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Director's Message

The Winter semester continued under the COVID-19 cloud. Consequently, the teaching and evaluation primarily remained online. Except for this, it was a great semester!

We organised three international conferences: Legislative and Regulatory Challenges for MSMEs in collaboration with UNCITRAL RCAP; Law, Economics and Public Policy; and Aviation Law amid COVID-19.

We conducted four training programmes for the Indian armed forces: two residential programmes for Indian Naval officers on the law of the sea and maritime law and two for the Indian Air Force officers, one on Space Law and the other on Arbitration Law for Government Contracts.

We entered into four new collaborations: M. S. Swaminathan Research Foundation, PRAYAS Juvenile Aid Centre, Indian Institute of Public Health Gandhinagar (IIPHG) and Cognizant. We will soon work with PRAYAS to implement the basic child protection laws. At the same time, the IIPHG MoU will allow GNLU faculty an opportunity to aid policy formulation in public health.

To cultivate a culture supportive of mental health and emotional well-being, we launched the GNLU Wellness Initiative Cell. Now, GNLU community members can access professional help for mental health concerns from India's largest online mental health platform, YourDost, round-the-clock with privacy, confidentiality and anonymity. This facility is in addition to the existing in-person, on-campus counselling facility.

Our students and alums continued to shine in diverse fields.

Students of the 2018-23 batch achieved a new milestone by bagging 29 Pre-placement offers a month ahead of Day Zero, the highest ever in GNLU's history and, perhaps, across all National Law Universities this year.

On the mooting front, our students won many accolades at the prestigious Philip C. Jessup International Moot Court Competition. At the same time, another team emerged winners at the fifth Chamber of Tax Consultants National Moot Court Competition.

Our alum, Tejas (2015-20), became a Cambridge Nehru Scholar to pursue his PhD at Cambridge, while Akash (2012-17) won the Squire Patton Boggs Research Excellence Award. He earned a scholarship to pursue the Transnational Arbitration and Dispute Settlement LLM programme at Sciences Po, a research grant for working on the Climate Change Arbitration Monitor, and an internship with Squire Patton Boggs, one of the world's top 30 international arbitration practices.

Yet another alum, Sangeeta Moga (2013-18) cleared the Madhya Pradesh Civil Judge Examination.

But, our students and alums are not all about law.

In sports, the second-year student, Radhapriya, won a bronze medal in the Girls' Singles event at the SBI Khelo India Youth Games. She also represented India at the World Table Tennis Youth Contender held in Tunisia and emerged in the top 8 as Quarterfinalist.



Shalini (UG 2011-16 and LLM 2019-20) joined the fully-funded Master of Fine Arts (MFA) in Creative Writing programme at Iowa State University, USA.

Another alum, Hatim, the only Indian to receive both the Rhodes and Schwarzman scholarships, is all set to revolutionise the banking landscape in distressed economies through a Swiss fintech, Masref, co-founded by him.

Yet another alum, Saurav Jhunjhunwala (LLM 2020), took a plunge into active politics and became the youngest councillor in the history of Guwahati Municipal Corporation.

These achievements of our students and alums in diverse fields demonstrate that we not only prepare our students for a career in law but provide a complete ecosystem for their holistic development. We are proud of our student and alum achievers, some of whom the cover page highlights.

With best wishes,

Prof (Dr) S. Shanthakumar

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For this issue, we interviewed Dr Brian Wilson, the first Fulbright Specialist GNLU hosted. Dr Wilson is an attorney in the U.S. Coast Guard who has previously served in the U.S. Navy. We recommend you read the excerpts of his interview to learn why he chose GNLU for his Fulbright Specialist programme and how his experience was at GNLU.

Our readers continue to shower their love and affection on us. We receive many letters, emails and phone calls telling us what they like in the magazine. Some give suggestions about how we can improve it, and others say they eagerly await the next issue. We are overwhelmed by the response and thank our readers for their constant support and encouragement.

We want to highlight two particular messages, one from His Excellency, the Governor of Gujarat, Acharya Devvrat Ji and another from Prof S. P. Singh Baghel, Hon'ble Minister of State for Law and Justice, Government of India. We are immensely grateful to them for their letters which we carry on subsequent pages for our readers. It is such kind words that keep us going!

Thanks for reading!

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GNLU will soon have another campus in Silvassa

At the request of the Government of the Union Territory of Dadra and Nagar Haveli, Gujarat National Law University (GNLU) proposes to establish a new campus in Silvassa, subject to necessary approvals. This has become possible following the recent amendment in the Gujarat National Law University Act, 2003, enabling the university to set up another campus within or outside the State of Gujarat.

Accessibility Audit of the GNLU campus

A five-member team from Design Bridge Foundation headed by Ms Kavita Murugkar, Architect and Access Auditor, conducted an Accessibility Audit of the GNLU campus from 15-17 May 2022 and submitted Access Audit Report and Action Plan for Enhancing Built Environment Accessibility on the campus, which is receiving attention. The audit team was supported by the members of the GNLU Committee for Persons with Disabilities.

Acharya Devvrat
Governor, Gujarat
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MESSAGE

Dear Dr. Shanthakumar,

Thank you for the GNLU Times.

I have found the magazine of remarkably high order in content, presentation and design. It beautifully captures the campus activities and accomplishments of your students, alumni and faculty.

I am happy to note that your alumni contribute to the nation in diverse fields, including the judiciary and civil services. They are also active in social service to help the poor and needy.

I am also happy to learn that GNLU has improved its position in NIRF Ranking for the second year in a row and emerged as the sixth-best law university in the country.

I hope GNLU will continue its upward march and soon become the best law university in the country. My best wishes to GNLU and GNLU Times !

With best wishes,

(Acharya Devvrat)

Gujarat Ministers at GNLU



GNLU Director felicitating Gujarat Law and Justice Minister Shri Rajendra Trivedi and Women & Child Development Minister Smt. Manisha Vakil on their visit to GNLU Campus

Nomination of GNLU Faculty on the Executive Council

Director nominated the following four faculty members to the GNLU Executive Council:



Dr Anjani Singh Tomar
Head, Academic Affairs &
Associate Professor of Law



Dr Vikas Gandhi
Associate Professor of Law



Dr William Nunes
Associate Professor of
Political Science



Dr K. Parameswaran
Associate Professor of Law

New Appointments in Academic Administration

Director made the following appointments in the Academic Administration for two years with effect from 01 April 2022:

Head, Academic Affairs



Dr. Anjani Singh Tomar
Associate Professor of Law

Head, Research and Publication



Dr Viral Pandya
Associate Professor of Management

Head, Placement and Internship



Dr Nidhi Hriday Buch
Assistant Professor of Law

Head, Alumni Affairs



Dr Saurabh Anand
Assistant Professor of Sociology

Head, Training Division



Dr Hardik H Parikh
Assistant Professor of Law

Head, External Relations



Dr Niyati Pandey
Assistant Professor of Law

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Dear Shri S. Shanthakumar Ji,

Thank you very much for forwarding the 4th issue of GNLU Times. I have gone through the newsletter and am very happy about the way the activities of the University are carried out. I wish you, the faculty and the students of the University all the very best.

With regards

Yours Sincerely,

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GNLU Wellness Initiative Cell



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Dr Itisha Nagar



Dr Pratima Murthy



Dr Geetha Desai



Mr Arjun Kapoor

GNLU launched the GNLU Wellness Initiative Cell (GWIC), a student-led initiative to create a sustainable, holistic culture of overall wellness for the GNLU community: students, faculty and staff.

At the launch function, Dr Pratima Murthy, Director, National Institute of Mental Health and Neurosciences (NIMHANS), said that some people are more vulnerable to mental health issues than others for various reasons. We should have institutional mechanisms to provide timely help to such people. We should also strive to reduce the stigma associated with mental disorders to ensure that people seek help and treatment early rather than hiding their mental issues.

Mr Arjun Kapoor, Research Fellow at the Centre for Mental Health Law & Policy, ILS, Pune, said academic institutions should create a culture of care and concern, where students can express their concerns and seek expert guidance without stigma.

Dr Jini Gopinath, Chief Psychology Officer of Your Dost, said that our goal should be to prevent mental health disorders. We can achieve this by providing timely help. Therefore, *YourDost* delivers round the clock online

support.

Dr Itisha Nagar, Assistant Professor, Delhi University, said one positive outcome of the Covid-19 pandemic is bringing mental health issues to mainstream discussion. Earlier, we tended sweeping mental health issues under the carpet. But the fear and anxiety caused by the pandemic have brought mental health issues to the fore.

NIMHANS Psychiatry Professor, Prof Geetha Desai, said I am happy that GWIC is a student-led initiative because user-led initiatives have always sustained for a long time.

In his welcome address, GNLU Director, Prof (Dr) S. Shanthakumar, said it is crucial to cultivate a culture supportive of mental health and emotional well-being and a safe space within the university campus.

After the launch event, *YourDost* unveiled its services for the GNLU community (Students, faculty and staff). *Your DOST* is India's first and the largest online mental health and emotional wellness platform.

Apart from the online counselling services, an in-house university counsellor is also available on the GNLU campus for in-person counselling.

PhD Awards

Two doctoral scholars awarded a PhD



Mr Waseem Ahmad Bhat was awarded a PhD for his doctoral thesis "*An Analytical Appraisal of the Executive, Legislative and Judicial Powers and Functions of the President under the Indian Constitution*" under the guidance of Dr Ravindra Kumar Singh, Associate Professor of Law at GNLU.

The primary area of his research pertains to articles 53, 55, 58, 72, 73, 74, 75, 123 and other ancillary provisions of the Constitution of India. His reformative suggestions include the creation of a Pardon Board for the expeditious and efficient disposal of mercy petitions and a small council to advise the President on behalf of Parliament in the exercise of his ordinance making powers.

Mr Waseem Bhat holds an LLB from the University of Kashmir and an LLM from GNLU. He is currently Assistant Professor of Law at Gujarat Maritime University (School of Maritime Law, Policy & Administration), Gandhinagar.

Mr Ankit Rameshchandra Shah was awarded a PhD for his doctoral thesis "*Impact of E-Commerce on Offline Trade: A Study in the Light of Indian Competition and Consumer Protection Law Regime*" under the guidance of Dr Viral Pandya, Associate Professor of Management at GNLU.



His doctoral research focused on the impact of e-commerce on offline trade, measuring change in consumer behaviour due to e-commerce and awareness and effectiveness perspective of competition & consumer protection law regime.

Ankit is a qualified Chartered Accountant and Company Secretary. He currently functions as a Consultant in Management, International Business, E-commerce Growth-Modelling, Project management, Instructional design and Curriculum R&D. He has consulted with many reputed universities in Europe and the USA for the Curriculum Peer Review, R&D framework and Assessment.



M S Swaminathan Research Foundation
Science for Sustainable Development

New Collaborations



M S Swaminathan Research Foundation (MSSRF) Executive Director Dr G. N. Hariharan and GNLU Director Prof. (Dr) S. Shanthakumar signed an MoU to promote collaboration in research and policy-making in the following areas: Law, Coastal Systems Research, Climate Change, Biodiversity, Biotechnology, Food Security, Education & Communication, and Gender.

MSSRF aims to accelerate the use of modern science and technology for agricultural and rural development to improve the lives and livelihoods of communities. It has impacted lives of over 600,000 farm families, impacting the livelihood of 100,000 farmers and fisherfolk every day with an influence that spreads across 18 countries.

GNLU Director Prof (Dr) S. Shanthakumar said GNLU aims to utilise the MSSRF expertise through joint research projects to resolve the issues of small farmers and people in the coastal areas of Gujarat.



GNLU signed an MoU with Cognizant Technology Solutions India for mutual collaboration.

Cognizant Senior Vice President & General Counsel India & Asia Pacific Mr Narayanan T said it is perhaps the first time in India that a law school has collaborated with a tech giant to create a mechanism that enables industry experts to leverage their expertise and be part of law school projects.

GNLU Director Prof (Dr) S. Shanthakumar said that GNLU will organise retreat and refresher courses for the Cognizant legal team. Cognizant will train and prepare GNLU students to be hands-on in the corporate world, specifically in the Tech Industry. We shortly plan to offer a capsule course on Privacy Issues the IT industry is grappling with, which will be taught jointly by Cognizant experts and GNLU faculty.

Thus, both GNLU and Cognizant will benefit from this collaboration.



Prayas Juvenile Aid Centre (PRAYAS) and GNLU entered into an MoU for collaboration to further common objectives.

Prayas General Secretary Mr Amod Kanth said that, under the "Access to Justice Project" launched by Prayas with the support of Kailash Satyarthi Children Foundation, Prayas and GNLU would soon undertake an intensive exercise to implement the basic child protection Laws like the Juvenile Justice Act, POCSO, child labour and trafficking.

GNLU Director, Prof Dr S. Shanthakumar, said today's MoU will formalise and strengthen our long-standing relationship with Prayas and enable GNLU faculty and students to contribute to the betterment of children in the country, particularly in Gujarat.



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GNLU Director Prof (Dr) S. Shanthakumar and Indian Institute of Public Health Gandhinagar (IIPHG) Director Dr Dileep Mavlankar signed an MoU for training and capacity building and to conduct evidence-based policy research to aid policy formulation and monitoring.

IIPHG Director Dr Dileep Mavlankar said, "This Mou will build a partnership to work on health-related laws and their applications. First, we intend to work on a model epidemic act to replace the British era Act, The Epidemic Diseases Act, 1897. We will also work on the legal framework for universal health coverage in India."

GNLU Director Dr Shanthakumar observed, "Many inadequacies of the colonial act have surfaced during the Covid pandemic. Therefore, the Government had to resort to the Disaster Management Act of 2005. Learning from the pandemic, we need to have a proper legal framework to deal with the public health challenges posed by epidemic diseases. We look forward to working with IIPHG in this area, among others, to aid policy formulation in public health."

GNLU Hosts a Fulbright Specialist



GNLU hosted its first Fulbright Specialist in Dr Brian Wilson from 01 to 30 June 2022. GNLU Times interviewed Dr Wilson for you. Here are the excerpts:

GT: Please tell our readers about yourself.

BW: I am an attorney in the U.S. Coast Guard and have been a visiting professor of law for over a decade. In my current position, I support collaborative efforts that integrate agencies in response to maritime threats that range from piracy and drug trafficking to illegal fishing and malicious cyber activities. I previously served in the U.S. Navy in their JAG Corps, with assignments that included serving on an aircraft carrier to postings in Japan and Antarctica as well as the Pentagon, retiring in the rank of Captain.

GT: Why did you choose GNLU for your Fulbright Specialist programme?

I had the pleasure of visiting GNLU five years ago as part of a multinational team of professors and officials led by the U.S. Naval War College's Stockton Center for International Law (SCIL) to teach and develop a curriculum at GNLU for the Maritime Law Academy. GNLU is more than a highly rated law school. To me, it is a unique nurturing community. I either learned something new or met someone new in every class or meal. As GNLU has previously and continues to prioritize maritime security and the law of the sea in focused programs with subject matter experts from across the globe, it was thrilling to have the opportunity to return to such a wonderful community.

GT: Can you tell us about your professional engagement at GNLU during your stay here?

I supported the GNLU courses on the law of the sea and maritime law for Indian naval officers. These innovative courses provided essential building blocks for advancing maritime law and the law of the sea by focusing on the extensive body of laws involving naval operations, as well as areas in which there is a lack of clarity.

