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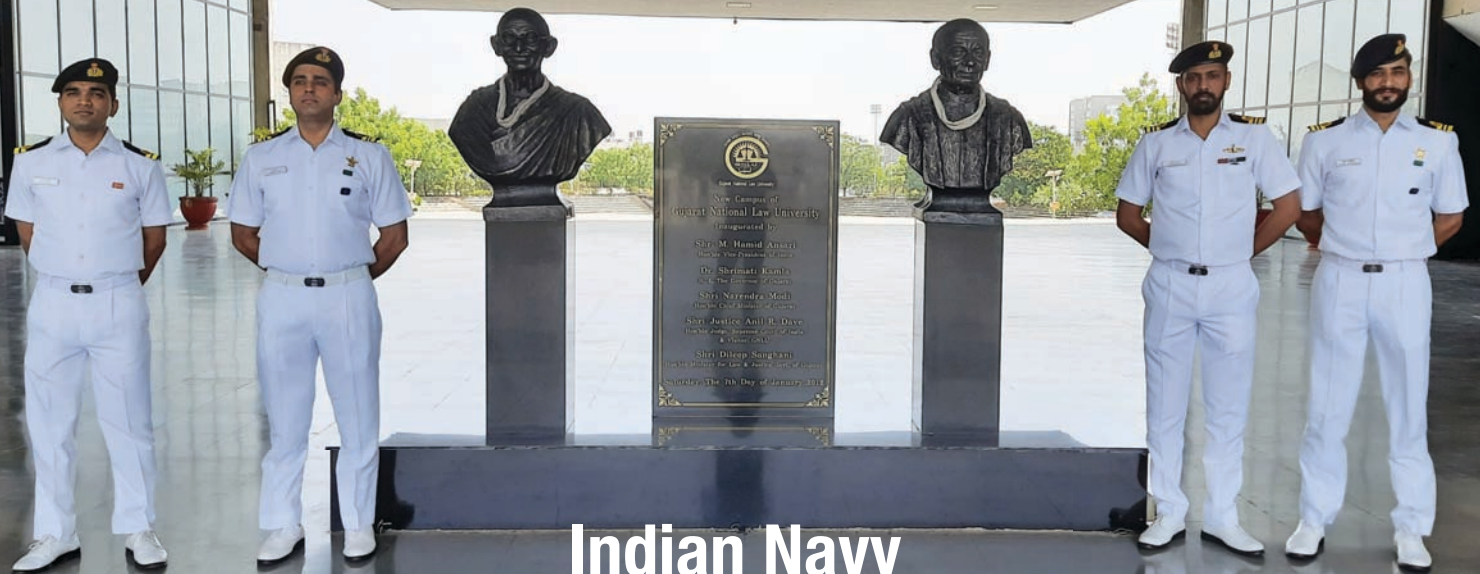
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## Director's Message

The winter semester was a mixed bag. There were moments of triumphs to rejoice and celebrate and of grief and disappointment, too.

Of many accomplishments that you will find in this issue, the proudest moment came when the Gujarat Government-sponsored Gujarat State Institutional Rating Framework (GSIRF) 2021 rated Gujarat National Law University (GNLU) as a Five-star university for the first time.

I am proud to state that GNLU achieved a five-star rating on all four parameters: Teaching, Learning & Resources; Research And Professional Practice; Graduation Outcomes and Outreach; and Inclusivity. GNLU also secured the highest score (78.56 out of 100) and highest CGPA (4.8 on a five-point scale) amongst all institutions in Gujarat.

At the national level, India Today Rankings 2021 and Outlook-ICARE Rankings 2021 have ranked GNLU fourth among India's best law universities. India Today Rankings have also ranked GNLU second among top law universities with maximum victories in Inter-University Moot Court competitions with 21 wins, just a tad below the highest wins of 22.

We could achieve this splendid rating because of the concerted efforts of the faculty, students and staff, and of course, the support and cooperation of the partner institutions in our pursuit of excellence. I take this opportunity to thank all the stakeholders for making this possible.

This recognition inspires us to work harder to scale new peaks, and I look forward to all stakeholders' continued support and cooperation.

As I said in the beginning, the semester was a mixed bag. With profound grief, I have to share that GNLU lost three valuable assets in the deaths of Dr Aruna Kumar Malik, Assistant Professor of Political Science; Dr Anant Deogaonkar, Assistant Professor of Law; and Mr Rameshbhai Patel, Office Attendant. These colleagues had a tremendous contribution in making GNLU what it is today. GNLU will feel the void created by their tragic deaths for a long time. We deeply mourn their sad and untimely demise and pray for strength to the bereaved families to bear their huge loss.

With best wishes,

**Prof (Dr) S. Shanthakumar**



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It gives us great pleasure to present the third issue of GNLU Times covering Winter 2021.

Feedback continues to pour in from all sections of the readers. Judging by the same, we can say, without being modest, that GNLU Times is a massive success from the first issue itself! We are indeed thankful to the readers for their encouraging words.

Of several feedbacks, we would like to make a special mention of one most significant one received from the Chief Justice of India, Hon'ble Mr Justice N. V. Ramana. We are immensely grateful to his lordship for his morale-boosting letter, which we carry on the facing page.

As we have been saying, we endeavour to make GNLU Times a genuinely comprehensive university magazine. And, to that end, we make a sincere attempt to capture all campus activities and accomplishments of the most crucial stakeholders: students, alumni, faculty and research staff. We want to take this opportunity to tell them it is your magazine; we only edit it for you. If the readers like the magazine, they, in essence, appreciate your hard work and achievements, which we are fortunate to carry to the world through this magazine. Thus, the compliments belong to you and not to us. In that sense, they also challenge you to sustain and improve upon your performance! Do more and do better!

With best wishes,

**Ashok Shah**  
Editor

## STOP PRESS!

Gujarat National Law University (GNLU) has emerged as the 6th best law school in India Rankings 2021 released by the National Institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF), Ministry of Education, Government of India.

GNLU has improved its national ranking for the second consecutive year. Last year, GNLU had jumped two positions from 9th rank in 2019 to 7th rank in 2020. This year, GNLU has further improved its rank from 7th to 6th.



**N. V. RAMANA**  
CHIEF JUSTICE OF INDIA



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6<sup>th</sup> June, 2021

**Dear Prof. Shanthakumar,**

Sincere thanks for your congratulatory message.

I am impressed with the very presentable Newsletter "GNLU Times" a copy of which you were pleased to share with me.

Wish you and GNLU family all the very best in your academic endeavours.

With warm regards,

Yours sincerely

**(N. V. Ramana)**

**Prof. (Dr.) S. Shanthakumar**  
Director, Gujarat National Law University,  
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# Long Duration Course for the Indian Naval Officers

Gujarat National Law University conducted a long duration residential course on Law of the Sea and Maritime Law for the officers of the Indian Navy from 18 January 2021 to 17 May 2021.

Sixty eminent academics, researchers, practitioners, consultants, and judges worldwide, half of them from



The regular mission-based deployments of the Indian Navy and its resultant enhanced footprint in international waters has necessitated a renewed focus on international maritime law. Accordingly, an MOU was signed between the Indian Navy and GNLU to conduct dedicated courses for naval officers on this niche subject. The Indian Navy and GNLU carefully curated the

course content to give broad exposure to the participants on various aspects of the relevant laws keeping in mind the requirement for practical application.

Five officers participated in the maiden Maritime Operational Law course conducted over four months. Due to the ongoing pandemic, the course was conducted mainly online, though the participants were based on GNLU campus. The course provided the participants with an ideal platform to interact with many domain experts worldwide, selectively chosen by team GNLU. I understand the experience has indeed been an enriching one. I firmly believe this is just the beginning of the engagement between these two fine institutions for furthering this mutually benefitting cause. I am sure GNLU will achieve pre-eminent status in all its endeavors. I wish GNLU Director and his team all the best.

**Cmdr Simon Mathai**  
Director MWC (Koc)



We are grateful to the Indian Navy for allowing GNLU to train the officers of the Indian Navy. While designing the course, we had kept in mind the four major roles the Navy performs, that is, Military role, diplomatic role, constabulary role and benign role. I am confident that the course has equipped the participants to perform these roles more effectively and efficiently.”

**Prof (Dr) S. Shanthakumar**  
GNLU Director

outside India, engaged in more than 150 sessions on International Law, Maritime Law, Law of the Sea, and Armed Conflict Laws.

Ms Harsha Rajwanshi, Assistant Professor of Law, coordinated the course under GNLU Director Prof (Dr) S. Shanthakumar.



The course has been the first of its kind. It has provided a gateway to the Indian Navy to nurture its officers into the niche subject of International Maritime Law. The Officers from the Indian Navy interacted with and enhanced their knowledge from the best subject matter experts in maritime law from all around the world. The experience has indeed been exhilarating for everyone, and I firmly believe with this

strong beginning, the bond thus established between GNLU and the Indian Navy will continue to grow stronger in years to come. The professionalism displayed by team GNLU is truly remarkable.

**Cdr. Parag Tyagi**  
In Coordinator (GNLU-IN MoU)



This initiative by GNLU and the Indian Navy would go a long way in equipping mid-career naval officers with sound knowledge of International Maritime Law and its effective application whilst at sea.”

**Lt Cdr Siddharth Sharma**  
Course Participant

The knowledge of international humanitarian law and the law of naval warfare has helped me understand the conduct of operations and actions required in times of hostility.



**Lt Cdr Shivam Srivastava**  
Course Participant



The course was a fine conglomeration of spirited resource personnel, quality subject material and praiseworthy conduct despite the COVID-19 circumstances... The idea of including environmental Law and international humanitarian Law was noteworthy, and the brainstorming sessions shall go a long way in forging a

clear understanding of various situations at sea and ashore by the Navy.”

**Lt Cdr Prateek Vats**  
Course Participant

# GNLU testified before the United States Trade Representative

## Maiden Policy Intervention before a foreign Government

In its maiden policy intervention before a foreign government, GNLU testified at the virtual public hearing before the United States Trade Representative (USTR) against the proposed retaliatory action against India's Digital Service Tax (DST), on 10 May 2021.

Mr Varun Chablani, a GNLU alumnus, represented GNLU at the hearing. Mr Chablani is an Amsterdam-based tax practitioner.

In 2020, India had imposed a 2% DST on non-resident e-commerce operators not having a permanent establishment (PE) in India to ensure a level-playing field for e-commerce activities undertaken by entities having a PE in India.

USTR concluded that India's DST discriminates against US digital companies and burdens or restricts US commerce by its structure and operation. In retaliation, USTR sought to impose sanctions against certain Indian exports to the USA. However, before making a final decision, it held a public hearing under the US law.

GNLU participated in the hearing, effectively defended India's DST and opposed the US proposal to impose additional tariffs on Indian exports. GNLU's testimony revolved around the following points:

- (1) India's DST intends not to discriminate between residents and non-residents. Instead, it aims to maintain parity between (i) residents and non-residents and (ii) between brick & mortar businesses

and digital enterprises.

- (2) Before India introduced DST, non-resident digital companies escaped taxation in India simply because they did not have a PE in India.
- (3) Digital businesses not having PE in India generate profits by utilising the user information in Indian markets. Therefore, India has a legitimate right to impose such a levy as a sovereign state.

- (4) OECD is also moving in the direction that you must have taxation in that jurisdiction where you have an economic presence and economic gain.

- (5) USTR proceedings seeking to impose sanctions against Indian exports to the USA violate the WTO obligations. They also

weaken global trust in the multilateral rules-based system and are antithetical to a stable and predictable trading system. Therefore, the USA must discontinue the present proceedings to reaffirm its pledge to the multilateral rules-based trading and enforcement system.

Mr Varun Chablani and Mr Soham Bajpai, Assistant Professor of Law, GNLU, led this project under GNLU Director Prof (Dr) S. Shanthakumar. GNLU Students Anjana Sathy (2017-22), Manasa Venkatachalam (2017-22), Shardul Ansingkar (2017-22) and Sayan Chandra (2018-23) provided research assistance in the project.

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### GNLU Impact

#### *US suspends proposed tariffs against India*

*Following the public hearing, the US suspended the imposition of retaliatory tariffs against India and five other countries that had begun levying DST on companies such as Google and Facebook. The US decided to suspend the tariffs for 180 days to resolve the issue through multilateral negotiations in forums such as the OECD and the G-20.*

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Maritime Operational Law Course Participants with GNLU Faculty

## NCW Member Dr Rajul Desai visits GNLU



Dr Rajul L. Desai, a National Commission for Women (NCW) member, visited Gujarat National Law University on 07 January 2021. She met GNLU Director Prof (Dr) S. Shanthakumar and discussed matters of mutual interest.

She also chaired a meeting of the Internal Complaint Committees (ICCs) of various universities/academic institutions located in and around Gandhinagar.

After giving a brief overview of the role of NCW to the members present, Dr Rajul Desai discussed the provisions of the Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace (Prevention, Prohibition and Redressal) Act and the Rules made thereunder. She then explained the composition of ICC, functions and responsibilities of ICC members and complaint procedure in sexual harassment of women at the workplace.

She said that ICC members must be trained to address complaints with a proper mechanism and requested GNLU to organize such training programmes for universities in Gujarat.

She remarked that there are reported instances of PhD guides harassing research scholars under them. She urged GNLU to incorporate this aspect while designing training programmes to spread awareness on this vital issue among academic institutions.

## Certificate Course on Legal Aspects of Startups

Prof (Dr) Navin Sheth, Vice-Chancellor of Gujarat Technological University and GNLU Director Prof (Dr) S. Shanthakumar inaugurated an online Certificate Course on Legal Aspects of Startups, on 20 Feb 2021.



In his inaugural address, Prof (Dr) Navin Sheth stated, "Legal risk is associated with any startup, and legal compliance plays a crucial role at different stages. Unfortunately, many entrepreneurs are not fully aware of this crucial aspect and, therefore, face hurdles. This course will

be of immense help to such entrepreneurs."

GNLU Director Prof (Dr) Shanthakumar said, "This comprehensive course acquaints the startup community with various legal aspects in the startup life cycle."

The course has been launched by Legal Startups (founded by GNLU alumnus Dr Kalpeshkumar Gupta), in association with GNLU Legal Incubation Council and GNLU Centre for Intellectual Property Rights and supported by the Intellectual Property Protection Organization, Ahmedabad.

## Gujarat Law Deans' Forum



Gujarat National Law University, jointly with the Institute of Law, Parul University, organised the second meeting of Gujarat Law Deans' Forum on 09 January 2021. The theme of the Meet was "Enhancing the Quality of Legal Education in Gujarat: Post COVID Challenges and Way Forward." Deans, Principals and HoDs of law institutions across Gujarat participated in the Meet.



