



DISABILITY AWARENESS WEEK

September 15th to 18th '25

A Gujarat National Law University initiative hosted jointly with the GNLU Committee for Persons with Disabilities & GNLU Centre for Disability Studies



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GCPWD x GCDS

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PANEL DISCUSSION

Addressing Autism & Learning Disabilities

Join us for a discussion with experts on invisible disabilities, focusing on challenges, institutional support, and inclusive approaches!



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QuizAbility

Winners' Announcement Poster-Making Competition

Theme: Persons with Disabilities in Times of Disaster



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SKIT & VALEDICTORY CEREMONY



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DIALOGUE IN THE DARK

An Immersive Sensory Experience

Come understand the experience of visually impaired persons by navigating an immersive environment in complete darkness! Identify objects & audio films, get through the obstacle course and enjoy (free) food in the dark!



READING CIRCLE

Reading: Disabled Women: An Excluded Agenda of Indian Feminism by Anita Ghai (2002); In collaboration with the Feminist Reading Circle!

Journeys Beyond Barriers: Alumni Speak

Hear from **Kunal Kishore, Anuj Kumar Tiwari, Maitreya Shah & Sarah**, all GNLU alumni who have reached great heights!



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GNLU Centre for
Women and Child Rights



GNLU Wellness Initiative Cell
(GWIC)



P.s., join us on 20th September for movie night with GNLU Film Club!

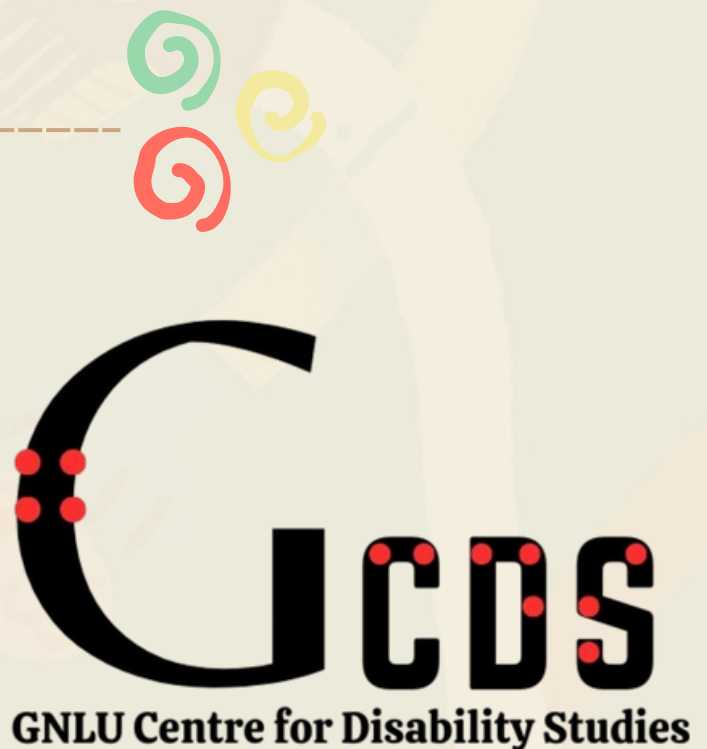
ABOUT GCPWD



The **GNLU Committee for Persons with Disabilities (Divyangjan) (GCPwD)** was established in 2017 as an Enabling Unit, in accordance with the UGC Scheme for Persons with Disabilities. The committee is dedicated to securing the rights of persons with disabilities and catering to the diverse needs of students, faculty, administrative staff, and visitors at GNLU. The committee aims to fulfill the university's larger goal of creating one of the most inclusive campuses by protecting the rights and needs of every member of society.

ABOUT GCDS

The **GNLU Centre for Disability Studies (GCDS)** was established on October 2, 2019, with a core mission to advance disability rights and social justice. The center serves as a dedicated hub for teaching and research, focusing on the intersection of law, sociology, social work, and policy. By promoting interdisciplinary scholarship and academic rigor, GCDS aims to bridge the gap between theoretical knowledge and practical advocacy, contributing to a more inclusive and equitable society for persons with disabilities.



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Introducing the DISABILITY AWARENESS WEEK



Disability Awareness Week at GNLU (15th to 18th September 2025) aims to foster awareness, empathy, and inclusivity within the university community by engaging students and faculty in a series of interactive events. Through creative, intellectual, and experiential activities, the initiative seeks to shed light on the lived realities of persons with disabilities (PwDs), dismantle stereotypes, and promote allyship. It is hosted jointly with the GNLU Committee for Persons with Disabilities and the GNLU Centre for Disability Studies, along with other GNLU forums for different events. At every level, we aim to collaborate with diverse forums, centres, and associations within and outside GNLU to maximise outreach and ensure that our programme is both representative and impactful.



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ABOUT GNLU

Gujarat National Law University (GNLU), located in Gandhinagar, Gujarat, India, was established by the Government of Gujarat under the Gujarat National Law University Act, 2003 and is recognised by the Bar Council of India (BCI) and University Grants Commission (UGC). GNLU is a student-centric, multidisciplinary, and research-focused University, dedicated to building an environment enabling critical thinking on fundamental legal issues. It offers B.A., LL.B. (Hons.), B.Com., LL.B. (Hons.), B.Sc. LL.B. (Hons.), B.B.A., LL.B. (Hons.), B.S.W. LL.B (Hons.), LL.M. and Ph.D. in law and allied subjects. GNLU has been ranked among the 5th among all law universities in India by the NIRF 2025 Rankings and the Best Law School in Gujarat with 5 Stars by the GSIRF. It is the only National Law University to have established its own satellite campus at Silvassa, UT of Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Daman and Diu.





