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NAAC Recognises GNLU with A Grade

Dear Sir/Madam,

Greetings from GNLU!
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The National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC) recently visited Gujarat National Law University (GNLU), and has accredited the University with 'A' Grade. GNLU is pleased to receive the accreditation from NAAC and has dedicated this achievement to its entire faculty, students and staff members. The indicators of achievements of the University too have played a major role in this achievement. As it is already known, GNLU has a unique and innovative model of legal education in the country, it has created a unique learning environment for its students so that their professional goals and objectives are achieved. GNLU has a rich blend of knowledge and expertise and has been a converging place for professionals and experts in various fields.

The eight-member NAAC Team was headed by Prof. Paramjit Jaswal, Vice Chancellor of Rajiv Gandhi National University of Law (RGNUL), Patiala who was also the Chairman of the team, visited GNLU from 2nd February – 4th February 2016.

The core indicators of GNLU which were submitted to the NAAC team following the Self Study Report (SSR) and the on-ground visit and inspection of the team was incredible to receive this accreditation. GNLU has scored well on the parameters of Teaching-Learning, Innovation and Research, Publications and various achievements of the faculty, staff and the students. The quality of the faculty and the extensive research and publications by the faculty and students has been one of the major scoring points. The internationalization initiatives such as faculty and student exchange programmes and the co-curricular activities and achievements by the students have also helped the University considerably to reach the goal of becoming a world-class law university. This has been one of the numerous core indicators which have facilitated GNLU in achieving the 'A' Grade.

GNLU is also proud to inform its major indicators of achievements below:

a) The syllabus at GNLU is reviewed and updated based on Research-based Teaching University model in consultation with national and international experts / specialists every semester and inclusion of new papers in a subject, bifurcation or consolidation of papers, addition or deletion of optional and seminar papers in law and stream-subjects are done. GNLU has unique 5-year integrated law programmes which includes disciplines such as social work (BSW LLB), Science (B.Sc. LLB), commerce, (B.Com. LL.B.), Business Administration (BBA LLB) and Humanities (BA LLB). Apart from these undergraduate programmes, the University also has one year LLM programme and MBA in Financial Management & Business Laws along with the doctoral programme of PhD in Law. Online programmes are also offered as part of GNLU Legal Incubation Project in collaboration with technology partner. GNLU is planning to develop contents for UGC e-Pathshala project.

b) GNLU has an excellent pool of faculty which comprises 45% faculty with PhD degree. Apart from honorary and adjunct professors, GNLU also has a good number of Teaching & Research Associates who are budding researchers and teachers in law and inter-disciplinary subjects. The Teaching-learning process is also streamlined and transparent where a robust feedback mechanism has been deployed to receive feedback from students through end-semester feedback, parent-teacher meeting, peers, employers, alumni.

c) In terms of research and publications, GNLU has 25 ongoing research projects most of which are research projects undertaken pro-bono to serve the society and governance, judiciary and law-making. Among them 50% are as per the mandate agency and 50% are self-initiated. GNLU has also generated revenue of Rs. 17.27 lakhs in the last three years from consultation in addition to Rs. 7 lakhs from Antarctica project by ICCSR.

d) In terms of internationalization, GNLU has 6 National, 10 International and 2 Industry MoUs signed. Under these collaborations, faculty and students have benefitted considerably where it witnessed mutual exchange programmes of faculty and students. 38% faculty availed international assistance either provided by the University or external agency for teaching, research and participation in academic events.

e) Towards maintaining its excellence in legal education and for the development of faculty and students, GNLU has conducted various Conferences, Seminars, Workshops and Training programmes in the past three years which includes 33 such programmes in 2014, 47 in 2015 and 9 in January 2016.

f) GNLU also has various audit processes in place so as to maintain and facilitate smooth function. These include Academic Audit, Research Audit, Performance Audit, Teaching Tools and Methods Audit as well as financial, administration and procurement controls and audits. Internal and external audit by CAG is also conducted which ensures quality aspects too. In addition a Review Commission, appointed by the Visitor of the University, undertook the overall review of the functioning of the University in 2013.

g) In co-curricular and extra-curricular activities, the students of GNLU have shown outstanding performances and brought laurels.

h) GNLU has undertaken various innovative initiatives and practices which includes its Research-based Teaching University model, Academic Support Programme, Supernumerary admission to Jammu and Kashmir and North-Eastern States, Mandatory one foreign Language, Mandatory 100 hours pro-bono legal service, Adoption of village(s) for legal aid and community services, Variety of academic partnership programs with institutions of law-making, governance, judiciary and civil society, GNLU Litigation Assistance and Support Scheme, Legal History Museum, and Exclusive corpus for faculty and staff development and internationalization of education, research and training.

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