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**GUJARAT NATIONAL LAW UNIVERSITY**

# GNLU AT A GLANCE

01 UG Degree Programme (5 streams)

01 PhD Programme  
(Law and Interdisciplinary)

79% Faculty Members with PhD

37 Average Age of Faculty Members

35 MoU with International and  
National Institutions

24 Gold Medals instituted for  
Students (UG & PG)

09 Chair/Fellowship Programme

69 Full Time Administrative Staff

37000 Books in Library (Hard Copy)

02 PG Degree Programmes  
(LLM and MBA)

12 Research Centres

20 Indian States and UT  
represented by faculty members

48% Women Students

1400 Alumni

630 E-Books in Library

06 LLM in six specialisations

66 Teaching and Research  
Faculty Members

48% Women Faculty Members

29 Indian States and UT represented  
by students on campus

1:14 Faculty Student Ratio

08 Faculty with International and  
National Recognition

2Cr. Average Scholarships/  
Financial Assistance Per Year

50.64 Acres of University Campus

15 Access to Online Databases

960 Students

205 Faculty Publications

# HIGHLIGHTS OF THE SEMESTER

## Editorial

The year 2018 has come to an end and it has been a memorable year for our University as we have successfully completed the journey of 15 long years. Gujarat National Law University continues to attract the most talented students and the most talented academics from across the country. The monsoon semester at GNLU marked the beginning of a new academic year as we welcomed our new UG and PG batches who have become an inseparable part of the GNLU family.

The semester witnessed several activities that highlighted the academic excellence of GNLU. India's first Sports Law Academy was organised by GNLU where Mr Hyden Opei, Senior Fellow, Melbourne Law School who is also the Member of the Court for Arbitration of Sports and Dr Laurent Vidal, Professor, University Paris 1 Pantheon- Sorbonne were invited as resource persons. Ambassador B S Prakash delivered the Ambassador Lecture Series, in collaboration with ministry of external affairs, and in collaboration with NSAB, we organised a seminar on Police Restructuring. With George Washington University, USA GNLU organised a certificate course on Patent Law practice in the US, India and China. This semester was not just about academic collaborations but strengthening bonds with our alumni too. The year ended with some landmark programmes and achievements as GNLU celebrated the Constitution Day at Raj Bhavan, Dr Parameshwaran organised a one-of-its-kind course on Professional Legal Ethics and our student Arnaaz Ameer from (batch 2013-2018) became the first Indian to be honoured with Schwarzman Scholars Programme.

It has been a successful semester and I hope that the readers will enjoy going through the glimpses of the events of the University while we welcome the New Year!

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## Sports Law Academy on Corruption in International Sports, 9-13 July 2018

GNLU Centre of Sports and Entertainment Law organized India's first Sports Law Academy on Corruption in International Sports from 9-13 July, 2018. Mr. Hayden Opie, Senior Fellow, Melbourne Law School and Member, Court of Arbitration for Sports and Dr. Laurent Vidal, Professor, University Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne, were invited as the resource persons for the 5 day long Academy. The Academy witnessed 30 participants coming from various parts of the country including 14 National



and State level coaches from Gujarat. The 5 day academic endeavor comprised of detailed discussion about corruption issues in sports in relation to match-fixing/spot fixing, doping, event hosting rights, sponsorships, advertising, etc.

## Social Impact Assessment: Policy and Procedure, 27 July 2018

With an aim to develop a practical understanding about the role and scope of the Social Impact Assessment (SIA) and the types of social impacts that can result from development proposal and deal



with the principles, procedure and methods that are used to assess and mitigate social impacts, under the GNLU-SJVN Fellowship on Hydropower Development and R&R Laws a workshop on “Social Impact Assessment: Policy and Procedure” which was conducted by Professor Reshmy Nair, Director, Centre for Excellence in Management of Excellence of Land Acquisition and R&R, Administrative Staff College of India. The workshop was attended by 30 participants who were students, academicians, research scholars, industry participants, and officers from Government Bodies like GEMI and Water Department, Govt. of Gujarat.