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# Obituary

## Good people leave behind everlasting memories

GNLU lost three employees during the winter semester: Dr Aruna Kumar Malik, Dr Anant Deogaonkar and Mr Ramesh Patel. We carry obituaries by their long-time colleagues in this section. Many other GNLU faculty and staff members lost their near and dear ones in the recent past:

1. Dr Asha Verma (Assistant Professor)'s husband, Shri Sanjay Pal, succumbed to COVID-19 on 29 April 2021 at Indore. He was 42.
2. Prof (Dr) Thomas Mathew's father, Shri K. M. Mathai, died of COVID-19 on 27 December 2020. He was 71.
3. Dr R. K. Singh (Associate Professor)'s father, Shri Kanhaiya Prasad Singh, passed away on 07 January 2021 after a prolonged illness. He was 76.
4. Dr Niyati Pandey (Assistant Professor)'s father, Dr Hariprasad Pandey, died of heart failure on 25 March 2021. He was 63.
5. Dr Saurabh Anand (Assistant Professor)'s father, Shri Bijay Shankar Dutta, passed away on 20 August 2020. He died of multi-organ failure after a prolonged illness. He was 68.
6. Ms Nayana Rajput (Junior Clerk)'s mother, Shrimati Sakarben C. Parmar, died of COVID-19 on 20 April 2021.
7. Ms Hetal Dave (Junior Clerk, Girls' Hostel)'s father, Shri Prabhudas Dave, succumbed to COVID-19 on 15 April 2021. He was 63.
8. Ms Manisha Gehlot (Senior Clerk, Girls' Hostel)'s father, Shri Pravin Dave, died of COVID-19 on 03 May 2021. He was 67.
9. Mr Nayan Vyas (Junior Section Officer)'s mother, Shrimati Vidyaben Vyas, succumbed to COVID-19 on 18 December 2020. She was 70.
10. Mohanji Thakore (Gardener)'s father, Shri Lalaji R Thakore, died after a prolonged illness on 06 February 2021. He was 60.
11. Mr Jignesh Patel (Junior Clerk, VIP Guest House)'s father, Shri Jashwant I. Patel, died of COVID-19 on 25 November 2020. He was 63.
12. Mr Liladhar Patil (Junior Clerk, Registrar's Office)'s mother, Shrimati Jeejabai P. Patil, died of COVID-19 at Jalgaon, Maharashtra, on 05 September 2020.
13. Mr Mayur Chauhan (Electrician)'s wife, Shrimati Alka Chauhan, succumbed to COVID-19 on 23 April 2021. She was 42.
14. Shri Chirdip Vaishnav (Junior Clerk)'s father, Shri Rasiklal Vaishnav, died of COVID-19 on 18 May 2021.
15. Mr Bharat Jani, Driver, lost two intimate family members in a matter of one week. Mr Jani's father, Shri Hasmukhlal (71), succumbed to COVID-19 on 04 June 2021 and his brother, Shri Shaileshkumar (52), died of a massive heart attack on 09 June 2021.

GNLU Times prays for the departed souls. May the almighty give strength to the bereaved families to bear their loss.



Shri Ramesh Patel passed away after a brief illness on 20 June 2021.

Being the eldest among the administrative staff members at GNLU, he was Rameshkaka to all of us. Had he survived a few months more, he would have achieved the distinction of being the first among the administrative staff to superannuate in April next year.

I was fortunate to know Rameshkaka from the day I joined GNLU in 2011. Initially, he was working in the Registrar's office, but later, he was transferred to the Accounts Department, where we worked together for over seven years. I have known him as a soft-spoken, kind-hearted and friendly person, always willing to help others.

At work, he was a committed and dependable colleague. Recordkeeping is a vital function for any accounts department. We never had to worry about it at GNLU, as Rameshkaka would meticulously maintain the records. We could always count on him to retrieve old vouchers when required in minutes. Though he used to commute daily from Ahmedabad, he was always punctual in attending the office and never hesitated to work long hours when exigencies demanded.

Rameshkaka was a team player. He would not limit himself to just recordkeeping. He would spontaneously reach out to a colleague who had more work and needed help on a given day. We would find Rameshkaka assisting the cashier in counting cash or helping another colleague with data entry in the accounting software, or preparing cash receipts on those hectic days. He would also attend to the queries of the students and staff members in the absence of accounting staff members. I remember that apart from his onerous duties at the Accounts department, he had also helped the Examination department for almost two years.

Rameshkaka was a life-long learner. He continuously picked up new skills to keep pace with the evolving work environment and also improved his educational qualifications. He obtained his first degree (B.A.) when he was 55! He thus was a source of inspiration for his younger colleagues that age is no bar to acquiring knowledge and new skills.

His sudden death came as a shock to us as he enjoyed robust health. Barely four days before his death, he was on duty, hale and hearty. We find it difficult even today to accept that he is no more with us. We pray for his *atma* to attain *sadgati* and strength to his family to bear this massive loss!

We miss you, Rameshkaka! We miss your smiling face and reassuring presence around us! Though not in our midst, you will always remain in our hearts, thoughts and prayers!

**Kalpesh Prajapati**  
Section Officer

## Obituary



न जायते म्रियते वा कदाचि  
नायं भूत्वा भविता वा न भूयः ।  
अजो नित्यः शाश्वतोऽयं पुराणो  
न हन्यते हन्यमाने शरीरे ॥

**Dr Aruna Kumar Malik**

“The soul is not born, nor does it die; it did not spring from something, and nothing sprang from it. It is unborn, eternal, immortal, and ageless. It is not destroyed when the body is destroyed.”

- Bhagavad Gita, Adhyaya II, SankhyaYog, Shloka 20

Born in the quiet and remote Kuligan village, near the far eastern city of Chandipur, Odisha (known for DRDO Missile Testing Centre), Dr Aruna, a strict disciple of Professor G. Haragopal, was a curious learner right from his childhood since his village school and Fakir Mohan (FM) College days. He was a bright star in his locality and made it to the University of Hyderabad for his Masters, MPhil and Doctorate. He was a kind-hearted person with a smiling face.

At the early stage of his professional life, after a short tenure at a research organization, he joined GNLU. In few years, he made a mark in the University by establishing the Equal Opportunity Cell and playing a pivotal role in teaching and research in Political Science, International Relations, Security Studies and Public Policy. Aruna was a thorough professional known for his upright attitude, sincerity, meticulousness, and quest for perfection. He was a great researcher with a quest for scholarly writing and publications. He was the proud recipient of the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee International Scholarship (2018-19). To pursue this scholarship, he joined the faculty at the University of Winnipeg, Canada. He also visited Wisconsin, the USA, for presenting a paper on Environmental Justice. In a year he spent at Winnipeg, he created an impact by his research and made lifelong friends in Canada.

He left for the heavenly abode after putting up a brave fight against COVID-19. He is survived by his wife, Mrs Sujata Malik, two sons, Aayush & Lucky, mother, and elder brothers. He left a void in the GNLU family and will always remain in the hearts of everyone. “His soul is glorious, deathless, free from old age, immortal, and fearless.”

**Mr Satya Ranjan Mishra**  
Assistant Professor of Commerce



**Dr Anant Deogaonkar**

2008, he taught and held responsible positions, such as, Acting Principal & Secretary in HRSPM's Law College, Pune and had also been a faculty member in the Department of PG Studies in VN Patil Law College, Aurangabad. He was also a Life Member of the Indian Institute of Public Administration, New Delhi and the Institute of Constitutional and Parliamentary Studies, New Delhi.

Besides discharging his teaching duties, a soft-spoken and humble person to the core of his heart, Dr Deogaonkar also served GNLU as the Head of the Equal Opportunity Cell and Coordinator of the GNLU Advisory Committee for Remedial Coaching for SC/ST/OBC (non-creamy layer)/Minorities. His contributions to the 'GNLU inputs on Section 498A of the Indian Penal Code' by offering views and suggestions to the Law Commission of India will always

At a relatively young age (56), Dr Anant Deogaonkar, Assistant Professor of Law, left to his heavenly abode on 19 May 2021, after a valiant battle with cancer. Hailing from Aurangabad, Maharashtra, he did his LLB and LLM from the Savitribai Phule Pune University (formerly known as University of Poona). He did his PhD from Gujarat University (2020). Prior to joining GNLU in

be remembered. His other noteworthy research contributions include his involvement in research reports on 'Implementation and Pendency of Justice Malimath Committee Recommendations', and 'Criminal Justice Reform' (both submitted to the Law Commission of India, October 2016). He was also a member of the Research Team for a research paper on 'Brief Critical Analysis of Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace (Prevention, Prohibition and Redressal) Act, 2013', and another research paper on 'Aarushi Talwar Murder Case' (both submitted to the

Government of Gujarat, January-March 2014).

Besides his contributions to the field of Criminal Law and Clinical Courses, GNLU will always remember the simplicity, candidness and earnestness of Dr Deogaonkar. He always conducted himself in a very professional and courteous manner. It is really very sad and disheartening to see a happy-go-lucky person like him, who believed in enjoying every moment of life and who accepted things as they come in a dignified manner, leaving us so early, creating a void which will never be filled-in!

He is survived by his wife (Mrs Sulbha Deogaonkar), a son (Samir) and two daughters (Priti and Vidhi). May the Almighty give rest and everlasting peace to the departed soul!

**Dr Ravindra Kumar Singh**  
Associate Professor of Law

# RESEARCH AND PUBLICATION DIVISION

GNLU's Research and Publication Division has completed three research projects during January-June 2021:

## Role of Special Education Teacher Educators in Creating an Inclusive Environment for Children with Disabilities

Dr Ambati Nageswara Rao, Assistant Professor of Social Work and Dean, Research and Publication Division, completed the NCERT-funded minor research project "Role of Special Education Teacher Educators in Creating an Inclusive Environment for Children with Disabilities."

The study drew upon the experiences of teachers and principals currently working in special education colleges in Ahmedabad to understand the skills and knowledge deemed necessary to succeed and be effective in the field.

## Needs and Issues of Children Living with HIV/AIDS: A Socio-Legal Perspective

Ms Apoorva Patel, Assistant Professor of Social Work, was the Principal Investigator while Dr Saurabh Anand, Assistant Professor of Sociology, and Ms Shivani Jadhav, Research Associate, were the Co-Principal Investigators for this Gujarat Government-funded research project.

## Impact Analysis of Work Environment of Employees with Disability in the Government Organizations of Ahmedabad and Gandhinagar Districts

Dr Marisport, Assistant Professor of Law, has completed the Gujarat Government-funded research project, "Impact Analysis of Work Environment of Employees with Disability in the Government Organizations of Ahmedabad and Gandhinagar Districts."

## Research Internships

20 GNLU students participated in the Winter Research Internship Programme. They interned with GNLU faculty and research staff and acquired various research skills while contributing to ongoing research projects.

### GNLU Journal of Law and Economics enlisted in the UGC CARE List I

GNLU Centre for Law and Economics' official publication, GNLU Journal of Law and Economics, has been enlisted in the **UGC CARE List I** in the Social Sciences Discipline.

The Journal aims to increase academic discourse on the interdisciplinary study of Law and Economics. It was launched in 2018 and has published three volumes. The Journal follows an open-access policy and is freely available online.

## ICSSR-sponsored Workshop on Research Methodology



GNLU's Research and Publication Division organised the Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR)-sponsored ten-day workshop on Research Methodology from 24 May to 02 June 2021.

The workshop covered all aspects of research in social sciences, starting from identification of research topic to analysis and interpretation. Eminent resource persons delivered intellectually stimulating sessions.

Prof. (Dr.) P.G. Babu, Director, Madras Institute of Development Studies, Tamil Nadu, chaired the valedictory.

## Quantitative Data Analysis using Jamovi Software



Dr Dhaval Mehta



Dr Hitesh Parmar

Research and Publication Division organised a Two-day online Workshop, 'Quantitative Data Analysis using Jamovi, on 13-14 March 2021.

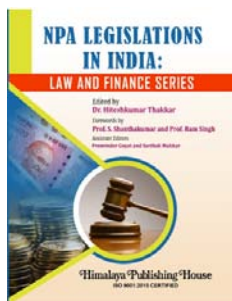
Dr Dhaval Mehta, Assistant Professor, Department of Business and Industrial Management, Veer Narmad South Gujarat University and Dr Hitesh Parmar, Assistant Professor, Postgraduate Department of Business Management, Sardar Patel University, conducted the workshop.

On the first day, Dr Dhaval Mehta demonstrated various parametric tests like descriptive statistics, independent sample t-test, paired sample t-test, one-sample t-test, ANOVA, linear and logistic regression, exploratory and confirmatory factor analysis. On the final day, Dr Hitesh Parmar introduced the participants to ANCOVA, MANCOVA and non-parametric tests.

## PhD Coursework

Research and Publication Division assisted the PhD Committee in designing and delivering PhD coursework in three phases. Phase 1 introduced Fundamentals of Research Methodology to the scholars. Phase 2 introduced empirical research methods and the tools for data collection to the scholars, and the last phase familiarised the scholars with data analysis for qualitative and quantitative research, academic writing and publication.

## New Publications



"NPA Legislations in India: Law and Finance Series", ISBN 978-93-5433-571-6, edited by Dr Hiteshkumar Thakkar, Assistant Professor of Economics, has been published by Himalaya Publishing House.

The book was released at the inaugural ceremony of the International Conference on Economics Analysis of Law and Governance in the presence of Nobel Laureate Dr Oliver Hart and the World Bank's Former Chief Economist Dr Kaushik Basu, on 18 March 2021.



"Recent Trends in Legal History", ISBN 978-93-84936-13-6, edited by Dr Richa Sharma, Assistant Professor, has been published by GNLU.

Hon'ble Mr Justice Sanjib Banerjee, Chief Justice, High Court of Madras, launched the book at the inaugural ceremony of the 2nd All India Legal History Congress organised by Tamil Nadu National Law University in May 2021.



### **Prof (Dr) S. Shanthakumar, Director and Ms Mrinalini Banerjee, Assistant Professor (Research):**

1. Absence of Legal Framework or Protection of Environmental Refugees: Implications for the Future, ISSN No. 2395-5481, Journal of Department of Legal Studies [JDLS], Chennai, Peer-reviewed.
2. The Palestinian Refugees: A Voice Heard and Unheard' Journal of Tianjin University of Science and Technology - Q2 Scopus Indexed Journal.

