

**Gujarat National Law University's
Centre for Constitutional and Administrative Law
(CCAL)**

The Brief Information Booklet



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1) ABOUT THE GUJARAT NATIONAL LAW UNIVERSITY:

Established in the year 2003 as a statutory University by the Government of Gujarat, Gujarat National Law University (GNLU) is one of the premier National Law Universities in India and recognized by the Bar Council of India, and the University Grants Commission, New Delhi. The University aims to advance and disseminate learning and knowledge of the law and legal processes and inculcate among the students, research scholarship, legal analytical skills, and legal reasoning and a sense of responsibility, rectitude and justice to enable them to serve the society in myriad roles as legal practitioners, researchers, reformers and policy makers, and other similar roles; to make law as an instrument of social change and development; and to undertake the inter-disciplinary study of the law in relation to management, technology, and development.

GNLU as a nodal agency, is empowered to enhance the standards of legal education, training and extension for 32 law colleges in the state of Gujarat, catering to nearly 12,000 students every year. GNLU offers interdisciplinary legal courses in five faculties namely, B.A., LL.B., B.Com., LL.B., B.Sc., LL.B., B.S.W., LL.B., B.B.A., LL.B. and LL.M. as well as doctoral programmes in law and inter-disciplinary fields and foreign law and languages programmes.

Over a period of time since its inception, the University has established itself as a leading National Law University in the country, with its intensive focus on research-based activities and teaching through the establishment of specialized centres, extension and training programmes, national and international conferences, student exchange programmes, and guest lectures. For its exemplary efforts in the promotion of legal education, UGC has recognized GNLU as a model legal university in terms of access, equity, relevance, and high standards in 2011.

GNLU has MoUs, or active research/academic partnerships and collaboration at international, national and state levels which includes MoUs with the University of Copenhagen, University of Cologne, Germany, Osaka University, The Hague University of Applied Sciences, The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR, Geneva), World Trade Institute (WTI, Berne), University of Malaya (Kuala Lumpur), University of Barcelona (Spain) and Gujarat Forensic Science University.

2) ABOUT THE CENTRE FOR CONSTITUTIONAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE LAW:

"Constitution has not failed us; rather we have failed the constitution"

GNLU's Centre for Constitutional and Administrative Law (CCAL) was established at Gujarat National Law University to conduct dedicated research in various areas of constitutional and administrative law. The object of the CCAL is to promote understanding of the Indian Constitution and Administrative Law from various perspectives – legal, political, social, economic, historical etc. as well as to provide avenue for students for freely express their views on challenges to the Constitution. It provides a platform to the students to carry out dedicated research in various areas of Constitutional and Administrative Law. To achieve the Centre's objectives, the CCAL events like Judgement Analysis Series, Workshops, Annual Conferences, etc. An important vision behind the Centre's formation was to provide a forum for the discussion of the latest judgements and other developments in the field of Constitutional and Administrative Law, as well as to analyse past occurrences in the contemporary context. The Centre is headed by the faculty members and assisted by student members.

Recently, in celebration of 125th Birth Anniversary of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar, the Centre has organised several programmes such as 'Debate Competition', 'Essay Writing Competition', 'one day seminar, 'Quiz Competition' and 'Two day National Seminar'. The mentioned programmes were based on philosophy and ideology of Baba Saheb Ambedkar.

CCAL's VISION:

- To promote understanding of the Indian Constitution and Administrative Law from various perspectives – legal, political, social, economic, historical etc.
- To provide platform to the students to carry out dedicated research in various areas of Constitutional and Administrative Law.

CCAL's MISSION:

- To provide avenue for students to freely express their views on challenges to the Constitution.
- To provide a platform to the students to hone their research skills on the various issues pertaining to the Constitutional Law.

- To help in the formulation of Government policies and legislations by sending recommendations to the concerned agencies.
- To identify the training needs and to provide training to MPs/MLAs, judges, advocates, bureaucrats, civil society organizations etc. on various issues of the Constitutional and Administrative Law.
- To bring various stakeholders on one forum to share their views and experiences relating to the working of the Constitution.
- To sensitize all the three wings of the state as well as media towards the constitutional commitments for marginalized sections – SCs, STs, OBCs, women, minorities, SEBCs.

