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GNLU organizes 7th Edition of the International Maritime Academy

In collaboration with the U.S. Naval War College

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Gandhinagar, March 17: Gujarat National Law University launched the 7th Edition of the GNLU International Maritime Academy (GIMA) on Saturday, March 17, 2018 with a major theme of “Indian Ocean Region – Ports Security; Preventing, Reducing and Controlling IUU Fishing and Marine Environmental Pollution”

The 7th edition of GNLU International Maritime Academy was inaugurated by Vice Admiral Anil Kumar Chawla, AVSM, VSM, NM, Chief of Personnel, Indian Navy in the august presence of Rear Admiral Sanjay Roye, Flag Officer Commanding Gujarat Naval Area, Lieutenant Colonel Alan L. Schuller, U.S. Marine Corps, Associate Director, Stockton Center for the Study of International Law, U.S. Naval War College and Professor Bimal N. Patel, Director GNLU.

2018 GIMA is organized by the GNLU Center for Public International Law in collaboration with the US Naval War College (Stockton Centre for the Study of International Law), Newport, USA. Operated by the United States Department of Defense, the Naval War College (NWC) is the staff college and "Home of Thought" for the United States Navy.

The 2018 edition of academy is supported by the Ministry of external affairs, Government of India and the Gujarat Maritime Board, Gujarat.

More than 30 participants from Naval forces, Port Trusts, and representatives of more than 10 countries including USA, Indonesia, Kenya, Ghana, Luxemburg, Bolivia, Serbia, Norway, Uganda etc. are participating in the academy.



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On the first day of the Academy, Indian Navy (Gujarat Daman & Diu Naval Area,) organized the National seminar on the theme of Coastal Security / Port Security / Marine Environment Protection / Illegal Unregulated and Unrestricted Fishing.

During the inaugural address Vice Admiral Anil Kumar Chawla highlighted the importance of oceans for the human being and human life. He emphasized on protection, conservation and sustainable use of marine resources and appreciated the well-chosen theme i.e. *Indian Ocean Region – Ports Security; Preventing, Reducing and Controlling IUU Fishing and Marine Environmental Pollution* of the academy in view of economic development of nations through oceans. Inaugural address was also diversified towards the origin of evolution of life and importance of sea for humans along with the need of strengthening the regulating mechanism of IUU fishing.

Lieutenant Colonel Alan L. Schuller reiterated the importance of bilateral relations of Indian and US in teaching, research and capacity building through such trainings. Lieutenant Colonel Alan L. Schuller highlighted the role, initiatives by US naval war college.

Professor Bimal Patel in his welcome address highlighted the initiative at national and international level pertaining to strengthen and development and sustainability of maritime laws and regulation. Professor Patel highlighted the initiatives taken by the University in teaching, research and training activities of the University in the area of Maritime law.

The foundation of the GNLU International Maritime Academy was laid by the Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi (then the Chief Minister of Gujarat) with his inaugural address of the GNLU International Maritime Conference, in 2011. GNLU has so far trained several hundred participants from **50+ countries** in the earlier six academies.

The seventh edition of the Academy will conclude on Saturday, March 24.

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