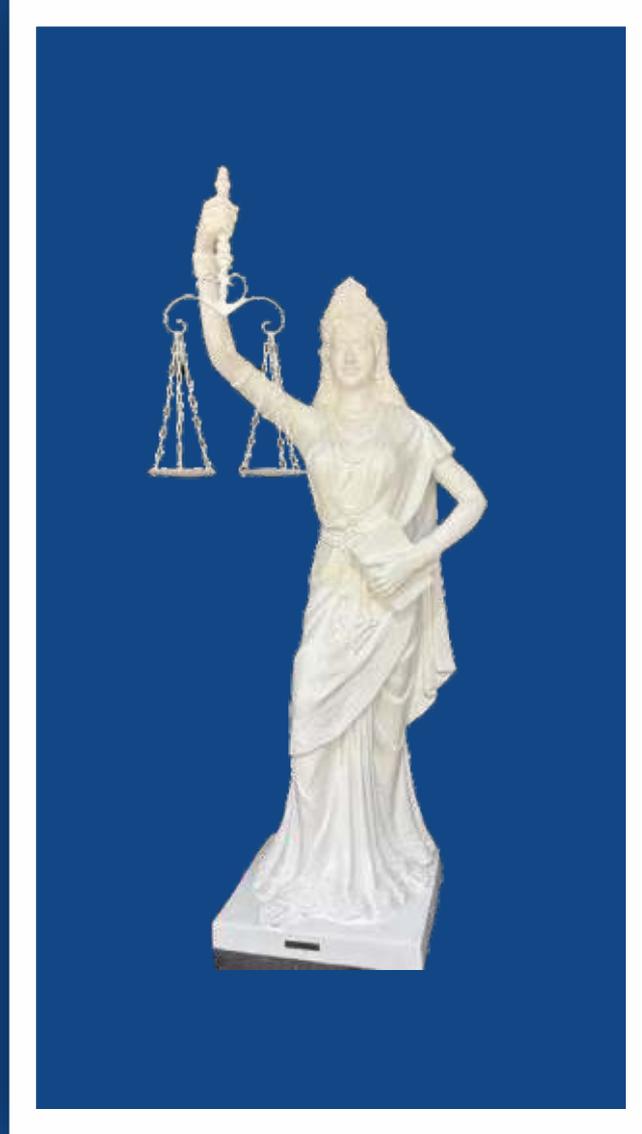


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Message from the Desk of the President GLS University

Dear Students,

Studying law is not merely an academic journey—it is a profound commitment to the ideals of justice, equity, and public service. In a nation where the judiciary stands as one of the most trusted pillars of democracy, your decision to pursue legal education places you in a unique position to contribute meaningfully to the rule of law and social transformation.

India's legal system is currently undergoing significant evolution. Landmark developments- including the enactment of the Digital Personal Data Protection Act, 2023; expanding conversations around marriage equality; increasing reliance on artificial intelligence in judicial administration; and enhanced action against corporate fraud and financial crime are redefining the boundaries of legal practice. These shifts demand a new generation of legal professionals—curious, competent, and courageous enough to lead change in a fast-paced, complex world.

At GLS University, particularly within the Faculty of Law, we have embraced this transformative era. Our NAAC A+ accreditation reflects our ongoing commitment to academic excellence and future-ready learning. Through our focus on practical exposure, interdisciplinary inquiry, and research-based pedagogy, we aim to prepare students who can respond not just to laws as they exist, but to laws as they ought to be.

Your journey here must be more than theoretical study. It must be anchored in constitutional values, enriched through moot courts, legal aid initiatives, clinical programs, and energized by a sense of social responsibility.

Our year-long celebration, Samvidhan Safar (Journey of the Constitution of India), is a reflection of this vision. It is not merely a celebration of the Constitution—it is a call to understand it as a living document, responsive to evolving societal needs. Whether through street plays, drafting competitions, or public awareness campaigns, these platforms enable our students to experience law as a force of justice in motion.

I encourage each of you to look beyond the courtroom and see yourselves as guardians of justice, interpreters of change, and advocates of fairness. Nurture not just legal expertise, but also the empathy, resilience, and integrity so essential to the legal profession.

The future of India's legal system rests in classrooms like yours. May you rise to the occasion – with purpose, perseverance, and a passion for justice.

Best Wishes

Dr Sudhir I. Nanavati

President, GLS University



Message from the Desk of the Dean Faculty of Law, GLS University

Dear Readers,

It gives me immense pleasure to present Vidhaan 2024–25, a reflection of yet another impactful academic year at the Faculty of Law—marked by intellectual rigor, creativity, constitutional engagement, and the deepening of values that define the legal profession.

Our academic environment was enriched this year by an exceptional blend of classroom learning, experiential pedagogy, interactive lectures, and theme-based events. Students were provided with diverse platforms to develop and express their legal reasoning, critical thinking, and ethical perspective on issues of contemporary relevance.

Flagship events such as the Shri I. M. Nanavati Memorial National Moot Court Competition, the National Client Counselling Competition, the Judgement Writing Competition, and the International Conference continued to garner national visibility and enthusiastic participation. These events were not only about competition; they were also about fostering research, expression, and a more profound connection with the judicial system.

One of the most notable highlights this year has been “Samvidhan Safar,” a unique, year-long celebration commemorating 75 years of the Constitution of India. Through activities like expert sessions, rallies, street plays, youth discussions, constitutional camps, and documentary screenings, the initiative brought constitutional values to life, encouraging students to connect legal principles with their role as citizens in a democratic society.

We also take great pride in our student’s achievements, as they have consistently excelled in national moot courts, quizzes, literary competitions, and youth festivals. Their accolades speak of not only academic excellence but also of leadership, collaboration, and innovation. Several students also contributed to prestigious publications and legal research projects during the year.

The year witnessed increased focus on contemporary and emerging areas of law—including workshops and faculty-led sessions on AI and law, cyber regulation, climate justice, and evolving judicial interpretations. The academic environment was further strengthened by guest lectures from senior advocates, judges, and industry experts, who brought practical insights to classroom conversations.

As we reflect on this academic year through Vidhaan, we reaffirm our commitment to building a legal education ecosystem grounded in values, vision, and versatility. The Faculty of Law continues to strive toward a holistic model of legal education—where students are not just taught law but are inspired to use law as a tool for justice, equity, and change.

With deep pride in our community’s achievements and a shared aspiration for meaningful impact, I invite you to explore this edition of Vidhaan and celebrate the ideas, voices, and experiences that shaped our journey this year.

Warm Regards,

Dr Mayuri Pandya

Dean

Faculty of Law, GLS University

**Orientation of the
Newly Inducted Batch
2024-2029**

A Legal Discourse on Professional Journey as an Advocate



"Law is nothing but a connector to human beings, as human behaviours are regulated by law"
- Shri Sudhir Nanavati

Faculty of Law, GLS University, organised an Orientation Ceremony of the new batches of the various law programmes at the Faculty of Law from July 1-6, 2024. Shri Sudhir Nanavati, President, GLS University and Senior Advocate, High Court of Gujarat was invited as the special guest on Saturday, July 6, 2024, Thakor Bhai Desai Hall, Ahmedabad to engage in a legal discourse on 'Professional Journey as an Advocate' with the newly inducted batch of law students at the Faculty of Law.

The session started with a warm welcome by Dr Mayuri Pandya, Dean, Faculty of Law, GLS University. She welcomed Shri Sudhir Nanavati, Senior Advocate, High Court of Gujarat and President, GLS University; Dr Chandni Kapadia, Executive Director, GLS University; Dr Dharmesh Shah, Provost, GLS University; other dignitaries; parents, and students to the gathering. Shri Nanavati, known for his exemplary legal acumen and dedication to legal practice, delved into his

personal and professional journey, shared his invaluable insights and experiences that have shaped his illustrious legal career. His talk covered key milestones, challenges, and the evolution of his practice, offering a comprehensive view of what it takes to succeed in the legal profession.

He shared his early experiences as an advocate, which helped students to understand 'how to argue in the beginning of their career'. He discussed the importance of precedents, creating a brief, note-making, and preparing an argument in a court of law. He shared his early days' experiences and incidents of working with esteemed legal luminaries like Mr. K. Parasman, Mr. Ashok Sen, Mr. Nani Palkiwala, Mr. Fali Nariman, Mr. Soli Sorabji, Mr. J.M. Thakore, Mr. Ram Jethmalani, etc., who used to be very passionately involved in their work and legal cases. He showcased the importance of precision in drafting, maintaining accuracy while drafting legal opinions, and objectivity in arguments, while keeping in mind the valuable

time of the courts. He advised the students to prioritize real-life experiences over monetary aspects during their early years of legal practice. He stressed that for a successful legal career, practical experience matters more than a degree.

He discussed the applicability of the three new criminal laws: Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS), Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita (BNSS), and Bharatiya Sakshya Adhiniyam (BSA).

Shri Sudhir Nanavati was gracious enough to answer the questions posed by the students during the open forum session. The session inspired the budding lawyers as they embarked on their legal journey. Shri Nanavati's experiences

shed light on gaining a deeper understanding of the practical aspects of law and the ethical standards that are crucial for a successful legal career.

The Faculty of Law, GLS University, is committed to providing its students with opportunities to learn from the best in the field, and this legal discourse is a testament to that commitment. Shri Sudhir Nanavati's address was a memorable and motivating start to the students' academic and professional journey at the Faculty of Law, GLS University.



Key Note Address by Dean Dr Mayuri Pandya



The Orientation Week for the Integrated Law Programme was conducted from July 1 to July 7, 2024. The inaugural day commenced with a welcome address delivered by Ms. Riya Kanwar, Assistant Professor of Law, followed by a prayer led by Ms. Keya Desai, a student of the Faculty of Law (FOL). The opening session began with remarks from Dean Dr Mayuri Pandya, who started with a prayer to Goddess Saraswati and congratulated the students on their admission to GLS University for their legal education. This was followed by a one-minute breathing exercise and the chanting of "Aumkar".

Dr Pandya provided insights into the University's rich legacy, tracing its journey since 1927. She also highlighted the forthcoming centenary celebration. Additionally, she underscored the significance of factual analysis, interpretive skills, and the precise use of legal terminology within the legal profession. She then introduced the faculty members present and screened a video titled "The Rain," which featured a prominent Taj

advertisement showcasing the largest billboard that displays Meghmalhar during rainfall. The session concluded with a video of Dr. B. R. Ambedkar's speech on the Constitution's essence and relevance.

The students received best wishes for their academic journey. Dr Payal Mehta delivered the vote of thanks, formally concluding the session.



Exploring the Legal Landscape: Opportunities and Insights

Ms. Anshu Sharma, former Judge of the Gujarat Judiciary, delivered an insightful address on the above theme. Ms. Sharma was formally introduced to the audience by Ms. Riya Kanwar. Ms. Sharma began by expressing her deep admiration for the foundational principles of the legal profession and shared her enduring passion for law. Drawing from personal experiences, she recounted conversations with her father to illustrate the nuanced differences between general theft offences and those committed by individuals in positions of trust, such as clerks or servants. This anecdotal approach offered the audience a practical understanding of legal concepts and their applications.

Ms. Sharma also provided a comprehensive overview of the diverse career avenues within the legal field, including litigation, corporate practice, legal consultancy, media and legal journalism, and specialization in intellectual property rights (IPR). She also shared valuable insights into the responsibilities, challenges, and unique experiences gained from serving the judiciary.

Concluding her address, Ms. Sharma shared four effective and engaging methods for studying law: utilizing films, creating flowcharts, applying mnemonics, and crafting short stories to aid retention and understanding. Dr Vidhi Shah delivered the vote of thanks, formally concluding the session.

Life Management at a Glance

Dr Iti Shukla, Clinical Psychologist at Sterling Hospital, delivered an insightful session on "Life Management at a Glance." Dr Riddhita Parikh warmly introduced her, and Dr Jiya Matharani presented her with a memento. Dr Shukla began by offering a detailed overview of a psychologist's roles and responsibilities. This served as a foundation for a deeper discussion on the meaning and management of life. She engaged the audience with the thought-provoking question, "What is Life?"—encouraging students to share their

personal interpretations. Drawing upon the example of newborns and their instinctive behaviours, she defined life as "something that provides a basic reason for actions."

The session evolved into a reflection on the dimensions of life's purpose and practical strategies for leading a purposeful life. Dr Shukla highlighted the significance of mindfulness and the ability to adapt in the present moment as key elements of personal growth. She stressed the importance of maintaining a structured daily routine, particularly highlighting adequate sleep and managing screen time to minimize its adverse effects. The session concluded with Dr Shukla extending her best wishes to the participants. Dr Jiya Matharani delivered the formal vote of thanks.

Law and Political Science: Exploring Relationships

Dr Lajwanti Chatani, a distinguished professor from the Department of Political Science at M.S. University, Baroda, delivered an engaging session on the theme "Law and Political Science: Exploring Relationships." The speaker was introduced by Dr Riddhita Parikh and facilitated by Dr Binod Das. Dr Chatani opened her address with compelling personal anecdotes, illustrating the crucial role of Political Science in the study of law. She emphasized the importance of a foundational understanding of political theory for law students, particularly in interpreting and responding to societal complexities.

Central to her discussion was the assertion that politics inherently involves conflict, which she described as the right to express disagreement. She emphasized that such disagreement, when rooted in reason, can become a powerful tool for societal development. To navigate such disagreements constructively, Dr Chatani introduced a three-step approach: Silence, Manipulation of Interest, and Discussion—each designed to foster reflection, understanding, and dialogue. The session concluded with a thought-provoking reflection on the idea that reasonable disagreements can significantly contribute to the evolution of law within society. Dr Binod Das

offered the closing remarks and extended a formal vote of thanks on behalf of the participants.

Introduction to the Law of Contract

Dr. Hardik Parikh, Assistant Professor of Law and Head of the Training Division at Gujarat National Law University, Gandhinagar, delivered an insightful session on "Introduction to the Law of Contract." The session explored the practical dimensions of contract law, offering students a fresh and relatable perspective on the subject. Dr. Parikh began by illustrating the relevance of contracts in everyday life through familiar examples such as taxi services, banking transactions, academic admissions, and vehicle parking. Using the metaphor of Business Law as a galaxy and Contract Law as one of its planets, he effectively situated the subject within the broader legal framework.

He further discussed the evolving nature of modern contractual terms and the various ways in which individuals enter into contracts, often unconsciously, in their daily routines. Emphasizing the role of legal education in promoting an informed and civilized society, Dr. Parikh highlighted the need for a foundational understanding of legal principles by all citizens. Throughout the session, students were encouraged to actively participate. Dr. Parikh posed reflective questions and provided clear distinctions between Contract Law and Criminal Law, supported by vivid illustrations. He emphasized the role of contract law in dispute resolution and preventive justice.

Additionally, he clarified the distinction between an agreement and a contract, drawing on practical examples from the students' own experiences to ensure better understanding. The session concluded with a formal vote of thanks delivered by Mr. Darshan Pandya, marking the end of a highly engaging and intellectually stimulating discussion.