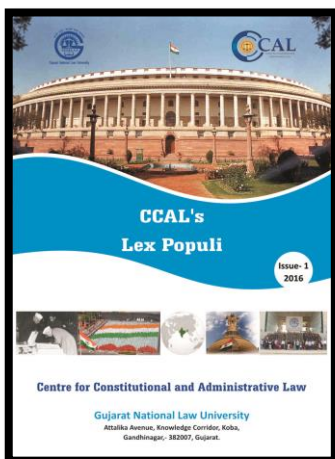
MEMBERS OF THE CENTRE:

- **Mr. Avinash Bhagi,**
Centre Director, Assistant Professor of Law.
- **Mr. Divya Tyagi**
Assistant Professor of Law.
- **Ms. Tania Sebastian**
Assistant Professor of Law.
- **Mr. Shashi Bhushan Sharma**
Teaching & Research Associate (Law)

3) RESEARCH BASED ACTIVITIES:

The brief of the Research activities are as follows:

1. Submitted the suggestions on 'The Judicial Appointments Commission Bill, 2013' invited by the Department Related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Personnel, Public Grievances, Law and Justice on 28/09/2013.
2. A comparative analysis of the judicial appointments in more than 20 countries around the globe- 'Appointment of Judges: Procedures in Commonwealth Member States and Other Selected Jurisdictions'.
3. Weekly News and Views Bulletin : On the weekly basis, centre brings forward news and issues of utmost importance related to Constitutional and Administrative Law. This news bulletin is then circulated among the faculty and students of GNLU and it is also sent to the stake holders which includes Judges, Advocates, other Law Colleges, NGOs, and other Professionals and Academicians and thereby invites their views on those issues.
4. LEX POPULI Publication:



The Centre has come out with its publication of LEX POPULI which is comprised of research articles of Students as well as faculties of GNLU on the current issues related to Constitutional and Administrative Law of India.

4) CCAL'S TRAINING AND EXTENSION ACTIVITIES

a) "Certificate Course on Expanding Horizons of Fundamental Rights in India" (24th – 27th September, 2015)

The Centre for Constitutional and Administrative Law, organized Certificate Course on Expanding Horizons of Fundamental Rights in India. This course was planned with an object to impart the knowledge of fundamental rights and its applicability in the current scenario. The course offered a comprehensive and basic understanding of fundamental rights in India. It covered landmark and latest judgments of Supreme Court of India and also dealt with the contemporary issues relating to fundamental rights.

The course covered with several themes like: Fundamental Rights: Conceptual and Historical Reflections, Right to Equality: Key Concepts and Emerging Issues, Fundamental Freedoms and Social Control, Right to Property and Right Against Exploitation, Religious, Cultural and Educational Rights. The lecture method, Group discussions and Case studies approach was adopted to cover the whole syllabus.

There were 52 candidates who have registered themselves for the course from various university across India.



b) CCAL's Judgement Analysis Series:

The Fourth session of the Judgment Analysis Series was organized on the 16th of January 2016 by the Centre for Constitutional and Administrative Law at Gujarat National Law University. The short summary of the previous sessions are as follows:

Session	Topic	Resource Person
First	Manoj Narula v. Union of India	Mr. Devang Nanavati, Advocate, Gujarat High Court.
Second	Manohar Lal Sharma v. The Principal Secretary and Others	Mr. Bhaskar Tanna, Senior Advocate, Gujarat High Court
Third	Shreya Singhal v. Union of India	Mr. Prateek Rath, GNLU Alumnus of the 2008 Batch and an advocate practicing at Karnataka High Court.
Fourth	Supreme Court Advocates-on-Record Association v. UOI (NJAC case)	Mr. Mihir Thakore, Senior Advocate, Gujarat High Court and Prof. N.K. Pathak, Former Director, Institute of Law, Nirma University.
Fifth	Madras Bar Association v. UOI and anr.	Mr. Saurabh Soparkar, Senior Advocate, Gujarat High Court.