## Two Day Workshop on Case Teaching Method, 28-29 July 2018

This was first of its kind workshop in any institute of law. Resource person for the workshop was Prof. (Dr) M.R. Dixit, former faculty member of Indian Institute of Management, Ahmedabad (IIMA). The workshop focused on delineating the pre-class, in class and post class demands of case-based pedagogy. There were total nine sessions on various aspects of teaching pedagogy such as Building the Class Strategy Map, Handling a Case Class, Reflections on Case Handling Strategies and Coping with Contingencies, From Excellence in Case Teaching to Excellence in Case Research and



Publication and Consolidation of Learning and Formulation of Personal Action Plans for Case Teaching and Growing. Total 20 faculty members from various universities and colleges across India participated in the workshop.

### **Workshop on Youth and Democracy, 1 August 2018**

PRIA (Participatory Research in Asia), a global center for participatory research and training, based in New Delhi, is engaged in building capacities of



citizens, communities, and institutions, to enable vibrant, gender-equal societies. PRIA has launched 'Youth-n-Democracy', a year-long campaign to promote the participation of youth in Democracy in Everyday Life. As part of this campaign, 'Youth and Democracy Workshop' was conducted on 1 August, 2018. Programme Officer Ms. Pooja Pandey from PRIA facilitated the workshop through a very interactive session. The workshop witnessed enthusiastic participation from total of 48 participants, including GNLU students and faculty members.

### **Distinguished Ambassador Lecture Series on Understanding “National Power”, Address by H.E Ambassador Mr. B. S. Prakash, Former Ambassador of India to Brazil, 3 August 2018, in collaboration with Ministry of External Affairs**

The Centre for Foreign Policy organized the distinguished Ambassador Lecture Series. Ambassador Mr B. S. Prakash delivered thought provoking and mesmerizing lecture on



'Understanding the Concept of National Power'. He addressed numerous issues of international relations surrounding the meaning of 'Power'.

### **Workshop on Social Entrepreneurship, 3-4 August, 2018**

GNLU Legal Incubation Council, in collaboration with the Faculty of Social Work, organized a two day workshop on Social Entrepreneurship. The workshop was sponsored by Student Startup and Innovation Policy (SSIP), Gandhinagar, Gujarat Government. The workshop brought together 40 young aspiring to be entrepreneurs, along with those already established, from various educational intuitions, research institutions, NGOs, and small business ventures. The workshop imparted essential

knowledge of how to start one's own social venture and various facets that influence successful set up and operations. Academicians from prestigious institutions, incubation centres and successful entrepreneurs shared their experience to provide practical insights.



### **Gender Awareness and Gender Sensitization Program, 10 August 2018**

Under the auspices of the Gender Sensitization Committee of the University, a workshop on



“Gender Awareness and Gender Sensitization” was organized for the service providers, security guards and canteen staff. The participants were appraised about the Vishakha Guidelines. The program emphasized on the current judicial scenario for sexual harassment at workplace and various do's and don'ts for prevention of such malpractices. All the sessions were in Gujarati. 80 people participated in the program.

### **Joint National Seminar on Police Structuring – Enhancing Lean and Effective Institution 21 August 2018**

GNLU in collaboration with the National Security Advisory Board and under the aegis of Police Academia Interaction Forum (PAIF) organized one day national seminar with the theme, “Enhancing Lean and Effective Institution” which focused on making the Police Department more effective. The seminar witnessed huge participation from various walks of organizations such as the National Security Advisory Board, Bureau of Police Research and Development, Gujarat Police, etc. There were total

61 participants in the seminar including 10 professionals, 15 academicians, 6 research scholars and 30 students. The recommendations and suggestions made by the participants were compiled and sent to the National Security Advisory Board for implementing as policy measures.



