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Director's Message



The Winter semester has been one of remarkable growth, resilience, and achievement for GNLU. As we delve into the accomplishments that have defined these past months, it is evident that GNLU is not just a centre for education but a vibrant academic community that continuously strives for excellence.

First, I am delighted to announce that we have a new Visitor amongst us. The esteemed Chief Justice of India nominated Ms Justice Bela M. Trivedi, a distinguished Judge of the Supreme Court of India, as the Visitor of GNLU. Her longstanding affiliation with GNLU and extensive experience will benefit our university significantly. We warmly welcome her as she takes up this pivotal role.

In the realm of rankings, GNLU has once again showcased its excellence. According to the latest India Rankings 2023 released by the National Institutional Ranking Framework, we have improved our rank from eighth to seventh among the best law universities. The improved ranking is a testament to our commitment to the relentless pursuit of knowledge and academic excellence.

We have forged new collaborations that will expand our horizons and enrich our academic offerings. We entered a strategic partnership with the United Nations International Seabed Authority, becoming the first National Law University to do so. This partnership was marked by an International Conference on

Seabed Mining, coinciding with the visit of the ISA Secretary-General, Mr Michael Lodge.

Our Centers of Excellence continue to be beacons of research and knowledge creation. We launched a new Centre for focused research on labour laws in India. The Women and Child Rights Clinic secured the right to free education for underprivileged children in Assam, a testament to the impact our students can create.

Furthermore, the GNLU Centre for Foreign Policy and Security Studies contributed to drafting the Y20 White Paper on Peacebuilding and Reconciliation, which was presented before the G20 constituent members.

Moot Court Competitions have become a hallmark of GNLU's excellence, and the 14th edition of the GNLU International Moot Court Competition saw participation from 28 teams, including international teams, reaffirming our global prominence. Our students won laurels in many international and national moot court competitions.

Innovative training programs have also been a highlight of this semester. Introducing the Doctors-only PG Diploma in Medical Law, Policy, and Ethics is a pioneering move reflecting our commitment to interdisciplinary education.

The Winter semester will also be remembered for its dual convocations, honouring the 2021 and 2022 graduating batches. It was a moment of joy and pride to witness our students take their well-deserved strides into the world of law.

Our alums continue to make us proud. From civil services to the judiciary, they are significantly contributing to society. GNLU alumnus-promoted startup has received significant financial support from the government, and one of our alums has made it to the prestigious Forbes India Legal Power List.

Our students are the heart and soul of GNLU, and they continue to shine in many fields. A third-year student, Radhapriya won a Bronze Medal in the Women's Doubles event at the 84th Senior National and Inter-State Table Tennis Championships. She was also selected to represent India at the World University Games in China.

I want to thank the GNLU community – our students, faculty, staff, alumni, and well-wishers. Your dedication and commitment are the driving forces behind our success. As we move forward, let us strive for excellence and create a brighter future for GNLU.

With best wishes,

Prof (Dr) S. Shanthakumar

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Editorial



This edition celebrates the achievements and milestones that have marked the winter 2023 semester. It covers the visit of the Secretary-General of the International Seabed Authority to our campus, our centres of excellence activities, and the achievements of our students and alumni.

Speaking of alums, this issue proudly covers reunions for the alums of the second and third batches, where memories were revisited and connections rekindled.

You will also find illustrated reports about student activities such as the annual cultural festival, Pentagram, sports tournaments, and wellness initiatives like the Pottery Workshop.

We also have a special report about the activities of the newly established Silvassa campus in DNHDD Union Territory, including our special efforts to empower local talents.

As we delve into the pages of this issue, we invite you to join us in celebrating the vibrant tapestry of experiences and accomplishments that make GNLU a centre of excellence in legal education.

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Justice Cup Night Cricket Tournament

GNLU hosted the 8th Edition of the Justice Cup Night Cricket Tournament, which attracted participation from the faculty and staff teams of 14 reputed academic institutions, including IIM Ahmedabad, NID, and IPR.

The novel feature of this tournament was the participation of three teams of medical professionals: Gujarat Medical Education and Research Society, Indian Medical Association Gandhinagar and Gandhinagar Doctors Cricket Club.

The Industrial Training Institute Gandhinagar emerged as the champion while Gujarat Technological University as the runners-up.

GNLU gets a new Visitor in Justice Bela Trivedi



The Chief Justice of India has nominated Ms Justice Bela M. Trivedi, a Judge of the Supreme Court of India, as the new Visitor of Gujarat National Law University on 17 May 2023.

Justice Bela Trivedi has a long-standing association with GNLU, dating back to its establishment when she served as the Law Secretary in the Government of Gujarat. Over the years, she has been a valuable member of the university's General Council and Executive Council, with only occasional breaks.

With an extensive judicial background, Justice Bela Trivedi served as a judge at the High Courts of Rajasthan and Gujarat before being elevated to the Supreme Court of India in August 2021. She was Law Secretary for the Gujarat State Government from 2004 to 2006.

Justice Bela Trivedi takes over from Justice M. R. Shah, a Judge of the Supreme Court of India, who retired from the apex court on 15 May 2023.

Justice Shah served as the GNLU Visitor from 14 November 2022 to 15 May 2023 and had a longstanding association with the university as a member of its General Council.

Expressing gratitude for Justice M. R. Shah's contributions to the university, GNLU Director, Professor (Dr) S. Shanthakumar, thanked him for his services and extended well wishes for his future endeavours.

Dr Shanthakumar warmly welcomes the nomination of Justice Bela Trivedi as the new Visitor, emphasising her extensive experience and longstanding affiliation with GNLU, which will undoubtedly bring significant benefits to the university.



INDIA RANKINGS 2023 GNLU Climbs the Ranking Ladder

According to the latest India Rankings 2023 released by the National Institutional Ranking Framework, Gujarat National Law University (GNLU) has been ranked as the seventh-best law university. This marks a significant improvement for GNLU, as it climbed from the eighth position in 2022 to the seventh position this year.

Prof (Dr) S. Shanthakumar, the Director of GNLU, expressed his delight over the improved ranking. He stated that this achievement is a testament to the continuous efforts of the university in providing the best opportunities for academic growth to its students,

nurturing their talents, and preparing them for success in all areas of life. He further emphasised the university's commitment to building on this success and strengthening its position as a leading law university in India.

The Director extended his gratitude to the students, faculty, and staff for their unwavering dedication and collective efforts in contributing to the university's progress. He acknowledged their hard work and commitment, recognising their pivotal role in achieving this commendable ranking.

PhD Awards



Ms Mrinalini Banerjee was awarded a PhD for her thesis "*International Legal Recognition of Cross-Border Displacement Due to Climate Change Effects: A Case Study on The Sundarban Delta*" under the supervision of GNLU Director, Prof (Dr) S. Shanthakumar.

Mrinalini holds an LLM in Transnational Law from King's College, London. She has recently joined the National Law University Odisha as an Assistant Professor of Law. Before that, she was an Assistant Professor (Research) at GNLU.



Mr Abhay Singh, a doctoral scholar of Gujarat National Law University, was awarded a PhD for his thesis "*IMO 2020 Sulphur Regulation and its Implementation Challenges: A Critical Analysis*" under Prof (Dr) S. Shanthakumar, Director, GNLU.

He holds an LLM from the West Bengal National University of Juridical Sciences, Kolkata and eight years of professional experience in industry and academia. He is currently an Assistant Professor at Gujarat Maritime University.

Convocations: Celebrating the Success of GNLU Graduates

The winter semester 2023 marked a significant milestone for GNLU as it hosted two long-awaited convocations in rapid succession. On 25 March, the 12th convocation was held to honour the graduating class of 2021, followed by the 13th convocation on 22 April for the class of 2022. The delay in conducting these convocations was primarily attributed to the Covid-induced restrictions that had affected the university's operations.

Both convocations were graced by esteemed dignitaries, further enhancing the grandeur of the events. Mr Justice M. R. Shah, Judge of the Supreme Court of India and GNLU's Visitor, presided over the convocations. Additionally, Ms Justice Bela M. Trivedi, Judge of the Supreme Court of India, and Mr Justice A. J. Desai, Acting Chief Justice of the High Court of Gujarat, were present as Distinguished Guests of Honour, symbolising the university's close association with the judiciary.

At the 12th convocation, 252 students from the 2021 class were conferred with their degrees. Among them, 180

students completed the LLB program, while 65 students accomplished the LLM program. Additionally, seven PhD scholars completed their research journeys. The exceptional academic performance of fifteen students was recognised through the bestowal of 30 Gold Medals. Notably, Vishesh Sharma, BBA LLB (Hons.), attained the highest distinction by earning eight gold medals.

Similarly, the 13th convocation witnessed the conferring of degrees upon 246 students from the 2022 class. Among them were 177 students of the LLB program and 69 students of the LLM program. The presentation of 29 Gold Medals acknowledged seventeen students' academic brilliance. Rishab Aggarwal, BA LLB (Hons.), etched his name in GNLU's history by securing an unprecedented nine gold medals, a remarkable achievement.

These convocations held immense significance for GNLU. The fact that the university could provide the graduating students with a fitting farewell despite the challenges posed by the pandemic demonstrates GNLU's resilience in the face of adversity.



The Twelfth Convocation

Gold Medalists: The Twelfth Convocation



Vishesh Sharma (BBA LLB)



Mayank Gupta (B.Com LLB)



Aditi Garg (LLM)



Shweta Kurrey (LLM)



Devansh Saraswat (BBA LLB)





Divija Mahajan (BA LLB)



Isha Suman (B.Sc. LLB)



Pragya Jain (BBA LLB)



Ronak Kanoongo (B.Com. LLB)



Samidha Mathur (BA LLB)



Srihari Gopal (BSW LLB)



Vidisha Chandra (LLM)



Siddheshwari Ranawat (LLM)



Aishwarya Trivedi (B.Sc. LLB)



In absentia

Anmol Rathore (BA LLB)



The Thirteenth Convocation



Gold Medalists: The Thirteenth Convocation



Rishabh Aggarwal (BA LLB)



Rishabh created a history by securing an unprecedented nine gold medals.



Sarthak Makkar (BA LLB)



Manthan Nagpal (BA LLB)



Shivani Lad (LLM)



Aayushi Jain (BA LLB)



Achyutha G M (B.Sc. LLB)



Arunabh Rajan (BA LLB)



Ashlesha Singhal (BA LLB)



Bhavnish Kaur Chhabda (BSW LLB)





Keertana V (BA LLB)



Lakshay Garg (B.Com LLB)



Aniket Patel (BA LLB)



Rishabh Manihar (BA LLB)



Chhavishree Somani (BBA LLB)



Chaitra Bhat (LLM)



Nishchya (LLM)



Stephanie Sharon (LLM)



New Collaborations

New strategic partnership with the International Seabed Authority



The Secretary-General of the International Seabed Authority (ISA), H.E. Mr Michael W. Lodge, and the Director of GNLU, Prof (Dr) S.Shanthakumar, signed a letter of cooperation during an international conference convened by GNLU to discuss multidimensional approaches and challenges of seabed mining.

