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India's first Sports Law Academy on Corruption in International Sport inaugurated at GNLU

Gandhinagar, 09 July, 2018: India's First Sports Law Academy on Corruption in International Sports was inaugurated today at GNLU. The ceremony was graced by Mr Hayden Opie, Senior Fellow at Melbourne Law Masters and Dr Laurent Vidal, Professor, Université Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne, France and Dr Bimal N. Patel, Director, GNLU.

The ceremony began with the address of Dr Patel, who outlined the challenges faced by the Sports Industry in India especially in relation to betting and gambling. Being a member of the Law Commission of India, he shared his insight on the need to regulate gambling in India and expressed his dissent on bringing BCCI under the ambit of Right to Information Act. He also mentioned about GNLU having one of the finest collections on Sports Law in India.

Following his address, Dr Richa Mulchandani introduced the GNLU Centre for Sports and Entertainment Law (GCSEL) and spoke about the events and courses organized by it. In order to highlight that corruption in sports is not a new phenomenon, she gave examples of the injustice done to Eklavya and Draupadi as portrayed in the Mahabharata.

After her address, Mr Hayden Opie shared his views and experiences. He spoke about his vision of Sports Law which he had since 1992 when this field of sports law was yet to emerge. He ended on a positive note expressing his belief that this Academy would prove to be a great success and a fruitful academic exercise.

Concluding the ceremony, Dr Laurent Vidal expressed his confidence in India becoming the best among all nations in the field of sports law. He also looked forward to fruitful interaction with the participants in this First Sports law Academy on Corruption in International Sports. Later, the resource persons familiarized themselves with the participants who were a diverse mix of professors, coaches and students.

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