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Arbitration in Oil and
Gas Disputes**

**Arbitration Week:
Investment Treaty Arbitration course &
Conference on International Arbitration**

**International Conference on
Social Work, Law and Human Rights:
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Director's Message

As I reflect on the achievements and milestones of this semester, I am filled with immense pride and gratitude. The Winter 2024 semester has been a testament to our unwavering commitment to excellence in legal education, research, and community engagement. It is my privilege to share with you some of the key highlights that underscore our collective pursuit of knowledge, innovation, and societal impact.

One of the most significant moments of this semester was our Fourteenth Convocation. The presence of Hon'ble Ms Justice Bela Trivedi, Judge of the Supreme Court of India and GNLU's Visitor, along with Hon'ble Shri R. Venkataramani, Attorney General of India, made this occasion even more memorable.

This semester also witnessed several landmark conferences and events that have further solidified GNLU's reputation as a leader in specialised areas of law and interdisciplinary fields. The GNLU-GAIL Conference on Arbitration in Oil and Gas Disputes and the National Conference on Medical Law, Policy, and Ethics are just a few examples of how we create platforms for intellectual exchange and practical skill-building. These conferences brought together experts from diverse fields and provided our students and faculty with opportunities to engage with cutting-edge issues and contribute to the development of legal scholarship.

Our Centres of Excellence have continued to play a pivotal role in advancing research and dialogue on critical issues. The GNLU Centre for Law and Society hosted an International Conference on Social Work, Law, and Human Rights, focusing on access to justice in South Asia. Meanwhile, the GNLU Centre for Corporate and Insolvency Law launched the first-ever National Mock Corporate Insolvency Resolution Process (CIRP) Competition, igniting young legal minds to tackle complex challenges in corporate law.

The GNLU Centre for Alternative Dispute Resolution celebrated Arbitration Week, featuring an Investment Treaty Arbitration course and a Conference on International Arbitration. Additionally, we inked an MoU with the International Arbitration and Mediation Centre. These initiatives will significantly prepare our students for lucrative career options in the fast-emerging area of Arbitration and Mediation.

The GNLU International Moot Court Competition (GIMC), now in its 15th edition, attracted participation from across the globe, reaffirming its status as one of the premier moot court competitions globally.

Our training division organised numerous programmes, the most prominent being a series on New Criminal Laws for Public Prosecutors and senior Police Officers in Gujarat and the Union Territory of DNH & DD.

Our efforts to expand GNLU's influence and reach are exemplified by the vibrant satellite campus in Silvassa. This campus has already begun making significant strides, with its first batch of LLM students graduating and the undergraduate students achieving remarkable success, including winning scholarships and excelling in moot court competitions. The engagement of our Silvassa campus with the local tribal community through various initiatives is a testament to our commitment to social responsibility and inclusive growth.

Furthermore, our alumni continue to make us proud, with several securing top ranks in the Union Public Service Commission (UPSC) Civil Services Examination and others achieving significant milestones in their respective fields. Their accomplishments are a reminder of the enduring impact of the GNLU education.

As we move forward, I am confident that GNLU will continue to thrive and set new benchmarks in legal education. The achievements of this semester are a collective victory, and I extend my heartfelt gratitude to the faculty, staff, students, and alumni who have contributed to our success. Together, we will continue to build on this strong foundation and propel GNLU to even greater heights.

With best wishes,

Prof (Dr) S. Shanthakumar

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As we unveil the Winter 2024 edition of GNLU Times, we are delighted to present a rich tapestry of stories that capture the vibrant and dynamic spirit of Gujarat National Law University. This issue brings together the semester's highlights, reflecting our community's relentless pursuit of excellence in all spheres.

This edition delves into the significant academic and extracurricular achievements that have marked the semester. From the Fourteenth Convocation to the array of international and national conferences that positioned GNLU at the forefront of legal discourse, this issue is a tribute to our collective accomplishments.

The magazine also focuses on the remarkable strides made by our Centres of Excellence, including the pioneering National Mock CIRP Competition and the Policy Drafting Competition focusing on the Regulatory Landscape of Climate Financing at GIFT IFSC. These events highlight the academic rigour at GNLU and showcase our students and faculty's active engagement with pressing global issues.

Additionally, the feature on the Silvassa campus provides an in-depth look at how our students and faculty are making a tangible impact on the local community through outreach programs and initiatives.

This issue would be incomplete without acknowledging the achievements of our alums, who continue to make their mark in diverse fields, from civil services to international accolades. Their stories inspire and remind us of the lasting influence of the GNLU education.

As you turn the pages of this edition, we hope you will feel the pride and passion that drives the GNLU community. Each article is a testament to the unwavering dedication and hard work of our students, faculty, and staff.

Happy reading!

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Celebrating the Success of GNLU Graduates: Highlights from the 14th Convocation

The fourteenth convocation of Gujarat National Law University (GNLU) was convened on 23 March 2024, marking a momentous occasion for the graduating students and the university alike.

Presided over by the esteemed Hon'ble Ms Justice Bela M. Trivedi, Judge of the Supreme Court of India and GNLU's Visitor, the convocation embodied the spirit of academic excellence and accomplishment.

In her counsel to the graduating students, Ms Justice Bela Trivedi emphasised the significance of continuous learning, underscoring the notion that education transcends the confines of academia, permeating one's lifetime. Furthermore, she stressed the importance of discipline as a cornerstone of success, both in academic pursuits and professional endeavours.

Hon'ble Shri R. Venkataramani, Attorney General of India, delivered the Convocation Address.



Hon'ble Ms Justice Bela M. Trivedi

He encouraged the students to discover the freedom of speech.

A total of 252 students were conferred degrees during the convocation, symbolising the culmination of years of dedication and hard work. Among them, 100 were accomplished female students, exemplifying the university's commitment to gender equality and empowerment.

Noteworthy accolades were bestowed upon nineteen students, who were awarded 34 Gold Medals for their exemplary scholastic performance. Abhishek Wadhwan, a standout from the BBA LLB (Hons.) program, distinguished himself by securing eight impressive gold medals, showcasing the pinnacle of academic achievement.

The convocation proceedings were inaugurated with a warm welcome address by GNLU Director Prof (Dr) S. Shanthakumar, who provided a succinct overview of the university's Annual Report for 2023, highlighting the strides made in academic excellence and institutional growth.



Graduating students with distinguished guests and faculty

Gold Medals for Scholastic Performance



Abhishek Wadhawan (BBA LLB)



Arunima Phadke (B.Sc. LLB)



Dev Dhar Dubey (LLM)



Devarsh Tejasbhai Shah (B.Com LLB)



Karan Ahluwalia (BA LLB)



Anjana Ravikumar (BBA LLB)



Sayan Chandra (B.Sc. LLB)



Bharatt Goel (BSW LLB)



Hemangini Mishra (BA LLB)



In absentia

Poorna Poovamma K. (BA LLB)



Gold Medals for Scholastic Performance



Adhira Rajesh Menon (B.Sc. LLB)



Ashika Jain (BBA LLB)



Aryan Roy (BA LLB)



Yashika Sachdeva (BSW LLB)



Devanshu Anada (B.Com LLB)



Girisha Meena (B.Com LLB)



Karthibun A (LLM)



Ayushi Verma (LLM)



In absentia
Dani Mihir Jigneshkumar (LLM)



Honouring the Journey:
A Memorable Farewell to the Graduating Class of 2024



GNLU-GAIL Conference on Arbitration in Oil and Gas Disputes



GNLU, GAIL (India) Ltd. and Gujarat International Maritime Arbitration Centre (GIMAC) jointly organised a conference on Arbitration in Oil and Gas Disputes on 24 and 25 February.

The conference went beyond theoretical discourse, offering practical workshops that equip participants with the skills needed to navigate the legal intricacies of the energy sector.

About 500 participants attended the conference. They included arbitrators, experts, practitioners, Oil and Gas Sector stakeholders and law students.

GIMAC President and GNLU Director, Prof (Dr) S. Shanthakumar, said, while conceptualising this conference, what we aimed to achieve was to bring together a diverse group of stakeholders exclusively focused on and interested in the niche area of arbitration in oil and gas disputes – to understand the legal,

infrastructural, administrative and implantation challenges encountered by them and how Gujarat International Maritime Arbitration Centre (GIMAC) can work on filling these gaps.”

“GIMAC envision a future where India not only meets but exceeds global standards for maritime ADR services. By harnessing the power of demand and supply, GIMAC is determined to reduce dependence on foreign arbitration centres, offering a homegrown *Bharatiya* solution that meets and surpasses international benchmarks for Indian maritime stakeholders,” he added.



Mr Justice Ahsanuddin Amanullah



Hon'ble Mr Justice Ahsanuddin Amanullah, Judge, Supreme Court of India; Hon'ble Mr Justice Navin Chawla, Judge, High Court of Delhi; Mr H. K. Dash, Retired IAS Officer & Chairman, Gujarat State Environment Impact Assessment Authority; Prof (Dr) S. Shanthakumar, President, GIMAC and Director, GNLU; and Mr A. Venkatesan, Deputy General Manager (Law), GAIL (India) Limited, graced the inaugural ceremony.



Hon'ble Mr Justice C. K. Thakker, Former Judge, Supreme Court of India; Hon'ble Mr Justice M.R. Shah, Former Judge, Supreme Court of India; Hon'ble Mr Justice Subramaniam Prasad, Judge, High Court of Delhi; and Mr Ratan Singh, Senior Advocate, Supreme Court of India; graced the valedictory that focused on “*An Arbitrator's Perspective: Beyond What Meets the Eye.*”

New Leaders in Academic Administration

Head, Academic Affairs



Prof (Dr) Girish R.
Professor of Law

Head, Research & Development Cell



Prof (Dr) Fakkiresch S. Sakkarnaikar
Professor of Law

Head, Placement and Internship



Dr Nidhi Hriday Buch
Associate Professor of Law

Head, Training Division



Dr Hardik H. Parikh
Assistant Professor of Law

Head, Alumni Affairs



Mr Satya Ranjan Mishra
Associate Professor of Commerce

Head, External Affairs



Dr Niyati Pandey
Assistant Professor of Law

Chief Warden



Ms Garima Goswami
Assistant Professor of Law

Warden – Girls Hostel



Ms Anamika Shukla
Assistant Professor of Law

Warden – Girls Hostel



Ms Ruchita Kaundal
Assistant Professor of Law

Warden – Boys Hostel



Mr Satya Ranjan Mishra
Associate Professor of Commerce

Warden – Boys Hostel



Mr Soham Bajpai
Assistant Professor of Law

Warden – Boys Hostel



Mr Nikhil Kumar Saini
Assistant Professor of Political Science

National Conference on Medical Law, Policy, and Ethics



Gujarat National Law University, jointly with the Indian Medical Association-Gujarat State Branch and Association for Healthcare Providers (India), organised a National Conference on Medical Law, Policy, and Ethics on 06 & 07 January.

