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GNLU Research Mission Gets Boost – Endowment of Two Chairs

Navinchandra Desai Law Foundation Chair & Cyril Amarchand & Mangaldas & Co. Chair

Dear Sir/Madam,

Greetings from GNLU!

Gujarat National Law University (GNLU) (www.gnlu.ac.in), a Research Based Teaching University, received major boost to its consolidation of research mission with the establishment of two chairs by a public trust and leading law firm of the nation.

Under the **GNLU- NAVINCHANDRA DESAI LAW FOUNDATION CHAIR**, GNLU partnership with larger legal fraternity will see a progressive move towards skill development of lawyers and legal aspirants. Under the Chair, GNLU will provide assistance to lawyers and students to develop their skills and to continue legal research and publish research works and undertake internship in inter-governmental organisations. It will provide monthly stipend of INR 10,000 for a period of one year every year to a graduating student based on merits and selection process. It will provide financial assistance of INR 50,000 to a student to pursue research internship in an inter-governmental organization such as the United Nations etc. every year. It will contribute to promotion of Gujarat Law Journal and conduct public lectures and seminars by inviting scholars, judges and lawyers and such other activities as decided upon by the Chair Committee.

Emphasising the importance of ethics and values in daily legal profession, the leading law firm of the nation, Cyril Amarchand & Mangaldas & Co. established a dedicated Chair. Under this **GNLU-CYRIL AMARCHAND & MANGALDAS CO. CHAIR**, the Chair will provide a forum for discussion and study of legal and judicial ethics and values (LJEV) and other relevant issues. It will assist Judiciary, Bar, Law Commission of India and designated policy making institutions by providing legal research and advise on contemporary issues faced with regard to legal and judicial ethics and values. It will promote comparative foreign research on legal and judicial ethics and values. It will organize workshops and training seminars for academicians, scholars, judicial officers, lawyers, government officials and other stakeholders on various aspects of legal and judicial ethics and values. It will publish policy papers and reports for the organs of State and carry out empirical studies and surveys on topical issues on legal and judicial



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ethics and values, and provide high quality legal research and study materials including policy papers on a pro-bono or sponsorship basis.

Moreover, under the Chair, GNLU will provide a monthly stipend of INR 10,000 to two graduating students, based on rigorous selection process, for a period of one year who opt to specialize and start helping senior advocates on Constitutional Law Matters.

With the addition of these two chairs, GNLU has **12 Chairs / Fellowships worth endowment of INR 3.0 Crore**, established by international and national corporations, law firms, public sector undertakings, government departments and private companies, hugely contributing to consolidation of GNLU as a research based premier national law university of the nation. Other Chairs are; Microsoft India (Intellectual Property Rights); ONGC (International Contracts); Khaitan & Co. (Mergers & Acquisitions); Gujarat Urja Vikas Nigam Limited (Energy Laws); Cube Construction Engineering Limited (Real Estates); Gujarat Council on Science and Technology (Intellectual Property Rights); Gujarat Maritime Board (Maritime Laws); Satlaj Vidyut Nigam Limited (Sustainable Development); Ministry of Earth Sciences (Law of the Sea); and Department of Social Welfare and Justice, Gujarat (Social Laws).

For further information on research vision and mission of GNLU, please contact Professor Dr. Ranita Nagar, Dean of Research & Publications, GNLU at (rnagar@gnlu.ac.in).