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'Stand up and be the dissenters'

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Form Of Courage:
SC Judge
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Ahmedabad, January 9: Chief Justice of India, Justice D.Y. Chandrachud, has said that dissent is not a luxury but a necessity for a healthy democracy. He said, "Stand up and be the dissenters" is not just a slogan but a call to action. He said, "Dissent is a form of courage and it is a form of dissent that is needed for a healthy democracy."

Golden girl of the event

Ahmedabad, January 9: The Golden Girl of the event was the young woman who stood up to the judge and said, "I am a woman and I am a dissent."

JOHN GUGU CONVOCAION

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Experts: Need a specific law for domestic workers

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Adding to the demand for a specific law for domestic workers, experts have said that the existing law is not sufficient. They said, "The existing law is not sufficient to protect the rights of domestic workers. We need a specific law for domestic workers."

Simbosisis लाँ स्कूल बनी विजेता

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Quest for Excellence

Quest for excellence is in our DNA. It is the single-minded proposition that propels everything we do as a university.

Our founding fathers had envisioned GNLU as a unique law university. GNLU is as broad-based and as diversified as a law university can be. We are proud to be the only NLU to offer an undergraduate programme in five streams: Arts, Commerce, Science, Business Administration and Social Work. We are also the only NLU to introduce a special provision for admission of sportspersons. These features help us bring much-needed diversity on the campus. Interacting with diverse peers and faculty inside and outside a classroom setting directly benefits students; their academic skills like critical thinking, problem-solving, communication improve and turns them into better scholars, thinkers, problem-solvers and, above all, better human beings.

We also take pride in being the only NLU to have a Student Research Development Council to inculcate the spirit of research among students from an early age. We are the first, and perhaps the only, NLU to introduce Academic Support Programme (ASP). Introduced in 2010, ASP encourages, and rewards, senior students to help their juniors academically through a formal mechanism. Again, we are the only NLU to have both the National Cadet Corps (NCC) and National Service Scheme (NSS). GNLU students are also mandated to do a 20-hour pro-bono service every year.

We are also the only NLU to have litigation assistance and support scheme to provide financial support to the graduates joining the bar. We are also the only NLU to have an Incubation Centre to promote the spirit of entrepreneurship among students.

We have put together an excellent team of dedicated faculty, most of whom have PhD from reputed institutions. We also have a global network of partner institutions for academic and research collaboration.

These unique features together contribute to the holistic development of our students who make us proud with their achievements in various fields both within India and overseas. Some of these achievements are listed on the subsequent pages.

Our improved positions in various national rankings this year indicate that we are on the right path and encourage us to seek yet higher peaks. I acknowledge the contribution of all stakeholders and congratulate them on this accomplishment. Let us together persist in our quest for excellence; as the saying goes, there is always scope for improvement!

With best wishes,

Dr Shanthakumar

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The Tenth Convocation

The tenth convocation of Gujarat National Law University was held February 15, 2020. Dr Justice D. Y. Chandrachud, Hon. Judge, Supreme Court of India and Visitor, GNLU delivered the Convocation Address.

Mr Justice M. R. Shah, Hon. Judge, Supreme Court of India, Mr Justice Vikram Nath, Hon'ble Chief Justice, High Court of Gujarat and Shri Bhupendrasinh M. Chudasama, Hon'ble Minister for Law & Education, Government of Gujarat also graced the convocation as distinguished Guests of Honour.

In his convocation address, Justice Chandrachud advised the graduating students to be thankful to their parents for the sacrifices they have made. He said that courage is the hallmark of a lawyer. "By courage, I don't merely mean courage of standing up to government... That's not the only courage I am referring to – people who stand up against the state may make headlines in the newspapers, but we want citizens to have the courage to stand up at other milestones in the history of the nation," he said. "Standing up for someone who cannot stand up for themselves requires courage," he added.

Justice Chandrachud also asked the students to question. "Grow up in life, stand up and be the dissenters because it is only through your power of expressing views and courage of stating the contrary position that you will make others stop and think," he said. "Dissent is a safety valve of democracy," he added.

Justice Chandrachud advised the students "to be optimistic and keep the flame within you burning bright." Finally, he advised the graduating students to do some pro-bono work stating that doing so has its own charm and satisfaction.

Justice M. R. Shah also put stress on courage quoting Mahatma Gandhi that "education without courage is like a wax statue – beautiful to look at, but bound to melt at the first touch of heat and pressure."

Highlighting the importance of legal education, Justice M R Shah said that "next to the study of religion and philosophy, if there is anything worth studying, it is the law. Nothing strengthens the intellect of a seeker of knowledge more than the learning of law. There is no other learning under the sun which puts the wits of a man to test more challengingly than the legal profession."

Justice Shah further said, "Law as a profession is a very satisfying one. It fulfils your intellectual lust and at the same time provides immense opportunities for earning and elevating your status to the top-most of the society. However, your motto should be to earn by serving and not serve by earning..... in whichever field of law you may go, your motto should be service – service to the society, service to the victim and service to the needy... bear in mind that a person who has to approach the court and a lawyer with a problem is unfortunate, a victim of circumstances and at times a victim of his own folly. He needs to be helped rather than exploited.



**Shruti
Chaturvedi**



**Maushumi
Bhattacharjee**



**Priyanka
Taktawala**



**Shraddha
Bhagat**



**Vijeta
Hosamani**



Akhil K



**Sanskriti Sanghi
8 Gold Medals**



**Shriya Agarwal
2 Gold Medals**



**Kritika Goyal
2 Gold Medals**



**Reena Goyal
2 Gold Medals**



**Shivdutt
Trivedi**



**Ujval
Mohan**



**Yash
Lahoty**



**Kaazvin
Kapadia**



**Surabhi
Saboo**



**Sayani
Bhattacharyya**



Justice M R Shah said that four Ps are important for becoming a successful lawyer. They are preparation, perfection, presentation and politeness. "One should not appear in the court and argue the case unless he has thoroughly prepared the matter both on facts and on the law. Whatever you do, do it with perfection. What is important in the court is presentation. How you present your matter before the court is very important. Lastly, what is important is to present your case with politeness," he advised the students aspiring to make a career in litigation.

Justice Vikram Nath told the students that their hard work brought them to such a prestigious university and through hard work alone now they are graduating from this university and advised the students to continue their hard work for further success in their life.

Hon'ble Minister Shri Bhupendrasinh Chudasama advised the students to be responsible, reliable, patriot, disciplined and dedicated.

In his welcome address, GNLU Director, Dr Shanthakumar gave an account of the University's achievements over the last year and thanked all stakeholders for their support and cooperation.

Dr Shanthakumar made particular mention of Hatim Hussain, a final year law student of GNLU, who has been awarded Rhodes as well as Schwarzman scholarships for

2020. He is the first Indian to have received both the scholarships widely considered among the world's most prestigious scholarships for graduate studies.

Dr Shanthakumar also mentioned that the university has identified research as a major thrust area. "I am happy to inform you that, this year, as many as 48 doctoral students have registered for PhD at GNLU. This is the highest number in any year, so far," he added.

A total of 218 students were conferred degrees at the convocation. They comprised 158 students of the five-year integrated UG programmes in Law, 50 students of the PG programme in Law, 09 students of the MBA programme and one student of the doctoral programme.

Golden Girl of the event

26 Gold Medals were awarded to 16 students for their scholastic performance in various subjects. Of these, 22 Medals were bagged by 12 female students.

Sanskriti Sanghi (B.A.LL.B) hog the limelight by bagging as many eight gold medals. Sanskriti, an Aditya Birla Scholar (2014-2019), has joined Cambridge University for her masters in law with specialization in International Law. "I intend to do pro-bono work... I believe that law is to be wielded as a tool for justice especially for the most vulnerable sections of the society," she said.



12th GNLU International Moot Court Competition, 2020

The 12th edition of the GNLU International Moot Court Competition (GIMC) was organized at GNLU from February 12 – 16, 2020. 52 universities including six overseas universities participated in GIMC.

The Moot Problem for this edition involved the simulation of a World Trade Organisation (WTO) Panel and issues about the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT) and General Agreement on Trade in Services (GATS).

The panel for the Final Round consisted of Ms Anuradha R V, Partner, Clarus Law Associates, Dr James Nedumpara,



Mr Shashank Kumar said '*GIMC is inculcating interest in international trade law.*'

Ms Anuradha described the moot problem as '*one of the best problems of GIMC.*'

Dr Werner Zdouc stated, '*all participating teams are winners since a lot of effort is required in the preparation of arguments.*'

To make this moot a success, GNLU had partnered with Lakshmikumaran & Sridharan Attorneys, Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe LLP, World Trade Institute, IIFT CTIL, IIFT Centre for WTO Studies, European Public Law Organisation, Lex Witness, Eastern Book Company, SCC OnLine and Lawctopus.



Head, Centre for Trade and Investment Law, Indian Institute of Foreign Trade (IIFT), Mr V. Lakshmikumaran, Managing Partner, Lakshmikumaran & Sridharan, Mr Shashank Kumar, Dispute Settlement Lawyer, WTO and Dr Werner Zdouc, Director, WTO Appellate Body Secretariat.

Symbiosis Law School, Noida was adjudged as the winners of the GIMC 2020, while the University of Southampton, United Kingdom finished as the runners-up.

At the closing ceremony, Mr V. Lakshmikumaran spoke about how GIMC is '*keeping alive the niche area of international trade law.*' He told students that the only thing which makes a lawyer richer is his experience, and the willingness to share this experience.

Dr Nedumpara recognised GIMC as '*one of the most efficient moots organised in India.*'

Dr Girish R, Assistant Professor was the convener of GIMC 2020 organizing committee.



Our Laurels

GNLU climbs the Ranking Ladder.



CSR-GHRDC Law Schools Survey 2020

Ranking of Law Schools in India

Group Rank	Name of the Law School	Infrastructure (Physical & Academic) (20%)	Faculty, Publications, Research, Consultancy, Training & Other Programmes (30%)	Admission, Control System (10%)	Placement (Economic & Social Responsibility, Industry Interface) (20%)	Total (100%)
Ranking of Top Supreme Law Schools						
1	Gujarat National Law University, Gandhinagar, Gujarat	223.72	175.21	160.00	218.57	777.50
2	Symbiosis Law School, Pune, Maharashtra	221.79	173.35	136.00	216.63	747.76
3	Rajiv Gandhi National University of Law, Feroze, Punjab	220.72	171.84	156.00	213.36	761.72
4	Institute of Law, Nirma University, Ahmedabad, Gujarat	218.52	170.43	188.00	213.65	787.60
5	School of Law, Christ (Deemed to be University), Bangalore, Karnataka	214.34	168.16	153.00	212.34	747.84

Outlook

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TOP 9 GOVERNMENT INSTITUTES

RANK 2020	INSTITUTE	PLACE	TOTAL SCORE
1	National Law School of India University	Bangalore	784.95
2	National Law University, New Delhi	New Delhi	738.33
3	NALSAR University of Law	Hyderabad	732.67
4	National Law University	Jodhpur	705.36
5	Gujarat National Law University	Gandhinagar	671.43

National Institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF) Ranking 2020 released by the Ministry of Human Resource Development, Government of India has ranked Gujarat National Law University (GNLU) as the 7th best law school in the country. GNLU has jumped two positions from 9th rank in 2019 to 7th rank this year.

Competition Success Review-GHRDC Law School Survey 2020 ranks GNLU as the Best Law School in the country.

India Today ranking 2020 has ranked GNLU as the second best law college in the country while Outlook ranking 2020 has ranked GNLU at 5th position among the top Government Law Institutes.

IIM Ahmedabad Director Prof Errol D'souza congratulated GNLU Director on the achievement of securing the second rank in the India Today-MDRA Survey 2020 and conveyed his best wishes "as you further the impact of GNLU on legal education and research."



We are happy to present the first issue of GNLU Times, the GNLU Newsletter in the revised, redesigned and revamped format.

At first blush, it sounds like a redesign. Yes, it is a redesign, but it's more than that - our goal is to transform the GNLU newsletter into a magazine that invites - no, not just invites but compels - you to read as you receive it. A magazine you cannot ignore. With this objective, we decided to free it from the formal, dull and boring traditional structure generally associated with newsletters and, to make it bold and beautiful!

Name is a powerful thing. It is very significant. It is an important part of one's identity, be it a person, a place or a magazine. A name change can signify a new identity. Thus, we have also adopted a new name: GNLU Times. Hope it helps in creating a new identity.

We have grouped various activities under different centres. We have also created separate sections for all stakeholders - students, faculty and alumni. Rather than just listing the activities, we have also included edited excerpts of important speeches to hold your attention a little longer.

Transformation is a long haul. This issue is just the beginning. Our new identity is still taking shape. So, expect more evolutions and surprises to come.

