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## GNLU-NMF International Maritime Academy 2015 (14 March to 21 March 2015)





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GNLU being a Research Based Teaching University, is committed to address the contemporary legal issues. Continuing its legacy in organizing noble events and capacity building programmes in the field of Maritime Law, GNLU Centre for International Law has organized the International Maritime Academy from 14 March 2015 to 21 March 2015 in collaboration with the National Maritime Foundation, New Delhi.

Maritime law is a complex area of law that involves multiple jurisdictions and diversified issues and an adequate response to such situations require a deep understanding of the subject. The objective of the Academy was to discuss the contemporary and advance Maritime issues and practices and disseminates information in an intensive manner. The fluidity and complexity of maritime law most of the time takes the best of the stakeholders and therefore, this Academy strived to remove roadblocks for a more efficient working of the concerned systems and officials.

Distinguished resource persons in the field of maritime law would be deliberating upon advance issues pertaining to the law of the sea. The resource persons were Professor James Kraska (Naval War College, US), Professor Luther Rangregi (South Asian University), Professor (Dr.) Bimal N Patel (Director, GNLU), Dr. Prabhakaran Paleri, (Former Director General, Indian Coast Guard), Dr. Gurpreet Singh Khurana, (Executive Director, National Maritime Foundation), Commander Raghavendra Mishra, (Research Fellow, NMF), Dr. Vikas Gandhi (Associate Professor, GNLU), Mr. Praveen Swami (National Editor of Indian Express), Mr. Jagadeesh Chandra T G (Assistant Professor, GNLU), Mr. Sanjeet Ruhel (Research Fellow, GNLU), Dr. Can Akdogan (Regional Delegate to Armed and Security Forces, ICRC), Wing Commander (Retd) Praful Bakshi (Consultant to the ICRC).





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The Academy was organized at GNLU Campus where participants from diverse areas among those being legal practitioners, scholars, diplomats, senior commissioned officers of the Navy, Coast Guard, Parliamentary forces and State Police experiencing the life of a student. The Academy also planned visits to various tourist destinations to show the glimpse of the cultural and architectural heritage of the State of Gujarat. This also offered a platform to all the participants belonging to diversified areas but having a similar interest in Maritime Law to come together and closely understand the thinking of the differently placed people. Most participants being from outside Gujarat, GNLU would ensure that the participants get the taste of Gujarat and carry a life-long memory of GNLU in particular and the state of Gujarat in general.



The Academy was brought to a close on 21 March, 2015 where Rear Admiral Harendra Gupta (Judge Advocate General of the Indian Navy), the Chief Guest presided over the valedictory function of the Academy. The Distinguished Guests of Honour were Mr. K.M. Singh (former Director General of CISF) and Mr. Asit Singh, IRS. Prof. Dr. Bimal N Patel, (Director, GNLU) presided over the function.