### **Anti- Tobacco Awareness Programme, 27 August 2018**

The key resource person of the program, organised by GNLU in association with Integrated Disease Surveillance Programme (IDSP) and Commissionerate of Health Medical Services and



Medical Education (Health), Gandhinagar, Government of Gujarat, was Dr. Neeta Moore, an epidemiologist working with the Integrated Disease Surveillance Programme (IDSP) and Commissionerate of Health Medical Services and Medical Education (Health), Gandhinagar, Government of Gujarat. Dr. Moore made critical observations regarding the society's casual and ignorant approach in dealing with issues of passive smoking and its dangerous implications on the surrounding environment because of such negligent behaviour of individuals.

### **GNLU Air and Space Law Academy, 27 August to 2 September 2018**

The Centre for Public International Law, organised 3<sup>rd</sup> Edition of GNLU Air and Space Law Academy in collaboration with the Institute of Air & Space Law, University of Cologne, Germany from 27 August to 2 September 2018. The Inauguration ceremony was graced by Distinguished Guest of Honour – Air Marshal R.K. Dhir PVSM AVSM VM ADC, Air Officer Commanding-in-Chief, SWAC (South Western Air Command, Indian Air Force); Shri A.S. Kiran Kumar (Member Space Commission; Former Chairman and Vikram Sarabhai Distinguished Professor, Indian Space Research Organisation); and Prof. (Dr.) Stephan Hobe, Director of the Institute of Air and Space Law, University of Cologne, Germany. The first day of the Academy ended with the launch of 'Late Professor (Dr.) V.S. Mani



Memorial Lecture Series' as part of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Edition of the GASLA 2018. GNLU Centre of Public International Law has conceived the Series as an endeavour to commemorate the inspiring contribution of Professor (Dr.) V.S. Mani (Founder Director of GNLU) in the field of International Law. The participants of the Academy included officials from Indian Air Force, Airport Authority of India, faculty members and students from various Universities across India.

### **Certificate Course on Economics of Constitutional Law, 27-31 August 2018**

GNLU Centre for Law and Economics conducted a “Certificate Course on Economics of Constitutional Law” from 27 to 31 August, 2018. The resource



persons for the Course were Prof. Dr. Regis Lanneau, French academician and Director of undergraduate program in Law and Economics as well as co-director of the Masters Program in Economic Regulation at University Paris West Nanterre la Defense and Dr. Hiteshkumar Thakkar, Assistant Professor of Economics at GNLU. There were a total of 57 participants including participants from outside India. The certificate course covered various topics like representation and democratic election, understanding the legislative process, rent seeking and constitutions matter for economic development etc.

### **Special Session on Brain Mapping, 31 August 2018**

The GNLU Centre for Business and Public Policy has organized a Special Session on "Brain mapping" on 31 August, 2018. The resource person for the special session was Dr. Rekha Das Adhikari



(Psychotherapist & Life Skills Coach). The purpose of this session was to make the participants aware of different brain lobes and their functions. It also gave them the basic understanding of brain, body and mind connection. The session addressed questions

ranging from organization and management ability to creativity and interpersonal skills. There were a total of 19 participants

### **The GNLU Debate, 31 August to 2 September 2018**

It was the sixth edition of the open British Parliamentary form of debate tournament that the GNLU Debating Society has been organising since 2013. This edition marked high participation, and engaged overwhelming international interest. A total of 59 teams comprising of India and abroad

participated in the tournament. A total of 170 participants inclusive of speakers, adjudicators and internal participation from India, Bangladesh, and United States of America participated in 2018 Edition. The team from School of Law Christ University (SLCU, Bangalore) emerged as the champions.



### **How to Publish, 3 September 2018**

The GNLU Library and Language Service Division, in collaboration with BRILL International

Publishing House, organized a workshop on “Scholarly Writings: How to Publish with Law and Social Science Publishers.” The workshop focused on how to publish a book or journal article with a leading academic publisher in the field of law. Mr Vincent Oeters Marketing Manager responsible for India at Brill, was the resource person for the workshop.



