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**First-of-its-kind scholarship for litigation students****Scholarship has been awarded to five students of the varsity who are currently practicing in various courts across the country**

In an attempt to incentivise and encourage students to pursue a career in litigation, Gujarat National Law University introduced GLASS (GNLU litigation assistance & support scholarship). Possibly the first of its kind in the country, the scholarship has been awarded to five students of GNLU who are currently practicing in various courts across the country.

"Very few law students are going for active litigation. Most go for corporate law because it has money. But we need more people to get to litigation as it is the real thing. We are trying our best to encourage students to join litigation and that is why we came up with the scholarship," said Nidhi Buch, assistant professor of Law and the co-coordinator of the GLASS scholarship.

"The students have to regularly submit their performance reports. We are in touch with their employees and we keep a tab on their performance. We made sure that the students who were selected are not employed under their family members and have cleared the bar exam in their first attempt. They cannot be drawing more than 25,000 rupees as salary from their employees," added Nidhi.

About the scholarship

The scholarship was announced in February this year

Out of 15 students, only 5 were selected through a rigorous selection process

Selection criteria

Internship

Advocacy

Participation in seminar

Academic records

Personal interviews

Moot participation

₹7500

is what will be received by each student per month for a year

The pay package

₹1,00,000

a month would be paid by a top legal firm such as AZB or Amarchand & Mangaldas

It is believed that junior lawyers opting for non litigation work with corporate houses earn on par with their MBA counterparts.

₹25,000 to ₹50,000

per month is paid to those who seek the drama of the courtroom from second or third level law firms

Even then, junior lawyers hardly get a chance to display their argumentative skills in court - the senior ones do all the arguing.

Students who received scholarship

Garv Malhotra • Sushal Tiwari • Tirth Bhatt

Saksham Marwah • Prince Mishra

'Scholarship a major boost'

Tirth Bhatt

He works at the Gujarat High Court and feels that public interest litigations are what lawyers should work for. He said, "We are the first college in the country to start something like this and it is one of the best things that GNLU has done. The problem with litigation is that no one pays well and fresh graduates like us end up going for corporate law. I get Rs 10,000 and because of the scholarship I get more money. The scholarship amount takes care of my rent. My batch mates who have joined corporate law firms get Rs 80,000 as starting salary. So any additional money for us is encouraging."

Saksham Marwah

Saksham works at Delhi High Court and feels that a real lawyer is the one who comes to court and takes up litigation. "A scholarship like this is useful. I get paid Rs15,000 by my employee and the additional scholarship money takes care of my travel. The courts I work in are in South Delhi and commuting till there is an expensive affair. It is a lot of hard work. I do all the filing, drafting, running around, handle more than 6 cases in a day and the boss just whets your work. And for this hard work if there is an institutional recognition then it helps a lot," he said.

Prince Mishra

Prince makes sure that he is a part of every case – rural and urban. For him, law is only fighting for the larger public and not just earning money. "I am the youngest in Patna High Court. Many lawyers wonder why I am into litigation. The general impression is that litigation does not earn you money. I think such efforts by the institute help break the taboo. The scholarship certainly encouraged me to continue with my interest in litigation," said Prince Mishra.

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Ahmedabad: Having faced the brunt of WannaCry ransomware, the city police are going all out to prevent any further damage. A training workshop was conducted at the police headquarters on Tuesday morning to make the staff aware of the virus and

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**Party drug worth `9.27L seized, 2 held**

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Ahmedabad: Two persons were arrested by a team of crime branch on Monday night and MD (mephedrone) drug worth Rs9.27 lakh seized from them. A case under Narcotics Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (NDPS) Act has been registered against

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Gandhinagar: A day after government announced that it is ready to form a commission for economically backward classes (EBC), PAAS leader Hardik Patel on Tuesday claimed that the state government has invited him for talks. However, on behalf of t

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Ahmedabad: An Ola cab driver was arrested by the crime branch on Tuesday on the charges of duping two youngsters by posing as a cop of the crime branch near new CG Road. The accused has been identified as Bhavik Suthar, 25, a resident of Amraiwa

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