



3rd Focus Group Discussion

“Access to Insurance Services for Persons with Disabilities”

Organized by:

GNLU Centre for Disability Studies
&
GNLU Centre for Empirical & Applied Research
in Law and Interdisciplinary Studies

2nd July 2025

About GNLU

GNLU is a statutory University established by the Government of Gujarat through Gujarat National Law University Act, 2003. GNLU is recognized by the Bar Council of India (BCI) and the University Grants Commission (UGC). GNLU is a member of the Association of Indian Universities (AIU); the United Nations Academic Impact (UNAI); and, the International Association of Law Schools (IALS). GNLU offers interdisciplinary legal courses in five faculties namely, BA LLB, BCOM LLB, BSC LLB, BSW LLB, BBA LLB; one post-graduate programme namely, LLM as well as doctoral programmes in law and interdisciplinary fields. GNLU also offers PhD in Economics. This course is offered with an interdisciplinary study of law.

Centre for Disability Studies

The GNLU Centre for Disability Studies was established on 02 October 2019 to work for disability rights and social justice by promoting teaching and research in the interdisciplinary areas of sociology, social work, law, and policy. Through curriculum development, research projects, and disability studies, the Centre would attempt to contribute meaningfully to disability and human rights, disability and society, accessibility and reasonable accommodations, inclusive education, gender, and disability, amongst others. The Centre intends to create an environment ensuring mainstreaming and equal participation of students with disabilities in the University. The Centre would bring together academicians, researchers, scholars, lawyers, practitioners, activists, students, and other stakeholders to foster dialogue on the increasing relevance of disability studies and research.

Centre for Empirical and Applied Research in Law and Interdisciplinary Studies

The Centre is dedicated to exploring the dynamic interplay between legal frameworks and various disciplines, fostering empirical and applied research that informs policy and practice. Its mission is to support and promote empirical and applied legal research, as well as interdisciplinary studies, enabling a scientific analysis of the underlying assumptions of the law, its application, and the impact of the legal system in real-world contexts. The Centre aims to advance empirical scholarship that enhances the theoretical understanding of legal systems while providing practical solutions to contemporary legal challenges. By collaborating with scholars, data analysts, practitioners, and community stakeholders, it seeks to address pressing legal issues and promote empirical solutions that contribute to the welfare of society.

About Focus Group Discussion

GNLU under Dr. Hiteshkumar Thakkar and Dr. A. Marisport, has undertaken an ICSSR Major Research Project titled “**Ensuring Availability: The Right to Insurance Services for Persons with Disabilities in the State of Gujarat**”, which is funded by ICSSR.

For proceeding with the project, GNLU Centre for Disability Studies and Centre for Empirical and Applied Research in Law and Interdisciplinary Studies have planned to conduct the 3rd Focus Group Discussion on “Access to Insurance Services for Persons with Disabilities” on 2nd July, 2025.

Speakers

Dr. George E. Thomas Chartered Insurance Practitioner, Professor (Research & Non-Life) College of Insurance, Insurance Institute of India	Mr. Vepachedu Jayanth Kumar Faculty (Life Insurance)
Ms. Tahreem Zaidi In-house Counsel, Bajaj Allianz Life Insurance	

Date – 2nd July, 2025

Time- 3:00 PM to 5:30 PM

(E-Certificate will be provided to all participants who have registered and participated)

[REGISTRATION LINK](#)

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