### **Dr Ambati Nageswara Rao, Assistant Professor of Social Work:**

1. Motivating Factors of Social Entrepreneurs: Evidence from Gujarat, India, Materials Today: Proceedings, 37, 2, 2021, 3393-3403 (Elsevier)
2. Mapping of Social Enterprises in Gujarat: Opportunities and Challenges ahead, Journal of Public Affairs, E2468 & 2020, (Wiley Blackwell, ABDC – B Ranking Journal)

### **Ms Apoorva Patel, Assistant Professor of Social Work:**

1. 'Malnutrition Among Tribal Children: A Humanitarian Emergency', is published in UNICEF-sponsored edited volume: 'Child Health and Nutrition in India', edited by Sanjay Prasad and S.G. Sadhu, Suman Vaishnav, PrabhatPrakashanPvt. Ltd., New Delhi.
2. 'Revising Signature Pedagogy of Social Work Profession' is published in the peer-reviewed annual journal 'Social Work Review' of the Faculty of Social Work, The M. S. University of Baroda, Vadodara, Gujarat. ISSN 2394 8728

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An Analysis of Endorsement Contracts in Sports Industry" Shodh Sarita, Vol. 7 Issue 26(II) April-June, 2020, Pg 221-

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### **Ms Dhanya, Assistant Professor (Research):**

Unethical Reporting, Infodemics, Fake News and Misinformation a Threat to Democracy: Should There Be More Restrictions On Freedom of Press?, Q2 Scopus Journal Tianjin Daxue Xuebao (Ziran Kexueyu Gongcheng Jishu Ban)/Journal of Tianjin University Science and Technology in April 2021

Impact of Covid-19 Pandemic On Education of Adolescent Children in India: A Reality Check On Accessibility and Effective Delivery of Education During Pandemic in India, [2021] Tianjin Daxue Xuebao (Ziran Kexueyu Gongcheng Jishu Ban)/ Journal of Tianjin University Science and Technology 106].

### **Ms Dhanya, Assistant Professor (Research) and Ms Shivani Jadhav, Teaching and Research Associate**

Impact of COVID-19 Pandemic on Education of Adolescent Children in India: A Reality Check", Journal of Tianjin University Science and Technology, ISSN (Online): 0493-2137, E-Publication: Online Open Access, Vol: 54 Issue: 04: 2021 – Scopus Indexed

### **Ms Ambika Batas, Teaching & Research Associate**

1. The effect of Outbreak of Covid-19 on Force Majeure clause in Commercial Contracts: an Indian Perspective, Volume 3, Issue 2 of International Journal of Law Management & Humanities.
2. Liability of Artificial Intelligence in India", Journal of Tianjin University Science and Technology

# Law, Religion, Spirituality & Justice

GNLU offered a unique training programme on Law, Religion, Spirituality and Justice (LRSJ) from 13 to 20 February 2021.

Trainer Dr K. Parameswaran, Associate Professor of Law at GNLU, conceived this innovative & integral approach to law, justice, teaching, research & social values. The seven-day training programme covered topics such as New Dimensions of Justice, Implementation of LRSJ in Legal Systems, LRSJ in Teaching & Research Methods and LRSJ to fulfil Constitutional Guarantees, Human Unity & Universal Humanity.



**Dr Peter Gabel**  
USA



**Justice Alexander Thomas**



**Dr Karan Singh**



**Justice Ravi Tripathi**



**Dr Elizabeth Denley**



**Dr Sukhsimranjit Singh**

In his inaugural address, Philosopher and Parliamentarian, Dr Karan Singh said, "Religious harmony is indispensable requirement for future humanity. The legal system should look into this holistic justice."

In his valedictory address, Hon'ble Justice Sri Ravi R Tripathi, Chairperson, Gujarat State Human Rights Commission, said, "Interconnected values prevent crimes leaving individuals & society peaceful. The legal profession should concentrate on integrating law, religion, spirituality and justice."

Hon'ble Justice Sri Alexander Thomas, High Court of Kerala, said, "I appreciate the creative approach to integrating Law, Religion, Spirituality & Justice. I wish the programme every success."

Dr Elizabeth Denley, Australia's Ecologist, Educationist & Spiritual Practitioner, said, "The modern & material world needs values, morals & ethics enshrined in the ancient Indian scriptures"

Harvard Law School's Dr Peter Gabel said, "Spirituality & spiritual values are essential to the legal profession & legal academics. When the legal system is becoming reductionist in approach, gradually losing core values such as healing, empathy, compassion and peace, these kinds of efforts amidst analytic jurisprudence are the need of the hour."

Dr Sukhsimranjit Singh, Associate Professor, Pepperdine's Caruso School of Law said, "Value-oriented culture can avoid conflicts in social life. One can draw values from all religions and spiritual traditions to bring peace and harmony to social life."

GNLU Director Dr S. Shanthakumar said, "Spirituality is a part of sound health in the individual and social life. It gives hope to humanity and empathy to social life."

The programme received an overwhelming response from across the globe. The international participants included Ms Sylvia Clute, President & Senior Law Attorney, Alliance for Unitive Justice, USA and Prof (Dr) Chamu from the University of Hertfordshire, UK.

## Role of Psychotherapy in Victim's Trauma, Coping-up Strategies, Enhancement of Psychological Aspects to Justice.

Renowned psychologist & psychotherapist Dr Dipti Joshi gave a webinar, "Role of Psychotherapy in Victim's Trauma, Coping-up Strategies, Enhancement of Psychological Aspects to Justice," on 06 March 2021.

Dr Dipti Joshi is one of the first persons in Gujarat to be trained in Cognitive Behavior Therapy from the Beck Institute, Philadelphia. She received the Young Scientist Award at The Indian Science Congress in 2000 for her research paper based on her doctoral thesis, "Variables Related To Success in Life.



**Dr Dipti Joshi**

Dr Joshi demonstrated how psychotherapy helps victim's trauma, coping-up strategies & finally leads to psychological aspects to wellbeing in social life.

Students who interacted with the speaker realised the importance of psychotherapy to draw a fresh approach to Constitutional Law, rights of victims, and duties of the State.

Dr K. Parameswaran, Associate Professor of Law, co-ordinated the webinar.

# New Collaborations



**Shree Somnath Sanskrit University**



Gujarat National Law University (GNLU) and Shree Somnath Sanskrit University (SSSU) signed a Memorandum of Understanding on 06 January 2021. To begin with, GNLU and SSSU intend to introduce certificate and diploma courses on Dharmashastras.

SSSU VC Dr Gopabandhu Mishra said, "these courses will facilitate the students of law to learn about the traditional system of law and jurisprudence contained in the ancient Indian scriptures. While they study the modern concepts of law, they will also appreciate the rich legal heritage we have."

"The ancient Indian scriptures have a treasure trove of knowledge and wisdom. The proposed courses will enable students to integrate modern law concepts with the traditional Indian system of law and have a holistic view," said GNLU Director Prof (Dr) S. Shanthakumar.



**NITI Aayog**

GNLU and NITI Aayog, the think tank of the Government of India, has entered into a Statement of Intent (SoI) on institutional partnership. GNLU and NITI Aayog have agreed to work together to conduct capacity building programmes on the role of technology in legal policy and undertake activities to build awareness.



GNLU and Teach For India have signed an MoU to build a cooperative working relationship, among other things, to engage students by providing internship and recruitment opportunities.



**Government of Gujarat,  
Social Justice &  
Empowerment Department**



Gujarat National Law University (GNLU) and Social Justice and Empowerment Department (SJED), Government of Gujarat, entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to work for the welfare of the transgender community.

GNLU Director Prof (Dr) S. Shanthakumar and Mr G. N. Nachia, Director, Social Defence Department, signed an MoU to this effect in the presence of Shri Manoj Aggarwal, IAS, Additional Chief Secretary, SJED, Government of Gujarat, on 10 June 2021.

"We are thankful to the Government of Gujarat for giving GNLU this opportunity to undertake research in the issues of the transgender community and contribute towards policy making for creating a more inclusive society," said GNLU Director Dr S. Shanthakumar.



GNLU has entered into an MoU with vInnovate Social Research Foundation. vInnovate is an open group of people who aim to tackle societal problems with innovative solutions using information and communication technology. Both parties will explore opportunities to build a cooperative working relationship in identified areas of common interest.



GNLU has signed an agreement with Edith Cowan University, Australia, for student exchange and study abroad programme, initially for five years.

## Alumni

### Empowering people through information sharing



GNLU alumna **Sharon Mathew** (2013-2018) has set up the COVID Rights platform <https://covidrightsindia.com/> to provide correct legal recourse for citizens during the COVID pandemic.

The website focuses on helping people reaching out to lawyers for pro-bono advice on legal issues arising out of COVID-19 and find information related to their rights.

COVID Rights aggregates orders from the Supreme Court of India, various High Courts and Ministries in a state-wise manner and provides easy-to-understand explanations so people can better understand what to demand from the institutions created to protect them. It also serves as a platform where people in need can reach out to lawyers if they need any legal advice related to the pandemic.

The website has also classified special groups such as the elderly, children, differently-abled, transgender people and prisoners.

The scheme and Aid section lists orders about financial assistance, free ration kits, free health care, relief for children orphaned by the pandemic and extension of timelines amidst pandemic.

Sharon says she felt the need for such a website when her colleague shared a story of how their landlord suffered and succumbed to the deadly virus for want of a positive RT-PCR report.

"The rights and procedures created to protect the citizens are of no use without the citizens being aware of them. Hence, this website. In less than a month of the launch of the website, we have received over 30 legal queries from across the country, filed seven legal notices, and have one medical negligence case," says Sharon.

At present, COVIDRights has a core team of nine people and over 15 volunteers, including Shefali Mehta, another GNLU alumna (2013-2018).

yourstory.com has recognised her as one of the 100 Emerging Women Leaders.

Sharon is a Research Associate at the Centre for Policy Research (CPR), New Delhi. Before joining CPR, Sharon worked as an Associate Litigator with the Legal Initiative for Forests and Environment (LIFE), a Delhi based environmental law firm.

### A life devoted to street children's welfare



**Shivansh Tyagi**, MBA 2020, has devoted his life to the upliftment of poor children, mainly street children, through education.

A personal tragedy in 2016 changed his life. "My nephew was abducted on his way back from school. The search for him took me to some of the darkest parts of our society, which we tend to ignore though we encounter them every day. I saw street children rotting in living hell – a life full of hunger, substance abuse, sexual exploitation, torture and crime. The experience shook my whole existence inside out. I felt it was nothing less than a crime to leave these children to their fate. I decided to do whatever I could to improve their lot. Initially, I was not sure about what and how. But deep contemplation over the problem gave me clarity: education was their only hope," Shivansh says.

He then started working with these children. Quoting Majrooh Sultanpuri, Shivansh says,

मैं अकेलाही चलाथा जानिब-ए-मंजिल मगर,  
लोग साथ आते गए और कारवां बनता गया ।

People slowly started joining me and, now, I have the support of six school Principals, 20 plus teachers, few volunteers and a bunch of sponsors.

Shivansh has dedicated eight rooms (the entire first floor) of his house in Shiv Vihar, Delhi, to educate these children.

Shivansh also counsels poor parents to send their children to school or not withdraw them from school to send them to work to augment the family income. Where he finds that children do not have skills commensurate with the standard they are studying in, he tries to bridge the gap between their knowledge level and school level.

He and his team have directly educated 1,200 plus children and impacted 5,000 plus lives through counselling over the last five years. He enrolls 200 students every year. "We send students to government schools where tuition is free of charge. We bear all other expenses on education partly through my resources and partly from the financial help from sponsors," says Shivansh.

Shivansh concludes, according to UIS data for the school year ending in 2018, about 258 million children and youth are out of school. Each of us should sponsor at least one child's education to give them a better life and make this world a better place.





**Saumya Satish Raval** (2015-20) has secured admission to the LL.M programme in Human Rights Laws at the Central European University (CEU), Austria, together with the CEU Master's Distinction Scholarship. It is a full scholarship awarded to one Indian every year and covers tuition fees, accommodation, living expenses and insurance.

After graduating from GNLU with a BSW LL.B (Hons.), Saumya did a LAMP (Legislative Assistant to Member of Parliament) fellowship and later joined Vedanta Resources as an In-house Legal Counsel.

Gujarat Chief Minister Shri Vijay Rupani has congratulated Saumya on the scholarship award and conveyed his best wishes.



**Samta Godiwala**



**Harmya Doshi**



**Damini Dixit**

Samta Godiwala (2011-2016), Harmya Doshi (LLM 2016-17) and Damini Dixit (LLM 2018-19) have cleared the Gujarat State Judicial Services Examination and are selected for appointment to the cadre of CIVIL JUDGES as per the Select List released by the High Court of Gujarat on 09 April 2021. Congratulations!



**Dr Raju Narayana Swamy**, IAS (PhD 2021), has published two research papers:

"Compulsory Licensing of Drugs and Vaccines in the Backdrop of the Pandemic: Pros and Cons" published in Volume II, Issue V of Lexforti Legal Journal (ISSN: 2582-2942), and

"Evolving Dimensions of Intermediary Liability: An Analysis in the Light of the Emerging Legal Framework and Judicial Pronouncements" published in White Black Legal Law Journal ISSN: 2581-8503



**Tanishtha Vaid** (2014-2019) has been accepted to the 2021-2022 Judicial Fellowship Programme of the International Court of Justice. Tanishtha will be the first student from GNLU to hold this prestigious position. Currently, she is an International Finance and Development Fellow (Legal) at OECD, Paris. Congratulations!



**Shayak Chakraborty** (2008-13), Advocate, Calcutta High Court, has been appointed to the West Bengal State Panel of Advocates in the High Court at Calcutta as a State Advocate in the Civil Side (Group C). Congratulations!



**Abhilasha Singh** (2007-2012) has been admitted as a Solicitor to the Supreme Court of Australia Capital Territory. Earlier, she worked in Shardul Amarchand Mangaldas and Cyril Amarchand Mangaldas from 2012 till 2018. Congratulations!



India Business Law Journal, Hong Kong has recognised **Vineet Gupta** (2005-2010) amongst India's top 50 up-and-coming Future Legal Leaders. Vineet is the General Corporate and M&A Partner at Indian Law Partners, Advocates and Solicitors. Congratulations!



**Vasu Jain** (2013-18) has cleared the Union Public Service Commission's Central Armed Forces Examination (UPSC CAPF (AC) exam) for appointment as Assistant Commandant at Central Armed Police Forces. Congratulations!



**Aditya Jain** (2008-13), Founding Partner of J&G Associates and an advocate-on-record in the Supreme Court of India, delivered a webinar, "Health Data Management Policy 2020 and its Interface with Personal Data Protection Bill," on 19 March.



**Maushumi Bhattacharya** (2013-2018) will be pursuing an LLM in Bioethics at McGill University for 2021-22. She was also offered admission at the University of Toronto with a scholarship of 20,000 CAD. However, she has opted for the McGill.

After graduating from GNLU, Maushumi worked at Cadila Pharmaceutical Ltd. as a Legal

Executive for two years. She hopes to get a PhD in future and continue in the field of research and academics.



**Dr Kalpeshkumar L Gupta**, PhD 2017, spoke on “Pro Bono in Crisis Situations: Covid-19” as a Panelist in the Around the World Pro Bono Conference organised by The Asian Law Students’ Association, Singapore.

He has founded Pro Bono India, Legal Startups, Court Management in India and is currently working on Law Teachers India website .

Kalpeshkumar is with Parul University, Vadodara, Gujarat, as an Assistant Professor.



**Faiz Ayat Ansari** (LL.M. 2018-19) delivered a keynote address on 'Law, Languages and Globalization' in the Round Table Discussion on The Role of Foreign Languages in Law' organised by The Tashkent State University of Law, Uzbekistan. He was also a Resource Person in the Webinar on 'Comparative Analysis of EU and Indian Legal Systems' organised by The Mediterranean International

Centre for Human Rights Research, Reggio Calabria, Italy.