ISA is an autonomous international organization mandated by the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS) to protect the seabed for the shared benefit of humankind.

This collaboration will contribute to implementing the strategic priorities of ISA as set out in ISA's Strategic Plan and High-Level Action Plan for 2019-2023. It will also act as a stepping stone toward effectively implementing ISA's Capacity Development Strategy. Dedicated activities will be designed and implemented to enhance education and training in the law of the sea, support the effective implementation of the UNCLOS and highlight the role and mandate of ISA in relation to India's blue economy policy and commitments to support the achievement of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

Under the collaboration, joint initiatives will also be designed to strengthen national and regional capacity related to deep-seabed activities and the legal framework for the international seabed area.

"This partnership with GNLU will help us to build competence in the law of the sea as an important component needed to develop India's blue economy. I am particularly delighted to work together with GNLU to promote the participation of women in all aspects of the law of the sea," said Secretary-General Lodge.

"I congratulate GNLU for its forward-thinking and look forward to many successful and impactful activities in India and the region in the months to come," he added.

Director Shanthakumar said, "GNLU is extremely proud and privileged to be the first national law university to partner with ISA. We are excited at the opportunities this association offers. We look forward to working with ISA for research and capacity-building in the environmental, legal, economic, policy and regulatory aspects of deep-seabed activities, and hope to make a meaningful contribution to a sustainable blue economy."

Focusing on the increased participation of women legal experts in the law of the sea, the partnership between ISA and GNLU builds on the success of the first edition of the Women in the Law of the Sea conference held in 2022, where Ms Pratikalpa Sharma represented GNLU. It also contributes to the objectives of the Impact Group on Research and Oceans for Women launched by the International Gender Champions network in 2022, co-chaired by the Secretary-General of ISA.

GNLU offers Tuition Fee Waiver for Indian Air Force Personnel and their Wards



In a significant move towards offering quality legal education to the serving and retired Indian Air Force (IAF) personnel and their wards, Assistant Chief of Air Staff (Education), Air Vice Marshal Rajeev Sharma, and the GNLU Director, Prof (Dr) S. Shanthakumar, signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU).

Under this collaboration, GNLU will offer a 100% tuition fee waiver in UG, PG, and PhD programmes and a 50% waiver in tuition fees for Diploma programmes for serving and retired IAF personnel and their wards. The collaboration will also allow the serving IAF personnel to undertake customised or short-duration training courses in Arbitration Law, Contract Law, Air and Space Law, Criminal Law, Cyber Law and International Law, with a 50% waiver in tuition fees.

GNLU Director, Dr Shanthakumar, said GNLU takes pride in training the Indian Armed Forces officers in the Law of the Sea, Maritime Law, Air and Space Law, and Arbitration Law. He added that GNLU looks forward to offering more customised training programmes to serve the armed forces.

Dr Shanthakumar expressed his gratitude towards the IAF personnel for their service to the nation and

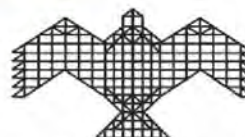
emphasised that the tuition fee waiver is a small gesture to thank them.

Praising GNLU's commitment to providing exceptional educational opportunities to the IAF community, Air Vice Marshal Rajeev Sharma said the Indian Air Force has collaborated with 14 universities in the country as a part of Project Akashdeep, but GNLU is the only university to offer 100% tuition fee waiver in the UG, PG and PhD programmes.

Air Vice Marshal Rajeev Sharma said this MoU would help IAF meet the genuine aspirations of air warriors towards their wards' professional education and enable willing air warriors to upgrade themselves in the field of legal studies. This will not only encourage the children to pursue law as a career and secure admission in NLU but also motivate the personnel to contribute more efficiently and effectively towards the IAF objective. The Air Marshal thanked the GNLU Director and his team for making the MoU a reality in an expeditious manner.

The collaboration between GNLU and IAF is a step towards empowering and supporting the serving and retired IAF personnel and their wards to achieve their academic aspirations and contribute to the nation's progress.

National Institute of Advanced Studies



Dr Shailesh Nayak, Director of National Institute of Advanced Studies (NIAS), Bangalore, and GNLU Director, Prof (Dr) S. Shanthakumar, signed a Letter of Cooperation on 14 February 2023. Both institutions have agreed to undertake collaborative academic, research and training activities in law, policy and multidisciplinary areas.

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Doctors learn laws at GNLU:

India's First Doctors-only Diploma Program in Medical Law, Policy and Ethics



In a pioneering move, Gujarat National Law University has initiated a one-year PG Diploma in Medical Law, Policy, and Ethics for Medical Professionals. The inauguration of this ground-breaking program took place on 25 February 2023, marking a significant milestone in medical law and ethics education.

Developed in collaboration with the Indian Medical Association Gujarat State Branch (IMA GSB), this exclusive course caters specifically to doctors, making it the first of its kind in India.

The inaugural session witnessed the esteemed presence of distinguished dignitaries, including Gujarat Additional Chief Secretary (Health) Shri Manoj Agarwal, Indian Medical Association Honorary Secretary General Dr Anil J Nayak, Gujarat Medical Council President Dr Nitin Vora, IMA GSB Secretary Dr Mehul Shah, and GNLU Director Prof (Dr) S. Shanthakumar.

GNLU trains Gujarat State Public Prosecutors



At the request of the Directorate of Prosecution, Government of Gujarat, GNLU organised a one-day training programme for 105 Public Prosecutors and Additional Public Prosecutors from the State of Gujarat in three batches on 11, 25 and 26 February. The programme focused on the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act, SC & ST (Prevention of Atrocity) Act, and Gujarat Prohibition Act.

The program attracted sixty-one doctors, most with a specialisation or super specialisation in branches such as cardiology, neuroscience, oncology, forensic medicine, and psychiatry.

The program addresses the contemporary legal and ethical challenges faced by healthcare professionals. It acquaints medical practitioners with the evolving legal framework in India, covering various aspects of the intersection between the medical profession and law. Key topics include standards of medical treatment, mental health, transplantation medicine, euthanasia, health research, assisted reproduction, abortion, genetics, and the allocation of scarce resources. The program will be delivered by eminent medico-legal experts from India and overseas, ensuring a comprehensive and enriching learning experience.

Long Duration Course for Indian Naval Officers



GNLU hosted the third edition of its long-duration course on Law of the Sea and Maritime Law for officers of the Indian Navy from 20 March to 16 June 2023. Four naval officers, two Commanders and two Lieutenant Commanders participated in this residential course that focused on international law, maritime law, the law of the sea, and armed conflict laws.

GNLU International Moot Court Competition: Fostering Excellence in International Trade Law Advocacy



Shri Om Birla
Lok Sabha Speaker



**The winners (NALSAR University of Law)
and Runners up (Army Institute of Law)**

The 14th edition of the GNLU International Moot Court Competition (GIMC) was organised by GNLU Moot Court Committee from 15 to 19 February 2023. The event garnered participation from 28 teams, including international teams, showcasing its growing prominence on the global stage.

Lok Sabha Speaker, Shri Om Birla, inaugurated the conference, accompanied by esteemed guests such as Gujarat State Law Minister and GNLU Governing Council member, Shri Rushikesh Patel, and Lok Sabha MP from Chatra, Jharkhand, Shri Sunil Kumar Singh.

A notable feature of this edition was that two all-women teams contested for the coveted winner's trophy in the final round.

The team from NALSAR University of Law, Hyderabad (comprising Ishita Singh, Kriti Dubey, and Anushka Mishra) emerged as the victors, securing a cash prize of INR 50,000.

The Army Institute of Law team (comprising Tanvi Garg, Kanishka Chopra, and Anjali Sinha) showcased a commendable performance as the runners-up and received a cash prize of INR 25,000.

The Nirma University's School of Law team claimed the title for Best Written Submissions, earning a cash prize of INR 10,000.

Recognising exceptional individual performances, Ishita Singh of NALSAR and Priyanshi Kothari of NLSIU were adjudged The Best Orator and the Best Researcher, respectively. They were awarded a cash prize of Rs. 10,000 each.

The success of this edition of GIMC was made possible through the support and collaboration of esteemed partners, including the World Trade Institute, Bern (Organisational Partner); Indian Institute of Foreign Trade's Centre for WTO Studies (National Academic Support Partner); Indian Institute of Foreign Trade's Centre for Trade and Investment Law (Institutional Partner); and EBC-SCC Online (Knowledge Partner).

Academic Support Program Celebrates Successful Academic Year



The GNLU Academic Support Program (ASP) Committee hosted a memorable dinner to mark the culmination of an eventful academic year. With over 300 sessions conducted throughout the year, the event not only celebrated the

program's achievements but also provided an opportunity to bid farewell to the Senior Student Teaching Assistants (SSTAs) of the 2018-23 Batch.

GNLU Director, Prof (Dr) S. Shanthakumar, emphasised the pivotal role played by the SSTAs of the 2018-23 batch in fostering a peer-to-peer learning culture within the university.

Expressing gratitude, Dr Jagdeesh Chandra T. G. and Dr William Nunes, Faculty Convenor and Co-Convenor of the ASP, respectively, extended their heartfelt appreciation to the SSTAs for their unwavering dedication in sharing their knowledge and expertise with their juniors.

The event also witnessed the unveiling of the ASP brochure and ASP Research guide.

International Conference on Seabed Mining: Multidimensional Approaches and Challenges



The International Conference on Seabed Mining was held on 14 February 2023, coinciding with the visit of H.E Mr Michael W. Lodge, the Secretary-General of the United Nations International Seabed Authority (UNISA). The conference aimed to facilitate university participation in global matters of contemporary significance.

The event commenced with an opening ceremony attended by notable dignitaries, including H. E. Michael William Lodge, Secretary General of UNISA; Dr Marie Bourrel McKinnon, Chief of Staff and Head of Strategic Planning Unit, UNISA; Dr Shailesh Nayak, Director of National Institute of Advanced Studies (NIAS), Bangalore; GNLU Director, Prof (Dr) S. Shanthakumar; Dr Jose Dallo Moros, Director of Environment Management and Mineral Resources; Dr Sonakshi Mishra, Programme Management Officer of UNISA; and Dr Madhumita Kothari, Senior Advisor, UNISA.

Prof (Dr.) S. Shanthakumar delivered introductory remarks, addressing the conference's theme of deep seabed mining and its commercialisation on a pan-Indian basis. H.E. Michael W. Lodge also addressed the audience, highlighting the contemporary challenges faced by the deep seabed mining sector under the auspices of UNISA.

