

Show revisits Holocaust, urges visitors to preserve its memory

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AN EXHIBITION, organised by the Gujarat National Law University (GNLU) in Gandhinagar, revisits the horrors of the Holocaust. Titled “The Courage to Remember: The Holocaust 1933-1945,” it was inaugurated by Gujarat Governor O P Kohli on Thursday. Underlining the importance of the exhibition, Kohli said, “It is an emotional exhibition.”

“Take heed...lest you forget the things which your eyes have seen, and...teach them to your children and to your children’s children... We must have the courage to study, to educate, and to remember the Holocaust. For only informed, understanding, and morally committed individuals can prevent such prosecution from happening again.”

Written on large photo frames, documenting the horrors unleashed upon Jews by Adolf Hitler and his army for more than a decade, these lines urge the visitors to “remember” the Holocaust and preserve its memory before it fades away.

More than four dozens photo frames, written documents, showcase the large-scale suffering of the Jews from 1933 to 1945 in Hitler-ruled Germany and Europe. In one frame titled



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the “Final Solution,” an armed man point a gun at another man holding a baby, with a statement of Hitler that reads: “It is good that we are preceded by an aura of terror for our plans to exterminate Jewry.” Similarly, there are photographs of concentration camps, mass genocide, mass burial, among others.

The month-long exhibition has been organised by GNLU in collaboration with Simon Wiesenthal Centre, Los Angeles, that runs Museum of Tolerance, Embassy of Israel in India, New Delhi, American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee (AJJDC), American Jewish Committee and Asia Pacific Institute.

Other speakers at the inauguration said that the idea behind holding this exhibition, which has been held in a num-

ber of countries, at a law school was to inform the aspiring lawyers that “the role of lawyers and judges are important to eliminate the dangerous idea and they should be committed to human rights.”

“I think there is a universal message of tolerance coming out of this exhibition. We need to understand that there could be difference in opinion, difference in religion, but everything has to be bridged in a civilian and democratic way. We have to make sure that this kind of atrocity, violence and genocide never happens again. We also see more intolerance today in the world and that’s why it is so important to learn what this kind of intolerance can bring,” said David Akov, Israel Consul General in Mumbai.