Public Speaking and Debating Skills

"If you can speak, you can influence. If you can

influence, you can change lives." Inspired by this thought, the session on 'Public Speaking and Debating Skills' began, demonstrating that speaking is not merely a means of communication but a powerful tool for persuasion, leadership, and societal change. Public speaking forms the foundation of effective debating, enabling individuals not only to articulate their viewpoints clearly but also to challenge ideas with logic and poise. For aspiring legal professionals, mastering these skills is indispensable, regardless of whether it's in the courtroom, the classroom, or the community.

Mr. Deepak Makwana conducted an engaging and informative session on "Public Speaking and Debating Skills" for the newly inducted students. He was introduced by Dr Jiya Mathrani and formally welcomed by Dr Payal Mehta.

To initiate the session, Mr. Makwana captivated the audience by referencing familiar movie quotes, setting a relatable and dynamic tone. He stressed the importance of maintaining professionalism in public settings and introduced the ABCDEFG model of public speaking, which encompasses the following elements: Attitude, Body Language/Behaviour, Commitment, Command and Challenge, Dressing, Etiquette, Fine-Tuning and General Knowledge (GK), which refers to information that is not readily available through Internet searches.

Mr. Makwana emphasized that attitude, while central to effective communication, must be carefully managed to avoid arrogance. Drawing on research by social scientists, he noted that while technical skills account for 80.5% of success, 12.5% is rooted in interpersonal skills. He elaborated on the importance of confident yet comfortable body language, strong command over language, and dressing appropriately for different settings.

He also delineated the dual purpose of communication—one-to-one and one-to-many—highlighting that legal professionals often combine the functions of informing and convincing within a single interaction. He underscored the structure of an impactful speech, recommending a breakdown of 15% introduction, 70% body, and 15% conclusion. He advised that introductions

should be creative and attention-grabbing, using relevant facts, poetry, lyrics, humour, or rhetorical questions. The conclusion should reinforce the key message, ideally ending with an open-ended thought rather than abruptly. Emphasizing consistent practice, he noted that effective public speakers must be proficient in global and regional languages alike. Reducing Mother Tongue Influence (MTI) is essential for effective international communication, while maintaining it for specific cultural contexts remains important.

Addressing debating skills, Mr. Makwana cautioned that debates should never damage interpersonal relationships. He highlighted that debates contribute to developing a well-rounded personality by enhancing IQ (Intelligence Quotient), EQ (Emotional Quotient), SQ (Social Quotient), and PQ (Political Quotient). He observed that an audience typically forms an impression within the first 10–15 seconds, making a compelling opening crucial.

To help students structure their lectures or speeches effectively, he recommended the OBC framework—Opening, Body, and Closing—for clarity and coherence. He concluded with a motivational reminder that one should seize the stage before someone else does. The session ended with a formal vote of thanks delivered by Dr Payal Mehta, marking the conclusion of a dynamic and enriching experience for the participants.

Marketing Management: A Kaleidoscopic View

Dr Rachna Gandhi, Assistant Professor at K.S. School of Business Management, conducted an engaging session on “Marketing Management: A Kaleidoscopic View.” Dr Jiya Matharani introduced her, while Ms. Margie Acharya presented a token of appreciation. The session began with interactive warm-up exercises designed to build student engagement. Dr Gandhi presented a commercial advertisement and led a critical analysis through a marketing lens. She introduced the concept of societal marketing, highlighting its relevance in shaping ethical, consumer-centric business practices.

Dr Gandhi distinguished between commodities and brands, explaining how branding emerged as a response to the limitations of undifferentiated commodities. She noted that this transformation laid the foundation for targeted marketing strategies. She further clarified the difference between selling and marketing, emphasizing that while selling focuses on product features, marketing centers on the benefits that resonate with consumer needs.

In the latter part of the session, Dr Gandhi explained the Four Ps of Marketing: Product, Price, Place, and Promotion—illustrating how each element intersects with legal considerations such as consumer protection, advertising ethics, and fair-trade practices. Ms. Margie Acharya delivered the vote of thanks, marking the close of a dynamic and enriching experience for the participants.

Dharma and Law: A Discourse

“When righteousness is lost, chaos prevails” — this timeless message from the Bhagavad Gita formed the inspirational foundation of the session conducted on July 3, 2024, by youth motivational speaker Shree H. G. Rasa Parayan Prabhuji. His discourse explored the profound and enduring relationship between Dharma and Law, drawing on Bhagavad Gita teachings to highlight their relevance in personal conduct and legal governance.

Prabhuji began by referring Chapter 2, Verses 63 and 64 of the Bhagavad Gita. He explained how anger destroys reason and peace of mind (Verse 2.63), whereas self-control and detachment (Verse 2.64) foster inner tranquility and balanced decisions-making. These values, he suggested, are especially relevant in today’s legal and societal context, where maintaining composure is critical to justice and governance.

He then contrasted humans and animals by noting that, while both share basic instincts—food, sleep, fear, and reproduction—what distinguishes humans is their adherence to Dharma and Law. This moral and ethical framework, he noted, underpins the development of a just and

harmonious society. Prabhuji stressed the importance of spiritual discipline, encouraging the practice of chanting God's name before beginning any task. He explained that this practice not only invokes divine support but also instills a heightened sense of accountability and focus, allowing individuals to carry out their responsibilities with clarity and purpose.

The session offered critical insights into the interrelationship between Dharma and Law, providing attendees with guidance on maintaining composure, discerning right from wrong, and seeking divine assistance in daily endeavours. His teachings resonated deeply, inspiring participants to integrate these principles into their lives for both personal and societal improvement.

Harnessing ICT for Enhanced Legal Studies

Dr Jaineel Shah, Assistant Registrar, GLS University, conducted an insightful session on the role of Information and Communication Technology (ICT) in enhancing data analysis and statistical applications. Drawing from his expertise in data science and quantitative methods, Dr Shah engaged students by connecting the concept of corporate reputation to popular films such as RRR and Bhool Bhulaiyaa 2, making the session both relatable and captivating.

During the session, Dr Shah demonstrated practical applications of Microsoft Excel, showcasing how various statistical formulas and tools can be effectively used for data analysis. He demonstrated how to use charts, SmartArt, and other visual aids to present data clearly and professionally. He also introduced students to mail merge techniques for efficient communication and shared valuable tips on document management and review processes to enhance productivity. The session emphasized the significance of integrating advanced graphical tools and objects to create impactful presentations. Throughout, the interaction between Dr Shah and the students remained dynamic, fostering a hands-on and engaging learning environment. The session

concluded with a formal vote of thanks delivered by Ms. Margie Acharya.

Introduction to Law of Torts

Dr Parna Mukherjee, Associate Professor, Nirma University, led a session focused on the fundamentals of the Law of Torts. She was introduced by Ms. Jeni Adhyaru and felicitated by Ms. Hiral Shukla. She gave students a comprehensive overview of the subject, outlining the key expectations for their first semester. Dr Mukherjee detailed the history and foundational principles of tort law, explaining the various types of wrongs the law seeks to address and the typical cases that fall under this area.

During her presentation, she also introduced the concept of legal maxims, highlighting their importance and application not only in tort law, but across the broader legal system. Her explanation helped students appreciate how these maxims serve as guiding principles in legal reasoning and judgments. The session concluded up with a formal vote of thanks delivered by Ms. Hiral Shukla.

Integrating Law and Language

"Language is the advocate's most powerful weapon—when used wisely, it can both defend the innocent and challenge injustice." With this perspective at its core, the session on "Integrating Law and Language" offered students a refreshing and transformative take on communication as a vital legal skill.

Ms. Rebecca Sudan, an image consultant, coach, trainer, and educator, conducted a session focused on the integration of law and language. Dr Jiya Mathrani felicitated her at the start of the session. To engage the students, Ms. Sudan led rhythmic activities designed to build collective focus and improve attentiveness throughout the session.

The session concluded with interactive exercises and a lively question-and-answer segment, during which students eagerly sought her advice on

various facets of effective communication. Her responses were both practical and insightful, tailored specifically to address the unique challenges that law students face. Ms. Sudan highlighted the critical role of language in public communication, noting that "The fear of the stage is greater than the fear of death." She discussed ways to overcome this fear by delivering polished presentations and meaningful audience engagement. She also shared the powerful reminder that "The only way through it is across it," underscoring the importance of perseverance. Ms. Sudan emphasized that developing skills in speaking, listening, communicating, and maintaining a positive attitude is essential for students who aspire to become successful advocates in their future careers.

Orientation on Mooting Skills

"Mooting is where the classroom meets the courtroom—it's not just a skill, but a simulation of real advocacy that prepares future lawyers for the challenges of the legal profession." A session titled "Orientation on Mooting Skills" was conducted by Mr. Ronith Joy, an Advocate affiliated with Gujarat University. The session served as a meaningful initiation for students into the world of mooting, encouraging them to see it as an essential bridge between legal theory and professional practice. The event commenced with a warm welcome from Mr. Darshan Pandya, and Ms. Margie Acharya introduced the speaker.

In his engaging address, Mr. Joy emphasized the importance of moots in shaping law students' academic journey and professional outlook. He highlighted that active participation in moot court activities plays a vital role in developing soft skills, legal reasoning, and advocacy techniques. He urged students to begin with internal moot court classes and smaller competitions as foundational experiences that pave the way for national-level participation.

Mr. Joy detailed the core skills for mooting: linguistic proficiency, confident public speaking, impactful body language, critical reading, and constant observation. He particularly stressed the

significance of in-depth legal research, noting that it is central to crafting persuasive arguments and understanding complex legal frameworks. He further remarked that the benefits of mooting go beyond the courtroom, as the skills acquired are transferable to many professional roles.

The session was enriching and insightful, encouraging students to embrace mooting as a crucial component of their legal education. Mr. Darshan Pandya formally concluded the event with a vote of thanks.

Decoding the Mind: Forensic Psychology and the Law

Dr Reena Sharma, an experienced forensic psychologist with over two decades in the field, conducted a compelling session titled "Decoding the Mind: Forensic Psychology and the Law". Her calm and reassuring presence set a welcoming tone for the session, fostering a space where participants could engage openly and thoughtfully.

Dr Sharma began by outlining her holistic approach to psychological interventions, encompassing a broad spectrum of psychological therapies, clinical assessments, and her role as an expert witness. She emphasized the growing relevance of forensic psychology in modern legal systems, particularly in understanding the psychological underpinnings of criminal behaviour and helping improve legal decision-making. Through her presentation, she introduced participants to various tools and techniques used in the field, such as objective, subjective, and projective tests, polygraph examinations, and BIOS (Brain Electrical Oscillation Signature) profiling. These tools are pivotal in uncovering the mental and emotional states of individuals involved in criminal activities, she explained.

A significant portion of the session was devoted to the application of forensic psychology in courtrooms, especially in the evaluation of insanity pleas and the provision of expert testimony. To contextualize her insights, Dr Sharma discussed the infamous case of Ted Bundy, explaining how traits like charm, emotional quotient (EQ), and

intelligence quotient (IQ) offer critical clues to criminal behaviour. She also emphasized the ethical considerations in psychological assessments, particularly the requirement of informed consent—even when evaluations are court-mandated. In discussing rehabilitation, Dr Sharma outlined how forensic psychologists contribute to the reformation of offenders by recommending individualized treatment plans. Her emphasis on ethical integrity and scientific rigor underscored the value that psychological perspectives bring to the legal arena.

The session was highly appreciated for its clarity, depth, and relevance. Attendees responded positively to Dr Sharma's ability to bridge complex academic insights with real-world applications, illustrating the significance of interdisciplinary collaboration in legal practice. In conclusion, Dr Sharma's presentation provided a comprehensive overview of the role of forensic psychology within the legal system, emphasizing the necessity of incorporating psychological insights to achieve more just and effective legal outcomes. Her observations and expertise serve as a testament to the value of interdisciplinary collaboration in addressing complex societal issues. The session concluded with a formal vote of thanks delivered by Mr. Rushi Bhagat.

Effective Incorporation of Library & E-Resources in Legal Studies

For any law student, the ability to read, comprehend, and analyze judicial decisions is fundamental—not only to excel academically but also to develop critical reasoning and argumentation skills essential to the practice of law. Recognizing this, Dr Atul Bhatt, Professor, Gujarat University, conducted an insightful session on the Effective Incorporation of Library and E-Resources in Legal Studies.

The session centered on equipping students with the tools and understanding necessary to navigate both traditional and digital legal research platforms. Dr Bhatt began by outlining a variety of resources available for academic exploration,

underlining the importance of integrating conventional library systems with emerging digital technologies in the legal field. Dr Bhatt provided a thorough overview of key databases and online platforms, illustrating how libraries have evolved from static repositories of books into dynamic knowledge hubs. He cited data from 2010 to demonstrate the shifting perceptions of libraries and emphasized how modern libraries offer a wide spectrum of services that contribute significantly to academic and legal research. This transformation, he noted, enables libraries to serve as vital gateways to knowledge.

Emphasizing the growing reliance on digital tools, Dr Bhatt referenced a survey conducted in 2018–19 that reported a substantial increase in the use of online databases, legal journals, and other digital resources. He explained how this shift improved real-time access to legal information, making research faster and effective. The concept of libraries as “knowledge gateways” was central to his presentation, stressing their role in bridging the divide between students and comprehensive information networks. Further, Dr Bhatt elaborated on the objectives of academic libraries, particularly their role in supporting curricula, fostering research, and creating environments conducive to scholarly learning. He highlighted valuable resources such as Supreme Court case reports, Gujarat Law Journals, and the All India Reporter, which are indispensable for any legal researcher.

In the final part of the session, Dr Bhatt explained the foundational sources of legal information, distinguishing between primary sources—like statutes, regulations, and case law—and secondary sources, which include commentaries, law reviews, and legal encyclopedias. His explanations helped demystify the process of legal research for students and emphasized the interconnected nature of various legal sources. The session concluded with a vote of thanks presented by Ms. Ishani Dave, acknowledging Dr Bhatt's contribution to guiding students through the complex yet critical landscape of legal research and resource utilization.

Financial Management: A Broad Perspective

An engaging session titled "Financial Management: A Broad Perspective" was conducted by CA Siddharth Bhatt. Ms. Riya Kanvar introduced the session, and Mr. Rushi Bhagat presented a memento to the speaker as a token of appreciation.

CA Siddharth Bhatt initiated the discussion by emphasizing the pivotal role of financial literacy in both personal and professional life. He stressed that effective financial management improves daily decision-making and boosts long-term earning potential through strategic skill development. He drew inspiration from national leaders such as Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel and Mahatma Gandhi, weaving Gandhian principles into financial decision-making, particularly those rooted in simplicity, accountability, and self-discipline. Drawing from his professional experience in the import and export industry, Mr. Bhatt provided practical insights into shipping and logistics management. A substantial portion of his presentation focused on taxation—particularly the procedural aspects of filing income tax returns, including filing zero returns on the official online platform. He also addressed the importance of maintaining personal financial statements and planning for taxes by one's business entity classification, explaining the related legal implications.