**Shobhit Agarwal** (2006-11) joined as Head, Legal & Compliance GATX India Private Limited (GIPL), Gurgaon. GIPL is a subsidiary of GATX Corporation, the global leader in railcar leasing. Before joining GIPL, Shobhit worked with Brookfield (World's 2<sup>nd</sup> largest Real Asset Management Group), Mahindra World City and Ferrari.

## Student GNLU Legal Service Committee



**Shabri Bose**



**Vaishnavi Patel**



**Himangini Mishra**



**Palak Sheth**



**Diya Vaya**

Shabri Bose (2023 Batch), Vaishnavi Patel ( 2023 Batch), Himangini Mishra (2023 Batch), Palak Sheth (2024 Batch) and Diya Vaya (2024 Batch) coordinate the “Learn From Home” (LFH) project to provide free online education to children from marginalised sectors through video calls.

LFH team uses the data collected for the Migrant Worker Assistant Project co-ordinated by GNLU Centre for Law and Society to identify beneficiaries and ascertain whether they have the necessary equipment and internet

connectivity for remote learning. LFH has also created a grade-wise database of learning materials which the volunteers can access. LFH vision is to create an environment for children to learn and develop social and emotional skills. As of now, LFH has reached out to about 100 children. Recently, LFH has crowdsourced a laptop for a children's Community Centre managed by Seva Group Foundation. LFH team has volunteers from and outside GNLU.

## Committee on Recruitment Affairs

Committee on Recruitment Affairs organised a Workshop on International Legal Practice by Mr Rohan Bilimoria.

Mr Bilimoria is a legal professional with global experience. He has worked as an in-house legal counsel for KFC Asia and Pizza Hut Asia Pacific and has worked with Linklaters and Mayer Brown law firms. He is one of the world's leading coaches for law students and lawyers and is the

founder of Law Ninjas.

Rohan shared his journey with the students and highlighted what it's like to work overseas, as a lawyer at an international law firm, as an in-house counsel at a Fortune 500 company, and in a commercial role. He also shared practical tips with the students.

## Academic Support Programme

Academic Support Programme (ASP) created a record by engaging more than 100 (115, to be precise) sessions in the academic year 2020-21. A BIG THANK YOU to ASP Team and student volunteers for their excellent contribution!

On this occasion, GNLU Times talked to various stakeholders associated with ASP over the years.



Founding Student Member Mr Prashanth Ramdas (2008-2013) recalled, "I found that some students had language deficiency. As a result, they were not able to cope with the rigours that a law school demands. That led me to the idea of providing them academic support outside the framework of formal lectures. I pitched the idea to Param Sir, and the rest is history."



Dr K. Parameswaran, Founding Faculty Convener, said, "ASP is one of the best informal structures with an excellent institutional support system. ASP provides space for knowledge and also for compassion, empathy, togetherness, and mutuality as well. I have seen students serving ASP tell me how satisfied and peaceful they feel after they help others."



ASP Faculty Co-Convener, Dr William Nunes, said, "Peer to peer learning is flexible, informal and encourages social learning. UNESCO has also endorsed peer tutoring as one of the key strategies in achieving quality and inclusive education. The increasing demand for ASP sessions over the years proves that students find them useful."



ASP Faculty Convener, Dr Jagdeesh Chandra, said, "There is inequality in society caused by different socio-economic factors. Consequently, all students coming to GNLU are not on the same footing. ASP helps create a level playing field for all by engaging them in a peer-to-peer learning environment. It also promotes social values of cooperation and knowledge exchange."



GNLU Director, Prof (Dr) S. Shanthakumar, said, "Academic outcome is a vital evaluation criterion for any accrediting body. I believe ASP can help us achieve a target of at least 80% of the cohort passing with more than 60% of marks. Thus, ASP can play a pivotal role in making GNLU a globally competitive university."

(Dr) Shanthakumar conveyed his best wishes to Team ASP and said, "volunteering is a rewarding experience. People who help others are consistently happier individuals and enjoy remarkable health benefits compared to non-volunteers."

## Theatre Club



# Mooting at GNLU

## GNLU Mooters make their mark!



**GNLU RANKED 2nd AMONG TOP LAW  
UNIVERSITIES WITH MAXIMUM VICTORIES IN  
INTER-UNIVERSITY MOOT COURT COMPETITIONS**

RANK 2021	UNIVERSITY	COMPETITIONS WON
1	DR RAM MANOHAR LOHIYA NATIONAL LAW UNIVERSITY, Lucknow	22
2	GUJARAT NATIONAL LAW UNIVERSITY, Gandhinagar	21
3	THE WEST BENGAL NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF JURIDICAL SCIENCES, Kolkata	9
4	THE NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF ADVANCED LEGAL STUDIES, Kochi	5
5	NATIONAL LAW INSTITUTE UNIVERSITY, Bhopal	4
5	NATIONAL LAW UNIVERSITY ODISHA, Cuttack	4

India Today Rankings 2021 has ranked GNLU #2 among top law universities with maximum victories in Inter-University Moot Court Competitions with 21 wins, just a tad below the highest wins of 22. Congratulations, GNLU Mooters! Great achievement! Brace yourself up and push a little bit more, and you may well place GNLU at the top next time!

"We have an active mooting culture at GNLU. Students are introduced to mooting right from the beginning. Seniors who have participated in various moot court competitions train the freshers. Besides, our alumni, avid mooters in their student days, also share their experiences with the students. As a result, our students do consistently well at national and international moots. Recently, GNLU team has won Fali S. Nariman Award at the 18th Willem C. Vis East International Commercial Arbitration Moot & 2nd Virtual Vis East Moot, 2021, and become the first team from GNLU and only the second from India to win this prestigious award. I congratulate the Moot Court Committee under the leadership of the Faculty Convener, Dr Girish R., on this splendid performance and wish them all the best for the forthcoming events," said GNLU Director, Prof (Dr) S. Shanthakumar.

GNLU students participated in 58 moot court competitions, including 19 international events, and won laurels at 21.

### 1<sup>st</sup> RWC – NAMCO Sports Arbitration Mooting Competition, 2021

**Champions**



Ann Sarasa K R  
Batch 2020-25



Hitesh Kar  
Batch 2020-25



Akshata Modi  
Batch 2020-25

Assoc. Prof. Dr Jady Zaidi Bin Hassim  
Best Written Submission Award

Best Oralist (Grand Final) : Ann Sarasa K R

### III Surana & Surana and UPES School of Law National Insolvency Law Moot Court Competition, 2021

**Winners**



Palak Sheth  
Batch 2019-24



Saffron Sarosh  
Batch 2019-24



Jagrat Shah  
Batch 2018-23

Best Advocate (Finals) : Saffron Sarosh

### 10<sup>th</sup> Institute of Law National Moot Court Competition, 2021

**Winners**



Rishab Aggarwal  
Batch 2017-22



Rishabh Joshi  
Batch 2017-22



Ishaan Pandey  
2020-25



Keshav Somani  
Batch 2018-23



Sannidhi Buch  
Batch 2018-23



Yash Khanna  
Batch 2019-24

### 2nd NALSAR-UNHCR Public International Law Moot Court Competition, 2021

**Winners**

## 18th Willem C. Vis East International Commercial Arbitration Moot & 2nd Virtual Vis East Moot, 2021

Fali Nariman Award for Best Memorandum on Behalf of the Respondent (Tie)  
An Honourable Mention for the David Hunter Award for Best Memorandum on Behalf of Claimant



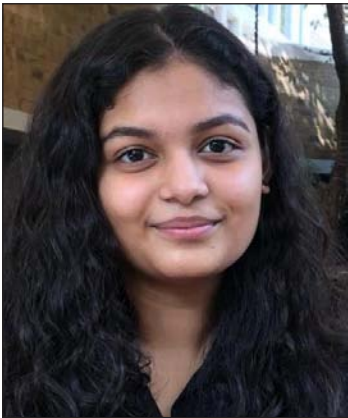
Ananya Mohapatra  
Batch 2019-24



Hritvik Mohan  
Batch 2019-24



Kunal Parekh  
Batch 2019-24



Sanjali Rupnawar  
Batch 2019-24



Khushi Parekh  
Batch 2019-24



Yash Khanna  
Batch 2019-24

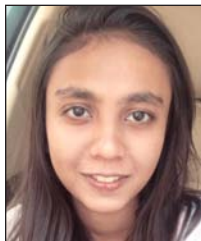
**The first team from GNLU and only the second from India to win the prestigious Fali S. Nariman Award**

### PGCL SAARC International Moot Court Competition, 2021

Winners



Ansha Bhagat  
Batch 2019-24



Chahana Charles  
Batch 2018-23



Swati Koul  
Batch 2018-23

### Conficiendis Legislativa – 10<sup>th</sup> National Legislative Drafting Competition, 2021

Best Entry



Hunar Malik  
Batch 2019-24



Soumya S  
Batch 2019-24

## ICC Moot Court Competition, 2021

India Rounds

Winners (first rank in the Memorial Qualifier Rounds)  
Best Defense Memorial and Best Government Memorial



Shardul Ansingkar  
Batch 2017-22



Anjana Sathy  
Batch 2017-22



Varsha Goel  
Batch 2017-22



Shubham Tiwary  
Batch 2017-22



Shikhar Nigam  
Batch 2018-23

International Rounds

Quarter-Finalists

Best Overall Speaker (Prelims) and Best Prosecutor : Shardul Ansingkar

## 1st DLA Piper Vis Pre-Moot, 2021

Runners-Up



Ananya Mohapatra  
Batch 2019-24



Hritvik Mohan  
Batch 2019-24



Khushi Parekh  
Batch 2019-24



Kunal Parekh  
Batch 2019-24



Sanjali Rupnawar  
Batch 2019-24



Yash Khanna  
Batch 2019-24

## Navitas-MAIMS 1st National Law Fest, 2021

Runners-Up



Puneet Mathur  
Batch 2018-23



Vanshika  
Batch 2018-23



Ashlesha Singhal  
Batch 2017-22



Sana Jain  
Batch 2017-22



Pranay Gulati  
Batch 2018-23

## 22<sup>nd</sup> D. M. Harish Memorial GLC International Online Moot Court Competition, 2021

Semi-Finalists

## 12<sup>th</sup> Leiden Sarin International Air Law Moot Court Competition, 2021

Finalists (India National Rounds)



Samridhhi Chatterjee  
Batch 2018-23



Ritik Mohapatra  
Batch 2018-23



Atirath Anand  
Batch 2018-23

## XIV NLS Trilegal International Arbitration Moot, 2021

Semi-Finalists



Rashi Rawat  
Batch 2017-22



Himanshu Kumar  
Batch 2017-22

**1st National Moot Court Competition, 2021**

**Quarter-Finalists**



Ananya Prakash  
Batch 2020-25



Abhinav Nanda  
Batch 2020-25



Kumar Kanishk Sinha  
Batch 2020-25



Dhruv Kohli  
Batch 2020-25



Rohan Bhimajiyani  
Batch 2020-25



Bhashit Bhatt  
Batch 2020-25

**5th National Moot Court Competition, 2021**

**Quarter-Finalists**



Aniket A Panchal  
Batch 2019-24



Diya Vaishnav  
Batch 2019-24



Mehar Kaur Arora  
Batch 2019-24



Kanika Mittal  
Batch 2019-24



Saumya Mittal  
Batch 2019-24



Yajush Tripathi  
Batch 2019-24

**12<sup>th</sup> NLU Antitrust Law Moot Court Competition, 2021**

**Octa-Finalists**

**1<sup>st</sup> Army Institute of Law and Malhotra & Malhotra Associates Child Law National Online Moot Court Competition, 2021**

**Quarter Finalists**

**3<sup>rd</sup> SAARCLAW – JLU Moot Court Competition, 2021**

**Quarter Finalists**



Amar Singh  
Batch 2019-24



Hemang Arora  
Batch 2019-24



Ayush Pratap Singh  
Batch 2019-24



Durgesh Sharma  
Batch 2019-24



Simran Srivastava  
Batch 2020-25



Radhika  
Batch 2020-25

**National Trial Advocacy Competition, 2021**

**Quarter-Finalists**

**25<sup>th</sup> Stetson International Environmental Moot Court Competition, 2021**

**Quarter Finalists**

**Symbiosis Law School, Hyderabad, National Moot Court Competition, 2021**

**Quarter Finalists**



Saurabh Agnihotri  
Batch 2018-23



Ayushi Mehta  
Batch 2018-23



Anchit Jasuja  
Batch 2018-23



Kanika Mittal  
Batch 2019-24



Dhruvil Singh Rathod  
Batch 2019-24



Yeesha Sharma  
Batch 2019-24

## Debating Society

Eighteen members of the GNLU Debating Society participated in three international and 15 national debating events, and four won laurels at 11 national events.



**Chahana Charles (2018-2023)**

1. Semi-Finalist, 12th Best Speaker, Axiom Parliamentary Debate, February 2021
2. Invited Adjudicator, Finals Panelist, KIIT Pratija
3. Finalist, People Speak Parliamentary Debate, March 2021 and Government Law College Debate, April 2021
4. Deputy Core Adjudicator, Blith Parliamentary Debate by IIT Gandhinagar, March 2021
5. Quarterfinalist, NLSIU Debate, May 2021 and RV College Debate, May 2021



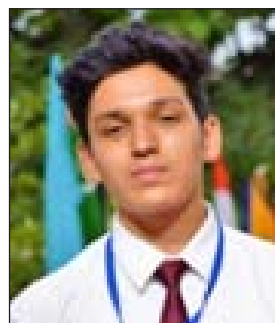
**Bhavnish Kaur Chhabda (2017-2022)**

1. Breaking adjudicator, Open pre-quarterfinals panellist, 9th Justice VM Tarkunde Memorial International Parliamentary Debate 2021; February 2021
2. Breaking adjudicator, Quarterfinals panellist, 18th People Speak, March 2021



**Avi Modi (2020-2025)**

Semi-Finalist, Padma Shri Dr N.N. Jain 2nd National Debate Competition, June 2021



**Sarvagya Chitranshi (2020 - 2025)**

Quarter Finalist (Open Category), The Industrial Feud: A Debate on Employers, Workers and their Relationships organised by Centre of Labour Laws and Jus Cultura, NLIU Bhopal, April 2021

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### Crusaders against Corruption

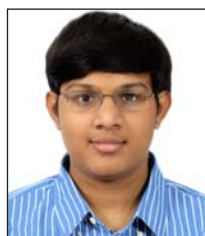


**Siddharth Patel Vishruth Behani Alok Anand**

Siddharth Patel (2016-2021), Vishruth Behani (2016-2021), Alok Anand (2017-2022), Aniket Patel (2017-2022) and Yash Modi (2017-2022) interned with Gujarat Government's Anti Corruption Bureau (ACB). They helped ACB officers prepare chargesheets in corruption and disproportionate asset cases and in legal research for the cases before the Supreme Court of India and the High Court of Gujarat. They continued to assist ACB virtually during COVID 19 pandemic. They played a crucial role in the multi-pronged strategy employed by ACB, which has helped ACB achieve the highest conviction rate in the country.