We hope we have succeeded in our attempt. For us, the initial measure of success is: the issue doesn't remain unread on your desk for more than a day!

Please share your thoughts and suggestions. Drop us an email at ashah@gnlu.ac.in or feel free to call us on 8849110049. Still better, drop in our office for a chat when on campus. Thanks, as always, for your support.

With best wishes.

Ashok Shah
Editor

New Academic Collaborations GNLU expands its Global Network

GNLU has entered into collaborative arrangements with four more universities in Europe and USA for a wide-ranging collaboration in the field of academic exchange programmes for students & faculty, collaborative research, joint organization of seminars & conferences, etc.



Under this arrangement, GNLU LLM students, after successful completion of their first semester, will have an option to enrol at the Texas A&M University School of Law in the second semester and complete the remaining course work there to obtain a degree from Texas A&M University.



GNLU and the University of Lausanne, Switzerland have agreed to host each year maximum two exchange students from the partner university for one or two semesters each within their LLB or LLM programmes. The exchange student will not be required to pay tuition fees to host university.

GNLU students and alumni enrolling for the LLM in International Business Law programme of the University of Lausanne will get tuition fee reduction between 15% to 50% and will also be eligible for seeking a fee waiver or a scholarship according to the University of Lausanne's regulations.

The arrangement also provides for the exchange of faculty and PhD students.



GNLU and the University of Akron, USA have agreed to create Expert Networks for IPR from India and the US, which will undertake training and research projects focussing governments and businesses working in IP Law and will disseminate knowledge through scholarly papers.



The agreement with Ulster University provides for the student and faculty exchange as well as collaborative research.



As a part of the "Study in Gujarat" campaign" launched by the Government of Gujarat, GNLU Director, Dr. Shanthakumar signed an MoU with Box Hill College Kuwait (BHCK) in the august presence of Shri Bhupendrasinh Chudasma, Hon'ble Minister for Education, Ms Anju Sharma, Principal Secretary, Higher Education, Government of Gujarat and Shri Jeeva Sagar, Indian Ambassador to Kuwait. This MoU will facilitate, inter alia, special training for the students of BHCK at GNLU in Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) and allied subjects. BHCK is an accredited extended campus of the Box Hill Institute, Australia.



"With these new global partners, GNLU has now academic collaboration with 20 reputed overseas institutions in 13 countries across five continents," said Ms. Harsha Rajwanshi, Assistant Professor and Dean, External Relations at GNLU.

GNLU Director Dr Shanthakumar said, "We at GNLU constantly strive to offer better global exposure and opportunities for our students, faculty and alumni to face the challenges posed by globalization. I am sure they will immensely benefit from the recently executed MoUs."

New Domestic Collaborations



GNLU and Tata Institute of Social Sciences (TISS) Mumbai signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on December 11, 2019.

PhD scholars of GNLU and TISS can now access library and faculty resources of each other. GNLU and TISS will strive to promote academic collaboration and PhD scholars of both the institutions will now have access to library and faculty resources of each other.

Expressing delight over the MoU, GNLU Director Dr Shanthakumar said, "TISS is one of the finest academic institutions in our country with some exceptional teachers and researchers. I am sure the MoU will lead to increased collaboration benefiting the students and faculty of both the institutions."



GNLU and the Indian Navy have entered into a Memorandum of Understanding for the capacity-building of the officers of Indian Navy in the area of Law of the Sea, Maritime Law and International Law through sound and sustained academic, research, extension and training programmes.

The MoU was signed by GNLU Director Dr Shanthakumar and Rear Admiral Antony George, Chief Staff Officer (Training) for and on behalf of the Flag Officer Commanding-in-Chief, Southern Naval Command, on May 27.

Four short-duration and two long-duration programmes are expected to be offered during the first year.

Expressing happiness over the MoU, GNLU Director Dr Shanthakumar said, "I am sure this collaboration will be mutually beneficial and further strengthen our long-standing relationship with the Indian Navy."

Rear Admiral Antony George, Chief Staff Officer (Training) said, "It is a matter of pride for the Indian Navy to conclude an MoU with GNLU, a leading university on law and legal processes. The Indian Navy looks forward to meaningful collaboration with the eminent faculty at GNLU and utilize various courses being offered to further develop the Navy's knowledge on Operational Law and International Maritime Law."



GNLU and National Maritime Foundation (NMF) entered into an MOU for the joint conduct of academic and research activities in the field of maritime and related subjects.

NMF was established as India's first maritime think-tank for conducting independent and policy-relevant research on 'matters maritime'. While it is an autonomous think-tank, its intellectual and organisational development is supported by the Ministry of Defence and the Indian Navy.

The MOU acquires importance in the context of GNLU's association with the Indian Navy as well as the U.S. Naval War College (Staff College and "Home of Thought" for the United States Navy). Every year, GNLU conducts a week-long GNLU International Maritime Academy which draws participants from naval forces, maritime professionals and researchers from across the globe.



MOU with Gujarat State Biotechnology Mission

GNLU and Gujarat State Biotechnology Mission (GSBTM) signed a Memorandum of Understanding, on February 10.

GSBTM is a society established under the aegis of the Department of Science and Technology, Government of Gujarat to promote, support and facilitate the development of biotechnology in the State.

GNLU and GSBTM will jointly develop a new PG Diploma on Biotechnology Law and Policy

Under this MoU, GNLU and GSBTM will jointly develop a new Post Graduate Diploma Course on Biotechnology, Law and Policy to impart knowledge of law related to biotechnology. It will be a weekend programme so that working professionals can enrol for the same. The MoU was signed by Mr Harit Shukla, IAS, Chairman, Executive Committee, GSBTM and GNLU Director Dr Shanthakumar in the presence of Shri Vijay Rupani, Hon'ble Chief Minister of Gujarat and Hon'ble Mr Justice (Retd.) Ranjan Gogoi, Former Chief Justice of India. Justice Gogoi was at GNLU to deliver a public lecture on "Rebuilding the Judiciary: Nation Building.



Dr Subhash Soni, Mission Director, GSBTM said, "Legal implications of biotechnology are complex...This new PG Diploma will bring all the legal dimensions of biotechnology under one course and make things easier for participants."

GNLU Director Dr Shanthakumar said, "Biotechnology is a fast-evolving science. Today, its applications are implemented in diverse fields giving rise to many legal, ethical and policy issues. The interface between law and biotechnology has, therefore, become important more than ever before. This collaboration will create more opportunities for GNLU faculty to research in this emerging field."



GNLU and the Centre for Mediation and Conciliation (CMC), Bombay Chamber of Commerce signed an MoU on January 04, 2020.

GNLU and CMC will jointly organize mediation and conciliation related training programmes, workshops, conferences and competitions. They will also explore the establishment of a Mediation Centre to foster learning in the field of commercial mediation. CMC will also provide internship opportunities to GNLU students.

Training of Assistant Public Prosecutors

Close to 650 APPS trained in 11 batches



Government of Gujarat commissioned GNLU for imparting training to all Assistant Public Prosecutors (APPs) functioning in various courts of JMFC across the state. Close to 650 APPs were trained in 11 different three-day training programmes conducted in February and March 2020. The first programme in the series was inaugurated on Feb 05.

Mr Milan Dave, Joint Secretary, Legal Department said, "This refresher training to APPs will help in the functioning of the courts which will, in turn, help in achieving the objective of speedy justice to wider sections of the society. State Government plans to continue such refresher training every year."

Speaking on the occasion, Government Pleader Ms Manisha Lavkumar Shah said that Public Prosecutor plays a very important role in our criminal justice system and quoted

from the judgement of the Supreme Court of India in the case of Rekha Murarka vs The State of West Bengal and Anr,

"In our criminal justice system, the Public Prosecutor occupies a position of great importance. Given that crimes are treated as a wrong against the society as a whole, his role in the administration of justice is crucial, as he is not just a representative of the aggrieved person, but that of the State at large. Though he is appointed by the Government, he is not a servant of the Government or the investigating agency. He is an officer of the Court and his primary duty is to assist the court in arriving at the truth by putting forth all the relevant material on behalf of the prosecution. While discharging these duties, he must act in a manner that is fair to the court, to the investigating agencies, as well to the accused. This means that in instances where he finds material indicating that the accused legitimately deserves a benefit during the trial, he must not conceal it. Space carved out for the Public Prosecutor is clearly that of an independent officer who secures the cause of justice and fair play in a criminal trial."

Ms Shah further advised the participating APPs to devote at least one hour to the reading of recent judgements stating that "There is no better wisdom than what lies in the books."

GNLU Director Dr Shanthakumar said, "We are thankful to the Government, in particular, the Law Minister and the Law Secretary for giving GNLU this opportunity. I am sure GNLU faculty will fully justify the confidence reposed in them."

Talk on International Law and the World Bank



Mr Vikram Raghavan, Lead Counsel at World Bank, Washington, DC visited GNLU and gave a talk on International Law and the World Bank on January 20.

Mr Raghavan said that World Bank was born out of the horrors of the second World War. Much of Europe

was devastated by the sustained aerial bombardment. Most major cities, industrial facilities and transportation infrastructure were especially hard-hit. The region's trade flows had been thoroughly disrupted; millions were in refugee camps.

In this backdrop, United Nations Monetary and Financial Conference, popularly known as Bretton Woods Conference, was held in July 1944. The two major accomplishments of the conference were the creation of the International Monetary Fund (IMF) and the International

Bank for Reconstruction and Development (IBRD).

The original idea was to create a bank to reconstruct the war-torn nations, mainly in Europe. However, most of the Latin American countries were untouched by the war. 18 Latin American nations led by Mexico said why we should buy shares of a bank being established for the reconstruction of a part of the world we are not concerned with. They proposed that the mandate of the bank should be expanded to include "Development" on the same footing as that of "Reconstruction". That is how comes the title "International Bank for Reconstruction and Development."

The first country to receive a World Bank loan was France. The loan was for US\$250 million.

The Bank lending to India started in 1949 when the first loan of \$34 million was approved for the Indian Railways.

Apart from financing many huge industrial and infrastructure development projects in India, World Bank also brokered the Indus Water treaty between India and Pakistan.



Alumni Relations

GNLU first batch meets at alma matter after 10 years

The first batch (2004-2009) reunion was organized at GNLU campus on January 11. As many as 85 alumni, many with their spouses and children, enthusiastically participated in what was their first reunion. They were overjoyed to come to their alma matter and see their batchmates and faculty after a decade.

GNLU also hosted Alumni Meets at New Delhi (November 30), Bengaluru (December 08), Hyderabad (December 15), Kolkatta (December 21, 2019), Mumbai (January 26) and Dubai (January 18 & 19, 2020).

These meets also saw a very enthusiastic response from the alumni.

The Alumni Meets provided a wonderful opportunity for GNLU alumni to re-connect and reminisce with their batch mates, seniors, and juniors. The events were graced by the presence of GNLU Director Dr Shanthakumar, Registrar Dr Jagadeesh Chandra and other faculty members.

Director sought alumni's help and guidance in further building GNLU as an institution of excellence and in assisting the current students in their future endeavours. A few alumni expressed their gratitude to the University administration for organizing these events and bringing them all together.



Alumni meet at Bangalore



Alumni meet at Kolkatta



Alumni meet at Dubai



Alumni meet at Hyderabad



Alumni meet at Mumbai

Alumni Speak



I feel nostalgic coming back. Ours was the first batch of the University. We were like a family. We were quite close to each other and that warmth has persisted till date. GNLU has given me confidence and exposure, the people I met here have helped me grow immensely. I liked the new campus, especially the library.

Manisha Ranvah, Legal Officer, RBI
Batch: 2004-2009



GNLU has given me not only a good foundation academically, but for life. My most memorable time here has been the time I spent mooting, which enhanced my skills and shaped me to be the person I am today. Not surprising that I adored the Moot Room on the new campus the most.

Shashwat Patel
Simmons and Simmons
London
Batch: 2004-2009



Having come back after a decade, I am enjoying time on campus. I am working in the field of education consultancy, for me, life has come a full circle having started with preparing for GNLU entrance exam to coaching future lawyers for CLAT now.

Neeraj Sharma
Education Consultant
Batch: 2004-2009



It is good to reconnect after such a long time and am grateful to the University and faculty for arranging such a meet. GNLU has given me everything, I would not have been the person that I am, but for the five years I spent at GNLU and the people I met here. GNLU is a brand which people recognize and respect in the world.

Mahendra Kumar, Senior Law Officer, BHEL
Batch: 2004-2009



Smiling from ear to ear, I am undoubtedly happy to meet all my batchmates. For me, GNLU helped me in everyway from personal growth to academic excellence. I met people from so many diverse regions of India, it opened my mind up. Being the first batch, we were nothing less than a family to each other. I found the new campus to be spectacular.