In his discussion on investment, Mr. Bhatt encouraged students to adopt informed investment strategies. He advised conducting thorough background research on companies, whether public or private, before investing, and highlighted how understanding turnover data and business structure can influence investment decisions. He elaborated on the power of compounding wealth and illustrated his points by citing financial planning habits of renowned legal professionals.

The session concluded with a dynamic question-and-answer round, during which students enthusiastically interacted with Mr. Bhatt to seek further clarity and guidance. The formal vote of thanks was delivered by Ms. Neha Bhuraney.

Principles of Management

Mr. Jayesh Ganatra, a Certified Management Consultant (CMC), delivered an enlightening session during the Orientation Week for the five-year integrated law programme at GLS University. The session, titled "Principles of Management," offered a comprehensive overview of the critical role management plays within the legal profession.

Mr. Ganatra began by encouraging students to recognize how essential management in legal practice. He emphasized that the success of law firms and the professional advancement of individual legal practitioners are closely tied to effective management. He elaborated on the seven core functions of management—planning, organizing, staffing, directing, controlling, budgeting, and evaluating—and highlighted how each function supports the smooth functioning of legal institutions. A key highlight of the session was the emphasis on legal compliance as an integral part of management. Using examples from leading law firms such as Nanavati & Nanavati Associates, AZB & Partners, and TriLegal, Mr. Ganatra illustrated how the strategic application of management principles improves operational efficiency and ensures regulatory compliance.

He also shared his personal professional experiences to underscore the practical application of management in the legal field, particularly in areas like intellectual property (IP) and business law, which are increasingly intersecting with business management. Through real-world case studies, he demonstrated how legal professionals equipped with management skills are better prepared to navigate complex legal and business environments.

The session further explored the various dimensions of law firm management, covering aspects such as client relations, case management, financial oversight, and strategic planning. Mr. Ganatra emphasized that beyond improving operational workflow, effective management contributes to client satisfaction, organizational growth, and profitability.

In addition, he addressed the link between personal effectiveness and career development,

urging students to invest in continuous learning and self-management. He stressed that cultivating these habits early in one's legal career lays the foundation for long-term success.

Importantly, Mr. Ganatra advocated for pro bono work and community engagement, highlighting their significance in building a responsible and service-oriented legal profession. He noted that such contributions benefit not only society but also enrich personal and professional development.

The session concluded with a formal vote of thanks by Ms. Neha Bhuraney, Assistant Professor, Faculty of Law, GLS University, who appreciated Mr. Ganatra's insights and encouraged students to reflect on the broader relevance of management in their legal education and future practice.







Pearls of Wisdom

A discourse on Mediation Advocacy



The Faculty of Law, GLS University, organized an engaging and insightful session titled "A Discourse on Mediation Advocacy" on Thursday, September 12, 2024. The session featured young and promising mediators, including Mr. Jonathan Rodrigues and Mr. Nisshant Laroia, Mediation Advocates; Shri Sudhir Nanavati, President, GLS University and Senior Advocate, High Court of Gujarat; and Mr. Amar Bhatt, Advocate, High Court of Gujarat. The event began with a warm welcome by Dr Mayuri Pandya, Dean, Faculty of Law, who emphasized the importance of the session in shaping the future of legal education and practice. Shri Sudhir Nanavati addressed the audience, highlighting the significance of mediation in the legal profession and announcing plans for a comprehensive training workshop on the subject.

The session explored the advantages and disadvantages of both litigation and mediation, with a focus on mediation's three fundamental principles: voluntariness, confidentiality, and neutrality. The speakers emphasized that

mediation offers a path to collaborative justice and discussed the benefits of conflict coaching. They also elaborated on the importance of timely resolution in disputes, noting that prolonged conflict can hinder progress. They emphasized that mediation, being faster and more collaborative, is the need of the hour for legal professionals to resolve disputes efficiently. In addition, the session shed light on the differences between conciliation and mediation, with practical illustrations from the guests' extensive experiences in mediation advocacy. The discussion emphasized that learning is a continuous process. Mediation offers a faster alternative to litigation, which can take up to 8–12 years on average, while mediation may resolve disputes in a matter of days, weeks, or months. Shri Sudhir Nanavati enriched the conversation with his expert insights throughout the session, sharing his vast experience in litigation.

During the interactive Q&A segment, the faculty members raised several pertinent questions. Topics included addressing power imbalances in mediation, measures to promote mediation on a



national level, and the importance of raising accurate awareness about mediation and Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR). The guests discussed the role of mediation cells, lawyer training, and mediation clinics in fostering a culture of mediation. They also explained the importance of binding mediation settlements, with the new Mediation Act, 2023 allowing for the direct enforcement of mediator settlement agreements. The session concluded with a powerful message on resolving disputes through empathy and understanding.



Workshop on New Criminal Laws 2.0



On July 27, 2024, the Faculty of Law at GLS University organized an insightful workshop titled "New Criminal Laws 2.0" at Thakorbbhai Desai Hall, Law Garden, Ellisbridge, Ahmedabad. The event attracted an enthusiastic audience of law students eager to learn about the latest developments in criminal law. The workshop featured a distinguished panel of speakers who discussed various aspects of the newly introduced criminal laws: Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS), 2023; Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita (BNSS), 2023; and Bharatiya Sakshya Adhinyam, 2023. The esteemed speakers included Mr. Hriday Buch, Advocate, High Court of Gujarat; Dr Neerja Gotru, IPS, Additional Director General of Police (Training), Gujarat and Dr Shrenik Shah, Assistant Professor, Sir L. A. Shah Law College. All the esteemed guests were accorded a warm welcome.

Mr. Hriday Buch began the series of talks with his



address on "Navigating Obstacles: Addressing Implementation Challenges of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita." He focused on the practical challenges in implementing the BNSS and proposed solutions to streamline legal proceedings under the new framework.

Dr Neerja Gotru, graced the session with a critical presentation on "New Criminal Laws - Police Perspective Vs. Citizens' Perspective." She examined the challenges and opportunities these laws present from both law enforcement and public viewpoints, detailing the new provisions of the BNS and BNSS and discussing their impact on investigations.

Dr Shrenik Shah, concluded the session with his detailed presentation on "Moulding the Next Generation: Student-Centric Approaches to Learning the New Criminal Laws." He emphasized innovative educational strategies to engage law students in understanding and applying the new legal frameworks.

The event was well received by the aspiring law students and faculty members, all eager to gain a deeper understanding of the changes and implications of the new criminal laws. Overall, the workshop was a resounding success, providing valuable insights and encouraging thought-provoking discussions on the evolving landscape of criminal law in India. A large number of students attended the session, reflecting its wide appeal and relevance.



Suron Se Manav Adhikaar Antakshari Competition



As per tradition, the Faculty of Law, GLS University, celebrated International Human Rights Day on December 9, 2024, with an innovative event titled "Suron Se Manav Adhikaar: Antakshari Competition," an extraordinary blend of music and human rights awareness. The event, held at Thakorbhai Desai Hall, resonated with melodies and messages, as law students showcased their creativity while voicing their understanding of rights. The competition revolved around thought-provoking themes, such as the Right to Life, Right to Family, Right to Patriotism, Right to Environment, and Women's Empowerment. Students creatively wove these themes into their performances, using music as a powerful medium to convey the essence of human rights. A total of ten teams, each comprising five participants from the B.A.LL.B., B.B.A.LL.B.(H.), LL.B.(H.), and LL.M. programs across semesters, competed in the event. The event was conducted in two engaging rounds, with participants showcasing their talent and depth of understanding across both.



Dr Meghna Vyas, a renowned anesthetist and a music expert, graced the occasion as the judge of the event. In her address, she emphasized the power of music as a universal language to bridge divides and foster understanding of fundamental rights. In addition to this, she delighted the audience with a special performance, showcasing her musical talent and passion. Her melodious rendition captivated the students, adding a memorable personal touch to the event and emphasizing the unifying power of music. The competition concluded with the announcement of the winners, as the team of Semester II (B.A.LL.B. program) was awarded the prestigious rotating trophy, adding to the excitement and honour of their achievement. Their vibrant performance and innovative portrayal of the themes captivated the audience and secured their victory.

The audience was enthralled as participants showcased their talent and enthusiasm, turning the hall into a vibrant space of rhythm and rights. The event concluded with a vote of thanks from the organizers, reaffirming the Faculty of Law's commitment to innovative approaches in legal education and human rights advocacy. This celebration not only commemorated International Human Rights Day but also showcased the University's dedication to spreading awareness through creative platforms- leaving a lasting impact on all present.



**Epicenter of
National and International
Events**

Shri I. M. Nanavati Memorial Moot Court Competition



“धर्म एव हतो हन्ति धर्मो रक्षति रक्षितः.” (A verse from Mahabharata)

- Hon'ble Ms Justice Bela M. Trivedi, Judge, Supreme Court of India

The Faculty of Law, GLS University, proudly hosted the 9th edition of the Shri I.M. Nanavati Memorial Moot Court Competition, held from January 17 to 19, 2025. This prestigious event witnessed the participation of thirty-two teams representing India's premier law institutions, including National Law Universities.

The Inaugural Ceremony, held on January 18, 2025,

commenced with a gracious welcome by Dr Mayuri H. Pandya, Dean, Faculty of Law. She extended her greetings to an august gathering of dignitaries, including the Chief Guest, Hon'ble Ms. Justice Bela M. Trivedi, Judge, Supreme Court of India, and the Guest of Honour, Hon'ble Mr. Justice N.V. Anjaria, Chief Justice, High Court of Karnataka. The ceremony also welcomed esteemed personalities



such as Hon'ble Mr. Justice Biren Vaishnav, Judge, High Court of Gujarat, Hon'ble Ms. Justice Vaibhavi Nanavati, Judge, High Court of Gujarat; Hon'ble Mr. Justice Pranav Trivedi, Judge, High Court of Gujarat; Hon'ble Mr. Justice Deepak Roshan, Judge, High Court of Jharkhand; Dr Sudhir Nanavati, President, GLS University; and Mr. Devang Nanavati, Vice President, GLS University. Reflecting on the essence of striving for excellence, Dr Pandya remarked, "The emotion to perform at your best will set everything in motion."

In his inaugural address, Mr. Devang Nanavati underscored the significance of continuous learning for legal professionals, advocating for a comprehensive understanding of history, literature, and constitutional principles. Drawing inspiration from Aristotle, he elaborated on the importance of ethos, pathos, and logos in legal reasoning, emphasizing independent thought

process and the study of jurisprudence.

Hon'ble Mr. Justice N.V. Anjaria, in his insightful address, encouraged budding lawyers to uphold integrity, leverage technology judiciously, and focus on the practical application of legal tenets, affirming, "Victory lies not in the trophy but in participation itself."

The Chief Guest, Hon'ble Ms. Justice Bela M. Trivedi, paid homage to the enduring legacy of Shri I.M. Nanavati and extolled moot court competitions as a crucible for developing research and advocacy skills. She urged participants to embrace humility, adaptability, and an unwavering commitment to justice in a profession that continually evolves. Quoting a profound Sanskrit verse, "Dharma eva hato hanti dharmo rak ati rak ita " (Dharma, when destroyed, destroys; Dharma, when protected, protects), she left the audience inspired.

The ceremony also featured an address by the previous year's winners, who recounted their journey, instilling motivation in the current cohort. The event concluded with poignant messages from the dignitaries, a vote of thanks, and the National Anthem.

Over the subsequent two days, participants engaged in intense rounds adjudicated by senior advocates and judges of the High Court of Gujarat. The grand finale, held on January 19, 2025, was



presided over by Hon'ble Mr. Justice Biren A. Vaishnav and Hon'ble Mr. Justice Pranav Trivedi, Judges of the High Court of Gujarat.

The Valedictory Ceremony, on January 19, 2025, at the GLS University Auditorium, was a fitting culmination of the competition. Dr Sudhir Nanavati, President, GLS University, welcomed the Chief Guest, Hon'ble Mr. Justice Biren A. Vaishnav, and the Guest of Honour, Hon'ble Mr. Justice Pranav Trivedi. Reflecting on his illustrious 52-year legal career, Dr Nanavati highlighted the dynamism of the legal field, emphasizing the values of respect, meticulous preparation, and lifelong learning.

Dr Mayuri Pandya recounted the event's vibrant three-day journey, lauding the participants' dedication and the rigorous judging process.

Hon'ble Mr. Justice Pranav Trivedi characterized the competition as a microcosm of real-world legal challenges, highlighting the role of critical thinking, research, and composure under pressure in shaping astute legal minds.

Hon'ble Mr. Justice Biren A. Vaishnav extolled moot court competitions for instilling confidence in budding lawyers and urged participants to uphold integrity and justice, resonating with the timeless Sanskrit maxim, "Yato Dharmastato Jayah" (Where there is Dharma, there will be Victory).

Towards the end of the valedictory ceremony, the awards and cash prizes were awarded to the

winners. Cash prizes worth Rs. 5,46,000/- were distributed to the winners, making it the highest cash prize pool amongst all moot court competitions in India. The following awards were presented: The Winners' Trophy was awarded to Ms. Aarzoo Challana, Ms. Jasmeen Kaur, Ms. Divyanshi Srivastava, Rajiv Gandhi National Law University, Patiala, who also received a cash prize of Rs. 2,25,000/-. The Runner-Up Trophy was awarded to Chanakya National Law University, Patna, who received a cash prize of Rs. 1,50,000/-. The Best Student Advocate (Appellant) was awarded to Mohammad Rayan Khan, Guru Gobind Singh University School of Law and Legal Studies, New Delhi, who received a cash prize of Rs. 50,000/-. The Best Student Advocate (Respondent) was awarded to Devang Goswami, Karnavati University, Gandhinagar who received a cash prize of Rs. 50,000/-. The Best Memorial (Appellant) was awarded to Ram Manohar Lohiya National Law University, Lucknow, who received a cash prize of Rs. 25,000/-. The Best Memorial (Respondent) was awarded to Symbiosis Law School, Pune, who received a cash prize of Rs. 25,000/-. The Best Researcher award was presented to Ms. Kriti Sardana, Himachal Pradesh National Law University, Shimla, who received a cash prize of Rs. 21,000/-. The event concluded with a vote of thanks followed by the National Anthem.

The Faculty of Law, GLS University, remains steadfast in its commitment to nurturing legal talent and fostering excellence in legal education.



Virtual Client Counselling Competition



The Faculty of Law, GLS University, Ahmedabad, successfully hosted the Virtual Client Counselling Competition 2025 on February 12 and 22, 2025, witnessing enthusiastic participation of 32 teams from various law colleges and Universities across India. The event provided a dynamic platform for students to showcase their client interaction skills as well as advisory skills in a highly competitive setting.