The Sixth session of the Judgment Analysis Series was organized on the 19th of March, 2016 by the Centre for Constitutional and Administrative Law at Gujarat National Law University. The case selected for deliberation was ***Shri Jogendrasinhji Vijaysinghji v. State of Gujarat and Ors***, a judgment pertaining to various issues regarding Art. 226 and also Art. 227, whether the High Court has original jurisdiction in appeals from Civil Courts, whether tribunals are to be made a party when its judgment is in question under Art. 227, and so on. The cases was discussed by **Mr. Asim Pandya, Senior Advocate, Gujarat High Court.**



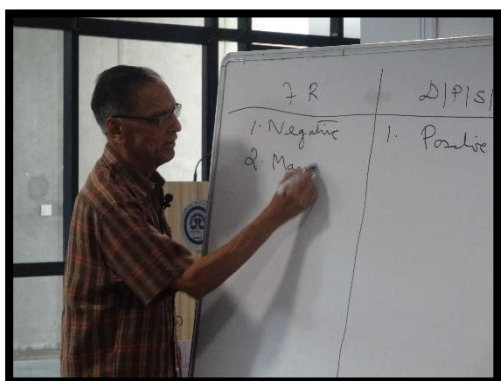
c) CCAL's Expert Lecture Series:

The Important vision behind the Expert Lecture Series is to provide a forum for the discussion of the latest developments in the field of Constitutional and Administrative Law, as well as to analyse past occurrences in the contemporary context. Earlier the centre had organised several sessions the details are given below:

Session	Topic	Resource Person
First	Inter-State Water Dispute	Mr. R. Muralidharan, Sr. Partner in Krishna & Saurastri Associates, Mediator & former Professor in NLSIU, Bangalore
Second	Interface between Fundamental Rights & Personal Laws	Prof. (Dr.) Gangotri Chakorborti, North Bengal University
Third	Constitutional Remedies under Article 226 and 227	Shri Asim Pandya, Advocate, Gujarat High Court
Fourth	An overview of The German Constitution	Professor Dr. Stephan Hobe, Director, Institute of Air & Space Law, University of Cologne, Germany

Recently, fifth session was organised from 28th - 30th March, 2016, presided by **Prof. V S Mallar**. The topic for the session are as follows:

1. Fundamental Rights and Directive Principles of State Policy Emerging Trends.
2. Right of Minorities an overview under Constitution.
3. NJAC case lessons to be learned.
4. Lecture on Administrative Law.
5. Lecture on Constitutionality of Taxation.



Prof. V S Mallar, Professor of Law at National Law School India University

d) **“WE, THE PEOPLE” Lecture Series:**

The Centre has inaugurated its most awaited lecture series titled “We, the People”. The objective of this lecture series is to provide a platform for interaction between Constitutional Law experts, drawn from various fields of practice, and students and general public. This lecture series aims to create a dialogue, by raising interest in matters related to the Constitution, amongst the public in general and students in particular.



Dr. Subhash Kashyap, an Honorary Research Professor at Centre for Policy Research, will be inaugurating the Lecture Series on **2nd April, 2016**. Sir has also be delivering a lecture on the topic **“Realising Dr.B.R Ambedkar’s dream of Social Justice through the Indian Constitution”**.

During the session, Centre has launched its publication of named as “LEX POPULI issue-I”. LEX POPULI is the compilation of the research on different aspects of current Constitutional and Administrative issues. The research is done by the students.



5) CENTRE'S ACTIVITIES (IN CELEBRATION OF 125TH BIRTH ANNIVERSARY OF DR. BABA SAHEB AMBEDKAR:-)

a) CCAL's First Debate Competition, 2015 on “ડો. બાબા સાહેબ આંબેડકર ની દ્રષ્ટીએ, શું સ્વતંત્ર ભારત, માથે મેલું ઉપાડવાની પ્રથા થી મુક્ત છે” on 01 October, 2015.

The Competition was organised to critically debate on ill practice of Manual Scavenging on the thresholds of constitutional and public laws, fitting them in the frame of vision and ideologies of Dr. Babasaheb Bhimrao Ambedkar.

