



**REPORT ON THE PROGRAMS
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GNLU COMPETITIVE EXAM
GUIDANCE COMMITTEE
(GCGC)**

SESSION: JULY- OCTOBER 2015





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ABOUT THE GNLU COMPETITIVE EXAM GUIDANCE COMMITTEE (GCGC)

Dear Colleagues,

The GNLU Competitive Exam Committee (GCGC) is one of the most active committee within the Gujarat National Law University (GNLU). Its primary function is to spread awareness and training on various competitive examinations like the UGC-NET, SET, Civil Services Examination etc., and to achieve this objective, we have received unconditional support from our visionary Director, Prof. (Dr.) Bimal N. Patel and our Registrar Dr. Thomas Mathew. The GCGC plans to motivate and guide the aspirants to clear these challenging examinations in the form of inviting distinguished resource persons, having unmatched experiences to deliver lectures on their relevant field. The core committee of the GCGC functions under the convenership of Mr. Hiteshkumar Thakkar (Assistant Professor of Economics) with Mr. Marisport A. (Assistant Professor of Law), Mr. Mahesh Chaudhary (Assistant Professor of Management), Mr. Shashibhushan Sharma (Research Associate) and Mr. Digvijay Dam (Student Research Assistant), providing their selfless support and groundwork to achieve the desired objectives from time to time. It has since 2010, organized numerous lectures delivered by leading experts from Career Launcher, LAKSHA Academy, serving bureaucrats and Civil Services probationers, who have acknowledged the noble initiative of this committee and eagerly look forward to be a part of it, in all its future initiatives.

Please find enclosed our report on the programs organized by the GNLU Competitive Exam Guidance Committee (GCGC) in this semester and I hope you'll appreciate the efforts taken by the committee and the associated faculty members in pursuing this noble initiative.

Hiteshkumar Thakkar

Convener GCGC

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**SPECIAL LECTURE SERIES ON UGC- NET AND SET EXAMINATION
PART-I HELD ON 18-19TH JULY 2015 AT THE GUJARAT NATIONAL
LAW UNIVERSITY, GANDHINAGAR.**

Objectives of the Course

Accurate planning is necessary to achieve success in the UGC- NET examination. There is a need for proper guidance and strategy. It is also necessary to have a clear understanding of the syllabus, trends and the pattern of questions. An in-depth study is required from an authoritative textbook in all these three papers. It is advisable to prepare concise notes for the respective subjects and revise them again and again.

Course Coverage

This programme will focus exclusively on the following subjects i.e. Constitution of India, Legal Theory and Jurisprudence (Paper II and III). Special emphasis will be laid on previous years question pattern, current cases / issues on the concerned topic.

Resource Persons



Girish R.: Prof. Girish R. currently serves as an Assistant Professor of Law at the Gujarat National Law University. He specializes in the areas of Administrative Law, Constitutional Law, Commercial Law, Environmental Law, Information Technology law, Intellectual property laws, Media law and Procedural Laws. He is also a Joint Secretary (Commonwealth Legal Education Association South Asia India Chapter) and a member of the Commonwealth Legal Education Association.



Sakkarnairkar Fakkires S.: Prof. Sakkarnairkar Fakkires S. currently serves as an Assistant Professor of Law at the Gujarat National Law University. He has been appointed as a resource person for various legal awareness/literacy camps and workshops. He has also participated in various National and State level conferences/symposium/ seminars / workshops. He has also being a pioneer in conducting the First National Level "Pentagram" at Gujarat National Law University in March 2013.

DAY 1 (18.07.2014; SATURDAY)



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(Mr. Shashibhushan Sharma addressing the gathering at Hall 0.6)

The lecture series began by *Mr. Shashibhushan Sharma* Research Associate (Law) heartily welcoming the LLM batch of 2015. He then proceeded to address the participants about the UGC-NET exam and the initiative taken by the GCGC to organize this special lecture series by specially emphasizing on the UGC-NET and the SET Examination. He further communicated that these lectures shall be organized on a biweekly or fortnightly basis till the month of October. This initiative will not only help the students aspiring for a career in academics but also those preparing for the UPSC and Judicial examinations.



