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Gujarat National Law University (GNLU) and Gujarat State Biotechnology Mission (GSBTM) signed a Memorandum of Understanding

Gandhinagar, February 10, 2020: Gujarat National Law University (GNLU) and Gujarat State Biotechnology Mission (GSBTM) signed a Memorandum of Understanding, today.

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 by promoting research and development in the field of biotechnology, generating quality human resource in the field of biotechnology and supporting the development of biotechnology industry.

The MoU was signed by Mr Harit Shukla, IAS, Chairman, Executive Committee, GSBTM and Secretary, Department of Science & Technology, Government of Gujarat for GSBTM and Dr S. Shanthakumar, Director, and GNLU respectively 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.

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 and to deliver updated inputs focusing on various technical developments, emerging legal & policy issues and challenges associated with biotechnology. The diploma will be offered from the next academic year (2020-2021). It will be a weekend programme so that working professionals can enroll for the same.

Dr Subhash Soni, Mission Director, GSBTM said, "Legal implications of biotechnology are complex. Biotechnology stands at the crossroads of science, society and law. While new technologies have to be promoted, they also have to be regulated. This 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 undertake research in this emerging field."

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