### **Blood Donation and Health Check-Up Camp, 5 September 2018**

A Blood Donation and Free Health Check-up Camp was conducted on 5 September, 2018, in the University campus, in collaboration with the Ahmedabad Civil Hospital Ahmedabad. The Camp was inaugurated by Mr. PushpendraRathore, Member Secretary, District Legal Services Authority

(DLSA), Gandhinagar. This camp was organized with the objective of providing free medical assistance to the general public and spreading



awareness on about the importance of a healthy environment for the conducive growth in of the society. The Camp saw a footfall of 120 people who

### **The 4<sup>th</sup> GNLU Moot on Securities and Investment Law, 6-9 September 2018**

The Forth edition of the GNLU Moot on Securities and Investment Law (GNLUMSIL) witnessed participation from 36 law schools from all over India. The moot has garnered considerable repute for being one of the only competitions in the niche field of securities law. This edition was conducted in collaboration with BSE-IPF, Finsec Law Advisors, Manupatra and RegStreet Law Advisors, the Competition created a platform for law students to hone their advocacy and research skills and learn the



### **Design Thinking Workshop, 7 September 2018**

The design thinking workshop was held on 7 September, 2018 at GLIC. Mr. Pritesh Bhatia, faculty in Design department at GLS University, was invited as a resource person for the same. During the interactive workshop, participants explored and understood various issues of design thinking by using empathy mapping to understand the problem

availed the health check-up services and around 180 people who donated blood.

intricacies of the law. Dealing with contemporary issues such as Insider Trading and Class Action Suits, the moot across the preliminary, quarter-final and semi-final rounds witnessed intense competition among the participating teams with Symbiosis Law School, Pune and Jindal Global Law School, Sonipat progressing to the Final Round. The Panel for the final round saw stalwarts in the field such as Ms. Akila Agrawal (Partner, Cyril Amarchand Mangaldas), Ms. Dharmishtha Raval (Partner, Raval&Raval Advocates), Mr. Murali Neelakantan (Executive Director, Glenmark Pharmaceuticals), Mr. Sandeep Parekh (Founder and Managing Partner, Finsec Law Advisors), and Mr. Somasekhar Sundaresan (Advocate, Bombay High Court) form the adjudication bench. Jindal Global Low School, Sonipat emerged as the winner in the final round.

in depth. Total 16 participants attended the workshop.



### **Training Program on Maritime Commercial Law and Practice, 11-15 September 2018**

The Training Program was aimed to study different aspects of maritime law and to equip participants with knowledge on contemporary and advance issues and practices on maritime industry. It also aimed to identify legal and policy issues interfacing

the maritime, shipping and arbitration. It was an effort to cover almost all the essential areas of maritime law with the basic as well as advanced understanding of the subject for Gujarat Maritime Board Officials along with other stakeholders. The Programme was inaugurated by Smt. Sunaina Tomar, IAS, Principal Secretary, Ports & Transport

Department, Government of Gujarat, who highlighted the visionary initiatives taken by the Government of Gujarat in the coastal and port development in Gujarat state. 32 participants including Gujarat Maritime Board Officials, Naval officers, legal practitioners, professionals and students attended this 4 day academic endeavor.



**Training Programme on Advanced Applied Statistics using IBM SPSS Statistics for Legal Studies, 13-16 September 2018**

GNLU Centre for Law and Economics organized Training Programme on “Advanced Applied Statistics using IBM SPSS Statistics for Legal Studies”. The key resource person for the Course



was Dr. Guarag Rami, Professor, Department of Economics, Veer Narmad South Gujarat University, Surat. Dr. Viral Pandya, Co-Dean of Faculty and Academic Affairs, Associate Professor of Management, GNLU; Dr. Vipul Patel, Associate Professor, Shanti Business School, VU-GNU Centre of Excellence, Ahmedabad and Dr. Ritesh Patel, Assistant Professor, Centre for Governance Systems, GTU also gave their contribution as resource persons to make this training programme more successful. There were a total of 16 participants comprising a mixture of students, PhD. scholars, research scholars and faculty members from various streams.