Shweta Bhardwaj
Associate, Goldman Sachs
Batch: 2004-2009



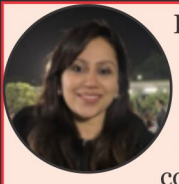
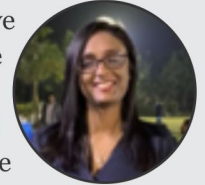
Happy to have met my former batchmates and faculty, I curiously interacted with juniors too, letting them know that they have a family outside of the University. The five years at GNLU gave me the confidence and skills to live the rest of my life. I am envious of the campus that we have now, though it is the old campus which will always be close to my heart.

Jai Pratap Singh, Restaurant owner
Batch: 2004-2009

I reluctantly pulled away from my friends. I couldn't have expected it to go better. GNLU not only gave me academically sound foundation but also prepared me for life. From people to friends to heartbreaks, I experienced it all here. I have visited the campus on multiple occasions, as I recruit from the University every year.

Winnie Shekhar, Partner, Indus Law

Batch: 2004-2009



For me, GNLU is a place which gave me immense confidence and exposure, meeting people from diverse places changed me and made me more confident. Being artistically inclined, I find the campus fantastic and consider myself lucky to be studying here.

Devanshi Trivedi, Mosaic Artist
Batch: 2004-2009



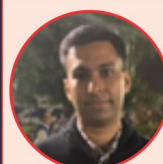
I had a fantastic day and enjoyed performances by the juniors. GNLU was a really good platform to start from and to showcase one's skills

Devaki Mankad,
Partner, Cyril Amarchand Mangaldas
Batch: 2004-2009



The day so far has been nostalgic, yet fun. Although I loved the new campus, it is the old campus which will always be GNLU for me. The exposure was great, but it was the unwavering faith and confidence the teachers had in us that made all the difference.

Payel Chatterjee, Leader, Nishith Desai Associates
Batch: 2004-2009



I was not sure about the law as a career when I joined but...I realized I liked law and wanted to pursue it further. More than learning the law, I learnt to identify what is relevant and what, how and when to read.

Deepak Ranvah, Judge Advocate
General Department

Batch: 2004-2009

Alumni Speak



It's a great opportunity for the alumni to rekindle old friendships, foster growth of new relationships, network over our shared experiences, and professionally assist the ones seeking guidance.

Aman Raj Gandhi, Partner, Wadia Ghandy & Co
Batch: 2005-10



GNLU was the place where I made some of my best memories. I'm eagerly awaiting to go back in time and relive those days once again with the past and present of GNLU.

Rajendra Beniwal, Partner
Karma Law Associate
Batch: 2009-14



It's a humbling experience to look back on where I started this journey with law. I'm looking forward to meeting familiar faces and reconnect with brilliant minds my colleagues have turned into.

Sushant Chandra,
Assistant Professor,
Jindal Global Law School
Batch: 2006-11



This alumni meet will inspire a synergy between great minds of the present and future of GNLU.

Animesh Kumar,
Metropolitan Magistrate,
Delhi Judicial Service
Batch: 2009-14



Thanks to CLAT, GNLU is a melting pot of people with different thought cultures and problem-solving approaches. The atmosphere is charged with an energy which promotes free thinking and logical analysis. My five years in GNLU honed the skill of original thought in me - a rare quality in today's world of easy answers and dimming originality. Needless to say, thank you, dear GNLU.

Anuroop Omkar, Mediator,
The World Bank
Batch: 2007-12



Though my life has changed a lot in the past decade But what hasn't changed is my regard for the university, the faculty, the relationships I built, and the lessons I learnt there.

Rajul Bohra, Partner, J. Sagar Associates
Batch: 2005-10



GNLU offered a unique experience of living in a culturally and regionally diverse society. Now that we're spread across the globe, the alumni meet is enabling us to diversify our horizons.

Deepika Murali, DM Law Chambers
Batch of 2005-10



It was great meeting the Director and the faculty at the Alumni meet along with other friends from college.

Harshavardhan Abburi
Practising Advocate



I was 7.5 months pregnant at the Alumni meet. I craved for dhokla and khandvi throughout my pregnancy. Thanks to the Alumni Meet, my kid got to meet my teachers, seniors and batchmates before time. And eat real dhokla of course. It was a good net practice since he has to anyway hear GNLU stories from his parents for the rest of his life.

Kritika Krishnamurthy, Partner
AK & Partners



It was fantastic to meet fellow alumni as well as alumni of batches that joined GNLU after I had graduated.

Vikrant Pachnanda
Advocate-on-Record,
Supreme Court of India &
Aviation Attorney



I congratulate GNLU and the organizers for conducting first-of-its-kind alumni meet. I wish them all the very best.

D Neeharika Reddy,
Advocate, High Court of Telangana &
Andhra Pradesh 2005-10



All of us have taken different paths professionally and personally, yet even after 10 years, the instant reconnect was magical. A big shout out to the university for making this happen.

Trayosha Darapuneni, Principal Associate,
Cyril Amarchand Mangaldas

Alumni Achievements

Ms Nikita Maheshwari, a GNLU alumna, has received National Entrepreneurship Award 2019 in Logistics, transports, e-commerce & other services under A3 category for initial investment between Rs.10 Lakhs to Rs.1 Crore. She was the only awardee in the Logistics category this year.

The award was conferred by the Minister of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship Dr Mahendra Nath Pandey at the award ceremony held on November 09, 2019. The award consists of a Trophy, Certificate and a Cash Prize of Rs.5 Lakhs.

Nikita has received this award for her enterprise, Tatkalorry Private Limited, co-founded by her in 2016. Tatkalorry is a mobile App connecting manufacturers, dealers, truck drivers, truck owners and transporters for flexible ceramic good deliveries. Tatkalorry engages 50 employees and generated a revenue of over Rs.5 Crores in 2018-2019.

Acknowledging GNLU's contribution to her success, Nikita said, "GNLU has been crucial in shaping my researching skills as well as many of my entrepreneurial qualities which shall remain with me forever."

"GNLU creates opportunities for the holistic development of its students which enable them to realize their full potential... It is the only National Law University in the country having an incubation centre," said GNLU Director Dr Shanthakumar.



Ms Nikita Maheshwari receives National Entrepreneurship Award 2019

16 GNLU alumni selected for appointment in Rajasthan Judicial Service



Harshita Rathore



Himmat Raj



Akshat Verma



Hanuman Meena



Digvijay Detha



Pramod Panwar



Aakansha Meena



Harsh Meena

As many as 16 GNLU alumni were among 197 candidates selected for appointment in the Rajasthan Judicial Service as per the final result of the Rajasthan Judicial Service Examination declared by the Rajasthan High Court in November 2019. More than 50 GNLU alumni are already working in judicial services across the country and 10 of them are in Rajasthan Judicial Service.



Vijay Bakoliya



Narendra Meena



Pooja Meena



Monika Dhanol



Nidhi Poonia



Sonica Meena



Neha Khare



Naveen Meena

GNLU alumni recruited as Judges felicitated



Some of the GNLU alumni who are recently recruited as judges visited GNLU on January 11, 2020. A function to felicitate them was organized in the presence of Hon'ble Mr Justice M R Shah, Judge, Supreme Court of India. Mr Justice Shah was on the campus to deliver a public lecture on "Challenges faced by the India Judiciary" under the aegis of GNLU-Navinchandra Desai Law Foundation Chair.



Justice Shah congratulated and felicitated these newly-appointed judges. He said, "You should be thankful that God has given you this opportunity to serve as a judge. Duty of a judge is a pious duty.... God has selected you and

has reposed trust and faith in you. Therefore, it is your bounden duty to see that there is no breach of trust and faith reposed by God. You should perform your duty with commitment and without fear or favour."

"It is a matter of pride for all of us that GNLU alumni are contributing to the judiciary in the country in such a large number," said GNLU Director, Dr Shanthakumar.



Sanskriti shines at Cambridge too

Sanskriti Sanghi (2014-19) received the Jennings Prize (Academic Prize) for having graduated with First Class Honours in LLM from the University of Cambridge, UK. Not surprising, considering that Sanskriti, an Aditya Birla Scholar, had bagged as many as eight gold medals at GNLU! Congratulations!

Student News

Hatim Hussain (2015-20) bags two most prestigious global scholarships



Hatim Hussain makes GNLU proud!

He has secured Rhodes as well as Schwarzman scholarships for 2020. He is the first Indian to have received both most prestigious scholarships for graduate studies in the same year.

The Rhodes scholarship is the oldest and perhaps most prestigious international scholarship programme, enabling outstanding young people to study at Oxford. Schwarzman Scholarship is a fully-funded postgraduate award for Masters at Tsinghua University, China.

One of the five Indian Scholars selected to join Rhodes Scholars from around the world at the University of Oxford, Hatim is the second Rhodes scholar from GNLU, the first being Sameer Bhat two years ago.

On receiving the coveted award, Hatim noted, "I consider this award as an enabler for me to collaborate with people from diverse fields across the world who share a common objective of bringing about a positive change and who want to work together to make the world a better place."

Commenting on the role of GNLU, he said, "GNLU has been immensely helpful in nurturing talent in diverse disciplines and I am grateful to my professors for their support and encouragement throughout."

Congratulating Hatim on this rare feat, GNLU Director Dr Shanthakumar said, "Hatim has made all of us proud. With his sincerity and commitment to the cause of marginalized, I am sure he will succeed in his mission of creating a more equal world. I wish him all the best."

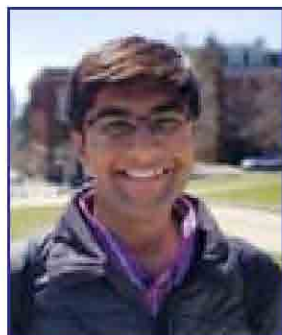
As a Rhodes Scholar, Hatim wishes to pursue Bachelor of Civil Law followed by a DPhil at Oxford. "I want to research on how regulatory models can be evolved to deal with poverty and inequality. This is a subject close to my heart due to my own circumstances of coming from a family of limited financial means," Hatim added.

Hatim Hussain (2015-2020) and Arnaaz Ameer (2013-2018) were guests at Antilla

Hatim Hussain and Arnaaz Ameer were among the select group of people invited to Antilia (residence of Reliance Industries' Chairman Mr Mukesh Ambani) for a fireside chat with Blackstone's Chairman & CEO Mr Stephen Schwarzman and Mr Mukesh Ambani on March 05.

On the previous day, i.e. on March 04, Hatim and Arnaaz were at IIT, Bombay for a conversation with Mr Nandan Nilekani (Non-Executive Chairman, Infosys) and Mr Schwarzman.

Both events witnessed a discussion on the release of Schwarzman's new book – 'What It Takes: Lessons in the Pursuit of Excellence', a New York Times Bestseller for 2019.



Tejas Rao (2015-2020) will be pursuing his LLM at St. Edmunds College, University of Cambridge, beginning October on a J N Tata Endowment Scholarship and an ERM Group of Companies Scholarship. He plans to study International Environmental Law, Global Governance, International Human Rights Law, and Jurisprudence at Cambridge.

"I had offers also from Fletcher School of Law & Diplomacy (50% scholarship), NYU School of Law (with Dean's Scholarship), Queen Mary University of London, SOAS, LSE, Graduate Institute, Geneva," said Tejas.



Maitreya Shah (2015-20) has received Dean's merit scholarship and J.N Tata endowment grant to pursue his LLM in General Legal Studies from University of Pennsylvania Law School, USA. Congratulations!

Maitreya said, "The establishment of the GNLU Committee for Persons with Disabilities will be the most memorable event for me," he said.

Maitreya attributed his ability to survive all the highs and lows at law school to two qualities: willingness to work, and the ability to understand and appreciate the diversity around.

"I am grateful to Director, all the faculties and the staff for their support, guidance, and mentoring; something for which no words of gratitude are enough," added Maitreya.

Empowering Under-privileged Children



Aayushi
Jain



Alolika
Chakraborty



Hetashri
Khajanchi



Ashlesha
Singhal

Aayushi Jain, Alolika Chakraborty, Hetashri Khajanchi and Ashlesha Singhal work with Gandhinagar Chapter of Robinhood Academy which aims to empower children with a basic primary education. These GNLU students regularly teach the students of Government School, Sector 2, Gandhinagar. They also teach the students living in hutments in Sector 16, on weekends.

On the eve of the Republic Day 2020, they organized a visit of the students of Government School to GNLU campus to motivate them to not drop out of school and work harder towards a bright future. The kids were shown the campus, including library and Legal History Museum. They were very happy after seeing the campus. They were motivated by the display of numerous trophies at the preamble. As a token of gratitude, the kids gifted GNLU students an adorable handmade chart which was a very sweet gesture on their part.

