

Gujarat Maritime University to start classes from this year

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GUJARAT Maritime University (GMU) will start functioning in the coming academic year, 2019-20, from the Gujarat National Law University (GNLU) campus as a temporary arrangement. This was announced by Chief Secretary J N Singh at the launch of university's website on Wednesday.

"Gujarat National Law University has been identified as the transitory campus for the Gujarat Maritime University, till the time the university has a campus of its own. Parcels of land of nearly 40 acre near the knowledge corridor is being identified for the new campus," the Gujarat Maritime Board (GMB) said.

The state government had fi-

nalised the setting up of the Gujarat Maritime University under the Private University Act in 2017 to give a fillip to the growth of Indian maritime sector and bridge the knowledge gap within the industry.

To begin with, the university will offer two post-graduate courses – LLM in Maritime Law and LLM in International Trade Law.

"Law in the context of maritime sector is a niche area as trade that takes place in the sea is very different from the everyday laws as they involve international regulations and policies. There are very limited opportunities in the country for people who are keen to pursue a career in these subjects," said Mukesh Kumar, CEO of GMB, who would also be the provost of the university.