The conference deliberated on the contemporary legal and ethical issues in the medical profession.

Dr R V Asokan, National President-Elect, Indian Medical Association; Dr Bharat Kakadiya, President, Indian Medical Association; Dr Nitin Vora, President, Gujarat Medical Council; Dr Anil J Nayak, General Secretary, Indian Medical Association, HQ Delhi; Dr Mehul J. Shah,

Secretary, Indian Medical Association (Gujarat State branch); Dr Alexander Thomas, Founder and Patron, Association of Healthcare Providers (India); and Prof (Dr) S. Shanthakumar, Director, GNLU, graced the inaugural session.



GNLU at Vibrant Gujarat Trade Show 2024



Scholars awarded PhD Degree



Dr Gunjan Chawla Arora

Dr Gunjan Chawla Arora was awarded a PhD degree for her doctoral thesis, *"Implications of Online Digital Piracy on Law of Copyrights and Information Technology: An Analytical Study of Digital Content Consumers in the Indian Film and Entertainment*

Industry," under the guidance of Dr Nidhi Buch, Associate Professor of Law, GNLU.

An Assistant Professor of Law, Institute of Law, Nirma University, she has about 9 years of experience in Research and Academia. She is an ardent educator and learner of IPR Law. Other research areas which interest her include Entertainment Media, E-Commerce Consumer Rights, Contract Law, Criminal Jurisprudence and Legal Theories underlying State, Governance and Law.



Dr Chandrika Tewatia Raj

Dr Chandrika Tewatia Raj was awarded PhD degree for her doctoral thesis, *"Legal Regulation of Cloud Computing in India: An Analytical Study"* under the guidance of Dr Nidhi Buch, Associate Professor of Law, GNLU.

An Assistant Professor of Law at Navrachana University, she has over seven years of teaching experience. She has published seven articles in prestigious international and national journals and presented over twenty five research papers at prominent conferences and seminars.

She holds an integrated degree in Law and Commerce and earned her LL.M with a specialisation in Intellectual Property Law, graduating with a gold medal.



Dr Heena Goswami

Dr Heena Goswami was awarded a PhD degree for her doctoral thesis, *"Analysis of Forensic Evidence using Nanotechnology and Criminal Profiling to Aid the Justice Delivery System,"* under the guidance of Prof (Dr) Thomas Mathew, Professor of Science and Technology, GNLU.

Dr Heena Goswami, an Assistant Professor of Science and Technology at GNLU, has more than twelve years of teaching experience in Forensic Science and related subjects. She has designed and delivered various courses related to Forensic Trials and investigations for many Law schools, Forensic Universities, Colleges and reputed Private companies. She has published two edited books and many articles in journals of national and international repute.

She has investigated and opined for more than 200 cases, and investigated multiple crime scenes for expert opinion. Currently, she is actively involved in training Gujarat Police to deal with various issues on Explosives and Narcotics investigation.



Dr Manan Dardi

Dr Manan Dardi was awarded a PhD for her thesis, *"Legal Framework for Management of Marine Protected Areas in India: A Critical Analysis"* under the guidance of GNLU Director, Prof (Dr) S. Shanthakumar.

She holds an LLM from Hidayatullah National Law University, Raipur. She is currently an Assistant Professor at Vivekananda Institute of Professional Studies-Technical Campus, New Delhi.



Dr Neeraj Sharma

Dr Neeraj Sharma was awarded a PhD degree for his doctoral thesis, *"A Legal Analysis of the Role of Green Taxes in Achieving Sustainable Development Goals: An Indian Perspective"* under the guidance of Prof. (Dr) K. Parameswaran, Professor of Law, GNLU.

Dr Neeraj Sharma holds a B.Tech in Computer Science Engineering from VIT University, Vellore; an LL.B. from the Campus Law Centre, University of Delhi; and Masters in Taxation Law from Amity University. He has a versatile career graph. He was an Officer in the State Bank of Patiala, a practicing lawyer in District Courts in Delhi, and a faculty in reputed academic institutions. He is currently teaching Investment Law, Foreign Trade Law and Law of Taxation at the Institute of Law, Nirma University.



Dr Amlan Chakraborty

Dr Amlan Chakraborty was awarded a PhD degree for his doctoral thesis, *"Patent Hold-up and Innovation in Indian ICT Sector: An Intellectual Property and Competition Law Appraisal with Specific Reference to Mobile Handset Industry in India,"*

under the guidance of Dr Hardik Parikh, Assistant Professor of Law, GNLU.

Dr Amlan Chakraborty is currently an Assistant Professor of Law at KIIT University Bhubaneswar. Earlier, he was a UGC-JRF fellow at Gujarat National Law University, Gandhinagar. He has pursued his LL.M in Business laws from National Law School of India University, Bengaluru. His interest areas include intellectual property laws and corporate laws, and he has to his credit publications in reputed national and international law journals.

Championing Legal Excellence: The 15th GNLU International Moot Court Competition



GNLU hosted the 15th edition of its prestigious GNLU International Moot Court Competition (GIMC) from 15 to 18 February.

This year's moot problem ignited critical discussions at the intersection of indigenous rights, environmental

sustainability, and international trade, focusing on the global implications of lithium mining.

The competition attracted 35 teams, including several international participants, showcasing the event's growing global reputation.

In a closely contested final, National Law University, Delhi, emerged as the champion, while Dr Ram Manohar Lohiya National Law University, Lucknow, was the runner-up. Damodaram Sanjivayya National Law University, Visakhapatnam, earned accolades for Best Written Submissions. Paavni Dua and Many were recognised as the Best Orators in the preliminary and final rounds, respectively, and Mohammed Rayyan was awarded Best Researcher.

Since its inception in 2009, GIMC has witnessed exponential growth and is now recognised by prestigious organisations such as the American Society of International Law (ASIL), the International Law Students Association (ILSA), and the Asian Society of International Law (Asian SIL).



Understanding North East India: An Exposition

GNLU, in collaboration with GNLU alumni-run Rudram Dynamics and IIT-Madras Pravartak Technologies Foundation, organised a ground-breaking course on "Understanding North East India: An Exposition" to develop a framework for integration and position the region in India's national security discourse.

The course was divided into two levels: Level I covered the region's history, society, economy, and security challenges, while Level II focused on issue-oriented themes such as Geo-locating North East in the Indian subcontinent, the India-Naga Conflict, the India-China Boundary issue in the Eastern Sector, Manipur-Myanmar and Small Wars, and Armed Forces (SP) Act. This holistic

approach to comprehending the region sought to address and understand the region's numerous concerns effectively.

The course garnered an overwhelming response with 88 participants from diverse backgrounds, including officers from the Indian Army, the National Security Council, the Intelligence Bureau, the Ministry of External Affairs, the Central Armed Police Force, Researchers and Students.

The Director General of Assam Rifles, Lt. General Pradeep C. Nair, PVSM, AVSM, YSM, PhD, and CEO of IIT-M Pravartak, Dr M. J. Shankar Raman graced the inauguration ceremony.

Research and Development Cell

Book Chapters

Prof Dr K. Parameswaran contributed two chapters, "*Law and Applied Spirituality*" and "*Applied Spirituality and Mediation: Overcoming Challenges of Sustainability Using Inter-Relational Settlement Model*", to a book on Applied Spirituality and Sustainable Development Policy, ISBN: 978-1-83753-381-7, eISBN: 978-1-83753-380-0, published by Emerald Publications, UK. These chapters outline a new theory and practice for law, justice

administration and legal academics by integrating spirituality and psychology into legal research.

Ms Vinati Tahilianey, Training and Research Associate, contributed a chapter titled "*Artificial Intelligence: The Modern Panopticon*" to a SCOPUS Indexed book titled 'Law and Emerging Issues' published by Taylor & Francis.

Journal Articles

Prof (Dr) William Nunes, "*Gujarat Maritime Relations: Historical Roots and Changing Dynamics*", Department of Political Science, University of Rajasthan, Volume 13, Number 1, 2024, ISSN- 0554-5196

Environmental Challenges and Ensuring Sustainability in the Oil and Gas exploration and Production Industry", 2024, 14(2): 60-74

Dr Ambati Nageswara Rao and Ms Nikita Kaliravana, "*Desertification, Water and Women in Banni Grasslands of India*", SAGE, Volume 18, Number 2, 2024, ISSN 2230-8075

Dr Saira Gori and Mr Bhupali Saikia, "*The Regulatory Regime in Fixing Risk Accountability in the Activities of Exploration and Production Industry in India concerning Environment and Human Society*", 2024

Dr Viral Pandya and Mr N. Senthilkumar, "*The Tech Tale of Progression – Need for Academic Collaborations and Tie-Ups.*", Volume 30, Number 5, 2024, ISSN- 2148-2403

Dr Saira Gori and Mr Sankul Kabra, "*Drug trafficking on crypto markets and the role of organized crime groups*", published in Journal of Economic Criminology

Dr. Saira Gori and Bhupali Saikia, "*Ecologically-Informed approaches: International Mechanisms for Navigating*

Ms Vinati Tahilianey, "*Artificial Intelligence: The Modern Panopticon*", Taylor & Francis, 2024

Paper Presentation

Dr Marisport A., Assistant Professor of Law

Presented papers titled "*Mandatory Signature for Visually Challenged Bank Customers in Banking Transactions: Challenges and Prospects*" and "*We are also playing: Voice of Players with Disability*" at the International Conference on Championing Inclusivity: Interdisciplinary Perspectives on Disability Rights and Social Justice organised by DME Law School, Noida, 26 May.

