

## **Prof. Dr S. Shantha Kumar appointed as the GNLU Director**

**Gandhinagar, May 04, 2019:** The General Council of the Gujarat National Law University (GNLU) has approved the appointment of Prof. Dr S. Shantha Kumar to the post of Director, GNLU for a period of five years.

The General Council headed by Dr Justice D. Y. Chandrachud met Friday to deliberate over the recommendations of the search committee as well as the Executive Council and selected Prof. Dr S. Shantha Kumar for the GNLU top job.

Currently, Prof. Dr S. Shantha Kumar is the Pro Vice-Chancellor & Dean, School of Law of GD Goenka University. Earlier, he was Dean, Faculty of Law at SGT University, Gurgaon; Director of ITM Law School, ITM University, Gurgaon; Associate Professor of Law and Controller of Examinations at Hidayatullah National Law University, Raipur; Senior Lecturer at Government, Law College, Madurai; and Senior Lecturer at Government Law College, Chennai. Before joining the legal academia he had practised at the Madras High Court for seven years. He is an alumnus of Madras University where he obtained his graduation, post-graduation and doctorate degree in law. His areas of specialization are Environmental Law, Human Rights Law, International Law, and Constitutional Law. He has authored 3 books on Environmental Law and 2 books on Human Rights Law. He has published a number of research articles on contemporary legal issues in various reputed national and international journals and edited volumes. He has presented papers and delivered keynote addresses in many national and international conferences in India and abroad. He had executed the Environmental Law Capacity Building Project funded by World Bank; the Law Teaching and Legal Research Skills Project of the British Council and Cardiff University, U.K. and a Research Project on "Audio Piracy" funded by the MHRD, Government of India. He has been a very active member of the International Association of Law Schools, U.S.A. He was awarded the "Environmental Law Champions Development Award" by the Asian Development Bank, Philippines.

Prof. Dr S. Shantha Kumar will succeed Dr Bimal N. Patel whose 10-year term as GNLU Director ended in last November. After his term ended, he was asked to continue in office until his successor was appointed.

General Council placed on record its appreciation for the excellent contribution by the outgoing Director Dr Bimal Patel to the growth of GNLU over last 10 years. Shri Bhupendrasinh Chudasama, Hon'ble Law Minister profusely thanked Dr Bimal Patel on behalf of the Government of Gujarat saying that "under the leadership of Dr Patel, GNLU has become a preferred destination for legal studies, inter-disciplinary research and training in the country."

Dr Bimal Patel congratulated Dr Santhakumar on his appointment. Dr Santhakumar is expected to assume charge of office in early July.



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