**Aniket Patel**



**Yash Modi**

Gujarat Chief Minister Shri Vijay Rupani acknowledged their role in the anti-bribery unit of ACB in a virtual event on International Anti-Corruption Day.



### Corona Warrior



When India was reeling under the devastating second wave of COVID pandemic, **Avi Modi** (2020-25) volunteered to work with two NGOs active in his home town. He played a pivotal role in organising three mega Blood Donation Camps during April and May 2021 and collected 360 plus units of blood. He also helped the NGOs raise funds for donating essentials to Government hospitals.

### Hunger Hero



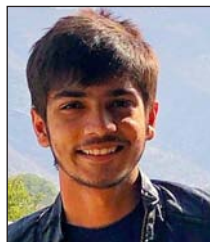
**Raj Vinay Shukla** (2020-25) is volunteering with Feeding India by Zomato since 2019, initially as a Surat City President and later as a HUNGER HERO. He has been awarded a certificate of appreciation in March 2021 to acknowledge his outstanding contribution.

### Lighting Dreams



**Kumar Kanishk Sinha Aaryan Dwivedi Siddhartha Reddy**

Kumar Kanishk Sinha, Aaryan Dwivedi and Vukanti Lenin Siddhartha Reddy, all from 2020-2025 batch, have launched "Lighting Dreams" to help CLAT aspirants. Their 22 volunteers drawn from different NLUs guided close to 300 CLAT-2021 aspirants and provided them with materials free of cost.



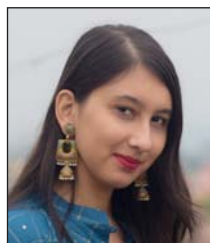
**Abhas Soni** (2020-25) interned with Child, Rights and You (CRY) Mumbai to work on the project of City COVID Resource Validation. He also interned with Teach For India to write an article on the New Education Policy. He also volunteered for Think India, NCW and NHRC to file complaints about Bengal violence victims and their families.



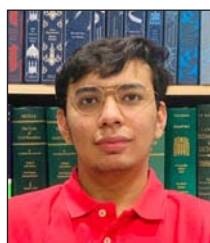
**Vismitha Rathi** (2020-25) secured first place in the essay writing competition conducted by JustAct on "Scope of Alternative Dispute Resolution for effectively resolving women related disputes" on Women's Day 2021.



**Nikita** (2020-25) secured third place in the essay writing competition conducted by Just Act on "Scope of Alternative Dispute Resolution for effectively resolving women related disputes" on Women's Day 2021.



**Sangita Sharma** (2019-24) secured the first position in the 3rd IP Talent Search Examination (IPTSE). IPTSE is the first & one-of-its-kind annual 'IP Olympiad' for IPR in India that tests an individual's knowledge on patents, designs, copyright, designs, geographical indications, and trade secret through proctored examination.



**Rohin Bhatt** (2016-21) has secured admission to the Master of Bioethics programme of Harvard University, USA. Rohit will join Harvard in September 2021.



**Vishesh Sharma** (2016-21) has secured admission to Oxford, Cambridge, and London School of Economics & Political Science. Vishesh has also secured a Cambridge Trust Scholarship. He plans on pursuing an LL.M. in International Commercial Laws and International Dispute Settlement at Oxford or Cambridge.



**Raghav Kohli** (2016-2021) has been offered admission to the LLM Programme of the University of Cambridge. He has also been awarded JN Tata Scholarship to pursue the said programme.



**Aditya Sharma** (2020-2025) secured the second position in 'Ibtida', the Legal Film Critic Writing Competition organised by Symbiosis Law School, Pune and received a cash prize.



**Aniket Panchal**



**Gauransh Gaur**

Aniket Panchal (2019-24) and Gauransh Gaur (2019-24)'s co-authored essay won the second prize in the Essay Competition on "Inclusivity in National Education Policy, 2020: A Needle in a Haystack?" organised by National Law University, Delhi in collaboration with Legal Aid Clinic on National Education Policy. Their essay titled "National Education Policy, 2020: Fallout from Equitable and Inclusive Education for Children with Disabilities" is published in a compendium titled 'Inclusivity vis-à-vis National Education Policy 2020' published by NLU, Delhi.



**Anant Agarwal** (2019-2024)'s research paper 'Bankruptcy Law and Macroeconomics: Perspectives from India' was selected for the Stanford Research Conference 2021, organised by Stanford University in April 2021. He is the only Indian law student whose paper was selected for the conference.



**Mayuri Gupta**, a doctoral student, has been appointed as a Milon K Banerji Fellow, Charkha (Constitutional Law Centre), Vidhi Centre for Legal Policy, Delhi.

She has co-authored an article: 'TarikhPeTarikh Constitution Benched' in How Political is our Judiciary? Outlook (Special Issue), 01 March 2021.

She has also co-authored a chapter titled 'Pandemic Crisis: The Implications of Covid-19 Led Migration and the Plight of Rural Bihar' with Dr. Deesha Khaire in the Book titled Pandemics, Health, Human Rights & Intellectual Property Rights Perspectives, NUALS Kochi (ISBN: 978-81-945680-9-4) published June 2021.

## National Service Scheme

Under the auspices of National Service Scheme (NSS) unit of Gujarat National Law University (GNLU), GNLU students organized a blood donation camp at Koba village for the benefit of children suffering from thalassemia, on 08 June 2021. On this occasion, they also distributed free masks and sanitizers to the villagers and persuaded them to use them regularly in the war against corona.



**Ms Akshatha Paranjyothi Kumar**, a doctoral scholar, participated in a one-day multidisciplinary International e-Conference on "Trends, Challenges and Issues in the Science, Social Science and Languages for Social Welfare", organized by Bharathi

Vidyapeeth, Sangli, on 17 May 2021, and presented a paper, "Health Issues of Transgender- A Sociological Study". This paper has been published in AIIRJ Peer Reviewed and Indexed Journal with Impact Factor 7.149 bearing ISSN 2349-638, Special Issue No.86.

She participated in the One-day International Conference on "Looking at the Pandemic through Gender Lens", organized by Women Development and Empowerment Cell, Maharashtra, on 24 May 2021 and presented a paper, "Discrimination On Transgender- Are Not They Human Beings?"

She wrote a paper titled "Views of Different Religions on Transgender and Their Marital Status" for a peer-reviewed journal titled "Journal of Research and Development" with impact factor 7.265 bearing ISSN no 2230-9578 published in May 2021, Vol 11, Issue 13.

She also wrote a paper titled "Miserable Life of Transgender- Significant Issues of their Challenges" for a peer-reviewed journal titled "Journal of Research and Development" with impact factor 7.265 bearing ISSN no 2230-9578 published in June 2021, Volume 11, Issue 17.

Her chapter entitled "Social Forestry- Significance and Management" has been accepted for publication in the Edited Book, Agroforestry: Prospective, Strategies and Future Aspects with Manuscript No: AGFO-02.

Akshatha has been appointed on the Board of Studies of St. Joseph's College, Bengaluru as a representative of Bengaluru City University, where she works as an Assistant Professor of Sociology.



## The GNLU Experience

Student Welfare and Grievance Redressal Committee (SWGRC) organised a three-session lecture series, The GNLU Experience, as part of the 2020-2025 batch onboarding.

On 05 January, Vasanthi Hariharan and Vedant Sumant took a session on Campus Life and apprised the freshers about various campus activities and facilities. On 10 January, Raghav Kohli and Ayushi Jain acquainted them with the Academic Life discussing wide-ranging topics from examinations to research papers to moot court competitions. In the last session on 17 January, Rahul Rajpal, Sana Jain, Manisha Thakur and Vejayalakshmi Puli briefed them about cultural life on the campus in a session on life beyond the classroom. They introduced newcomers to various clubs and committees such as the sports committee, music club, art club and dance club.



**Vasanthi Hariharan**  
(2017-22)



**Vedant Sumant**  
(2017-22)



**Raghav Kohli**  
(2016-21)



**Ayushi Jain**  
(2017-22)



**Rahul Rajpal**  
(2016-21)



**Sana Jain**  
(2017-22)



**Manisha Thakur**  
(2017-22)



**Vejayalakshmi Puli**  
(2017-22)



Dr Sugnesh Chudasama, Assistant Director of Physical Education and Sports, has completed the 90-day Pre-commission Course at the Officers Training Academy, Kamptee from 08 February to 08 May 2021.



GNLU Girls' Hostel Warden, Mrs Bhavna Sanghavi's daughter, Hiral Sanghavi, has qualified for a PhD degree from the Indian Institute of Technology Gandhinagar. The degree will be conferred on her at the next convocation.

Her doctoral dissertation titled "Biochemical and Bioinformatic studies of THAP9 transposase and other THAP proteins" has led to an offer of a post-doctoral research fellowship from the University of Northern British Columbia, Canada.

Hiral's academic journey started with her B.Sc. in Genetics from Sardar Patel University, for which she was awarded the University Gold medal and M.Sc. in Molecular & Human Genetics from Banaras Hindu University. She qualified for the national level competitive exam CSIR\_UGC-NET with a UGC\_JRF Rank 54 in 2014, which earned her scholarship for her doctoral programme.

## Faculty



World Intellectual Property Forum has recognised **Dr Nidhi Buch**, Assistant Professor of Law, as one of the "100 Powerful Women in Intellectual Property (India): 2021" who has built a most successful career in Intellectual Property. She heads GNLU's Centre for IPR since its inception in 2016.

Dr Nidhi Buch presented a paper on "Multifaceted Role of the State in ensuring Sustainable GI System: Challenges and Opportunities in the Indian Legal Framework" at the third IP & Innovation Researchers of Asia (PIRA) Conference held during 24-27 March 2021.

She was invited as a Guest Speaker at the 3rd National Symposium on "IPR: Strategies & Approaches for Startups and SMEs Growth", organised by the School of Business & Law & SSIP, Navrachana University, on 15 May 2021.

She delivered a Webinar on "Understanding the Nuances of the Law of Trademarks" organised by Beyond Law CLC on 2 February 2021.

She delivered lectures on IPR and Trademarks in a Certificate Course on Legal Aspects of Startups conducted by Legal Startups from 20 February to 14 March 2021.



**Dr Pratima Dube**, Assistant Professor of English, completed her PhD from Kadi Sarva Vishwavidyalaya. The topic of her thesis is "Towards a Curriculum Design to bridge the Disparity between Existing Communicative Proficiency of Law Students of National Law Universities of India and Skill Expectations of the Legal Profession".



**Dr K. Parameswaran**, Associate Professor of Law, acquired three prestigious international academic certificates: Cognitive Behavioural Therapy (CBT)-Psychotherapy (Advanced Level-2 TEAM-FGI-USA), Neuro-Linguistic Programming (NPNLP-USA) and Interfaith Conflict Mitigation from Seeds of Peace (USA Consulate).

He conducted two national workshops during the semester: one on "Law, Morality, Ethics, Spirituality & Justice," for the Jagaran Lakecity University, and the other on Jurisprudential Critique & Tracing Constitutional Roots for the PhD scholars of the Delhi University – Law Centre 1.

He also delivered about 20 lectures on a variety of topics for prestigious institutions, including Pepperdine University's Caruso School of Law, USA; and the Indian Navy.

He was invited to write an editorial for prestigious Magazine Fr. Agnel's - A Mission & Youth, titled "Inside-India: Our New Lease of Life?"

He attended meetings of the Board of Studies of SLS, Pune and MIT-WPU, Pune. He also shared research insights with MIT-WPU, Pune, for developing a Certificate Course on "World Famous Philosophers, Sages, Saints & Great Kings."

He is appointed on the National Federation of Neuro-Linguistic Programming, USA (International Member), Advisory Board of the AURO Journal of Legal Research, Auro University, and Editorial Board of the GNLU Journal of Law, Development & Politics.



**Dr Saurabh Anand** delivered a webinar on "Law, Technology and Social Transformation" organised by the School of Law, Presidency University, Karnataka.

## Faculty



**Dr Viral Pandya**, Associate Professor of Management, delivered a lecture, "Effect of COVID - 19 on Education sector," at the International Webinar on 'Pandemic COVID-19 and its Impact' on 10 May 2021. Kachchh Suicide Prevention Forum, Bhuj, organised the webinar.

He was invited as a jury member for the final round of the National Level Debate Competition on "Start-up India: Journey So Far," organised by Parul Institute of Law on 25 May 2021.

He also delivered a lecture, "Introduction to Start-ups", in the Certificate Course on Legal Aspects of Start-up organised by Legal Start-ups on 21 February 2021.



**Ms Apoorva Patel**, Assistant Professor of Social Work, participated and presented papers in Interdisciplinary International Conferences organised by the Asian Institute of Technology, Thailand; the School of Management and Labour Studies, Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Mumbai; and National Association of Professional Social Workers in India.

She also delivered two lectures on "Gender Budgeting - Tools and Techniques" in the Ministry of Women and Child Development, Government of India-sponsored online National Workshops on "Gender Budgeting" on 24 February 2021 and on 06 March 2021. These workshops were organised by UGC's Centre for Advanced Studies in Social Work & Centre of Excellence, U.P. Higher Education Council, and Department of Social Work, University of Lucknow.

She delivered a talk in the National Commission for Women-sponsored Webinar "Mental Health and Wellbeing at Work Place" organised by Vikas Bharti Seva Charitable Trust on 15 April 2021.



**Dr Ambati Nageswara Rao**, Assistant Professor of Social Work, delivered a lecture on 'Unleashing Social Enterprise Innovations for Inclusion of Persons with Disabilities and Its Contribution towards Sustainable Development' at 2nd Global Summit on Sustainable Development and Society organised by International Meetings, Berlin, Germany on 19-20 April 2021.

Dr Rao presented a paper on 'Social Entrepreneurship Mission Orientation and its Impact on Organisational Performance' at International Conference on Sustainable Development: Challenges, Opportunities, and the Future, organised by Rajagiri Business School, Kochi, and Western Michigan University, the USA on 09-10 April 2021.

He delivered a lecture, "Social Entrepreneurship: Prospects & Opportunities for Social Workers", at the Department of Social Work, Mahatma Gandhi University, Nalgonda, Telangana, on 31 January 2021.

Dr Rao delivered a lecture on 'Social Entrepreneurship and Law' at the Department of Law, PMRD, Indore, 20 May 2021.

He delivered a lecture on Social Entrepreneurship and Types of Social Business Models at Certificate Course on Legal Aspects of Startups at GNLU.

### Dr A. Marisport

Dr A. Marisport, Assistant Professor of Law, presented a paper titled "Legal Aid and Women with Disabilities" in the 1st National Conference on Women Empowerment and Role of Legal Services Authority, organised by the Legal Aid Clinic, School of Law & Governance, CUSB, Bhopal.

