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(GASLA 2020)**

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**27<sup>th</sup> September to 04<sup>th</sup> October 2020**

## **ABOUT THE ORGANISING UNIVERSITY**

Gujarat National Law University (GNLU), Gandhinagar, established under the Gujarat National Law University Act, 2003, is one of the premier national law universities of India. The University offers integrated and interdisciplinary degree programmes in undergraduate, postgraduate, PhD as well as various certificate and training courses.

## **ABOUT THE GNLU AIR AND SPACE LAW ACADEMY**

States are exhibiting an increasingly keen interest in augmenting investments in developing their capabilities and competencies in the realm of both air and space activities. Non-State actors, including private investors are no exceptions to this emerging trend. It is becoming evident that a nation's supremacy in air and space will define international relations in the years to come. Recognizing this potential, the GNLU Centre for Public International Law has conceived the GNLU Air and Space Law Academy (GASLA) as a platform for engaging in discourse on contemporary legal issues in the field of air and space.

The first edition of GASLA was successfully conducted by GNLU in 2016, in collaboration with the Institute of Air and Space Law, University of Cologne and the Forum for Integrated National Security (FINS). Encouraged by the overwhelming success of the four editions, the V. S. Mani Centre for Air and Space Law (VSMCASL) is pleased to present before you the 5<sup>th</sup> Edition of GNLU Air and Space Law Academy (GASLA) 2020. The 5<sup>th</sup> Edition is scheduled to be organised virtually from 27 September to 04 October 2020.

## **AIMS AND OBJECTIVES**

- To acquaint participants with various aspects relating to safety and security of aviation and space activities.
- To enhance understanding amongst the participants of the various principles enshrined in the international instruments meant for regulating air and space law.
- To create awareness amongst participants about recent trends in civil aviation and the militarization and commercialization of outer space.
- To enable the participants to understand the various dispute redressal mechanisms in air and space law and their efficacy.
- To facilitate discourse amongst stakeholders within the industry about the practical challenges and the feasibility of implementing regulations and policies in air and space law.
- To familiarize participants with a country-specific approach with regard to Air and Space law.
- To enable participants to appreciate the challenges in developing national aviation and space policy.

## CONCEPT NOTE

- Aviation has vital significance for strategic purposes. At the same time, civil aviation plays a crucial role in the overall development of the economy of a country. Aviation has reduced the world to a global village through technological advancement. Being so reduced, global village faces its own kind of peculiar challenges in 21st century like cyber-terrorism, bio-terrorism. Further, economic viability too continues to be ever present challenge. Spread of infectious diseases has the potential to cause crisis for global aviation industry. Various stakeholders involved in civil aviation along with regulators always strive for optimal balance between aviation security and economic viability both at the international as well as domestic level.
- Sun is being probed more closely giving vital information. Moon has rekindled interest again for a manned mission while Mars has always been looked as the next destination for manned space exploration. Rovers are presently studying both moon and mars and giving detailed information to enhance our understanding about them. Meanwhile, man has inched closer to space mining on asteroids. Space tourism seems round the corner, waiting to happen. Imminent need is felt for Space Law to address the concerns of various stakeholders. With many States coming out with domestic legislations to facilitate private industry, India too is gearing up for its own space law. Besides, her manned space mission too is eagerly awaited.

## TENTATIVE THEMES

- Latest issues in space law including but not limited to space tourism, space debris, commercial space mining, environmental harm, space exploration, international liability for incidents in space
- National space policies
- Current challenges relating to territorial sovereignty and its extension in air and space
- Aviation-related crimes and Aerial Terrorism
- Air Accidents and Incident Investigation
- Regime Governing Military and Civil Airports
- Case laws relating to International Air Law

## TENTATIVE RESOURCES PERSONS

- ❖ Dr. Akhil Prasad Director, Country Counsel India & Company Secretary, Boeing
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### **EXPECTED TANGIBLE OUTCOMES**

- Comprehension of contemporary issues in Air and Space Law
- Proficiency over the technical nuances of Air and Space Law
- Identification of gaps and propose workable legal and policy solutions
- Creation of network of aspiring students of law, industry practitioners, armed force officers and other professionals in the field of Air and Space Law.

### **STAKEHOLDERS**

- Legislative and Regulatory Authorities; Armed Forces; Professionals from Aviation and Space Industry; International Organizations; Institutions focused on Private and Public Capacity building; Faculty Members; Scholars; Researchers and Students

### **REGISTRATION**

#### **PARTICIPATION FEE**

INDIAN NATIONALS: INR 1000 + 18% GST = INR 1180/-

FOREIGN NATIONALS: USD 50 + 18% GST = USD 59

**Last date for Registration and payment of Fees: 25<sup>th</sup> September, 2020**

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