EVENT SCHEDULE

Day & Date	Event Title	Collaboration Partner	Time	Venue
Mon, 15 Sept	Inauguration & Dialogue in the Dark: Immersive Sensory Experience	GNLU Wellness Initiative Cell	3:00 to 5:00 P.M.	0.8
Tue, 16 Sept	Panel Discussion: Addressing Autism and Learning Disabilities: Challenges and Solutions	Equal Opportunity Cell	3:00 to 5:00 P.M.	Orientation Hall
Tue, 16 Sept	QuizAbility	GNLU Quizzing Circuit	6:00 to 7:30 P.M.	0.11
Wed, 17 Sept	Reading Circle on Disability Studies and Feminism	Feminist Reading Circle, GNLU Centre for Women & Child Rights	3:30 to 4:30 P.M.	0.11
Wed, 17 Sept	Journeys Beyond Barriers: Alumni Speaks	NA	5:00 to 7:00 P.M.	0.6
Thu, 18 Sept	Skit & Valedictory Poster Making Competition Winners' Announcement	NA	3:30 to 5:00 P.M.	0.11



Monday, 15th September

DIALOGUE IN THE DARK

An Immersive Sensory Experience

Time: 3:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M.

Venue: O.8

Collaborator: GWIC



Come understand the experience of visually impaired persons by navigating an immersive environment in complete darkness! The experience is designed to foster empathy, break down stigmas about disability, and promote inclusion by shifting participants' perspectives and highlighting the capabilities of persons with disabilities.



ACTIVITIES

Obstacle Course

Get through an obstacle course in the complete dark. Climb steps, don't bump into walls (or friends!), and find your way to a seat!

Object Identification

Try to identify everyday items such as currency notes, coins, stationery, and more!

Food Items

Enjoy certain food items (for free)! Can you eat in the dark without making a mess?

Audio Films Identification

Identify popular films by listening to a short clip of them!

Chief Guest



Prof. (Dr.) Ajit Kumar *(he/him)*

Director I/C,
Composite Regional Centre for Skill
Development (CRC), Ahmedabad

Tuesday, 16th September

PANEL DISCUSSION

Addressing Autism and Learning Disabilities: Challenges and Solutions

Time: 3:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M.

Venue: Orientation Hall

Collaborator: Equal Opportunity Cell

The panel will address challenges in recognition, stigma, pedagogy, and institutional support. It shall aim to dismantle misconceptions and promote sensitive, inclusive approaches among faculties and students.



Prof. Divya Sharma *(she/her)*

Head, Centre for Special Education,
Indian Institute of Teacher Education,
Gandhinagar



Dr. Hemang M Shah *(he/him)*

Professor and Head,
Department of Psychiatry,
Dr N D Desai Faculty of Medical Science and Research,
Dharamsinh Desai University, Nadiad



Dr. Chirag Upadhyay *(he/him)*

Principal,
Vishesh Ability and Therapy Centre, Ahmedabad

Come in pairs and win
prizes on a quiz on PwD rights, issues,
challenges, history and contemporary
developments

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Time: 6:00 P.M. to 7:30 P.M.

Venue: O.11, Shishya Bhawan

Collaborator: GNLU Quizzing Circuit

QUIZABILITY



Wednesday, 17th September

READING CIRCLE

Reading - Disabled Women: An Excluded
Agenda of Indian Feminism by Anita Ghai

Time: 3:30 P.M. to 4:30 P.M.
Venue: 0.11 Shishya Bhawan
Collaborator: Feminist Reading
Circle, GNU Centre for Women
and Child rights



In collaboration with GNU's Feminist
Reading Circle, an initiative by the GNU
Centre for Women & Child Rights.

ALUMNI SPEAK

Journeys Beyond Barriers

Time: 5:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M.
Venue: 0.6, Shishya Bhawan

PwD alumni from GNU will be invited to talk to
students about their experiences with disabilities
and how they reached where they are now and give
advice to students, both professional and personal.



Kunal Kishore
(he/him)

Advocate &
Academician
GNU B.A. LL.B. (2015–
20), LL.M. (2022–23)



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Maitreya Shah
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with Disabilities
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Sarah
(she/her)

Litigation Associate,
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(2019–24)

Thursday, 18th September

UNSEEN: A COLLEGE EXPERIENCE

A Short Skit

A 15 minute performance themed around challenges faced by visually impaired persons, highlighting everyday barriers and resilience.



Time: 3:30 P.M. to 3:45 P.M.

Venue: O.11, Shishya Bhawan

Collaborator: GNLU Theatre Club

VALEDICTORY CEREMONY

& Poster-Making Competition Winners' Announcement

Time: 3:45 P.M. to 5:00 P.M.

Venue: Orientation Hall

Join the valedictory ceremony as we reflect on the outcomes and impact of the week. It shall also display the top entries of the poster-making competition and announce the winners.

Theme for Poster-Making

Competition: Persons with Disabilities in Times of Disaster



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POSTER-MAKING COMPETITION

Disability Awareness Week

THEME:

"Persons with Disabilities in Times of Disaster"

Submit by 17th September 2025

- Submit either a physical poster (by uploading an image) or a digital poster.
- Use clear contrast, readable text, image descriptions (online), and follow universal design and accessibility principles.
- AI-generated designs will be disqualified.
- Submissions may be by individuals or groups of two.
- Only one entry per individual/group is allowed.
- Top 5 get certificate of appreciation & social media feature



Prize Pool

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Results

Results will be declared on 18 Sept 2025 during the Valedictory Ceremony of the Disabilities Awareness Week.

Submit Here!

LINK:

<https://forms.gle/WNgtpDmn4iS77bn6>

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