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Prof. Upendra Baxi Visits GNLU; Makes Scholarly Interaction with Faculty Members

Dear Sir/Madam,

Greetings from GNLU!

Gujarat National Law University (GNLU) has a tradition of inviting eminent scholars, jurists, and judges from time to time in its endeavour to make a holistic academic and research development and imparting world class education. In order to further this idea, GNLU invited eminent scholar Prof. Upendra Baxi to make scholarly interaction with the faculty members of the university.

Prof. Baxi, a Padma Shree awardee, is Professor of Law in Development at Warwick University, U.K. He previously served as Professor of Law, University of Delhi (1973-1996) and as its Vice Chancellor (1990-1994.) He also served as Vice Chancellor, University of South Gujarat, Surat (1982-1985); Honorary Director (Research) the Indian Law Institute (1885-1988.) He was also the President of the Indian Society of International Law (1992-1995).

In the interactive session, Prof. Baxi spoke about the importance and mission of a law teacher to interact and guide the students and make them well read and socially creative. He made the session interesting by humorously explaining how teaching and jurisprudence can derive the relation from simplest of things around. He emphasised that a teacher must teach what students are interested in learning over what the teacher is interested in teaching, and stated that students' interest is not paramount but it is important as well. Further, Prof. Baxi said that a teacher must 'teach, read, write and think' and should spark the mind of students. He stressed on the importance of



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developing a case learning and understanding consciousness in order to be a good law teacher and concluded by saying that in the profession of teaching law the work is its own reward.

GNLU faculty members enjoyed and learned from this interactive session and many questions posed by them were answered by Prof. Baxi during the session. The session concluded with vote of thanks expressed by Dr. Thomas Matthew, Registrar, GNLU.

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