I delivered presentations on piracy, countering maritime terrorist acts, international legal authorities, and collaboration (including whole-of-government, bilateral, and multilateral efforts). We also discussed the use of force standards, flag state authorities, crisis management, countering drug trafficking, port security, and the maritime impact of United Nations Security Council Resolutions.

Other areas included cyber warfare, unmanned systems, aviation authorities, and evolving areas in maritime enforcement. Our discussions also examined the intersection of the law, policy, and naval actions. This emphasis enabled impactful discussions on how the law can both support and advance operations.

One of my favourite discussions included mishandled responses to maritime challenges and the lessons they can provide. By studying mishandled responses in the maritime space, we gained insight into decision-making, leadership, coordination frameworks, and risk management. Another discussion included an examination of checklists for maritime response efforts: where they can be beneficial, what substantive response areas can be improved with their use, and whether there are any limitations. And yet another instructive area in our class included an assignment to draft an informational memorandum on an emergent maritime issue and a group assignment to document risk considerations and options for a commercial shipping firm transiting in high-risk waters.

GT: Can you tell us something more about these programmes?

The maritime environment comprises unique elements that don't exist on land: flag state concepts, exclusive flag state jurisdiction, maritime zones, among others. Moreover, media coverage highlights threats, conflicts, and challenges unfolding daily in the maritime space. These two factors underscore the tremendous benefits of the courses Prof Dr Shanthakumar and Ms Harsha Rajwanshi brilliantly designed. These courses ensured extensive coverage of various topics unmatched in India to enhance awareness of crucial policy issues and legal considerations in the maritime environment. Graduates of these programs are better positioned to address maritime security issues in their current (and future) positions.

GT: How was your experience at GNLU? How will it add value to your work back home?

My experience at GNLU was exceptionally valuable in advancing the rule of law in the oceans. I cannot recall another engagement where the students were as interactive or effective in fostering a collaborative learning environment. The vibrance in each class was a direct result of the willingness of the students to challenge assumptions and question assertions. The experience of the Indian naval officers also contributed to robust discussions, and the course architect, Prof Dr Shanthakumar and Ms Rajwanshi, skillfully designed classes that build upon one another, complementing (but not repeating) earlier discussions. My experience at GNLU will help shape how I approach future educational and collaborative engagements. I am also bringing these lessons learned to other teaching I have been involved in, including engagements with SCIL and the IMO International Maritime Law Institute. The programs for both courses ensured that learning objectives were met, professional awareness was improved, and students were better prepared to confront complex legal challenges. GNLU's focus on program development, interactive discussions, and course implementation will add value to my work.

Training Programmes for Indian Naval Officers



Indian Navy nominated 20 officers to attend the short-duration course. Twenty-four eminent resource persons from across the globe delivered 98 teaching sessions over 26 days.

Professors from the U.S. Naval War College's Stockton Center for International Law also delivered lectures in these courses.

Commodore Sanjay Nagar, Director, MWC, Kochi, said the participating naval officers benefited from their interaction with many domain experts from across the globe. "Based on the feedback these officers gave, I am happy to convey that the experience was truly exhilarating," he added.

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

GNLU conducted two residential training programmes on the law of the sea and maritime law (including naval Ops) for the Indian naval officers: a long-duration course from 21 March- 17 June 2022 and a short-duration course from 09 May-10 June 2022.

Six naval officers attended the long-duration course. Forty-three eminent academicians, researchers, practitioners and consultants worldwide delivered 183 teaching sessions spread over 61 teaching days, covering 21 modules on the law of the sea, naval operations, and maritime law.



Workshop on Climate Governance and Global Commons



Mr Eeshan Chaturvedi

In collaboration with Global Policy Insights, GNLU conducted a workshop on Climate Governance and Global Commons on 05-06 April 2022.

On Day 1, workshop on 'Climate Governance: Policy Paradigms to Strengthen SDG13' covered some of the foundational principles that form the bedrock of policy and legislation to curb air and water pollution.

On Day 2, workshop on 'Game Theory and Systems Thinking for Global Commons' delved into

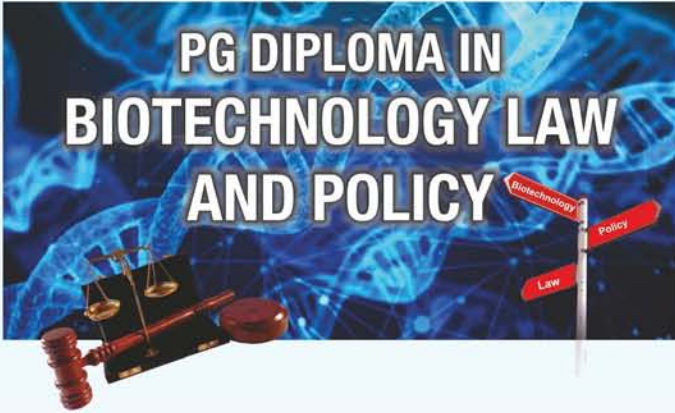
the problem of collective action through a game theoretical lens.

Mr Arpit Chaturvedi, a lecturer at the San Francisco State University and co-founder and CEO of Global Policy Insights, and Mr Eeshan Chaturvedi, Assistant Dean at Jindal School of Environment and Sustainability & founder of EnviPol, conducted the workshop.



Mr Arpit Chaturvedi

Dr William Nune, Associate Professor of Political Science, coordinated the workshop at GNLU end.



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Course Package

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- 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 Third Batch will start from **January 2023**.

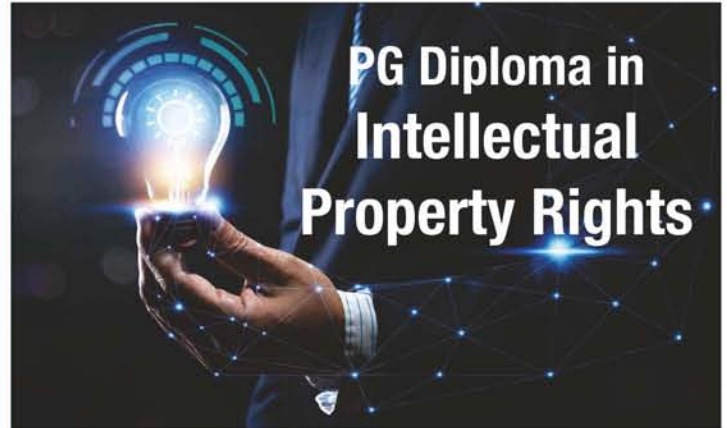
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- Strong Pedigree: GNLU, GUJCOST, I-Hub and SSIP
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- Remote Access to GNLU Library Resources
- One-Year, weekend Programme

Course Package

Semester I

- Indian Legal System: A Primer
- Nature, Origin and Evolution of Intellectual Property
- Law of Patents
- Law of Trademarks and Geographical Indications

Semester II

- Law of Copyright and Industrial Designs
- IPR and Biotechnology, Plant Varieties, Traditional Knowledge and Traditional Cultural Expressions
- IPR: Valuation, Management, Litigation and Dispute Resolution
- Dissertation

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Research and Publication Division

Book Launch Function in the loving memory of the late Dr Aruna Kumar Malik



GNLU organised a function to launch a book titled "Advancing Environmental Justice for Marginalised Communities in India: Progress, Challenges and Opportunities" on 21 April 2022.

The book is edited by a GNLU faculty, Dr Aruna Kumar Malik, jointly with University of Winnipeg faculty Alan Diduck and Kirit Patel, and published by Routledge.

Dr Aruna Kumar Malik, an Assistant Professor of Political Science at GNLU, succumbed to Covid-19 on 28 April 2021. The book represents a part of his work as a visiting scholar at the University of Winnipeg, Canada, in 2018-19, with the help of Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee International Scholarship.

The book examines social equity and environmental justice in India. It assesses the effectiveness of environmental policies and institutions in rendering justice for marginalised communities while ensuring environmental protection. The book provides a unique perspective on environmental justice because of its consistent emphasis on social justice.

While launching the book, GNLU Director Prof (Dr) S. Shanthakumar fondly recalled Dr Malik's valuable contribution to the university's pursuit of excellence in teaching and research and said his untimely departure is a massive loss to GNLU.

Co-editors, Prof (Dr) Alan Diduck and Dr Kirit Patel, provided an overview of the book and Dr Aruna Kumar Malik's contribution. They dedicated the book to the 'memory of our friend and colleague, Aruna Kumar Malik (1981-2021), who played a pivotal role in the book, from conception to final submission and publication.'

Prof (Dr) G Haragopal, Professor, Central University of Hyderabad, and Dr Jagannatham Begari, Assistant Professor, Central University of Gujarat, shared their thoughts about Dr Malik.

In an emotional speech, Late Dr Malik's wife, Ms Sujata Malik, shared the memories of her late husband. Late Dr Malik's mother, children and other family members were also present.

GNLU's Head of Academic Affairs, Dr Anjani Singh Tomar, and other faculty members also reminisced the memories of their late colleague, Dr Aruna Kumar. GNLU's Registrar Incharge, Dr Jagadeesh Chandra T. G., proposed a vote of thanks.

The function was held in a hybrid mode, where GNLU Director and faculty attended in person while the University of Winnipeg faculty joined virtually from Canada.



GNLU Director paying floral tribute to Dr Malik

Forthcoming Publications

"The Indian Yearbook of Law and Interdisciplinary Studies: Pluralistic Discourse" edited by Prof (Dr) Ranita Nagar, Professor of Economics and Dr Hiteshkumar Thakkar, Assistant Professor of Economics, published by Routledge India, ISBN 9780367713829.

The volume explores various key issues central to State policy demanded by functioning democracy in terms of

democratic quality, aspirations and sustainability. It discusses global and social issues, such as foreign interference in domestic elections, feminism, and climate change. It looks at other subjects such as economics, religion, history, and literature from the perspective of law.

The book will be available for pre-order on 02 November 2022.

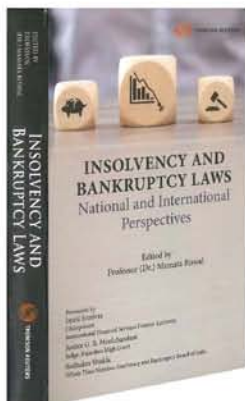
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New Publications



'*Insolvency and Bankruptcy Laws: National and International Perspectives*' edited by Prof (Dr) Mamata Biswal, Professor of Law, has been published by Thomson and Reuters, 2022, ISBN: 978-93-92630-69-9.

A joint publication of GNLU and Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India, the book provides different perspectives on the insolvency and bankruptcy law and practice in India and abroad. It intends to

provide an understanding of the change in insolvency and bankruptcy law while maintaining pace with the international standard. It attempts to understand the current practice of insolvency law in India, problems encountered in its functioning, practices to be adopted from foreign jurisdictions and address any outstanding concerns.



The book has forewords by IBBI Chairperson Shri Injeti Srinivas, Rajasthan High Court's Judge Justice G. R. Moolchandani and IBBI's Whole Time Member Mr Sudhaker Shukla.

Festina Affair: Rise of World Anti-Doping Agency

Mr Tarun, Assistant Professor (Research), gave a seminar on "Festina Affair: Rise of World Anti-Doping Agency".

Mr Tarun narrated how the doping scandal in the elite sporting event "Tour de France", one of the biggest doping scandals in the world of sports, led to establishment of the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA). He also discussed some important articles of the World Anti-Doping Code that harmonises anti-doping policies, rules and regulations

within sports organisations and public authorities worldwide.

The code, adopted worldwide by more than 600 sports organisations and the majority of national governments worldwide laid the foundation for closer cooperation between governments and sports organisations on the doping problem. Thus, it is one of history's most successful examples of international cooperation.

Workshop on Research Methodology

GNLU conducted the ten-day workshop on Research Methodology, sponsored by the Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR), from 19 to 28 February.

In his introductory remarks, GNLU Director Prof (Dr) S. Shanthakumar commented on the dismal state of research in India, stating that questions have been raised on the quality and authenticity of the research output of Indian institutions. He said India must focus on the quality of research.

Dr Shanthakumar further highlighted that India has only 216 researchers per million population while the USA and France have about 4,300 researchers per million population. India spends only 0.62% of its GDP on research, way below the USA (2.74% of GDP) and France (2.25 % of GDP).

The Rajiv Gandhi National University of Law, Punjab's Vice-Chancellor Dr G. S. Bajpai, echoed the views

expressed by Dr Shanthakumar and said many times, PhD happens, but research doesn't happen. This state of affairs gives rise to a general perception that India produces third-class PhDs on an assembly line. It, therefore, needs an immediate fix.

Pandit Deendayal Energy University's Director-General Dr Sundar Manoharan reminded the participants that "your research is your duty towards your nation and not towards your promotion." He said that every research must have a social impact. The social impact has to drive your research and be your motivation and the essence of your research. If there is no social impact, it is not affecting your mind, soul and body, then it is only an academic exercise, and the research topic is a mere convenience.

Eminent experts in diverse disciplines from reputed academic institutions engaged the participants on many topics on research methodology.

Gender Disability and Sports

Ms Ekta Bhyan, Indian Para Athlete, Ms Deepthi Bopaiah, CEO, GoSports Foundation and Ms Molina Asthana, President Elect, Law Institute of Victoria, participated in

the Expert forum on "Gender Disability and Sports" on 07 June. Dr Niyati Pandey, Assistant Professor of Law and Head, GNLU Centre for Sports and Entertainment Law, moderated the session.

Writing and Publishing in Indexed Journals

GNLU's Research and Publication Division and Internal Quality Assurance Cell organised a "Writing and Publishing in Indexed Journals" workshop on 19 February.

Shri Krishna Ravi Srinivas, Senior Fellow/Consultant, Research and Information System for Developing

Countries (RIS) and Dr Vinita Saroha, Consultant Core Content Elsevier addressed the workshop.

GNLU Director Prof (Dr) S. Shanthakumar gave introductory remarks.

New Research Projects

Externally Funded Projects

1. "Multijurisdictional study on Drug Pricing Policies with a Focus on Affordable Access to Medicine" sponsored by the National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority, Department of Pharmaceuticals, Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers, Government of India

The project is awarded to a GNLU-led consortium. The other institutions in the consortium are Bangalore Bioinnovation Centre (BBC) and Bridge Think Tank, New Delhi. BBC is a joint initiative of the Department of Biotechnology, Government of India and the Department of Electronics, IT, BT and S&T, Government of Karnataka.

2. "Functioning and Effectiveness of shelter homes established under the JJ Act 2015: An empirical Analysis" sponsored by the West Bengal National University of Juridical Sciences, Kolkata. Investigators: Prof (Dr) S Shanthakumar and Ms Dhanya S.
3. "The Role of Universities in Enhancing Social Entrepreneurship: An Empirical Analysis" sponsored by Mahatma Gandhi National Council of Rural

Education, Hyderabad. Investigators: Prof (Dr) S. Shanthakumar, Dr Ambati Nageswara Rao, and Ms Dhanya S.

