

First meeting of the Gujarat Law Deans Forum held at GNLU

Gandhinagar, Oct 19, 2019: The first meeting of the ‘Gujarat Law Deans Forum (GLDF) was organized at Gujarat National Law University (GNLU) today. Deans/Directors of 20 law colleges from across the state participated in the meeting.

In his inaugural address, GNLU Director, Dr Shanthakumar extended a hearty welcome to the participating Deans and said, “Government of Gujarat has designated GNLU as a nodal agency under the Gujarat Legal Education Project (GLEP) for enhancing the quality of legal education in the state. We have formed this forum to integrate all law institutions in the State on one platform for the exchange of ideas for the noble cause of enhancing the quality of legal education in Gujarat.”

Various common issues such as sharing of library and other resources among the member institutions, capacity building of law teachers through Teachers’ Training Programmes, bridging the gap between academia and the world of practice, etc. were discussed at the meeting.

It was decided to explore the possibility of holding training programmes for law post-graduates aspiring for a career in legal academia. “Such hands-on training before induction will go a long way in improving the quality of law teachers in the state,” said Dr Shanthakumar.

The meeting also felt that there is a need to create awareness among school children and parents about law as a good career option. “While Gujarat has a large number of institutions providing quality legal education, a very small number of students from the state take the Common Law Admission Test (CLAT). Creating awareness will go yield better quality students in law institutions,” said Dr Rishikesh Dave.

It was felt that leading institutions in the state have some excellent mooters who can visit other institutions to interact with the students and spread the mooting culture across the state.

In the end, it was decided that the forum should meet at least once in a semester. The member institutions will host such meeting in rotation.

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