He participated in two FDPs: one on "Recent Advancement in Forensic Science and Technology" (Crime Scene to Court Room)" at Amity University, Noida, and the other on "Interdisciplinary Research in Forensic Science and Criminology" organised by Forensis Agora.

He completed two courses: one E-course on 'Insidious Violence and Women with Disabilities' organised by Development Research Institute and the other "Online Disability Equality Capacity Building Course" by Commonwealth Disabled People's Forum.

He delivered a session on "Types of ADR and Importance of ADR (Including Sec 89 of CPC)" in the virtual National Workshop on Alternate Dispute Resolution organised by the School of Law, VISTAS, Chennai on 8 and 9 January 2021.

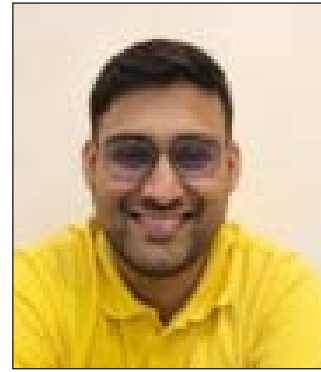
## Faculty



**Ms Mrinalini Banerjee**, Assistant Professor (Research), secured a research position at the Hague Academy of International Law, Centre for Studies and Research for a year. She was among the 37 researchers selected from across the globe and the only one from India. Her research focused on Epidemics and International Law.

Ms Banerjee attended the seven-Day National Level Online Faculty Development Program in Public Law organised by Karnataka State Law University.

She also presented a paper on "Climate Apartheid" at the Asia Pro Bono Virtual Conference. The conference theme was "Access to Justice Exchange."



**Mr Tarun**, Assistant Professor (Research), delivered a lecture on International Arbitration in Sports at Parul Institute of Law, Parul University, Vadodara, on 23 April 2021.

As a guest speaker at Suits and Sports (YouTube), a Global Sports and Policy Review (GSPR) initiative, Tarun discussed the future of Indian sports-law teaching and research, focusing on the role of leading law schools in policymaking and athlete legal education programmes.

Tarun also spoke on biased media coverage of women sports at Symbiosis Law School, Hyderabad, on 26 March 2021. Tarun was a panellist at the 3rd International Virtual Conference organised by LEGGE RHYTHMS on 17 April 2021.

## Welcome on Board



**Dr S. Rama Rao** joined GNLU as a GNLU-Microsoft Chair Professor on IPR Law & Policy Research on 01 March 2021.

Dr Rama Rao had been the Director of the New York Coordination Office of the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) until 2014. Earlier, he was Deputy Director, Senior Counselor and

Counselor there and had worked with WIPO since 1998.

Before joining WIPO, Dr Rao worked with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Government of India since the early 80s and was appointed as the Chief Legal Adviser in the Ministry at New Delhi.

Dr Rao is currently on several professional boards as a Director in an honorary capacity, including the Intellectual Property Development Programme of Bangladesh (IPDP), Caribbean Intellectual Property Organization (CAAIPO), Dr IP Essence etc. He is also a member of the SAARC Arbitration and Commissioner, Justice Commission of the States and Nations (CSN).

He has worked in International Intellectual Property Law, Public Health, Bilateral Investment Protection, International Environment Law, Sustainable Development, Technology and Innovation, and arbitration, particularly regarding foreign investments, intellectual property, technology, uniform domain names, and UNCITRAL commercial arbitration matters. Other

areas of his specialisation include International Law, Law of International Institutions, Human Rights, International Humanitarian Law, International Criminal Court, International Law on Terrorism, and Law of the Sea.

Dr Rao has several publications to his credit in international law, international institutions, disarmament law and intellectual property law.

Dr Rao has a PhD and M.Phil from Jawaharlal Nehru University, Delhi, LL.M., LL.B (JD) and B.Sc. from Andhra University, Waltair.



**Dr Annamma Samuel** has joined GNLU as a DPIIT-IPR Chair Professor on 05 March 2021. She brings over 17 years of professional experience in intellectual property law in reputed IP Law firms and leading academic institutions. Before joining the Chair, she was a Faculty of Law at GD Goenka University.

She has a PhD in Law from Tamil Nadu Dr Ambedkar Law University, Chennai, and LLM in Intellectual Property Law and BA LLB(Hons) from School of Indian Legal Thought, Mahatma Gandhi University, Kerala.

She specialises in Intellectual Property Law, and her areas of interest are Artificial Intelligence and IP Law, Traditional Knowledge and Folklore and Geographical Indications.



## Faculty

GNLU Director **Prof (Dr) S. Shanthakumar** was invited to participate in various conferences, seminars and workshops organised by academic institutions across the country. The prominent events among them are listed below:

1. Prof. (Dr.) S. Shanthakumar delivered an inaugural address at the training programme on 'Environmental Legislations, Interpretation, Enforcement, Legal and Statutory Requirements - Case Studies' organised by the Centre for Environmental Law, Education, Research and Advocacy, National Law School of India University, Bengaluru on 08 February 2021.
2. He delivered inaugural address at the International Virtual Conference on The Future of Dispute Resolution in Infrastructure Sector organised by the Adani Institute of Infrastructure on 12 February 2021.
3. He delivered a keynote address at the International Conference on the broad theme of Comparative Law organised by Amity Law School, Amity University, Noida in partnership with the School of Business and Law, Edith Cowan University (Western Australia) on 19-20 February 2021.
4. He delivered a session "International Law Perspectives on The Right to Breathe Clean Air in Light of Sustainable Development Goals" at the conference on "Right to Breathe Clean Air: Health and Environment Related SDGs" organised by Symbiosis Law School, Pune, in collaboration with Shastri Indo-Canadian Institute, on 04 March 2021.
5. He was invited to adjudge the final round of the 9th RGNUL National Moot Competition, 2021 organised by Rajiv Gandhi National University of Law, Punjab, and be the Chief Guest at the valedictory function on 21 March 2021.
6. He delivered a lecture on "Access to Justice and Legal Profession's Fundamental Safeguards" at the Judge's Colloquium organised by Llyod Law college on 20 March 2021.
7. He delivered a valedictory address at the FDP on Environmental Law and Sustainable Development organised by VIT School of Law on 01 April 2021.
8. He delivered an inaugural address at the National Seminar on Issues and Challenges on Environment Impact Assessment organised by the Centre for Environmental Law, Policy, Education & Development, ICFAI Law School, The ICFAI University, Dehradun, on 02 April 2021.
9. He delivered a session on the "Protection of Human Rights Act" at the FDP on "Human Rights in Contemporary India: Issues and Challenges" organised by the Centre for Human Rights, Himachal Pradesh National Law University, Shimla, from April 05 – 11, 2021.
10. He delivered inaugural address at the Capacity Building Program in Legal Research organised by AURO University in collaboration with Gujarat National Law University on 03 May 2021.
11. He inaugurated Third International Conference "Embracing Change And Transformation-Breakthrough Innovation And Creativity," organised by K. R. Mangalam University on 07 May 2021.
12. He inaugurated Smt. Nirmala Devi Bam Memorial International Virtual Moot Court Competition organised by Indore Institute of Law from 28 May to 30, 2021.
13. He delivered a Welcome Address at the special session on 'How and What was done by the Indian Navy during the cyclone Tauktae to save the lives of sailors on board the vessel which drifted away from Mumbai High Seas to Gujarat Coast.' The session was organised by Gujarat Maritime University and delivered by Rear Admiral Krishna Swaminathan, AVSM, VSM, Flag Officer Offshore Defence Advisory Group and Advisor Offshore Security and Defence, Government of India, on 07 June 2021.
14. He delivered a lecture on Research Skills and Environmental Law at Barkathullah University, Bhopal on 17 June 2021.
15. He participated in the panel discussion on "Education Metamorphosis – Conceiving New Educational Framework and Need for Collaborative Programs" at the VC Conclave on "Transformation of Higher Global Education" organised by Sushant University on 17 and 18 June 2021.
16. He delivered a valedictory address for the FDP "Recent Trends in Law and New Legal Pedagogy", organised by Sardar Patel University from 14 to 20 June 2021.
17. He participated in the panel discussion on the theme "Unprecedented Impact of COVID- 19 on Education" organised by MINDLER on 25 June 2021.
18. He was a Chief Guest for the valedictory function of the Third National Amity FDP on "New Paradigm in Legal Education & Teaching Methodology," organised by Amity Law School, Lucknow Campus, held from 21 to 26 June 2021.

**GNLU bids farewell to Prof (Dr) Shobhlata Udupudi, who superannuated on 30 June 2021**





# GNLU Centre for Law and Economics

International Conference on Economic Analysis of Law and Governance



**Prof (Dr) Oliver Hart**  
Nobel Laureate



**Prof (Dr) Kaushik Basu**  
Former Chief Economist, World Bank



**Mr Injeti Srinivas**  
IFSCA Chairman

GNLU Centre for Law and Economics organised a four-day GNLU International Conference on Economic Analysis of Law and Governance from 18 to 21 March 2021.

GNLU Director Prof (Dr) S. Shanthakumar inaugurated the Conference. Mr Injeti Srinivas, Chairman of International Financial Services Centre Authority (IFSCA), graced the inaugural session as a Guest of Honour.

IFSCA Chairman Mr Injeti Srinivas gave an address on "Law and Economics: A behavioural perspective." He said social considerations should outweigh economic concerns while fixing the price of essential medicines. To illustrate his argument, he cited the example of the COVID-19 vaccine. If the vaccine is allowed to be priced high, most developing countries may not afford the same and remain un-vaccinated. It would defeat the purpose of achieving herd immunity.

In his inaugural address, GNLU Director Prof (Dr) S. Shanthakumar said that the interdisciplinary study of law and economics studies law scientifically, with coherent theory, precise hypotheses deduced from the theory and empirical tests of the hypotheses. He said this Conference would provide the participating young researchers and scholars with an excellent opportunity to learn from the stalwarts, including Nobel laureate Prof Oliver Hart. He thanked the distinguished speakers for participating in the Conference and Prof (Dr) Ranita Nagar, Head of GNLU Centre for Law and Economics, for organising the Conference.

On the first day, Nobel Laureate Prof (Dr) Oliver Hart delivered a plenary session, "Exit Vs Voice," based on the

2017 research paper "Companies should maximise Shareholder Welfare Not Market Value" and the 2020 book "Exit Vs Voice," co-authored by Prof Hart.

In another plenary, Former Chief Economist of the World Bank, Prof (Dr) Kaushik Basu, delivered a session on "The Republic of Beliefs: What makes our laws Effective." Basu is currently Professor of Economics and the Carl Marks Professor at Cornell University.

Prof (Dr) Ajit Mishra, Director of the Institute of Economic Growth, Delhi, took a plenary session on *Legal Solutions: Role of Beliefs and Behaviour*.

Prof (Dr) Rajas Parchure, Officiating Director at Gokhale Institute of Politics and Economics, Pune, took a plenary session on *the Anatomy of Judicial Pendency* while the professor (Dr) Murali Prasad Pant, Professor at Department of Economic Sciences, IIT, Kanpur, took a plenary session on *Economic and Legal Aspects of Consumerism: Perspectives of Cyberspace*.

Prof (Dr) Thomas Ulen, Research Professor, Swanlund Chair Emeritus, University of Illinois College of Law, took a plenary session on *The Why, the How, and the Pitfalls of Empirical Legal Studies*, and Prof (Dr) Jaivir Singh, Professor at Centre for Study of Law and Governance, Jawaharlal Nehru University, took a plenary session on *The Atrophy of Labour Law in India*.

Prof (Dr) Ram Singh, Professor of Economics at Delhi School of Economics, University of Delhi, took a valedictory Session on *Law & Economics of Big Data and Social Media Platforms*.

## GNLU to host Asian Criminological Society's next Annual Conference

13th Annual Conference of the Asian Criminological Society (ACS), tentatively scheduled for June 2022, will be hosted by Gujarat National Law University. This announcement was made at the ACS' 12th annual conference held at

Ryukoku University, Kyoto, Japan, in June 2021. At the Conference Organisers' invitation, GNLU Director Prof (Dr) S. Shanthakumar addressed the participants and invited them to the next conference at GNLU.

# GNLU Centre for Women and Child Rights

## Addressing Sexual and Gender-based Violence in the Post COVID World



GNLU Centre for Women and Child Rights (GCWCR), in collaboration with the Migration and Asylum Project, hosted a Digital Dialogue on "Addressing Sexual and Gender-based Violence in the Post COVID World" on 07 January 2021.

The panellists were: Smt. Rekha Sharma (Chairperson of the National Commission for Women); Dr Bharti Sharma (Shakti Shalini); Ms Reena Tete (Independent Consultant, Women and Child Rights); Mr Jocelyn Brousseau (Project coordinator, Doctors Without Borders); Dr Yashoda Kora (a medical practitioner associated with Doctors without Borders) and Ms Catherine (Counsellor with Doctors without Borders)

In her keynote address, NCW Chairperson Smt Rekha Sharma said that when the world was fighting the pandemic, women across the globe were fighting a double

battle: one with the Covid pandemic and the other with domestic and gender-based violence. The number of complaints of domestic violence, sexual violence and online sexual harassment had gone up, not only in India but across the globe.

Dr Bharti Sharma of Shakti Shalini gave an overview of the work of Shakti Shalini. She said Shakti Shalini was founded by two mothers whose daughters were burnt alive for dowry.

Ms Catherine, a Counsellor with Doctors without Borders, said that the victims of domestic violence could not communicate their situation because of the proximity to the perpetrators of violence/abuse.

Ms Reena Tete said, on the policy front, the biggest problem is the non-availability of disaggregated data of the pandemic victims, which makes it difficult to ascertain the extent of marginalisation to formulate appropriate policy responses.

The dialogue ended with a vote of thanks by Dr Asha Verma, Assistant Professor of Law and Head of GCWCR.

## Women and Law: Experiences From Within

On the occasion of International Women's Day on 08 March 2021, GCWCR organised a seminar on "Women and Law: Experiences From Within."

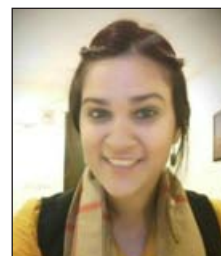
Bombay High Court Advocate, Social Worker and Former Civil Servant, Advocate Abha Singh and the Supreme Court of India Advocate-on-Record, Advocate Shriya Maini, participated in the seminar. Advocate Shriya Maini is a GNLU alumna (2008-13).

Advocate Abha Singh stressed the need to strengthen the law on preventing sexual harassment of women in the workplace. She also stressed the need for effective implementation of the witness protection scheme in criminal cases as adequate witness protection is essential in the interest of the criminal justice system.