Following the opening speeches, a round table conference was held, during which H.E. Michael W. Lodge set the

theme as "*Managing the global commons for humankind*". He emphasised the need for collaborative and collective management of marine resources to ensure the sustainable development of deep seabed mining. H.E. Lodge further mentioned India's participation in two contractual projects in the Indian Ocean, covering less than 1% of the exploited seafloor. He highlighted the recent renewal of the Polymetallic Nodules Contract 2002 for the Indian Ocean Ridge and the upcoming initiation of the Regional Environmental Management Plan in Chennai, starting in May 2023, to study the Indian Ocean and the Rim area. UNISA has also identified an equitable benefit-sharing strategic action plan, aiming to establish a global fund to support the promotion and protection of marine resources. Additionally, work is underway on the Mining Code 2023 to bridge the gap between total material demand and supply.

The conference then shifted focus to the environmental and technical aspects of commercialising and opening up the seabed mining industry in India. GNLU's Assistant Professor (Research), Ms Pratikalpa Sharma, initiated the discussion and called for a multi-stakeholder National Task Force to create a conducive market ecosystem for companies operating in the sector. The industry requires support from academic institutions for prospecting studies, and there was an emphasis on adopting a bottom-up approach to develop Indian missions and technology, including bio-marine and marine genetic development.

The discussions also addressed the importance of marine education and mining prospecting methodologies. Institutes have developed modules on green energy and hydrogen technologies, and a Centre for Seabed Research has been established. Participants stressed the need to explore hyper-break economics for future machine development studies.

The event concluded with paper presentations from academicians, practitioners, and students across the country, covering the regulatory aspects of contractual negotiations, environmental concerns, and best practices for industry development.



Research and Development Cell

Journal Articles:

1. Dr A. Marisport, "Neglected and Forgotten?: Women with Disabilities in the Indian Criminal Justice System", European Chemical Bulletin, 2023, ISSN-2063-5346, (UGC Care Listed)
2. Dr A. Marisport and Ayush Rastogi, "Employment of Persons with Disabilities in Private Sector", Journal of Namibian Studies, 2023, ISSN-2197-5523, (UGC Care Listed)
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6. Dr Nidhi Buch, *Green Cloud Computing-A Hoax? – A study on the Environmental impact of cloud*, Indian Journal of Environmental Protection, vol. 43 no. 6, 545-551, June 2023.
7. Apoorva Patel, *Fostering Social Entrepreneurial Resilience: A Pathway Towards Integrated Disaster Risk Management*, Disaster Advances, India, Vo. 16 (7) (June 2023) ISSN 2278-4543 (Co-author)
8. Vivek Kumar Pandey, "Adjudicating Same-sex Marriage: Challenges in light of US Supreme Court Judgment in *Obergefell vs Hodges*", GNLU Journal of Law Development and Politics, 2023, (UGC Care Listed)

Research Projects

1. Dr A. Marisport and Dr Hiteshkumar Thakkar, "Accessibility of Banking Services to the Visually Impaired People in the State of Gujarat" funded by the Indian Council of Social Science Research.
2. Dr A. Marisport and Dr Hiteshkumar Thakkar, "Study on the implementation of the Victim Compensation Scheme for the Women victims in the state of Gujarat" funded by West Bengal National University of Juridical Sciences, Kolkata
3. Dr A. Marisport and Ayush Rastogi, "Disability and Consumerism: Participation of Persons with Disabilities in Consumer Market" funded by GNLU Faculty Seed Grant.

Consultancy Projects

Prof (Dr) R K Singh: Two consultancy projects (1) Drafting of tender for outsourcing of skilled manpower services for water quality testing and monitoring in laboratories owned by Gujarat Water Supply & Sewerage Board and (2) Preparation of Templates for the Implementation of the Gujarat Domestic Water Supply (Protection) Act, 2019.

Awards

Ms Vinati Tahilianey, Teaching & Research Associate, received the Best Presenter Award for her paper on "Artificial Intelligence: The Modern Panopticon" at the International Conference on Artificial Intelligence and Human Rights, organized by Bennett University and the University of Bradford.

Surrogacy: Legal, Ethical & Practical Issues

Research and Development Cell hosted a Research Chat Room on "Surrogacy: Legal, Ethical & Practical Issues" to delve into the complex aspects surrounding surrogacy. Distinguished experts and professionals in the field.

Dr Nayana Patel, a Surrogacy Expert; Dr Sandeepa Bhat, Professor of Law at WBNUJS, Kolkata; and Ms Mohini Priya, Advocate on Record at the Supreme Court of India, engaged in insightful discussions regarding the legal, ethical, and practical dimensions of surrogacy and assisted reproduction in India.

Advocate Mohini Priya criticized the Act for potentially curtailing the rights of surrogate mothers under the guise of preventing exploitation. She suggested that surrogate mothers should receive compensation beyond the payment for the loss of wages and associated costs.

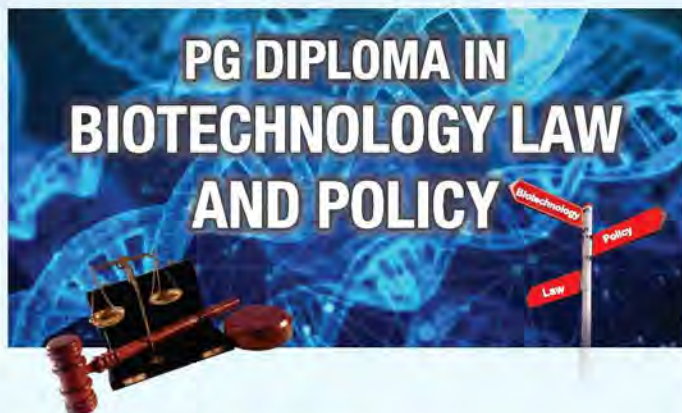
Professor Sandeepa Bhat highlighted that the surrogacy industry in India was estimated to be worth \$2.5 billion in

2012. He emphasised the necessity of a comprehensive law to regulate and govern commercial surrogacy practices rather than banning commercial surrogacy, which the present Act does.

Dr Nayana Patel expressed concerns regarding the discriminatory nature of the Surrogacy Act. For instance, the Act permits infertile couples and widowed or divorced single women to opt for surrogacy. But it excludes single men, single and never-married women, live-in couples, LGBTQ individuals, and transgender people from the opportunity to have a surrogate baby. She also questioned the fairness of denying the right to parenthood based on sexual orientation.

Courses for Researchers

Research and Development Cell offered (1) a one-credit course on Research Methodology and (2) a course on Research and Publication Ethics for PhD Programme during the semester.



Programme Highlights

- Only Interdisciplinary Programme in India focusing on Interplay between Biotechnology Law & Policy
- Comprehensive, Industry-ready Curriculum
- One-Year, weekend Programme
- Strong Pedigree: GNLU and GSBTM
- Expert Faculty from GNLU, Government & Industry including global experts
- Remote Access to GNLU Library Resources

Course Package

Semester I

- Indian Legal System: A Primer
- Science of Biotechnology
- Regulation of Biotechnology
- Biotechnology and Intellectual Property Rights

Semester II

- Biotechnology and Human Rights
- Biotechnology and Environmental Law
- Biotechnology and International Trade Law
- Dissertation

Eligibility Criteria: Bachelor's Degree or equivalent

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- Expert Faculty from GNLU, Government & Industry including global experts
- Remote Access to GNLU Library Resources
- One-Year, weekend Programme

Course Package

Semester I

- Indian Legal System: A Primer
- Nature, Origin and Evolution of Intellectual Property
- Law of Patents
- Law of Trademarks and Geographical Indications

Semester II

- Law of Copyright and Industrial Designs
- IPR and Biotechnology, Plant Varieties, Traditional Knowledge and Traditional Cultural Expressions
- IPR: Valuation, Management, Litigation and Dispute Resolution
- Dissertation

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Alumni Reunion



Second Batch (2005-10): 21 January 2023



Third Batch (2006-11): 18 February 2023

Alums from the second and third batches turned up in large numbers for their batch reunion on the GNLU campus. They met each other, interacted with current students, faculty and staff and participated in football, volleyball and Cricket matches. They also visited GNLU's old campus and reminisced about five years of their GNLU life.

Under the "Meet & Greet" series, some alums interacted with students in small groups about career options in litigation, mediation, judiciary, corporate law firms, In-house practice, and intellectual property domain.

Students organised a cultural programme in the evening where students and alums performed.

Republic Day celebrations

Monumental flag mast, tallest in Gandhinagar, installed at GNLU



GNLU's Visitor Mr Justice M. R. Shah inaugurated the newly-installed monumental 30.5 metre-high flag mast with a 20'x30' national flag and unfurled the national flag. Students gave cultural performances.

Alumni

Two GNLU Alums cleared UPSC Civil Services Examination



Two distinguished GNLU alums, Kritika Goyal (2014-19) and Shivansh Agarwal (2013-18), demonstrated exceptional brilliance by securing impressive All India Ranks (AIR) 14 and 337, respectively, in the coveted Union Public Service Commission (UPSC) Civil Services examination 2022.

It is noteworthy to mention here that earlier in 2020, three alums, Vasu Jain (2013-18), Nirja Shah (2013-18) and Saisha Raj Oke (2011-16) cleared the coveted examination with AIR 67, 213 and 228, respectively.

Two more alums set to enter Madhya Pradesh Judiciary

Rahul Singh Meena and Yash Abidra cleared the Madhya Pradesh Civil Judge Examination 2021. They will now join the list of more than 100 other GNLU alums functioning in the judiciary of 16 states, with Gujarat Judiciary (approximately thirty-five) and Rajasthan Judiciary (about thirty) leading the way. Notably, in 2019, an impressive 16 GNLU alums concurrently cleared the competitive examination for Rajasthan Judicial Services. Moreover, in the past year (2022) alone, 15 GNLU alums were selected for appointments in the judiciary of four states: Gujarat, Rajasthan, Haryana, and Bihar.



Rahul Singh Meena
(2013-18)



Yash Abidra
(2015-20)

GNLU alum-promoted Cleaneo gets Rs.30 Lakh in convertibles



Cleaneo (Cleaneoapp Technologies India Pvt Ltd), promoted by Vaibhav Raj Pandey (MBA 2018-20), has received INR 30 Lakhs in the form of Convertibles from Karnavati Incubation and Innovation Foundation under the Startup India Seed Fund Scheme of the Government of India's Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT). Cleaneo was also selected at the IIC, PDEU, for INR 10 Lakhs as a grant under the same scheme.

Cleaneo is a laundry aggregator platform. It allows customers in Gandhinagar and Ahmedabad to schedule laundry services with local laundry vendors through a website and mobile application.

