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Global Recognition for GNLU Faculty Members for their Scholastic Excellence

Greetings from GNLU!

Achievements in terms of grants and honours, especially at the international level, are a boost to the career of an academician. It adds value to the profile of an academician, a teacher and substantiates the knowledge an academician has acquired and shared throughout the career. Research is an important element of an academician's career, it enriches the career and further helps in enhancing the knowledge bank with the help of the contribution an academician makes. GNLU thus focuses on research besides teaching and hence encourages its faculty for research and publications and adding value to their career as well as the legal education. GNLU also supports internationalization as its core initiative and therefore it facilitates its faculty and students to participate in various initiatives taken up by the University in promoting exchange programmes, visits and scholar-in-residence programmes with its foreign university partners, participation in international conferences and seminars etc. for promoting research and knowledge enhancement.

GNLU is thus proud to share that four members of the GNLU Faculty have received prestigious honours and opportunities to participate and represent themselves at the International level and contribute to the legal education globally. This is an exceptional achievement by the faculty members and is indeed a great moment for GNLU.

Prof. (Dr.) Mamata Biswal, Professor of Law and Dean – Academic Affairs at GNLU, has been awarded the Senior Fellowship in Law by the Indian Council for Social Science Research (ICSSR) for the year 2016-17. Her research will be fully funded by the ICSSR. Her topic of research is “Legal Challenges before India to ratify the United Nations Convention on Contracts for the International Sale of Goods (CISG) – A Critical Analysis”. Dr. Biswal is among the 33 candidates who have been awarded the Senior Fellowship Grant by the ICSSR.



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Further, GNLU is also glad to share that Prof. (Dr.) Ranita Nagar, Professor of Economics and Dean – Research has been nominated to participate in the 2017 Asia-Pacific Law Deans’ Forum to be held on 9th & 10th March 2017 in Yogyakarta, Indonesia, organized by the International Association of Law Schools (IALS) in collaboration with Universitas Gadjah Mada, Faculty of Law. The Asia-Pacific Law Deans’ Forum is open to Deans and Associate Deans from law schools and law departments in the Asia-Pacific region. It provides an opportunity to engage with law school leaders to develop a critical set of issues and proposals in developing a global approach to the challenges facing legal education today.

In addition to the above achievements, GNLU is also pleased to share that Dr. Vikas Gandhi, Associate Professor of Law and Dean – Extension, has been selected to serve as a Judge at the upcoming 22nd Annual Inter-American Human Rights Moot Court Competition organized by American University Washington College of Law. The Competition will take place from 21st – 26th May, 2017 in Washington, D.C. The Competition is a trilingual moot court (English, Spanish and Portuguese), based on the Inter-American system for the promotion and protection of human rights.

Furthermore, it is a matter of pride for GNLU to share that Dr. Joshua N. Aston, Assistant Professor of Law and Dean – Students’ Welfare at GNLU has been selected for the prestigious DAAD (German Academic Exchange) Research Grant. This grant is facilitated by the partner University of GNLU in Germany – the University of Cologne for two months. Dr. Aston will be visiting Germany from March – May 2017 and will be conducting a research on Human Rights Law focusing on the Human Trafficking taking place in the European countries, with a special focus on Germany and a critical analysis of the CoE Convention (Council of Europe Convention on Actions against Trafficking in Human Beings) and its effectiveness in combating human trafficking.

It is certainly a matter of pride for GNLU to have its representative at such an important event at the international stage.

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