Presented a paper titled "*Empowering through Inclusion: Challenges and Solutions for Economic Empowerment of Visually Impaired Persons in the State of Gujarat*" in the International Conference on 'Access To Justice In South Asia' organised by GNLU, 16-17 March.

Presented a paper titled "*Victims, Victimization and Victim Rights: A Study of Rape Victims in the State of Gujarat*" in the International Conference on Global Crime Prevention, Justice, & Criminal Victimization Organised By International Institute Of Justice & Police Sciences, 16-17 March.

Presented paper titled "*Assessing the Efficacy of Integrated Ombudsman Scheme: Consumer Grievance*" in the 2nd National Seminar on ADR in Consumer Protection in India organised by the Centre for ADR and Centre for Consumer Protection Law and Advocacy, RGNUL, Punjab, 20 April.

Ms Vinati Tahilianey Training & Research Associate

Presented a paper titled "*An Analysis of the Modern Panopticon (Artificial Intelligence) being Gender Biased*" at the International Conference on AI Empowered Judicial System: A Transformative Legal Architecture Combating Operational Challenges organised by ICFAI, Hyderabad, 18 April.

Presented a paper titled "*Ensuring Inclusive Education: Bridging Gap for Children with Disabilities in India*" at the International Conference on Contemporary Reflections on Intersectionality and Justice by Center for Social Sciences, School of Law, Bennett University, 18-19 April.

Presented a paper titled "*Conceptual Analysis of Tax- to-GDP Ratio as an Indicator of SDGs in Bharatiya Perspective*" at All India Tax Law Conference 2.0 organised by MNLU, Mumbai, 8 June.

Research Projects

Prof (Dr) S. Shanthakumar as a Principal Investigator and Ms Pavithra R. as Co-Principal Investigator, '*Assessment on Integration of Information Technology and Artificial Intelligence in Teaching, Learning, Research and Evaluation in National Law Universities in India*' funded by West Bengal National University of Juridical Sciences.

Dr Ambati Nageswara Rao, "*Resilience of Swachhata Entrepreneurs in Advancing Sanitation and Waste Management for Achieving Swachh Bharat Mission and United Nations Sustainable Development Goals*", funded by Indian Council of Social Science Research.

Research Fellowship



Dr A. N. Rao, Assistant Professor of Social Work, has been selected as a Research Fellow at INTI International University, Malaysia, from 15 March 2024 to 31 December 2025. The INTI International University is ranked 556 in the QS World University Ranking.

As a part of this position, Dr Rao can get research funding for his research projects in collaboration with INTI faculty members, financial support for research output dissemination and publications, and opportunities to teach and supervise INTI postgraduate research activities. He will also have access to the university's facilities throughout his tenure.

Research Chatroom: Deep Fake & National Security



Wg Cdr (Retd)
Satyam Kushwaha
Founding Director
Indian Space Association



Dr Uday Shankar
Associate Professor of Law
RGSOIPL, IIT Kharagpur



Dr Raj Varma
Assistant Professor
Symbiosis Law School
Pune



Mr Anurag Sushant
CEO
Zedroit Global Solutions

The learned panellists in the 7th Research Chatroom held on 31 May deliberated on the multifaceted challenges posed to national security by deepfakes and the urgent need for comprehensive strategies to address them. They also discussed the legal framework and underscored the urgent need for a coordinated global response.

External Affairs

International Arbitration and Mediation Centre, Hyderabad,



GNLU and the International Arbitration and Mediation Centre (IAMC), Hyderabad, inked a historic MoU during the 5th GNLU Annual Legal Services Forum.

Dr S. Shanthakumar, Director of GNLU, and Mr Tariq Khan, Registrar of IAMC, signed the MoU in the presence of Justice Nirmal Mehta and Sr. Adv. S.V. Raju.

This collaboration lays the foundation for future progress in ADR education and practice, solidifying GNLU's position as a leading force in shaping the legal arena.

GNLU joins hands with GIDR for social science research, training, and capacity building for policy analysis

Gujarat National Law University (GNLU) and Gujarat Institute of Development Research (GIDR) have taken a significant step towards strengthening their partnership in social science research, training, and capacity building for policy analysis.

A memorandum of understanding (MoU) to this effect was signed by GNLU Director Prof (Dr) S. Shantakumar and GIDR Director Prof (Dr) Nisha Pandey on 12 February.

The MoU covers a broad spectrum of academic collaboration in various fields of research and development projects, including jointly guiding PhD students. The main focus areas will be development concerns of marginalised communities, employment generation/livelihood enhancement schemes, environmental studies, gender studies, health & nutrition, population studies, social entrepreneurship, and women in agriculture.

Training Division

Legislative Drafting Training Program



GNLU, in collaboration with the Institute of Constitutional and Parliamentary Studies (ICPS), organised a training program on Legislative Drafting from 20 to 22 May.

Over 60 officers, including Joint Secretaries and Under Secretaries from the Gujarat Legislative Assembly, the Government of Gujarat, and the Union Territory Administration of Dadra & Nagar Haveli, Daman and Diu (DNHDD) attended the programme.

The inaugural session was graced, among others, by Justice Ilesh Vora of the Gujarat High Court, ICPS Director Dr Seema Kaul Singh, and GNLU Director Prof (Dr) S. Shanthakumar.

Hon'ble Dr Justice Kaushal Jayendra Thaker, Chairperson, Gujarat State Human Rights Commission, graced the valedictory.

ICPS Director Dr Seema Kaul Singh emphasised the critical role of legislative drafting in shaping the legal framework of society. "Legislative drafting is not merely about penning words on paper; it is about sculpting the foundation of our legal framework, ensuring justice, equity, and progress for all.

In his inaugural address, Chief Guest Justice Ilesh Vora highlighted the importance of precision in legislative drafting to implement government policies effectively. "Choosing the right language and words is crucial," he said.

In his introductory remarks, GNLU Director Prof (Dr) S. Shanthakumar credited Lok Sabha Speaker Hon'ble Shri Om Birla for inspiring this programme. "During his visit to GNLU, he suggested that GNLU and ICPS collaborate to organise such training programmes," Prof Shanthakumar noted.

The programme familiarised the officers with various aspects of legislative drafting, including fundamentals of legislative drafting, the general rules and principles of statutory interpretation, the structure of legislation, and the judicial approach to interpretation.

Indian Coast Guard Training Course

Twenty-one Indian Coast Guard personnel attended the short-duration course on International Maritime Law & Law of the Seas from 16 February to 15 March.

Commandant Ashish Pillania, Directorate (Training), Directorate of Manpower Planning & Training, Coast Guard Headquarters, New Delhi; GNLU Director Prof (Dr) S. Shantakumar; DIG B Murugan, Chief of Staff, Coast Guard Region (NW), Gandhinagar; Prof (Dr) M. Gandhi, Former Joint Secretary (Legal & Treaties Division) and Former Legal Advisor, Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India; Dr Prabhakaran Paleri, Former Director General, Indian Coast Guard; and Capt. Brian Wilson, Deputy Director of U.S. Global Maritime Operational Threat Response (MOTR) and an Adjunct Professor at the U.S. Naval Academy, graced the inaugural session.



Cyber Security and Emerging Threats in Cyberspace



GNLU and the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) jointly organised a "Cyber Security and Emerging Threats in Cyberspace" seminar on 10 January.

Hon'ble Mr Justice S. G. Shah, Former Judge, High Court of Gujarat (Chief Guest); Shri A. K. Somani, Additional DGT, Gujarat LSA; Shri Sandeep Sawarkar, Chief General Manager, BSNL Gujarat; Shri S. S. Chandak, Advisor, TRAI, RO, Jaipur and GNLU Director Prof (Dr) S. Shanthakumar graced the inaugural ceremony.

Training Programmes on the New Criminal Laws



GNLU trained about 800 officers of the Directorate of Prosecution in the New Criminal Laws, in two batches: 14 and 18 March. These programmes were organised jointly with the Directorate of Prosecution, Gujarat. Shri J. G. Rajput, Director and Shri Rakesh N. Rao, Deputy Director of Prosecution, Gujarat, and GNLU Director Prof (Dr) S. Shanthakumar, graced the first batch inauguration.

GNLU faculty also conducted a crash course on New Criminal Laws for the senior Police Officers of Gujarat at Police Bhavan on 05 February.

Workshop on New Criminal Laws for Media Professionals

The Press Information Bureau (PIB), Ministry of Information & Broadcasting, Government of India, and GNLU jointly organised a workshop for media professionals on the New Criminal Laws on 24 May. The workshop saw active participation from over 70 media professionals from both print and electronic media.

Dr Neerja Gotru Rao, IPS, Additional Director General of Police (Training), Gujarat, delivered an insightful session, guiding participants through the significant changes introduced by the new criminal laws.



Induction Training for EPFO Officers



GNLU conducted a month-long residential induction training program for the fourth batch of Enforcement Officers and Accounts Officers of the Employees Provident Fund Organization (EPFO) from 15 April to 10 May 2024. EPFO Additional Central P.F. Commissioner (Headquarters) Mr S.B. Sinha graced the valedictory function as the Chief Guest.

POSH Training Programmes

GNLU, in collaboration with the Gender Resource Centre, Department of Women and Child Development, Government of Gujarat, conducted a series of capacity-building training programmes on "The Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace (Prevention, Prohibition and Redressal) Act, 2013" for the students,

faculty and staff on 06, 16, 17 & 23 February and 02, 06 & 13 March. Ms Ami Patel, Director of the Gender Resource Centre, graced the inaugural programme. Certified PoSH trainers, including Prof Poonam Saxena, former Vice-Chancellor of National Law University, Jodhpur, conducted these programmes.