(Prof. Marisport briefs the participants about the course content and its relevance)

He further paved the way for *Prof. Marisport*, to brief the participants about the objective of the course and introduced them to the respective resource persons. Mr. Sharma then welcomed *Prof. Fakkires S.* to begin with his module on Jurisprudence.



(The Participants in the hall)



(Prof. Fakkires S. teaching Jurisprudence and Legal theory to the Participants)

Prof. Fakkires's session went on till 01:30 where he covered units on Sources of Law, Positivism, Natural Law Theory, Sociological Jurisprudence, Theories of Punishment, Rights and Duties and Concepts of Possession and Ownership. The participants heartily enjoyed his session.



(Prof. Girish R. addresses the participants)

The post-lunch session from 2:00 to 4:30 was taken by *Prof. Girish R.*, where he covered the following modules on Preamble, Fundamental Rights and Duties, Directive Principles of State Policy, Judiciary, Executive, Union State Legislative Relations, Emergency Provisions, Amendment of the Constitution and Writ Jurisdiction.

DAY 2 (19.07.2015; SUNDAY)



(Prof. Girish R. giving his morning lecture on Constitutional Law)

Prof. Girish R's commenced his lecture at 10:30 AM covering the essential features of Indian Constitution, Distribution of Legislation Powers between Union and States, Fundamental Rights, Fundamental Duties and Directive Principles of State Policy, Judiciary, Parliament and State Legislature, amending Process of the Constitution and role of Election Commission in Democratic Process.

Finally, *Prof. Fakkires S.* concluded the lecture series, where he covered the modules on Nature and Sources of Law, Legal Concepts- Right, Duty, Ownership, Possession and Person, Judicial Process- Application of Doctrine of Precedent of India, Judicial Contribution in Bringing Social Changes and Morality.



The 2 day long intensive course ended by *Prof. Hitesh Thakkar (Convener GCGC)*, addressing the students about his personal experiences with the UGC-NET exam and wished them luck. He further thanked *Prof. Girish R., Prof. Fakkires S., Prof. Marisport, Mr. Shashibhushan Sharma* and *Mr. Digvijay Dam*, for successfully organizing this particular lecture series by having sacrificed their precious weekend in pursuance of this noble initiative.





**SPECIAL LECTURE SERIES ON CSAT AND GENERAL STUDIES
HELD ON 8TH AUGUST 2015 AT THE GUJARAT NATIONAL LAW
UNIVERSITY, GANDHINAGAR.**



Objective of the Course

Accurate planning is necessary to achieve success in the CSAT examination. There is a need for proper guidance and strategy. It is also necessary to have a clear understanding of the syllabus, trends and the pattern of questions. An in-depth study is required from an authoritative textbook in all these examinations. It is advisable to prepare concise notes for the respective subjects and revise them again and again.

Course Coverage

The course is designed to enrich the aspirants with a portion on the **Civil Services Aptitude Test (CSAT)** and **“General Studies: Economics”** of the UPSC Civil Services Prelim Examinations.

Resource Persons

Lalit Narayan Singh Sandhu: A Mechanical engineer by qualification having done is PGDM (MBA) from the prestigious Indian Institute of Management, Indore. Mr. Lalit Narayan Singh Sandhu attained an All India Rank of 167 in the All India Civil



Service Examination, 2014. He has also cleared the NET-JRF in Management and is presently working as an Assistant Commissioner with Employees' Provident Fund Organization (EPFO), Ministry of Labor and Employment, Government of India.

Takeaway from the Course

This program saw an active participation of over 30 students, which ranged from 2nd year undergraduate law students to the post-graduate ones. Mr. Sandhu explained the format of the examination and the relevant modules to be studied, by recommending a rigorous study plan involving an in-depth research from a plethora of reading materials, which was further followed by him reminiscing his personal experiences. The participants got a brief overview of the CSAT by having interacted with him extensively, and look forward to his future visit to the university again.



**SPECIAL LECTURE SERIES ON UGC- NET AND SET EXAMINATION
PART-II HELD ON (22-23RD JULY 2015) AT THE GUJARAT NATIONAL
LAW UNIVERSITY, GANDHINAGAR.**

Objective of the Course

Accurate planning is necessary to achieve success in the UGC- NET examination. There is a need for proper guidance and strategy. It is also necessary to have a clear understanding of the syllabus, trends and the pattern of questions. An in-depth study is required from an authoritative textbook in all these three papers. It is advisable to prepare concise notes for the respective subjects and revise them again and again.