**International Conference on Identity and the Politics of Security, Sovereignty and the Challenges of World Politics on 15-16 September 2018**

GNLU Centre for Foreign Policy and Security Studies in collaborative partnership with the Jadavpur Association of International Relations (JAIR) & Indian Council of World Affairs (ICWA) successfully organized a two days conference on 15 and 16 September, 2018. The conference explored controversies and assessed their implications for the

broader critical 'rethinking' of security and security studies by developing a brief account of the largely unexamined historical background against which they take place. The conference was attended by 90 participants.



**Three Day Certificate Course on Law and Business of Entertainment, 20-22 September 2018**

The Centre for Sports and Entertainment Law in

collaboration with the BananaIP (BIP) Counsels conducted a Certificate Course on Law and Business of Entertainment from 20 to 22 September, 2018. The

certificate course gave a bird's eye view of the basics of the law and business of entertainment. It included specific sessions on entertainment contracts, negotiation skills, entertainment disputes and resolution. The course was inaugurated by Dr. Dhiraj Kakadia, Commissioner, Entertainment and Luxury Tax, Government of Gujarat. A total of 34 participants attended the course from all around the country. Mr. Sanjeeth Hegde, Senior Partner, BananaIp and Ms. Anchita Sharma, IP Attorney,

BananaIP were the resource persons for the certificate course.



### **Advanced Training Program on Biotechnology, Law and Bioethics, 25-28 September 2018**

Dr. Bindu Vijay, Assistant Professor of Science and Technology, offered Advanced Training Program on

Biotechnology, Law and Bioethics at School of Law, Gujarat University. The objective was to impart knowledge and understanding of biotechnology and related areas that are most likely to be encountered in court.

### **First Intra Youth Parliament, 28-29 September 2018**

Center for Constitutional and Administrative Law (CCAL) organized its First GNLU Intra Youth Parliament. This was done with a view to strengthen the roots of democracy, inculcate healthy habits of discipline, tolerance of the views of others and to enable the student community to understand the working of our Parliamentary institutions. This academic simulation of the Lower House of the

Parliament drew the participation of over 60 members representing various MPs and members of the press. The session was presided over by Manish Soni (2015-20) and Rohin Bhatt (2016-21).



### **Introductory Level International Arbitration Accreditation Course, 28-29 September 2018**

The GNLU-ADR Cell in collaboration with Chartered Institute of Arbitration (CIArb) organized a training programme on Introduction to International Arbitration. Mr. Sameer Shah, Dr. Dilip Virani and Mr. Chandrakant Kammdar, certified trainers deputed by the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (UK) were invited as resource persons. A total of 24 participants attended the course.

### **Open House with Mr. Shyam Diwan, 29 September 2018**

Centre for Law & Society organized a lecture series, “Open House” with Mr. Shyam Diwan, Senior Advocate at the Supreme Court of India, who was the leading petitioner in the Aadhaar case. The session was held on the topic, “Liberty, Privacy and Aadhaar: Has the Supreme Court ushered in a Surveillance Society?” right after the judgments was delivered. The event was a huge success, seeing

participation from students, lawyers, academicians alike.



### **Guest lecture on Taking Charge: Stories of Success & Self-Determination, 1 October 2018**

GNLU Committee for Persons with Disability (GCPWD) organised a Guest lecture on “Taking Charge: Stories of Success & Self-Determination.” The dignitaries and the eminent speakers of the day were Mr. Rahul Kelapure, Legal Officer-Enforcement Department, (Securities and Exchange Board of India), Mumbai and Ms. Jyoti Shah, Founder of JYOT Foundation and President of Gujarat Wheel Chair Cricket, Ahmedabad – two

renowned personalities who are the epitome of the belief that the human spirit is one of ability, perseverance and courage that no disability can steal away.