4. "A study on the Status, Functioning, and Effectiveness of Swadhar Greh and Ujjawala Homes for women and adolescent girls" sponsored by National Human Rights Commission, New Delhi. Investigators: Prof (Dr) S. Shanthakumar, Ms Pratikalpa Sharma, and Ms Dhanya S.
5. "Study on POSH Act, 2013" funded by Gender Resource Centre, Government of Gujarat. The project is awarded to GNLU Centre for Women and Child Rights.
6. "Cyber Security –Challenges under Cyber Space, with Special Reference to Women Users in the State of Gujarat" sponsored by the National Commission for Women, Investigators: Dr Deesha Khaire, Ms Apoorva Patel, Dr Mahesh Chaudhary and Ms Shivani Jadav

Faculty Seed Grant Projects

Centre for Women and Child Rights

"Making Disaster Resilient or Mitigating Strategies, Trainings specific to Women and Children in the Disaster-prone Areas of Gujarat." Investigators: Dr. Asha Verma and Ms Nandita Gugnani

Centre for Disability Studies

"Disability and Consumerism: Participation of Persons with Disabilities in Consumer Market in the State of Gujarat". Investigators: Dr A. Marisport and Mr Harshit Goel

Centre for Foreign Policy and Security Studies

"Revisiting Ancient Maritime Political and Economic Relations of Gujarat: Prospect for Economic and Security Policy". Investigators: Dr. William Nunes and Ms Anuja Shah

Centre for Law and Economics

"Impact Assessment of Corporate Insolvency Resolution Process in the State of Gujarat" Investigators: Dr Hiteshkumar Thakkar

Centre for Sports and Entertainment Law

"Creativity and Content on Modern Media Landscape: OTT platforms and their trust with self-regulation" Investigators: Dr Niyati Pandey and Mr Tarun

Centre for Trade and Competition Law

"A Critical Study on Non-Medical Interventions for Controlling the COVID 19 Pandemic : With Special Reference to the Role Played by the Police in the State of Gujarat". Investigators: Prof Dr S. Shanthakumar and Ms Shubhi Thakur

Centre for Law and Society

"Disability And Access to Education In Professional Education Institutes focusing on New Education Policy 2020: A Comparative Analysis Of Government And Private Funded Higher Education Institutions in the state of Gujarat". Investigator: Dr Saurabh Anand.

Centre for Law and Society

"Agripreneurship: A Study of Agricultural and Agri-tech Start-ups with Special Reference to the State of Gujarat". Investigator: Ms Apoorva Patel

Centre for Environmental Law, Sustainable Development and Climate Change

"Assessment of Carbon Sequestration Potential of Tree species in Gujarat National Law University campus". Investigator: Dr Bindu Vijay

Research and Publication Division

1. "A Study of Impact of Urban Labor Migration on Right to Education of their Children: With Special Reference to Ahmedabad and Gandhinagar". Investigators: Ms Dhanya S. and Mr Shrey Kapoor
2. "Perspectives of Educators and Practitioners on Social Entrepreneurship Education Curriculum for Social Innovation & Sustainable Development at Higher Education Institutions". Investigator: Dr Ambati Nageswara Rao
3. "Impact Assessment of Covid-19 on Right To Education: A Critical Analysis". Investigator: Dr Jagadeesh Chandra T. G.
4. "Analysing the Hidden Epidemic of challenges faced by LGBTQ at Work Place in the State of Gujarat: Lifting the Lid of Social Injustice". Investigator: Dr Deesha Khaire.

GNLU Centre for Law and Economics

International Conference on Law, Economics and Public Policy



Prof (Dr) S. Shanthakumar
Director, GNLU



Justice (Dr) Arjan Kumar Sikri
Former Judge, Supreme Court of India



Shri Sanjay Prasad
State Election Commissioner, Gujarat

GNLU Centre for Law and Economics (GCLE) organised the 5th GNLU International Conference on Law, Economics, and Public Policy on 10 & 11 March 2022.

Chief Guest, Justice (Dr) Arjan Kumar Sikri, Former Judge, Supreme Court of India, addressed the conference on "*The Role of Judiciary: Law and Economics Perspective.*" He said judges are not economists, but economic factors arise in almost all laws. Therefore, judges should bear in mind the economic impact of judicial decisions while delivering justice. The judiciary's challenge is to strike a balance between economic efficiency and legal rights.

Guest of honour, Shri Sanjay Prasad, said the discipline of law and economics is not new to India. In fact, Kautilya's Arthashastra running into 15 books and 150 chapters, is a treatise on law and economics. It includes, among others, books on the nature of government, law, civil and criminal court systems, ethics, economics, markets and trade, diplomacy, theories on war, etc.

In his inaugural address, Dr Shanthakumar said the discipline of law and economics is confined mainly to the traditional first-year law school courses of torts, contracts,

property, criminal law, etc. We should expand its scope to address significant problems society faces today, such as poverty and inequality, development, education, health care, energy, and the environment. It would require a deep understanding of these problems' institutional, economic, statutory, and political structures. It may involve less law and more policy. It would also require a somewhat different set of tools than most law and economics scholars currently possess. Therefore, legal experts will have to work with experts in other fields such as economists, social scientists and political scientists.

GCLE Head, Prof (Dr) Ranita Nagar, gave a brief account of the Centre's activities and introduced the Conference. She said that out of 76 papers received for the Conference, 33 were selected for presentation after a review.

The Conference had four plenary sessions and eight technical sessions, and featured the most renowned scholars in law and economics both within India and overseas.

Prof (Dr) T. S. Somashekar, Professor, National Law School of India University, Bangalore graced the valedictory.

Plenary Sessions

<p style="text-align: center;">Emergency Constitutions: Who has them, who uses them, and are they effective?</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div> <p style="text-align: center;">Prof (Dr) Stefan Voigt Chair for Economic Analysis of Law University of Hamburg</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Nudges and Mandates: Substitutes or Complements?</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div> <p style="text-align: center;">Prof Thomas S. Ulen Research Professor University of Illinois</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">COVID-19 and Constitutions</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div> <p style="text-align: center;">Prof Tom Ginsburg Leo Spitz Professor of International Law University of Chicago</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Does choice of contract matter for cost, delivery time, and the quality? Evidence of Indian Highways</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div> <p style="text-align: center;">Prof (Dr) Ram Singh Delhi School of Economics Delhi University</p>
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GNLU Centre for Corporate and Insolvency Law

International Conference on MSMEs: Legislative and Regulatory Challenges (UNCITRAL and Indian Perspective)



Dr Shanthakumar
Director
GNLU



Anitha Komindr
Head, UNCITRAL
RCAP



Dr Navrang Saini
Chairperson
IBBI



Mr Ritesh Kavdia
Executive Director
IBBI



Dr VS Elizabeth
Vice Chancellor
TNNLU

GNLU Centre for Corporate and Insolvency Law (GCCIL), UNCITRAL Regional Centre for Asia and the Pacific (RCAP), Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India (IBBI), and Tamil Nadu National Law University (TNNLU) jointly organised this International Conference on 03 February 2022.

In his inaugural address, IBBI Chairperson Dr Navrang Saini highlighted the importance of MSMEs, their significant contribution to the Indian economy, and their various challenges.

In his opening remarks, GNLU Director Prof (Dr) S. Shanthakumar said MSMEs contribute significantly to the GDP and generate mass employment in every nook and corner of India. Given their significance, the government should provide adequate support to ensure their growth is not constrained, especially in the middle of a pandemic that has brought major global economies to a standstill.

Ms Athita Komindr, Head, UNCITRAL RCAP, delivered opening remarks on behalf of UNCITRAL.

GCCIL Head, Prof (Dr) Mamata Biswal, briefed the participants about the conference.

The conference had four technical sessions: MSMEs: Legislative and Regulatory Challenges, MSMEs and Indian Economy: Role of Government and Other Agency, MSMEs and Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code, and MSMEs and Impact of Covid-19, and a Round Table on MSMEs: Legislative and Regulatory Challenges.

Mr Ritesh Kavdia, Executive Director, Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India, chaired the Round Table, attended by the practitioners, experts, lawyers, and academicians worldwide.

V. S. Mani Centre for Air and Space Law

International Conference on Aviation Law Amid Covid 19: Implications, Challenges And Prospects

V. S. Mani Centre for Air and Space Law organized an International Conference on Aviation Law Amid Covid 19: Implications, Challenges And Prospects on 23 April 2022.

The conference discussed many issues of aviation law in the context of Covid 19: Challenges in Airports Development, Management & Regulation during Covid 19; Public Health amid Covid 19 and Protection of Passenger Rights; Implication of Covid 19 on Aviation; and Aviation Industry and Covid 19.

Training programme on Space Law for the Indian Air Force officers

V. S. Mani Centre for Air and Space Law conducted a five-day training programme on Space Law for the officers of the Indian Air Force from 27 to 31 January 2022.

Distinguished experts in the field of space law, from within India and overseas, covered complex topics of Space Law: space insurance, space tourism, space security, militarization and weaponization of space, navigation systems, crimes in space, national space legislations, Indian space programme, liability convention, space mining, environment protection in space, space stations, etc.

GNLU Centre for Alternative Dispute Resolution

Training Programme for Indian Air Force Officers: Arbitration Law for Government Contracts

GNLU-Centre for Alternative Dispute Resolution (GCADR) organized this training programme for the Indian Air Force Officers (JAG Department) from 29 April to 02 May. The programme covered a wide range of topics encompassing the entire lifecycle of an arbitration proceeding: arbitration clause drafting, ad-hoc versus institutional arbitration, seeking interim reliefs and enforcement. It also covered investment arbitration and third-party funding.

Lecture Series on Practical aspects of Arbitration

Mr Devarsh Saraf, an incoming LL.M. student at Columbia Law School and a former Associate at Federal & Company, a boutique litigation and arbitration law firm based in Mumbai, delivered four lectures in the lecture series on Practical Aspects of Arbitration:

Appearing for a placement interview at an Arbitration Law Firm, Prevailing challenges and issues in the practice of arbitration, Arbitral Tribunals and Ruling on their Jurisdiction, Arbitration Agreements.

GNLU Centre for Sports and Entertainment Law

Regulation of Indian Fantasy Sports Platforms



GNLU and The Dialogue (a prominent tech-policy think-tank) organised a roundtable discussion on the regulation of Indian fantasy sports platforms on 14 May.

In his inaugural address, the Gujarat Sports Minister, Hon'ble Mr Harsh Sanghavi, underlined the need for progressive policy-driven regulation of the sector. Mr Sanghavi believed that it is important to assess the socio-economic impact of fantasy sports and the bottlenecks faced by the platforms to be able to draft a more effective, progressive & inclusive regulation.

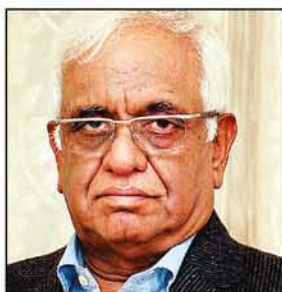
Justice Mohit S. Shah, Former Chief Justice, Bombay High Court, was the keynote speaker. He recognised the evolving

nature of technology in sports while highlighting the positive growth of fantasy sports. He underlined the need for a uniform regulatory framework to be established by the Central Government.

Eminent academicians and practitioners participated in two roundtable discussions: *Role of Fantasy Sports as a Driver of Economic Growth and Sports Development*, and *Need for a Uniform Regulatory Framework to Safeguard Users Interests and Promote Responsible Growth*.

Mr Kazim Rizvi, Founding Director, The Dialogue, moderated the discussions. GCSEL Head, Dr Niyati Pandey, proposed a vote of thanks.

FDP on Sports Law, Governance and Policy



Justice Mukul Mudgal

GCSEL, jointly with Swarnim Gujarat Sports University, organised India's first FDP on Sports Law, Governance and Policy from 28 Feb-05 March 2022.

Justice Mukul Mudgal, Former Chief Justice of Punjab and Haryana High Court and a globally-renowned sports law expert inaugurated the FDP. He congratulated GNLU for launching this novel faculty development programme.

In his introductory remarks, GNLU Director Prof (Dr) S.

Shanthakumar said sports law doesn't exist as an individual branch of law; it is an amalgamation of many areas of law applied to a range of sporting contexts and situations. Thus, the field of Sports Law merits a study for regulating sports in harmony with the rules of the game and the law of the land.

The comprehensive programme covered various aspects of sports law such as violence in sports, doping in sports, sports and disability, gender discrimination in sports, sports contracts, betting and gambling in sports, match manipulation in football, and sports governance.

The programme also featured a panel discussion, *National Education Policy and Sports: Redefining Sports in India*.

Sports in India and Canada: History, Health and Regulation

GCSEL, jointly with Saint Mary's University, Canada, organised a lecture series on "Sports in India and Canada: History, Health and Regulation," funded by Shastri Indo-Canadian Institute (SICI). SICI Director Dr Prachi Kaul inaugurated the lecture series.

Canadian Cricket History, the Laws of the Game, and Sport Diffusion



Dr John G. Reid
Professor Emeritus of History
St Mary's University, Canada

Kinetic Motion As Cultural Expression: The Case for Canadian (and Indian) Identity



Dr Brian Kennedy
Professor of English
Pasadena City College, Canada

Sports and Society A Public Policy Model for India



Mr Nandan Kamath
Founder & Principal Lawyer
LawNK

GNLU Centre for Research in Criminal Justice Sciences

Reading of evidence, and the process of examination and cross-examination in criminal trials: Challenges and grey areas in the practical scenario



Mr Shekhar Naphade, Senior Advocate, Supreme Court of India, delivered the webinar on 16 April 2022.

Adv. Shekhar Naphade has an illustrious career. He has been practising in the Supreme Court of India since 2001. He appeared in many famous cases, including Jayalithaa's disproportionate asset case; Board of

Control for Cricket in India case; Impeachment proceedings for removal of Mr Justice Soumitra Sen, Judge Calcutta High Court; Lalita Kumari Case (interpretation of section 154 CrPC); Hardip Singh v State of Punjab and Ors. (section 319 CrPC); Constitutional challenge to the Maharashtra Control of Organised Crime Act 1999; Aruna Shanbaug's case (Passive euthanasia); and Bar Dancers' Case.

He discussed the law of evidence concerning criminal trials in the Indian context. He stated that the law of evidence has three important aspects: roots in substantive law, relevant facts, and assessment of the evidence. He discussed the intricacies involved in the assessment of evidence, the examination and cross-examination of a witness, types of questions during the examination, witnesses turning hostile and limitations of cross-examination. He also briefly touched upon the dying declaration and its legal standing in the Indian Evidence Act.

He took questions on many topics, including narco-analysis tests, court oaths, deposition of false evidence, etc.

He advised budding lawyers: Master the facts of the case, master the techniques of applying relevant laws to the case, ponder the matter in-depth and have professional integrity.

GCRCJS Head, Dr Anjani Singh Tomar, thanked Mr Naphade for his insightful lecture.

Crime and Justice: A Discourse series



Discourse on Legality of Anti-Conversion Laws

GCRCJS held four discourses in this series during the winter semester:

Chapter 5: Age and Marriage: Raising the Minimum Age of Marriage for Women

Chapter 6: Regulating live-in relationships in India: Rights, Liabilities, etc.

Chapter 7: Validity of Capital Punishment

Chapter 8: Legality of Anti-Conversion Laws: Is it a restriction on the right to marry a person of choice?

Centre for Law and Technology

Artificial Intelligence intersecting the ambit of Intellectual Property Laws

Ms Gopi Trivedi, Senior Partner, Y.J. Trivedi & Co., delivered the webinar.

She said Artificial Intelligence (AI) is progressing rapidly and AI-based products and processes will become part and parcel of your daily life sooner than you can imagine. Love it or hate it, but you can't ignore it!