The competition was structured in four rounds. The Preliminary Round, held on February 12, 2025, featured 32 teams who had pre-submitted the videos demonstrating their client counselling abilities. From these, the top 8 teams advanced to the Quarter-Final Round, held on February 22, 2025, engaging in live client counselling sessions. The best 4 teams progressed to the Semi-Final Round, culminating in an intense Final Round between the top 2 teams.

The event concluded with a virtual valedictory function, featuring insightful sessions by Ms. Megha Jani and Mr. Mrugen Purohit, distinguished advocates of the High Court of Gujarat. Their expert insights offered invaluable guidance to aspiring legal professionals. The highlight of the ceremony was the announcement of winners, celebrating the exceptional performances of the participants.

The event celebrated the top-performing teams with trophies and a total cash prize of Rs. 23,000/-.

The University School of Legal Studies, Chandigarh University, Punjab, was declared the Winner, receiving a cash prize of Rs.10,000/-, while Gujarat National Law University, Silvassa Campus secured the runner-up position with a prize of Rs.8,000/-. The esteemed title of Best Advocate was awarded to Ms. Neha, from the University School of Legal Studies, Chandigarh University, Punjab, along with a cash prize of Rs.5,000/-. All finalists were presented with certificates of merit, while the winners were honoured with cash rewards.

The event proved to be a significant learning experience, helping law students refine their client counselling and problem-solving skills in a professional environment. The Faculty of Law, GLS University, extends its heartfelt gratitude to all participants, judges, and faculty members whose contributions made this competition a grand success.



Virtual Judgment Writing Competition



The Faculty of Law, GLS University, successfully organized the highly anticipated Virtual Judgment Writing Competition 2024-25, which showcased the legal acumen and judgment-writing skills of law students across the country. The competition aimed to develop a critical, analytical, and structured mindset, enabling participants to apply legal principles with clarity and precision. At its core, the event sought to uphold the rule of law and promote a fair and balanced interpretation of legal statutes to ensure that justice is served.

This prestigious event saw participation from 35 teams across India, representing both national law universities and private law schools. The moot proposition focused on family laws, guardianship, and custody issues, challenging students to analyze complex legal scenarios and draft well-reasoned and legally sound judgments. The evaluation of submissions was conducted by the esteemed Hon'ble Justice B. N. Mehta, Former Judge of the High Court of Gujarat, who assessed each judgment based on factual analysis, issue identification, legal reasoning, citation of authorities, statutory interpretation, and the application of legal principles with precision.

The culmination of the competition, held on February 15, 2025, featured an insightful expert lecture on "Judicial Eloquence: The Art and Science of Writing Judgments," delivered by Hon'ble Mr. Justice M. R. Shah, Former Judge, Supreme Court of



India. His address provided invaluable guidance on the nuances of judgment composition, advising participants and students on the art of delivering well-structured and legally coherent decisions through the E-platform of the Faculty of Law, GLS University.

Prizes were awarded in three categories, with a total cash prize of Rs.18,000/- distributed among the winners. After a rigorous evaluation process, the Faculty of Law, Allahabad University, emerged as the winner, receiving a trophy along with a cash prize of Rs.10,000/-. The first runner-up position was secured by Geeta Institute of Law, Panipat, Delhi NCR, which was awarded a trophy and Rs.5,000/-. The second runner-up was the National University of Study & Research in Law, Ranchi, receiving a trophy and Rs.3,000/-. In addition to the winners, certificates of participation were awarded to all participants in recognition of their dedication and efforts.

The competition provided students with a unique opportunity to refine their legal writing, analytical reasoning, and judicial decision-making skills, reinforcing their understanding of the importance of well-reasoned judgments in the legal system.

The Faculty of Law, GLS University, remains committed to fostering academic excellence and professional development, ensuring that students continue to engage in thought-provoking legal discourse and skill-building initiatives.

Imbibing the Competitive Spirit

Debate Competition



The Faculty of Law, GLS University, under the banner of Thought Republic - Debating and Literary Society, hosted the Debate Competition 2024 for law students, featuring two formats: 'Public Forum – Policy Making' and 'Asian Parliamentary Debate'. The competition aimed to enhance critical thinking, oratory, and public speaking skills among budding lawyers. The preliminary round took place on July 18, 2024, with the final round held on July 20, 2024, at Thakorbbhai Desai Hall, Ahmedabad.

The preliminary round saw enthusiastic participation from 138 students across various law programs. Out of these, 12 participants qualified for the 'Public Forum – Policy Making' Debate Competition, while 30 participants advanced to the 'Asian Parliamentary Debate' Competition. The preliminary rounds were judged by eminent subject experts who praised the articulate arguments presented by the participants.

The final round for the 'Public Forum – Policy Making' format, themed "AI: World Saviour or Silent Threat?", commenced at 10:00 am on July 20, 2024. This round, judged by Dr Malti Mehta, Director, EMMRC, Ahmedabad, and Ms. Tejal Vasavada, Director and Outreach Co-ordinator, American Corner, Ahmedabad, featured 12 participants in 6 teams. The teams debated AI's potential benefits and risks, discussing its impact on industries, job displacement, ethical implications, and control

issues. The judges praised the participants' analytical depth, stressing the need to adapt to AI advancements. Ms. Himali Gandhi was awarded Best Speaker on the Government side, while Ms. Farzin Vakharia received the same honour for the Opposition. Ms. Farzin Vakharia and Mr. Jaimin Parmar were named Runner-Up, and Ms. Himali Gandhi and Mr. Mohit Jain emerged as the Winners.

The final round of the 'Asian Parliamentary Debate' format, held at 1:00 pm, focused on the theme "Game Zone Safety: Myth or Reality". Judged by Dr Sonali Pattnaik, Academic Educator, Poet and Visual Artist and Mr. Viral Parmar, Founder, Com Expo Cyber Security Foundation, this round featured 30 participants in 10 teams. Debaters discussed the risks associated with unregulated gaming zones and the need for responsible gaming practices and legislative actions. The judges were impressed by the participants' research and originality of arguments. Mr. Soham Singhala was awarded Best Speaker in favour of the motion, while Mr. Jayash Agrawal was recognized as the Best Speaker against the motion. The second runner-up team included Mr. Kanak Gupta, Ms. Siddhi Shah, and Ms. Payal Sirvi, the first runner-up team featured Ms. Tanushree Drolia, Mr. Abhinav Bharadwaj, and Mr. Rutvij Vyas, and the winners were Mr. Siddhant Mukharjee, Ms. Neha Sadhu, and Mr. Madhavendra Singh.

Dr Mayuri Pandya, Dean, Faculty of Law, GLS University, highlighted the significance of debate as a vital tool for young lawyers. The judges provided valuable feedback and commended the depth of analysis demonstrated by the participants. The sessions concluded with the announcement of the winners and runners-up, followed by the distribution of certificates and mementos. The debates underscored the students' dedication and the Faculty of Law's commitment to fostering critical thinking and public speaking skills among the law students.



Intra Moot Court Competition



The Faculty of Law, GLS University, organized an Intra Moot Court Competition 2024-25 with resounding success, marking a significant milestone in the academic journey of its students. The competition, which saw enthusiastic participation from fifty-two teams, began with the Preliminary Round on August 28, 2024, and culminated in a riveting Final Round on August 31, 2024.

The Preliminary Round was adjudicated by 24 distinguished Advocates of the High Court of Gujarat, each with immense experience in legal practice. Their expertise provided the participants with valuable insights and feedback, further honing their abilities. Ten teams advanced through the intense Preliminary Round, showcasing their superior legal reasoning and advocacy skills.

The Final Round was judged by Hon'ble Mr. Justice Umesh A. Trivedi, Judge, High Court of Gujarat and Hon'ble Mr. Justice Vimal K. Vyas, Judge, High Court of Gujarat, bringing a heightened sense of judicial integrity and significance to the competition. Dr Mayuri Pandya, Dean, Faculty of Law, GLS University, welcomed the esteemed judges,

expressing gratitude for their presence and the invaluable insights they would share with the students. Participants demonstrated remarkable poise and proficiency in presenting their cases, tackling complex legal issues with confidence and clarity.

The judges praised the participants for their thorough preparation and persuasive argumentation. They emphasized the importance of such competitions in developing the practical skills necessary for a successful legal career. They highlighted that today's students are preparing for their legal journey from the very beginning, equipping themselves with the skills necessary to excel in the profession. The judges also commended the Faculty of Law, GLS University, for organizing an event that not only challenged the students but also provided them with an opportunity to learn from experienced legal professionals.

The winners were recognized in various categories, including: Best Team, First Runner-Up, Second Runner-Up, Best Advocate – Appellant, Best Advocate – Respondent, Best Memorial –

Appellant, Best Memorial – Respondent and Best Researcher. Each award highlighted the exceptional talent and dedication displayed by the students throughout the competition.

This competition served as an excellent platform for students to gain practical experience and refine their mooting skills, bridging the gap between theoretical knowledge and practical application. It also provided them with an opportunity to engage with seasoned legal professionals, gaining perspectives that will be invaluable in their future careers.

The Faculty of Law, GLS University, is proud of the participants' achievements and remains committed to fostering an environment that nurtures the next generation of legal professionals. The success of this Intra Moot Court Competition underscores the University's dedication to providing its students with opportunities to excel and grow within the legal fraternity. The event concluded with a vote of thanks, expressing appreciation to the judges, participants, and organizers for their contributions to the success of the competition.



Novice Moot Court Competition



The Faculty of Law, GLS University, hosted the Novice Moot Court Competition 2024–25 with resounding success, offering a prestigious platform for first-year law students to refine their mooting prowess. Designed as a two-round competition, it catered exclusively to freshers across diverse academic streams, including the 5-Year Integrated B.A. LL.B., 5-Year Integrated B.B.A. LL.B. (Hons.), and 3-Year LL.B. (Hons.) programs. By excluding the pressures posed by seasoned senior students, this competition created a nurturing environment for novices, enabling them to build confidence, sharpen their research and argumentation skills, and familiarize themselves with courtroom procedures in a supportive setting. This early exposure is instrumental in fostering critical thinking, collaboration, and eloquent communication, laying a strong foundation for their future legal careers. The competition saw an overwhelming participation, with more than fifty teams registering, providing aspiring legal professionals with an invaluable opportunity to gain both practical experience and self-assurance.

The Preliminary Round, conducted on October 1, 2024, was marked by the spirited participation of all registered teams, each presenting their case before a panel of twelve distinguished advocates renowned for their extensive legal expertise. After meticulous evaluation, the top eight teams—representing both the Appellant and

Respondent sides—were selected to advance to the Final Round.

On October 5, 2024, the Final Round unfolded with palpable intensity, as these top teams showcased their legal acumen and advocacy skills. Presiding over the competition were two eminent legal professionals, Mr. Punit Juneja and Mr. Vikas Nair—both respected advocates at the High Court of Gujarat, known for their deep knowledge and extensive experience. In their closing remarks, the judges lauded the participants for their dedication, thorough research, and persuasive oratory, emphasizing how such mooting experiences are pivotal to laying a strong foundation for successful legal careers.

During the final proceedings, Advocate Punit Juneja offered invaluable feedback to the participants. He underscored the importance of adhering to courtroom standards in their submissions and urged the students to maintain a focused approach on the merits and facts of the case during rebuttals. Highlighting the solemn responsibility that comes with representing clients—whether individuals or acting in public interest—he advised the budding advocates to be ever mindful of the impact of their words, ensuring that their legal research was not limited to the fact sheet but extended to encompass all relevant statutes and principles.

In a similar vein, Advocate Vikas Nair, the second esteemed judge, stressed the importance of preparedness under pressure. He counselled participants to anticipate even the most obscure queries from the bench and to thoroughly analyze the fact sheet, identifying any potential loopholes that might arise during arguments. His insightful guidance aimed to prepare the students for the unpredictable and often challenging nature of courtroom dynamics.

The competition reached its zenith with the announcement of the winners, celebrating exceptional performances across several categories. The triumphant team of Parv Lodha, Aakarsha Shrivastava, and Pearl Dave clinched the title of Winners. In contrast, the team of Preet Patel, Payal Sirvi, and Arya Yadav secured the First Runners-Up position. The Second Runners-Up honours went to Riddhi Panchal, Priti Tarani, and Henil Kadia. Special awards followed, with Arya Yadav winning Best Memorial Appellant – Researcher, Pearl Dave securing Best Memorial Respondent – Researcher, Payal Sirvi being named Best Advocate Appellant, and Parv Lodha taking the title of Best Advocate Respondent. Trophies and certificates were awarded in recognition of their outstanding achievements, signifying the exceptional talent and unwavering dedication demonstrated by each participant throughout the competition.

Each accolade was not only a testament to individual and team excellence but also a reflection of the Faculty of Law's steadfast commitment to nurturing the next generation of legal professionals through immersive, practical learning experiences.

The Novice Moot Court Competition 2024-25, organized with precision and care by the Novice Moot Court Committee, sought to instil a spirit of learning, collaboration, and confidence among the first-year participants. It offered them a rare opportunity to delve into the complexities of moot court proceedings while encouraging peer-to-peer learning and fostering critical self-reflection. The judges, in their final address, reaffirmed the importance of such initiatives in equipping law students with indispensable advocacy skills, a command of legal research, and the decorum expected within a courtroom setting—skills that will benefit them well throughout their legal education and beyond.

The Faculty of Law, GLS University, remains unwavering in its mission to cultivate young legal minds through continued practical exposure and experiential learning, and eagerly anticipates building upon this tradition in the years to come.



Inter-Semester Client Counselling Competition



The Faculty of Law, GLS University, successfully hosted the much-anticipated Inter-Semester Client Counselling Competition 2024-25 on Saturday, January 4, 2025. The event witnessed the participation of 29 teams from all the semesters of the Faculty of Law, competing with unparalleled enthusiasm and legal acumen. A panel of 12 esteemed advocates practicing at the Gujarat High Court for more than ten years judged every round.

The competition aimed to simulate real-world client interactions, challenging participants' skills in problem-solving, communication, and legal analysis within a professional setting. Towards the end, the judges appreciated the seamless organization and relevance of the event in fostering practical skills essential to aspiring lawyers. They emphasized the vital role of client counselling in legal practice, noting that a successful lawyer ensures the client feels satisfied and reassured

when leaving the office. They commended the Faculty of Law for providing such platforms that bridge theoretical knowledge with practical application.

The competition concluded with four coveted awards: Mr. Rutvij Vyas and Mr. Divyam Dave emerged as the winners; Mr. Kevin Modi and Mr. Shrey Malavi secured the first runners-up; and Ms. Janvi Chauhan and Ms. Devni Patel claimed the second runners-up position. Mr. Divyam Dave also received the Best Advocate award in recognition of his exceptional advocacy skills.

The Inter-Semester Client Counselling Competition 2024-25 is yet another event of the Faculty of Law's commitment to excellence in legal education, providing students with enriching experiences that prepare them for their future career in the field of law.