Abhinaba Goes to Cambridge



Abhinaba Sarkar (2016-21) has been chosen to attend the Cambridge Security Initiative's Intelligence and International Security Programme as a part of its 2023 cohort, of which he will be the only Indian member.

At the programme, he will present his research titled "*The Effect of International Security Dynamics on India's History of Security Cooperation and Intelligence Liaison.*"

The programme is a six-week annual gathering of the best and brightest doyens of theoretical and applied intelligence studies, including former cabinet ministers, intelligence services chiefs, generals and admirals, civil servants, diplomats, professors and an occasional award-winning journalist. It is jointly organised by faculty from the Department of War Studies, King's College London and Magdalene College, Cambridge University.

Abhinaba is a postgraduate student at Leiden University (The Netherlands) at its Faculty of Governance and Global Affairs, specialising in Intelligence and National Security Studies.

Book Launch of two PhD Alums



"GeoPolitics—Decoding Intents, Narratives, Lies and Future," a book co-authored by Dr Ankit Shah (PhD 2022), was launched by Shri Ram Madhav, President of India Foundation, at the Constitution Club of India, New Delhi on 16 May 2023.

Ankit says the book is a truth bomb demolishing all pre-set perspectives on global politics and economics. It is a surprise how the literature justifies with a clear timeline of a chain of events happening worldwide since 2014 towards the effect of De-Dollarisation=De-colonisation = De-radicalisation=De-communism=Demissionarisation. The Hindi version of the book will be published soon.

Vineet makes to Forbes India Legal Powerlist

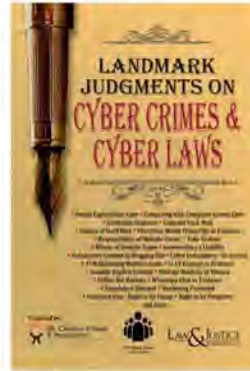


Vineet Gupta (2005-10) has been listed in the Forbes India Legal Powerlist 2022 amongst Top Individual Lawyers in India. Vineet is a Partner at Indian Law Partners, Advocates and Solicitors.

Vedant Joins Gujarat HC Bar



Vedant Avadhoot Sumant (2017-2022) has joined the office of Advocate G. H. Virk, practising in the High Court of Gujarat. His articles are being published in the Kartavya Path Blog Series, a Government of India initiative in furtherance of the Amritkal Mohotsav - 75 years of Independence. The website (<https://www.kartavyablogs.in>) was launched by Paytm Founder and CEO Mr Vijay Shekhar Sharma on 26 June. Vedant is also a GLASS Scholar.



Kalpesh Kumar Gupta (PhD 2017)-initiative Pro Bono India, published a book, *Landmark Judgements on Cyber Crimes and Cyber Laws*.

To encourage GNLU students to undertake pro bono work right from their student days, Kalpesh-led Pro Bono India announced three awards (Rs.5,000, 3,000 and 2,000) for GNLU students for pro bono work.

Given his extraordinary work in legal aid and awareness initiatives, Kalpesh has been invited to serve on the Board of Advisors for the Centre for Legal Aid and Community Engagement, School of Law, RV University.

Faiz Judge the Best Coach



Faiz Ansari (LLM 2018-19) was adjudicated as the Best Coach of the 1st International Moot Court Competition on Mediation in International Law and Maritime Law organised by IBRAMAC-IUCEA, Brazil/Italy and PEACE-NMD in February 2023. Faiz coached the Parul University team, which emerged as the competition's winner. The team also won the Best Memorial, Best Mooter, Second Best Mooter and Best Researcher awards.

Rohin Bhatt



Rohin Bhatt (he/they) (2016-21), a lawyer and bioethicist, interacted with GNLU students about the future roadmap for students from an alum perspective. Rohin obtained his Master of Bioethics from Harvard Medical School in 2022.

Arayan spends a Semester in the US on Global UGRAD Exchange Programme



Arayan Khare (2020-25) spent one semester (Jan-May 2023) at North Central College, Naperville, Illinois, as a Global Undergraduate Exchange Program (Global UGRAD) Participant, where he interacted with students from more than 70 nations.

As a part of this program, he also attended a cultural enrichment program in Washington D.C., and participated in a community service trip to New Orleans. He was honoured to be on the Dean's List with a GPA of 3.67/4.00.

Funded by the U.S. Department of State, the Global UGRAD brings future leaders to the United States to experience U.S. higher education, gain critical professional skills, and explore new cultures and values.

GNLU Silvassa Campus

Empowering Local Talents: GNLU's Endeavor to Foster Legal Careers



GNLU is making significant strides to bolster legal education in DNHDD union territory and empower local talents. Spearheading this endeavour, GNLU Director, Prof (Dr) S. Shanthakumar, had a pivotal meeting with local school Principals, English teachers and Education Department officers. He sought their support in creating awareness among students about the vast opportunities that a career in law offers and encouraging them to take the Common Law Admission Test to benefit from the 25 per cent reservation for UT-domicile students.



GNLU Silvassa Campus Workshop on New Labour Codes



Dignitaries at inaugural (L to R) Shri Ajit Yadav, President of Dadra and Nagar Haveli Industry Association; Dr Asha Verma, Assistant Professor, GNLU; GNLU Director Prof (Dr) S. Shanthakumar; DNH Collector Ms Bhanu Prabha, IAS; Dr Onkar Sharma, Dy. Chief Labour Commissioner, Govt of India; GNLU Registrar Dr Jagadessh Cahndra; and Shri Atul Shah, President of Silvassa Industry and Manufacturers Association.

Gujarat National Law University Silvassa Campus, in collaboration with the Union Territory Administration of Dadra and Nagar Haveli, Daman and Diu (Department of Labour and Employment), organised a two-day workshop on New Labour Codes on 6 and 7 February 2023.

The workshop was a resounding success with over 100 participants, including industrialists, entrepreneurs, HR professionals, & IR professionals, primarily from the UT.

Launch of the GNLU Centre for Labour Laws

On the sidelines of the workshop, GNLU Director Prof (Dr) Shanthakumar launched the GNLU Centre for Labour Laws, a new Centre of Excellence dedicated to focused research in labour laws in India. Dr Asha Verma, an expert in labour laws, has been appointed as the first head of the new centre, bringing her expertise and leadership to drive impactful research in labour laws.

GNLU hosts CLAT Consortium Meeting at Diu, GNLU Director elected Convenor of CLAT 2024



GNLU had the honour of hosting the general body meeting of the Common Law Admission Test (CLAT) Consortium at Diu on 31st January. This meeting saw the participation of Vice-chancellors from 23 member-National Law Universities (NLUs), and elected Prof (Dr) S. Shanthakumar, Director of GNLU, the Convenor of CLAT

2024. As the Convenor, he will shoulder the responsibility of organising and conducting CLAT 2024. The event was not solely focused on administrative matters, as the visiting Vice-chancellors were treated to a delightful cultural programme by child artists from Bal Bhavan, Diu.

Moot Achievers

International Moots

1ST UWSL INTERNATIONAL MOOT COURT COMPETITION, 2023



CITATION: BEST MEMORIAL

Rishabh Mehta, Snigdha Ghose & Shaumya Tibrewala
(2022-27)

8TH IBA ICC MOOT COURT COMPETITION, 2023 (INTERNATIONAL ROUNDS)



International Rounds : Quarter - Finalists India Rounds : Second Runners Up

Mahak Agarwal (2020-25), Ann Sarasa K R (2020-25),
Ankit Raghunath (2020-25), Vinayak Malhotra (2021-26) &
Shaswat Kashyap (2021-26)

64th Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition 2023



Ananya Mohapatra
(2019-24)



Keshav Somani
(2018-23)



Raghav Makkar
(2018-23)



Sidharth B. Pai
(2019-24)



Varun Gandhi
(2018-23)

**International Rounds : Top 32, Keshav Somani : 24th Best Speaker
Indian Qualifying Rounds : Semi-Finalists, Keshav Somani: 2nd Best Speaker**

20TH ANNUAL OXFORD INTERNATIONAL INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY MOOT



Yashvardhan
(2020-25)



Sarvagya Chitranshi
(2020-25)



Sahil Kripalani
(2021-26)

Finished in the Top 14 Teams

20TH CIETAC INTERNATIONAL COMMERCIAL MOOT COMPETITION, 2022



Shikhar Nigam
(2018-23)

Appointed as Arbitrator to Judge these Pre-Moots:

Vietnam Pre-Moot, 2023
XI Rio Pre-Moot, 2023
3rd Bodenheimer Pre-Moot
13th Moscow Pre-Moot 2023
V Lisbon Vis Pre-Moot 2023

National Moots

2nd CNLU Cyber Law National Moot Court Competition, 2023



Best Team (Winners)

Raj Vinay Shukla (2020-25),
Nikita Singh (2021-26) &
Varunesh Renganathan (2021-26)

7TH NATIONAL MOOT COURT COMPETITION LAW COLLEGE, UTTARANCHAL UNIVERSITY



Hetvi Dholakiya
(2022-27)



Harshal Chhabra
(2022-27)



Dipti Pal
(2022-27)

CITATION: QUARTER-FINALISTS

5th Surana & Surana and UILS National Environment Law Moot Competition, 2023



Nidhi Rayudu , 2022-27

4th Best Student Advocate

13TH GEETA INSTITUTE OF LAW MOOT COURT COMPETITION, 2023



Arihant Sethia
(2022-27)



Malhar Tamaal Roy
(2022-27)



Anurag Gautam
(2022-27)

BEST MEMORIAL

XII ILNU Antitrust Moot Court Competition, 2023



Ayush Gorana
(2020-25)



Aishana
(2021-26)



Mahika Suri
(2021-26)

Quarter-Finalists

4TH WILDLIFE PROTECTION GOVERNMENT LAW COLLEGE NATIONAL MOOT COURT COMPETITION



Kushagra Gupta
(2020-25)



Pradhyumn Charan
(2021-26)



Ketaki Thakur
(2021-26)

SEMI-FINALISTS

GNLU students go to reputed universities, some with scholarships

Master's Distinction Scholarship for Samriddhi for LLM at Central European University



Samriddhi Chatterjee (2017-22) will be studying LLM with a specialisation in Human Rights Law at the Central European University, Vienna and has been conferred with the Master's Distinction Scholarship for the same. Apart from this, she has also received acceptance from six other Universities.



Chaitanya M Hegde (2017-22) will pursue MSc in Criminal Justice Policy at the London School of Economics and Political Science, United Kingdom.



Karan Ahluwalia has acceptance from the University of Toronto, Canada and University of British Columbia, Canada. He is seeking deferral in both universities, and will decide on one of them next year. In the meantime, he has joined Cyril Amarchand Mangaldas on a PPO.

