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GNLU creating a niche for itself in the field of International Commercial Arbitration
Offers free arbitration facility to promote arbitration as the most preferred means of dispute resolution

Gandhinagar, August 06, 2018: Over the years, GNLU has created a niche for itself in the field of International Commercial Arbitration. It has established an International Arbitration Cell under the aegis of which GNLU conducts training programmes for the capacity building of Arbitrators and Mediators. The Cell is also formulating GNLU International Arbitration Rules so as to become a preferred seat of arbitration in the near future.

In order to support the academic, research and world arbitration practices for the students and faculty, GNLU library has procured the best collections on arbitration, particularly international arbitration law. GNLU library has more than 500 latest print volumes covering the core area of arbitration published throughout the globe, six online databases, which cover the contents of global arbitration awards, scholarly publications on arbitration and council, treaties, compilations of intellectual discourses held at international level, arbitration news, and a directory of information about all major arbitration law firms:

- International arbitration (Kluwer arbitration)
- ICC Digital Library
- Westlaw
- Investor-State Law Guide, London (ISLG)
- Global Arbitration Review GAR
- International Arbitration Reporter (IAREPORTER)

GNLU Library has, thus, acquired one of the richest collections on International Arbitration among the law universities in India and at par with the leading law schools globally. Harvard Law School subscribes to the same digital database which GNLU library subscribes to.

Apart from an active academic interest in the subject, GNLU students regularly participate in various international arbitration moot courts like the Frankfurt Investment Arbitration Moot Court, the Willem C. Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot.

With almost 33 million (as of 2018) cases pending in different courts in India, the effectiveness of dispute resolution process has a huge impact on our economy and the global perception for doing business in India. India was ranked 100 out of 190 countries in the World Bank ranking on Ease of Doing Business 2018, wherein enforcement of contracts and alternative dispute resolution are important criteria to measure the quality of judicial process index.

The proposed Indian Arbitration Council and the bill to establish the New Delhi International Arbitration Centre, on the lines of London Court of International Arbitration, aim to launch India as a global hub for international arbitration and will provide impetus to study on arbitration, wherein GNLU library can play



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a vital role in the development of arbitration research and capacity building of arbitration practitioners in India. With a recent MoU between Singapore International Arbitration Centre with GIFT IFSC which aims to establish a seat and venue of international arbitration at GIFT-Gandhinagar, GNLU is strategically placed to become the information hub for all in the arbitration arena.

To promote arbitration as the most preferred means of dispute resolution, GNLU offers free arbitration facility with all the necessary infrastructure. For any queries related to arbitration, feel free to contact Dr Vikas Gandhi, Associate Professor of Law at <vgandhi@gnlu.ac.in>.