## GNLU AIR AND SPACE LAW ACADEMY- EDITION II (GASLA-2017)



## **Brief Description**

The 2nd edition of the GNLU Academy on Air and Space Law 2017, was organized by the Centre for Public International Law, Gujarat National Law University, in collaboration with the Institute of Air & Space Law, University of Cologne, was formally inaugurated on 16 September 2017. The week long academy was organized with an aim to engage all participating stakeholders in a discourse on contemporary challenges in the field of air and space.





The inauguration was shortly followed by the academy's first session, which saw Prof. Dr. Wian Erlank, Associate Professor in law, North-West University (Potchefstroom Campus), South Africa, share his insights on the theme "Emerging Challenges in the Space Industry". The second day of the 2nd GNLU Air and Space Law Academy 2017 witnessed three intellectually stimulating sessions spanning issues of air law and space law namely on "Emerging Challenges in the Aviation Industry", "Consumer Rights in Civil Aviation" and "50 Years of the Outer Space Treaty".



The third day opened with a session on the theme "Space: The Final Frontier" delivered by Air Marshal RK Dhir, followed by a session on "International Liability in Space Law" by Prof. Dr. Stephan Hobe and the last session of the day was on the theme "New Developments in Space Activities and Challenges to Space Law". The fourth day had three sessions that addressed the nexus that air and space laws share with the law governing nuclear weapons, environmental law and competition law. The fifth day opened with a session on the theme "Military Air Law: Aerial warfare and international law, legal status of military aircraft and military airports". The sixth day witnessed two sessions on "Space Law Academy 2017 began with a session on the theme "Terror in Air: The Indian Approach" chaired by Mr. Divya Tyagi, Assistant Professor of Law, Gujarat National Law University. There were 34 participants from among the country.



The dignitaries and resource persons who honored the programme with their great presence were Air Chief Marshal Birender Singh Dhanoa, PVSM AVSM YSM VM ADC, Chief of the Air Staff, Indian Air Force; Air Officer Commanding in Chief of the South Western Air Command, Air Marshal R K Dhir, PVSM AVSM VM ADC and Mr. SV Satish, Executive Director (Aviation Safety/Information Technology), Airport Authority of India, Prof. Dr. Stephan Hobe, Director of the Institute of Air and Space Law, University of Cologne, Prof. Dr. Peter Paul Fitzgerald, Adjunct Professor, Institute of Air & Space Law, McGill University, Prof. Dr. Wian Erlank, Associate Professor, North-West University (Potchefstroom Campus), South Africa, Dr. Sandeepa Bhat B, Professor of Law, West Bengal National University of Juridical Sciences, Kolkata, Mr. Divya Tyagi, Assistant Professor of Law, Gujarat National Law University.