With the rapid advancement of AI, several questions have arisen concerning Intellectual Property Laws:

1. If AI today makes an original work or innovates a product, can these works be protected by intellectual property laws such as copyright and patent?
2. If so, who will get the IP rights – the AI-based machine or the machine's creator?
3. Can AI be considered a legal entity?
4. Whether AI-generated designs granted design protection?

5. Are the existing IP laws sufficient to safeguard the works / innovations produced by AI?
6. Who shall be accountable if AI infringes a third party's IP rights?



Ms Gopi Trivedi

There is considerable ambiguity on these and similar questions as courts in the UK, the USA, Europe, China, Japan and Australia have taken different positions. Therefore, there is a need for a specific law to deal with data protection regarding AI software covering all the civil and criminal liabilities and offences.

GCLT Head Prof (Dr) Thomas Mathew proposed a vote of thanks.

GNLU Centre for Law and Society

Stakeholders Consultation on Child Rights: Ensuring Access to Justice For Children



GNLU Centre for Law and Society (GCLS) organised a Stakeholders Consultation on *Child Rights, Ensuring Access to Justice For Children*, in collaboration with Prayas Juvenile Aid Centre Society (Prayas).

Diverse stakeholders from the State police department, State labour department, District Legal Service Authority, Child Welfare Committee, City Childline, Ahmedabad Railway Childline, UNICEF, Bachpan Bachao Aandolan and PRAYAS participated in the consultation.

Prayas General Secretary, Mr Amod Kanth, said we have laws to protect children from sexual offences, child labour and human trafficking. However, there are massive gaps between the laws, policies, and services reaching the children in need. We look forward to working with GNLU to improve these laws' implementation and expand our reach to the children in distress.

GNLU Director Prof (Dr) S. Shanthakumar discussed the issues related to reporting, case trial, pendency, disposal

and rehabilitation of the victims of child sexual abuse.

ADGP, CID Crime, Mr Anil Pratham, IPS, suggested that regular coordination between NGOs and government authorities can help improve the implementation of legal provisions. He also stressed the need to enlighten people about child rights as public perception is crucial.

Assistant Commissioner of Police, Mahila Cell, Ms Mini Joseph, criticised society's double standards and said we raise our children to be scared and fearful of the police and then ask them to talk to the police fearlessly in case of any abuse!

Ahmedabad District Legal Service Authority's Secretary, Mr Hiren Vasavda, expressed concern over victim disposition and inability of child victim to contact support person at right time.

Peace of Equality Director Ms Preeta Jha discussed her field experience working with the victims under the POCSO Act.

Women Entrepreneurship

Women entrepreneurs Ms Monica Das (Founder of Respire Experiential Learning) and Ms Niyati Mehta (Founder and CEO of #Be The Change) participated in the panel discussion on Women Entrepreneurship. They shared their entrepreneurial journey and leadership lessons from the same.

Both the entrepreneurs said People Skills are critical for an entrepreneur to succeed.

Ms Niyati Mehta said that an entrepreneur should remember that people are hired, not bought. It is important to take everyone along with you. Everyone is a leader in their own sphere. It would be best if you respect your employees, give them time and, above all, trust them. That way, you can get the best out of them.

Ms Monica Das echoed with Ms Niyati Mehta on the importance of People Skills. She said she strives to create a culture of Freedom and Responsibility in her organisation. She said, trust your employees and empower them, and you will have a more creative, productive and effective workforce.

The panel discussion was organised in collaboration with the GNLU Legal Incubation Council.



GNLU Director Prof (Dr) S. Shanthakumar extends a floral welcome to Shri P.M. Raval, appointed as the new Law Secretary and Remembrancer of Legal Affairs (RLA) of Gujarat.

GNLU Centre for Women and Child Rights



Bharatnatyam
Mansi Subramaniam



Nukkad Natak
Domestic Violence



Kathak
H. A. Dhruvi

Implications of the Surrogacy (Regulation) Act, 2021 on Surrogacy and Assisted Reproductive Technology (ART) Jurisprudence in India

Dr Nayana Patel (Fertility, IVF and Surrogacy Specialist) and Dr Sarojini Nadimpally (Public Health Researcher, SAMA–Research Group for Women and Health) participated in this discussion organised by GNLU Centre for Women and Child Rights (GCWCR) under its Surrogacy Law Research Vertical. The vertical seeks to analyse legislative approaches on Surrogacy and ART adopted by South and South-East Asian jurisdictions.

National Essay Writing Competition on "Reproductive Rights in India"

Ravi Shankar Pandey of Dr Ram Manohar Lohiya National Law University won the prize for his essay, *The Ideal Marriage Age Inquiry: Guiding Principles from Sociological, Scientific and Legal Literature*.

International Women's Day

As part of a month-long celebration of International Women's Day, GCWCR organised many activities :

Certificate course on Gender Jurisprudence in India

One unique feature of this course was that all the resource persons were women. Three of them were vice-chancellors of National Law Universities. Other faculty

included High Court judges, advocates and academicians.

Art Competition: The participants were required to produce artwork on one of these themes: Breaking the glass ceiling, Reimagining India's history from the Feminist lens and Women in art/Women and art.

Debate Competition: The motion for the debate was: *The House believes that women should be allowed to serve in combat roles in the armed forces.*

Nukkad Natak: Nukkad Natak on Domestic Violence was performed on the GNLU campus, IIT Gandhinagar campus and Raysan village.

Cultural programme: Mansi Subramaniam (2020-25) gave a *Bharatnatyam* performance, while H. A. Dhruvi (2020-25) performed a *Kathak* dance.

Poetry Competition



GNLU-Dept for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT) IPR Chair

National Conference on IPR Protection over New-Age Technologies



GNLU's DPIIT IPR Chair and Government Law College, Villupuram, jointly organised this national conference in hybrid mode on 25 April.

The conference discussed emerging technologies such as artificial intelligence, blockchain, big data, cryptocurrencies, advanced robotics, NFTs, and the Internet of Things.

Celebrating Innovation Ecosystem: Knowledge Sharing on Innovation and Intellectual Property

GNLU-DPIIT Chair and Cell for IPR Promotion and Management (CIPAM) jointly organised the webinar on 12 January as a part of Innovation Week and *Azadika Amrit Mahotsav*.

Workshop on "Intellectual Property Rights"

GNLU-DPIIT IPR Chair organised the workshop jointly with CIPAM and United World School of Law, Karnavati University, on 10 February in a hybrid mode.

GNLU Director Prof (Dr) S. Shanthakumar delivered the keynote address, and Karnavati University Vice-Chancellor Dr A. K. S. Suryavanshi delivered the inaugural address. Prof (Dr) P. Lakshmi, Dean, Karnavati University's United world School of Law, gave the welcome address.

Webinar on Intellectual Property Rights

GNLU's DPIIT IPR Chair organised the webinar jointly with CIPAM and RA Poddar College of Commerce and Economics, Mumbai, on 02 March.

Certificate Course on Prior Art Search and Patent Specification Drafting

GNLU's DPIIT IPR Chair organised this five-day online certificate course jointly with Tezpur University's DPIIT IPR Chair from 21-25 March.

IIT Kharagpur's Prof (Dr) Tapas Bandyopadhyay and the Chennai-based IPR Consultant Ms P. Illanangai

conducted the course designed to impart essential knowledge about relevant patent laws, search for prior art before filing a patent application, and practical training on effectively drafting patent specifications.

Workshop on IP Commercialisation

GNLU's DPIIT IPR Chair organised this online workshop jointly with AURO University's School of Law and CIPAM on 29 March.

National-Level Workshop on Intellectual Property Enforcement

GNLU's DPIIT IPR Chair and Manickchand Pahade Law College, Aurangabad, organised the workshop in collaboration with CIPAM.

Workshop on Protecting IP Rights in Academia

GNLU's Internal Quality Assurance Cell and DPIIT IPR Chair organised this workshop on 01 May.

IP and Start-up: Together Forever

As a part of Runway to Vibrant Gujarat Startup Summit 2022 and 'Azadika Amrit Mahotsav', GNLU's DPIIT Chair organised this seminar on 04 January.

GNLU Legal Incubation Council Certificate Course on Legal Aspects of Startups



GNLU Legal Incubation Council (GLIC) offered the second edition of this month-long course jointly with GNLU Centre for IPR and Legal Startups, founded by a GNLU

alumnus Dr Kalpeshkumar Gupta and incubated at GLIC.

In his keynote address, Mr Raghavender G R, Joint Secretary, Department of Justice, Ministry of Law and Justice, Government of India, said the Startup ecosystem has been progressing well despite the COVID-19 pandemic, and it could become India's growth engine.

GNLU Director Dr Shanthakumar added that legal aspects play a crucial role at every stage in the life cycle of a startup. Most founders have had little or no legal exposure before starting a company. Consequently, they make many common legal mistakes, which may prove very costly. GNLU has brought together experts in diverse fields to acquaint them with the various laws relevant at every stage.

The course covered modules on IP laws (trademark, patent & Design, copyright, geographical indication, and IPR in Cyberspace), Contracts and Legal Drafting, Labour and Employment Laws, Income Tax, and Goods & Service Tax.

Mentoring Support to Ahmedabad University Startup - Poolit

Poolit, a startup of Ahmedabad University students working in the space of Carpooling to solve the inter-city travel problem for daily commuters, approached GLIC to understand the current law and legality in the area of carpooling/ride-hailing. The *Poolit* team was connected to Dr Jagadeesh Chandra T. G., Assistant Professor of Law and Registrar (I/C), for guidance.

Taste of Entrepreneurship

Wadhvani Foundation's Senior Program Manager, Mr Swarup Pandya, addressed the students on Taste of Entrepreneurship on 31 March.

He discussed the concept of Entrepreneurship, NextGen Entrepreneurship and other practical aspects relevant to an Entrepreneur. The session ended with a Q&A session.

Centre for Intellectual Property Rights Best University Award for IPTSE 2022



Gujarat National Law University awarded 2nd Rank under 'Best University Award' for 4th Edition of Intellectual Property Talent Search Examination (IPTSE), 2022.

GNLU alumnus Mr Vineet Gupta (2005-10), Partner at Indian Law Partners, New Delhi, received the award on behalf of GNLU.

Hon'ble Justice Ms Prathiba Maninder Singh, Judge, Delhi High Court, presided over the award ceremony.

Second batch of PG Diploma in Intellectual Property Rights

Dr Narottam Sahoo, Advisor, Gujarat Council on Science and Technology (GUJCOST), inaugurated the second batch of PG Diploma in Intellectual Property Rights on 20 January 2022.

In his inaugural address, Dr Narottam Sahoo said that knowledge of Intellectual Property law is the need of the hour. This programme will empower the students to contribute to India's *Atma Nirbhar Bharat* Policy.

GNLU Centre for Intellectual Property Rights' Head, Dr

Nidhi Buch, introduced the course to the students and explained the interdisciplinary nature of IPR. She said that the study of IPR is not limited to law students alone. The subject is all-pervasive. Students and professionals from many disciplines have registered for this course. It shows the importance and relevance of IP laws for all professions and businesses.

PGDIPR is a one-year weekend programme. It has a comprehensive, industry-ready curriculum focusing on the Indian legal framework on IPR.

Connecting IP and Youth through Technology Transfer and Innovation Management

Dr B.K. Sahu, Head of IP Facilitation Centre & WIPO-Technology Innovation Support Centre, National Research Development Corporation, Government of India, delivered the webinar on 27 April 2022.

Dr Sahu said innovation is widely accepted as a central driver for economic growth and development. But most

new technologies will fail to reach market without a good innovation ecosystem capable of bridging the gap between research, innovation, and economic impact.

GCIPR organised the webinar in collaboration with GNLU Legal Incubation Council and GNLU DPIIT-IPR Chair to celebrate World IP Day.

GNLU Centre for Foreign Policy and Security Studies India and Europe in a Changing World Order



GNLU Centre for Foreign Policy and Security Studies (GCFPS) organised a lecture on "India and Europe in a Changing World Order" on 24 February 2022.

Dr Manasi Singh, Assistant Professor at Centre for Security Studies and Co-ordinator at Centre for Maritime

Security Studies at School of National Security Studies, Central University of Gujarat, delivered the lecture.

Dr Manasi Singh gave an overview of the nature and prospects of cooperation between India and Europe in a global order witnessing profound changes such as an assertive China, the shifting geopolitical and geo-economic power towards Asia and the pandemic-induced dislocations that have intensified US-China rivalry and put existing multilateral architecture under strain.

She argued that the changing international strategic landscape opens up new opportunities for these "natural partners" to seek a deeper dialogue in a period of strategic confusion and increased great-power rivalry. Despite

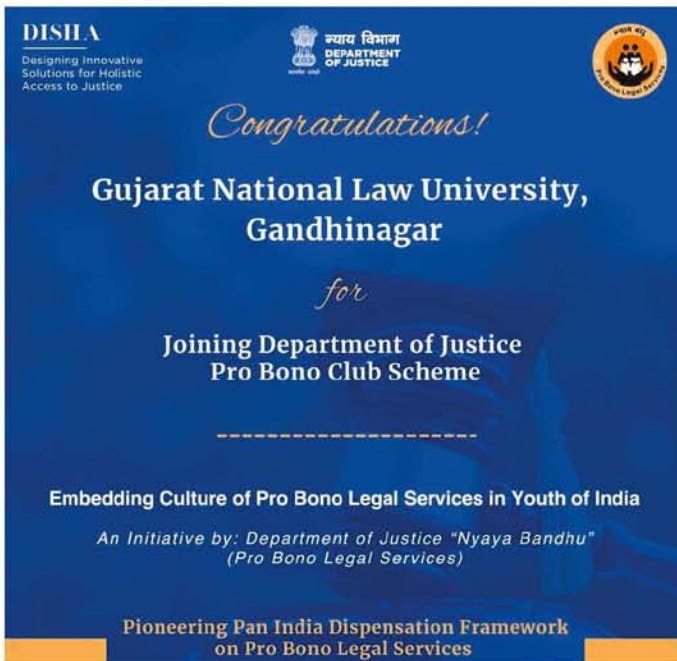
different geographical and geopolitical priorities, there remains ample scope for India and the EU to learn from each other's experiences of managing diversity, enhance engagement and synergise their visions for an international order. Both can work together to set a normative context for discussion and negotiation on key issues related to global governance such as terrorism, climate change, biodiversity protection, connectivity, health resilience and promoting an inclusive multilateral cooperative security architecture in the Indo-Pacific. Europe can look up to India to craft a meaningful role for itself in engaging beyond the issues of trade and investment in Asia and strengthen cooperation in counterterrorism, maritime security, and nuclear non-proliferation.

The lecture was followed by an engaging Q&A session and concluded with a vote of thanks by GCFPS Head Dr William Nunes.

This lecture was the first in the lecture series started by GCFPS to advance the understanding of foreign policy issues and prevailing national and international security issues.

GNLU Legal Services Committee

GNLU joins the Pro Bono Club Scheme



Selected GNLU students (Pro Bono Associates) will provide pro bono legal services for unassisted and disadvantaged persons. They will also assist pro bono advocates and promote alternative dispute resolution mechanisms.

GNLU Director, Prof (Dr) S. Shanthakumar, said we are proud to be a part of the Government of India's efforts to ensure access to justice for marginalised sections of society. GNLU has already had an active pro bono culture for several years now. Our students undertake at least 100 hours of pro bono work before graduating.

Blood Donation Camp



GNLU students, faculty and staff donated 170+ units of blood on World Health Day 2022, the highest ever single-day donation in GNLU's history.