### **Museum Heritage Festival 2018, 1-10 October 2018**

The Legal History Museum of GNLU celebrated the Museum Heritage Festival. The Master Program of Museology of the Faculty of Fine Arts, The Maharaja Sayajirao University of Baroda were part of this festival as interns and helped in the exhibition designing of the upcoming section “Glorious Gujarat” and “Legacy of Law and Conservation of Stone Sculptures” at the museum. They helped in giving guided tour to the students of Delhi Public School Ahmedabad. It also included a study visit to Adalaj Stepwell. During this Festival the museum

had also invited experts in museum heritage field to give lectures to the students on how law can be connected to the society by the means of museum.



### **Certificate Course on Patent Law Practices in the United States, India and China, 3-4 October 2018**

GNLU through its GUJCOST IPR Chair in collaboration with the George Washington University Law School hosted the Certificate Course on “Patent Law Practices in the United States, India and China”. The course covered complex IP issues, latest developments and IP policy in the USA, India and China with a primary focus on patent



eligibility/ineligibility, concepts of utility, novelty, interpretation of non-obviousness etc. The course was inaugurated by Dr. Nidhi Buch, Director-Centre for Intellectual Property Rights. Principal faculty for the course were Dean John Whelan, Associate Dean of Intellectual Property Law at The George Washington University Law School; Hon. Randall R. Rader, Chief Judge (retired), Court of Appeals of the Federal Circuit; Mr. Xiupeng OU, Intellectual Property trial lawyer and later a Deputy Chief Judge of the IP Tribunal of Guangdong Higher People's Court and Prof. Dr. Prabuddha Ganguli; Professor, Rajiv Gandhi School of IP Law, IIT Kharagpur. The course saw an overwhelming response with over 150 participants from diverse fields.

### **GNLU-GW Symposium on Changing Contours of Intellectual Property Law in the United States, India and China, 5 October 2018**

GNLU & the George Washington University Law School jointly hosted a Symposium on “Changing Contours of Intellectual Property Law in the United States, India and China” on 5 October, 2018. In order to address the remarkable changes in the IP landscape and the emerging challenges to the current IP law practices in USA, China and India, the symposium divided into several plenary sessions. Delegates consisting of former judges, scholars and legal experts from the three nations discussed the role of academia and judiciary in promoting innovation in intellectual property rights, patent inventorship in new paradigms, interface between drug and medical device patents and

regulations and interface between law of trademark and geographical indications. The Symposium witnessed distinguished speakers like Honorable Mr Justice Asok K Ganguly, Prof Dr M Padmavati, Hon. Randall R Rader, Prof Dr Prabuddha Ganguli, Dr Nidhi Buch, Mr Jatin Trivedi, Ms Maggie Petrush, Dr S K Murthy and Prof Girma Wolde-Michael among others. The Symposium was attended by over a 100 participants.



### **Guest Lecture on Cross-Border Mergers & Acquisitions, 5 October 2018**

Under the aegis of GNLU- Khiatan Fellowship on Mergers and Acquisitions, Mr. Sagar Khandelwal, CSon International Mergers & Acquisitions



delivered a Guest Lecture on various procedures involved in M&A, legal aspects of M&A in India, cross-border mergers.

### **1<sup>st</sup> Intra B Plan Competition, 6 October 2018**

The intra business plan competition for GNLU students was held at GLIC. In the competition Mr. Zaid Deva won the first prize and Mr. Rahul Saraswat won the second prize for their business plans.