Kudos to Aayushi, Alolika, Hetashri and Ashlesha!



Born to read, Shalini Singh, Bsc LLB, 2011-2016 and LLM, 2019-2020 is a book reviewer and blogger for various National and International as well as small-time publishers and authors. She is active on Instagram, Goodreads, Facebook, Quora and Amazon and has garnered quite a following. She is named the blogger of the month in Amazon India's new initiative, Book Bazaar. Congratulations, Shalini!



Divyang Shukla, second year, BA, LLB (Hons.) won gold in the 100m and 200m and 4x100m mixed relay at the Justice league tournament 2020. Congratulations!



Nishtha, LLM (2019-2020) published two papers: "PROTECTION OF CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS OF WOMEN IN PRESENT ERA" in the White Black legal journal (ISSN NO.2581-8503) and "ENHANCEMENT OF PUNISHMENT NOT A REMEDY TO PROTECT WOMEN FROM SEXUAL OFFENCES" in the Lex Forti law journal (ISSN NO.: 2582-2942).

Faculty News

Ideation dialogue with a Noble laureate



GNLU Director Dr Shanthakumar was among the select group of impact-creators invited to ideate with Noble laureate Professor Mohammad Yunus (Grameen Bank, Bangladesh) on working towards the 'World of Three Zeros' – Zero Poverty, Zero Unemployment and Zero Net Carbon Emissions.

The ideation dialogue was hosted by Nishith Desai Associates in the form of a half-a-day retreat at Imaginarium Aligunjan, Alibaug, on December 13, 2019.

Indira Gandhi Institute of Development Research, Mumbai has approved the research proposal submitted by GNLU Director Dr Shanthakumar for a research study titled "An empirical analysis of Impact of food insecurity and Hunger on Nutrition and Right to Health of Urban Poor Living in the state of Gujarat" and approved a grant of Rs.8,65,000 for the purpose. Assistant Professors (Research) Dr Anita Kumari and Ms S Dhnaya will assist him as co-investigators in this project.



When the whole world was in a state of lockdown amid COVID-19 pandemic, this legal thinker of GNLU became highly dynamic on virtual platforms. Yes, Dr K. Parmeswaran, Associate Professor of Law got more than 20 invitations from India and abroad to share his

knowledge on the role of Spirituality, Religion and its Values for Law, Justice, Governance & Society, a subject of research dear to his heart. The most prominent ones were his address to scholars, judges, advocates etc in the USA, to a team of corporate counsels of JSA (Bangalore) & to MHRD TEQIP III for NIT-UK-FDP. *"injustice-prevention is equally indispensable like justice-correction, says Dr Parmeswaran.*



Mr Tarun, Assistant Professor (Research) has been appointed as a Consultant for the project titled Rapid Assessment of the Blue Economy in Karnataka by the College of Fisheries, Mangaluru.

Funded by World Bank, the project aims to develop an appropriate legislative mechanism to promote aquaculture and regulate and curb issues associated with fisheries in the State of Karnataka.

FDP on E-content Development for MOOCs for Blended Teaching and Learning



The FDP was conducted during January 17-19, 2020. It aimed to facilitate faculty members to enhance their e-skills and collaborate with the IT industry in content development and multimedia production to develop educational content in electronic format, suitable for use in various teaching and learning programs.

The programme was conducted by Dr Manpreet Singh Manna, Founding Director of the "SWAYAM MOOCs" project and Dr Pooja Rastogi, Associate Professor, Ansal University, Gurgaon.

Dr Manna said, "SWAYAM allows connecting openly on a global scale, with global learners. Learning shall be open for all and SWAYAM is the Best example of this where learners can learn any subject of their choice and interest without any discrimination. SWAYAM provides with a platform to learn from the Best of the World to the Rest of the World"

Earlier, in her welcome address, Dean, Academic Affairs, Dr Mamta Biswal said, "while the MOOCs platform has several advantages, the law courses offer a special challenge as the law is an ever-evolving subject."

Asian Credit Risk Colloquium



Asian Credit Risk Colloquium was organized during February 8-10, 2020.

This Colloquium was an attempt to bring together various stakeholders from the banking & financial sector including international organisations, regulators, government bodies, payment and settlement systems to study and analyse the emerging trends of credit risk management in the Asian banking environment, Non-Banking and Financial sector and equip them with tools to develop best practices for their respective financial institutions.

Banks, banking regulators and practitioners from six countries – Italy, Czech Republic, Ghana, Bangladesh, Jordan and India participated in this colloquium.

The speakers at the colloquium included Ms Vineeta Hariharan, Government Relations, Public Policy and Programme formulation, World Bank Group, Dr Mukulita Vijayawargiya, Whole-time member, Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India, Mr Ashok Kumar Pradhan, Managing Director & CEO, United Bank of India, Mr Martin Vojtek, Czech National Bank, Mr Pramod Panda, Centre for Advanced Financial Research and Learning (CAFRAL), Dr Naveen Sirohi, Head, School of Finance, Indian Institute of Corporate Affairs, Mr Durga Prasad Dube, CISO and Head, Information Risk Management, Reliance, Mr Sidharth Kamani, Credit Risk Professional, New Development Bank, Mr Kartik Shinde, Partner, Ernst & Young and Mr Shahzab Fatmi, CEO, Settlement India

Mr Durga Prasad Dube of Reliance said that “today, cybersecurity is among the top five risks, along with climate change and poverty, in terms of likelihood and impact.” He further said that more than a million log-ins happen on social media platforms every minute creating a massive digital footprint that needs to be securely managed..... Repercussions of cyberbullying can ruin organizations and individuals by loss of revenue and reputation leading to erosion of the value of huge companies....so, it is extremely important to invest in cybersecurity measures.”

Mr Sidharth Kamani, Credit Risk Professional, New Development Bank said that Mobile Banking and fintech has changed the landscape of financial intermediation due

to the trove of data available in large quantities. It enhances the ability of banks to extend credit facilities to Credit-Invisibles who were earlier excluded from the bank credit. Commenting on the changing landscape of banking, he said that new players in the banking world are essentially technology companies and not traditional banking companies.

Mr Kamani further said that Credit-Invisibles, i.e. those who do not have a credit history...who seek credit for the first time, end up paying a higher rate of interest. He said that alternative data

can be used to bridge the gap between financial products and Credit-Invisibles. Alternative data is far more reliable than traditional methods for predicting default on credit. Giving some intriguing examples of alternative data points, he said: “customers who use their first and last name in their email id are 30% less likely to default, IOS device buyers are in the top income strata, companies having their founder's name in their names are less likely to default.”

Mr Kamani said that AI-based systems have their flows. “There are concerns about ethics and privacy. Governments have to address these issues through appropriate legislative and regulatory measures,” he added.

Describing himself as a “well-dressed hacker”, Mr Kartik Shinde, Partner, Ernst & Young gave an overview of the underground world of cyber hacking. He said that large hacking groups are sometimes state-funded and they take advantage of technical gaps which businesses have overlooked. While hacking is generally through the internet, it is not always so. He gave the example of Iran's nuclear facility breach. In this case, the system was air-gapped and not connected to the internet at all. So, malware-containing USBs were air-dropped and human agency was used to pick up these USBs and plug them into the official system to introduce the malware in the system.

Mr Shinde said that it is important for organizations to spend the right amount in the right area. The spending must be effective and yield result. “Balancing costs, risks and control remain a challenge for organizations,” he added.

Mr Shahzab Fatmi, CEO, Settlement India said that Blockchain is transparent and traceable. Document-movement over the blockchain is efficient, immutable and eliminates fraud. It has a lot of potential in the financial sector.

The colloquium was organized by GNLU jointly with Bangladesh International Arbitration Centre (BIAC) and Bridge Policy Think Tank in collaboration with the Embassy of the Czech Republic in India.

Programmes with National Commission for Women

Regional Consultation on Reviewing Laws Related to Inter-State Women Migrant Workers

GNLU and National Commission for Women (NCW) jointly organized virtual Regional Consultation on Reviewing Laws Related to Inter-State Women Migrant Workers on May 30.

The objective of the consultation was to discuss and review the law relating to interstate migrant women workers to identify shortcomings in the present framework and suggest remedial measures to make the law more gender-aware.

Prominent speakers included Justice Sujata Manohar (Retired Judge, Supreme Court of India), Ms Meeta Rajivlochan (Member Secretary, NCW), Dr Anurag Agarwal (Professor at IIM Ahmedabad), Ms Chhavi Rajawat (Sarpanch, Soda Village, Rajasthan), Mr Amod Kant (Chairman, Domestic Workers Sector Skill Council), Prof S. Chandrashekhar (Indira Gandhi Institute of Development Research) and Ms Nupur Sinha (Executive Director, Centre for Social Justice, Ahmedabad) and Advocate Harish Purohit (Rajasthan High Court). GNLU faculty members Dr Anjani Singh Tomar and Dr Asha Verma also participated in the consultation.

In his inaugural address, GNLU Director Dr Shanthakumar stressed the need for a specific law for domestic workers. "Domestic work as an economic activity is too vast and employs too many to remain unregulated. It is high time that we have an integrated legislation to protect their rights," he said.



Shri. Amod Kant said, "NCW should pitch for a national legislation on the line of the Jharkhand Private Employment Agency and Domestic Employee Bill passed by Jharkhand Assembly in 2016.



Ms Chhavi Rajawat said that the present crisis has brought to fore the unavailability of data of migrant workers either with the native state or the destination state. She suggested that various state governments should ask village panchayats to collate the data of migrating workers. "It is unfortunate that it has to take a crisis for the society to think about the plight of migrant workers," added Ms Rajawat



Prof S. Chandrashekhar said that the 15th Finance Commission should focus on internal migration and provide a fiscal architecture to make various welfare benefits portable across the country.



Dr Anurag Agarwal said that lawmakers should see a female migrant worker not just as a worker but as a mother, sister or a wife, who is the lady of the house and, though mostly illiterate, is expected to take care of

the needs of her family.



Justice Sujata Manohar said that in the colonial era, the law was seen as an instrument of control. This concept needs to change. Law should be seen as an instrument of empowerment. She said that women are forced to migrate to urban areas mostly because they do not have means of livelihood or support system in their village. The government should devise ways and means of strengthening and empowering rural women so that they need not migrate to urban areas.

Advocate Harish Purohit observed that enacting laws to provide rights is meaningless in the absence of an effective and accessible mechanism for enforcing those rights. In this, he was echoing Ms Nupur Sinha who said: "A corrupt, inefficient, non-thinking system will push the best of laws into dustbins."



Ms Sinha also referred to the Wombless women in Beed. She said that female workers in the reproductive age group have their uterus removed as labour contractors do not hire women who would have periods during cane cutting season. Contractors insist that "they don't force the women to have a surgery; rather, it is a choice made by their families." She added with pain, "Laws work in a civilised nation. We are a banana republic with socialism in our Constitution and blood on our hands.... (we are) a bunch of brutal, wild, arrogant, selfish people with dead sensitivities – we don't need laws. We need efforts at humanising ourselves as a society."

Mr. Purohit suggested that there should be a provision that when a migrant worker is employed in any industry or establishment, he should be given a day's leave with wages so that he can register himself and his family with the prescribed authority.

Thematic sessions on Special Vulnerability of Women Migrant Workers, Challenges in the Grass-Root Implementation of Law and Policy Measures Relating to Women Migrant Workers and Women Migrant Workers And Labour Law - Identifying Gaps And Exploring Remedial Measures were held.



The sessions were moderated by Ms Rekha Sharma, Chairperson, NCW, Ms Meeta Rajivlochan, Member Secretary, NCW and Dr Saira Gori, Dean, Training Division, GNLU.

Regional Consultation on “Female Labour Force Participation in India”



NCW member, Dr Rajul Desai inaugurated the Regional Consultation held at GNLU on January 04.

In her inaugural address, Dr Rajul Desai said, “women comprise half of the Indian population but make up less than a quarter of the labour force. The extremely low level of participation of women in the labour market is a massive hurdle in India’s economic development. The decline in the female labour force participation (FLFP) rate, particularly during the last 15 years of the strong economic growth, projects a hazy situation.”

In his welcome speech, GNLU Director Dr Shanthakumar said, “Gender gap at the workplace is a global challenge.

However, it is more acute in Arab states, Northern Africa and Southern Asia. The FLFP rate in India is quite low as compared to even other Asian countries. But, what is alarming is that India is witnessing a declining trend over the past few years.”

Ms Lilaben Ankolia, Chairperson, Gujarat State Commission for Women gave an overview of the measures taken by the State Government in promoting the share of women in the labour market.

The discussions revolved around three major themes: Identifying factors causing a decline in FLFP, Impact of existing legislation on women workers, Impact of child protection policies on FLFP and Policy perspective for addressing the declining FLFP.