Shri Manoj Aggarwal, IAS, Additional Chief Secretary (Health and Family Welfare), Government of Gujarat, inaugurated the camp.

Capacity Building for Pro Bono Associates

GNLU's Pro Bono Club, jointly with the Pro Bono Clubs of Rajiv Gandhi National University of Law and Parul Institute of Law, organised a capacity-building programme for Pro Bono Associates under the Dept of Justice's *Nyaya Bandhu* scheme from 27 June to 09 July.

Ms Sneha Sharma, Project Manager, Disha Scheme, Dept of Justice, inaugurated the programme.

World Menstrual Hygiene Day



Karan Babbar



Twisha Bhatt



Krutika Katrat

On World Menstrual Hygiene Day, GNLU Legal Services Committee organised an awareness programme on menstrual health and hygiene in association with Little4change.

IMA PhD Scholar Mr Karan Babbar said there is a lack of conversation around menstruation from a gender perspective in India. Society should recognise the needs of

the sexual and gender minorities who menstruate. It is essential to bring the conversation around menstruation, considering all menstruating individuals.

We Menstru Act and *Kamakhya-The Period Bank* founder Ms Twisha Bhatt said many stigmas and stereotypes around menstruation in India need to be removed. She urged girls to bleed with pride as menstrual blood is the only blood that bleeds without violence.

Drawing upon her experience as a cancer researcher in Tata Memorial, Oo Womaniya Co-founder Ms Krutika Katrat focused on health care issues. She believes that by increasing young people's awareness of their own bodies' internal processes, they will be able to overcome the shame, anxiety, and humiliation connected with menstruation, which in turn would lead to better menstrual hygiene and reproductive health.

Feminist Perspectives and Engagements with Law and Legal Institutions

Adv. Malavika Rajkotia (Supreme Court Lawyer, Gender Rights Activist and author of *Intimacy Undone: Law of Marriage, Divorce, and Family in India*); Adv. Flavia Agnes (Supreme Court Women's Rights Lawyer and Founder of MAJLIS); and Prof Rohini Sen (Assistant

Professor at the Jindal Global Law School, and a Doctoral Candidate, University of Warwick) participated in the discussion on 'Feminist Perspectives and Engagements with Law and Legal Institutions' on International Women's Day.

GNLU Centre for Disability Studies

Vaccination Policy for Persons with Disabilities

GNLU Centre for Disability Studies(GCDS) submitted suggestions to the Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (Divyangjan), Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, Government of India on Vaccination Policy for Persons with Disabilities.

The Government had invited these suggestions from all stakeholders and domain experts in disability under the Supreme Court of India's direction dated 25 January 2022

Comprehensive Accessibility Guidelines and Standards for HEIs and Universities

GCDS submitted suggestions to the University Grants Commission on the Draft Guidelines "Comprehensive Accessibility Guidelines and Standards for Higher

in the case of Evara Foundation v. Union of India, WP (C) 580/2021.

The suggestions mainly included making the vaccination policy inclusive for PWDs, making vaccine-related information accessible, setting up special and accessible vaccination centres, and introducing the doorstep vaccination system.

Education Institutions and Universities". These suggestions mainly included making the environment and infrastructure of Higher Education Institutes accessible and inclusive.

GCDS, a Knowledge Partner for MDP on Workplace Accessibility

GCDS assisted Guru Gobind Singh Indraprastha University's School of Management Studies as a Knowledge Partner for the Management Development

Programme titled "Introduction to disability & Workplace Accessibility: Issues, Initiatives & Challenges".

GNLU Centre for Public and Private International Law

GNLU-CTIL TradeLab Clinic



Tanvi Rahim



Surya Ravikumar



Ramchandran Murugesan



Hritvik Mohan



Mathangi K.

Tanvi Rahim, Surya Ravikumar, Ramchandran Murugesan, Hritvik Mohan and Mathangi K. were selected as student researchers for the GNLU-CTIL TradeLab Clinic for the Winter Semester.

GNLU-CTIL TradeLab Clinic is a joint initiative of the Centre for Trade and Investment Law, Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Government of India and GNLU.

It allows student-researchers to address contemporary real-life issues of International Trade Law, network with beneficiaries, and gain clinical legal education benefits. The clinic is supervised by Ms Harsha Rajwanshi, Assistant Professor of Law, under GNLU Director Prof (Dr) S. Shanthakumar, who also heads GNLU's Centre for Public and Private International Law.

Self-Help Therapy Workshop

Dr K. Parameswaran, Associate Professor of Law, conducted a Self-Help Therapy Workshop on 12 May.

Using a combination of Neuro-Linguistic Programming, Cognitive-Behavioural Psychotherapy, Solution Focused Brief Therapy, and Integrated Clinical Hypnosis & Hypnotherapy, Dr Param demonstrated tools and techniques for achieving excellence in personal and professional life.

Dr Param said you are neither buyer nor seller! All you want are already there inside you. Just reaffirm every morning that you are capable of achieving your goals, and your mind will think and believe that way!

Dr Param placed a particular emphasis on being grateful. He said when we express gratitude, it fires up multiple areas of the brain that are responsible for delivering

happiness-boosting hormones. It leads to increased happiness and positive mood, more satisfaction from life, better sleep, less fatigue, better physical & mental health, and enhance overall well-being. Gratitude disconnects us from toxic, negative emotions and helps us focus on positive emotions.

2018-23 batch creates a new milestone!

29 PPOs and counting...

The 2018-23 batch bagged 29 Pre-placement Offers (PPOs) and created a double record: the highest number of PPOs in GNLU's history and across all the National Law Universities this year. And the best is yet to come! The batch is confident of adding a few more offers before Day Zero, which is still a good month away!



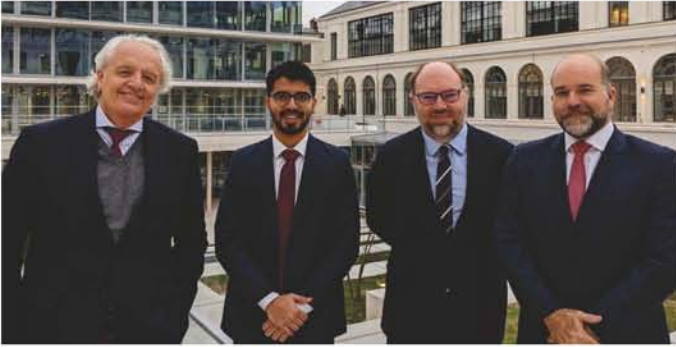
International Yoga Day @ GNLU



Exhibition of Books on Yoga

Alumni

Akash bags Squire Patton Boggs Research Excellence Award



Akash Karmarkar (2012-2017) was awarded the Squire Patton Boggs Research Excellence Award 2022. The award provides Sciences Po Law School's students from the Transnational Arbitration and Dispute Settlement LLM programme with the opportunity to support their studies with a scholarship; a research grant for working on the Climate Change Arbitration Monitor; and an internship with Squire Patton Boggs, Paris.

The Climate Change Arbitration Monitor aims to understand further how climate change affects commercial relationships and generates disputes submitted to arbitration.

Squire Patton Boggs was named "International Arbitration Practice of the Year" by Law360 in 2020. The firm is also recognised as a GAR 30 firm in *Global Arbitration Review's* prestigious annual ranking of the world's top 30 international arbitration practices.

Hatim: Revolutionising banking landscape in distressed economies

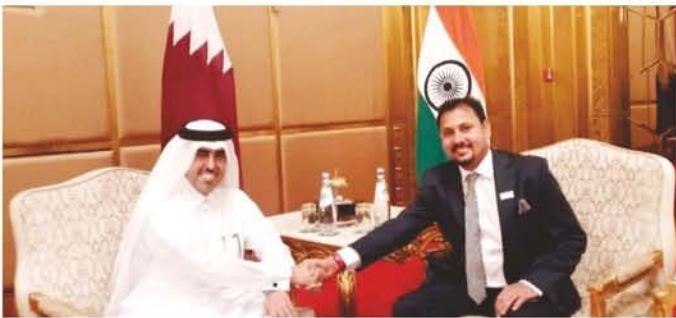


Hatim Hussain (2015-2020) is a founding team member of a Swiss fintech, Masref, that makes Swiss saving accounts accessible to everyone, everywhere. Think countries with high inflation, banks that cap withdrawals, no trust in banks, or no financial services like insurance and investments. By leveraging emerging technologies, Swiss banking infrastructure, and its recent regulatory changes, Masref provides the middle class in these countries with what they never had – a safe place to store their savings. They will begin by offering simple USD savings accounts to everyday people in Lebanon (no or low minimums) before offering other financial services such as third-party transactions, cards, payments, etc.

He is also pursuing doctoral studies at the University of Oxford as a Rhodes scholar.

After graduating from GNLU, Hatim pursued the Schwarzman Scholars programme at Tsinghua University (2021) and read for the Bachelor of Civil Law at the University of Oxford on the Rhodes Scholarship (2022).

Vineet at the India-Qatar Business Forum in Doha



Vineet Gupta (2005-10) represented India at the India-Qatar Business Forum in Doha in June 2022 as a part of the High-Level Official Business Delegation led by the Hon'ble Vice President of India, Shri M. Venkaiah Naidu. He attended multiple meetings with Qatar Ministers, Qatar Government officials and corporates to explore opportunities in Indo-Qatar Business Investment, Trade, Energy, Defence, Food Security, Culture, Education, Technology, Health and Media.

Tejas Rao becomes a Cambridge Nehru Scholar



Tejas Rao (2015-2020) is elected a Cambridge Nehru Scholar to pursue his PhD at the University of Cambridge, where he will research epistemic communities in international environmental law-making. For his work during the UNFCCC CoP26, he was nominated as a Fellow of the Balsillie School of International

Affairs. He previously completed his LLM at the University of Cambridge as a JN Tata scholar.

Saurav is the Youngest Councillor in the Guwahati Municipal Corporation



Saurav Jhunjunwala (LLM 2020) contested Guwahati Municipal Corporation election as a Bharatiya Janta Party candidate and was elected as a Councillor. He secured more than 65 % of the votes polled to become the Youngest Councillor (at 26) in the history of Guwahati Municipal Corporation.

After his LLM at GNLU, he returned to Guwahati, Assam, and joined the Bar.

An Alum with a difference! Shalini grabs 12 offers in multi-genre MFA creative writing

GNLU students and alums going to reputed universities in Europe and North America for further studies is nothing new. A score of them goes every year, many with scholarships, but most pursue higher studies in Law or public policy. Here is an alum with a difference!

Shalini Ajay Singh, an alumna of the 2011-2016 batch, BSc LLB (Hons) & LLM (2019-2020), received 12 offers for admission to the Master of Fine Arts programme in reputed foreign universities: fully funded offers with 100% tuition remission+Medical coverage+Stipend as GTA-Iowa State University, University of Arkansas, University of Minnesota, McNeese University, University of Massachusetts, and seven offers with partial funding.

Shalini is the first student from GNLU and one of the few lawyers from India to have been admitted into a fully funded Master of Fine Arts in creative writing program. Shalini received 12 offers, perhaps the highest ever received by any student in the history of GNLU.

Shalini has decided to join the Iowa State University, USA, with Miller Scholarship and Fellow for Creative Writing & Environment, 2022-23. At Iowa, she will write her thesis and grow under the guidance of some of the best in the field of literature.

She graduated from GNLU while writing poems, book reviews and editorials in acclaimed media outlets like The Nation, The Spectacle, and Outlook India, and is a published author (Prose -poetry genre who writes fiction, experimental genres)

She is associated with international and national publishers/presses/authors as a book reviewer, editor, and solopreneur in fiction, non-fiction & poetry programs, and multi-genres.

Shalini has previously worked with various lawyers such as Kaushal Gautam, Law firms and the government, her last stint being in the Ministry in Delhi before paving a path devoid of precedent.

According to her, the attributes she absorbed from her upbringing as a writer of multiple genres, thematic and



pondering divulgence arose from the diligence, well-researched approach and guidance of the professors and students around her at GNLU. "Without the love, care and high electricity environment to do, to become and to learn- I would merely be a character on a piece of paper. This flesh boasts of legal influence, my training as a lawyer, and the legal issues and environmental problems that make me do what I do. I write what has been touched upon. I wish to write what has not been written yet!"

Shalini says, "GNLU has infused in me a meditative trance that I wish to carry to Iowa, wanting copious research, theory and criticism as a writer setting out to meet the objectives of Iowa's program which I consociate with, wishing to live my degree and not only exert it as a means to an end."

Akshay becomes an International Mediator



Akshay Jain (PhD scholar) has become an internationally qualified mediator by qualifying for the Certified Mediator Training Program from International Mediation Campus, Germany. He is listed on the International Mediation Institute, Netherlands, the world's top-ranked mediation institute.

Akshay also has qualified to be an Independent Director after passing the mandatory proficiency test and has been listed in the Independent Director's Data bank maintained by the Indian Institute of Corporate Affairs.

Jacques qualifies to become a French civil servant



Jacques ONNEN (LLM 2017) passed the examination to become a civil servant of the French state but continues as an Investigative Protection Officer with the French Office for Protection of Refugees and Stateless People, where he works on the asylum application of African refugees.

Jacques has also reached the orange belt grade in *kraumaga* (Israeli fight sport).

Kewal assists the court in a landmark case



Kewal J. Shah (2012-2017) appeared for defendant in the First Appeal No. 2202 of 2021 (Jinnat Fatma Vajirbhai Ami W/O Nishat Alimadbhai Polra Versus Nishat Alimadbhai Polra) before the High Court of Gujarat. He carried out a detailed research and assisted the Hon'ble Court in making the correct decision. In the landmark judgement, the Hon'ble High Court,

while allowing the appeal and dismissing the Family Suit instituted by the respondent-husband for restitution of conjugal rights, held that a Muslim husband could not compel his wife to cohabit even by decree. He cited the judgments of the Allahabad High Court and Bombay High Court that under Mohammeden Law, marriage is a civil contract and therefore, a suit for restitution of conjugal rights would be deemed a suit for specific performance.

In Brief



Purva Phadke (2013-18) graduated from the LL.M. program in Corporation Law at New York University School of Law and will be joining Simpson Thacher & Bartlett LLP's London office as an Associate this Fall of 2022. Before her LL.M. program, she was an Associate at Shardul Amarchand Mangaldas, Mumbai.



Aayush Mohata (2005-10) is elevated to the partnership by Khaitan & Co. on 31 March 2022. He has been with Khaitan & Co.'s Capital Market practice in Mumbai for over eight years.



Divya Singh Pundir (LLM 2020) is currently working as an Associate at the Chambers of M.S. Kalra, New Delhi, and practices before various fora, including the Supreme Court of India, High Court of Delhi, National Green Tribunal, National Company Law Tribunal pan India, and various other High Courts and District Courts.



Hely Shah (2011-2016) is promoted to Manager (Legal) at The Gujarat State Cooperative Bank, where she has worked for over six years.



Pragya Srivastava (2014-19) received the Dean's Tuition Fellowship at the University of California, Los Angeles and will join their LL.M. Media, Entertainment and Technology Law program for the academic year 2022-23. She also had an offer from the University of California, Berkeley.



Anushka Mandal (2015-20) has joined the Indirect Tax team of Khaitan & Co. in their NCR office.



Sangeeta Moga (2013-18) cleared the Madhya Pradesh Civil Judge Examination in April 2022. After graduating from GNLU, save for a brief stint at a law firm, Sangeeta focused on preparing for competitive examinations, particularly for judicial services.