### **Advanced Training Programme on Recent Trends in International Trade and Commercial Law, 8-10 October 2018**

The object of this programme was to appraise the participants with the broad aspect of the international business environment, FDI policy, FTP policy, international trade theories, international trade bodies like WTO, UNCTAD etc. Added emphasis was laid on strategic alliances,

foreign collaborations and joint ventures abroad, to enable the participants to discharge efficient services and to tackle practical situations. It also aimed at giving a comprehensive coverage of all the topics relevant to the subject and specialized knowledge in International business, law, procedure, and practices. The Resource Persons for the programme was Dr. Saira Gori, Assistant Professor of Law, Dean, Training Division, GNLU

### **Panel Discussion on Opportunities and Challenges for Women Entrepreneurs in India, 9 October 2018**

GCLS along with GNLU Legal Incubation Council organised the panel discussion as a part of the University's celebrations of the Women Entrepreneurship Week. The panel included Dr. Bimal N Patel, Director, GNLU, Ms. Pritibala N Patel, Founder, Usha Electric Co., Ms. Arpita Vyas, Founder, 'Wings to Fly- a Rehabilitation project for bootlegger women' and Ms. Phani Trivedi, Founder, 'Waste Engage', a social enterprise concerned the with waste management. The discussion was

moderated by Ms. Apoorva Patel, Assistant Professor of Social Work, GNLU. The discussion was on the importance of entrepreneurship, need to encourage women into entrepreneurship and problems faced by women entrepreneurs.



**Guest Lecture on Taxation Issues in Mergers & Acquisitions, 12 October 2018**

Mr. Lalit Kumar, Partner, J. Sagar Associates, Gurgaon was invited to deliver a lecture on tax issues in mergers and acquisitions, A total of 150

participants attended the lecture. The guest lecture was organized under the GNLU- Khaitan Fellowship on Mergers and Acquisition.



**GNLU Alumni Meet 2018: Reconnect, Reunite, Reminisce, 13 October 2018**

GNLU Alumni Network organised the GNLU Alumni Meet '18 on 13 October 2018 which received an exhilarating response when many alumni from almost all batches came down to their alma mater to celebrate the nostalgic moment with their batch-mates and create new memories to cherish for a lifetime.

**Interactive session on UGC Regulations on Promotion of Academic Integrity and Prevention of Plagiarism in Higher Educational Institutions, 20 November 2018**

Dr. Manish, Professor & Chairperson, Centre for International Politics, Central University of Gujarat,

Gandhinagar was invited as the resource person for the session on “Academic Integrity and Prevention of Plagiarism”. The session addressed the relevant issues pertaining to plagiarism and the institutional mechanism to eliminate this menace in the higher education system of our country.

**Celebration of Constitution Day at Gujarat Raj Bhavan, 26 November 2018**

Centre for Constitutional and Administrative Law in joint collaboration with the Gujarat Raj Bhavan celebrated the 'Constitution Day’ at the Gujarat Raj Bhavan on 26 November 2018 which marked the 70<sup>th</sup> year of adoption of the Constitution of India. The seminar was addressed by Shri O. P. Kohli, Hon'ble Governor of Gujarat, Smt. Mridula Sinha, Hon'ble Governor of Goa, Hon'ble Law Minister

Shri Bhupendrasinh Chudasama, Hon'ble former Chief Justice of Bombay and Calcutta High Court Shri Mohit Shah and Prof (Dr) Bimal N Patel, Director, GNLU. The seminar witnessed the presence of constitutional and statutory authorities, senior officials from the Government of Gujarat, retired judges of the Gujarat High Court, faculty members and students from GNLU and from other law colleges.



### **Innovative Workshop on Professional Legal Ethics, 15-16 December 2018**

GNLU offered an intensive two-day Workshop on “Professional Legal Ethics through Ethics Skills Development” on 15 & 16 December, 2018. A first-ever workshop in India to augment quality of legal profession through ethics as skills-development was conducted by Dr K Parameswaran, Associate Professor of Law, GNLU.



### **Capacity Building Programme for Forest Officers on Forest Laws and related Legal and Administrative Framework, 30 November to 1 December 2018**

GNLU Centre for Environment and Sustainable Development & Forest and Environment Department, Gujarat State jointly organized two days’ Capacity Building Programme for the Forest

Officers on Forest Laws and related Legal and Administrative Framework. 35 Forest Officers from various parts of Gujarat participated actively, to deliberate over the contemporary issues of Forest and Wildlife. The techno-legal centric programme was designed to have an interactive platform for the Forest Officers with academia and with practicing attorneys in respective field.