Course Coverage

1) Law of Contracts- General Principles:

Essential of valid Contract, Offer, acceptance and Consideration, Capacity to Contract –Minor’s Contract, Elements of vitiating contract – mistake, fraud, misrepresentation, public policy, coercion, undue influence, frustration of contract, Remedies for breach of Contract – Damages.

2) Law of Torts:

Foundation of Tortious Liability, General Defences to an action of Tort, Vicarious Liability, Remoteness of Damages, Contributory Negligence, Absolute and Strict Liability. Nature and definition of Tort, General Principles of Tortious Liability, Specific Torts – Negligence, Nuisance and Defamation, Absolute Liability – Emerging trends in India.

3) Law of Crimes- General Principles:

Nature and Definition of Offences, General Exceptions, Common Intention and Common Object, Criminal Attempt, Conspiracy and Abetment. General Principles of Criminal Law – meaning, nature, essential and stages of offence, Joint Liability; Abetment and Criminal Conspiracy, Offences against Human Body, Offences against Property, Defamation.





4) Public International Law:

Nature of International Law and its relationship with Municipal Law, Sources of International Law, Recognition of States and Governments, United Nations, Settlement of International Disputes, Human Rights Concept of sovereignty and its relevance today, Extradition, Asylum, Nationality and Status of Refugees, International Court of Justice, UNO and its organs, Global Trade Regime under International Law.

Resource Persons



Prof. (Dr.) Bimal N. Patel: Professor Patel serves as the Director and Professor of Public International Law at the Gujarat National Law University. He teaches courses and supervises thesis and seminar papers in Public International Law, Peaceful Settlement of International Disputes and Law of the Sea and Maritime Law at undergraduate and post-graduate level. Professor Patel possesses more than 20 years combined experience of progressively academic leadership and scholarly teaching, research experience in general international law, international relations, law of the sea, maritime law and international organizations. As international law jurist, he has extensively studied, researched, commented and published works on the administrative, procedural and substantive jurisprudence of the International Court of Justice (ICJ), International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea (ITLOS), International Criminal Tribunal for former Yugoslavia (ICTY) and International Labor Organization Administrative Tribunal (Geneva). His publications on India and International Law and Responsibility of International Organizations are reviewed and



referred by international law scholars and journals across the world. He has published, edited several books, research papers/articles/surveys in leading academic and international law journals. He has been involved in drafting several national and state primary and secondary legislations, regulations, and rules. Dr. Patel possesses practical experience in dealing with international administrative law (international civil service laws) and organizational staff-management bodies. Dr. Patel has experience in designing and implementing international and national development and research programmes and projects and networking and coordination with governmental agencies, UN bodies and academic/research institutions in various parts of the world.



Udayakumara Ramakrishna B.N.: Prof. Udayakumara Ramakrishna B.N currently serves as an Assistant Professor of Law at the Gujarat National Law University. He specializes in the areas of International Law, Law of Antitrust & Competition, WTO Law, International Labour Standards, International Business Law and Law of Alternative Dispute Resolution. He is also a faculty member in the editorial board of the Developing World Review on Trade and Competition (Bi-annual Journal) and an Associate Member of the Indian Society of International Law (ISIL), New Delhi.



Mr. Jagadeesh Chandra T.G.: Prof. Jagadeesh Chandra T.G. currently serves as an Assistant Professor of Law at the Gujarat National Law University. He specializes in the areas of Constitutional Law, all Criminal Major Laws, Special Enactments, Criminology, Penology, Victimology and Environmental Law. He is also a Member of the Examination Committee, Moot Court Committee, Centre for Environmental Law, Centre for Private International Law, Legislative Drafting Training Committee and also a faculty advisor in *The GNLU Law Review*.



Ravindra Kumar Singh: Prof. Singh currently serves as an Associate Professor of Law at the Gujarat National Law University. He specializes in the areas of Law of Contracts, Constitutional Law, Personal Laws, Law of Crimes and Criminology and diverse facets of Electronic Contracts and Constitutional Law. He is also a Life Member of The Indian Institute of Public Administration (IIPA), New Delhi, The Institute of Constitutional and Parliamentary Studies (ICPS), New Delhi, Associate Member of The Indian Society of International Law (ISIL), New Delhi, Member of the All India Law Teachers Congress, New Delhi. He is also a visiting Professor at the Indian Institute of Public Administration (IIPA), New Delhi and Adani Institute of Infrastructure Management (AIIM), Ahmedabad.



