

## **Gujarat National Law University**

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## Certificate Course on Legal Aspects of Startups inaugurated at GNLU

**Gandhinagar, February 20, 2021:** A Certificate Course on Legal Aspects of Startups was inaugurated at Gujarat National Law University (GNLU) by Prof (Dr) Navin Sheth, Vice-Chancellor of Gujarat Technological University and GNLU Director Prof (Dr) S. Shanthakumar, today.

In his inaugural address, Prof. (Dr.) Navin Sheth stated that legal risk is associated with any startup and legal compliance plays a crucial role at different stages. It is noticed that most of the entrepreneurs are not fully aware of this crucial aspect and, therefore, face many hurdles. This course will be of immense help to such entrepreneurs.

GNLU Director Prof. (Dr.) S. Shanthakumar said that this comprehensive course has been designed to acquaint the startup community on various legal aspects in the life cycle of a startup including intellectual property rights. "GNLU is happy to make this humble contribution to the vision of Startup India initiative of the Government of India," he added.

This course has been launched by Legal Startups (founded by GNLU alumnus, Dr Kalpeshkumar L Gupta), in association with GNLU Legal Incubation Council and GNLU Centre for IPR and supported by the Intellectual Property Protection Organization, Ahmedabad. GNLU Legal Incubation Council is supported by the Student Startup and Innovation Policy, Government of Gujarat.

The certificate course will be conducted over five weekends and will cover important topics such as Startup Ecosystem & Government Policies, Financing for Startups, Introduction to Contracts, IPR, Trademarks, Patents & Copyrights, Formalities for registration of business entities, Labour Aspects Related to Startups, drafting of legal documents and Winding up of a Startup, etc. Resources persons include faculty from IITs, IIMs, NLUs as well as advocates and Chartered Accountants. The course has received an overwhelming response with a total of 230 participants registering for the same. The participants include entrepreneurs, professionals, students and faculty from across the country.

Dr A. N. Rao, Director, GNLU Legal Incubation Council and Dr Nidhi Buch, Head, Centre for Intellectual Property Rights, GNLU were also present at the inaugural session.



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