Tavleen Kaur (2004-09) studied at the Institute of Law and Finance, Goethe University, Germany. She is working for Clifford Chance Frankfurt.



Shweta Kurrey (2015-20 and LL.M. 21) has been selected as an Assistant District Public Prosecution Officer under Chhattisgarh Govt.



Priyanka Taktawala (LL.M. 2018-19) completed Post Graduate Diploma in International Business from Symbiosis Center for Distance Learning with an A+ grade

She has also qualified for the UGC NET JRF (Law) December Cycle 2020, conducted in May 2021.



Naveen Meena (2013-18) and LL.M. (2019) is posted as a Civil Judge cum Judicial Magistrate at Bagidora, Banswara. He was selected in Rajasthan Judicial Services in November 2019.



Faiz Ayat Ansari (LL.M. 2018-19) published four books (Two on Constitutional Morality, One each on Media Law and Comparative Public Law). He has also published two book-chapters: 'Gender Disparity in Availability of Sanitation Facilities at Workplaces- A Bottleneck to Equality' in book 'Sanitation Law- A Necessity' and 'The Effectiveness of

Health Laws in India: A Critique on the Present State of Reproductive Rights and Medical Negligence Laws' in the book 'Health Laws and Policies in India', published by Thomson Reuters.



Dr Dinesh Dasa (PhD 2021)'s article "Analysing the effectiveness of the 'Malki Practice' for conserving the Dang forest in Gujarat, India, along with improving the socio-economic standards of the landholders" is published in the internationally renowned Elsevier journal "Trees, Forests and People". Dr Dasa has co-authored the article with Prof (Dr)

Shobhlata Udupudi and Mr Anurag Kandya.



Kalpeshkumar L Gupta (PhD 2017) conducted workshops on Legal Startups at many institutions, including the National Forensic Sciences University and Rashtriya Raksha University. His initiative, Pro Bono India, published six books (Suo Moto Petitions by Indian Courts, Landmark Judgements on Environment Protection, Landmark

Judgements on Human Rights, Landmark Judgements on Public Interest Litigation, Landmark Judgements on Bar and Bench' and Landmark Judgements on Religious Issue) and compiled 10+ case compilations on various important topics.



Mitsu Parikh (2009-14), alongside Yashika Sachdev (2018-23), were invited to present their paper titled "Perpetrators in the Bloodline – Seeking Justice for Ancestral Rape" at the second International Conference on Punishment in Global Peripheries organised by the Centre for Criminology, University of Oxford Law Faculty and the National

University of Litoral, Argentina from 06 to 08 July 2022.



Pooja Gupta (LLM 2022) is selected as a Law officer (Rank 29) in the Department of Commercial Taxes, Government of Rajasthan

Student

Academic Support Programme set yet another record!

The Academic Support Programme (ASP) created yet another record by engaging 139 sessions in the AY 2021-22, which is way above the previous record of 115 sessions in the last academic year 2020-21.

ASP Faculty Co-Convenor Dr William Nunes gave credit for this splendid performance to the senior student

Teaching Assistants of the 2017-22 batch. "Their zeal, enthusiasm and dedication made it possible to achieve this impeccable and unprecedented record. They have all been pivotal in developing peer-to-peer learning environment in the university, for which we shall remain forever grateful to them," he said.



Aaryana Anand



Ansh Desai



Anuraag Pillai



Ayushi Tomar



Chhavishree



Keertana



Manasa



Manoj Borana



Manthan Nagpal



Nihal Deo



Nisha Nahata



Padmavathy Nehru



Rashi Rawat



Raunak Sood



Rishabh Aggarwal



Shivansh Khatri



Shubham Tiwary

Senior Student Teaching Assistants of the 2017-22 batch

Mooting at GNLU

International Moots

62nd Philip C. Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition, 2022

International Rounds:

Octa-Finalists (Top 16 amongst 170 teams)

Alona E. Evans Award for the Best Memorials (Overall Rank 1)

Hardy C. Dillard Award for the Best Combined Memorials (Rank 2)

Best Respondent Memorial (Rank 1)

Keshav Somani :Top 50 Oralists in the Preliminary Rounds:



Keertana Venkatesh
2017-22



Rishab Aggarwal
2017-22



Keshav Somani
2018-23



Bharatt Goel
2018-23



Yash Khanna
2019-24

Indian Qualifying Rounds

Runner-Up and the 5th Best Memorials

Keertana Venkatesh
Second Best Oralist

Keshav Somani
Fourth Best Oralist

Yash Khanna
Ninth Best Oralist

19th Annual Willem C. Vis East International Commercial Arbitration Moot, 2022

Honourable Mention for the Best Memorandum on Behalf of Claimant
Honourable Mention for the Best Memorandum on Behalf of Respondent



Vedant Sumant
2017-22



Shikhar Nigam
2018-23



Ved Thakur
2018-23



Gaurav Sethi Jain
2018-23



Shradha Sriram
2019-24



Niyusha Bhesania
2020-25

Shradha Sriram :

The 2nd Best Oralist in the VII Madrid Vis Pre Moot ACMEY, organized by Universidad Carlos III de Madrid, 2022

Vedant Avadhoot Sumant :

The Shook Lin & Bok Best Oralist of the General Rounds in the
6th AIAC Pre Moot for the Willem C. Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot

Shradha Sriram :

The Hanscomb Intercontinental Ltd 3rd Best Oralist of the General Rounds in the
6th AIAC Pre Moot for the Willem C. Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot

**14th Frankfurt Investment Arbitration
Moot Court Competition, 2022**

Octa-Finalists



Zoya Zahed
2020-25



Shreya Kumar
2020-25



Ananya Prakash
2020-25



Ashik S. Shoukath
2018-23



Snigdha Ghosh
2019-24



Ananya Mohapatra
2019-24

Ananya Mohapatra: Best Oralist citation in the final round.

**Manfred Lachs Space Law Moot Court Competition, 2022
Asia-Pacific regional rounds organized by
International Institute of Space Law**

Runners-up

10th Novice Arbitration Mooting Competition (NAMCO), 2021

Octa-Finalists



Pallavi Meena
2018-23



Karma Shah
2019-24



Anya Denise Aranha
2020-25



Raghav Saha
2020-25

Anya Denise Aranha : 4th Best Oralist

5th CPR International Mediation Competition, 2022

2nd Best Written Statement

7th NLIU - Justice R.K. Tankha I'ntl Arbitration Moot, 2022

Quarter-finalists



Ayaan Vali
2020-25



Aditya Rajpal Dalal
2019-24



Praduta Singh
2019-24



Kunal Parekh
2019-24



Abhimanyu Pathania
2020-25



Naman Kasliwal
2020-25

NATIONAL MOOTS

**5th The Chamber of Tax Consultants
National Moot Court Competition**

Winners



GNLU team comprising Dhruv Chhajed (2018-23), Jagrat Shah (2018-23) and Riddhi Saraf (2021-26) emerged as winners of the 5th The Chamber of Tax Consultants National Moot Court Competition held in GLC Mumbai on 18 June 2022.

**3rd VoxAnatolis National Moot Court Competition,
2022 on Biodiversity Laws**

Semi-Finalist



GNLU team comprising Vagmi Gandhi (2021-26), Anshuman Jhala (2021-26) and Chaitya Doshi (2020-25) was **Semi-Finalist** in the 3rd edition of VoxAnatolis National Moot Court Competition, 2022 on Biodiversity Laws organised by National Law University, Assam and Judicial Academy, Assam.

13th NLUJ Antitrust Law Moot Court Competition, 2022

Octa-Finalists



Ishani Shekhar
2019-24



Tanya K Y
2019-24



Aryaman Sharma
2019-24

2nd Themis National Moot Competition, 2021

Runners-Up



Pranay Agarwal
2020-2025



Shreya Parihar
2020-2025



Ashish Kumar Jha
2020-2025

8th National Law School Negotiation, Mediation and Client Counselling Competition, 2022

Quarter-Finalists



Akshata Modi
2020-25



Vatshal Raval
2021-26



Shrey Goyal
2021-26



L. Parvathy Roy
2021-26

1st NALSAR CCI Antitrust Moot Court Competition, 2022

Runners-Up



Saikishan Rathore
2018-23



Nisarg Bhardwaj
2018-23



Aniket Panchal
2019-24

Saikishan Rathore: Best Speaker

6th National Moot Court Competition, 2022

Quarter-Finalists



Akrama Javed
2019-24



Vismitha Rathi
2020-25



Hitesh Kar
2020-25

2nd National Moot Court Competition by School of Law, CHRIST (Deemed to be University), 2022

Quarter-Finalists



Abhinav Saikia
2019-24



Harshit Singh
2020-25

Harshit Singh: The Best Speaker and Best Researcher Awards

1st IFIM National Moot Court Competition, 2022



Kavya Ramasubramanian
2020-25



Priyanshi N Rajput
2020-25

Kavya Ramasubramanian: Best Researcher

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

Quarter-Finalists



Kanika Mittal
2019-24



Yajush Tripathi
2019-24



Saumya Mittal
2020-25

**9th National Law University Odisha
International Maritime Arbitration
Moot Court Competition, 2022**

Runners-Up



Hemang Arora
2019-24



Devansh Dixit
2020-25



Anushka Juneja
2020-25

**5th Annual Jindal Moot Court Competition, 2022
Quarter-Finalists & Best Memorial for Respondent**



Parthiv Joshi
2020-25



Mansi Subramaniam
2020-25



Radhika
2020-25

Mansi Subramaniam: The Best Speaker Award

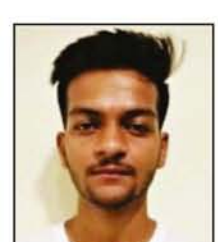
**12th M.K. Nambyar Memorial National Level
Moot Court Competition, 2022
Semi-Finalists**



Rohan Bhimajiyani
2020-25



Srajan Dixit
2020-25



Vaibhav Kesarwani
2020-25

**3rd CCI-NUJS Moot Court Competition, 2021
Runners-Up**



Saikishan B Rathore
2018-23



Preksha Mehndiratta
2018-23

Aditya Birla Scholarships



Mahika Suri



Shyama Singh

Mahika Suri and Shyama Singh of the 2021-2026 batch have secured the prestigious Aditya Birla Scholarships. After a rigorous selection procedure, they have emerged among the 15 proud recipients out of 100 applications from 5 select Law Universities.

**HSF-Oxford University
International Lecture Programme**

Five students from the 2019-24 batch, Anant Agarwal, Akanksha Prabhu, Pratyusha Ivaturi, Sanjali Rupnawar and Krishna Agarwal, attended the HSF-Oxford University International Lecture Programme conducted by Herbert Smith Freehills and Oxford University and hosted by the National Law School of India University from 28 March to 01 April 2022.

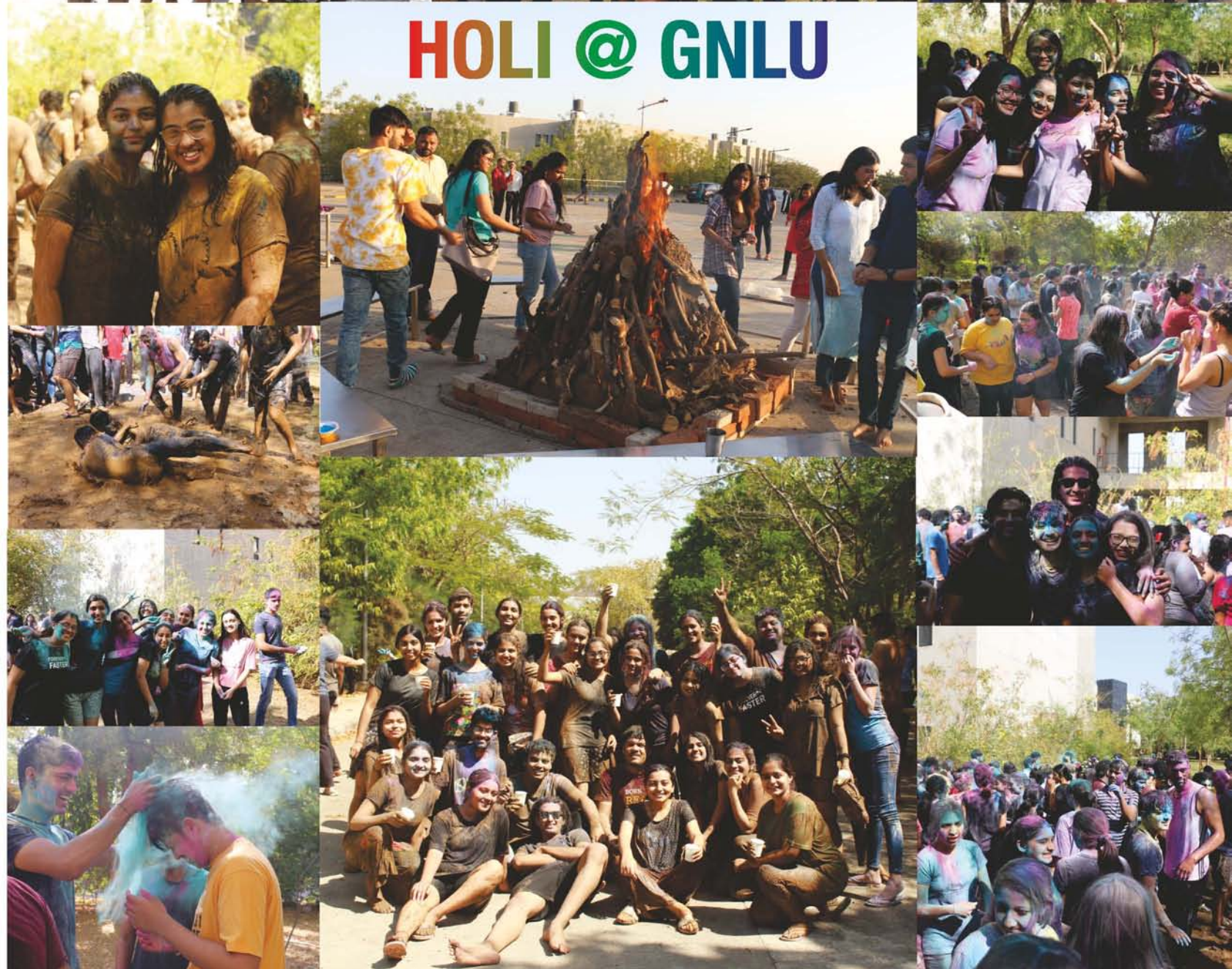
The programme comprised lectures by Mr Chris Parsons, Chairman, India Practice, Herbert Smith Freehills and Professor Timothy Endicott, Professor of Legal Philosophy, Oxford University, on topics relating to cross-border Mergers & Acquisitions and constitutional law.



GNLU students with Programme faculty



HOLI @ GNLU



GNLU's Table Tennis Queen



Radhapriya Goel(2021-26) bagged a bronze medal for Uttar Pradesh in the Girls Singles event at the SBI Khelo India Youth Games 2021 held at Panchkula, Haryana, from 3-13 June 2022.

In March 2022, Radhapriya represented India at WTT Youth Contender Tunis 2022 held in Tunis, Tunisia. There, after clearing the qualifications stage in Under 19 Girls Singles, she ended in the top 8 as Quarter finalist.

In April 2022, Radhapriya captained the Uttar Pradesh Women Team at the 83rd Senior Table Tennis Nationals held at Shillong.

