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GNLU signs Memorandum of Understanding with the Shodhganga, University Grants Commission

Dear Sir/Madam,

Greetings from GNLU!

Gujarat National Law University (GNLU), took initiative to sign MoU with the Shodhganga – a reservoir of Indian theses, University Grants Commission. The Shodhganga@INFLIBNET Centre provides a platform for research students to deposit their Ph.D. theses and make it available to the entire scholarly community in open access. The repository has the ability to capture, index, store, disseminate and preserve ETDs submitted by the researchers. "Shodhganga" is the name coined to denote digital repository of Indian Electronic Theses and Dissertations set-up by the INFLIBNET Centre. The word "Shodh" originates from Sanskrit and stands for research and discovery. The "Ganga" is the holiest, largest and longest of all rivers in Indian subcontinent. The Ganga is the symbol of India's age-long culture and civilisation, everchanging, ever-flowing, ever-loved and revered by its people, and has held India's heart captive and drawn uncounted millions to her banks since the dawn of history. Shodhganga stands for the reservoir of Indian intellectual output stored in a repository hosted and maintained by the INFLIBNET Centre.

GNLU became the 247th University of India to sign an MoU with the Shodhganga and the **first National Law University**, to deposit its PhD theses to the Shodhganga. More than 62,000 PhD theses and 2131 synopses have been deposited with the IT reservoir. As an MoU partner institute, GNLU will receive benefits in terms of digitizing its PhD theses as well as anti-plagiarism software. The MoU was signed by Dr Bimal N. Patel on behalf of the GNLU and Dr Manoj on behalf of the INFLIBNET Centre of the UGC. They shared ideas and views to further enhance the utility of the Shodhganga in the larger interests of the PhD research community.

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