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GNLU Sustains Litigation Support to Graduating Students for the fourth Consecutive year.

Benefactors include, among others, Shri K. K. Venugopal (Attorney General of India) and Late Shri P. P. Rao, Senior Advocate practising in the Supreme Court of India.

Gandhinagar, 23 July, 2018: GNLU has awarded **GNLU Litigation Assistance and Support Scholarship (GLASS)** to 10 students of the graduating batch of 2018 including one student from the LLM programme.

Under the GLASS scheme, GNLU gives a monthly financial assistance of Rs.15,000 for a period of one year to the selected graduating students desirous of pursuing a career in litigation. The GLASS recipients also get access to the GNLU library infrastructure including digital and physical databases, along with guidance from faculty members as and when required.

GLASS recipients are selected through a rigorous selection process that tests students on multiple fronts such as their academic performance, personal interview, and participation in moots, co-curricular and extra-curricular activities, alongside a demonstrable interest in the arena of litigation. The administration is also mindful to introduce new policies each year to reflect changes observed over previous academic years. Most recently, the policy was revised to make special provisions for students hailing from economically backward backgrounds.

Forging a career in litigation is a luxury that few can afford. Financial deprivation acts as a strong entry barrier in the field of litigation, especially for the first generation lawyers. In addition, students often find themselves drawn towards a more lucrative career path in corporate law firms. In order to promote and facilitate a greater number of students to take a career in litigation, GNLU launched the GNLU Litigation Assistance and Support Scheme (GLASS). By way of this pioneering initiative, GNLU strives to provide a head-start to such aspirants along with contributing quality advocates to the Bar and to the Society.

GLASS was first awarded in the academic year 2015-16 to a total of five students and monthly financial assistance of Rs. 7,500 for a period of twelve months. The Scheme, enterprising as it was, quickly garnered support in the student and legal community, and GNLU was able to enhance the scholarship to Rs. 15,000 per student. From the academic year 2016-17 onwards, GLASS witnessed a positive trend in terms of meritorious recipients, with the 2016 batch receiving ten scholarships, the 2017 batch receiving fifteen, and the 2018 batch recently receiving ten. Thus, GNLU was successful in not only enhancing the number of recipients but also the monthly financial assistance.

GLASS has proven to be an excellent way to touch the lives of deserving students who would otherwise be deprived of an opportunity to explore their true passion and will secure the future of bright young lawyers graduating from GNLU.

Sr	GLASS Year	Graduating batch	No. of GLASS Recipients
1	2015-16	UG 2010-15	05
2	2016-17	UG 2011-16 & LLM 2015-16	10
3	2017-18	UG 2012-17 & LLM 2016-17	15
4	2018-19	UG 2013-18 & LLM 2017-18	10

The overall impact of this scheme can be best described by those directly benefitting from it.



Vishwa Bhatt, a 2016-17
GLASS recipient

“GLASS has lived to the true sense of its words. It is not just about monetary assistance that it provides but it also provides huge motivation to take up litigation as a career despite the struggle involved in the field. The sense of independence that gets inculcated due to such support is immensely helpful in building a budding lawyer’s confidence. GNLU has acted not less than a parent supporting its child in the initial struggle of his/her career. GLASS is truly a noble endeavour and I am grateful to my University for such unique policies for its students”



Shrey Pratap Singh, a
2017-18 GLASS recipient

"GLASS has helped me paving a way to a stable career in law without facing many hurdles as any other advocate would face at the start of his career".

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