

Tenth Convocation of GNLU

Gandhinagar, February 15, 2020: The tenth convocation of the Gujarat National Law University (GNLU) was held today.

Dr Justice D. Y. Chandrachud, Hon. Judge, Supreme Court of India and Visitor, GNLU delivered the Convocation Address. **Mr Justice Mukeshkumar R. Shah**, Hon. Judge, Supreme Court of India, **Mr Justice Vikram Nath**, Hon'ble Chief Justice, High Court of Gujarat and **Shri Bhupendrasinh M. Chudasama**, Hon'ble Minister for Law & Education, Government of Gujarat also graced the convocation as distinguished **Guests of Honour**.

A total of **218 students** were conferred degrees at the convocation. They comprised 158 students of the five-year integrated UG programmes in Law, 50 students of the PG programme in Law, 09 students of the MBA programme and one student of the doctoral programme.

26 Gold Medals were awarded to **16 students** for their scholastic performance in various subjects. Of these, **22 Medals were bagged by 12 female students** with **Sanskriti Sanghi** (UG Programme in Law) receiving as many as **eight gold medals**. It is pertinent to mention here that Sanskriti was an Aditya Birla Scholar 2014-2019.

In his convocation address, Justice Chandrachud advised the graduating students to be thankful to their parents for the sacrifices they have made. He said that **today, the greatest danger is the danger of cynicism**. He advised the students to be optimistic and “**keep the flame within you burning bright.**” He said that “**courage is a hallmark of a lawyer.**” Finally, he advised the graduating students to **do some pro-bono work stating that doing so has its own charm and satisfaction.**

Justice M. R. Shah also put stress on courage quoting Mahatma Gandhi that “**education without courage is like a wax statute – beautiful to look at, but bound to melt at the first touch of heat and pressure.**” He further said, “Law as a profession is a very satisfying one. It fulfils your intellectual lust and at the same time provides immense opportunities for earning and elevating your status to the top-most of the society. However, **your motto should be to earn by serving and not serve by earning.....** in whichever field of law you may go, your motto should be service – service to the society, service to the victim and service to the needy... **bear in mind that a person who has to approach the court and a lawyer with a problem is an unfortunate person, a victim of circumstances and at times a victim of his own folly. He needs to be helped rather than exploited.** It is said that life is an echo. What you give will bounce back and return to your life.”



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Justice Vikram Nath told the students that their hard work brought them to such a prestigious university and through hard work alone now they are graduating from this university and advised the students to continue their hard work for further success in their life.

Hon'ble Minister Shri Bhupendrasinh Chudasama advised the students to be responsible, reliable, patriot, disciplined and dedicated.

In his welcome address, GNLU Director, Dr Shanthakumar gave an account of the University's achievements over the last year and thanked all stakeholders for their support and cooperation.

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