### **Symposium on Artificial Intelligence in the Digital Age: Issues and Challenges, 15 December 2018**

With an aim to discuss recent technological developments which has opened new opportunities in fields such as robotics, artificial intelligence, distributed ledgers and the Internet of Things, to name a few, GNLU organized a symposium on

“Artificial Intelligence in the Digital Age”. The Hon'ble speakers for the event were Shri. Amit Bhardwaj, National Institution for Transforming India, NITI Aayog; Vipin Aggarwal, Principal at VBA Associates; and Dr. Nachshon (Sean) Goltz, Senior lecturer at Edith Cowan University School of Business and Law, Australia.

## Awards and Honours



Dr. Nidhi Buch, Assistant Professor of Law and Centre Director, GNLU Centre for Intellectual Property Rights was conferred with the **IP Academician of the Year, 2018** on 3 August 2018 for her outstanding contributions in the field of Intellectual Property at the IP-Hall of Fame Honors. The award was presented by Mr. Joachim Rocha, Trade Commissioner, Canadian Consulate General.

Dr. R.K. Singh, Associate Professor of Law and Dean, Academic Affairs was awarded with the the **Education Leadership Award** at the 26<sup>th</sup> Business School Affaire & Dewang Mehta National Education Awards(Regional Round) on 27 September 2018.



Dr. Lagdhir Rabari, Head, Library and Language Services Division, was awarded the **Young Law Librarian Award** by the Indian Association of Law Libraries at National Law University, Delhi on 1 December 2018.

Mr. Aditya Gor (batch 2015-2020), founder Law Brief, was awarded the **top 5 Best Student Startups under SSIP Policy across Gujarat** on 10 September 2018, by Shri Vijay Rupani, Hon'ble Chief Minister of Gujarat.



Mr. Naman Devpura(batch 2018-23) and Mr. Kartikeya Chamola (batch 2018-23),won the prestigious **Aditya Birla Scholarship, 2018**

Ms. Arnaaz Ameer (batch 2013-18) was selected for the prestigious **Schwarzman Scholars Program** becoming the first student from any National Law University in India to receive the honour.



## Academic/Administrative Staff Awards



**Dr. Vikas Gandhi**  
received the  
Best Faculty Award (Law)



**Dr. Richa Mulchandani**  
received the  
Best Faculty Award (Stream)



**Mr. Shashibhushan Sharma**  
received a  
Special Mention Award



**Mr. Kamlesh Parmar**  
received the  
Best Administrative Staff Award



**Mr. Santoshkumar D. Thakur**  
received the  
Best Administrative Staff Award



**Mr. Mahendra Parmar**  
received a  
Special Mention Award

## International Corner



Dr. Aruna Kumar Malik, was selected for Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee International Scholars Program (QEII). Through this programme, the University of Winnipeg, Canada appointed him as a Visiting Scholar for a period of 12 months beginning from October 2018. This appointment is undertaken to research on “Judicial Environmentalism and Poor: Examining the impacts of Green Benches of State High Courts and the National Green Tribunals in India”. This scholarship provides opportunity to join a group of fourteen researchers from Canada, India, Sri-Lanka, South Africa, and Mexico who have been conducting research and engaging in activities aimed at building skills, knowledge and attitudes needed to practice sustainable global citizenship.

Dr. Vikas Gandhi, was selected for ASLI Fellowship in the Academic Year 2018-19 where he visited National University of Singapore for the period of 1 October to 28 November 2018. As part of the fellowship, he presented a seminar on the topic “India's Proposed Amendment Bill 2018 - A Step further towards Arbitration Friendly Environment: A Critical Analysis”.



## PhD Awardees



**Avinash Bhagi**

“Doctrine of Separation of Powers and Good Governance: An Analytical Study with Special Reference to the Indian Judicial System”.

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