

## Workshop on Competency-Based Education at GNLU

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**Gandhinagar, March 02, 2020:** Workshop on “**Competency-Based Environmental Law Education**” was conducted at Gujarat National Law University (GNLU), today.

In his inaugural speech, GNLU Director Dr Shanthakumar said that there is a paradigm shift globally from outcome-based education (OBE) to competency-based education (CBE). “CBE is increasingly seen as one of the best systems by many higher educational institutions all over the world. Today, when there is an increased transborder movement of people for education and employment purposes, It is necessary that Indian graduates possess certain well-defined competencies as per global standards and that the degrees offered by Indian institutions are globally comparable, compatible as well as transparent,” he said.

Dr P. Puneeth of Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU) briefed the participants about the **Tuning India** project. He said that as a part of its drive to develop and promote CBE within Europe and outside, University of Deusto, Spain has set up Tuning India project with the objective of supporting the internationalization process in India through the building of a framework of comparable, compatible and transparent degree programmes. The project has been co-funded by the European Union. This project has brought together 15 Indian universities and five European universities. The experts from these universities are working together to develop ‘competency’ based curriculums initially in four selected disciplines – Law, ICT, Medicine and Teacher Education. As a first step, these experts have identified generic competencies which every Indian graduate in any discipline should have acquired during their graduation as well as specific competencies which every graduate in a specific subject area (Law, ICT, Medicine and Teacher Education) is expected to have developed. The project team is now conducting a stakeholders’ survey of students, graduates, teachers and employers to further refine these lists of competencies. Today’s workshop is a part of this survey exercise. Dr Puneeth is associated with Tuning India Project for the last three years.

The workshop was organized under the aegis of the GNLU Centre for Environmental Law, Climate Change and Sustainable Development.

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