

# 66% seats vacant in GU law course

With students preferring national law varsities, GU's 5-yr integrated course has few takers; 277 of 420 seats vacant after 2nd round

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Law students seem to prefer National Law University to Gujarat University's five-year integrated law course if the lukewarm response to GU colleges is anything to go by. Three years after it was launched with much fanfare, GU's integrated law course has few takers. Though lack of awareness was attributed to initial tepid response, this year out of 420 seats in five colleges affiliated to GU that participated in online admission process, 277 seats remained vacant after second round of admission.

In fact, only 393 students registered for admission against 420 seats (that admission committee allocates), according to Jayesh Solanki, an official of GU admission committee. Varsity officials believe the low turnout may be attributed to low interest in five-year course, high fee for the course apart from many students preferring the national level CLAT for admission to national law universities across the country.



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GU has seven affiliated colleges offering five-year integrated law course. Of these, five colleges provide admission based on the central admission system. They are GU's Centre of Excellence, University School of Law, GLS Law College, Khyati Institute of Law, LJ School of Law and Shankersinh Vaghe-

laBapu Institute of Law. As per data provided by admission committee, varsity's centre of law had 41 seats vacant, GLS had 7 seats vacant, 84 seats were vacant in Khyati Institute, 56 in LJ School and 89 seats remained vacant in Bapu Institute. "Students who participate in the admission process confirm only if

they have got admission in GLS Law College. Else, very few choose to take admission to other colleges," said Rishikesh Mehta, coordinator for admission in integrated colleges.

Director GNLU, Bimal Patel did not receive call made by *Mirror*. Mohit Mangal, a tutor for CLAT said that av-

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erage 20 students compete for one seat at NLUs. "When students select institutes to study, they check quality of faculty and infrastructure. Most who opt to take up integrated law are from English medium and so they choose colleges educating in English. At GU, majority of lectures are taken in Gujarati and that is major constraint," he said.

Placement facility also plays a crucial role in attracting students which may be another factor going against GU, he said. Principal of GLS Law College Mayuri Pandya says, "Other varsities, be it MSU or SP University, have limited intake of 120 seats. We have more."