Tania Sebastian: Prof. Tania Sebastian currently serves as an Assistant Professor of Law at the Gujarat National Law University. She specializes in the areas of Intellectual Property Rights, Labor laws and Constitutional law. She was also an Associate Editor for Legal News & Views, October 2012 - January 2013 and also a student editor for the '*ILI Law Review*' Volume 1, Issue 2, 2011. She recently participated in the 12th WIPO-WTO Colloquium for Teachers of Intellectual Property on 15-26 June 2015 in Geneva, Switzerland and also the Patent Pledges Symposium, 2015 on 12th June 2015 at the American University, Washington School of Law, Washington DC, USA.



DAY 1 (22ND AUGUST 2015; SATURDAY)

In the morning from 10 AM to 11:15 AM, Prof. (Dr.) Bimal N. Patel took a session emphasizing on the Basics of International Law, sources of International Law, recognition of states and governments and the United Nations. He undertook an interactive teaching pedagogy with the students consisting of case laws and recent developments.



Prof. (Dr.) Bimal N. Patel teaching the basics of Public International Law)



Prof. (Dr.) Bimal N. Patel with the participants



Later from 11:15 AM to 1:30 PM, Prof. Udayakumara Ramakrishna B.N continued the session on Public International Law. His primary focus was on Recognition of States and Governments, United Nations, Settlement of International Disputes, Human Rights Concept of sovereignty and its relevance today, Extradition, Asylum, Nationality and Status of Refugees, International Court of Justice, UNO and its organs, Global Trade Regime under International Law. He adopted the case law methodology while interacting with the participants.



(Prof. Udayakumara Ramakrishna B.N. with the participants)

Prof. Jagadeesh Chandra T.G took the evening session on the 'Law of Crimes' from 02:15 PM to 04:30 PM. He focused on Nature and Definition of Offences, General Exceptions, Common Intention and Common Object, Criminal Attempt, Conspiracy and Abetment. He undertook a slideshow and the questionnaire methodology for interacting with the students.



(Prof. Jagadeesh Chandra T.G. with the participants)



DAY 2 (23RD AUGUST 2015; SUNDAY)

Dr. Ravindra Kumar Singh took the morning session from 09:00 AM to 11:00 AM. He covered the following modules under the Law of Contracts, namely essential of a valid contract, offer, acceptance, consideration, capacity to contract – Minor's Contract, elements of a vitiating contract – mistake, fraud, misrepresentation, public policy, coercion, undue influence, frustration of contract and remedies for a breach of Contract – Damages.



(Dr. Singh interacting with the students)



(Dr. Singh with the participants)

Finally, the course module was completed by Prof. Tania Sebastian, who covered the following modules under the Law of torts. These are as follows, Foundation of Tortious Liability, General Defences to an action of Tort, Vicarious Liability, Remoteness of Damages, Contributory Negligence, Absolute and Strict Liability, Nature and definition of Tort, General Principles of Tortious Liability, Specific Torts – Negligence, Nuisance and Defamation, Absolute Liability – Emerging trends in India. She undertook an interactive session comprising of a mixture of slideshow and the questionnaire method.





(Prof. Sebastian interacting with the students)



(Prof. Sebastian with the participants)



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Course Coverage

The following modules were covered in the said session:

- Law of Contracts and Other Commercial Law (The Sale of Goods Act, The Partnership Act)
- Public International Law
- Environmental Law
- Constitutional Law
- Administrative Law

Resource Persons

Prof. (Dr.) Shobhalata V.

Shobhalata V. Udupudi of Law at the Gujarat specializes in the areas of Sustainable Development,



emphasizing on Patent Law and Bio Technology. She is also a Member of Indian Society of International Law, New Delhi and International Law, Indian Chapter. Along with that, she also serves as the Convener of the GNLU Center for Environment and Sustainable Development (GCESD).