In June 2022, she represented Uttar Pradesh at 83rd Junior and Youth National Table Tennis Championships 2021 held at Alappuzha, Kerala, after which she was declared India No. 7 in the Youth Girls category.

GNLU students shine at IIT Gandhinagar Annual Fest



Debargha Roy (2019-24) won the first prize and Kartikey Chamola (2018-23) bagged the second prize in *Euphony*, Solo Singing Event at *Blithchron*, Annual Fest at IIT Gandhinagar held on 20 March 2022.

GNLU also participated in the Nukkad Natak Competition, *Antaraginee*, in the same festival, where the students from GNLU Centre for Women and Child Rights performed a *Nukkad Natak* on domestic violence.

Penav: marching ahead despite challenges



Penav Mota (LLM 2022), a visually challenged person, participated in the New Delhi marathon on 27 March and clocked 02:39:26. Based on this performance, he qualified for the Wimbledon half-marathon, London and Wales half marathon.

He won a bronze medal in the District level Athletics championship by clocking 15-second timing in the 100-meter race event. He is now qualified for the state-level Athletics championship.

He was selected as an all-rounder and vice-captain in the Mumbai Blind Cricket team for a tri-series between Delhi, Goa, and Maharashtra.

Trio clear NCC "C" Certificate Examination



Rohan Jha



Nahush Gautam



Vedanta Vishwakarma

Senior Under Officer Rohan Jha (2019-24), Junior Under Officer Nahush Gautam (2018-23), and Junior Under Officer Vedanta Vishwakarma (2017-22) successfully cleared the prestigious NCC 'C' Certificate Examination (Army Wing), with an Alpha "A" (Best Grade). With this certificate, they are exempted from CDS examination conducted by the Union Public Service Commission (UPSC) and they are directly eligible for the Services Selection Board (SSB) interview.

Paper presentations, Publications & Conferences



Akshatha Paranjyothi Kumar, a doctoral scholar of GNLU and Assistant Professor of Sociology, Government First Grade College, Kanakapura, Karnataka's article "Child Marriage: A Social Evil" is published in Peer Reviewed Journal titled Man, Environment and Society with ISSN no 2582-7669.

She has written an article "COVID 19- Emerging Trends: Impact on Child Marriage for the book Issues, Implementations and Challenges of Covid-19 in India, published by the Leader Press, Bengaluru.

She has written an article titled "Gender Violence- with Special reference to Child Marriage" for the International Journal of Management and Applied Science with ISSN no. 2394-7926.

She has been appointed as a member of the Board of Examiners of St. Joseph's Autonomous College, Bengaluru. She set a question paper of the sixth semester course on Introduction to Social Thought, April 2022.

She was invited by Government First Grade College, Jayanagar, Bengaluru as a resource person to deliver a special lecture on "Understanding Gender", 09 March.



Anant Agarwal (2019-24) co-authored a paper titled "Women and Empowerment: Pay Disparity in Organised and Unorganised Sector", published in The Indian Yearbook of Law and Interdisciplinary Studies: Pluralistic Discourses, edited by Professor Ranita Nagar and Dr. Hitesh Thakkar, Routledge-Taylor & Francis (2022).

Co-authored a paper titled "Evaluating the Conducive Work Environment of Employees with Disability: An Empirical Study in Ahmedabad and Gandhinagar Districts, India", Journal of National Law University Delhi, SAGE Journals (2022).

Presented a paper titled "A Case of Falling Dominoes: Analysing the Riddle of MSMEs as Operational Creditors under the Insolvency & Bankruptcy Code, 2016", UNCITRAL-IBBI International Conference on MSMEs: Legislative and Regulatory Challenges (2022).

Co-author and Team Leader, report titled "Policy Inputs to the Reserve Bank of India on Digital Lending", submitted to the Reserve Bank of India on behalf of the GNLU Centre for Law and Economics.



Aishana



Aabhas Soni

Aishana (2021-26) and Aabhas Soni (2020-25) published articles or presented papers as shown below:

1. Paper presentation: 'Lifelong Pandemic' in the national seminar on 'Identification of Abusive Relationships and Prevention of Domestic Violence' by SLS Nagpur on Women's Day.
2. Paper presentation: 'Mandal, Kamandal and Hijab' in the Indore Institute of Law in 4th International conference "Emerging Trends in Law, Management

and Social Science: Envisioning Globe-Vision 2030".

3. Journal Article: 'Tribe's an indigenous entities of India' in 'White Black Law Journal' on 11 May.
4. Journal Article: 'Tribal Art and Culture' in 'Indian Journal of Integrated Research in Law' on 15 May.
5. Journal Article: 'Benami Act and its Transitions' in 'Taxmann' on 25 June.
6. Journal Article: 'Income Tax All You Need To Know' in 'Taxguru' on 29 June.

Aabhas Soni (2020-25) published an article, 'Importance of Social Work In India, Being A Torch Bearer' in the Legal Service India E-Journal.

Aabhas also got a 'Verbal Mention' in 'All India Political Parties Meet' at Nirma Model United Nations.

He also completed his internship under Justice Indrajit Mahanty, the Chief Justice of Tripura High Court at Agartala.

Essay Competitions



Shubhankar Sharan (2021-26) bagged 4th position in the essay writing competition conducted by the Society of International Law and Policies of NUJS. His essay was titled "Ecocide as an International Crime: An Imperative Step for Ecological Sustenance".



Dhruv Kohli (2020-25) won third prize in the Inter College IP Research Essay Writing Competition 2022 on IP and Youth organised by the National Law University Jodhpur's Centre for Intellectual Property Studies. His essay was titled "IP and Youth: Innovating for a Better Future."

Debating Achievements



**Arayan Khare
(2020-25)**



**Jay Shah
(2020-25)**



**Kiran Nilawar
(2020-25)**



**Ann Sarasa K R
(2020-25)**



**Kavya
Ramasubramanian
(2020-25)**



**Alankrita Pathak
(2020-25)**



**Arjun Suresh
(2019-24)**



**Ayush Gorana
(2020-25)**



**Shrey Desai
(2020-25)**



**Satyam Agarwal
(2020-25)**

1. Winners 1st National Parliamentary Debate Competition organised by the School of Law, NMIMS Indore (Arayan Khare, Jay Shah and Kiran Nilawar)
2. Novice Champions at People Speak'22, Sri Venkateshwara College- University of Delhi (Ann Sarasa K R, Kavya Ramasubramanian and Alankrita Pathak)
3. Ann Sarasa K R was adjudged the 10th Best Open Speaker at RVDT'22.
4. Runners-up at the 1st National Parliamentary Debate Competition organised by Christ (Deemed to be University), Delhi NCR Campus, April 2022 (Ayush Gorana, Shrey Desai, and Satyam Agarwal)
5. Open Semi-Finalist and tied for Best Novice Speaker at Hansraj PD'22 (Ann Sarasa K R and Kavya Ramasubramanian)
6. Open Quarter-Finalist at Vitark'22 (Ann Sarasa K R and Kavya Ramasubramanian). Ann Sarasa K R was adjudged Best Novice Speaker.
7. Open Quarter-Finalist at Gargi'22 (Ann Sarasa K R, Kavya Ramasubramanian and Arjun Suresh) Ann Sarasa K R was adjudged the 9th Best Open Speaker.
8. Open Quarter-Finalist at SBS PD'22 (Ann Sarasa K R and Kavya Ramasubramanian)

Handbook of International Law Opportunities



Akshata



Vismita



Anya Denise



Siddharth Samaiya



Aaiysha Topiwala



Janya



Anupama

Seven-student team from the 2020-25 batch researched on international law opportunities and prepared a database of organizations with international law opportunities under

the guidance of Ms Harsha Rajwanshi, Assistant Professor of Law. The Handbook lists internship, fellowship and traineeship opportunities in 187 international organisations.

Further studies overseas



Siddharth Behera (2017-22) will pursue LLM in Public Law from University College London. He also had offers from the University of Bristol (LLM in Public Law); and King's College London (General LLM).



Vishwa Shah (2017-22) will join the University College London for her LLM programme. She also had an LLM offer from Kings University.



Keertana Venkatesh (2017-22) has secured admission to the Master of Law (LLM) Programme at the University of Cambridge, United Kingdom, for 2022-23.



Vedanta Vishwakarma (2017-22) has secured admission to the LLM (Maritime Law) programme at the National University of Singapore (NUS), which QS ranks as the top law school in Asia and among the top 10 in the world.



Ilikivi P Awomi Sumi (2017-22) will join the Queen Mary University of London for an LLM in Banking & Finance Law 2022-23.



Raveesha Sharma (2017-22) will pursue her LLM in European and International Business Law from Universiteit Leiden, Netherlands.

In Brief



Shivam Bhattacharya (2018-23) finished as Runners-up in "Pro-Bono Publico-National Quiz Competition on Legal Aid and Allied Laws" organised by Pro-Bono Club in association with Technical Event Cell. He participated as a team with his sister, Shweta Bhattacharya, an alumna of GNLU (2016-21).

Runners-up in the All-India Quiz Competition on Copyright Law organised by the Centre for Excellence in Intellectual Property Rights, ICAFI Law College, Hyderabad.

Third position in All-India Quiz Competition organised by Environment Law Cell, Symbiosis Law School, Hyderabad.

Admitted as a student member of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (CIArb), Singapore Branch.



Manish Upadhyay (LLM 2022) has cleared the National Eligibility Test for Assistant Professor and the research entrance test conducted by Banaras Hindu University.



Abhishek Agnihotri (PhD Scholar) attended the University of Bradford's School of Law Summer School 2022 on "Law in a Time of Global Change" from 6-14 June.

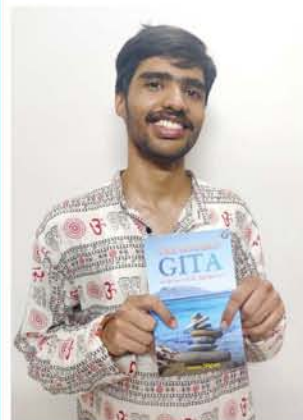


Dev Shroff (2021-26) has topped the Company Secretary Entrance Examination Test (CSEET) by scoring 187 marks out of 200.



Ravi Saxena, GNLU doctoral Scholar, and Assistant Professor at NMIMS Kirit P. Mehta School of Law, delivered two Extension Lectures at Meghnad Desai Academy of Economics, Mumbai on 04 & 11 June. His topics were: *Applying Fairness and Justice to Public Policy* and *Human Rights and Paternalism in Public Policy*.

Aman authors Modern Gita



Aman Nigam (2021-26) has authored a book, "*The Modern Gita: Krishnam Vande Jagadgurum*," published by Astitva Prakashan on 16 June 2022.

The Modern Gita is the Bhagavad Gita written in a modern way. A simple yet profound dialogue has been explained by connecting it to the problems we face in today's modern world.

Faculty



Prof (Dr) S. Shanthakumar
Director

1. Delivered a session "National Plastic Regulation (India)" in the Workshop on "Plastic Regulation: Law, Policy, and the Environment" organised by Prof. Elizabeth Kirk, Global Professor in Global Governance and Ecological Justice, University of Lincoln, UK, 14 January.
2. Delivered a Keynote address at the third International Conference on Comparative Law organised jointly by the School of Business and Law, Edith Cowan University, Australia and Amity Law School, Noida, 18-19 February.
3. Inaugural address and "The Role Of Academia in Shaping The Next Generation Advocate" session at the Faculty Development Programme on 'Contemporary Issues and Changing Facets of Law' organised by Faculty of Law, SRM University, Delhi-NCR, 21-25 February.
4. Inaugural address and a "Recent Trends in Environmental Law" session at the FDP on 'Changing Contours of Legal Education and Teaching Techniques' organised by Faculty of Law, Marwadi University, 21-27 February.
5. Keynote address at the inauguration ceremony of 16th All India Moot Court Competition 2022 for Justice V. R. Krishna Iyer Memorial Ever Rolling Trophy, hosted by Government Law College, Thiruvananthapuram, 10 March.
6. Distinguished Resource Person at the Training Programme on "Environmental Legislations, Interpretation, Enforcement: Legal and Statutory Requirements-Case Studies" organised by National law school of India University, Bengaluru's Centre for Environmental Law, Education, Research and Advocacy in association with the Central Pollution Control Board, 28-30 March.
7. Introductory Remarks at the International Maritime Arbitration Competition organised by Gujarat Maritime University, 08-10 April.
8. Chaired a "Climate Change and Vulnerable Groups" session at 16th International Conference titled "Politico-Legal Dimensions of Climate Change: Past, Present, and Future", organised by ILS Law College and Indian Law Society, Pune, 08-09 April.
9. Lecture on "The Story of Human Rights Courts" as Late Shri G. R. Gandhi Endowment Lecture at the Department of Law, Savitribai Phule Pune University, 21 April.

10. Inaugural address at the Golden Jubilee Moot Court Competition organised by Dr BR Ambedkar Government Law College, Pondichery, 24 April.
11. Delivered "Legal Education in Globalised World: Preparing the Next Generation Lawyer and Law Teacher" session at the FDP on Legal Research Methodology: Interdisciplinary Approaches organised by Mahatma Gandhi University's School of Indian Legal Thought and Department of Lifelong Learning and Extension under UGC-STRIDE Scheme, 25 April.
12. Delivered "Climate change, Biodiversity and Policy framing" session at the "International Conference on Environmental Diversity and Environmental Jurisprudence: National and International Perspective" organised by Chandigarh University's Institute of Legal Studies, 07 May.
13. Guest of Honour at the Seminar on "Conviction Rate: Role of Public Prosecutor" organised by the Directorate of Prosecution, Government of Gujarat, 12 June.
14. Guest of Honour at the State level Orientation cum Training Programme on *PoshanSudha* Scheme organised by the Department of Women and Child Development, Government. of Gujarat, 28 June.



Dr Mamata Biswal
Professor of Law

1. Inducted as Independent Director in the Board of Directors of Gujarat Industrial Investment Corporation Ltd and Gujarat Industries Power Company Limited.
2. Presented a research paper titled, Insolvency and Bankruptcy Regime in India: Understanding the Emerging Issues and Challenges in 19th Asian Law Institute Conference hosted by the University of Tokyo's Graduate Schools for Law and Politics, 28- 29 May.
3. Delivered an expert session on "Corporate Governance and Management" in the Capacity Building Programme on "Corporate and Insolvency Laws" organised by Chanakya National Law University's Centre for Advanced Research on Corporate and Insolvency Laws, 27 January.
4. Delivered a session on Corporate Insolvency Resolution and Legal Transformation in India in the UGC-HRDC-NEHU Refresher Course in Law and Social Transformation in India, 8 June.