Dev secures admission to NLU Delhi's PhD Programme with PFRDA Fellowship



Dev Dhar Dubey (LLM 2022-23) secured admission to the prestigious PhD programme at the National Law University Delhi with the esteemed Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority of India (PFRDA) fellowship.



Sannidhi Buch (2017-22) will be pursuing MSc in Criminal Justice Policy at the London School of Economics and Political Science from September 2023. She also had an offer from the University of Edinburgh for an MSc in Criminology, but she has opted for the LSE.



Tanvi Rahim (2017-22) will pursue LLM in Environmental Law and Policy at University College London. She also had offers from University of Edinburgh (LLM in Global Environment and Climate Change Law), and University of Melbourne (Master of Environmental Law).

"Undue Influence": Making Waves with Melodies!



Kartik Chavan (GMU, 2022-24), Karthikeya Chamola (GNLU, 2018-23), Marisha Dube (GNLU, 2020-25), Kushal Parekh (GMU, 2022-24), Shrey Goyal (GNLU, 2021-26), Chaitanya (GNLU, 2022-27)

With a harmonious blend of passion and dedication, musical ensemble "Undue Influence," triumphed in five festivals and secured their position in eight competitions. Here are the highlights:

Harmonious Victories at Blithchron: Undue Influence set the tone for success by securing the 1st Prize

in both the Individual/Duet category and the fiercely contested Battle of Bands at the prestigious Blithchron event hosted by the IIT, Gandhinagar.

Instrumental Excellence at NH65: The ensemble's musical brilliance shone brightly at the NLU Jodhpur's NH65 event, where they clinched the 1st Prize in the Instrumental Competition, showcasing their instrumental prowess and artistic finesse.

Triumph at Pentagram and Ashwamedha: Their journey of triumph continued at their own institution, GNLU, where they clinched the top honour in the Battle of Bands at Pentagram. The melody of success resonated further at Nirma University's Ashwamedha, where they clinched yet another 1st Prize in the Battle of Bands category.

Striking a Chord at NH65 and Chaos: Undue Influence's harmonious endeavors extended to the competitive stage of NLU, Jodhpur's NH65 event, where they secured the 2nd Prize in the Battle of Bands. Their melodious journey concluded on a triumphant note at the IIM Ahmedabad's Chaos event, where they claimed the 3rd Prize in the Battle of Bands category.

Resonating Rhythms in Group Singing: Undue Influence's versatile talents were further on display at the NH65 event at NLU Jodhpur, where they secured the 3rd Prize in the Group Singing Competition.

Undue Influence has proven that when passion meets melody, the result is an extraordinary symphony of success.

25 GNLU students cleared UGC-NET, Three of them also qualified for Junior Research Fellowship

UGC NET with Junior Research Fellowship

UGC NET and Rajasthan State Eligibility Test



Ayushi Verma
LLM 2022-23



Dev Dhar Dubey
LLM 2022-23



Saumya Rao
PhD Scholar 2020



Deepak Choudhary
LLM 2022-23



Kinjal Bagdi
LLM 2022-23

UGC NET



Adarsh Parmar
LLM 2022-23



Aman Pandey
LLM 2022-23



Gaurav Prakash
LLM 2022-23



Kunal Kishore
LLM 2022-23



Muskan Gangwar
LLM 2022-23



Nishant Baswal
LLM 2022-23



Pankaj Balwan
LLM 2022-23



Princess Kalyani
LLM 2022-23



Rakesh Raushan
LLM 2022-23



Ravita
LLM 2022-23



Shebi Keshari
LLM 2022-23



Shekhar
LLM 2022-23



Shreya Chauhan
LLM 2022-23



Somya Goyal
LLM 2022-23



Sourav Kumar
LLM 2022-23



Tanmayee Londhe
LLM 2022-23



Utkarsh Singh
LLM 2022-23



Vaishali Yadav
LLM 2022-23



Vedant
LLM 2022-23



Vikas Gangwar
LLM 2022-23

Twenty-five students of GNLU's doctoral and LLM programmes cleared the University Grant Commission's National Eligibility Test (UGC-NET) conducted in December 2022 and June 2023. They are now eligible for appointment as Assistant Professors in Indian universities and colleges, including National Law Universities. Three of them also qualified for the Junior Research Fellowship, which entitles them to financial support for a maximum period of five years upon registering for a PhD or MPhil programme. Two of them also cleared the Rajasthan State Eligibility Test.

Awards and Honours

Alay elected Chairman of Company Secretaries body



Alay Vasavada (PhD Scholar) is a Company Secretary by profession and has been elected as a Chairman of the Ahmedabad Chapter of Western India Regional Council of the Institute of Company Secretaries of India for a one-year term from 19 January 2023. Earlier, he won two successive elections (2018-22 and 2022-26) as a Managing

Committee Member of the Ahmedabad Chapter, the biggest in Gujarat with more than 2200 members.

Kaksha Crisis Fellowship for Debargha



Debargha Roy (2019-24) received the Kaksha Crisis Fellowship under Youth Ki Awaaz and Malala Fund. As a part of the Fellowship, Debargha is working to improve access to education for girl children in Northeast India by advocating for the effective implementation of the Right to Education Act 2009. He has organised community outreach programmes on girl child education, reaching out to 300 families in rural Assam.

Winners of Article Writing Competition



Govinda Asawa and Mansi Subramaniam of the 2020-2025 batch emerged winners of the 7th Pranita Mehta Memorial Article Writing Competition, 2023, organised by the Corporate Law Society of National Law University, Jodhpur. Their article, *Fractional Share Investing in India: A Step in the Right Direction?*, will be published in NLU Jodhpur's Corporate Law and Governance Journal.

Best Research Paper Prize



Anjali A.R. (2019-24) and Pritika Negi (2019-24) won the first prize for the Best Research Paper and Presentation in the XI Edition Of the International Students Conference on International Humanitarian Law and Refugee Law organised by the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees and Nirma University, for their paper "Age of Automation: Governance under IHL."

GNLU students attend the prestigious HSF-Oxford International Lecture Programme



From left to right: Bhoomika Gupta, Sanigdh Budhia, Govinda Asawa, Shreya Gupta, Anushka Juneja

Five 2020-25 batch students attended the prestigious HSF-Oxford International Lecture Programme 2023. The five-day programme was held at National Law University, Jodhpur, with Mr Chris Parsons, HSF India Practice Head and Mr Timothy Endiott, Vinerian Professor of English Law at the University of Oxford, as resource persons.

Paper Presentation on RTE Act



Harshit Singh and Aaryan Dwivedi were the second runners-up at the paper presentation and discussion series on implementing the RTE Act, 2009, organised by the Legal Aid and Awareness Committee, NLU Jodhpur. Their presentation pertained to the RTE Act implementation status in the schools of Gandhinagar and Ahmedabad.

Aditya Birla Scholarships



Abirami
Ramachandran
BBA LLB



Rishabh Mehta
BBA LLB



Samyuktha N
BA LLB

Three students of the 2022-27 batch have been awarded the prestigious Aditya Birla Scholarship.

As Aditya Birla Scholars, they will get a scholarship of Rs.1,80,000 every year for five years, subject to continued excellent performance on the academic and leadership front.

The Aditya Birla Scholarships are awarded to students who show academic and co-curricular excellence and have a passion and drive to change the world for the better.

Career Advancement



Megha Soni, a full-time PhD scholar, cleared Rajasthan Public service Commission's examination to recruit Assistant Professors. She is posted as an Assistant Professor at the Govt P.G. Law College, Bharatpur. Megha will continue her PhD at GNLU as a part-time scholar.



Vachsi Shah (LLM 2022-23) has joined HDFC ERGO as Deputy Manager, Legal in Mumbai office from 15 June 2023.



Rakesh Raushan(LLM 2022-23) has secured a Management Trainee (Legal) position at RKC Infrabuilt Pvt. Ltd., Ahmedabad.



Ms Akshatha Paranjyothi Kumar (PhD Scholar) wrote a chapter titled *Panchayath Raj Institutions and Women Empowerment* for the book *Women in Political Institutional System* published by Leader Press, Bengaluru in 2023 bearing ISBN No: 978-93-93395-05-4.



Ravita (LLM 2022-23) cleared the UPSC Assistant Public Prosecutor examination and is currently posted in Delhi. She has also qualified in the UGC NET.



Somya Goyal (LLM 2022-23) has been appointed as an Assistant professor (Law) at the Global college of Law, Delhi NCR.

She participated and presented a paper titled *Impact of COVID 19 on Child Marriage* in the two day National Conference on Economic Growth and Trajectory of Health Care in India-Assessing Future Prospects, and Effective Policy Interventions at St. Joseph's University, Bengaluru.

She also participated and presented a paper on '*Gender and Sex: Identity Issues- With Special Reference to Child Marriage*' in the National Conference on Susceptibility of Indian Women: Building Equity Through Innovation For A Sustainable Tomorrow organized by University school of Law and Legal Studies at GGSIP University, New Delhi.



Dev Shroff (2021-26) won the Men's Table Tennis and Mixed Table Tennis events of GNLU's Justice League. (Teammates: Modit Mendiratta, Abhijeet Shekhawat, Rohan Jha and Radhapriya Goel).

He also won the Table Tennis events at the National Institute of Fashion Technology, Gandhinagar's Annual Fest, Spectrum 2023, and the Nirma University's Annual Fest, Ashwamedha 2023.

Dev Shroff and Jahnavi Bhuptani(2021-26) presented a paper titled "*Capital Punishment in Constitutional Law*" at a conference organised by Navrachana University and stood in the top 10 (merit).

Honouring the Journey: A Memorable Farewell to the Graduating Class of 2023



Sports

GNLU Cricket League



More than 100 players participated in Auction for GNLU Cricket League, and 64 players were selected in 4 teams. War Hawks won the finals against The Thunders.

GNLU Football League



3-time former winners Phoenix defeated Dothraki in the finals to retain the title. Kashish Chaudhary and Mehar Kaur of Dothraki team bagged the best male and female player respectively. Additionally, Kashish also went on to win the top scorer award, with Priyansh Rajput of Phoenix taking the best goalkeeper award home.

GNLU Vollymenaia



The Mentors team won the finals against Team Packum Pack

Radhapriya: A Rising Star in Table Tennis



Radhapriya Goyal (2021-26) has set the table tennis arena ablaze with her remarkable achievements during the winter semester 2023.

In a display of sheer prowess, Radhapriya secured a coveted Bronze Medal in the Women's Doubles event at the UTT 84th Senior National and Inter-State Table Tennis Championships held in Jammu in March 2023. Her outstanding performance not only brought honor to GNLU but also signaled her emergence as a formidable talent in the sport.