Moot achievements

9th Symbiosis International Criminal Trial Advocacy Competition, 2024



Second Runners-up

Team Members:

Jay Patil (2021-26) Chinmay Tripathi (2023-28) Mahima Navhal (2021-26)

21st Annual Willem C. Vis East International Commercial Arbitration Moot and the 14th Indian Vis Pre Moot



21st Annual Willem C. Vis East International Commercial Arbitration Moot

Late Fali S Nariman Honourable Mention for Best Respondent Memorandum Ranked 43rd out of 149 teams in the Preliminary Round

14th Indian Vis Pre Moot

Quarter Finalists Ranked 1st out of 24 teams in the Preliminary Rounds

Team Members :

Karishma Mari, Mibir Wagh, M Sreelaya, Tabir Syed, Tanisha Nair and Vinayak Malhotra

Court of Space Moot Court Competition

Organised by the Dubai Future Foundation and the Dubai International Financial Centre (DIFC) Courts



Runners-up

Highest scorer in the quarterfinal rounds

Shivam Agrawal (2021-26) and Suprava Sahu (2022-27)

5th Gurjeet Singh Memorial National Moot Court Competition



Akshansh Pandey (2023-28): Best Orator- Male

National Client Counselling Competition, Vidhwata 6.0, 2024



Runners-up

Team Members:

Aniket Panchal & Sidharth Pai (2019-24)

APCAM International Meta-verse Arbitration Moot Court Competition

Semi-finalist in the oral rounds
Rank 1 in the Preliminary Rounds
Best Claimant Memorial for the team
Hon'ble mention for Respondent Memorial for the team
Best Speaker: Arjun Suresh



Arjun Suresh
(2019-2024)



Kamakhya Nadge
(2020-2025)



Rohan Kalita
(2020-2025)



Ketaki Thakur
(2021-2026)



Kriti Kabra
(2022-2027)

3rd VGU Ranka National Moot Court Competition



Runners-up

Team Members:

Vanshika Bansal
(2023-2028)

Ruhi Sisodia
(2023-28)

Charisse Susanna
(2023-2028)

4th National Moot Court Competition, 2024



Best Researcher
Hinglaj Dan Ratnu (2023-28)

Themis National Moot Court Competition



Runners up

Team Members:

Anvi Aggarwal
(2023-28)

Utkarsh Abhinav
(2023-28)

Nabecha Sama
(2022-27)

15th NLU Antitrust Law Moot Court Competition

Quarter-finalists
Second Best Speaker: Shyama Singh

Shyama Singh
(2021-26)

Smruti Kulkarni
(2021-26)

Tushar Kumar
(2021-26)

Alumni Achievements

GNLU Alumni Shine in Civil Services



Anmol Rathore (2016-21)
AIR: 7

Vijeta Hosmani (2014-19)
AIR: 100

Aniket Patel (2017-22)
AIR: 183

Three GNLU alums achieved outstanding success in the UPSC Civil Services (Main) Examination 2023. Anmol Rathore soared to an impressive All India Rank of 7. Joining her in this prestigious league, Vijeta Hosmani

(2014-19) secured an admirable AIR 100, while Aniket Patel (2017-22) secured AIR 183, marking their outstanding performance. They were honoured during the Orientation Programme on 06 July.



Reunion Fourth Batch (2008-2013): 06 April



Around 20 alumni from the fourth batch of the UG program gathered on GNLU campus for a memorable reunion. The event was filled with lively discussions as alumni reconnected with faculty, staff, and students. They also revisited GNLU's old campus, sparking fond memories of their student days. As part of the "Meet & Greet" series, several alumni engaged with students in close-knit sessions, sharing invaluable career insights across various fields.

Kirti and Surya Prakash Inducted as Advocate on Record in the Supreme Court



Kirti Patwardhan and Surya Prakash of the 2007-2012 batch cleared the Advocate on Record exam conducted by the Supreme Court of India and were inducted by the chief justice of India in January 2024.

Tarun Agarwal Recognised as Fellow of the Royal Society of Arts

Tarun Agarwal (2013-18) has recently been honoured as a Fellow of the Royal Society of Arts (RSA), joining the esteemed ranks of illustrious individuals such as Charles Dickens, Adam Smith, Benjamin Franklin, Karl Marx, Richard Attenborough, William Hogarth, John Diefenbaker, Stephen Hawking, Benson Taylor, and Tim Berners-Lee, among others.

In addition to this prestigious accolade, Tarun has been bestowed with the esteemed "Rising Independent Lawyer of the Year" title at the Lex Falcon Global Awards 2024.



Perna Singh Joins SEBI Legal Team

Perna Singh (2016-2021) secured an All India Rank 4 in the SEBI Grade A Legal Officer Examination 2023 and joined SEBI as an Assistant Manager (Grade A) Legal Officer in March 2024.

Priyanka Taktawala earns a PhD



Dr Priyanka Taktawala (LLM 2018-2019) was awarded a PhD degree by Karnavati University for her thesis titled "A Critical Study of Legal Regime Governing Oppression of Minority Shareholders in India."

Tanya joins MBA Program in American University



Tanya Pradhan (2015-2020) joined the full-time MBA at University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (Kenan-Flagler Business School) as a Kenan-Flagler (Dean Vetter's) Fellowship awardee. Kenan-Flagler Business School is ranked 4th by US News for Public Universities and 11th overall.

Khushboo Elevated as Partner of Hammurabi Solomon Partners



Khushboo Kataruka (2008-13) has been made a Partner in Hammurabi Solomon Partners as their East India practice Head.

Shalin Jani promoted at SAM



Shalin Jani (2012-17) was recently promoted to Principal Associate at Shardul Amarchand Mangaldas (SAM). He is with SAM for seven years and is currently part of the Dispute Resolution Team at the Ahmedabad office.

Akankhya shines at Bhubneswar Bar



Akankhya Kabi (LLM 2021-22) received first prize in the Debate Competition organised by the Bhubaneswar Bar Association. She was felicitated at the Annual Function of the Bar Association. She also participated in the Door Darshan TV show *Parikrama* on "Trial and Investigation" as per the new criminal laws. She is practising Criminal Law at Odisha High Court.



Dr Kalpesh Kumar L. Gupta (PhD 2017) published the Handbook on Legal Services Authorities Act. He was also invited to share his views on the role of NGOs in victims' rights in the Roundtable Discussion organised by the National Human Rights Commission.



Faiz Ayat Ansari (LLM 2018-19) became a Certified Mediator by Peace Negotiation and Mediation for Diplomacy International Initiative. He co-authored three books, Handbook on Indian Constitutional Law I, ISBN 978-93-5840-391-6; Jurisprudence and Legal Theory, ISBN 978-93-5840-582-8; and Constitutional Law I, ISBN 978-93-5840-894-2; and published an article "An analysis of the legal framework for domestic violence against old age people in India", Addiction and Criminology, Vol. 7, Issue 1, Allied Academies, London.

Silvassa Campus

GNLU Silvassa Bids Farewell to Inaugural LLM Graduates

Director Prof (Dr) S. Shanthakumar, Registrar Dr Jagadessh Chandra T.G., and esteemed faculty and staff bid farewell to the eighteen students of the pioneering LLM batch on 22 May.

Prof (Dr) Shanthakumar congratulated the students on their achievements and wished them success in their future endeavours.

The graduating students expressed gratitude to the Director and faculty for their support and guidance, making their time at GNLU Silvassa memorable and enriching.



Dinesh Mishra of this batch has become the first student from GNLU Silvassa to clear the University Grants Commission's National Eligibility Test (UGC NET). His success has now opened doors for him to be appointed as an assistant professor in law colleges, including National Law Universities.

Two students secure Reliance Foundation Scholarships.



Pavni Singh



Divi Supraja

Divi Supraja and Pavni Singh, BA LLB programme students at GNLU Silvassa, have been selected as recipients of the Reliance Foundation Undergraduate Scholarship after the rigorous selection process. Awarded for outstanding academic performance, this prestigious scholarship includes financial assistance of up to Rs.2 lakh to each scholar. In addition to financial aid, these students will benefit from joining a vibrant alum network and extensive opportunities for skill development and personal growth.

Moot Achievements

Mediation Competition

4th Justice JS Verma Memorial National ADR & Client Counselling Competition

Semi-finalists



Harshvardhan Rathore
(2023-28)



Tanya Sisodia
(2023-28)



Yash Jha
(2023-28)

Building a Successful Startup



To inculcate entrepreneurial spirit among students in their early years, GNLU Silvassa campus organised an interactive session with GNLU alumnus and now successful entrepreneur Mr Vaibhav Raj Pandey, where he shared his entrepreneurial journey and gave tips on how to

start and grow a new enterprise.

Notably, GNLU is the only National Law University with an Incubation Council. The GNLU Legal Incubation Council has produced many successful startups, some of which have even received national awards.

Embracing our Roots: Tribal Communities in India



Fifty school students, accompanied by three teachers, visited GNLU Silvassa campus on 03 May to attend this special lecture organised by the Equal Opportunity Cell. Mr Ayush Rastogi delivered an insightful discourse, elaborating on the constitutional provisions aimed at safeguarding the rights and interests of scheduled tribes in India.

GNLU Silvassa hosts CLAT Consortium AGM

GNLU Silvassa hosted the Vice-Chancellors of all member National Law Universities for the CLAT Consortium General Body Meeting on 17 February.

New Executive Committee

In this meeting, the governing body elected a new executive committee with Prof (Dr) Vivekanandan, Vice Chancellor of Hidayatullah National Law University, Raipur, as its President; Prof (Dr) S. Shanthakumar, Director of GNLU, Gandhinagar, as Vice President; and Prof (Dr) Dilip Uke, Vice Chancellor of Maharashtra National Law University, Mumbai, as Convener of CLAT 2025.



GNLU students attend the Supreme Court of India Diamond Jubilee Year Inauguration Ceremony



At the invitation of the Chief Justice of India, four first-year students of the Gujarat National Law University (two each from Gandhinagar and Silvassa campus), accompanied by GNLU Director, Prof (Dr) S. Shanthakumar, attended the inauguration ceremony of the Diamond Jubilee Year of the Supreme Court of India on 28 January.

Next CLAT In December 2024 first week, Application Process to commence on 01 July 2024

The governing body also resolved that the Common Law Admission Test (CLAT) for admission to UG and PG law courses commencing in 2025-26 in the National Law Universities will be held in the first week of December 2024. The application process for the same will start on 01 July.

