAM), 12 August 2021.
2. Invited as a resource person at the Workshop on 'Capacity Building Workshop on Intellectual Property Rights' organised by Manikchand Pahade Law College, Aurangabad, 21 August 2021.
3. Invited as a resource person at the 'Capacity Building Programme on IPR' organised by The Maharaja's Government Law College, Ernakulam, 31 August 2021.
4. Invited as a resource person at the Special Lecture Series on Intellectual Property Law, organised by Saveetha School of Law, Chennai, 08-13 November 2021.
5. Invited as a resource person at the Online Certificate course on Innovation to Commercialisation: Intellectual Property Rights Landscape' organised by LedX, 15 November 2021.



Dr Saira Gori
Assistant Professor of Law

1. Invited as a Keynote Speaker in National Workshop, Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace, organised by National Service Scheme, 9 December 2021
2. Invited as an Expert Resource person in "Certificate course on Cyber Crimes, Cyber Forensics and Law" under the aegis of Police Academia Interaction Forum (PAIF), 20 August 2021.
3. Invited as an Expert Speaker in Law Review Consultation on Cyber Crime against Women: Do Indecent Representation of Women's Act, Information Technology Act, and Other Prevailing Laws Suffice, organised By National Commission For Women, New Delhi, 16 September 2021.
4. Invited as a Keynote Speaker in a Webinar, Mental health of Women and Young adults during Pandemic, organised by Parul University, Vadodara, 10 September 2021.
5. Invited as a resource person in four National Seminars, Investigators on Safety of Women, organised under the aegis of BPRD at Gujarat Police Academy, Karai, Gandhinagar, August, September and October 2021.



Dr A. Marisport
Assistant Professor of Law

Dr A Marisport (with Mr Harshit Goel, Training and Research Associate) presented a paper 'Cyber Crime against Women with Disabilities in India' at the National Conference on "Dissenting Cyber Space Victimisation and Anatomising Criminal Justice Response" organised by Manonmaniam Sundaranar University, Tirunelveli, Parul Institute of Law & Indian Society of Criminology, 20 November 2021.



Dr William Nunes
Assistant Professor of Political Science

1. Delivered lectures on 'Citation and Plagiarism' at RUSA 7th & 8th Faculty Induction Programme, UGC-Human Resource Development Centre, University of Rajasthan, 19 September and 03 December 2021.



Mr Tarun
Assistant Professor (Research)

1. Paper Presentation: Tarun and Chawla G., 'Sea at Play: The Role of Sports Regulatory Bodies in Tackling Marine Pollution', at the National Conference jointly organised by National Institute of Disaster Management, 4-6 October 2021.
2. Paper Presentation: Tarun and Therattil R.M., 'Ugly Tackle: Analysing Negligence in Football', at the International Conference on Sports Law, jointly organised by National Anti-Doping Agency, 29 August 2021.
3. Paper Presentation: Chanda S. and Tarun, 'Contouring E-doping: A Menace to Sportsmanship in eSports' at the JGLS Faculty Research Colloquium, organised by Jindal Global Law School, 27 July 2021.
4. Invited as a resource person at the Interactive Certificate Course on Sports Law & Practice, organised by My Lawman, 11 June-18 July 2021.
5. Invited to chair a session at the International Conference on Regulation of Sports and Entertainment Law, jointly organised by Faculty of Law, Jagran Lakecity University and RGNLU, 1 August 2021.
6. Invited as Judge (Prelims) at the MAIMS 2nd National Moot Court Competition organised by Department of Law, Maharaja Agrasen Institute of Management Studies, 26-28 November 2021.
7. Invited as Judge (Prelims) at the Amity University Dubai International Client-Counselling Competition, 11-12 December 2021.



Dr K. Parameswaran
Associate Professor of Law

1. Acquired four interdisciplinary & clinical accreditations:
 - a) Master-Trainer of Neuro-Linguistic Programming (NLP Level 3) from National Federation of NLP, USA,
 - b) Hypnotherapist of Clinical Integrated Hypnosis & Hypnotherapy (Level 4) from California Institute of Hypnosis & EKAA, USA,
 - c) Advanced Certificate in Solution Focussed Brief Therapy (SFBT), and
 - d) Interfaith Dialogue-Seeds of Peace, Samvad Project, India-USA.
2. Conducted three Workshops:
 - a) Two-day National Workshop on "Role of Law, Morality, Ethics, Spirituality in Justice", School of Law, Jagran Lakecity University, Bhopal.
 - b) Two-day National Workshop on "Integration of Law, Religion, Spirituality and Justice: Human Dignity and Social Transformation: Theory & Application, UGC-HRDC, Ranchi University.
 - c) Four-day Phd Research Workshop Philosophical & Humanitarian Approach, Research & Logic with Special Reference to Law, Justice and Society, SLS-SIU Pune.
3. Inducted in the Board of Studies at National Forensic Sciences University (NFSU), Gandhinagar.
4. Assisted MIT-WPU in designing courses on World Famous Philosophers, Sages/Saints and Great Kings; Indian Tradition; Culture and Heritage; Philosophy of Science and Religion; Spirituality; Yoga for Winning Personality; Study of Languages; Peace in Communications and Human Dynamics; Humanities: Ethical, Moral and Social Sciences; Scientific Studies of Mind, Matter, Spirit and Consciousness.
5. Delivered over 50 lectures on diverse topics in reputed national and international forums. Prominent among them were:
 - a) Importance of Spirituality & Constitutional Law, 15th Provisional World Parliament from World Constitution & Parliament Association (WCPA) in association with Earth Constitution Institute, USA,
 - b) Spirituality & The Law - Global and Local Applications with Ms Sylvia Clute, PISLAP, USA,

- c) Hinduism, Sanatana Dharma, Spirituality & Hindutva: Interface with Indian Constitutional Law & Justice, 3-Day International Conference, Hindu Heritage Foundation, USA,
- d) The Role of Justice, Gender, Ethics and Spirituality in Conflict Resolution, Caruso School of Law, Pepperdine University, USA and SLS Pune.
- e) Exploring Bonds between Spirituality and Law, International Conference on Law & Spirituality, Campus Law Centre, University of Delhi,
- f) Spirituality for Academics, Governance, Justice & Society: Challenges & Implementation, International seminar, Parul University and Gujarat Sahitya Academy.
- g) "Indian Civilisation and the Aestheticization of Soft AI: A Soft Law Approach", 2nd Indian Conference on Artificial Intelligence and Law 2021, Indian Society of Artificial Intelligence and Law.



Ms Mrinalini Banerjee
Assistant Professor (Research)

1. Mrinalini Banerjee and Dr S. Shanthakumar received the Best Paper Award for their paper, Climate Change Victimising People Through Forced Migration: Evaluating Disaster Mitigation In Borishal And Khulna Districts, Bangladesh and West Bengal, India, presented at the National Conference cum Training jointly organised by National Institute of Disaster Management and School of Law, CHRIST (Deemed to be University), 04-06 October 2021.
2. Invited as a resource person at the Workshop, How to publish your article in a reputed journal, organised by Symbiosis Law School, Nagpur, 06 August 2021.
3. Invited as a panellist for the Global Legal Issues Seminar organised by Exco Academic & Leadership PERUNDANG and Faculty of Law UKM, Malaysia, 11 December 2021.

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Department of Justice, Ministry of Law and Justice, Government of India, appreciated ProBono India, founded by GNLU alumnus Dr Kalpeshkumar Gupta (PhD 2017), for facilitating the two-month Student Engagement Programme organised under the Department of Justice's Nyay Bandhu Scheme, June-August 2021.



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