Learning through Observation

Gujarat Vidhaan Sabha



The Faculty of Law, GLS University, organized an educational visit to the Gujarat Vidhan Sabha for the students of B.A. LL.B. (Hons.) and B.B.A. LL.B. (Hons.) programs (Semester IV) on February 27, 2025. The objective of the visit was to understand the functioning of the state legislature by observing a live session, analyzing the intricacies of legislative discussions, and giving students firsthand experience of the legislative structure, working procedures, and democratic processes.

During the visit, students attended a live session of the Gujarat Vidhan Sabha, where discussions were taking place on the distribution of bicycles under the Saraswati Sadhana Yojana. The session gave students a firsthand look at governance mechanisms and legislative debates. They also observed discussions on Social Justice and

Empowerment led by Hon'ble Minister Harsh Sanghavi, Hon'ble Speaker of the Gujarat Vidhan Sabha, Shankar Chaudhary, and Leader of the Opposition Amit Chavda presenting their perspectives on the matter.

The highlight of the visit was an interaction with the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Gujarat, Bhupendra Patel, where students had an opportunity to engage directly in discussions and gain valuable insights into governance and policymaking.

Overall, the educational visit deepened their understanding of legislative proceedings and Gujarat's democratic framework.

Jivdaya Charitable Trust: A Practical Insight into Animal Protection Laws



The Faculty of Law, GLS University, organized an educational visit to Jivdaya Charitable Trust, Ahmedabad, on March 10, 2025, for the students of Semester VI – B.A. LL.B. and B.B.A. LL.B.(H.). The visit aimed to provide students with firsthand exposure to the practical aspects of animal welfare, rescue operations, and legal frameworks governing animal protection in India.

During the visit, students explored the veterinary care facilities, interacted with experts and caregivers, and observed the rehabilitation process of rescued animals. The Trust's free medical aid services for injured and abandoned animals, along with their 24/7 animal rescue operations, underscored the vital role played by NGOs in enforcing animal rights and welfare laws.

A focused discussion session was conducted on key legal provisions, including the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act, 1960, and the Wildlife Protection Act, 1972, where students actively engaged with experts to understand the challenges of law enforcement, policy gaps, and the need for stronger advocacy. The visit proved to be an eye-

opening experience, reinforcing the importance of legal awareness, activism, and community involvement in animal protection. Students left with a deeper appreciation of the intersection between law and welfare, equipping them with valuable insights for their academic and professional journeys.

This experiential learning initiative reflects GLS University's commitment to holistic legal education, bridging the gap between theoretical knowledge and real-world application.



Common Effluent Treatment Plant at Vatva



The Faculty of Law, GLS University, organized on Saturday, February 15, 2025, an educational visit for fifty Semester VI B.A. LL.B. students to the Green Environment Services Cooperative Society Ltd. (GESCSL) – a Common Effluent Treatment Plant (CETP) in Ahmedabad. The visit exposed students to practical exposure to environmental regulations, pollution control mechanisms, and legal compliance in industrial waste management.

They observed all stages of effluent treatment, including primary, secondary, and tertiary treatment processes. Experts at GESCSL explained the legal and environmental obligations governing industrial waste disposal and how industries adhere to the Environmental Protection Act, Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, and other regulatory frameworks. The students gained

insights into waste segregation, chemical treatment, biological treatment, and sludge management.

This visit formed part of the Faculty of Law's experiential learning initiatives, bridging theoretical legal concepts with real-world implementation. It reinforced students' understanding of environmental law, sustainable industrial practices, and corporate accountability in pollution control.

The Faculty of Law, GLS University, remains committed to providing its students with practical exposure and industry engagement, ensuring they develop a comprehensive perspective on law and governance in environmental protection.



Inside the Digital Battlefield



On 27th March 2025, students of GLS University's Faculty of Law embarked on an insightful field visit to the Cyber Crime Cell at Navrangpura Police Station, Ahmedabad. Guided by Dr Sonal Raval, the visit formed part of the Cyber Law curriculum and bridged theoretical knowledge with the practical world of digital investigations.

The visit was led by Officer Mr. Naveen, who gave students a deep dive into the functioning of the cyber cell. From UPI scams and credit card frauds to identity theft, cyberstalking, and darknet-related offenses, the cyber cell tackles a wide array of technology-driven crimes. Students learned how complaints are registered through the National Cyber Crime Reporting Portal (<https://cybercrime.gov.in>), categorized, and tracked using digital forensics, IP tracing, and banking coordination.

Two chilling case studies were shared: a .284 crore digital arrest scam targeting a university

professor and a loan fraud in which a stolen PAN card was misused. These real-life examples gave students a glimpse into the psychological manipulation and technical finesse employed by cybercriminals.

The cyber officers also explained legal tools such as Section 94 of the BNSS and described how coordination with technology companies and financial institutions is essential for effective enforcement. Students were fascinated to learn that cyber helpdesks now operate in every police station, ensuring faster grievance redressal for victims.

More than just a study tour, the visit to the Cyber Cell was a transformative educational experience. It reinforced the importance of cyber law in today's digital age by connecting theory and practice. We returned not only more informed but also acutely aware of the legal, technical, and human dimensions of cybercrime.



Labour and Industrial Court, Ahmedabad



The Faculty of Law, GLS University, organized an educational visit to the Labour and Industrial Court, Ahmedabad, on March 17, 2025, as part of the continuous evaluation for the course on Labour Law - I for the students of Semester II – LL.B.(Hons.). The visit aimed to provide a hands-on learning experience, bridging the gap between theoretical knowledge and practical applications in the field of labour law.

The visit, organized by the Faculty of Law, allowed students to witness live court proceedings, exposing them to the complexities of labour disputes, industrial relations, and the judicial processes involved in resolving such issues. From cases involving wrongful termination, wage disputes, and matters of employee rights and industrial actions, the students gained first-hand insight into how labour laws are enforced in real time. After reaching the court premises, the students had a brief interaction with Mr. R.G. Devdhara, President of the Industrial Court, Ahmedabad, Gujarat. He explained the functioning of Labour and Industrial Courts and discussed the prospects in industrial and labour courts.

An eminent panel of Labour Law experts and Senior Advocates practicing in labour laws—including Mr. Satyendrabhai Gandhi, President Labour Law Practitioners, Mr. J.M. Patel, President, Federation Labour Laws, Gujarat; Mr. B.B. Thesia, Senior Advocate; Mr. Vikram K. Mashar, Senior

Advocate; and Mr. Bhargav Joshi, Senior Advocate—took time to explain various aspects of the proceedings, elaborating on how the Labour Court functions as a quasi-judicial authority in resolving disputes between employers and employees. Students observed the role of legal practitioners, the application of case laws, and the importance of evidence and legal arguments in shaping the court's decisions.

The students were highly engaged, asking pertinent questions and interacting with legal professionals, who shared their experiences of working within the realm of labour and industrial law. This visit not only reinforced their classroom learning but also sparked interest in pursuing specializations in labour law among several attendees.

This experiential learning initiative underscores GLS University's commitment to holistic legal education, bridging the gap between theoretical knowledge and real-world application.



**Samvidhaan
Safar**

Unveiling of 'Samvidhan Safar: Journey of the Constitution of India



On September 28, 2024, the Faculty of Law at GLS University ceremoniously inaugurated Samvidhan Safar: Journey of the Constitution of India, a year-long tribute to the 75th anniversary of the Indian Constitution. The launch event witnessed an exuberant assembly of students, faculty, and distinguished legal professionals. This grand occasion heralded the commencement of a year-long program, featuring a series of intellectually invigorating and dynamic activities.

The event commenced with an inspiring welcome address by Dr Chandni Kapadia, Executive Director of GLS University, who eloquently emphasized the importance of Samvidhan Safar in cultivating constitutional values and fostering legal awareness among students. Dr Kapadia expressed her anticipation for the upcoming year, highlighting the profound significance of understanding the Constitution in the context of contemporary India. She highlighted that the Constitution of India, the very foundation of our democracy, is approaching its 75th year, coinciding with GLS University's milestone of completing 10 years of its own existence. This, she remarked, is a historic occasion

for GLS University, as we embark on a year-long celebration – Samvidhan Safar.

Dr Mayuri Pandya, the distinguished Dean of the Faculty of Law, delivered an enlightening outline of the programme, providing a comprehensive overview of the event while detailing the year-long celebration of Samvidhan Safar. With great enthusiasm, she conveyed her anticipation for the series, highlighting its potential to inspire both students and faculty to engage deeply with India's rich constitutional heritage, fostering a heightened appreciation for its enduring principles and values.

Mr. Devang Nanavati, Vice President, GLS University and Senior Counsel at the High Court of Gujarat in his thought-provoking address, titled "Samvidhan Safar - Journey of Constitution of India", eloquently reflected on the Constitution's illustrious history. He solemnly acknowledged the Constitution's vital role in shaping India's legal and democratic framework, while emphasizing the enduring need to actively engage with its foundational principles. He also commended the initiative, describing it as a timely and visionary undertaking, designed to inspire students and



faculty alike to delve deeper into the profound intricacies of India's supreme law with renewed passion and insight. His speech ignited thoughtful discussions, reaffirming the critical importance of constitutional literacy in today's ever-changing world. He eloquently articulated the legislative and constitutional history of India, emphasizing that our Constitution stands as the arc stone upon which the very edifice of the nation is built. He further highlighted that the Preamble serves as the heart and soul of the Constitution, empowered by none other than "We, the people of India..." In a fitting reflection, he remarked, "History never repeats itself; it is people who repeat history." His keynote address was followed by a thought-provoking and engaging interactive session with the budding lawyers.

A momentous highlight of the event was the formal unveiling of the Samvidhan Safar logo by Shri Sudhir Nanavati, President, GLS University. The logo, symbolizing the core values and enduring journey of the Indian Constitution, was greeted with widespread acclaim from the audience.

With the successful inauguration of Samvidhan Safar, GLS University embarks on a profound journey of exploration into the timeless wisdom and enduring principles enshrined in the Constitution of India. In the year ahead, this visionary initiative will feature a series of distinguished events, including a Rally: A Walk for Duties; a Panel Discussion on Gender Diversity and the Constitution; Constitution Know-how, various competitions; and outreach programmes- all aimed at fostering a deeper understanding and reverence for the Constitution.



कर्तव्य रैली

A Walk for Duties



Under the visionary leadership of Dr Sudhir Nanavati, President, GLS University, the Faculty of Law embarked on an illustrious and historic voyage of constitutional celebration with the unveiling of its year-long festivity, "संविधान सफर" (Samvidhan Safar), spanning from November 26, 2024 to November 26, 2025. This grand initiative commenced with a splendid and soul-stirring inaugural event, "कर्तव्य रैली – A Walk for Duties". On the tranquil and refreshing morning of Sunday, December 1, 2024, the rally blossomed into a vibrant tapestry of unity, bringing together enthusiastic law students, esteemed faculty members, and distinguished dignitaries. Together, they marched with unwavering conviction, championing constitutional duties as the bedrock of a just, harmonious, and enlightened society.

The program unfolded with an inspiring introduction by Dr Mayuri Pandya, Dean, Faculty of Law, whose eloquence and vision set the tone for the occasion. She masterfully articulated the profound essence of Samvidhan Safar, delving into

its aspirations and its pivotal role in fostering a deep-seated constitutional awareness. Her stirring address resonated with the audience, underscoring the transformative power of civic responsibility in nurturing a nation that thrives on justice, harmony, and equality.

The presence of the Chief Guest, Prof. (Dr.) Amar Pal Singh, Vice Chancellor, Dr Ram Manohar Lohiya National Law University, Lucknow, lent unparalleled grace and distinction to the event. Felicitated with heartfelt respect and admiration by Dr Sudhir Nanavati, President, GLS University, Prof. Singh's participation epitomized the academic excellence and commitment to constitutional values that this initiative celebrates.

The rally was ceremoniously flagged off amidst an electrifying atmosphere of enthusiasm and anticipation. Prof. (Dr.) Amar Pal Singh, Dr Sudhir Nanavati, Dr Chandni Kapadia, Executive Director, GLS University, and Dr Dharmesh Shah, Provost, came together to mark this historic beginning. A majestic Police Band led the procession, its

resonant melodies adding a regal splendour to the event. Law students marched in harmonious unity, their vibrant energy encapsulated in their spirited slogans, colourful placards, and lively banners, as they carried balloons aloft—a symbolic tribute to the ideals of liberty, equality, and fraternity enshrined in the Constitution. Together, they passionately advocated the essence of constitutional duties, their voices and presence igniting the spirit of freedom and responsibility.

The “कर्तव्य रैली” stood as a resounding testament to the GLS University’s unwavering dedication to fostering civic responsibility and constitutional pride within its community. As the inaugural event of the year-long “संविधान सफर” initiative, it laid the foundation for an inspiring series of purposeful activities designed to honour and celebrate the enduring legacy of the Indian Constitution. This magnificent beginning heralded a year of reflection, action, and collective commitment to the ideals that define and elevate our nation.



“नई सोच, नया भारत” – A Street Play



The Faculty of Law, GLS University, celebrated 75 years of the Constitution of India with a powerful and enlightening street play titled “नई सोच, नया भारत” (A New Vision, A New India) on Friday, December 20, 2024, at two iconic venues — Law Garden and Parimal Garden. The event witnessed an overwhelming response from the public, leaving an indelible impact on the hearts and minds of attendees. It was the second event in the series of year-long celebration of ‘Samvidhan Safar’ after the ‘Kartavya Rally’.

The street play aimed to raise awareness about the Fundamental Rights enshrined in the Constitution of India while educating and inspiring citizens about their significance in shaping a progressive, inclusive, and just society. Through gripping performances and relatable narratives, the play brought to life five pivotal rights: Freedom of Speech and Expression (Article 19), Right to Gender Equality (Articles 14-15), Right Against Exploitation (Articles 23-24), Right to Constitutional Remedies (Articles 226 and 32), Right to Life and a Healthy Environment (Article 21).

The performances at Law Garden and Parimal Garden captivated audiences of all ages, evoking deep emotions and sparking meaningful discussions. The cast, comprising enthusiastic students from the Faculty of Law, GLS University, delivered a riveting performance that blended

drama, music, and social messages, leaving the audience inspired and introspective.

The event served as a profound tribute to the framers of the Indian Constitution, reinforcing the importance of its core principles in contemporary times. Speaking on the occasion, the organizers said, “This play is our humble attempt to bring the Constitution closer to the people. It reminds us of our rights as citizens of this great nation.” The audience expressed their appreciation through applause and numerous praiseworthy remarks, recognizing the initiative as a timely reminder of the power of collective action in building a brighter future.

The Faculty of Law, GLS University, extends its heartfelt gratitude to all who supported and attended the event. Together, let us march forward with “नई सोच” and create a “नया भारत” rooted in justice, equality, and liberty for all.



Virtual Bill Drafting Competition



The Faculty of Law, GLS University, successfully organised the Virtual Bill Drafting Competition 2024-25, as a part of the year-long celebration of Samvidhan Safar: A Journey of Constitution of India. This event was organized to foster the art of legislative drafting among students and encourage them to create effective and impactful legal instruments. It also sought to deepen participants' understanding of legislative processes, promote innovative legal thinking, and enable them to address contemporary societal issues through well-drafted bills. The topic of the competition was the Statute of Limitation on 20-year Criminal Cases.