ECO Club: Environmental Conservation Initiatives

GNLU Director Prof (Dr) S. Shanthakumar inaugurated the ECO Club at Silvassa Campus on 04 January to raise environmental awareness and take the lead in implementing green initiatives on campus. In the inaugural plantation drive, students and faculty planted over 100 trees on campus. Students also organised a rally in Silvassa on 13 January to create awareness among local citizens about environmental conservation.



Harvest Festivals Celebration

GNLU Silvassa campus celebrated the Harvest festivals, Makar Sankranti, Pongal, Magh Bihu, and Lohri, with a heart-warming fusion of cultures. The evenings saw colourful performances of folk songs, dances from different regions, and light-hearted games, ending with traditional sweet and savoury dishes.



Lecture Series on Law and Economics

GNLU Silvassa Campus hosted Prof (Dr) Stephane Mechoul from Dalhousie University, Canada, for a three-day Lecture Series on Law and Economics. He addressed the students on the complex relationship between Law, Economics and Public Policy, 19 to 21 February.

Certificate course on Law and Economics

Dr Geetanjali Chauhan, Assistant Professor of Economics, conducted a five-day certificate course on Fundamentals of Law and Economics from 05 to 09 June. The course, offered in a hybrid mode, attracted participants with diverse backgrounds.

New Criminal Laws: Awareness and Training Programmes



GNLU Director Prof (Dr) S. Shanthakumar met Shri Praful Patel, Hon'ble Administrator of the DNH&DD on 21 February and presented him with the Handbook of New Criminal Laws compiled by GNLU.



GNLU organised a series of programmes in Silvassa and Daman to create awareness among citizens about three new criminal laws and train DNH&DD police officers, Government officers, judicial officers and advocates in these new criminal laws.



International Women's Day

GNLU Silvassa campus commemorated International Women's Day through a week-long series of on-campus and off-campus engagements. These events were meticulously crafted to serve as a significant platform for raising awareness, nurturing constructive dialogues, advocating for gender equality, and, ultimately, paving the way for a more empowered future for women.



Outreach programme at Eklavya Model Residential School



Menstrual Health and Hygiene Awareness Programme at Sayli Village



Nukkad Natak near Sports Complex, Silvassa



Inter-college Debate Competition



The celebrations culminated in a grand ceremony at Kala Kendra, where Gender Champions of DNH&DD were honoured for their remarkable contributions across diverse domains: Smt. Bhanu Prabha, Collector, Diu; Smt. Rajani G Shetty, President, Silvassa Municipal Council; Smt. Kuntab Vishnubhai Vartha, Sarpanch, Sayli; Ms Nirmala Pillai, Principal, Eklayya Model Residential School; Dr Jyotirmayee Sur, Principal, Red Cross School for Special Children; Ms Matrey Bhatt, District Child Protection Officer, Diu; and Ms Gayatri Makwana, Sub-Inspector, Diu

POSH Training Programmes



GNLU faculty members conducted two POSH Training Programmes for the Diu Government College students and teachers on 18 and 19 January. Diu Collector, Ms Bhanu Prabha, inaugurated the programme for the Teachers. The programmes were organised by the District Hub for Women Empowerment, Diu.



GNLU Silvassa Campus, in collaboration with the Gender Resource Centre, Department of Women and Child Development, Government of Gujarat, also organised a capacity-building training programme on the Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace (Prevention, Prohibition and Redressal) Act, 2013 for the university students, faculty and staff, and a quiz competition for students on 16 March.



Students' Achievements

Radhapriya Goel Triumphs as Gujarat's Best Female Table Tennis Player



Representing the Airports Authority of India, Radhapriya Goel (2021- 2026) secured three medals—Gold, Silver, and Bronze at the All India Public Sector Table Tennis Tournament held from 16 to 19 January.

She proudly represented India at the WTT Star Contender Goa 2024, held from 23 to 28 January.

In recognition of her outstanding performance throughout 2023, the Gujarat State Table Tennis Association honoured her with the prestigious "Best Female Player of the State" award.



Dev Shroff (2021-2026) secured first place in Table Tennis (Men) at O.P. Jindal Global University's sports fest Magnus, held from 15 to 17 March. He won three gold medals in table tennis (men's singles, men's doubles, and mixed doubles) at Sansad Khel Mahakumbh and two gold medals at the GNLU Sports Fest Justice League.



Siddharth Dev Prasad (2023-28) received a certificate and medal of Appreciation for his excellent performance in the online Global Photography Contest held by INNOVIZE Global Events and Talent Search, a registered global photography competition under the Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises, Govt of India.

Akansha Rai Excels in Lawn Tennis and Powerlifting at Zelus V



Akansha Ashish Rai (2021-2026) made an impressive mark at Zelus V, RGNLU's Annual Sports Fest 2024, by winning Gold Medals in both the Women's Singles and Mixed Doubles Lawn Tennis Championships. Her versatility as an athlete was further evident as she clinched a Silver Medal in the Women's Powerlifting Championship at the same event.

Anvi selected for Global UGARD Prog



Anvi Aggarwal (2023-2028) has been selected under the Global Undergraduate Exchange Programme (Global UGRAD Program) and will be attending a fully-sponsored semester (Jan 2025-May 2025) at Roanoke College, Virginia, USA. She is among the two students selected from India and five from Asia.

Anvi is also awarded the Reliance Undergraduate Scholarship for all five years of her Integrated BA LLB programme at GNLU.

Aditya goes to Cambridge for LLM



Aditya R. Dalal (2019-24) will be pursuing his LLM from the University of Cambridge. He also had offers from the London School of Economics and Political Science, Queen Mary University of London, Kings College London, SOAS London, Leiden University, Netherlands; Geneva Graduate Institute, Switzerland; and Geneva Academy, Switzerland.

Nandita wins award at Illinois Urbana-Champaign



Nandita Goyal (2019-2024) won the Centre for Computer-assisted Legal Instruction's Excellence for the Future Award for excellent achievement in the study of 'Traditional Knowledge and Folklore in IP' while on an exchange program at the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign (UIUC), USA.

Aarsh Soni at Gujarat Youth Parliament



Aarsh Soni (2020-2025) was appointed Speaker of the House for the 1st Gujarat Youth Parliament organised by the Commissioner of Youth Services and Cultural Activities, Government of Gujarat. He presided over the Model Lok Sabha with 500+ young parliamentarians that discussed many critical issues of national importance, including the Uniform Civil Code, Renewable Energy, Kashmir and Digital Data Protection.

Shreya joins the Indian Navy



Shreya Sharma (LLM 2023-24) has been selected as a Sub-Lieutenant in the Indian Navy and appointed as an Additional on the Indian Naval Ship Zamorin for training in the Indian Naval Academy, Ezhimala, Kerala - Chest No. 4.

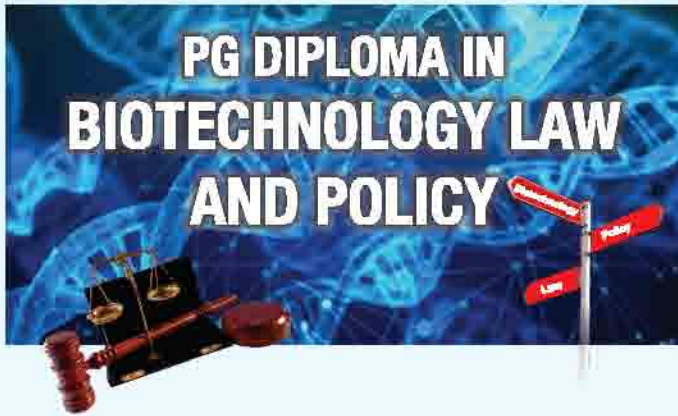


Parv Ganopadhyay (2023-28) published a poetry book, *Fading In*. It is available in paperback format domestically on Notion Press, a self-publishing platform, and as an Amazon-published paperback, as well as digitally on Amazon and Kindle internationally.



Doctoral Scholar Ms Akshatha Paranjyothi Kumar's research papers, along with Dr Saurabh Anand, Associate Professor of Sociology, GNLU, titled "An Analysis of National Education Policy Focusing on Girl's Education and Challenges of Child Marriage" and "Gender and Sex: Identity Issues- With Special Reference to Child Marriage" are published in *Journal of Advanced Zoology*, a Scopus Indexed Journal.

She is appointed the Board of Studies Member of St. Joseph's University, Bengaluru, as an Academic Expert and selected as the reviewer of articles for *Humanity and Society Journal* under Sage Publications. She is currently an Assistant Professor of Sociology at the Government First Grade College Kanakapura, Karnataka.



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- Regulation of Biotechnology
- Biotechnology and Intellectual Property Rights

Semester II

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

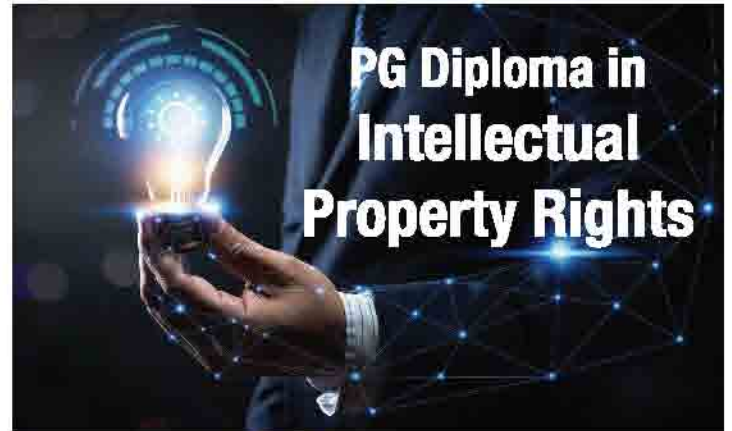
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- Expert Faculty from GNLU, Government & Industry including global experts
- Remote Access to GNLU Library Resources
- One-Year, weekend Programme

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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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NSS Blood Donation Camp



With the enthusiastic participation of students, faculty and staff, 83 units of blood were collected in the Blood Donation Camp organised to celebrate National Anaemia Day (21 March).

International Day of Yoga 2024: Yoga for Women Empowerment



On International Day of Yoga (21 June), NSS organised a Poster Making Competition with the theme "Importance of Yoga in women's well-being".

