

650 assistant public prosecutors to be trained at GNLU

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THE GUJARAT National Law University (GNLU) has been commissioned by the state government for imparting training to all assistant public prosecutors (APPs) functioning in various courts of the Judicial Magistrate First Class (JMFC) across the state. Close to 650 APPs will be trained in 11 three-day training programmes to be conducted in the months of February and March.

The first programme in the series was inaugurated on Wednesday. The inaugural session was attended by Manisha Lavkumar Shah, Government Pleader, High Court of Gujarat; Milan Dave, Joint Secretary, state Legal Department and GNLU Director Dr S Shanthakumar.

Milan Dave said, "This training will help in the functioning of the courts which will, in turn, help in speedy justice to wider sections of society. The government plans to continue such refresher training every year."

Speaking on the occasion, Government Pleader Manisha Lavkumar Shah said, "Given that

crimes are treated as a wrong against the society, his role in the administration of justice is crucial...He is not just a representative of the aggrieved person, but that of the State at large. Though he is appointed by the government, he is not a servant of the government or the investigating agency."

Shah advised APPs to seek help from their seniors as well as experts from other fields, adding that public prosecutors are expected to deal with crimes of a varied nature. She recalled her days as a public prosecutor, when there was a big rage over co-operative banks going bust in the state. She had sought help from chartered accountants and bank managers in understanding the fundamentals of accounting as well as bank operations.

Shah further advised the APPs to devote at least an hour to the reading of recent judgments, stating, "There is no better wisdom than what lies in the books."

GNLU Director Dr S Shanthakumar said, "We are thankful to the government, in particular, the Law Minister and the Law Secretary for giving GNLU this opportunity. I am sure GNLU faculty will fully justify the confidence reposed in them."