A total of 45 teams from prestigious national law universities and private law schools across the country participated, each challenged to draft bills on pressing national issues while balancing legal accuracy, social impact, and legislative clarity.

The submissions were evaluated by the distinguished Hon'ble Mr. A.G. Uraizee, Former Judge of the High Court of Gujarat, based on multiple parameters including depth of analysis, clarity and organization, appropriate formatting and citation, quality of research, and writing style. His meticulous evaluation ensured that both technical precision and the quality of presentation were assessed thoroughly.

The Result Declaration Ceremony, held on 31st January 2025 was graced by keynote speaker, Mr. Vivek Sood, Senior Counsel, Supreme Court of India. He delivered a thought-provoking address

titled "Timeless Pursuit of Justice: Reconciling Constitutional Mandates with the State of Limitation on Indian Criminal Laws." Drawing from his personal experiences and legal anecdotes, he underscored the significance of time limitation in achieving justice through criminal law, inspiring participants and students to innovate within the legal framework.

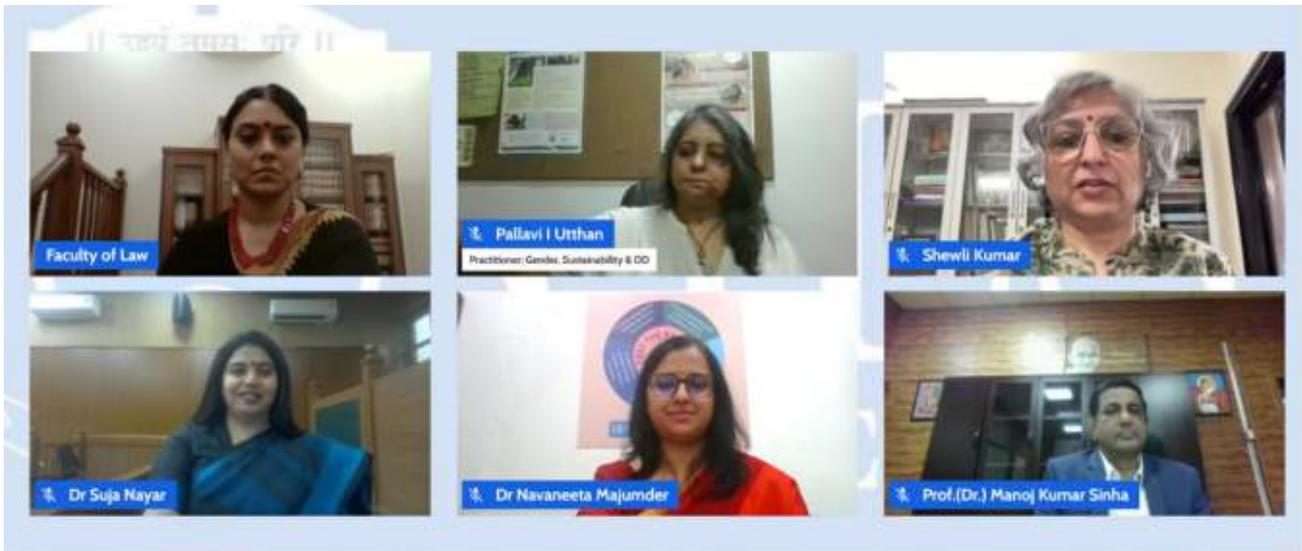
The competition recognised outstanding performances by awarding trophies and cash prizes amounting to a total of Rs. 16,000/-, distributed across three categories. The Winning Trophy was bagged by the University Institute of Legal Studies, Panjab University, Chandigarh team, along with a cash prize of Rs. 8,000/-. The First Runner-up Trophy was secured by the Dharmashastra National Law University team, earning a cash prize of Rs. 5,000/-. Meanwhile, the Second Runner-up Trophy was claimed by the team from Symbiosis Law School, Nagpur, which received a cash prize of Rs. 3,000/-.

The Faculty of Law, GLS University, congratulates all participants for their exceptional efforts and dedication. The competition served as a platform to nurture legal acumen, innovation, and teamwork, furthering the mission of shaping future leaders in law and policy-making.

This event stands as a testament to the commitment of GLS University to provide its students with opportunities for intellectual growth and practical learning in the field of law.



Gender Justice: संविधान का स्वर - Virtual Panel Discussion



The Faculty of Law, GLS University, successfully hosted a thought-provoking Virtual Panel Discussion on "Gender Justice: संविधान का स्वर" on February 25, 2025, bringing together an esteemed panel of legal scholars, academicians, and social activists to deliberate on the evolving landscape of gender justice within the Indian constitutional framework. The session, held on the virtual platform Streamyard, featured insightful discussions on gender equality, legal rights, and the challenges in ensuring constitutional safeguards for all genders.

The distinguished panel featured Prof. (Dr.) Manoj Kumar Sinha, Vice-Chancellor, Dharmashastra National Law University; Prof. (Dr.) Pradeep Kulshreshtha, Dean, School of Law, Bennett University; Dr Shewli Kumar, Associate Professor, Tata Institute of Social Sciences; Ms. Deepika Bhardwaj, independent journalist and documentary filmmaker; and Ms. Pallavi Solti Rajpal, Joint CEO at Utthan, Gujarat. The discussion was moderated by Dr Navaneeta Majumder, Assistant Professor, Faculty of Law, GLS University and an expert in gender analysis and social impact.

The discussion began with Prof. (Dr.) Manoj Kumar Sinha, Vice-Chancellor, Dharmashastra National Law University, who highlighted how the Indian Constitution provides a robust foundation for gender justice beyond Articles 14, 15, and 16,

emphasizing Directive Principles of State Policy and judicial interpretations. He elaborated on the challenges in implementing gender-sensitive laws, citing hurdles in enforcement and societal resistance despite progressive legislations like the POSH Act, 2013.

Following this, Prof. (Dr.) Pradeep Kulshreshtha, Dean, Bennett School of Law, reflected on the judiciary's role in shaping gender justice, asserting that while the courts have been instrumental in advancing gender equity, there is a pressing need to move beyond formal equality towards a more substantive approach that addresses systemic barriers and real-world inequalities.

Providing a social work perspective, Dr Shewli Kumar, Associate Professor, Tata Institute of Social Sciences, emphasized the role of professional social work education in fostering gender justice. She critically examined gender disparities in childhood and how constitutional protections could be strengthened to ensure equal opportunities from an early age. Addressing workplace concerns, she pointed out gaps in legal provisions and the need for stricter enforcement mechanisms for laws like the POSH Act, 2013.

From a media and advocacy perspective, Ms. Deepika Bhardwaj, an independent journalist and equal rights activist, challenged common myths and misinterpretations surrounding gender

justice. She discussed the dual role of social media in shaping public opinion, noting that while it amplifies marginalized voices, it also perpetuates biases and misinformation, necessitating responsible digital engagement.

Adding grassroots insights, Ms. Pallavi Rajpal, Joint CEO, Utthan, Gujarat, shed light on barriers preventing marginalized women from accessing constitutional rights, emphasizing intersecting factors of caste, religion, and socioeconomic status. She highlighted the role of NGOs in bridging the policy-implementation gap and called for targeted constitutional and policy reforms to enhance inclusivity and accessibility.

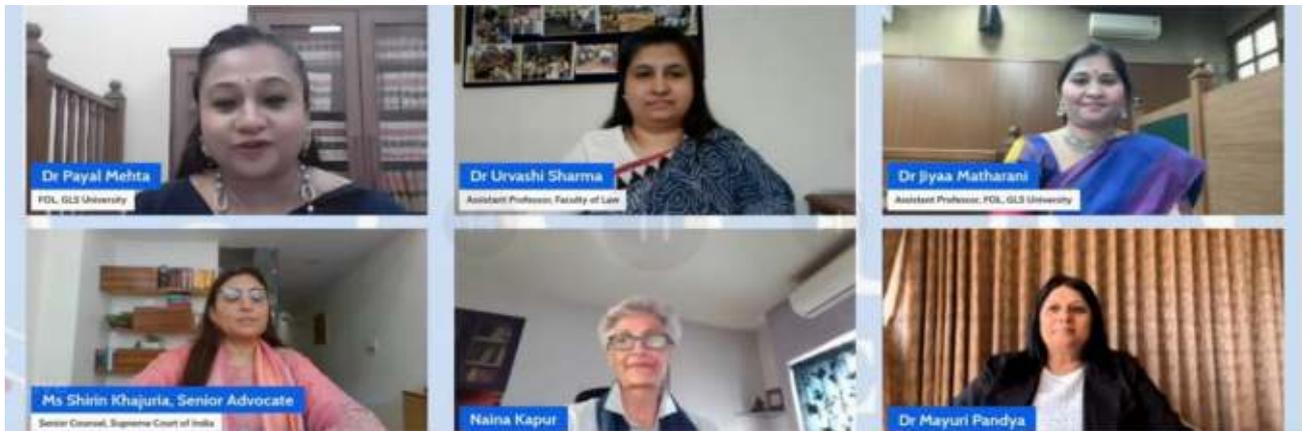
Dr Majumder facilitated the discussion with pertinent questions, ensuring a comprehensive dialogue on the multi-faceted challenges of gender justice. The panelists also engaged with

queries from attendees, offering nuanced perspectives on gender-sensitive legal frameworks, the role of judiciary and law enforcement, and strategies for fostering inclusivity through policy reforms and societal change.

The session witnessed active participation from students, academicians, legal professionals, and social activists, reflecting a keen interest in the intersection of law, gender, and justice. The engaging discourse underscored the importance of continuous dialogue and advocacy to ensure the Constitution's vision of equality translates into lived realities. The Faculty of Law, GLS University, reaffirmed its commitment to fostering discussions on critical legal and social issues, paving the way for more such knowledge-sharing initiatives in the future.



Special Focus on PILs – A Webinar on The Constitution of India



As a part of its year-long celebration, Samvidhan Safar, the Faculty of Law, GLS University, organized an insightful session titled “Webinar on the Constitution of India Special Focus on PILs” on March 1, 2025. The event featured three distinguished Supreme Court advocates who have played pivotal roles in shaping Indian legal jurisprudence through impactful verdicts and judicial precedents. Their expertise and experiences added depth to the discussion, offering attendees valuable perspectives on the evolving legal landscape.

The session witnessed enthusiastic participation from students, faculty members, and legal professionals, fostering meaningful dialogue on justice, constitutional principles, and the judiciary's role in safeguarding rights.

The panel included Ms. Naina Kapur, Advocate, Supreme Court of India, renowned for her pioneering work in the Vishakha v. State of Rajasthan case, which led to the formulation of the Vishakha Guidelines on workplace sexual harassment for women, a cornerstone of gender justice; Ms. Shirin Khajuria, Senior Advocate, Supreme Court of India, who played a significant role in State of Maharashtra v. Bandu, a case with far-reaching implications in criminal law and procedural justice in India; and Ms. Aparna Bhat, Senior Advocate, Supreme Court of India, the leading counsel in Laxmi v. Union of India, a landmark case that strengthened legal protections for acid attack survivors and contributed to regulatory changes concerning acid sales. The advocates presented their experiences,

emphasizing the challenges encountered in their respective cases and the influence of their legal battles on the Indian legal system.

Ms. Kapur emphasised the importance of legal frameworks in ensuring gender equity at workplaces, while Ms. Khajuria discussed the nuances of criminal litigation and justice delivery. Ms. Bhat's insights on victim rights and rehabilitation measures deeply resonated with the viewers, highlighting the power of legal advocacy in driving societal change.

The interactive session concluded with a dynamic question-and-answer segment, where students posed thoughtful questions and sought guidance on legal careers and advocacy strategies. This event emphasised the essential role of law in driving social change and inspired aspiring legal professionals to actively pursue justice for all.

Samvidhan Safar continues its journey with more intellectually stimulating events in the coming months, fostering constitutional awareness and legal discourse among students and legal professionals.



Voices for the Voiceless: Breaking the Silence - Documentary Making Competition



Result Declaration Ceremony of Virtual Documentary Making competition : Voices for the voiceless; break

As a part of the ongoing year-long celebration titled "संविधान सफर", the Faculty of Law, GLS University, successfully arranged the Virtual Documentary Making Competition 2024-25 under the theme "Voices for the Voiceless: Breaking the Silence." The competition offered a meaningful platform for students to shed light on issues affecting voiceless communities, animals, and the environment-encouraging critical thinking and social awareness through the powerful medium of documentary filmmaking.

The competition witnessed the enthusiastic participation of teams from various institutions nationwide, submitting enthralling and thought-provoking documentaries. Through their visual narratives, participants explored critical and contemporary issues rooted in environmental sustainability, ecological justice, animal welfare and protection, human rights, and social vulnerability. The documentaries amplified the voices of the marginalized communities and presented insightful narratives highlighting the unheard and the unseen picture of the society. The documentaries were judged by Mr. Om Pandey, a respected Director, Producer and a Storyteller, who brought his expertise to the evaluation process, appreciating the creativity and depth of the participating teams.

The Result Declaration Ceremony was held on April 12, 2025, at 11:00 AM via the official virtual platform of the Faculty of Law and was streamed live on its

official YouTube channel. The event was graced by the Chief Guest, CA Mit Jani, a renowned Producer and Director, who shared valuable insights on the art of visual storytelling and its powerful influence on driving social change. In his address, he emphasized the growing relevance of visual expression as a dynamic tool for promoting justice and reformation in today's society.

The Winning Team from St. Xavier's University, Kolkata, received a cash prize of Rs.8000/-. The First Runners-up, Central University of South Bihar, Bihar, received Rs.5000/-, and the Second Runners-up, K. P. Shah Law College, Gujarat, received Rs.3000/-. A total of Rs.16,000/- was distributed among the top three teams to recognize their dedication, innovation, and social commitment.

This competition not only celebrated artistic excellence but also reaffirmed the constitutional values of dignity, equality, and justice-encouraging students to become vocal advocates for the unheard, using the transformative lens of filmmaking.



**Legal Literacy
@ Legal Aid Clinic**

LEX QUIZATHON



The Faculty of Law, GLS University took great pride in organising The Lex Quizathon, a dynamic and intellectually stimulating quiz competition, on Saturday, July 13, 2024, at the prestigious Thakorbhai Desai Hall. This significant event was organised by the Legal Aid Clinic of the Faculty of Law to commemorate International Justice Day, celebrated globally on July 17, 2024. The event sought to enhance students' legal acumen, general knowledge, and foster a spirit of camaraderie among participants.

The event began with an enthusiastic welcome address by the coordinator of the Legal Aid Clinic, who warmly greeted the participants and the audience with warmth and enthusiasm. The coordinator provided an overview of the rules and format of the competition, setting the stage for a day filled with intellectual rigour and competitive spirit. Quiz competitions like the Lex Quizathon test participants' knowledge across a wide range of subjects, promoting intellectual agility, quick thinking, and a deep understanding of topics from science and history to literature and current affairs.