Sports Committee Justice League: Inter-university Sports Fest

The 18th edition of Justice League brought together more than 1200 enthusiastic participants from around 40 universities nationwide. The Fest featured various sports,

including football, basketball, volleyball, tennis, table tennis, badminton, athletics, kabaddi, futsal, cricket, and many others. Many pre-JL events were also organised.



Justice Cup Night Cricket Tournament

GNLU hosted Justice Cup, an annual Night Cricket Tournament, which attracted participation from the faculty and staff teams of 13 reputed academic institutions in and around Ahmedabad and Gandhinagar.



GNLU Wellness Initiative Cell

Weekly Unwind Sessions: Reconnect, Reflect, Recharge!

Clay Moulding Workshop



Expressive Arts Therapy

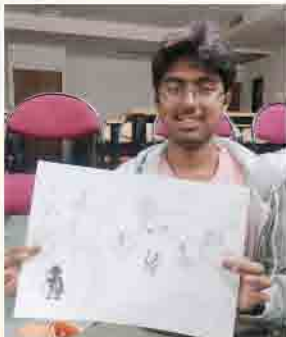


GWIC Farewell



Turn Up the Tunes and Paint Your Emotions: Paint to Music Workshop

Paper Dancing



Joy of Little Things: Pottery Workshop



Special Military Drill



Academic Support Programme: Fostering Peer-to-Peer Excellence at GNLU



In the academic year 2023-2024, the Academic Support Programme (ASP) at GNLU facilitated over 85 sessions, empowering students through collaborative learning. These sessions included General Semester Orientation Sessions, Economic and Accounting Guidance for Learning Excellence (EAGLE), Know Your Elective, Get

Ready with ASP, Career Opportunity Program Series, Weekly Doubt-Clearing Sessions, General Research Orientation Workshop, ASP Academic and Research Mentorship Programme and Academic Support Series on End-semester Tests.

In addition to these academic sessions, ASP maintains a comprehensive Question Paper Repository and conducts mock examinations, ensuring that students are well-prepared for their assessments.

Launched in 2010, the Academic Support Programme is a unique initiative of GNLU, designed to foster a culture of collaborative learning. The programme is led by a dedicated team of 18 core student members and supported by dedicated student teaching assistants, under the guidance of two faculty coordinators, Dr Jagadessh Chandra T. G. (Convener) and Dr William Nunes (Co-convener).

GNLU celebrates Dr Ambedkar Jayanti



Students, faculty, and staff paid floral tribute to the legendary philosopher and social reformer on his birth anniversary on 14 April 2024. On this occasion, online expert lectures by Mr Anurag Bhaskar (faculty at O.P. Jindal Global University, Sonipat and currently on deputation as a deputy registrar at the Supreme Court of India) and Mr Ashok Kumar (a noted journalist) were also organised.

Final-year students on a High Court Visit



One hundred eighty-six final-year students visited the High Court of Gujarat on 07, 08 and 09 February to gain firsthand exposure to the workings of the high court and to enhance their understanding of the Indian legal system.

GNLU Centre for Law and Economics

International Conference on Economic Analysis of Law, Governance & Public Policy



GNLU Centre for Law and Economics (GCLE) hosted the 7th GNLU International Conference on Economic Analysis of Law, Governance & Public Policy on 20 and 21 January.

Shri R. Venkataramani, Attorney General of India, inaugurated the conference in the presence of distinguished Guests of Honour Prof (Dr) Santishree Dhulipudi Pandit, Vice-Chancellor of Jawaharlal Nehru University; Prof (Dr) G Raghuram, Former Director of IIM Bangalore; and Dr Stephane Mechoulan from Dalhousie University, Canada.

The conference featured many other distinguished scholars in law and economics, including Prof (Dr) Hans-Bernd Schafer from Bucerius Law School, Germany; Hon'ble Justice (Retd.) A.K. Sikri, Former Judge,

Supreme Court Of India; Prof (Dr) Upendra Baxi, Emeritus Professor, University of Warwick and Former Vice-Chancellor, University of Delhi; and Delhi School of Economics Director Prof (Dr) Ram Singh.

During the event, a book titled "*Law and Economics: Analysing Facets of Public Policy*, Eastern Book Company," with a foreword by Justice A. K. Sikri, Former Judge, Supreme Court of India, was formally launched. Additionally, the Faculty Seed Grant Project headed by Dr Hiteshkumar Thakkar on the '*Impact assessment of Corporate Insolvency Resolution Process (CIRP) in the State of Gujarat*' was introduced.

The conference also witnessed the presentation of the Attorney General Shri R. Venkataramani's book of poetry titled "*Roses Without Thorns*."

Quiz

GCLE hosted the 4th edition of the Centre for Law and Economics quiz focusing on the dynamic intersection of Law and Economics, 04 March.

Discussion Sessions

GCLE hosted two discussion sessions during the semester:

01. Digital Personal Data Protection (DPDP) Act: Economic Analysis of Data Privacy, 28 February, and
02. New Mediation Act: An Economic Analysis, 20 March

Economics of AI and Questions of Sovereignty



GCLE hosted Prof (Dr) Upendra Baxi, Emeritus Professor, University of Warwick and Former Vice-Chancellor, University of Delhi, for a session on "Economics of AI and Questions of Sovereignty" on 22 February.

Pentagram: Annual Cultural Festival

Cosplay Day



Guru Kool Quiz

Jugalbandi



Mismatch Day

Music



Traditional Day

Twin Day



GNLU Centre for Corporate and Insolvency Law Pioneering National Mock CIRP Competition ignites Legal Minds

GNLU Centre for Corporate and Insolvency Law (GCCIL), jointly with the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India (IBBI), organised a National Mock Corporate Insolvency Resolution Process Competition from 04-06 April, marking the inaugural edition of its kind.

The distinguished presence of Hon'ble Justice (Retd) M.R. Shah, Former Judge of the Supreme Court of India, as the Chief Guest at the inaugural, alongside Mr Sudhakar Shukla, a Whole-time Member of IBBI, virtually attending, added prestige to the event.

Thirty teams from law and management institutions nationwide engaged in strategic analysis and crafting of

resolution plans for distressed debtors embracing financial, economic, and legal dimensions. These plans were presented before a simulated Committee of Creditors.

Government Law College, Mumbai, emerged as the competition's winner. In contrast, a cross-team of GNLU, NorthCap University and Maharaja Agrasen Institute of Management Studies emerged as runners-up. IIM Rohtak claimed the award for the Best CIRP Dossier and Resolution Plan. Mr Abhishek Das and Mr Kanhaiya Kumar (both from IIM Rohtak) emerged as the Best Insolvency Professional and Best Interim Insolvency Professional, respectively.



Certificate course on Mergers & Acquisitions: Law, Procedure & Practice

GCCIL, in collaboration with Raval & Raval Advocates, offered this online certificate course in memory of the Late Shri Kirit N. Raval, Founding Chairman of GNLU, from 15 to 22 March.

Hon'ble Mr Justice J. B. Pardiwala, Judge, Supreme Court of India, inaugurated the course and Ms Dharmishta

Raval, Senior Advocate, Gujarat High Court, delivered the opening address. At the valedictory, Dr Shardul S. Shroff, Founder & Executive Chairman of Shardul Amarchand Mangaldas & Co., delivered a Keynote Address, and Hon'ble Mr Justice Bhargav D. Karia, Judge, High Court of Gujarat, delivered the valedictory address. GCCIL Head, Prof (Dr) Mamata Biswal, delivered the closing remarks.

GNLU Blog on Corporate Laws

GCCIL launched the GNLU Blog on Corporate Laws [www.gbcl.blog] on 05 March. This platform will foster scholarly discourse and the exchange of ideas in corporate

and insolvency law and serve as a flagship blog for developments in corporate laws.

GNLU Centre for Environment, Sustainability and Climate Justice



GNLU Centre for Environment, Sustainability and Climate Justice celebrated the World Environment Day and World Sparrow Day.

GNLU Centre on Women and Child Rights

Right to Education (RTE) Conclave

The conclave, organised in collaboration with Think India, Project Saathi, Nishith Desai Associates and Indus Action, comprised panel discussions and pitch presentations, and focused on experiential learning through community building and network opportunities for participants.

Eminent luminaries in the field, including Smt Nalini Juneja, National Institute of Education Planning and Administration & Convenor, Drafting Committee of the RTE Bill; Shri Tarun Churukuri, Founder & CEO, Indus Action; Smt Anita Verma, President, We for Guwahati Foundation & Advocate, Guwahati High Court; Senior Advocate Shri Ashok Agarwal, Supreme Court of India; and Smt Mansi Middha, RTE National Lead, Indus Action graced the conclave.



Discourse Series:

GCWCR organised three events under its discourse series, launched to promote informed discussions on contemporary legal and social issues, fostering a community of critical thinkers and advocates: Legalisation of Same-sex Marriage, HPV Vaccination for the Prevention of Cervical Cancer and Mandatory Registration of Live-In Relationships: Uttarakhand's New Uniform Civil Code

V.S. Mani Centre for Air and Space Law

Prof V. S. Mani Memorial National Essay Competition

The 5th Prof V. S. Mani Memorial National Essay Competition, 2023, witnessed participation from 81 UG and PG students from various law colleges across India.

Udit Kumar & Shreyasree Paul of the Presidency University, Bangalore, won the first prize for their essay, *Space Detritus: Dissemination and its Cosmopolitical Legal Conundrums*.

Shivansh Shukla of NLSAR Hyderabad won the second prize for his essay "*Decolonizing Space Laws: Towards an Inclusive and Effective Strategy for Combating Space*

Pollution". The third prize went to Surakshita Singh & Rashi Agarwal of Vivekananda Institute of Professional Studies for their essay, *Elevating Governance in Sustainable Aerospace and Aviation Projects: A Study of Corporate Governance Reforms and Integration with ESG Principles*.

The competition is an endeavour to commemorate the inspiring contribution of Prof (Dr) V. S. Mani in the field of International Law, notably Air and Space Law. It is supported by a generous grant from Prof (Dr) Stephan Hobe, Director, Institute of Air Law, Space Law and Cyber Law, University of Cologne, Germany.