Adding to her accolades, Radhapriya has been chosen to represent the Indian University Table Tennis Team in the World University Games scheduled in Chengdu, China, from 28 July to 08 August. Her selection is a testament to her dedication and remarkable skills in table tennis.

Radhapriya's journey to excellence continued as she clinched the Gold Medal in Women's Singles at the fiercely competitive Open Gujarat State Ranking Table Tennis Tournament 2023 in Rajkot from 30 May to 02 June.

Notably, Radhapriya currently holds an impressive ranking of 19 among India's top female Table Tennis players, a testament to her consistent performance and dedication to the sport.

In summary, Radhapriya Goyal's journey in table tennis is nothing short of inspiring. Her achievements reflect not only her exceptional talent but also the unwavering support and encouragement she receives from GNLU. We have every reason to believe that Radhapriya is destined for even greater heights in the world of table tennis.

Justice League: Jindal Global University emerged as the Champion and host GNLU came second.

The 7th edition of GNLU's annual sports fest, "Justice League", held after a two-year hiatus induced by the Covid-19 pandemic, saw massive participation. More than 1200 student-athletes representing 35+ universities and institutions participated in 28 sporting events for boys and girls both.

The contingent from Jindal Global University emerged as the Champion, while the host institution, Gujarat National Law University, was declared the "Runners Up".

Faculty



Dr R K Singh
Professor of Law

1. Presented a paper on "*Employing Artificial Intelligence in the Interpretation of Contracts: A Legal Analysis*" at International Conference on Artificial Intelligence and Law conducted by the Centre for Business Laws and Taxation at Rajiv Gandhi National University of Law, Patiala, 11 Nov.
2. Was a resource person and contributed an article on "*Fostering Indigenisation vis-à-vis Defence Procurement Policy of India: A Legal Perspective*" at the International Conference on 'Self-Reliance in Trade and Development: Re-Defining the Contours of Law and Policy' conducted by the CEERA, NLSIU-ICSSR project on Atma-Nirbhar Bharat, at the National Law School of India University, Bengaluru, 20-21 January.
3. Presented a paper on "*Are Smart Contracts Really Smart? Decrypting the Issues of their Legality, Enforcement and Interpretation*" at National Conference on 'Emerging Trends in Trade, Technology and Law' conducted by LJ School of Law, Ahmedabad on 22-23 February.



Dr Apoorva Patel
Assistant Professor of Social Work

1. Presented a paper titled '*Case Study Analysis of Social Entrepreneurial Initiatives in BRICS: A Step Towards Growth and Sustainability of Livelihoods in the BRICS Nations*' in the 2nd Research Conference on BRICS 2023 on "Growth and Sustainability of Livelihoods in the BRICS Countries: Knowledge Sharing in Social Justice, Governance and Multilateralism" organised by the Durban University of Technology, South Africa and University of Kota, Rajasthan, 13-15 Feb.
2. Nominated to the honorary position of State President, Gujarat Social Entrepreneurship Council of the Women's Indian Chamber of Commerce and Industry.



Dr K. Parameswaran
Professor of Law

Was invited by the Indian Institute of Management, Rohtak to teach a full term course on "Philosophy" in the integrated programme of Law and Management. He taught both Eastern and Western philosophical traditions in this course.



Dr A. N. Rao
Assistant Professor of Social Work

Appointed as a Research Council Member at Indian Institute of Teacher Education, Gandhinagar.



Ms Pratikalpa Sharma
Assistant Professor of Research

1. Participated as a speaker in the panel discussion of "*Knowledge Workshop on Prospects in Deep Sea Mining*", jointly organised by the Ministry of Earth Sciences (MoES), FICCI and the National Institute of Ocean Technology (NIOT), Chennai, on 27 January 2023 at NIOT Chennai
2. Participated as a speaker in Open House Discussion on *Human Rights of Indian Seafarers* organised by the National Human Rights Commission on 22 February 2023
3. Participated in the discussion of "India-Norway Sustainability Forum" organised by FICCI in collaboration with the Embassy of Norway on 9 February 2023 at the Embassy of Norway, New Delhi
4. Was invited for discussion on "*World Ocean Day celebration- Advancement of Deep Sea Research and the contribution of Women Scientists*" organised by the International Seabed Authority on 8 June 2023

Pentagram: The Annual Cultural Festival

CosPlay

Traditional Day



Mismatch

Bollywood Night



Model United Nations Conference

Fifth and Seventh-grade, Teach for India students, won the Best Novice Delegate Award



The Model United Nations Conference 2023, organised by GNLU's Model United Nations Society, saw participation from more than 50 students from various colleges and universities nationwide, including MNLU Nagpur, Christ University Bangalore, and Government Law College, Ernakulum.

The United Nations Security Council discussed potential structural reforms within the UNSC. United Nations Economic and Social Council addressed the possibility of a global economic recession in the context of the Ukraine conflict and the ensuing energy crisis. The United Nations

General Assembly Special Political and Decolonization Committee discussed the status of Non-Self Governing Territories.

Besides the award for the Best Delegate, high Commendation and special mention, the GNLU MUN recently introduced the Novice or Promising Delegate award. Teach for India students from Ahmedabad, Yukt Khetan (5th Grade) and Sarah Jodhpur (7th Grade), won the Best Novice Delegate Award for overcoming their lack of experience and demonstrating their potential as a diplomat.

GNLU Wellness Initiative Cell

Unleashing Creativity, Cultivating Wellness: Therapeutic Pottery Workshop



GNLU Wellness Initiative Cell nurtured well-being and artistic expression through a captivating four-day Pottery Workshop. Participants immersed themselves in the therapeutic art, finding solace, relieving stress, enhancing focus, and fostering an optimistic outlook, ultimately enhancing their overall quality of life.



International Yoga Day Celebrations

Poster Making Competition

Faculty & Staff



First Prize
Harsha Rajwanshi



Second Prize
Soaham Bajpai



Third prize
Anshu Gupta

Students



First Prize
Riya Meena



Second Prize
Priyanshi Garg



Third Prize
Heeya Sharma



GNLU organised a fortnight-long celebration of International Yoga Day 2023 as Yoga Pakhwada from 7 to 21 June.

The Yoga Pakhwada activities included a book exhibition, a Yogasana Competition, a Quiz Competition, Poster Making Competition, an Essay Competition, a Mass Soorya Namaskar and a Yoga training camp at Sarvodaya Vidhyalaya, Raysan.



GNLU Centre for Environmental Law, Sustainable Development and Climate Change

International Conference on Climate Justice and Sustainable Environment 2023



Gujarat National Law University and Gujarat Maritime University organised an International Conference on Climate Justice and Sustainable Environment on 23-24 April. The Conference addressed the pressing global issues of climate justice and environmental sustainability.

Renowned experts in the field, including Mr Justice Sandeep Mehta (Chief Justice, Gauhati High Court), Mr Justice Niraj R. Mehta (Judge, High Court of Gujarat), Prof (Dr) S. Shanthakumar (Director, GNLU), Prof (Dr) Ranbir Singh (Former Vice-Chancellor, National Law University, Delhi), Prof (Dr) Nishtha Jaswal (Vice-Chancellor, Himachal Pradesh National Law University), Prof (Dr) Paramjit S. Jaswal (Vice-Chancellor, SRM University, Delhi NCR), Shri R. K. Sugoor, IFS (Director, Gujarat Ecological Education and Research Foundation, Gandhinagar), graced the inaugural session that focused

on accomplishing the lifestyle of environment by impacting individual behaviour, promoting co-creativity and leveraging from local cultures.

The conference provided a platform for scholars and experts to share their research and insights on critical environmental issues, ranging from climate change and global warming to wildlife conservation and sustainable development goals. The presentations and discussions underscored the urgency of the situation and the need for collective action.

The closing ceremony, presided over by Hon'ble Justice (Dr) Kaushal Thakur, Judge of the High Court of Allahabad, served as a reminder of the critical role that the legal system and government institutions can play in promoting environmental protection and sustainability.



GNLU Centre for Law and Economics

International Conference on Economic Analysis of Law, Governance and Public Policy



The 6th edition of the International Conference on Economic Analysis of Law, Governance and Public Policy was organised on the 18 & 19 March.

The highlight of the conference was a plenary session on “*Gambling for Redemption or Ripoff, and the impact of superiority*” by a Noble Laureate Prof (Dr) Philip H. Dybvig, winner of the 2022 Sveriges Riksbank Prize in Economic Sciences in Memory of Alfred Nobel. The conference also saw participation from many other international experts in law and economics.

Gujarat High Court Judge, Justice Biren Vaishnav; Gujarat State Election Commissioner Shri Sanjay Prasad, and Padma Shri recipient & Former Secretary General of the 15th Lok Sabha, Dr T.K Vishwanathan, graced the

inaugural session. At the same time, Prof (Dr) Stephanus Van Zyl presided over the valedictory ceremony.



Prof Philip H. Dybvig

The inauguration ceremony also marked the launch of two books, both edited by Prof (Dr) Ranita Nagar and Dr Hitesh Thakkar: *Economic Analysis of Law and Governance*, published by EBC Reader, and *Indian Yearbook of Law and Interdisciplinary Studies*, published by Taylor and Francis.

As a part of the conference, a panel discussion, *Examining the practical challenges associated with the Corporate Insolvency Resolution Process, with emphasis on workable solutions*, was organised. Mr Sudhaker Shukla, Full Time Member of the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India, was one of the panellists in this panel discussion.

GNLU Centre for Business & Public Policy

International Conference on Business, Law, and Public Policy



The second edition of the International Conference on Business, Law, and Public Policy saw over 100 participants and presentation of 50+ research papers.

The conference discussed contemporary business, law and public policy issues, such as the security market regulation, insurance and financial services regulation, banking and finance laws, fin-tech innovations and

regulatory challenges, etc.

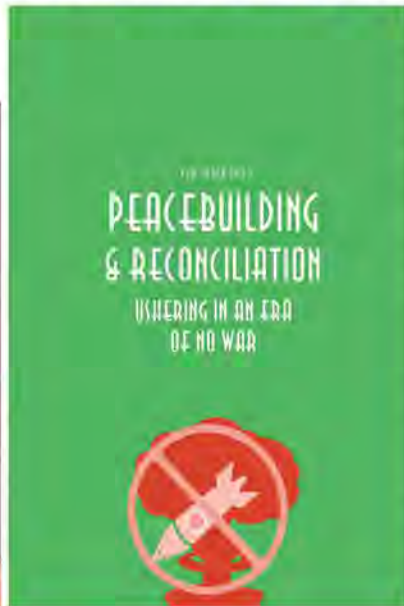
Mr Praveen Trivedi, Executive Director of the International Financial Services Centre Authority, and Mr Vijay Kumar, ITS, Additional Director General of Foreign Trade and Development Commissioner of Gift City, graced the inaugural session while the Principal Advisor

to the Gujarat Chief Minister and the Chairman of Bank of Baroda, Shri Hasmukh Adhia, presided over the valedictory function.