Deputy Chief Labour Commissioner (Central), Government of India, Dr Onkar Sharma said, “with 26 weeks of fully-paid maternity leave, India can boast of the highest fully-paid maternity leave benefit anywhere in the world.”

Dr Ellina Samantroy Jena, Fellow at the V.V. Giri National Labour Institute said, “One of the prominent reasons for the decline has been women’s constant engagement with domestic duties and unpaid work. It is important to conduct a Time Use Survey which has the potential to capture all kind of activities undertaken by men and women including multiple and simultaneous activities.”

The consultation was organized by NCW in collaboration with GNLU and V. V. Giri National Labour Institute, Noida.

Interaction with Dr Kishore Singh, Former United Nations Special Rapporteur on RTE

Dr Kishore Singh, Former United Nations Special Rapporteur on the Right to Education (2010-2016) visited GNLU and interacted with faculty on January 22, 2020.

He said that global system has undergone a radical change. The states and governments are no longer dominant players. Few giant companies dominate the world. They control most of the wealth. States are becoming powerless as compared to the earlier era. There is a market economy everywhere including Education.

He said that we are living in the Academic Capitalism. Universities are condemned to serve the purpose of businesses rather than pursuing their noble goal of humanistic education. Economics and marketing have taken a center stage and social sciences, literature and philosophy have been marginalized. The world is dominated by the blind economic forces with the sole objective of making money irrespective of any value system, morality or ethics.

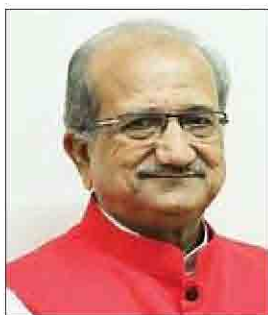
Academic capitalism is a unique hybrid that unites the scientific search for truth and the economic maximization

of profits. It turns universities into enterprises competing for capital accumulation and businesses into knowledge producers looking for new findings that can be turned into patents and profitable commodities. Universities act less like centres of disinterested education and research and more like economic enterprises that aim to maximize their revenues and/or advance the economic competitiveness of the spaces in which they operate.

Rankings evaluate universities on market-driven parameters. NIRF does the same. India is the worst example of privatization in education. There is an urgent need to reorient the education system, for putting education in the service of humanity and not in the service of big business. While India is one of the best in the world in the matter of jurisprudence, It is the poorest in the field of Education Law.



Webinar on NAAC Assessment and Accreditation Process



Shri Bhupendrasinh Chudasama, Hon'ble Minister for Education, Law & Justice, Government of Gujarat inaugurated the webinar. He said, "skill development is the need of the hour and called upon the higher education institutions in the state to introduce more and more courses designed for the skill development of students based on their socio-economic and cultural set-up. Enough autonomy shall be provided to institutions to develop and introduce such courses."



Delivering the keynote address, Smt. Anju Sharma IAS, Principal Secretary, (Higher & Technical Education), Government of Gujarat said, "Performance and Ranking feed on each other; good performance leads to a good ranking which, in turn, incentivize the institution to achieve a yet higher standard of performance."

She advised the institutions in the state to enter into this virtuous cycle to constantly upgrade the standard of education.

Earlier, in his welcome address, GNLU Director Dr Shanthakumar expressed his gratitude to Hon'ble Shri Bhupendrasinh Chudasam and Smt. Anju Sharma for their constant support and encouragement to GNLU. He said that the universities in Gujarat are reaping the benefit of their support and encouragement. This is evident from the improved rankings of the universities in Gujarat in the latest NIRF rankings.

Dr Ganesh Hegde, Adviser, NAAC gave an overview of the assessment and accreditation process of NAAC and explained the Self Study Report submission in detail. Dr Leena Gahane, Deputy Adviser, NAAC explained the process of Registration, IIQA and Student Satisfaction Survey. Dr A V Prasad, Assistant Adviser briefed the participants on the Data Validation and Verification while Dr N R Mohan, Assistant Adviser guided the participants about the Accreditation Outcome.

The webinar was organized by GNLU in association with the National Assessment and Accreditation Council.

Two more Startups Incubated

GNLU Legal Incubation Council (GLIC) has 12 student startups under incubation. Two most recent additions are:

Junior Lawyer



Founded by Mr Vamsi Karedia (BA LLB), Junior Lawyer intends to offer personalized knowledge-based services and products. Its domain expertise lies in understanding and distilling the changing trends in law, and then applying the same to enhance the skills of its clients (fresh law graduates and students in 3rd to 5th

year). Junior Lawyer eventually plans to expand into various verticals involving legal consulting for startups,

strategy consulting for firms, professional career consulting and creating a comprehensive online library of books, videos, podcasts and other paraphernalia dealing with commercial practice.

The Laundry Guy



Founded by Mr Vaibhav Pandey (MBA), The Laundry Guy is a startup functioning as middlemen between the Laundrymen and the customers with a primary focus on the student community. The Laundry Guy intends to provide quality laundry service which is both quick and cost-efficient.



Recruitment and Internships



After an immensely successful year of recruitments with Pre-Placement Offers reaching a peak of 19, and an additional 3 vacation schemes, 2015-20 batch proved their mettle at the Day Zero Process where top law firms; Cyril Amarchand Mangaldas, Khaitan & Co., Trilegal, Shardul Amarchand Mangaldas & Co., AZB & Partners, J. Sagar & Associates, Lakshmikumaran & Sridharan, Indus Law recruited 2015 batch students.

The regular recruiters are keen to recruit from 2016-2021 batch as well. However, planned recruitment activities could not be carried out due to the nation-wide lockdown.

The recruitment process is likely to resume shortly as the economy slowly opens up. In the meantime, 15 students have secured PPOs from reputed law firms Cyril Amarchand Mangaldas, Shardul Amarchand Mangaldas, Trilegal, Khaitan & Co, L&L Partners and S&R Associates.

Ms Samidha Mathur secured a vacation scheme with Herbert Smith Freehills but she could not avail the same due to the restrictions on international travel.

10 students of 2015-2020 batch have been granted assistance under GNLU Litigation Assistance Scheme for pursuing a career in litigation.



Justice League Tournament

The 6th edition of Justice League, the annual sports festival of GNLU, was held this year from Feb 20-23.

39 institutions including IIT, Gandhinagar, National Law University Jodhpur, Jindal Global University Sonipat, GLC Mumbai, Symbiosis Law School Pune, NMIMS Mumbai, IIM Ahmedabad, Christ University, Nirma University and PDPU Gandhinagar participated in 15 different events including Cricket, Football, Basketball, Table Tennis, Athletics, Volleyball, Badminton, Swimming, Skating and Kabaddi.

GNLU emerged as the overall winner with 21 gold, 20 silver and 14 bronze medals. The gold medals were won in Skating, Athletics, Women's single and Mixed Badminton, Men's Table Tennis and 8-ball Pool.

Jindal Global University emerged as the Runners-up with 13 gold, 12 silver and 2 bronze medals.

The fest was inaugurated by Mr Gagan Narang, Indian shooter and bronze medallist at the Summer Olympics, 2012 in London. Mr D. G. Chaudhary, Chairman, Special Olympics, Gujarat graced the valedictory ceremony and awarded prizes to winners.



GNLU Centre for Constitutional & Administrative Law

Public Lecture on Rebuilding the Judiciary: Nation Building

By

Former CJI Hon'ble Justice Ranjan Gogoi



Former Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of India, Hon'ble Justice Ranjan Gogoi delivered a public lecture on "Rebuilding the Judiciary: Nation Building" on Feb 10. Gujarat Chief Minister, Hon'ble Shri Vijay Rupani presided over the function.

Emphasizing that something requires to be "rebuilt", when "everything is broken", Justice Gogoi cited the Wikipedia statistics and said, "India as a nation is not doing too well. While India is Number 2 in terms of population, we are not faring too well on many important parameters. For example, Happiness...how are we doing? India is ranked 140 out of 156 on the Happiness Index, not too good, there is something wrong somewhere. If someone had a choice of where to be born, India is positioned at 66 out of 80, not too many people want to be born in India... In the freedom of press index, India is 140 out of 180. Democracy ranking, 65 out of 112...Air quality index, 84 out of 92... Democracy Ranking, 65 out of 112...Rule of Law index, 66 out of 113 countries...Corruption Perception index, 78 out of 180, very high...I don't think we are doing too well."

For a five-trillion dollar economy, rebuilding the judiciary is essential, Justice Gogoi said, adding that "there is an urgent need to rebuild the judiciary. Unless the judiciary is rebuilt, this country cannot prosper. We need to rebuild the judiciary; merely increasing the number of courts or

expediting the process of judicial appointments will not suffice. The moment we have a fearless, independent, effective and working judiciary, the nation will be on a march."

"The Prime Minister wants to achieve a five-trillion dollar economy. If the country wants to achieve the dream of the five-trillion dollar economy, we need foreign investments. Why would foreign investments come? Investments mean disputes and disputes require resolution. If you don't have a mechanism for expeditious resolution of disputes, why would anyone want to invest in your country?"

Justice Gogoi asserted that "ninety per cent judges will not be an asset in resolving commercial disputes. Let us entrust commercial disputes resolution to professionals. Let us curtail the right to appeal. We need to give confidence to investors that we have a system that works, you can come and invest here safely."

Commenting on the judicial appointments system, Justice Gogoi said that today there is a reluctance to be a judge... the situation is many do not want to become judges. "Good people are backing out. Look at our judicial appointment systems – the day a name is recommended, 100 letters are sent against it, alleging from A to Z. He doesn't get appointed. He doesn't become a judge and his professional and personal lives are shattered."



This was Justice Gogoi's first public lecture after he retired from the Supreme Court. "I thank Gujarat for giving me freedom – the first smell of freedom of speech. Judges don't have the freedom of speech," he said.

Justice Gogoi said that nation-building started from Gujarat and praised the role of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel in "nation-building". He said, "can you imagine what would have happened if the 500 princely states had not been integrated into the Indian Union? One of the main reasons for the British taking over India was disintegration within the country. A disunited country is an easy prey – perhaps the most important of our fundamental duties is respect for the unity and integrity of the country."

Justice Gogoi said, "Sardar Patel was a great visionary... it was unfortunate that he passed away within three years of the independence....if he had been around for another 10 years the state of India would have been different."

Referring to the ongoing controversy around the Citizenship Amendment Act, he said that, "CAA is an issue. You may have a view about it. I may have a view about it. Our views may not match. I have a right to express my view. You have a right to express your view. Fine, but the resolution should be through constitutional means. The matter is pending before the Supreme Court. Trust your judges, they will decide according to the Constitution. Protests are being held. Viewpoints are being expressed, enough. You can't have two parallel forums- the Supreme Court and somewhere else."

Justice Gogoi asked students to aspire to be judges and added that "it is rewarding, challenging and satisfying." He suggested that we can have a Justice School on the line of National Defense Academy. Students can join the Justice School after their 10th standard and can be trained for a career in the judiciary.

Justice Gogoi concluded his lecture saying, "I wanted to say what I have said. I believe in one line from Justice Verma's judgement in Shrilekha Vidyarthi case – Let me be wrong in saying it than be wrong in NOT saying it. Even if I am wrong, I am satisfied that I have said what I have said."

The Lecture was organized under "We, the People" Lecture Series. This lecture series was launched in 2016 by the Centre for Constitutional and Administrative Law (CCAL), Gujarat National Law University to provide a platform for interaction between distinguished Constitutional Law experts drawn from various fields of practice, students and the general public.

CM exhorts students to counter challenges of 21st century

Gujarat Chief Minister Shri Vijay Rupani exhorted GNLU students to realise and identify their duties as citizens and contribute their might to face the challenges in the 21st century in nation-building.

The Chief Minister said, "you would shortly embark on the role of practising lawyers and you should ensure that common man gets justice as well as work towards further strengthening and empowering the nation.

Shri Rupani spoke at length on the legislature, judiciary and executive as three pillars of democracy. He said that "our constitutional system is unique in the sense that ours is the world's largest democracy. While all the three pillars independently performed their functions, the independent judiciary is the strength of the country, inseparable from the process of nation-building."

He said that the country has always respected judiciary's verdicts. He said that "the Supreme Court's recent judgement on Ram Janmabhoomi reflects the judiciary's maturity, sensitivity and independence. It might have taken time, but the judiciary has gone into the fineness of truth and untruth in interpretation."

An MoU was signed between Gujarat Government's Biotechnology Mission and GNLU to jointly develop and start postgraduate diploma course in "Biotechnology, Law and Public Policy", in the presence of the Chief Minister.



GNLU Centre for Law & Society

International Conference on Social Work, Law and Human Rights



The inaugural ceremony was graced by Justice Vikram Nath, Hon'ble Chief Justice of Gujarat High Court, Dr Kishore Singh, Former UN Special Rapporteur on the Right to Education and Shri Amod Kanth Chairperson and CEO of Domestic Workers Sector Skill Council.