GNLU Centre for Alternative Dispute Resolution

GCADR celebrates Arbitration Week:

Investment Treaty Arbitration course and Conference on International Arbitration

The GNLU Centre for Alternative Dispute Resolution (GCADR) organised 'Arbitration Week' during 18-23 March.

The week was structured into two segments: a four-day Investment Treaty Arbitration course followed by a two-day Conference on International Arbitration.

Distinguished personalities in the arbitration space such as Hon'ble Justice (Retd.) CK Thakker (Supreme Court of India), Prof Kaj Hober (Arbitrator, 3 Verulam Buildings Barristers), Dr Ylli Dautaj (Managing Partner, Der Juridik, Sweden), Dr Prabhash Ranjan (South Asian University), Prof (Dr) Ruhi Paul (NLU Delhi), Dr Kabir Duggal (Senior International Advisor, Arnold & Porter), Mr Tejas Karia (SAM), Mr Ganesh Chandru (Dua Associates), Senior Advocate Sharan Jagtiani, Senior

Advocate Gaurav Pachnanda, Senior Advocate Devang Nanavati, Mrs Priyanka Shetty [AZB & Partners], Mr Arjun Doshi (Litigation Head of Adani Ports), and Ms Shwetha Bhiduri (SIAC, Director South Asia) participated in the Arbitration Week.

GCADR also hosted GNLU alumni, Mrs Shruti Sabharwal (Partner, SAM), Mr Rohan Lavkumar (Managing Partner, Nanavati Associates), Ms Shweta Sharma (Boston Consultancy Group), and Mr Shalin Jani (Principal Associate, SAM).

Third-party funding in ADR

Ms. Kritika Krishnamurthy, founding partner of AK & Partners, New Delhi, delivered a guest lecture on "Third-party funding in ADR" on 19 January.



GNLU CENTRE FOR BANKING AND FINANCIAL LAWS

Certificate Course on Insurance Law and Practice



The GNLU Centre for Banking and Financial Laws (GCBFL), in collaboration with Manupatra Academy, offered a certificate course on Insurance Law and Practice from 9 to 18 April in a virtual mode.

The course received an overwhelming response from law students, research scholars, academicians, practitioners, and working professionals nationwide, with 99 registrations.

Mr Sakate Khaitan, Senior Partner of Khaitan Legal Associates and GNLU Director Prof (Dr) S.

Shanthakumar, graced the inaugural session.

Experts from academia, industry and legal practitioners engaged in 18 sessions that comprehensively covered various facets of Life Insurance, General Insurance and Reinsurance, including contemporary areas such as Arbitration in Insurance, Insurance and IFSC, Disaster Risk Financing and Insurance, Cyber Security in Insurance, Insurance Regulations and Claims Management, etc. The course culminated with an internet-based (proctored) assessment test. The selected student participants will get an internship opportunity at Khaitan Legal Associates and Consortia Legal.

GNLU Centre for Business and Public Policy **International Conference on Business, Law & Public Policy**

Bombay High Court's Hon'ble Additional Judge, Mr Justice Somasekhar Sundaresan, and GNLU Director, Prof (Dr) S. Shanthakumar, among others, graced the inaugural ceremony of this International Conference held on 02 & 03 March. Twenty-four research papers on contemporary topics like corporate law, banking & finance, insolvency, mergers & acquisitions, securities law, and taxation were presented at the conference.



Policy Drafting Competition: Navigating the Regulatory Landscape of Climate Financing at GIFT IFSC



The GNLU-Nishith Desai Associates Policy Drafting Competition was organised on 02 April.

The dignitaries who graced the inaugural session included Shri K. Rajaraman, IAS (Retd), Chairperson of the International Financial Services Centres Authority (IFSCA); Shri Praveen Trivedi, Executive Director, IFSCA; Shri Nishith Desai, Founder of Nishith Desai Associates; and GNLU Director Prof (Dr) S. Shanthakumar. Shri Nishith Desai delivered a keynote address on *"Mobilising Green Capital through Blended Finance: Recent Trends & Regulatory Landscape."*

The policy problem revolved around the evolving regulatory framework of ESG and Sustainable Finance at GIFT City. Out of over 65 registrations, the top 15 policy drafts were invited to GNLU to present their proposals before the panel of judges.

Advanced Certificate Programme on Capital Markets & Securities Law



The offline leg of the GNLU - Khaitan & Co Advanced Certificate Programme on Capital Markets & Securities Law, offered in a hybrid mode, was conducted at the GNLU campus from 26 to 30 January 2024. Over 70 participants also visited GIFT IFSCA and India International Exchange to gain practical exposure. Ten top-performing participants have been offered internships with Khaitan & Co.

Know Your Practice



Mr Indranath Bishnu, Partner- General Corporate at Cyril Amarchand Mangaldas (CAM), delivered a talk on *'Navigating the Evolving Regulatory Landscape of M&A in India: A Practitioner's Perspective'*, 13 January.

GNLU Centre for Law and Society

International Conference on Social Work, Law and Human Rights: Access to Justice in South Asia



Jayendra Thaker, Chairman GSHRC; Hon'ble Ms Justice M. K. Thakker of the Gujarat High Court; Prof David Smolin from Samford University, USA; and GNLU Director Prof (Dr) S. Shanthakumar.

The roundtable on *'Innovative Integration: Advancing Social Justice through Interdisciplinary Programs (as BSW-LLB) in Legal Education'* remained one of the major highlights of the exhaustive deliberations.

The Conference organised by GCLS with the support of the Gujarat State Human Rights Commission (GSHRC), was a resounding success. Over 150 delegates and around 50 well-acclaimed experts from across South Asia attended the conference.

The inaugural was graced by Hon'ble Justice Kaushal

The conference culminated with the valedictory session graced by MNU Vice-Chancellor Prof (Dr) Dilip Ukey and GNLU Director Prof (Dr) S. Shanthakumar. The valedictory also saw the release of the GCLS flagship publication 'GNLU Law and Society Review' (GLSR) Volume IV, dedicated to the theme of "Access to Justice."



Transformative Research Collaboration with Samford University's Cumberland School of Law

GNLU Centre for Law and Society (GCLS) entered into collaboration with the Centre for Children, Law and Ethics at Samford University's Cumberland School of Law, Alabama, US (CCLE), marking a crucial step towards international cooperation in research and academic endeavours. Under this collaboration, two impactful research projects will be initiated:

1. India's Journey to its Present Adoption System: Examining the Reasons behind the Reduction in Adoption Rates, and
2. Exploring the Evolution of Surrogacy Practices in India and the Present Status of Surrogacy Intermediaries.

GNLU Centre for Research in Criminal Justice Sciences

International Conference on Crime & Technology: Prospects & Challenges



GNLU Centre for Research in Criminal Justice Sciences organised this international conference in association with GNLU Centre for Law and Technology and Centre for Information Communication Technology and Law, MNU Mumbai on 03 & 04 February.

Hon'ble Ms Justice Sangeeta K Vishen, Judge, Gujarat High Court; Hon'ble Ms Justice Nupur Bhati, Judge, Rajasthan High Court; Dr Ricky J Lee, Jesus College, University of Cambridge Intellectual Forum; and GNLU Director Prof (Dr) S. Shanthakumar graced the inaugural session.

Women's Leadership in the Legal Field and the Judiciary

Punjab and Haryana High Court Advocate and Human Rights Activist Ms Tanu Bedi delivered this guest lecture on 09 March. With a focus on women's empowerment and representation in the legal field, she analysed the

challenges and triumphs experienced by women pursuing leadership roles in law, shedding light on their resilience, achievements, and the pathways they pave for future generations.

GNLU Committee for Persons with Disabilities

Fostering Student's Mental Health and Resilience



The GNLU Committee for Persons with Disabilities (GCPWD), an enabling unit for the all-round development of GNLU students and employees with disabilities, organised this programme on 15 April.

Dr Sravan Chenji, Public Health specialist and UN civil

servant at UNICEF India, Gujarat, delivered a session on *Adolescents and Mental Health* and Dr Ajay Chauhan, Superintendent, Government Mental Hospital, Ahmedabad, delivered a session on *Prevention and Treatment of Anxiety Disorders & Depression among Students in Higher Education Institutions*.

National Level Faculty Development Programme Pedagogy of Law: Techniques, Technology and Narratives

GNLU, in collaboration with CHRIST (Deemed to be University) Delhi NCR Campus organised this National Level Faculty Development Programme from 19 to 23 June in a hybrid mode.

The program primarily focused on innovative pedagogical techniques and the role of narratives in Advanced Areas of Legal Research, Evolving Nature of Criminology and Victimology, Emerging Contours of Constitutional Law,

New Labour Code for New India, Innovative Approach towards Legal Theories, Navigating the Nuances of Intellectual Property Rights, Evolving Trends of Environmental Law, and Legal Education, Innovation & Incubation.

NLU Delhi Vice-Chancellor Prof (Dr) G. S. Bajpai, GNLU Registrar incharge Dr Jagdeesh Chandra T. G., and Christ University Registrar (Academics) Dr Johny Joseph, among others, graced the inaugural session.

FDP: Disaster Risk Management, Social Entrepreneurship & Resilience

Dr Apoorva Patel, Assistant Professor of Social Work, conducted a three-day Faculty Development Program cum Training of Trainers Programme on 'Disaster Risk Management, Social Entrepreneurship & Resilience' with

support of India Universities and Institutions Network for Disaster Risk Reduction (IUINDRR) under the auspices of National Institute of Disaster Management (NIDM), Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, 26 to 28 March.

Skills and Values Workshop:

Prof Dr K. Parameswaran conducted a Skills & Values Workshop for GNLU students from 01 to 08 April. Skills and Values taught were Identifying one's goal in the legal profession; the importance of thought, feeling, emotion, sense & body in intelligence; developing mindfulness,

awareness, attention and consciousness while undertaking any legal work; strategies for professional success, professional integrity & ethics for Advocates, Corporates and Law-Firms; the art of concentration, focus, attention and memory, sense of belongingness and the Science of Living.