About 130 students from various semesters of the different Law programmes at GLS University

participated in the competition. Of these, 15 students qualified for the final round on July 13, 2024. The competition featured five rounds, each designed to assess different facets of the participant's knowledge and understanding:

1. General Knowledge Round: This round tested the participants' awareness of current affairs and general knowledge across various fields such as science, history, literature, and current events.
2. Basic Knowledge of Law Round: This round focused on fundamental legal concepts and principles, providing a solid foundation for the participants.
3. Torts Round (Buzzer): This round delved into the intricacies of tort law, challenging the participants' understanding of legal responsibilities and civil wrongs.
4. Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) Round (Bizzer): This round explored various methods of resolving disputes outside traditional courtroom settings, emphasizing negotiation, mediation, and arbitration.
5. Indian Constitution and Contracts Round (TIC TAC TOE): This final round tested the



participants' knowledge of the Indian Constitution and contract law, two critical areas of legal study.

Quiz competitions are not just about winning; they serve as platforms for learning, where curiosity and the pursuit of knowledge take center stage. Participants, often grouped into teams or competing individually, engage in rapid-fire questioning, aiming to showcase their knowledge and problem-solving skills under pressure. These events encourage participants to expand their knowledge base and promote camaraderie and sportsmanship among contestants.

The excitement in Thakorbhai Desai Hall was palpable as participants eagerly awaited the start of the competition. The audience, comprising faculty members, fellow students, and distinguished guests, added to the vibrant atmosphere with their enthusiastic support. Each round was conducted with precision, testing both the knowledge and quick thinking of the participants. The rapid-fire questioning kept both the participants and the audience on the edge of their seats, highlighting the competitive spirit of the event.

The Chief Guest for the event was Hon'ble Mr. Justice B. N. Mehta, Former Judge of the High Court of Gujarat. His presence added an aura of distinction to the event. Justice Mehta, known for his profound legal acumen and significant contributions to the judiciary, was the perfect choice to grace the occasion. He shared valuable insights and words of wisdom with the participants, emphasizing the importance of continuous learning and staying updated with the latest legal developments. Justice Mehta's address to the participants was inspiring and motivating.



He spoke about the evolving nature of the legal field and the importance of staying abreast with current legal trends and developments. He encouraged the participants to view such competitions not just as a test of knowledge, but as opportunities for learning and personal growth.

After intense rounds of competition, the moment everyone had been waiting for finally arrived. Justice Mehta took to the stage to announce the winners and runners-up of The Lex Quizathon.

The runners-up of the competition were: -

- Lunawat Anushka (Semester III, LL.B. (Hons.))
- Bukhari Kayanat (Semester I, LL.B. (Hons.))
- Anushka Sharma (Semester V, B.B.A. LL.B. (Hons.))

The winners of the competition were: -

- Dhruvi Ved (Semester VII, B.A. LL.B.)
- Shraddha Shah (Semester I, B.B.A. LL.B. (Hons.))
- Devanshi Bhatnagar (Semester III, B.B.A. LL.B. (Hons.))

The winners and runners-up were applauded for their outstanding performances. Their hard work, dedication, and extensive knowledge were evident throughout the competition. Each winner received a trophy and a certificate, serving as a testament to their exceptional intellectual abilities and perseverance. Towards the end of the event, Justice Mehta and Dr Mayuri Pandya, Dean of the Faculty of Law, addressed the gathering. They appreciated the efforts of all the participants, organizers, and winners, commending them for their dedication and hard work that contributed to the successful completion of the event.

Dr Mayuri Pandya, Dean, Faculty of Law, highlighted the importance of such events in the academic calendar. She emphasized that these competitions provide a platform for students to showcase their knowledge and skills, foster healthy competition, and promote a spirit of continuous learning. She also acknowledged the role of the Legal Aid Clinic in organizing such a well-structured and impactful event.

The Lex Quizathon 2024 was not just a competition; it was a celebration of knowledge, learning, and intellectual curiosity. The event underscored the importance of legal education and lifelong learning. It provided a platform for

students to challenge themselves, broaden their perspectives, and engage in healthy competition.

The success of the event was a testament to the meticulous planning and execution by the organizing committee, the enthusiasm and dedication of the participants, and the unwavering support of the faculty and administration of GLS University. The event fostered a sense of community among the students, encouraging them to learn from each other and grow together.



**Going the Green Way
@ Environmental Law Clinic**

A special session on Bioethics

"May the earth be protected by our good deeds, and may our good deeds be protected by the pure water (mother nature)."



Environmental Law Clinic, Faculty of Law, GLS University, successfully hosted a special session on "Bioethics" on August 10, 2024, at Thakorbbhai Desai Hall, Law Garden, Ellisbridge, Ahmedabad. The event featured Dr Megha Bhatt, Scientist and Founder, SciKnowTech Academy, who delivered an insightful presentation on key issues in bioethics.

During her address, Dr Megha Bhatt delivered an engaging session, by highlighting its multidisciplinary nature across medical, animal, and environmental domains. She emphasized the importance of evaluating ethical practices and promoting human well-being while preserving nature. Dr Bhatt reviewed significant case studies, including the Narmada Sardar Sarovar Dam and the Chipko Movement, to illustrate legal and conservation impacts.

Dr Bhatt discussed core concepts such as integrational justice, sustainability, and the precautionary principle. Dr Bhatt explored areas including biodiversity, climate change, sustainable

development, genetic engineering, and animal rights, using a farmers' case study for illustration. Other topics included the effects of genetically modified plants, the UN's Sustainable Development Goals, and human encroachment on habitats. The session also covered ethical theories like utilitarianism, deontological ethics, and virtue ethics.

Dr Bhatt concluded with a call to action for nature conservation, invoking the interconnectedness of all life forms. During the Q&A, she addressed the coexistence of infrastructure and environmental growth, the impact of genetically modified crops on farmers, student-led sustainability initiatives, and the positive potential of AI and biotechnology.

The session was well-received by students and faculty alike, marked by lively discussions and thoughtful interactions. There was a strong student turnout for this thought-provoking session. The ELC successfully organized this insightful event, and we appreciate Dr Bhatt's contributions to advancing the discourse on bioethics and thank everyone who attended for their active participation.



Van Mahotsav



Van Mahotsav, or the Forest Festival is celebrated every year. To commemorate this festival, the Environmental Law Clinic of the Faculty of Law, GLS University, organized the Forest Laws Exhibition—“Van Mahotsav-The Forest Festival”- on July 25, 2024.

The exhibition covered the various components of regulatory mechanisms which are in force in India aiming at conservation and protection of environment. It featured landmark statutes such as the Indian Forest Act, 1927, the Indian Forest (Maharashtra Unification and Amendment) Act, 1960, The Forest Conservation Act, 1980; pivotal cases whereby the importance of environment protection was emphasized; various policies which have guided the government in this noble vision

and also elaborated upon the various environmental movements which took place in the country.

The exhibition also highlighted the monthly e-magazine, Ecobuzz, which is published by the Environmental Law Clinic of the Faculty of Law, GLS University, which provides the monthly updates in the field of environmental law.

A unique concept, “Spin the Wheel” was showcased in the exhibition whereby the visitors had to spin the wheel while resolving to take any of the Green Resolutions mentioned thereby, including the resolution to use reusable bags, to stop using plastic straws, to switch to reusable energy.



**Brushing the IP Skills
@ IP Law Clinic**

Intellect Resolve: The IP Mediation Battle Innovating Resolution:

Here's to the power of intellect and resolution!



The Faculty of Law, GLS University, under the aegis of its IP Law Clinic, successfully concluded the much-anticipated event, Intellect Resolve: The IP Mediation Battle, on December 21, 2024. This first-of-its-kind intellectual property (IP) mediation competition saw 40 dynamic teams vying for glory, showcasing their ingenuity, legal acumen, and mediation skills.

The event unfolded in two thrilling stages. The preliminary round, held on December 19, 2024, tested the mettle of participants through an intricate IP dispute. Teams engaged in a rigorous 15-minute internal discussion and submitted their 30-minute written solutions, from which 16 standout teams emerged victorious to proceed to the finals.

The grand finale, held on December 21, 2024, elevated the competition to a new level of intensity. Participants were tasked with resolving a fresh IP dispute under the guidance of seasoned judges and mediators. Each team assumed dual roles- as mediators for both the claimant and the respondent- during a challenging 25-minute session, navigating through complex issues to achieve equitable solutions.

The event was graced by four eminent figures in Intellectual Property Law and Mediation: Ms. Vijita Thakker, Legal Consultant; Mr. Samrat Mehta, Advocate and Trademark Attorney (Solicitor of England and Wales); Ms. Deepali Paun, Indian Patent Agent and IP Attorney; and Ms. Shivani Rajpurohit, Advocate of the High Court of Gujarat. In the keynote address, experts

highlighted the significance of the event, stating, Intellect Resolve provides an exceptional platform for young legal minds to engage in practical learning and develop the critical skills necessary for resolving IP disputes. Such initiatives not only nurture future mediators but also promote a culture of dialogue and resolution in this highly specialized area of law.

The teams demonstrated remarkable intellectual dexterity and professionalism, making the competition a resounding success. The top teams were recognized in two categories: Ms. Dwijal Jani and Ms. Bhoomika Chaudhary from B.A.LL.B. – Semester VI were declared the Winners, and Ms. Anushka Sharma and Mr. Aryan Bagga from B.B.A.LL.B. (Hons.) – Semester VI secured the position of First Runner-Up for their outstanding performance. They were awarded trophies by the esteemed panel, celebrating their exemplary efforts in resolving intricate IP disputes with finesse and expertise.

Intellect Resolve: The IP Mediation Battle has truly set a benchmark for innovation and excellence in legal education. It reaffirmed the Faculty of Law's commitment to providing students with experiential learning opportunities that hone their skills and prepare them for the evolving landscape of intellectual property law.

The IP Law Clinic extends heartfelt gratitude to all participants, judges, and organizers for making this event a remarkable success. Together, we have redefined the art of dispute resolution, leaving an indelible mark on the future of IP mediation.

**Let Equality Bloom
@ Gender Law Clinic**

Gender Sensitization Programme: Extempore Speech Competition



The Faculty of Law, GLS University, organized an Extempore Speech Competition on Saturday, September 21, 2024, at Thakorbhai Desai Hall. This event was organized as a part of the Gender Sensitization Programme under the aegis of the Gender Law Clinic, focused on the theme "From Shadows to Spotlight: Transcending Gender Bias."

The competition featured over 36 participants who delivered impromptu speeches on various aspects of gender bias, with topics ranging from overcoming societal expectations to fostering equality in professional and personal spheres. Each participant was given a few minutes to prepare, showcasing their ability to think critically and speak eloquently on pressing gender-related issues.

The competition was judged by an esteemed panel comprising: Dr Jooyoung Kim, Assistant Teaching Professor, IIT Gandhinagar and Dr Shailesh Brahmhatt, Assistant Professor, Children's Research University, Gandhinagar. The judges praised the participants for their insightful perspectives, clarity of thought, and passionate delivery, and highlighted how these discussions contribute to a more gender sensitive society. Dr Jooyoung Kim commended the budding lawyers as "warriors of the modern age."

The top performers were awarded for their exceptional presentations, with Ms. Mana Shah

securing the position of winner, Ms. Payal Seervi as First Runner-up and Mr. Aditya Gidwani as Second Runner-up. The event concluded with closing remarks from the Gender Law Clinic, encouraging students to continue being advocates for change in their communities.

This competition not only celebrated oratory talent but also reinforced GLS University's commitment to promoting gender awareness and fostering a more equitable and inclusive society.



Workshop on Women's Day

Breaking Barriers: Gender Sensitivity and Legal Frameworks for an Inclusive Society



The Faculty of Law, GLS University, organized an insightful workshop on March 8, 2025, titled "Breaking Barriers: Gender Sensitivity and Legal Frameworks for an Inclusive Society" at Thakorbhai Desai Hall, Ahmedabad, to mark International Women's Day. The workshop aimed to deepen understanding of gender sensitivity, inclusivity, and legal protections, equipping students with essential knowledge to help build a more equitable society.

The session was conducted by Ms. Binita Parikh, an esteemed Independent Communication Professional, Facilitator, and Coach. With an engaging and activity-based approach, Ms. Parikh emphasized the persistent gender bias in society, highlighting how ingrained norms and stereotypes hinder women's progress. She discussed women's challenges in professional spaces, legal battles, and social settings, emphasizing the need for proactive measures to bridge these gaps. Key focus areas included constitutional provisions, the Prevention of Sexual Harassment (PoSH) Act, and the evolving legal landscape in educational institutions.

The workshop saw enthusiastic participation from students, who actively engaged in interactive exercises, case discussions, and real-life scenario analyses. The session offered valuable insights into promoting gender inclusivity, understanding rights and responsibilities, and fostering a respectful environment in academic and professional spaces.



The event concluded with a Question-and-Answer session, where students sought clarity on legal provisions and practical applications of gender sensitivity in daily life.

The Faculty of Law, GLS University, remains committed to organizing such sessions that encourage legal awareness and social responsibility, ensuring that future legal professionals are well-equipped to advocate for inclusivity and equality.



The Fun Begins

SAPTRANGI 2.0



The Faculty of Law, GLS University, hosted the Intra Cultural Fest 2024-25 for its students on Friday and Saturday, August 2-3, 2024, at Thakorbhai Desai Hall, Ahmedabad. The event witnessed the enthusiastic participation of 250 students in various categories such as Art, Music, Drama and Dance. The inaugural session of SAPTRANGI 2.0, held on August 2, 2024, commenced with a vibrant and engaging opening performance by the students. Dr Mayuri Pandya, Dean, Faculty of Law, GLS University, delivered a heartfelt welcome address, emphasizing that the event served as a platform to showcase the multifaceted talents of law students beyond their academic pursuits. She highlighted how SAPTRANGI 2.0 showcases the diverse skills of students and brings their creative talents to the forefront.

The session was graced by the esteemed chief guests, Dr Mousam Mehta and Dr Malka Mehta, renowned celebrities known for their work as singers, dancers, and actors. Their involvement brought a unique charm to the event by actively participating in a captivating performance with the students, enchanting the audience with their presence.

The day's festivities included several exciting

segments. The first category, Drama - Monoacting, was adjudicated by the chief guests, who provided valuable feedback and encouragement to the participants. This was followed by the Classical Dance (Solo) category, judged by Ms. Manasi Karani, a Bharatanatyam expert. Ms. Karani concluded the category with a thoughtful message, encouraging students to explore at least one art form outside their main profession and to integrate artistic elements into their professional lives.

At the same time, the art events at the Faculty of Law, GLS University campus, were evaluated by a distinguished panel comprising Mr. Jigar Paropkari, a professional digital photographer, and Ms. Bharvi Trivedi and Ms. Gopi Shah, both esteemed art experts. Their assessments played a key role in highlighting the vibrant and diverse range of student creativity showcased during the fest.

