

GNLU student is a Rhodes Scholar

Sameer Rashid Bhat who hails from Anantnag wants to work for people of Kashmir after stint at Oxford

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It is indeed a proud moment for Gujarat National Law University (GNLU) as one of its students marks his place as an illustrious Rhodes Scholar. Meet Sameer Rashid Bhat (21), who hails from Anantnag in Kashmir, a final year BA LLB student at GNLU, who revealed he'd like to work for the people of his state in the area of policy making and in constitution law and human rights, once he completes his scholarship.

Bhat finds himself among the five students selected from India for 2018. The list includes Nikita Arora, Government College, Girls, Punjabi University, Patiala (Women's Studies); Rahul Bajaj, RSTM Nagpur University (Law); Krishnendu Ray, Chennai Mathema-

tical Institute (Theoretical Physics); Archit Jain, St Stephen's College, University of Delhi (Economics); besides Bhat.

Speaking with *Mirror*, Bhat said: "It is a great feeling, and I could not have done this without the support of my teachers at the university. I now look forward to going to Oxford University and study comparative constitutional law and human rights.

"I belong to Anantnag, but have lived in Srinagar. Once back from my stint at Oxford, I would like to work for people in Kashmir," he added.

Bhat was selected after a highly-competitive application and preliminary selection process. His selection was finalised by the Committee comprising Gopalkrishna Gandhi, and noted academics, practitioners.

For the uninitiated, the Rhodes Scholarships, which were instituted



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under the will of Cecil Rhodes in 1902, include all university and college fees, an annual stipend and travel expenses to the University of Oxford before the start of the programme and a return ticket following the course of study.

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Studying at the University of Oxford will give the chosen scholars access to world class academics in their field as well as an international alumni network that includes heads of state, Pulitzer Prize winning authors, Nobel Prize winners and Olympians, stated official communication from GNLU.

Bimal Patel, Director, GNLU, spoke about how the university is pleased with Bhat's achievements. "We are hoping many more students and faculty members will win the scholarship and contribute more in academics and research," said Patel.

Delighted on completing the selection of another batch of Rhodes Scholars-elect from India, Nandan Kamath, the National Secretary, Rhodes Scholarships for India, said: "Our Rhodes Scholars-elect are selected after a rigorous process from an outstanding pool of finalists. We are delighted to be able to provide our five chosen scholars with unique academic and personal growth opportunities at the University of Oxford and through our Scholarship programme. We look forward to participating in their journeys as they interact with, and seek to influence, the worlds around them."