Shri Adhia, the architect of the Goods and Service Tax, which overhauled the country's indirect tax system, gave a detailed presentation of the history and rationale behind the Goods and service Tax.

GNLU Centre for Foreign Policy and Security Studies

Centre contributes to the drafting of the Y20 White Paper on Peacebuilding and Reconciliation: Ushering in an Era of No War



GNLU is recognised as a Knowledge Partner for its contribution to the drafting of the white paper, *Peace building and Reconciliation: Ushering in an Era of No War*, produced by Y20 India, the official Youth Engagement Group of the 2023 G20 Summit, with the support of the G20 Secretariat, the Ministry of External Affairs and the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports.

The white paper shall be tabled before the constituent members of the G20 for their perusal.

Drawing from India's experience of navigating internal and external conflicts, the paper emphasises the need for socio-economic stability and peace-building efforts in preventing wars. Through specific case studies, the paper suggests that the G20 nations can learn from India's experience in making and implementing its socio-economic policies and devising effective peace-building efforts in once-restive regions.

GNLU Centre for Disability Studies

GNLU Centre for Disability Studies organised the 2nd edition of Summer School on Disability Studies from 08 to 14 April 2023.

As a core research methodology course, the workshop aimed to help participants develop an understanding of the connections between epistemology, methodology, application of data analysis techniques, and knowledge production.

GNLU Director, Prof (Dr) S. Shanthakumar, and Prof Anita Ghai (Professor, School Of Human Studies) graced the inaugural session.

Disability Research experts engaged the participants in various aspects of disability research, including Disability Research through Legal Perspectives and Disability activism through research.

GNLU Centre for Law and Technology

Certificate Course on Interplay of Law and Technology

Mr Shashank Mishra and Ms Mitali Daryani, working in the Dispute Resolution practice area of Shardul Amarchand Mangaldas with a focus on Technology, Media and Telecommunications, delivered the certificate course from 17 to 19 March. It covered topics such as Intermediary Liability in AR/VR and Web3; Legal Aspects Related to Emerging Technologies - AR / VR; Privacy in M2M Communication; Legal Aspects Related to M2M Communication, IoT/IoE; Emergence of Disruptive Technologies-AI / NFT; and Laws/Future Policies to Adapt to Emerging Technologies.

GNLU Centre for Alternative Dispute Resolution

Cost-effective Arbitration (in virtual mode) vis-a-vis Fair & Equitable Hearings, Opportunities & Challenges

Shri Ratan Singh, Senior Advocate in the Supreme Court of India and Arbitrator, and International Members, Keating Chambers London, delivered a lecture on "*Cost-effective arbitration (in virtual mode) vis-a-vis fair & equitable hearings, opportunities & challenges*".

Drawing upon his vast experience in litigation and Arbitration, Shri Ratan Singh gave practical tips to students and young advocates for success in arbitration practice. He advised students and young advocates aspiring for arbitration practice to study Rules and guidelines for international Arbitration available on the website of the International Bar Association.

Career in Mediation for Legal Professionals

Ms Mohini Priya, Advocate on Record, Supreme Court of India & Delhi High Court, and a trained Mediator, interacted with students and gave practical guidance on making a career in mediation on 25 May.

GNLU Centre for Intellectual Property Rights

GNLU Centre for IPR was a knowledge partner in two events: The International Conclave on Intellectual Property Rights organised by MarkPatent.ORG, an IP Knowledge Hub; and the IPR Conclave under the theme "IP Yatra" organised by the MSME Development and Facilitation Office, Ahmedabad. IP Yatra is an initiative of Ministry of MSME to improve IP culture in India.

GNLU-Dept for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT) IPR Chair

Sensitisation Programmes cum Workshop on Geographical Indication Literacy



More than 250 participants, including students, scientists, research scholars, incubates, NGO partners and agricultural producers, attended the programme in association with Sardarkrushinagar Dantiwada Agricultural University & SDAU Rural Business Incubation Centre.



One hundred students & faculty members and 30 artisans from nearby villages attended the programme organised in association with Krantiguru Shyamji Krishna Verma Kachchh University on 01 March.

Capacity Building Workshop for GI Artisans of Gujarat: Mata Ni Pachhedi, Pethapur Printing Blocks and Sadeli Artwork



Padma Shri Awardee Shri Bhanubhai Chitara, a torchbearer of the 400-year-old craft of *Mata ni Pachhedi Kalamkari*, participated in the workshop and displayed his art live on the GNLU campus.

Workshop on IP Commercialization



Organised in collaboration with GNLU Centre for Intellectual Property Rights and Cell for IPR Promotion and Management (CIPAM) on 14 March, the workshop had an overwhelming response with 171 participants. The Workshop focused on strategies for protection and promotion of IP rights, Copyright licensing and Patent commercialisation.

World IP Day celebration

DPIIT IPR Chair organised an Art display and live demonstration of Macrame & Handloom weaving products to celebrate the World IP Day.

GNLU Legal Incubation Council Startup Challenge



First Prize

Parkhi Gupta and Saumya Tibrewala
'VISIT' – a website that helps one
explore niche areas only a local would
know.



Second Prize

Mokksha and R RPragnyath
Alpha CUPS: eco-friendly, consumable
and diabetic-friendly cups to serve
beverages.



Third prize

Rishab Mehta and Sanjana Kothari
ReAP Inc., a Research access portal
for lawyers that will minimise their
legal research time

GLIC organised a Startup Challenge for the first-year students of GNLU to provide a platform for young minds to showcase their innovative ideas and mould them into business ideas with appropriate guidance and funding.

As a part of the Start-Up Challenge, GLIC organised an expert session on *Business Model Canvas* by Mr Bhavin Bhagat, Co-founder & CEO at India Biz For Sale, and a "How to Pitch" session by Truxport founder Shane John.

GNLU first-year students presented 15 innovative startup

ideas before an external jury comprising Mr Shantanu Thanvi, Sr. Associate, CII. CO and Mr Hemang Vaidya, Incubation Manager, iCreate.

The winners will get GLIC support for refining and carrying their ideas to market.

On this occasion, Dr Neha Sharma, CEO of Cradle, delivered an interactive session on 'Refining Next Generation Entrepreneurship'.

National Startup Day Celebrated

GLIC organised a "Creativity & Innovation to the Youth of India" seminar to celebrate National Startup Day.

Building a Successful Startup

Mr Vaibhav Raj Pandey, a GNLU alumnus and the founder of Cleaneo, delivered an interactive session and shared his entrepreneurial journey.

GLIC-incubated Truxport emerged among Top-10 at IIT Delhi's Funding Frenzy.

Truxport, a startup founded by GNLU alums, Shane John and Suryansh Singh, and incubated at GLIC, emerged among Top-10 out of 200+ startups at IIT Delhi's Funding Frenzy event on 12 March.

GNLU Centre for Law and Society

Blood Donation Camp

One hundred seventy-nine students and nine faculty and staff members donated their blood in the blood donation camp on 09 February. All donors were explained about Thalassemia, and their Thalassemia testing was done for free. The event broke myths around blood donation and spread awareness about Thalassemia.

Participation of Women in Indian Legal Dispensation

Ms Priya Hingorani, Senior Advocate, Supreme Court of India & Women's Rights Advocate, interacted with students on "Participation of Women in Indian Legal Dispensation: Analysing Issues & Challenges" on 28 April.

GCLS Policy Brief selected at Think20, an official engagement group of the G20

Policy Brief, titled "Promotion of Entrepreneurship and allied fields to increase female labour force participation across G20 nations" submitted by GCLS has been selected at Think20, an official Engagement Group of the G20, which offers policy recommendations to the G20 leaders in the form of Policy Briefs.

Collaboration with the Internet Freedom Foundation

GCLS collaborated with The Internet Freedom Foundation, an Indian digital liberties organisation, ensuring that technology respects fundamental rights and that Indian citizens can use the Internet with liberties guaranteed by the Constitution. In furtherance of the same, GCLS invites student researchers to research on (1) Privacy of digital devices during search and seizures as part of any investigation and (2) Law on Encryption in India and abroad.

GNLU Centre for Research in Criminal Justice Sciences

Courts Of Justice: Temples Of Equity, Justice Gita Gopi



Hon'ble Ms Justice Gita Gopi, the Gujarat High Court sitting judge addressed the students on the judicial perspective on bail jurisprudence, the quashing Of FIRs and the role of young lawyers in litigation.

International Day of Zero Tolerance for Female Genital Mutilation

Symbiosis Law School's Director, Dr Shashikala Gulpur; and Gynecologist and High-risk Pregnancy Expert, Dr Cecil Kanuga, participated in the panel discussion on Female Genital Mutilation (FGM) to mark the International Day of Zero Tolerance for Female Genital Mutilation.

Dr Shashikala Gulpur said Female genital mutilation (FGM) is a universal problem, although primarily concentrated in 30 countries in Africa and the Middle East, and is practised in some countries in Asia and Latin America. As per official records, there are no recorded FGM cases in India though the possibility of FGM practice on a small scale in specific communities cannot be ruled out.

Dr Cecil Kanuga said FGM constitutes an extreme form of discrimination against girls and women, and is recognised internationally as a violation of their human rights.

Senior Advocate Ms Rebecca John: Empowering Women in the Justice System

On the eve of International Women's Day, Ms Rebecca John, Senior Advocate, held an interactive session on Empowering Women in the Justice System.

Ms Rebecca John, one of India's leading lawyers in criminal law litigation, said Indian society is a deeply patriarchal society. There is an intrinsic bias against women lawyers. Challenges are grave and many. But you are who you are. You don't have to emulate the journey of male advocates. Do not let your male counterpart define success for you. You define your own success and chart your own path. Understand the case, understand the law, and argue confidently. Give your best to your client and the court, and you will succeed.

World Health Day 2023: Suicide is Preventable

Mr Sudhir Mankodi, the coordinator for SAATH Suicide Prevention Centre, addressed the students on "Suicide Prevention" on World Health Day 2023.

Mr Mankodi said the causes of suicide are complex and multifactorial, but stress and mental health disorders, such as depression and anxiety, are among the most common risk factors. Other risk factors include a history of trauma, substance abuse, social isolation, financial stress, and relationship problems.

He added that suicide is complicated and tragic but often preventable. Knowing the warning signs for suicide and how to get help can help save lives.

He concluded by saying that timely intervention could prevent suicide and save precious human lives. We should work to reduce the stigma surrounding mental health and create a supportive and non-judgmental environment where people can openly discuss their mental health and seek help without fear of being judged or ostracised.