Udupudi: Prof. (Dr.)

currently serves as a Professor National Law University. She Environmental Law, Intellectual Property Law



Dr. Ravindra Kumar Singh: Dr. Singh currently serves as an Associate Professor of Law at the Gujarat National Law University. He specializes in the areas of Law of Contracts, Constitutional Law, Personal Laws, Law of Crimes and Criminology and diverse facets of Electronic Contracts and Constitutional Law. He is also a Life Member of The Indian Institute of Public Administration (IIPA), New Delhi, The Institute of Constitutional and Parliamentary Studies (ICPS), New Delhi, Associate Member of The Indian Society of International Law (ISIL), New Delhi, Member of the All India Law Teachers Congress, New Delhi. He is also a visiting Professor at the Indian Institute of Public Administration (IIPA), New Delhi and Adani Institute of Infrastructure Management (AIIM), Ahmedabad.



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DAY 1 (3RD OCTOBER, 2015; SATURDAY)



(Mr. Avinash Bhagi with the participants)

On 3rd October, 2015, Mr. Avinash Bhagi took a lecture on Constitutional Law for 2 hours from 09:15 AM to 11:15 AM. He exclusively dealt with the basic of the Indian constitution, which was thoroughly enjoyed by the participants.

The later session from 11:20 AM to 01:20 PM was taken by Dr. Shobhalata, who



covered the entire module on Environmental Law covering all the relevant provisions from the Convention on Biological Diversity, biotechnology etc.

Later Mr. Girish R., undertook a 2 hours lecture from 02:00 PM to 04:00 PM on Administrative Law.

The Convener GCGC, concluded the session by proposing a vote of thanks.

DAY 2 (4TH OCTOBER, 2015; SUNDAY)





(Dr. Udayakumara Ramakrishna B.N with the participants)

The early morning session from 10:00 AM to 12:00 AM was taken by Dr. Udayakumara Ramakrishna B.N, who taught the basics of International Law, laying emphasis on the Vienna Convention, Geneva Convention etc. Later, Dr. R.K Singh took a session from 03:00 PM to 05:00 PM focusing on the Law of Contract including the Sale of Goods Act, 1930 and the Indian Partnership Act, 1932. He undertook a presentation method of lecture delivery, containing several MCQs from the examination point of view. It was found to be extremely helpful by the students due to its contemporary relevance.

The *Special Lecture Series* was formally concluded by the convener GCGC by proposing a vote of thanks.



(Dr. Singh interacting with the students)



**MEMBERS OF THE GNLU COMPETITIVE EXAM GUIDANCE
COMMITTEE (GCGC)**



Thakkar Hiteshkumar: Prof. Thakkar currently serves as an Assistant Professor of Economics at the Gujarat National Law University and Convener of the GCGC. He has a cumulative teaching experience of 5 years, specializing in the areas of global financial regulatory system, philosophy of economic crisis, macroeconomics, banking and public finance.



Marisport A.: Prof. Marisport currently serves as an Assistant Professor of Law at the Gujarat National Law University. He specializes in the areas of Criminal Psychology and Criminology. He also holds additional portfolios in the Centre for Sports Law and the Library Committee.



Mahesh Chaudhary: Prof. Mahesh Chaudhary currently serves as an Assistant Professor of Management at the Gujarat National Law University. He specializes in the areas of Corporate Finance, Public Policy and Project Finance. He is also a visiting faculty at the School of Petroleum Management at PDPU, Gandhinagar.



Shashi Bhushan Sharma: Mr. Shashibhushan Sharma currently works as a Research Associate (Law) at the Gujarat National Law University. He specializes in the areas of Constitutional law, business law and human rights. He is also a member of the Bar Council of Gujarat. Prior to joining GNLU, he worked as a "Legal Advisor" Court



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Ahmedabad.



Ranjeet Jacob: Mr. Ranjeet Jacob is currently working as a Research Associate (Law) at the Gujarat National Law University. He specializes in the areas of Constitutional law, Administrative law and Media law. He is also a member of the GNLU Centre for Sports Law.



Digvijay Dam: Mr. Digvijay Dam is currently working as a Student Research Assistant (SRA) in the GNLU Competitive Exam Guidance Committee (GCGC) having an additional portfolio in the Centre for Environmental Law (GCEL). He is currently in his 2nd Year of the B.Sc, LL.B (Hons.) course in the Gujarat National Law University.