Justice Vikram Nath emphasised on the overlap between social work, law and human rights which have an impact on our daily lives. He congratulated GCLS for spearheading the International Conference and hoped that the learning and interest in this interdisciplinary field would only multiply among the legal fraternity as an outcome of the

conference.

Dr Kishore Singh said, *'legal practitioners must be fully conversant with fundamental social duties...Common challenges faced by society may be efficaciously addressed only by adopting a multidisciplinary approach.... the agenda required global solidarity with focus on needs of the poorest and most vulnerable through the participation of all stakeholders of whom social workers played a fundamental role in eliminating poverty and its curse.* Ms Apoorva Patel, Center Head proposed a vote of thanks.

The eminent speakers included Prof Esther Coren (Reader and Assistant Director of Research, Canterbury Christ Church University, UK), Dr Anezka Sebek (Associate Professor, Parsons School of Design, The New School, New York), Prof. Sangita Srivastava (Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Rajendra Singh University, Prayagraj), Dr Shamim Meghani Modi of TISS, Prof. Vijay Raghavan (Centre for Criminology and Justice; School of Social Work, TISS) and Mr Abhishek Thakur (Assistant Professor, Department of Social Work, University of Delhi).

India Justice Report 2019



The India Justice Report (IJR) 2019 was released at GNLU on February 08, 2020.

IJR 2019, an initiative of Tata Trusts in collaboration with Centre for Social Justice, Common Cause, Commonwealth Human Rights Initiative, DAKSH, TISS- Prayas and Vidhi Centre for Legal Policy, is a first of its kind pan-Indian ranking amongst states on their respective capacities under the four pillars of the justice system, namely the police, the judiciary, legal aid, and prisons. The ranks have been curated based on more than 70 individual metrics.

The release function was graced by Retired Chief Justice of the Bombay High Court, Justice Mohit Shah, Chief Editor of IJR Ms Maja Daruwala, Head of Policy and Advocacy at the Tata Trusts Ms Shireen Vakil, Vice-Chairman, Centre for Social Justice Mr Gagan Sethi and GNLU Director Dr Shanthakumar.

Justice Mohit Shah, said, "I am happy that India Justice Report 2019 has been brought out. Our system needs a lot of improvement and this report will surely help us to bridge gaps."

GNLU Director Dr Shanthakumar said, "The India Justice Report is a pioneering study which will help the institutions of the police, prisons, judiciary and legal aid to undertake an introspection."

Open House on "State of Constitutionalism in India"



The session held on January 13, 2020 was a wide-ranging interactive discussion with students given the recent constitutional issues that have arisen and their impact on constitutionalism.

The panellists, Mr Gautam Bhatia and Mr Apar Gupta, are lawyers practising in the Supreme Court of India.

Mr Bhatia threw light on the concept of *transformative constitutionalism* underlining the current debate on CAA-NRC while emphasizing on the ideals of constitutional equality and the subsequent duty of the State to mitigate the existing lacuna, though the lens of the disadvantaged.

Mr Gupta dealt with the question of the legality of internet shutdowns, libertarian ideals of cyberspace and highlighting the bridge that connects choice and broadcast.

Transgender Sensitization Workshop



Ms Maya Shama of Vikalp and Mr Biswa Bhusan Pattanayak of SAATHII made a presentation on "Towards Making Educational Spaces LGBTQ+ Inclusive."

Ms Maya Sharma elaborated on the problems faced by LGBTQ+ communities and suggested various measures to make academic campuses more inclusive. The suggestions ranged from sensitisation on LGBTQ, providing Gender-neutral or all-gender restrooms, setting up a helpline to report violence/harassment, forming social /support groups and arranging film-screenings and panel discussions to spread awareness on the subject.

She said, "Children whose gender expression differs from the norm expected as per their birth-assigned sex are subjected to more violence than others...bullying at schools is a major factor responsible for the transgender children dropping out of the school."

The workshop was organized by Women's Group "Vikalp" and "Solidarity and Action Against the HIV Infection in India (SAATHII)" under the aegis of GNLU Centre for Law and Society.

Extending Helping Hand to migrant workers

Students and alumni of GNLU, under the aegis of Centre for Law and Society, extended a helping hand to the migrant workers hailing from Madhya Pradesh and stranded in various districts of Maharashtra amid the coronavirus pandemic.

These students coordinated with the NGOs and



Government authorities in Maharashtra and Madhya Pradesh on one hand and the migrant workers on the other.

Dr Saurabh Anand, faculty Coordinator of this initiative said: "To ensure that these students are not constrained by financial resources, we have launched a crowdfunding drive to raise resources a couple of days ago. I am happy that GNLU alumni in India and abroad are positively responding to our appeal by generously contributing to this noble cause."

GNLU Director Dr Shanthakumar said, "We are indeed proud of our students and alumni doing this noble work."

Open House with Mr Nitin Sangwan

The Centre had organised an Open House with Mr Nitin Sangwan, IAS, Assistant Collector Veraval, on March 04. He delivered a lecture on "*Issues and Challenges for UPSC Aspirants*". He also talked about the significance of Sociology as an optional paper for Civil Services Examination.

Webinar on "Migrant Labour Crisis and Issues in Contemporary India"

A webinar on "*Migrant Labour Crisis and issues in contemporary India*" was organized on May 08. Prof Sophy Joseph, National Law University, Delhi, Ms Aditi Ratho, Junior Research Fellow, Observer Research Foundation and Mr Umi Daniel, Director, Migration and Education, Aide et Action shared their views on the subject.

Webinar Series in the context of COVID - 19 Pandemic

The Centre in collaboration with the Legal Aid Clinic, Jindal Global Law School held a two-day webinar series on May 26 & 27.

On the first day, Mr Vikramaditya Sahai (Associate, Centre for Law and Policy Research), Dr Bharti Sharma (Founder, Shakti Shalini) and Prof. Dr Sourav Mandal (Professor, Jindal Global Law School) delivered a webinar on "Shadow Pandemic; Challenges to women and sexual minorities."

On the second day, Ms Smruti Mirani (Founder, CounSEL) and Ms Ishita Gupta (Founder, Breakthrough Counseling) gave a webinar on "*Social-Emotional well-being in times of COVID 19.*"

Workshop on "Gender, Sexuality, Law, and Diversity"

The workshop was a nuanced discussion on gender and dealt with issues of sexuality and diversity, consent and sexual harassment across multiple areas with special reference to the different aspects of law involved. It was organized in collaboration with the Centre for Studies in Gender & Sexuality, Ashoka University on June 15 and 16.

Centre for Intellectual Property Rights

IP CAMPUS of THE YEAR Award



GNLU Centre for IPR won the award for IP Campus of the Year (Law), 2019 at IP- Hall of Fame Honors 2019 jointly organized by FICCI, Gujarat Council on Science and Technology (GUJCOST) and Intellectual Property Protection Organization (IPPO) at Ahmedabad.

The Centre was awarded for transforming GNLU into a campus taking initiatives beyond the Intellectual Property curriculum. Dr Nidhi Buch (Assistant Professor and Centre Head) and Ms Hetvi Trivedi, Research Associate accepted the award from Mr H.E. George Mkondiwa, High Commissioner at Malawi High Commission in New Delhi.

IP AWAKE

IP AWAKE: One Day Workshop on Creating Awareness on Intellectual Property Rights for Academia, Start-ups and Technopreneurs was held on January 30, 2020

The workshop was inaugurated by Shri Ranjeet Kumar J, IAS, Commissioner - MSME, Government of Gujarat in the presence of Prof. Pradyumna Vyas, Senior Advisor, CII and Former Director, NID, Shri R Saha, Senior Advisor - IPR, CII, Shri K.H. Shah, Director (I/c), MSME - DI Ahmedabad, Ministry of MSME, Government of Gujarat and GNLU Director Dr Shanthakumar.

Shri Ranjeet Kumar said, "there needs to be an ecosystem for proper facilitation of IPR in the MSME sector."

Dr Pradyumna Vyas said, "The expertise GNLU provides is a major asset for our country and the sharp minds here could do great things. We look forward to having more collaborations in future."

IP AWAKE was jointly organized by GNLU, Confederation of Indian Industry and IP India.

World IP Day Celebrated

A webinar was hosted on April 26 to mark the 20th anniversary of World IP Day. Prof. V.C. Vivekanandan, Vice-Chancellor, Hidayatullah National Law University delivered a session on Pandemic, Patents and Public Policy. Ms Vijayalakshmy Malkani, Senior IP Counsel, Hindustan Unilever talked on IP: A Key Factor in Supporting & Developing the Economy. Dr Alpesh Pathak discussed the Role of Patents in Fostering Innovation and Dr M. Padmavati, Dean, Rajiv Gandhi School of IP Law, IIT Kharagpur spoke on IP Access: Role of Health Organisations.

Alumni Lecture Series

The Centre in collaboration with the Department of Alumni Relations organized a Webinar Series on contemporary IP issues.

Ms Payal Chatterjee, International Disputes Team, Nishith Desai Associates gave the first webinar on The Experience of Virtual Courtrooms during COVID-19 & Accelerating E-Arbitration in IP Disputes, on May 21. Mr Ajay Chandru, Corporate Counsel, Amazon, Singapore gave the second webinar on Copyright in Content Production & Distribution, on May 25. Ms Sharmila Nair, Legal Consultant gave a webinar on Copyright Ownership & Data Policies during Lockdown, on May 28.

Virtual Conference on IPR

To commemorate 50 years of the Patent Cooperation Treaty, the Centre along with Directorate of Legal Studies, Government Law College, Viluppuram organized a Virtual Conference on IPR on June 29. The conference focussed on the challenges of COVID-19 to the IP regime as well as opportunities presented by the virus to bring systemic changes in the regime.

The inaugural session was graced by Hon'ble Mr Justice C. Saravanan of the High Court of Madras, Shri G. R. Raghavender- Joint Secretary, Dept. Of Justice, Ministry of Law and Justice, Govt. of India and Dr K.S. Kardam- Former Senior Joint Controller of Patents & Designs, Indian Patent Office, New Delhi.

Eminent experts in the field of IP from India as well as the USA shared their views on topics such as Patent & Pandemic: Issues and Challenges, Integrated Use of IPR in Indian Industry, IP Issues in e-commerce Platforms and Interplay of Copyrights and Designs in India, Copyright Issues in Cyberspace, Overview of Trademarks Governance, GI: An Important Tool for Socio-Economic Growth and COVID-19 & IPR.

Webinar on IPR

The Centre in collaboration with Shri Venkateshwara College of Pharmacy, Puducherry organized a National level Webinar on IPR to discuss varied contemporary topics in the field of Intellectual Property Rights.

Dr Shobhalata Udupudi, Professor, Dr Nidhi Buch, Assistant Professor, and Ms Hetvi Trivedi, Research Associate, shared their views on Patent law and Biotechnology, Salient Features of Indian Patent Law along with the US and EU Patent Systems and World Intellectual Property Organization and its Role in IPR, respectively.

GNLU-Navinchandra Desai Law Foundation Chair

Challenges faced by the Indian Judiciary: Justice M. R. Shah



Hon'ble Mr Justice M. R. Shah, Judge, Supreme Court of India delivered a Public Lecture on "Challenges faced by the Indian Judiciary" at GNLU, on January 11, 2020.

On this occasion, Justice Mohit Shah, Retired Chief Justice of Bombay High Court, Justice Chhaya and Justice Shastri of Gujarat High Court, Mr Dinesh Vora, Principal District Judge, Gandhinagar, Mr D M Vyas, Legal Secretary, Government of Gujarat, Mr Shirish Sanjanwala, Senior Advocate, Mr Yain Oza, President, Gujarat High Court Advocates Association and several other Advocates were present.

Justice M. R. Shah said that delay in dispensation of justice is one of the major challenges faced by the Indian judiciary. He said, "Justice Delivery System in India is described by technical procedures with characteristics of the adversarial system with accompanying delays, arrears and taxing cost. Unwarranted delays in dispensation of justice undermine the credibility of the entire justice delivery system. It leads to instances where people are settling disputes on their own, resulting in the emergence of criminal syndicates and mob justice because of loss of confidence of the people in the rule of law and constitutional mechanism."

Justice Shah said that another challenge faced by the Indian Judiciary is to see that the faith of the people in the judicial system is not shaken. He said, "People have put and reposed faith in the courts, judiciary and the justice delivery system. Today, people have faith and trust mainly/only in the judiciary. They come with high hopes. They come to courts considering court as a

"Temple of Justice". Therefore, the judiciary must rise to the occasion and see to it that the faith and trust of the people in the judiciary are not shaken."