Legal Services Committee

Annual Legal Service Forum: Inclusive Justice-Building Sustainable Societies



GNLU Legal Services Committee (GNLU LSC) organised the fifth GNLU Annual Legal Services Forum (GALSF) from 29 to 31 March. With a focus on "Inclusive Justice-Building Sustainable Societies," the forum hosted three significant events: a Mediation Competition, a Round Table Conference and the GNLU LSC Annual Grant Presentation.

OP Jindal Global University emerged as a winner in the Mediation Competition that focused on family laws,

property issues, labour laws, and consumer matters.

This year's Round Table Conference theme, "*Harmonizing Legal Education and Access to Justice: Empowering Law Students for Effective Legal Aid*", recognised the essential role of academic institutions and law students in advancing access to justice. The Conference was attended by the representatives of many leading law universities.

Esteemed law universities nationwide participated in the Grant Presentations with a theme of "*Formalising the Informal: Ensuring Empowerment of Street Vendors*" and "*Defining Standards of Dignity: Reinforcing Fair Labor Practices in Domestic Employment.*" MSU, Vadodara, claimed the top spot.

The opening ceremony was graced by Hon'ble Justice Mr Niral Mehta of Gujarat High Court, Senior Advocate Mr S. V. Raju, Additional Solicitor General of India, and IAMC Registrar Mr Tariq Khan, while Hon'ble Justice Indira Bannerji, Retired Judge Supreme Court of India; GNLU Director Prof (Dr) S. Shanthakumar; and Ms Yashaswini Basu, Outreach Lead, NYAAYA; graced the valedictory session.

Inauguration of Legal Aid Clinic at Koba: Empowering Communities and Promoting Access to Justice

GNLU LSC launched a Legal Aid Clinic at Koba on Republic Day to provide free legal aid to the residents of Koba village and surrounding areas. GNLU Director Prof (Dr) S. Shanthakumar and Koba Sarpanch Shri Yogeshbhai Nayi graced the inaugural ceremony.

GNLU LSC student volunteers will attend the clinic weekly. Apart from providing free legal aid, these volunteers will promote socio-legal awareness through various means and facilitate access to pro bono lawyers, where necessary.



GNLU LSC Partners with LAWRANTIANS to Advance Free Legal Aid in Online Dispute Resolution



GNLU LSC entered into a strategic partnership with LAWRANTIANS to jointly champion the cause of providing free legal aid, specifically emphasising online dispute resolution and associated domains.

LAWRANTIANS is an initiative led by students and recent graduates of GNLU.

The MoU outlines a comprehensive framework for cooperation, encompassing key areas such as policy analysis, evidence-based research, policy formulation, virtual resource networking, and internship opportunities for students. The primary focus of this partnership will be to empower individuals seeking legal assistance, particularly in the realm of online dispute resolution, by leveraging the expertise and resources of both organisations.

Through this collaboration, GNLU LSC and LAWRANTIANS aim to drive impactful initiatives that facilitate effective legal aid delivery, foster innovation in online dispute redressal mechanisms, and create valuable learning opportunities for students interested in the field of free legal aid.

Theatre Club



GNLU DPIIT IPR Chair

Open Dialogue on Connecting the Dots between Copyright and SDGs: A Roadmap for Copyright Societies



DPIIT IPR Chairs of GNLU and West Bengal National University of Juridical Sciences organised this Open Dialogue on 26 & 27 April to commemorate and celebrate World IP Day, 2024.

The dialogue featured real-life examples demonstrating how businesses' IP management systems can contribute to achieving specific SDGs. The resource persons vividly discussed several SDGs that impacted copyright societies and copyright enforcement machineries.

Dr. Raghavender GR (Senior Consultant at DPIIT and Former Joint Secretary of Ministry of Law and Justice, Govt. of India), and GNLU Director Prof (Dr) S. Shanthakumar, graced the inaugural ceremony. WBNUJS Vice-Chancellor, Prof (Dr) Nirmal K. Chakrabarti, joined the ceremony virtually.

Capacity Building Workshop for Artisans on Sustainable Development of Handicrafts/Handlooms-based GI Crafts

GNLU DPIIT-IPR Chair, in collaboration with the Development Commissioner (Handicrafts), Ministry of Textiles, and KHAMIR Craft Centre, Bhuj, organised this capacity-building workshop on 20 & 21 March. Over 50 artisans and weavers, including many craft association representatives, attended the workshop.

The primary goal was to build artisans' capacity regarding GI and raise awareness about the importance of their traditional crafts and the necessity for reviving certain crafts through GI registration.



Workshop on Traceability of Geographical Indication-based Products: The Prospects and Limits of Blockchain, IoT-based Technologies

GNLU DPIIT Chair organised this workshop in collaboration with the Cell of IPR Promotion and Management ("CIPAM") on 15 February.

Prof (Dr) Unnat P. Pandit, Controller General of Patents, Designs and Trade Marks (CGPDTM) delivered a lecture on "Importance of Traceability: Role of GI Producer Collectives in Safeguarding Traditional and Environment Sustainable Practices" while Mr

Madhusudhan Srinivasan, Co-Founder of Vlinder.io, took a session on "Proving Origin of GI Products through Blockchain Technologies." Mr Vijay Krishnappa, Co-Founder of Kosha.ai, discussed the importance of Blockchain and IoT in supply chain management, and Ms Abhilasha Bahugana, Co-Founder & Director of Looms of Ladakh, focused on improving traceability for Geographical Indication (GI) products, particularly highlighting her work with Ladakh's traditional looms. The workshop was conducted in Hindi.

Certificate Course on Prior Art Search and Patent Specification Drafting

DPIIT-IPR Chairs of GNLU and Tezpur University jointly offered this online Certificate Course on Prior Art Search and Patent Specification Drafting from 26 February to 1 March.

The course aimed at providing the participants with an overview of patent law, educating them on the practical aspects of filing a patent, and helping them hone their prior art search and patent drafting skills.

Renowned experts from prestigious institutions delivered lectures on various topics related to patentability requirements, understanding patent documents, the significance of prior art searches, patent citations, prior art in the background cross-reference, detailed descriptions of inventions with reference to drawings and flowcharts, and the international patent system-PCT route.

GNLU Legal Incubation Council Collaboration with Saxenas and Kumar Law Chambers LLP



GNLU Legal Incubation Council (GLIC) signed an MoU with Saxenas And Kumar Law Chambers LLP on 25 June. Under the MoU, Saxenas and Kumar Law Chambers LLP will mentor sector agnostic Startups across India. The Mentorship programme will include legal & para-legal compliance help, strategic business advice, financial

planning, and funding. "We believe this collaboration is a significant step towards empowering startups with the legal expertise and resources they need to succeed," said Mr Abhinav Saxena, Founding Partner of Saxenas & Kumar Law Chambers LLP. Abhinav is a GNLU alum (2004-2009).

GLIC-incubated SecMarx earns laurels at CNLU Patna's B-Plan Competition



Varun Matlani, Founder of SecMarx, showcased his product at the B-Plan Competition "Vyapaar" organised by CNLU Patna's Entrepreneurship Cell. SecMarx was awarded as Runner's Up, securing the

highest rank in the prelim round and second highest in the semi final round among over 50 teams participating from the universities nationwide.

SecMarx, an AI-based regulatory research platform for lawyers, was appreciated by the panellists, who included law firm associates and partners.

Expert Sessions:

How to Navigate Your Business Idea

GLIC startup incubatees shared their experience with students and guided them on "How to Navigate Your Business Idea" on 11 March.



Vaibhav Raj Pandey



Shane John



Varun Matlani



Ayush Aryan

Social Stock Exchange: Registration and Listing of Social Enterprises in India



Prof Sanjay Vanani of Ganpat University delivered a session on Registration and Listing of Social Enterprises in India on 20 March.

Legal Startups and Innovations



Dr Kalpeshkumar L. Gupta (PhD 2017) delivered an interactive session on Lgal Startups and Innovations on 20 March. He is the Founder of Probono India and Legal Startups and Chief Administrator of Law Teachers India.

GNLU Centre for Law and Technology

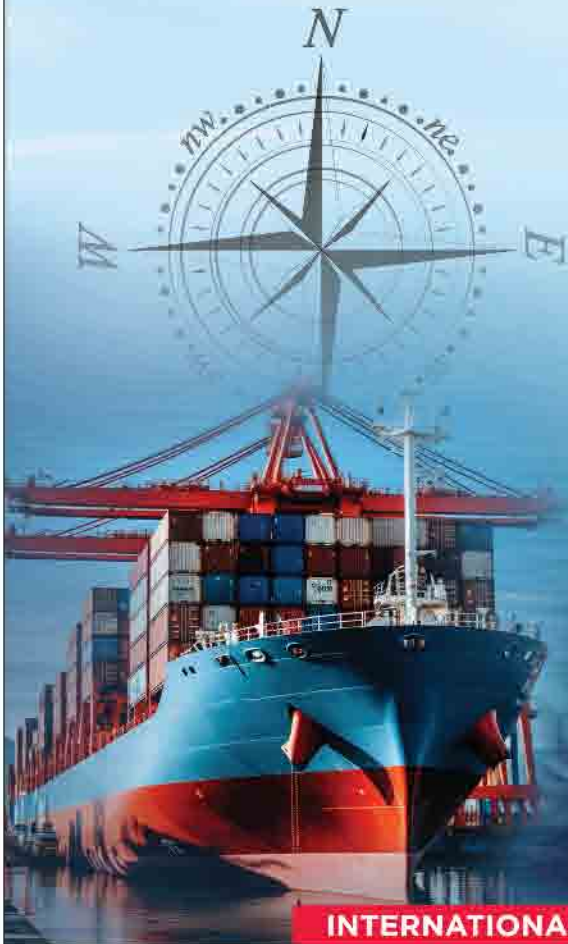
Edu-Tech: Legal and Policy Response

Dr Kishore Singh, Former United Nations Special Rapporteur on the Right to Education delivered a Talk on "Edu-Tech: Legal and Policy Response" on 14 February.

GNLU Centre for Intellectual Property Rights IPR Quiz

GNLU Centre for Intellectual Property Rights organised an IPR quiz on 09 April. Kavya Ramasubramanian and Prajwal V. claimed the first prize, while Mihir Wagh & Snigdha and Kunal Parekh & Yash Khanna won the second and third prizes, respectively.

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