Dr K. Parameswaran
Associate Professor of Law

1. Spoke on "Role of Science, Spirituality, Society & Education" at the 8th World Parliament on Science, Religion & Philosophy at MIT-WPU, Pune.
2. His other international lectures were "Sustainability & Spirituality" at Jindal Global University, "Mother Nature, Protection & Reforms for Indian Agricultural Life, Self-Governance, Indian Constitution and Proactive Policies" at the University of Colombo with SSPU-Pune & MHRD & "Spirituality & Law" at University of Tennessee College of Law-USA.
3. Conducted two immersive workshops, "Psychotherapy, Neuro-Linguistic Programming & Spirituality for Legal Research, Deeper Justice & Well-being", as FDPs for faculties of SLS-Pune & MIT School of Peace.
4. Numerous talks on themes such as Spirituality, Law, Religion, Jurisprudence & Justice at Central Institute of Higher Tibetan Studies; Sarnath University; Tamil Nadu National Law University; MMLSCL-Pune; GLC, Mumbai; and KLE College of Law, Mumbai.
5. Inducted at Jindal School of Government & Public Policy (JSGP) to steer its Centre for Complexity Economics, Applied Spirituality and Public Policy (CEASP).
6. Conducted a workshop on "Philosophical Approaches to Law, Justice & Research" for PhD scholars of SLS-Pune.
7. Obtained four prestigious Diplomas in Clinical Hypnotherapy (CBT Model) & Level-5 from California Institute of Hypnosis & EKAA, USA & 3 Clinical degrees from Milton Eriksonian Hypnotherapy, Arizona, known as the best institute in the world for higher Mind Sciences.



Dr Viral Pandya
Associate Professor of Management

1. Resource Person at the National Level ICSSR Workshop on Research Methodology, February 2022.



Dr R K Singh
Associate Professor of Law

1. Chaired a Technical Session in the National Conference on 'Right to Justice and Indian Constitution: Issues, Challenges, and the Road-Map Ahead', organised by the Marwadi University's Faculty of Law, 26 March.
2. Delivered four lectures on 'Sale of Goods' for GLS University's Faculty of Law students, 22 & 29 January.
3. Delivered two lectures each on 'Common Irregularities and Lapses in Public Procurement/Tendering Process' in three different Capacity Building Programmes for Law Officers of the Central Bureau of Investigation, organised by Rashtriya Raksha University's School of Security, Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice, 24 March and 06 May and 11 June.
4. Taught a course on 'Business Law' at the National Rail and Transportation Institute, Vadodara's MBA (LSCM & TEM) programme.



Dr Ambati Nageswara Rao
Assistant Professor of Social Work

1. Won the Best Research Paper Award for the paper "Social Innovation in Waste Segregation to Creation of Wealth and Livelihood Opportunities: A Case Study of Let's Recycle Social Enterprise" presented at the International Conference on "Social Innovation, Social Business and Sustainable Development", organised by VES, Mumbai in collaboration with IIT Roorkee, NABARD, Banaras Hindu University, and iHub Divyasampark Technology, Mumbai, 25-26 February.
2. Presented a paper on "Convergence of International Law to National Law in the area of Globalisation: Significance of International Environmental Laws and Agreements in India" at International Conference VIT, Chennai, 22-23 April.
3. Presented a paper at Master Class Social Innovation and Sustainable Development in India Impact Academy 2022.



Ms Apoorva Patel,
Assistant Professor of Sociology

1. Resource Person for three sessions in the short-term course on "Prevention and Elimination of Child Labour" for District Task Force members of Gujarat State organised by UNICEF Gujarat & MGLI with the support of Gujarat Government's Labour, Skill Development and Employment Department, 04-05 May.
2. Attended International Conference on "Fostering Resilient Business Ecosystems and Economic Growth: Towards the Next Normal" organised by Dr D. Y. Patil B-School, Pune, 27-29 April.
3. Attended Social Entrepreneurship Summit, Impulse 2022, organised by BalaVikasa, Center for Social and Responsible Business at Hyderabad, 08 April.
4. Attended International e-Conference on 'Ecology, Economy, Emerging Technology and People for Sustainable Livelihood in SAARC Countries' organised by Rashtrapita Mahatma Gandhi Mahavidyalaya, Khed, IQAC, in collaboration with Maharashtra Bhugolshastra Parishad, 28 January.
5. Attended one-week Faculty Development Program on "Research in Social Sciences: Contemporary Trends, Perspectives, and Pedagogy" organised by Jawaharlal Nehru University and Galgotia University, 07 February.



Ms Prabhavati Baskey
Assistant Professor of Law

1. Resource Person for the National Level training programme on Vertical Interaction Course (Internal Security and Human Rights) for Assistant Commandants to DIGs of CRPF at CAPF Internal Securities Academy, Mt Abu, 18 April.
2. Resource Person for the Junior Command Management Course at CAPF Internal Securities Academy, Mt Abu, 09 June.
3. Resource Person for the Middle Command Management Course at Internal Securities Academy, Mt Abu, 07 July.



Dr Asha Verma
Assistant Professor of Law

1. Delivered a session on "*Social Action Research in the area of Social Justice, Women Empowerment and Gender Equality*" in the Faculty Social Action Research Capacity Building Training Program under the UGC STRIDE Project awarded to Dr B. R. Ambedkar University of Social Sciences, Mhow, 21 January.
2. Delivered a talk on the "POCSO Act" in the Capacity Building Program for the 'Friends of Police for Women and Children' organised by Rashtriya Raksha University, 24 January.
3. Finalised the Menstrual Hygiene Management Guidelines in the State Level Consultation program organised by Gender Resource Centre, Gujarat Government's Department of Women and Child Development, 19 February.
4. Invited to the State level Consultation Program on *NAARI GAURAV NITI* organised by Gender Resource Centre, Gujarat Government's Department of Women and Child Development, 25 March.
5. Delivered a talk on Investigation of cases relating to Human Trafficking of Women and Children in the Training Program for Investigators on Safety of Women organised by Gujarat Police Academy, 24 March.
6. Delivered an expert lecture on "Code on Social Security 2020" for VIT School of Law, Chennai, 27 April.
7. Delivered a Keynote address on *Legal and Ethical Aspects of Drug Abuse* on the International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking, organised by Anti-narcotic cell St. Thomas' College, Thrissur, 26 June.



Ms Harsha Rajwanshi
Assistant Professor of Law

1. Presented "*Currents and Tides: Reflections on the Indian Experience of Building Capacity in Law of the Sea and Maritime Law*" at 45th Annual Conference on Oceans Law and Policy (COLP), 16-18 March. COLPs are considered to be the most prestigious conference in Law of the Sea across the world.

Delivered a talk on 'Save Biodiversity with the help of Access Benefit Sharing' in the webinar organised by Gujarat Biodiversity Board on International biodiversity day, 18 May.



Dr Nidhi Buch
Assistant Professor of Law

1. Presented a paper on 'Where is the Authorised User? The Missing Piece in India's Geographical Indication Puzzle' in the 4th Online IP and Innovation Researchers of Asia, 11 February.
2. Delivered a session "Exploring Traditional Knowledge Protection through IP Regime" organised by Parul University, 15 June.
3. Co-Chair and Keynote Speaker on 'Protection of Traditional Knowledge-based handicrafts through Geographical Indications in National Conference on Protection of Traditional Knowledge, GI and Rights of Indigenous People, Centre for Research on IPR and DPIIT-IPR Chair of NLUJA, Assam, 27-28 May.
4. Resource person for the Focused Group discussion on 'Fan Fiction: Exploring the legality within Copyright Law', Institute of Law, Nirma University, 28 April.
5. Session on 'Emerging issues in Geographical Indications and Community Rights Protection' at the National Conference on "Transforming Dimensions of IPR" organised by Marathwada Mitra Mandal's Shankarrao Chavan Law College at Pune, 26 April.
6. External examiner for conducting Viva for final year students of GLS Law College's LLB program, 6 April.
7. Delivered an expert lecture on 'Overview of CPC' at GLS School of Law, GLS University, 5 March.
8. Guest of Honor at the launch function for the book "A Basket of Sunflowers" by Pinakie Kansabanik, 26 January.



Dr Saira Gori
Assistant Professor of Law

1. Invited as Resource Person in International Faculty Development Programme (India - Sri Lanka) on "Agricultural Reform: Relearn to Reinterpret International & Indian Dimensions", 20-29 April.
2. Engaged eight sessions on the Safety of Women in Training Programmes for Investigators organised by BPRD in Karai Academy, January-March 2022.



Dr Hiteshkumar Thakkar
Assistant Professor of Economics

1. Participated in the UGC-sponsored Refresher Course on Computational Social Sciences organised by the Human Resource Development Centre, University of Hyderabad, 17-30 January.
2. Participated in the UGC-sponsored 66th Refresher Course: Economics, organised by the Human Resource Development Centre, Sardar Patel University, 06-19 September 2021.
3. Participated in the Data Analytics Workshop organised by the Technology Innovation Hub, Indian Statistical Institute, Kolkata, 26 July-06 August 2021.
4. Presented a research paper entitled "Efficacy of Culpable Homicide Amounting or Not Amounting Murder: An Indian Experience" at the '17th annual conference of the Italian Society of Law and Economics (SIDE) jointly organised by the Department of Management and Economics, the Faculty of Law, the European Research Institute on Cooperative and Social Enterprises (EURICSE) and the School of International Studies at the University of Trento, Italy.
5. Presented a research paper entitled "Impact Analysis of Work Environment of Employees with Disability in the Government Organizations of Ahmedabad and Gandhinagar Districts" at the 'Disability Studies Conference 2021' held in Auckland, New Zealand.
6. Presented research paper entitled "Economic Analysis of Culpable Homicide: Murder or Manslaughter" in the 'International Conference on Law and Economics' under the aegis of Tamil Nadu National Law University in association with Indian Association of Law and Economics.
7. Delivered a session on 'Understanding Insolvency and Bankruptcy Law from an Economic Perspective' in the E-Certificate Course on 'Emerging Perspective of Law in the Changing Economic Scenario' under the aegis of Centre for Law and Economics, JagranLakecity University.
8. As a guest speaker, he delivered a session on "Principles of minimum support price (MSP) and fair price (Public Distribution System) in the context of Demand, Supply and Government Policies" organised by the Faculty of Business Administration, GLS University.



Dr Hardik Parikh
Assistant Professor of Law

1. Presented a paper "Critical analysis of the Personal Data Protection Bill, 2019: Issues and Challenges in light of the right to privacy in India" in the conference on Law and Social Justice (Multidisciplinary) at Shri S. M. Law College, Mehsana, 08 & 09 January.
2. Visiting Faculty for the Course on Cyber Laws for B.Tech students of Nirma University's Institute of Technology, April 2022.
3. Guest Faculty for "How RERA is changing the Residential Landscape", GLS university, 26 February.
4. Completed Certificate Course on Law of the Sea and Maritime Law offered by Nirma University's Institute of Law, with an A+ grade, April 2022.
5. Attended FDP on Research and Publication in High Impact Journals organised by Karnavati University's School of Law, 17 to 21 January.
6. Delivered a session "Ragging as an offence and Overall Introduction of law on Prohibition of Ragging" at National Institute of Fashion Technology, Gandhinagar, 14 and 15 March.



Dr Annamma Samuel
DPIIT Chair Professor

1. Resource Person for the National Level FDP on Intellectual Property organised by Panjab University, 13 May.
2. External Expert, Board of Studies, Tamil Nadu National Law University, Trichy.
3. Member, Working Group on Intellectual Property for Free Trade Agreements Negotiations, DPIIT, Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Govt. of India.
4. Member, Expert Consultative Committee on IPR, IPR Negotiation and Cooperation Section, DPIIT, Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Govt. of India.
5. Member, Working Group on Royalty Payments, FDI Policy Section, DPIIT, Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Government of India
6. External Expert and Interview Board member, Patent Agent Examination Viva Voce 2022.
7. Resource Person for the FDP on Intellectual Property, UGC-HRDC, Panjab University, 2-13 May.



Dr A. Marisport
Assistant Professor of Law

1. Completed One Week National FDP on IPR, Guru Angad Dev Teaching Learning Centre, SGTB Khalsa College, the University of Delhi under the PMMMNMTT scheme of Govt. of India, 07 to 13 March 2022.
2. Completed National Refresher course on National Education Policy & The Teaching Pedagogy organised by New Law College, Bharati Vidyapeeth under the PMMMNMTT scheme, 21 March to 04 April 2022.
3. Presented a paper titled 'Attention Please, Persons with Disabilities are Consumers: Need for Inclusive Consumer Policy' in the International Conference on 'Consumer Law and Practices' organised by Parul Institute of Law, Parul University, 15 March 2022.
4. Session on 'Web Accessibility' at the Management Development Programme titled "Introduction to disability & Workplace Accessibility: Issues, Initiatives and Challenges" organised by University School of Management Studies (USMS), Guru Gobind Singh Indraprastha University, 22 March.



Ms Dhanya S.
Assistant Professor (Research)

1. Presented paper "International Symposium on Deliberations on Rethinking the Environment: Sustainability in the Modern Era A socio-legal Analysis of Impact of Climate Change on Farmers Living in Kutch Region of Gujarat" at the International Conference at International School of Law, March 2022.
2. Attended "Rapporteur Committee; International Conference of Academic Institutions" as a part of Vibrant Gujarat Education Summit 2022 organised by Government of Gujarat, January 2022.
3. Presented Paper, Food Security and Right to Food: A Comparative Analysis of India, Japan and Sri Lanka, at South Asian Research Colloquium, Maharashtra National Law University (MNLU), 15 January 2022.
4. Visiting Faculty for Course on Health Law for MNLU, February to June 2022.



Tarun
Assistant Professor (Research)

- 1 Course Instructor at the Certificate Course on Sports Law, organised by The IP Press, 04 June-04 July.
- 2 Guest Speaker at the lecture titled "Sports Contracts", organised by Shankarrao Chavan Law College, Pune, 26 May.
- 3 Delivered a lecture titled "International Dispute Resolution in Sports", organised by Parul Institute of Law, Vadodara, 02 April.
- 4 Course Instructor at the Certificate Course on Sports Law, organised by St. Joseph's College of Law, Bengaluru, March-June.
- 5 Guest Speaker at the Lecture Series on Emerging Areas of Law: Sports Law (Scope and Career Opportunities), jointly organised by Law Society and Internship and Placement Cell, School of Law, University of Kashmir, 27 March.
- 6 Delivered a lecture entitled "Introduction to Sports Law: Stakeholders and Regulatory Systems in Sport", organised by Centre for Sports Law, Business and Governance, Jindal Global Law School, 18 February.
- 7 Guest Speaker at the lecture series on Understanding Sports Law, Regulators & Contracts, organised by Kathmandu University School of Law, Nepal, 9 February.
- 8 Course Instructor at the Certificate Course on International Football Laws, organised by SPORTIVA Education, 8-29 January.
- 9 Guest Speaker at the webinar on Sports and Gaming Law, organised by Department of Physical Education, University of Mumbai, 28 January.
- 10 Delivered a lecture titled "Research and Journey of Sports Law in India", organised by Centre for Sports Law, Business and Governance, Jindal Global Law School, 17 January, .
- 11 Invited as a Judge (Prelims) at the 9th Jamia Millia Islamia National Moot Court Competition, 2022, organised by Faculty of Law, Jamia Millia Islamia, 3-5 June.
- 12 Invited to Chair a session at the International Conference on Sports Contract, jointly organised by Centre of Sports Law and Policy, NUJS, Kolkata and SPORTIVA Education, 6 February.
- 13 Invited as a Judge at the Intra Sports Negotiation and Mediation Competition, jointly organised by Centre for ADR and Centre for Sports Law, Economics and Policy, IFIM Law School, Bengaluru, 3-5 February.

Justice Cup Cricket Tournament

GNLU hosted Justice Cup, an annual Night Cricket tournament, which attracted participation from the faculty and staff teams of 14 reputed academic institutions in and around Ahmedabad and Gandhinagar, including IIMA, NID, NIFT, IPR. The novel feature this year was that the Indian Naval officers undergoing residential training programmes at GNLU also participated in the tournament.



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