The Patron in-chief for the event was Mr. C.S. Rajpal, M.D. Gujarat Safai Kamdar Vikas Nigam (GSKVN) on behalf of Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, Government of Gujarat. The rounds were being presided and judged by Prof. (Dr.) N.K. Pathak, former Director University School of Law and Former Director, Institute of Law Nirma University and Ms. Manjula Pradeep, Executive Director of NGO-Navsarjan Trust alongwith Mr. C.S Rajpal.

More than 44 participants from various Law colleges across Gujarat participated. Among the 44 participants Vraj Shah of Law College Godhra and Dhruva Krupa of Government Law College, Ahmedabad bagged first and second best proposition speaker respectively and Hemendra Kanani of K. A. Pandhi Law College and Atraya Trivedi of School of Law, Auro University bagged first and second best opposition speaker respectively.



b) CCAL's First National Essay writing Competition, 2015, on 31st October, 2015.

The competition was organised to invite young minds to deliberate and analyse the thoughts and ideas of Dr. B.R.Ambedkar in the context of contemporaneous society and to open new avenues of thinking, reasoning and dissipation of novel ideas.

Themes for the competition:

- 1) Annihilation of Caste
- 2) From Social Injustice to Social Justice: The Ambedkarian Way.

3) Ambedkar, Reservation, Constitution: Consolidating the agenda in the 21st Century

CCAL received around 70 entries on the said topics from students and research scholars from different Universities and Institutes across India. Out which top 3 essays were awarded with cash prize.

c) One Day Seminar on “Dr. B.R.Ambedkar’s Contribution towards Legal Education” (ડૉ. બાબાસાહેબ આંબેડકરનું કાનૂની શિક્ષણમાં યોગદાન) on 21st December, 2015

The Seminar was organised to enkindle the interest in the young minds for the legal education and also to enhance the knowledge of the underprivileged young generation of the state towards the process of admission in NLU’s, CLAT Exam and how law as a profession will prove to be a contribution towards the nation's capacity building and personal growth.

The Patron in-chief for the event was Mr. Sanjay Nandan, Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities, Gandhinagar. The resource persons for the program were Prof. Dr. Jayprakash M. Trivedi, Professor Department of Sociology, Sardar Patel University and Dr. Nidhi Buch, Assistant Professor of Law, GNLU.

The Seminar was organized for the underprivileged students of Secondary and Higher Secondary Level of the State of Gujarat. More than 250 tribal students along with teachers participated in the Seminar



d) CCAL's First Constitutional Law Quiz Competition on 8th January, 2016.

The Centre for Constitutional and Administrative Law (CCAL) in collaboration with Department of Social Justice and Empowerment, Government of Gujarat (GoG), conducted its First Constitutional Law Quiz Competition. It was organized as a part of celebration of 125th Birth Anniversary of Dr. B. R. Ambedkar on **Friday, 8th January 2016** for the school students of Higher Secondary belonging to C.B.S.E. Schools of Ahmedabad-Gandhinagar Region. Chief Guest for the inauguration function of the Quiz Competition was Shri Ravi Shanakar (IAS), Collector Gandhinagar and the Chief Guest for the Valedictory Session was Shri Ashok M. Sharma (IAS), Additional Director, Sarva Shiksha Abhiyaan, Government of Gujarat. After various rigorous rounds, the team from Udgam School, Thaltej was declared winner. The awards included the prize money of Rs. 24,000 appropriately distributed amongst the winners. A total of 21 teams participated which included 42 students from across 11 schools. Teachers from various schools accompanied the students.



e) Two- day National Seminar on Baba Saheb Ambedkar's Ideologies:

The Department of Social Justice and Empowerment had organised Two Day Seminar on “The Influence of Ideology of Dr B. R. Ambedkar on Marginal Literature” (Celebrating 125th Birth Anniversary of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar) scheduled on 30th and 31st January, 2016. The Programme was organised at GNLU Campus.

The Patron in-chief for the inauguration function of the Seminar was His Excellency the Governor of Bihar, Shri Ram Nath Kovind and the Chief Guest for the Valedictory Session was His Excellency the Governor of Gujarat, Shri O.P. Kohli. The Guest of Honour for the seminar was Shri. Ramanlal Vora, Cabinet Minister, Department of Social Justice and Empowerment, Govt of Gujarat. More than 1000 participants across Gujarat, became the part of this historical event.





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