Justice Shah said that while it is said that "Justice delayed is justice denied", it is equally true that "Justice hurried is justice buried". Therefore, the judiciary has to strike a balance between the two. He said that citizens are justified in expecting speedy justice. But, at the same time, the judiciary is required to follow the due procedure of law. Nobody can be punished without a fair trial. Justice cannot be instant. "In the pursuit of expeditious disposal, the cause of justice must never be allowed to suffer or be sacrificed. What is paramount is the cause of justice and keeping the basic ingredients which secure that as a core idea and ideal," he added.

Justice Shah said that other problems faced by the Indian judiciary are huge vacancies in courts, deficient court infrastructure and unfavourable working conditions in court, heavy pendency of backlog of cases, relatively less disposal rate and high institution rate resulting in further piling up of cases by seeking frequent adjournments, assignment of administrative work to judges, etc., which can be attributed to population over breaking, social and economic inequality among citizens and lack of adequate public infrastructure and deficient Alternative Dispute Resolution mechanism at the threshold level of governance.

Citing pendency of cases as one of the primary issues of the Indian Judicial System, Justice Shah said, "If the vacancies are filled, pendency

would go down and make justice delivery system efficient. The Budget allocation for the judiciary is just 0.2 per cent of the GDP. The Judge-population ratio is 10.5/11 to one million, which should be at least 50-55 to one million."

Another challenge before the Indian judiciary is access to justice to the citizens at a lower cost. Justice Shah said, unfortunately, the litigation is becoming more expensive. It is said that it is very difficult for a poor to go to court. In general, when the victim is not economically well-off, they need to suffer as they are financially weak.... The judiciary is accused of the allegation that, in the present justice delivery system, a rich can easily afford expensive lawyers and change the course of the dispensation of justice in their favour."

On this occasion, GNLU Journal of Law and Politics was also formally released by the dignitaries.

The lecture was organised under the aegis of GNLU-Navinchandra Desai Law Foundation Chair. Mr Prashant Desai, Senior Advocate and Mr Pranav Desai, Advocate, High Court of Gujarat, who are the Trustees of Navinchandra Desai Law Foundation Trust, were also present.

Training Programme on Civil Procedure Code

Online Training Programme on Application of the Code of Civil Procedure on Trial Advocacy and Execution was organized from June 08 to 15, 2020 under the aegis of GNLU- Navinchandra Desai Law Foundation Chair. Mr Sanjeev Kumar Chowdhary, Assistant Professor conducted the training programme.



GNLU Centre for Corporate and Insolvency Law

Expert lecture on "The Importance of the Generalist Lawyer"



Mr Ajay Bhal, Co-founder & Managing Partner, AZB & Partners and a prominent name in the area of Corporate, Business and Taxation practice in the country, gave a lecture on "The Importance of the Generalist Lawyer", on June 5, 2020.

Mr Ajay Bhal, while highlighting the importance of the topic for the lecture, compared the legal profession with the medical profession and underlined the importance of a general physician. He believed that every lawyer has to have the fundamental understanding and practice experience of law in general before opting for any specific area of law for practice, i.e., to become expert in any specific practice area.

Prof. (Dr.) Mamata Biswal, Dean, Academic Affairs and Center Head gave a welcome address.

Expert talk on "Interested Director and Shareholders under the Companies Act, 2013 and SEBI Regulations"



Mr Lalit Kumar, Partner, J Sagar Associates gave a talk on "Interested Director and Shareholders under the Companies Act, 2013 and SEBI Regulations" on May 29.

Mr Lalit Kumar discussed the definition of interested director, relevant provisions under the Companies Act, 2013 and also the

SEBI Regulation about the subject matter in detail with the help of prominent cases.

Earlier, in his welcome address, GNLU Director Dr Shanthakumar introduced Mr Lalit Kumar as Encyclopedia of Corporate Law.

Webinar on "COVID- 19 and Insolvency and Bankruptcy Regime"



Dr Robert Walters,
Victoria University, Melbourne



Mr Aashit Shah,
Partner, JSA



Mr Dhananjay Singh,
IRS, MoF, GoI, Asst Comm



Mr Souvik Ganguly
Founder & Head, Acuity Law

Mr Dhananjay Singh, Indian Revenue Service, Ministry of Finance, Govt. of India; Mr Souvik Ganguly, Head Acuity Law; Mr Aashit Shah, Partner, J Sagar Associates; and Dr Robert Walters, Victoria University, Melbourne delivered the webinar on May 27.

The experts highlighted the impact of the COVID lockdown on the Insolvency and Bankruptcy regime in particular and the impact it has on the economy of the country in general.

Moratorium under IBC



GNLU Centre for Corporate and Insolvency Law organized a webinar on Moratorium under the Insolvency & Bankruptcy Code, 2016 (IBC) and its impact on proceedings under the Negotiable Instruments Act, 1881 (N.I. Act), on June 10. The webinar was delivered by Mr Jeet Jayant Bhatt, an alumnus of GNLU and a practising advocate in

the High Court of Gujarat.

In reply to a question on the IBC Amendment Ordinance, Mr Bhatt said that the ordinance suspends initiation of fresh insolvency proceedings for six months. It is a welcome step for several companies which are adversely impacted by Covid-19. However, it might lead to several companies committing fraud. If creditors cannot initiate insolvency proceedings and if there would be no declaration of moratorium, then the unscrupulous promoters might start transferring the assets and properties of the company to defraud the creditors. They can also manipulate the books and siphon off cash flows and exit business. "This defeats the very purpose of IBC," Mr Bhatt said.

Mr Bhatt added that the ordinance not only suspends the right of financial creditors or operational creditors of initiating insolvency proceedings but also the right of corporate debtors to file for insolvency proceedings. He said, "There appears to be no justification to prohibit a company that is insolvent — and likely to continue to be so — from filing a voluntary insolvency petition as early as possible".

Indian Bio-Ethics Project

Panel discussion on “Surrogacy: The Ethical Dilemma,”



This panel discussion was the inaugural event of Indian Bio-ethics Project. The distinguished Panelists were Dr Nayana H. Patel, Dr Tanistha Samanta, Assistant Professor, IIT Gandhinagar, Dr K. Parameswaran, Associate Professor, GNLU and Ms Kelly Dhru, GNLU alumna of and currently a Doctoral Scholar at Hamburg University, Germany.

The discussion highlighted various lacunae in the Surrogacy (Regulation) Bill, 2019, passed by the Lok Sabha in 2019 and pending approval by Rajya Sabha.

It was felt that provision for payment of compensation to surrogate mother should be incorporated for the altruistic model to become successful. If it is not done, the whole process may go underground. It was noted that there are only 1500 to 2000 surrogacy cycles in India as against 40,000 in the USA where the whole process is transparent as well as compensation is payable to surrogate mother.

As per the bill, a single woman who was once married and who is now divorced or a widow is eligible for surrogacy. This provision is discriminatory against a single woman who was never married but who wants a child will not be able to get a child through surrogacy.

It is discriminatory that live-in relationship couples, single man and same-sex are not eligible for a surrogate child under the bill.

Provision of 10 years' of imprisonment and a fine of Rs.10 Lakhs for a medical practitioner violating the act is a very harsh provision.

Launch of Indian Bioethics Project

On this occasion, the Indian Bioethics Project was launched as an independent project under GNLU. The project aims at contributing to the Indian discourses on the

Intersections between Bioethics and Law. The project intends to research Issues at the Beginning of Life, Issues at the End of Life and Questions about Neurotechnology

GNLU Director Dr Shanthakumar said that every aspect of human life cannot be regulated by law. Even if there is a law, there is a need for discourse on the moral and ethical aspects of various important issues. Through this project, GNLU intends to contribute soft laws in these vital areas. Dr William Nunes, Assistant Professor will head the project.

Critique on “God is a Woman”

Critique on “God is a Woman” was organized on January 28.

Influenced by patriarchy, the public discourse around the word God has been of God as a male figure. The discussion was around the concept based on an artistic video made by a famous pop star, Ariana Grande, questioning the patriarchal concept of God being a man and the depiction of Him as such. The title of the song is inspired by the book “When God was a woman” by historian Merlin Stone who talks of religions like Christianity when spread destroyed other religions which considered or worshipped female goddesses.

Grande has used symbolism and unusual imagery to promote female empowerment, depicting the strength of womanhood and the power and progress of the feminist movement.

Based on the song the discussion took place to show how other religions such as Islam has kept God as a genderless entity and Hinduism has incorporated various female goddesses however the public discourse, as well as the art like paintings and movies, have favoured the male gods.

Centre for Environment Law, Climate Change and Sustainable Development

Workshop on “Competency-Based Environmental Law Education”



Dr. P. Puneeth, JNU

Dr P. Puneeth of Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU) briefed the participants about the Tuning India project. He said that as a part of its drive to develop and promote Competency-Based Education (CBE) within Europe and outside, University of Deusto, Spain has set up Tuning India project with the objective of supporting the internationalization process in India through the building of a framework of comparable, compatible and transparent degree programmes. The project has been co-funded by the European Union. This project has brought together 15 Indian universities and five European universities. The experts from these universities are working together to develop 'competency' based curriculums initially in four selected disciplines – Law, ICT, Medicine and Teacher Education. As a first step, these experts have identified generic competencies which every Indian graduate in any discipline should have acquired during their graduation as well as specific competencies which every graduate in a specific subject area (Law, ICT, Medicine and Teacher Education) is expected to have developed. The project team is now conducting a stakeholders' survey of students, graduates, teachers and employers to further refine these lists of competencies. This workshop is a part of this survey exercise. Dr Puneeth is associated with Tuning India Project for the last three years.

In his inaugural speech, GNLU Director Dr Shanthakumar said that there is a paradigm shift globally from outcome-based education (OBE) to competency-based education (CBE). “CBE is increasingly seen as one of the best systems by many higher educational institutions all over the world. Today, when there is an increased transborder movement of people for education and employment purposes, It is necessary that Indian graduates possess certain well-defined competencies as per global standards and that the degrees offered by Indian institutions are globally comparable, compatible as well as transparent,” he said.

Virtual International Conference on Environmental Law: Celebrate Biodiversity

On the World Environment Day, 2020 (June 5), GNLU in collaboration with Directorate of Legal Studies, Government Law College, Villupuram, IUCN Academy of

Environmental Law and Trees India hosted “Virtual International Conference On Environmental Law: Celebrate Biodiversity” which was broadcasted online.

The Virtual conference had a panel of 20 experts including Ms Rose Liza Eisma Osorio, Chairperson, IUCN Academy and Professor, University of Cebu, Philippines, GNLU Director Dr Shanthakumar, Dr N. S. Santhosh Kumar, Director of Lega Studies, Tamil Nadu, Dr N. Kayalvizhi, Principal, Government Law College, Vallipuram, Dr V B Mathur, Chairman, National Biodiversity Authority, Hon'ble Justice Jyothimani, former Member, National Green Tribunal, Mr Justice Kalyan Shrestha, former Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Nepal, Mr Navneet Vaibhaw, Partner at Khaitan & Co., Dr Shobhlata Udupudi, GNLU, Dr Jose Juan Gonzalez, Mexico, Dr Robeert Kibugi, Centre for Advanced Studies in Environmental Law & Policy, University of Nairobi, Kenya, Dr Tervor Winterbottom, University of Waikato, New Zealand and Dr Hanim Kamaruddin, University of Kebangsaan, Malaysia.

Webinar on the theme 'Celebrate Biodiversity'

The webinar was organized to celebrate the World Environment Day 2020, on June 05. The eminent speakers of the event were:



Dr. Sanjiv Tyagi, IFS,
Additional Principal
Chief Conservator of Forests
(Research & Training),
Gujarat Forest Research
Foundation



MS. Eisha Krishn,
Advocate & Partner,
Enviro Legal Defence Firm,
New Delhi



Shri R. D Kamboj, IFS,
Director
GEER Foundation,
Gandhinagar

The speakers enlightened the participants on topics Biodiversity, Environment and Human Health; Marine Biodiversity Conservation: Initiatives in Gujarat and Policy and Legal Review with a focus on Traditional Knowledge and Access and Benefit Sharing Mechanism under Nagoya Protocol respectively.

Faculty members, UG, PG and PhD students participated in the webinar. GNLU Director Dr Shanthakumar inaugurated the webinar and Centre Head Dr Shobhalata V. Udupudi proposed a vote of thanks.

GNLU Centre for Law and Technology

Public Lecture on "Scientific, Social and Legal Dimensions of Artificial Intelligence"

Prof. (Dr.) FUKUI Kota, Professor of Law and Director for International Affairs, Graduate School of Law and Politics, Osaka University, Japan delivered a Public Lecture at GNLU on "Scientific, Social and Legal Dimensions of Artificial Intelligence," on February 19, 2020.