Legislative Drafting Competition: Prevention of Drug Abuse in Schools and Institutions of Higher Education

Divyanshi Bajpai of the Indian Institute of Management Rohtak and Shubendra Parmar of the University of Petroleum and Energy Studies emerged as winners. At the same time, Sanya Kashyap and Shruti Mishra of Vivekananda Institute of Professional Studies came second in this competition. Students from law and management institutes across the country participated in this competition.

GNLU Legal Services Committee

GLSC wins an Award



GLSC emerged as Winner in the Symposium on Interlinking of Legal Aid Cell, Legal Service Committee and Legal Service Authority organised by Anand Law College and Anand School of Legal Studies. Aaryan Dwivedi and Shivam Agarwal presented the GLSC annual report at the symposium.

Workshop for Student-volunteers: Consistency, Connectivity and Commitment

Teach for India organised a workshop for GNLU student volunteers who work with Government school students. The workshop focused on detailing tricks and methods that the volunteers can use to make the lessons more impactful and connect with the needs of the students.

GNLU Navinchandra Desai Law Foundation Chair Free of cost Certificate course on Legal Aid and Allied Laws

The third edition of the online certificate course on Legal Aid and Allied Laws emphasised the practical aspects of the Right to Information Act, Public Interest Litigation, Consumer Protection Act, Alternative Dispute Resolution and Rights of the Victim.

The course was offered free of cost and saw a record-breaking 1900+ registrations nationwide against 2300+ registrations for the earlier two editions together.

GNLU Centre for Public and Private International Law GNLU-SIPRI Essay Competition on Disarmament Law

GNLU Centre for Public and Private International Law conducted the GNLU-Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI) International Essay Competition on Disarmament Law with a theme of Contemporary Challenges in Disarmament and Non-proliferation.

Ananya Sahu, from Rajiv Gandhi University of Law, Patiala, Punjab won the first prize for her Essay, *Prioritizing Gender in Non-proliferation and Arms*

GNLU Centre for Sports and Entertainment Laws

Contemporary Legal Issues in the Media and Entertainment Industry

GNLU Centre for Sports and Entertainment Laws and INDUS Law jointly offered a three-day Certificate Course on Contemporary Legal Issues in the Media and Entertainment Industry. The participants had a nuanced

GNLU Annual Legal Services Forum

The fourth edition of the GNLU Annual Legal Services Forum (GALSF) brought together Legal Services Committees and Legal Aid Committees of various National Law Universities and other private law universities nationwide. They discussed the issues of common interest to achieve the common goal of providing free and competent legal services to underprivileged sections of society.

National Law University, Jodhpur, emerged as the winner and Christ University, Bangalore, as the Runner up.

Gujarat High Court Judge, Justice Vipul Pancholi and Senior Advocate Ms Indira Jaising graced the inauguration ceremony while Mr Justice Bhargav Karia, Judge, High Court of Gujarat, presided over the valedictory.

LokManch: A Discourse Series

GNLU alumna Tanvi Singh, a Research Associate at the Centre for Social Justice, addressed the students on *Overcoming Barriers to Access to Justice for Marginalized Communities* on 21 March.

Mr Kamal Singh, Under Secretary, National Legal Services Authority (NALSA), New Delhi, graced the inauguration ceremony as a Chief Guest.

GNLU-Navinchandra Desai Law Foundation Chair, GNLU Pro Bono Club and Pro Bono India organised the course in collaboration With RGNUL Legal Aid Clinic and NFSU Pro Bono Club.

Control through Soft-Law.

Joanna Joshua, Student from Symbiosis Law School, Pune won the second prize for her Essay, *Risks posed by Autonomous Weapons and the need for regulation under IHL.*

Smriti Jaiswal from National Law School of India University, Bangalore won the third prize for her Essay, *IHL: Cyberwarfare (Fair?)*.

understanding of various issues concerning the media and entertainment industry, including films, OTT platforms, and the music industry, from the leading industry practitioners.

GNLU Centre for Women and Child Rights

Women and Child Rights Clinic

Creating Impact and Changing Lives:

Secures admission for 49 EWS Children under RTE Act in Assam



Introduction:

Women and Child Rights Clinic, run by GNLU Centre for Women and Child Rights (GCWCR), played a pivotal role in securing the right to free education for underprivileged children in Assam. Thanks to the efforts of Debargha Roy (2019-24) and Mouli Gopesh (2020-25), Clinic Coordinator and Associate respectively of the Clinic, the Gauhati High Court directed the admission of 49 children from Economically Weaker Sections (EWS) and Disadvantaged Groups for the Academic Year 2023-24 under the Right to Education (RTE) Act.

Background:

The RTE Act came into force in 2010, aiming to provide free education to all children. However, the Assam Government had not issued guidelines for its implementation. Challenging the state's inaction, Debargha filed a PIL (66/2020) before the Gauhati High Court. In response, the High Court issued orders directing the State Government to issue necessary notifications, mandating un-aided educational institutions to comply strictly with Section 12(1)(c) of the Act. Despite these notifications, several institutions refused to admit children for the current academic session (2023-24).

Second PIL and Court's Decision:

In light of the continued denial of admission to eligible children, Debargha, along with We for Guwahati Foundation, where he serves as a Secretary, and others, approached the High Court through another PIL (30 of 2023), wherein the High Court has now directed the State Government to ensure the admission of 49 children from Economically Weaker Sections and Disadvantaged Groups for the Academic Year 2023-24.

Invitation to GNLU Alums:

Collaborate with the Women and Child Rights Clinic

GCWCR is excited to announce its plans to expand the scope of activities nationwide. It aims to safeguard and promote the rights of women and children on a broader scale. In light of this, it invites all GNLU alums to collaborate with the Women and Child Rights Clinic and contribute to this noble cause. If you are interested, please write to cwcr@gnlu.ac.in

Consultation: Inclusion of RTE Act in Law School curriculum as a core subject

The online consultation witnessed the participation of distinguished legal practitioners, legal academicians, and Child Rights Activists, with the esteemed presence of Shri Priyank Kanoongo, Chairperson of the National Commission for Protection of Child Rights (NCPCR), Government of India, who chaired the consultation.

The experts unanimously agreed to represent the Bar Council of India in advocating for the inclusion of the RTE Act as a core subject in the law school curriculum. Additionally, they suggested the possibility of designing a full-credit course on Child Rights, encompassing other child rights laws, such as the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act (POCSO Act), Juvenile Justice Act, Child Marriage Prohibition Act, Child Labour Prohibition Act, etc. Until the approval of the Bar Council of India, universities are encouraged to offer such a course as an elective.

GNLU Director announced the introduction of an elective course on Child Rights, which will be available starting the next academic year.

Certificate Course on Child Rights in India

GCWCR offered an intensive and comprehensive 15-Day Certificate Course on Child Rights in India, from 15 to 30 June 2023. The course was designed recognising the critical need to generate awareness about the multifaceted aspects of child rights in India. By providing participants with an in-depth understanding of the challenges children face, this course aimed to equip them with the necessary knowledge and skills to promote and protect children's rights effectively.

Impact Analysis and Identifying Gaps in the existing laws relating to Women in India

As a part of the research project funded by the Ministry of Women and Child Development, Government of India, GNLU Centre for Women and Child Rights organised online consultation with experts to identify the gaps in the existing laws relating to Women in India on 01 March.

Eminent experts, including Smt. Sujata Singh, former Member Secretary, Uttarakhand State Commission for women and Advocate Audrey D'Mellow, Director, MAJLIS, participated in the consultation.

GNLU Centre for Corporate and Insolvency Law

Certificate Course on Insolvency and Bankruptcy Law:

Special Reference to Corporate Entities

This 35-session comprehensive course offered in collaboration with the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India (IBBI) provided in-depth knowledge about the Insolvency & Bankruptcy Code and its application in relation to corporate entities over the past six years.

At the inaugural session, Dr M. S. Sahoo, the Founding Chairperson of IBBI, delivered a captivating keynote address on *"IBC – A Code for Economic Liberation?"* Additionally, IBBI Executive Director Mr Amit Pradhan delivered an inaugural speech as the Guest of Honour.

UNCITRAL RCAP: Asia Pacific Day 2022 Celebration

As part of the Asia Pacific Day 2022 Celebration, GCCIL organised an online session by UNCITRAL RCAP for GNLU students on 16 March. The event centred around the theme "2022 UNCITRAL Asia Pacific Day RCAP@10: The Next 10 Years of Legal Harmonization in the Region."

Distinguished speakers included Ms Athita Komindr, the Head of UNCITRAL RCAP, who delivered an engaging introduction to UNCITRAL. Additionally, Prof (Dr)

Mamata Biswal, the Head of GCCIL, and Dr Robert Walters, a Senior Lecturer at Victoria University, Melbourne, shared their expertise through insightful lectures.

Ms Miu Shan Choi, a Legal Expert from UNCITRAL RCAP, introduced the audience to the UNCITRAL internship program, providing valuable information about opportunities for aspiring legal professionals.

GNLU Centre for Constitutional and Administrative Law

Empowering Citizens: Chief Information Commissioner reflects on the Right to Information Act and New Challenges.

On 31 January, GNLU had the privilege of hosting a lecture by the esteemed Chief Information Commissioner, Shri Y K Sinha, on "The Right to Information Act and New Challenges."

Shri Sinha commenced the lecture with a concise overview of the RTI Act, emphasising its significance in promoting transparency and accountability in governance. He then delved into the challenges that the Act faces, providing valuable insights into the key areas of concern: Misuse of the RTI Act, Low Public Awareness, Huge Backlog and Delay in the Disposal of Cases, Poor implementation and enforcement by the Public Authorities, Non-compliance in proactive disclosure by Public Authorities [sec 4(1)(b)], and Secrecy.

In conclusion, Shri Sinha expressed his belief that the RTI Act serves as a crucial instrument in promoting social justice, transparency and holding governments accountable for their actions. While acknowledging the progress made in the last 17 years, he emphasised the need for further improvements to realise the Act's objectives fully. Rather than viewing the glass as half-empty, he encouraged a perspective that sees it as half-full, with the potential for even greater citizen empowerment and good governance through more effective implementation of the RTI Act.

The Gujarat State chief information commissioner Shri Amrutbhai Patel, IAS (Retd.) was also present on the occasion.

Ayurveda Diagnosis and Treatment Camp



Nadi Vaidhya Shri Rakesh Bhatt, Deputy Superintendent of State Model Ayurveda Hospital, Kolawad, Gandhinagar and his team treated the patients in this camp at GNLU. Around 500 students, faculty and staff members benefited from the camp. The patients were impressed by the first-hand experience of the ancient medical system of India, especially the pulse examination-based diagnosis method, without any laboratory or other expensive investigations.



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