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## **Gujarat Maritime Board Chair in Maritime Laws and Practice at GNLU**

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Dear Sir/Madam,

Greetings from GNLU!

Gujarat National Law University (GNLU) being a Research Based Teaching University always strives to achieve excellence in academics and research by addressing various contemporary legal issues. And this is reflected through various research projects, research activities and publications by the faculty and students of GNLU under various Centres of Excellence and dedicated Chairs in different areas of law.

Continuing its legacy in expanding its horizons in various contemporary legal concerns and laws, GNLU in collaboration with the Gujarat Maritime Board (GMB) has established the Gujarat Maritime Board Chair in Maritime Laws and Practices with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> November 2015. The endowment for the Chair is for three years duration and will continue till 31<sup>st</sup> October 2018 until the Gujarat Maritime University is established and is fully functional.

The major objective of this Chair is to provide a forum or a platform for research, discussion and study of various aspects of international and national maritime laws and practices. Various seminars, workshops, training programmes and conferences will be conducted under this Chair on various issues and recent trends of maritime laws and security, its policies and practices.

The Maritime Law Chair will have one Chair Assistant Professor who will act as the Maritime Coordinator / Specialist and will be appointed either by a Selection Committee or by invitation on recommendation of the Selection Committee for a period of two years. This appointment will be extendable bi-annually for two years with a maximum duration of five years.



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This Chair will also encourage research activities, projects and publications in various aspects of Maritime Law and the current issues and challenges of Maritime laws globally. It will also encourage PhD research under the aegis of the Maritime Law Chair so as to contribute to the capacity building of the maritime stakeholders. Further, the Chair will offer internships and placements to the students who are interested in this field of law. GNLU along with GMB will conduct all the activities pertaining to the objective of establishment of this Chair.

GNLU has significantly consolidated its specialisation in law of the sea and maritime laws through conducting a number of Conferences, Seminars and Workshops on the current issues of Maritime Laws and Security in the past and had witnessed overwhelming participation from all stakeholders including academia, naval officers, attorneys, and officials of Maritime Boards and national and international Maritime organizations from across the globe.

In addition to these activities in the past focusing on Maritime Laws, Prof. Dr Bimal Patel, Director, GNLU has published two books in collaboration with the Eastern Book Company in the areas of Maritime Laws and related areas. The first edition of the book entitled “Maritime Security & Piracy (Global Issues, Challenges and Solutions)” was published in 2012. It is a compilation of articles on the global issues, challenges and solutions pertaining to **Maritime Security & Piracy**, collected from different sources which includes writers such as Naval officials, officials in ministries of various governments, academicians, research scientists, victims of piracy, etc. The second book entitled “Law of the Sea: ITLOS Jurisprudence” has been published very recently in July 2015, and presents case commentaries, case-laws digest, ITLOS legal texts, statutes, rules, judicial practice and guidelines etc.

This Maritime Law Chair will strive to achieve all its objectives and vision and will indeed contribute to the areas of Maritime Law and provide an insight on various issues and concerns of the international maritime security and its policies and practices.

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