Prof. KFUKI Kota said, "Today, Artificial Intelligence (AI) has become a crucial part of daily human lives, whether you realize it or not. When you do a google search or book a trip online or receive a product recommendation from Amazon or using google translator or using any social media platform, AI is lurking in the background. The fast pace at which the AI is developing, it will very soon pervade all areas of human existence."

We are now experiencing the benefits of AI in many areas. AI has broken the language barrier with the AI-based translator. Because of its ability to process a large volume of data in a fraction of seconds with total accuracy, AI is fast replacing human intelligence in financial and investment decisions. Algorithm-based trading has already replaced human traders in the equity and bond markets.

Driver-less Autonomous vehicles are just around the corner. Once they become operational, there will be a total revolution in the transport system and traffic management. It is expected that autonomous vehicles coupled with AI-based traffic management system will not only reduce the travel time considerably but the travel time will not remain unproductive as at present. A passenger will be able to attend to his work during the travel time. As a result, people will not hesitate to move to faraway places reducing the burden on the densely-populated urban areas.

AI-based machines are already replacing or complementing human labour in production and assembly lines in advanced countries leading to increased efficiency, better

productivity, reduced production cost and improved profitability.

However, the increased dominance of AI will bring its own challenges. As seen partially with smartphones and other technology already, humans can become too dependent on AI and lose their mental capacities over some time. With more and more AI-based robots replacing human beings at the workplace, it can lead to massive unemployment. A technological error in autonomous vehicles can lead to disastrous accidents not seen hitherto. AI-based systems can be hacked by



criminals or an enemy power to bring life to a standstill. AI can also lead to extreme inequality in society. It can widen the gap between the rich and the poor; between those who own AI and those dominated by them.

Our apprehension that AI will lead to massive unemployment may not be correct. If we look back, whenever new technology was entering the market, we had always thought that it would eliminate or substantially reduce the manpower requirement in the affected areas thereby causing large-scale unemployment. However, such fears have not come true always. The new technologies have created new demands and, in turn, new jobs. The same may also happen in the case of AI. However, if our worst fears come true and AI and

other new technology take away most human jobs, Universal Basic Income (UBI) may become necessary. Billionaires like Elon Musk and Mark Zuckerberg have already indicated their support for Universal Basic Income as a way to alleviate poverty and reduce income inequality.

But the most dreaded threat of AI is that of SINGULARITY. The Singularity will mark the moment when artificial intelligence becomes smarter than humans. It can be defined as a hypothetical future point in time at which technological growth becomes uncontrollable and irreversible, resulting in unforeseeable changes to human civilization.

It is impossible at present to predict what would be the future of humankind after the rise of singularity. Experts are divided on the impact of Singularity on humankind. There is one school of thought which says that superintelligent AI will NOT be a threat to humanity while there are others who are worried about the existential risk of artificial intelligence.

Prof Stephen Hawking, one of the leading scientists of our times has said in a 2014 interview to BBC that "the development of full artificial intelligence could spell the end of the human race." Prof Hawking is not alone in fearing for the future. The technology entrepreneur Elon Musk has also warned that AI is "our biggest existential threat".

In the conclusion, Dr FUKUI Kota said that we can say that in imminent future, there may not be an alarming rise of AI that our existence might be threatened but a long-term view should recognize the possibility of AGI posing an existential threat to mankind and should require us to work towards a responsible AI future. Centre Head Dr Thomas Mathew proposed a vot of thanks.

Centre for Legal History, Philosophy and Tradition

All India Legal History Congress



The two-day All India Legal History Congress was the first event of the newly-established GNLU Centre for Legal History, Philosophy and Tradition."

The congress focused on the in-depth historical inquiry in the legal heritage to enhance academic discourses into legal history discipline and provided a common platform to legal history scholars from all over India to come together to deliberate in creating holistic understanding on the trends and patterns of evolution of law and its relevance in the present time.

The congress had thematic sessions on Administration of Justice Through Ages, Law, Society and History, Maritime and Mercantile Law, Economics and Legal History, Environment, Urbanisation and Legal History, Legal History, Science and Technology and Customary and Indigenous Laws.



Prof. (Dr.) V. S. Elizabeth, Renowned Legal Historian of India and Vice-Chancellor of Tamil Nadu National Law University, Trichy graced the inaugural function as a Chief Guest and Prof. Kota Fukui, Osaka University, Japan as a Guest of Honour. Dr Elizabeth congratulated GNLU for

organizing the first-ever Legal History Congress in the country and hoped that this will continue in the years to come. Stressing upon the need for the study of history for a law student, she said, "No law has ever been enacted in a simple vacuum. Every law that has been enacted, whether in the colonial past or since independence, has been enacted in response to social changes... to the changing needs of the society..... Traditions change, and so does the law..... As judges, lawyers and citizens of this great country, we need to know our past so that we don't repeat the little or terrible mistakes of the past."

Dr Kota FUKUI stressed upon the importance of historical point of view even while researching on contemporary issues and said that "sociological studies, which focus on contemporary issues, and historical studies complement each other."

Launch of a new centre of excellence for Legal History, Philosophy and Tradition

On this occasion, GNLU Director Dr Shanthakumar announced the setting up of a new centre of excellence titled "GNLU Centre for Legal History, Philosophy and Tradition." The centre will focus on legal history research and conduct in-depth research into ancient texts with a focus on legal jurisprudence, Dharma and Dharmashastra. The Centre will also endeavour to document and digitize customary legal Tradition of the State of Gujarat.

Dr Shanthakumar said, "Inter-disciplinary research has always been at the core of GNLU research agenda. As a result, GNLU has as many as 17 centres of excellence focusing on the intersection of law with diverse fields. I am particularly happy with the establishment of the Centre for Legal History, Philosophy and Tradition as it will enable focused research in our rich cultural and legal heritage."

Dr Richa Sharma, Asst. Professor and Convener of the Congress proposed a vote of thanks.

The two-day congress culminated into the establishment of the Indian Association for Legal History to take the spirit of research and enquiry into the emerging domain of legal history forward in the country.

GNLU Centre for Sports and Entertainment Law



The centre organised 1st GNLU Essay Competition on Sports Law. A total of 60 submissions were made for the competition which aimed at encouraging legal research among students on contemporary sports law issues and relevant case analysis of sports disputes.

Yash More and Sangita Sharma of GNLU won the first prize for their essay on Dispute Resolution of Sports in India – The need to establish a Sports Tribunal.



Soundarya Rajagopal of GNLU won the second prize for her essay on Doping in E-sports: Emerging Regulatory Challenges.

The third Prize went to Meha Tandon and Paras Marya of National Law University, Jodhpur for their essay on Sportswashing – Brushing Human Rights Violation under the rug.

GNLU Centre for Disability Studies

Mental Health Awareness Programme

Dr Nisha Khanna, a Mental Health Professional, conducted the programme. She said that the increasingly competitive nature of higher education has aggravated common academic stressors. She spoke about different types of mental health issues like depression, anxiety, addictions, substance use disorders and guided participants on how to construct and maintain a healthy mind.

Dr Marisport, Centre Head and Asst. Professor Proposed vote of thanks.

Workshop on Learning Disability



Mr V. Murlidharan



Ms Sampa Sengupta

Mr Shailesh Mistry, Mr Deep Pathak and Ms Vibha sensitized the participants about different aspects of learning disabilities and guided them on creating an inclusive environment for the students with learning disabilities.

Webinar on “COVID 19: Livelihood of Persons with Disabilities in India”

Ms Sampa Sengupta, Director, Sruti Disability Rights Centre, Mr V Murlidharan, General Secretary, NPRD and Mr Ramachari, Director, Diversity and Equal opportunity Cell talked about the problems faced by persons with disabilities and the government's approach to solving these problems. Participants also included 50 persons with disabilities.

Webinar on “Disability Laws and Policies in India” (May 23, 2020)



Amar Jain



Ms Kanchan Pamnani

Dr Sanjay Jain, Principal ILS Pune, Mr Amar Jain Corporate Lawyer and Disability Activist and Ms Kanchan Pamnani. Advocate, Bombay High Court shared their views on the subject.

Webinar on “Rights of Women with Disabilities in India

Ms Shampa Sengupta, Dr Shipli Bhattacharya, Mr V Murlidharan and Ms Meenakshi talked about the rights of women with disabilities and the current government policies.

NCC & NSS



National Cadet Corps unit was formed at GNLU in September 2019. With this, GNLU has become the first and only national law university in the country to have an NCC unit.

GNLU NCC unit is affiliated to the 2nd GUJARAT INDEPENDENT COMPANY NCC, which is an infantry unit. GNLU NCC cadets will be specially trained in the section-level infantry tactics.

17 GNLU students are enlisted as cadets in the ranks of 2 GUJ INDEP COY through a rigorous selection process. The first public appearance of the unit was at the parade on Republic Day 2020.



Dr Sugnesh Chudasama, Assistant Director, Physical Education and Sports has been designated as Chief Training Officer.

Established in 2018, the NSS unit at GNLU is now well-settled. More than 350 students across programmes are part of the GNLU NSS unit which celebrated World Environment Day on June 05, and International Yoga Day on June 21.

Police Academia Interaction Forum **Programme on Image Building for Police officers**



Training programme on Image Building was conducted for Police officers on February 29, 2020. 50 police officers from Ahmedabad and Gandhinagar Districts participated in the programme.

The programme was inaugurated by Inspector General of Police (Law & Order) Shri Narshimha Komar. In his inaugural address, Shri Komar said that police has to

perform under severe stress for long hours. As a result, they are unable to maintain work-family life balance which in turn tells upon their mental state. In this context, periodical training of such nature is necessary to improve the image of the police force.

In his welcome address, GNLU Director Dr Shanthakumar stressed upon the need for the police force to build a positive image in society.



The training was imparted by Ms Kavita Dhillon, a Delhi-based renowned Image Consultant, who has vast experience of conducting similar training programs for senior IAS/IPS officers and army personnel and by Dr Nisha Khanna, a Psychologist. Ms Dhillon demonstrated some exercises for getting rid of work-related stress. Dr Khanna dealt with the problem of negativity and stress around the workplace.

The programme was organized under the aegis of Police Academia Interaction Forum and GNLU Center for Research in Criminal Justice Sciences.

GNLU Centre for Business and Public Policy

The Centre organised an HR Summit to discuss contemporary issues in human resource management. The esteemed resource persons for the summit were Mr Praveen Kamath Kumbha, General Manager & HR Head, (Global Delivery & Enablement), Wipro Ltd; Ms Krishna Gangopadhyay, Head of Listing, India INX; Mr Sundeep Singh, Assistant Manager of HR, Ernst and Young; and Ms Ashika Dhokai, Founder of Snapsearch.

The event laid down a circumference regarding the requisite skill set to become market-ready, the pivotal role of investing in people and the heightened essentiality of optimum utilization of technology.

The event also witnessed the formal launch of the GCBPP logo and the release of the Brochure for International Conference for Banking and Finance 2020.



GNLU Centre for Law and Economics

Workshop on Applied Statistics using 'R' Programming Language for Legal Studies

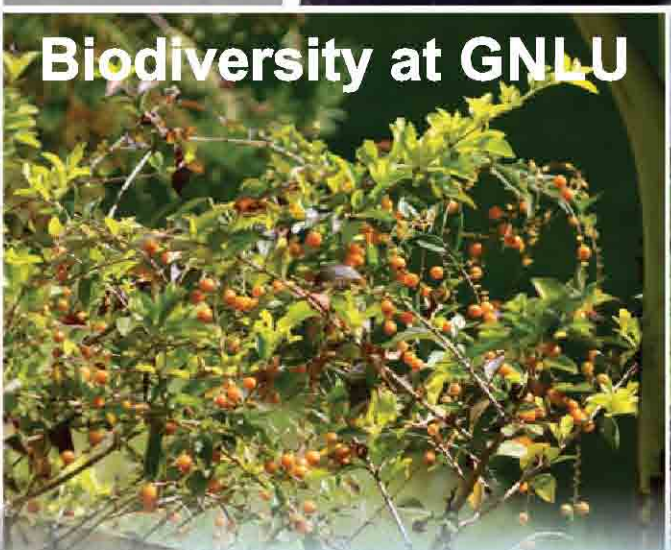


Dr Dhaval Maheta, Assistant Professor, Department of Business and Industrial Management, Veer Narmad South Gujarat University and Dr Hitesh Parmar, Assistant

Professor, Department of Business Management, Sardar Patel University conducted the workshop.

The workshop equipped the participants with the tools of Applied Statistics using R Programming for detailed analysis for their research.

In his inaugural address, GNLU Director Dr Shanthakumar mentioned the importance of analysis of quantitative data in empirical research. Centre Head Dr Ranita Nagar shed some light upon the necessity of analyzing law and policies with quantifiable empirical data.



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