Advocate Shriya Maini said, "A woman indeed has to struggle more than a man to establish herself as a lawyer. Usually, the parties choose a male lawyer because they believe that only a male lawyer can make an aggressive and effective representation of their case. Such a belief makes it difficult for a woman lawyer to get briefs initially, and I also went through the same phase. But if you have the knowledge and are willing to work hard, your work will



**Advocate Abha Singh**



**Advocate Shriya Maini**

speak for itself. You will succeed in your cases, and after that, you will be seen as a successful lawyer, and not as a woman lawyer."

Earlier, Prof (Dr) Mamta Biswal, Dean of Faculty and Academic Affairs, GNLU, welcomed all attendees. She introduced how "woman empowerment is an old yet contemporary topic", considering that societal empowerment is a continuous process.

On this occasion, Dr Asha Verma, Head of GCWCR announced an essay competition on "Legal Reforms for Women Empowerment". She concluded the program by thanking both the learned speakers.

## Digital Literacy and Online Safety

GCWCR organised a Workshop on "Digital Literacy and Online Safety" under "We Think Digital" initiative of Cyber Peace Foundation in collaboration with the National Commission for Women and Facebook. It was conducted by Ms Janice Verghese of Cyber Peace Foundation.

Ms Janice focused on Understanding Data and Digital Footprints, Responsible Online Behaviour,

Misinformation and Cybercrime and Redressal. She said protecting yourself, your data, and your privacy online is paramount. She gave useful tips for the protection of users, users' data & privacy online.

Dr Asha Verma, Assistant Professor of Law and Head, GCWCR, proposed a vote of thanks.

# Recovery and Rehabilitation of Child Victims of Sexual Abuse



**Shri Priyank Kannongo**

GCWCR in collaboration with Shri Ram Jethmalani & JLU Chair on Criminal Law and Criminal Justice, Jagran Lakecity University, organised a virtual International Workshop on 'Recovery and Rehabilitation of Child Victims of Sexual Abuse' on 28-29 January 2021.

The workshop covered various aspects of child sexual abuse: Legislations and Policies on Prevention of Child Sexual Abuse in India, Online Child Sexual Abuse and Exploitation in India, Sexual Abuse of Children in the Context of Dignity and Humiliation, Mental Health and Mental Stability of Child: Concerns and Challenges, The Role of Media in the prevention of Sexual Abuse, Make the world a Safe space for Children and Recovery and Rehabilitation for Child Victims of Sexual Abuse.

Shri Priyank Kannongo, Chairperson of The National Commission for Protection of Child Rights (NCPCR), presided over the inaugural function. Other dignitaries present included GNLU Director Prof (Dr) S. Shanthakumar and Prof (Dr) Sandeep Shastri, Vice-Chancellor, Jagran Lakecity University.

In his keynote address, NCPCR Chairperson Shri Priyank Kannongo said that the Protection of Children against

Sexual Offences Act of 2012 (POCSO) is one of the most robust laws in the world, but when it comes to implementation, it is pretty weak. Many accused can evade conviction under POCSO because the age of the victim child cannot be determined with certainty.

On day 2 of the workshop, Prof. Dr Raakesh Kriplani, Emeritus Resource faculty at Rashtriya Raksha University, Nagpur and Dr Nisha Khanna, a Delhi-based Mental Health Care Professional, conducted a session on Mental Health and Mental Stability of Child: Concerns and Challenges.

Prof Dr Kriplani said child abuse is universal. Referring to the challenges in restoring the mental and mental stability of the survivor, he said the availability of adequately trained and skilled counsellors is a significant challenge. An unskilled counsellor may worsen the problem rather than healing the wound.

Dr Nisha Khanna narrated several cases from her long practice as a mental health care professional and said she could trace the roots of many problems in her adult patients to the history of sexual abuse in their childhood. She said survivors of child sexual abuse sometimes become abusers themselves.

Replying to a question, the panellists said that parents should probe deep for a possible instance of child abuse if their child shows any of these symptoms: child always remaining unhappy despite efforts to please him, bedwetting, school phobia, avoiding somebody, crying spells, attention deficiency, a sudden drop in academic performance, a sudden change in eating or playing pattern, a child turning silent suddenly, avoiding socialisation, etc.

## Dr Ambedkar's Contribution to Women Empowerment



**Dr Deepak Kumar Verma**



**Dr Shanthakumar**

On the birth anniversary of Dr Babasaheb Ambedkar, GCWCR, in collaboration with GNLU Equal Opportunity Cell, hosted a dialogue on "Dr Ambedkar's Contribution to Women Empowerment."

Dr Deepak Kumar Verma, Dean, School of Social Sciences & Management Studies, Dr B R Ambedkar University of Social Sciences Mhow (BRAUSS) said Babasaheb was a champion of women empowerment. His Hindu Code Bill is the biggest testament to his views on women empowerment. The bill included for the first time the right of women to divorce, the right of inheritance to daughters,

equal property rights for widows and the principle of monogamy.

Dr Verma said Babasaheb was of the view that gender equity is more important than gender equality. Once equity is established, then equality will be ensured because equality is a subset of equity.

GNLU Director Dr Shanthakumar said that we remember Dr Ambedkar as the architect of the Indian Constitution. But, we often forget that he is also one of the first feminist leaders and women's rights advocates in the country. When women's issues were considered unimportant and secondary, newspapers started by Dr B R Ambedkar, *Mook Nayak*, and *Bahiskrit Bharat*, covered topics related to women. In 1928, as a member of the Legislative Council of Bombay, he supported a Bill granting paid maternity leave for women working in factories. He also drafted the Mines Maternity Benefit Act, which asked for equal wages and equal representation of women on the welfare fund for the coal mine workers.

Dr Shanthakumar said Babasaheb drafted the Indian Constitution, which enshrined EQUALITY as a fundamental right. He also ensured the universal adult franchise, which gave voting rights to women and other minority groups. These provisions put women on an equal footing with men.

# Centre for Intellectual Property Rights

## Can India Remain the Pharmacy of the World?



GNLU Centre for IPR, in collaboration with the University of Dayton Law School, organised a webinar "Can India Remain the Pharmacy of the World? Resistance to IP Enclosure and Access to COVID-19 Vaccines," on 22 January 2021.

Professor Faisal Chaudhry, Assistant Professor of Law & History at Dayton, and Hanley Institute Sustainability Scholar, delivered the webinar.

He discussed the provisions of TRIPS - agreement on Trade-Related Aspects of IPRs between all World Trade Organization member nations. Article 31 of TRIPS gives the WTO member states a right to include in their patent legislation a provision for other use of the subject matter of a patent without the authorisation of the patent holder. Applying this to the present pandemic situation, he mentioned that a world always demands that it be healthier, wealthier and wiser.

He praised India and South Africa for asking WTO to allow all countries to neither grant nor enforce patents and other intellectual property (IP) related to COVID-19 drugs, vaccines, diagnostics, and other technologies for the pandemic's duration until we achieve global herd immunity.

## Launch of PG Diploma in IPR



GNLU, through the Centre for IPR, launched a new Post-Graduate Diploma in Intellectual Property Rights (PGDIPR) in association with the Gujarat Council on Science and Technology (GUJCOST), i-Hub & Student Startup Innovation Policy, Government of Gujarat.

The first batch of PGDIPR was inaugurated on 25 February 2021. Dr Narottam Sahoo, Advisor, GUJCOST, graced the inaugural function as a Chief Guest. In his inaugural address, Dr Sahoo enunciated the growing worth of Intellectual Property in India's economic development.

PGDIPR, a one-year weekend Programme, has a comprehensive, industry-ready curriculum with a focus on the Indian Legal Framework on IPR. It will help the innovators and creators to protect their minds' creations.

PGDIPR will cover courses such as Indian Legal System: A Primer; Nature, Origin and Evolution of Intellectual Property; Law of Patents; Law of Trademarks and Geographical Indications; Law of Copyright & Industrial Designs; IPR and Biotechnology; and IPR: Valuation, Management, Litigation and Dispute Resolution. The participants will also write a dissertation.

## GNLU-Akron IPR Network



**Justice  
Ravindra Bhat  
Judge  
Supreme Court  
of India**

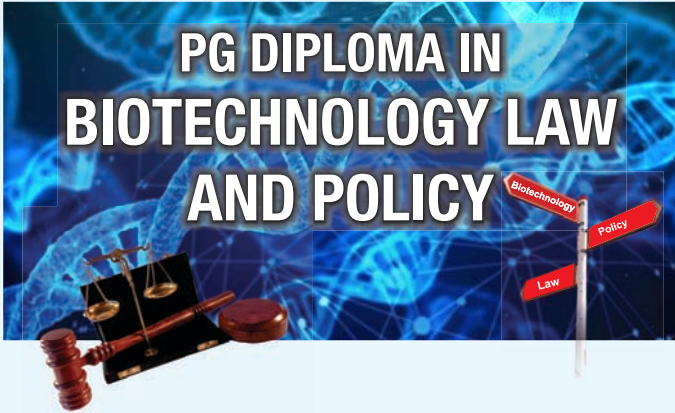


**Judge  
Kent Jordan  
Judge  
US Court  
of Appeal**

GNLU and The University of Akron School of Law, USA launched GAIN - The GNLU-Akron IPR Network, on 12 February 2021.

GAIN is a joint project of GNLU and The University of Akron School of Law, USA, to promote greater understanding of the intellectual property system through knowledge sharing, capacity building and cutting-edge research. GAIN will encourage exchanging ideas, expertise, and information among scholars, policy experts, businesses, and civil society regarding intellectual property, innovation, and creativity within India and between India and the United States.

On this occasion, Mr Justice S. Ravindra Bhat, Judge Supreme Court of India, delivered the inaugural address and Hon. Judge Kent Jordan, Judge US Court of Appeal for the Third Circuit, delivered keynote addresses. GNLU Director Prof (Dr) S. Shanthakumar gave a welcome address and Dr Nidhi Buch, Assistant Professor of Law and Head, GNLU Centre for IPR, delivered a vote of thanks.



# PG DIPLOMA IN BIOTECHNOLOGY LAW AND POLICY

## Programme Highlights

- Only Interdisciplinary Programme in India focusing on Interplay between Biotechnology Law & Policy
- Comprehensive, Industry-ready Curriculum
- One-Year, weekend Programme
- Strong Pedigree: GNLU and GSBTM
- Expert Faculty from GNLU, Government & Industry including global experts
- Remote Access to GNLU Library Resources

## Course Package

### Semester I

- Indian Legal System: A Primer
- Science of Biotechnology
- Regulation of Biotechnology
- Biotechnology and Intellectual Property Rights

### Semester II

- Biotechnology and Human Rights
- Biotechnology and Environmental Law
- Biotechnology and International Trade Law
- Dissertation

**Eligibility Criteria:** Bachelor's Degree or equivalent

The Second Batch will start from **January 2022**.

For more information, visit [www.gnl.ac.in](http://www.gnl.ac.in) or email [pgdbl@gnl.ac.in](mailto:pgdbl@gnl.ac.in)



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# Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade-IPR Chair

## IP and SMEs—Taking Your Ideas to Market



**Mr Joe Bradley**



**DR S. Rama Rao**



**Mr Jatin Trivedi**

DPIIT IPR Chair, jointly with GNLU-Microsoft Chair on IPR Law and Policy Research and GNLU's Centre for IPR organised a panel discussion, "IP and SMEs—Taking your ideas to Market" to celebrate the World Intellectual Property (IP) Day 2021. The distinguished panellists were

1. Mr Joe Bradley, Head, Academic Institutions Program, WIPO Academy
2. DR S. Rama Rao, GNLU-Microsoft Chair Professor and Ex-Director, WIPO Coordination Office
3. Mr Jatin Trivedi, Senior Partner, Y. J. Trivedi & Co.

DR S. Rama Rao said that SMEs are the backbone of the global economy. In India, they account for 95% of all industrial units, 45% of total industrial production and 50% of the country's exports. He suggested that GNLU should collaborate with WIPO to offer awareness programmes

about the IP for SMEs.

Mr Joe Bradley emphasised the importance of IP training to SMEs and highlighted that WIPO offers several programs for entrepreneurs and small scale industrialists to make them aware of IP's relevance.

Mr Jatin Trivedi said that IP could play a significant role for SMEs and startups in this knowledge-driven economy. IP can help them attract new investments and expand their businesses in different jurisdictions. He said expenses of protecting IP is not a wasteful expenditure; it is an investment that creates a property in terms of a protected IP.

Dr Annamma Samuel, DPIIT-IPR Chair Professor, GNLU, gave a welcome address. Dr Nidhi Buch, Assistant Professor of Law and Head, GNLU Centre for Intellectual Property Rights, proposed a vote of thanks.

## Hands-on Training in Research Methods in Intellectual Property Rights



**Dr Walter G. Park**



**Dr K.N Madhusoodanan**



**Dr Anson CJ**

GNLU's DPIIT IPR Chair with Cochin University of Science and Technology's DPIIT IPR CHAIR and Inter-University Centre for IPR Studies organised a three-day Hands-on Training Workshop in Research Methods in Intellectual Property Rights from 11 June to 13 June 2021.

Dr Walter G. Park, Professor, American University, Washington, D.C and Dr Anson C J, Inter-University Centre for IPR Studies, Cochin University of Science and Technology (CUSAT), conducted the workshop.

Dr Walter G. Park briefed the participants about research tools, data extraction methods, and software required for empirical research.

Dr Anson CJ introduced the participants to software like Sotero, Mendeley, PSPP and R statistical package as a tool to extract a relevant solution from an empirical study.

In his Inaugural address, GNLU Director Prof (Dr) S. Shanthakumar hoped that the workshop would enhance the participants' capacity for empirical research in IPR.

Prof (Dr) K. Madhusoodanan said, lack of training and awareness about the proper research tools impedes quality research. In his context, this workshop will enrich the researchers with hands-on training on empirical methods."

GNLU DPIIT Chair Professor Dr Annamma Samuel gave a welcome address while Dr Anson CJ proposed a vote of thanks.

# Centre for Environment, Sustainable Development and Climate Change

## SOUTH ASIAN RESEARCH COLLOQUIUM ON ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE CHANGE LAW, 2021

### Introduction to Legal Research Methods



Ms Christina Pak  
ADB



Dr Balakrishna Pisupati  
UNEP



Dr S. Shanthakumar  
GNLU



Justice M. R. Shah  
Supreme Court of India



Dr Nupur Chowdhury  
JNU



Dr. Stellina Jolly  
South Asian Uni.

GNLU's Centre for Environment, Sustainable Development and Climate Change organised a Workshop, "Introduction to Legal Research Methods" from 25 to 28 June 2021.

The workshop was a part of the South Asian Research Colloquium on Environment and Climate Change being organised in collaboration with Jawaharlal Nehru University's Centre for the Study of Law and Governance and South Asian University's Faculty of Legal Studies and with the support from the Asian Development Bank (ADB). Another workshop will follow for the presentation of Research Papers and Reviews by Discussants. Finally, an International Conference on Environment and Climate Change in South Asia is planned for November 2021.

Participation in Colloquium means a commitment to participate in all three events (two workshops and the Conference) and to publish their papers in an academic journal (Scopus indexed) or an edited volume with an international publisher to be selected by the organisers.

The Colloquium seeks to establish a research network of mutual learning amongst academics of the South Asian region to strengthen comparative research on environmental issues and explore new empirical research methodologies on environmental issues.

Honourable Mr Justice M.R. Shah, Judge, Supreme Court of India, inaugurated the workshop. GNLU Director and Colloquium Programme Director Prof (Dr) S. Shanthakumar; Dr Stellina Jolly, Assistant Professor, Faculty of Legal Studies, South Asian University and colloquium Co-Program Director; Dr Balakrishna Pisupati, Law Division of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) and Ms Christina Pak, Principal Counsel, Asian Development Bank (ADB) were also present at the inaugural function.

Dr Nupur Chowdhury, Assistant Professor, JNU's Centre for the Study of Law and Governance, and the Co-Program Director, delivered a vote of thanks.

## GNLU Centre for Law and Technology

### Cyber Crime – Investigator's Perspective

GNLU Centre for Law and Technology (GCLT) organized an interactive session with Mr Amit Vasava, Deputy Commissioner of Police, Cyber Crime Branch, Ahmedabad, on "Cyber Crime – Investigator's Perspective" on 01 March 2021 to celebrate National Science Day.

Mr Vasava is a 2016-Batch IPS officer and holds a Computer Engineering degree with an MBA.

Mr Vasava said that there are two broad categories of cybercrime: Cyberfraud and cyberbullying. In the year 2020, As against 24,000 cyber fraud cases, only 2,400 cases of cyberbullying were reported to the Cyber Crime branch of Ahmedabad police. However, it does not mean that the incidence of cyberbullying is less. On the contrary, there is a gross under-reporting of cyberbullying cases primarily because the victims, mostly women and young girls, are wrongly advised by their parents and relatives against lodging complaints with the police.



He said that the victims of cyberbullying should come forward and seek help from the police. These cases are comparatively easy to solve as the crime perpetrators are primarily local and known to the victim in most cases.

On the other hand, cyberfraud cases are more challenging with a low conviction rate. So, your best bet is to be vigilant and take simple precautions.

Giving a brief overview of the Cyber Crime Branch of Ahmedabad Police's functioning, Mr Vasava said, during the year 2020, it has helped 5000 victims get back Rs.11 Crore lost in cyberfrauds. But, at the same time, he added that the ratio of success in recovering the defrauded amount is significantly less. People should, therefore, remain alert to avert cyberfraud.

Dr Thomas Mathew, Professor of Science & Technology and Head of GNLU Centre for Law and Technology, thanked Mr Vasava for an informative and helpful session.

## GNLU Centre for Law and Society

### Panel discussion on the Draft National Council of Social Work (Education and Practice) Bill, 2020



**Dr B.T. Lavani**



**Dr M N Parmar**



**Ms Nupur Sinha**



**Ms Jeevika Shiv**



**Dr Sanjoy Roy**

GNLU Centre for Law and Society (GCLS) held a panel discussion on the Draft National Council of Social Work (Education and Practice) Bill, 2020, on 23 March. This discussion was a kickstart to commemorate World Social Work Month 2021. The key discussants for the panel discussion were: Prof (Dr) B.T. Lavani, Bharti Vidyapeeth, Pune, Prof (Dr) M N Parmar, Faculty of Social Work, M.S. University of Baroda, Ms Nupur Sinha, Executive Director, Centre for Social Justice, Ahmedabad. Dr Sanjoy Roy, Department of Social Work, University of Delhi, and Ms Jeevika Shiv, Associate Director, Fair Trial Fellowship, National Law University, Delhi. Ms Apoorva Patel, Assistant Professor and Head, GNLU Centre for Law and Society, moderated the panel discussion

### Handbooks on Prisoners' Rights, Children's Rights and Women's Rights



GNLU Centre for Law and Society, in collaboration with Saral Kanoon, a research and policy initiative under 'We Innovate' foundation, has published three handbooks on Prisoners' Rights, Children's Rights and Women Rights. The handbooks are in simple language with graphical representations for the benefit of the stakeholders.

The handbook on Women's Rights was reviewed by GNLU alumni, Ms Arnaaz Nizami and Ms Esha Meher. The handbook on Children's Rights was reviewed by the UNICEF, Ahmedabad, and the one on the Prisoners' Rights was reviewed by Commonwealth Human Rights Initiative (CHRI).

## GNLU Centre for Alternative Dispute Resolution

### Lecture Series on Arbitration

GNLU Centre for Alternative Dispute Resolution (GCADR) organized a series of six lectures on Arbitration under its continuing legal education [CLE] lecture series: Arbitration Culture in India, Conflicts of Interest in Arbitration, Emergency Arbitrations under various Arbitration Institutions & Fast Track Arbitrations under the Arbitration Act, Third-Party Funding in International Arbitration and Enforcement of Foreign Awards.

Resource Persons for these lectures were Ms Payel Chatterjee, Head, European Practice and Senior Member, International Litigation and Investigations Practice, Nishith Desai Associates and Ms Bhavana Sunder, Member of the International Dispute Resolution & Investigations Practice, Nishith Desai Associates.



**Ms Payel Chatterjee**



**Ms Bhavana Sunder**

### Training programme "Litigation in Arbitration"

Dr Vikas H. Gandhi, Associate Professor of Law and Head, GNLU Centre for Alternative Dispute Resolution, conducted a 12-hour Training programme, Litigation in Arbitration, from 26 April to 01 May 2021.

## GNLU Legal Incubation Council

Gujarat Government granted Rs.20 Lakhs to GNLU under its Student Startup and Innovation Policy to promote innovation and entrepreneurship among students. The Government had released a similar grant to GNLU in 2017. Established in 2016, GNLU Legal Incubation Council (GLIC) has incubated 16 student startups. "The generous

grant from Gujarat Government has provided a significant boost to GLIC," says Dr Viral Pandya, GLIC Faculty Convener. "GNLU takes pride in being the only National Law University in the country to have an incubation council. We are thankful to Gujarat Government for their support," said GNLU Director Prof (Dr) S. Shanthakumar.



# Centre for Sports and Entertainment Law

## Lecture series on Indian Sports Governance



**Mr Vidushpat Singhania**  
Krida Legal



**Mr Dev Kumar Parmar**  
PARMARS Sports



**Professor Richard McLaren**  
Western University, London

GNLU Centre for Sports and Entertainment Law (GCSEL) organised a three-day lecture series on Indian Sports Governance from 18 to 20 January.

On the first day, Mr Vidushpat Singhania, a leading Sports lawyer and Managing Partner of Krida Legal, delivered a lecture on 'Indian Sports Governance: COVID Time Highlights.'

Mr Singhania took the participants through the legal developments of the sports code in India. He discussed the Delhi High Court's order striking down the Government notification giving a blanket renewal to National Sports Federations (NSFs) without assessing their compliance to the Sports Code. He said, "Out of 57 NSFs that were given blanket re-recognition for the year, 41 had not complied with one or the other requirement of the Code."

On the second day, Mr Dev Kumar Parmar, Principal Director at PARMARS Sports, spoke on "Good Governance in Sports: Aftermath of a Global Pandemic." He discussed the challenges in the aftermath of the pandemic. He further deliberated on the rise of e-sports during the pandemic and said, "*E-Sports is not the future, it is the now.*"

On the last day, Western University, London's Professor Richard McLaren delivered a lecture on "*Sport Autonomy & Sports Authority: Post-Covid will Governance be different?*"

Professor McLaren is currently an Anti-Corruption Hearing Officer for the Tennis Integrity Unit. Earlier, he served as a member of the World Anti-Doping Agency's 2015 Independent Commission, which examined systemic doping and corruption in Russian Athletics. Therefore, his lecture focussed on anti-doping governance and integrity functions. He said that NSFs and IFs are structured on 19th-century governance models. They are outdated and unsuitable for the 21<sup>st</sup> century. Sports is a big business now and calls for regulatory supervision. The absence of regulation facilitates corruption.

GCSEL organised this lecture series with the Golden Jubilee Conference and Lecture Series Grant awarded by Shastri Indo Canadian Institute.

### MoU to facilitate AISTS Programmes

GCSEL signed an MoU with New Horizons Alliance Private Limited (NHA) to facilitate the academic programs of the Indian Chapter of International Academy of Sports, Science and Technology (AISTS), Lausanne, Switzerland, a not-for-profit association founded by eight institutions, including the International Olympic Committee. As an academic partner, GCSEL shall be focusing on the Sports Law aspect of the Post Graduate Program and Executive Education Program. GCSEL's Centre Head, Dr Niyati Pandey, and NHA Director, Mr Ravneet Gill, signed the MoU on 17 June 2021.

## GNLU Centre for Business and Public Policy

### Practical Applications of Income Tax Law

Mr Satya Ranjan Mishra, Assistant Professor of Commerce, GNLU, conducted a 20-hour training programme on "Practical Applications of Income Tax Law" under the aegis of GNLU Centre for Business and Public Policy from 02 to 11 April 2021. The programme aimed to build the foundation for law students for further studies

and practice in Income Tax law. The programme also covered emerging topics such as taxation of e-commerce, base erosion and profit shifting, place of effective management, tax evasion by MNCs, GAAR, thin capitalization, DTAA & foreign income. The programme was received well by participants.

## Centre for Disability Studies

GNLU Centre for Disability Studies submitted comments On "Guidelines for Conducting Written Examination For Persons Having Less Than 40% Disability Or Persons Having Medical Condition That May Restrict Their

Writing Capacity, 2021" to the Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities, Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, Government of India.

# International Yoga Day



# NCW CHAIRPERSON AT GUJARAT LAW VARSITY EVENT

## 'After Covid outbreak, five-fold spike in online harassment cases'

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE AHMEDABAD, JANUARY 7

CASES OF online harassment have seen an increase by five times since the outbreak of the Covid-19 pandemic, National Commission for Women (NCW) Chairperson Rekha Sharma said.

Speaking at a digital dialogue, "Addressing Sexual and Gender-based Violence in the Post COVID World", organised by the university

of online working like what to wear, the gestures we make," she said adding that women were fighting a double battle of not only pandemic but also domestic violence along with other forms of gender-based violence.

Sharma further said that while number of complaints on the NCW helpline was increasing during the lockdown, the number of complaints with police authority was decreasing. She attributed this to the "apathy on the part of the police".

accessibility to technology. Then, even when the victim obtained access to a mobile phone, she was not able to communicate her problem because of the proximity to the perpetrators of abuse," she said.

Reena Tete an independent consultant, women and child rights said that, on the policy front, the biggest problem was non-availability of disaggregated data.

"Even today, disaggregated data of the victims of the pandemic is not available in the public domain. It is difficult to know

# GNLU IN NEWS

## GNLU holds exam for final year students

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Ahmedabad: Gujarat National Law University (GNLU) started its annual exam for Monday for the final year students. The integrated course students' university authorities that the move was primarily to ensure the students' post-study such as study abroad adhered to.

"The final year students usually make their post-plans based on the academic calendar announced at the beginning of the semester. Due to uncertainty and the resultant hardship, they decided to open-book

### City Startup

## સરકારે GNLUને ૨૦ લાખની ગ્રાન્ટ આપી

ગુજરાત સરકારની મદદથી વધારે સારું કામ કરીશું: એસ. સાથા કુમાર

શ્રી સામાન્ય સવસ્થા યુનિવર્સિટી અને જોડાણકર્મ ના નાણાંમંત્રીએ ગુજરાત સરકારને 20 લાખની ગ્રાન્ટ આપી છે. આ ગ્રાન્ટનો ઉપયોગ શ્રી સામાન્ય સવસ્થા યુનિવર્સિટી અને જોડાણકર્મના વિદ્યાર્થીઓના શિક્ષણ અને સંશોધન કાર્યોમાં કરવામાં આવશે.



આ ગ્રાન્ટનો ઉપયોગ શ્રી સામાન્ય સવસ્થા યુનિવર્સિટી અને જોડાણકર્મના વિદ્યાર્થીઓના શિક્ષણ અને સંશોધન કાર્યોમાં કરવામાં આવશે.

### City Pride

## સમાવેશ લેશે યુદ્ધી માહિતી પહેચડવ કરી પહેલ

## GNLU પાસ આઉટ સ્ટુડન્ટે કોવિડમાં મફત કાનૂની સલાહ મળે તે માટે 'કોવિડ રાઇટ્સ' વેબસાઇટ બનાવી

વેબસાઇટ પર ઘણી માહિતીઓ જાતી સત્તાઓમાંથી મળે છે તેથી તેને કાનૂની રીતે સલાહ આપી શકાય છે. આ માટે ગુજરાત નાજીય સવસ્થા યુનિવર્સિટી અને જોડાણકર્મના વિદ્યાર્થીઓના શિક્ષણ અને સંશોધન કાર્યોમાં કરવામાં આવશે.

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### City Campus

## GNLUમાં નૌકાદળના ઓફિસરનો દિશાંત સમારોહ યોજવામાં આવ્યો

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## નોસના અધિકારીઓ કે લિપે મદદગાર બનેગા ઇન્ટરનેશનલ મેરીટાઇમ લાં કોર્સ

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## 'Covid restrictions may give rise to more corruption in sports'

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### Talk on Women

## કોવિડની સ્થિતિમાં મહિલાઓ કોરોના સામે અને ઘરની જવાબદારી એમ બે મોરચે ધમાસણા યુદ્ધ લડી રહી હતી

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## શ્રી સામાન્ય સવસ્થા યુનિવર્સિટી અને જોડાણકર્મ ના નાણાંમંત્રીએ ગુજરાત સરકારને 20 લાખની ગ્રાન્ટ આપી

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## સમાજની વિચારસરણીના પુનર્નિર્માણની તાતી જરૂર છે

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## જીએનએલયૂ વેસેસએસયૂ સે હુઆ એમઓયૂ

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## કાનૂન કે છાત્ર પહેંગે મનુ સ્મૃતિ વ કૌટિલ્ય કે અર્થશાસ્ત્ર કે પાઠ

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## ગાંધીનગર. અવ કાનૂન કી પઢાઈ કરને વાલે છાત્ર મનુસ્મૃતિ, મિત્રશાસ્ત્ર વ કૌટિલ્ય કા અર્થશાસ્ત્ર કે પાઠ પહેંગે

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## 2020 માં સાઇબર છેતરપિંડીના 25 હજાર કેસ સામે સાઇબર બુલિંગના 2400 કેસ નોંધાયા

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## સામાજિક સહેરમાં જાહેર 5 પ્રકારના સાઇબર ક્રાઇમ

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## જીએનએલયૂ કી ત્રીન છાત્રાં

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## As cases rise, varsities enhance safety norms

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## GNLU ના 'લો ઓફ ધી રી અને મેટિટાઇમ લો' કોર્સમાં 75 દિવસમાં 60 નિષ્ણાઓએ નૌકાદળ ઓફિસરને માર્ગદર્શન આપ્યું

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