The Music category, which featured solo, group, percussion, non-percussion, and western vocal performances, was reviewed by music expert Mr. Rujul Shah, whose constructive feedback was highly appreciated by all participants. The day concluded with the much-anticipated Folk Dance

Group event, judged by choreography experts Mr. Himanshu Patel and Ms. Anushka Dighe from the Ramzat Group. The first day of SAPTRANGI 2.0 proved to be a tremendous success, showcasing dynamic performances and valuable critiques. The event set an impressive precedent for the forthcoming activities, and the enthusiasm from participants and guests ensured that the second day would be equally exciting.

The second day of SAPTRANGI 2.0 kicked off with an engaging group drama performance in the Abhinay category. The performances were evaluated by Ms. Manasi Karani, a renowned Bharatnatyam expert, and Mr. Harshdeepsinh Jadeja, a distinguished theatre expert. Both judges were impressed by the students' creativity and commitment. Mr. Jadeja particularly praised the remarkable efforts and teamwork demonstrated

by all the participants.

Following the drama segment, the event smoothly transitioned to the highly anticipated dance category, which saw the most extensive participation. Esteemed dance and choreography experts Mr. Himanshu Patel and Ms. Anushka Dighe from the Ramzat Group served as judges for this segment. After an array of vibrant dance performances, the prize distribution ceremony commenced. Participants across various categories were recognized for their exceptional contributions, with awards presented to the winners, first runners-up, and second runners-up. The overall Semester Winner for SAPTRANGI 2.0 was awarded to Semester 1 of the Integrated B.B.A. LL.B. (Hons.) Programme. The event concluded on a high note, celebrating the talent and enthusiasm of all involved.



Days' Celebration

The Faculty of Law, GLS University, celebrated the much-awaited Days' Celebration 2024 with great enthusiasm and grandeur on December 27, 2024. The vibrant event brought together students, faculty members, and staff to bid farewell to the year 2024 and welcome the new year with charm, creativity, and cultural pride. The open space in front of the Faculty of Law building transformed into a lively hub of festivities, filled with colours, music, and joy.

The day was celebrated on December 27, 2024, as the Traditional and Fusion Fiesta Day. The event, coordinated by B.A. LL.B. Semester VI and B.B.A.LL.B. (Hons.) Semester VI, showcased a captivating blend of traditional attire and modern fusion fashion. Students mesmerized the audience

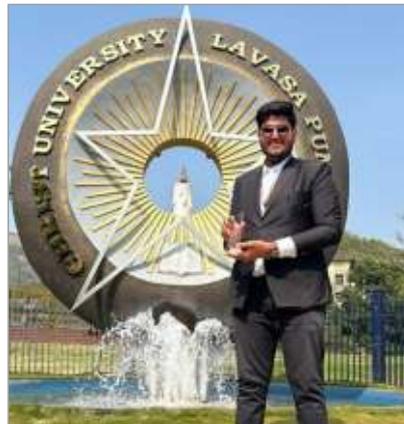
with their creativity, grace, and cultural pride, as the event celebrated the diversity and heritage that make us unique. The atmosphere was filled with energy as traditional music and dance performances added to the festive spirit, leaving everyone deeply inspired.

Students from Semesters IV and VIII provided their unwavering support to ensure the seamless execution of the event, making it a grand success. The Days' Celebration 2024 showcased the camaraderie, creativity, and vibrant spirit of the Faculty of Law, GLS University, leaving everyone with cherished memories to carry into the New Year 2025!



**Student Spotlight:
Excellence Recognized**

PATH TO THE BAR: THE RISING COUNSELS



MASTERS OF WORDCRAFT



ATHLETIC EXCELLENCE UNLEASHED



Faculty Achievements

Publication :

- Political Participation of Indian Diaspora in America, Britain and Canada, Published by Institute for Social Development and Research (ISDR), Ranchi, Jharkhand, ISBN: 978-93-93164-49-0, December 2024

Paper Presentations:

- Gadvi, Ankita and Das, Binod Kumar (2025) Comparative Analysis of Human Resource Management Strategies in public vs private educational institutions in India, International Conference on Law and Governance, Organized by Institute of Law, Nirma University, Ahmedabad, April 12-13, 2025.
- Das, Binod Kumar and Pandya, Mayuri (2025) Governance: Pathway to Developed India: Towards Efficiency and Simplicity in Citizen's Administration, International Conference on Beyond Boundaries: Law, Science and Technology in the Age of Innovation, 4-5, January, 2025, Organized by School of Law, Gujarat University, Ahmedabad.

Participation:

- One Week Online Faculty Development Programme on Law and Social Sciences, Organised by The National Law Institute University, Bhopal, October 18th – 25th October, 2024.
- One Month Online Certificate Course on Research Methodology 2023 & 2024, F. No. A-1/24 Varāhamihira Multidisciplinary Institute, Asiatic Society for Social Science Research, New Delhi, October 2024.



Dr Binod K. Das
Assistant Professor
Political Science

Special Achievements

- Conducted two workshops and training session on "Moot Court crafting and Judgment Reading" for the students of The institute of Company Secretaries of India on April 29, 2025 and February 17, 2025
- Invited to Judge the Preliminary Round of National Moot Court Competition organized by Nav Rachna University on January 4, 2025
- Invited to Evaluate 9 bench Memorandum (Memorials) of the JESSUP International Law Moot Court Competition 2025 (January 2025)
- Invited to conduct 7 lecture series as a part of course work for PhD Students of GLS School of Doctoral Research and Innovation. (January 2025)

Publications

- Published a book chapter – "A Study on the Legal Challenges in Online Gaming with Special Reference to Network, Accessibility and piracy" in a book by Taylor and Francis Group on Online Gaming in India: Technology, policy and Challenges. ISBN 9781032619194 in November 2024
- Published an Article on "Navigating Operational and Jurisdictional Complexities in E- Commerce in India, UK, and Singapore" in a book on "Managing Dimension: Strategies for the Changing Business Landscape in June 2024.

Paper Presentations

- Presented paper on "The Impact of Cyber Space on Copyright Infringement in the fashion Industry" at the International Conference on Enforcement of Intellectual Property Rights: Strategies and Best Practices organized by IILM University, Greater Noida school of law on March 10-11, 2025
- Presented paper on "Digital Privacy in Social Media: Challenges, Policies and Users Perspectives" in the Virtual Conference on Artificial Intelligence and Society: Shaping Ethical Horizons, organized by D.Y.Patel School of Law, held on 16th February 2025.
- Presented paper on "The Impact of Digital Platform on Copyright Enforcement in the Entertainment Industry" in the International Conference on Beyond Boundaries Law Science and Technology in the Age of



Dr Vidhi Shah
Assistant Professor
Law

Innovation organised by Department of Constitutional law and Legal Order, School of Law Gujarat University on January 4-5, 2025.

- Participated in the Doctoral & Faculty Research Colloquium- Manthan 2024 Bridging Boundaries: Exploring Interdisciplinary perspectives in Research conducted on September 28, 2024 and presented paper on "Integration of Artificial Intelligence in Case Management Practices in the Commercial Court of India."
- Participated in the International Conference on Artificial Intelligence, Law and Ethics held on 25th-26th July, 2024 organized by Crist Academy Institute of Law, Bengaluru in association with Globethics and presented paper on Digital Identities and AI: Navigating Legal Challenges in the Metaverse.

Participation:

- Have attended a week long Online Faculty Development Programme on Contribution of Indian Knowledge Systems in Various Fields organized by ARKA Jain University, Jharkhand India in collaboration with Nucleus of Learning and Development (NLD) from 16th September to 21st September, 2025.
- Have attended a week long Online National Level Faculty Development Programme on Wisdom in words: Exploring the importance of oral narratives in the Indian Knowledge System 'organized by Gokul Global University, Siddhpur, Gujarat in collaboration with Nucleus of Learning and Development (NLD) from 4th December to 13th December, 2024.
- Have attended a week long Online National Level Faculty Development Programme on "The Role of Visual Storytelling in Education: Empowering Educators for Impactful Teaching" 'organized by IIMT University Meerut in collaboration with Nucleus of Learning and Development (NLD) from 28th April to 3rd May, 2025.
- Have attended one-day Supervisor Training Programme organized by GLS University – School of Doctoral Research and Innovation department.
- Have attended a week long Online National Level Faculty Development Programme on "Teaching with soul: Rediscovering Joy, Balance and Meaning in Academic Work-Life" organized by Post Graduate Department of English and Institution's Innovation Council (IIC), Shri Guru Teg Bahadur Khalsa College, Shri Anandpur Sahib, Punjab, India in collaboration with Nucleus of Learning and Development (NLD) from 12th May to 17th May, 2025.
- Have attended a week long Online National Level Faculty Development Programme on "Exploring the Indian Diaspora: Theories, Narratives and Thematic Perspectives" 'organized by ARKA Jain University, Jharkhand India in collaboration with Nucleus of Learning and Development (NLD) from 17th March to 22nd March, 2025.



Dr Payal Mehta
Assistant Professor
English

Invitation as a Resource Person :

- Invited to Judge the event 'HR-360' base on the annual theme- Annual Management Fest - IMAGE 2025, which embraces the theme "Beyond Algorithms: Humanizing Management & Strategy. International Management Fest- 'IMAGE-2025 on February 2, 2024 organized by GLSBBA institute, GLS University.
- Invited as the speaker in the 9th edition of Ahmedabad International Literature Festival held on 24, 25 and 26 November 2024 with the theme 'Literature and Translation' at Centre for Environment Education, Thaltej Tekra, Ahmedabad.
- Was invited to conduct a training seminar on English Language (Communication and drafting) at Judicial Academy for Judicial Officers between 19th November, 2024 to 26th November, 2024
- Have conducted Virtual Training sessions for the 173+ Judicial Officers of the Gujarat state on 'Proficiency in English Language and Communication' for 4 months, along with designing the programme curriculum for the same.

Paper Presentations:

- Presented a Paper on Women's Empowerment through Legal Safeguards: Analyzing the Transformative Potential of The Sexual Harassment of Women at Work Place (Prevention, Prohibition and Redressal) Act, 2013 organised by Internal Quality Assurance Cell, S.S. Mehta Arts and M.M.Patel Commerce College, Himmatnagar on 1st Feb, 2025.
- Presented a Paper on 'Mental Health Meets Technology: Legal and Human Rights Perspectives' in International Conference on "Beyond Boundaries: Law, Science and Technology in the Age of Innovation", organized by School of Law, Gujarat University, on 4-5 January 2025.
- Presented a Paper on Beyond Boundaries: The POSH Act in the Age of Innovation held online at Gujarat University, Ahmedabad on January 4-5, 2025
- Presented a Paper on "India's green Dilemma: Bridging the gap between potential and practice" in International Conference on "Beyond Boundaries: Law, Science and Technology in the Age of Innovation", organized by School of Law, Gujarat University, on 4-5 January 2025
- Presented a Paper on 'Educational Reforms and Mental Health: A Theoretical Study of NEP 2020 and Indian Mental Healthcare Act, 2017' in 1st International Conference on Research and Innovation in Multidisciplinary Domains, Junagadh on 27th and 28th December, 2024.
- Presented a Paper on 'Empowering the Future: The Role of Environmental Education in Combating Climate Change and Promoting Carbon Neutrality in India' in 1st International Conference on Research and Innovation in Multidisciplinary Domains, Junagadh on 27th and 28th December, 2024



Dr Suja Nayar
Assistant Professor
Law

Publications:

- An Interdisciplinary Investigation of the Relationship between Unrestricted Media and Juvenile Delinquency in the book titled Freedom and Speech and Expression, Published by research Culture Society and Publication. ISBN No. 978-93-92504-54-9.
- Published a book chapter titled "Money Laundering Dynamics in Waste Management Sector of India: A Legal Analytical Study" in E- book titled Managing Disruption: Strategies for Changing Business Landscape with ISBN: 978-93-340-6111-6, Published by Advance Robotics, May 2024.
- Paper titled "Scrutinizing India's Regulatory Framework On Gm Crops: Aligning Sustainable Environmental Practices with Food Security Demand", Published in journal of Neonatal Surgery ISSN(Online): 2226-0439 V ol. 14, Issue 6 (2025), Scopus Index) in April 2025.
- Paper Titled "Illegal, Unreported, Unregulated Fishing: Intersection with Environmental Crimes, Money Laundering and Legislative Mechanisms in Marine Environments", Published in European Economic Letter, Semi-annual online journal. ISSN 2323-5233, ISSN-L 2323-5233(ABDC Indexed) in April 2025.



Dr Jiya Matharani
Assistant Professor
Law

Paper Presentation:

- Presented Paper titled "From Mines to Money: A Legal Analytical Study On Money Laundering Dynamics in the illegal mining sectors of India" at GLSU- ATRPM 2025 Conference held on 15th March, 2025, organised by Faculty of Management, GLS University.
- Presented Paper titled "Addressing Money Laundering from Environmental Crimes: Integration of Legal Precedents, Technology and Law" at GLS University Doctoral & Faculty Research Colloquium- Manthan- 2024, Bridging Boundaries: Exploring Interdisciplinary Perspectives in Research, Conducted on 28th September, 2024.

- Paper titled "A Socio-Ecological Perspective on Juvenile Delinquency", published in REDVET- Revista electrónica deveterinaria- ISSN 1695-7504, Vol 25, No. 1 (2024) - Published in September.

Participation:

- Has completed the NEP 2020 Orientation & Sensitization Programme Under Malaviya Mission Teacher Training Programme (MMTTP) of University Grants Commission (UGC) Organized by Malaviya Mission Teacher Training Centre (MMTTC), Staff Training and Research Institute of Distance Education (STRIDE), Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU), Maidan Garhi, New Delhi from 16th to 24th December, 2024 and Obtained Grade 'A+'.

Invitation as a Resource Person :

- Invited to be Guest Speaker for our Webinar on Environmental Laws on 5th June 2025, organised by Nyaya Shastra.
- Invited to be a peer reviewer of the upcoming volume X of the Environmental Law and Practice Review, NALSAR University of Law set to be published in August 2025.
- Invited as a Judges the Judgement Deliberation Competition at 15th Government Law College International Law Summit 2025 organised by Students for the Promotion of International Law (SPIL), Mumbai, which includes the Judgment Deliberation Competition (JDC). The theme for the Summit this year is 'International Environment Law'. Held on 21st & 22nd February 2025 and the Final Rounds scheduled on 8th March 2025.
- Invited to judge the National Legal Writing Competition organised by the Students for the Promotion of International Law (SPIL), Government Law College, Mumbai in December 2024.
- Invited to be a part of the Editorial Board for the 1st National PIL Drafting Competition, 2024, organized by Dharmashastra National Law University (DNLU), Jabalpur, through its Centre for Research in Environmental Law (CREL) and Centre for Constitutional Law (CCL).
- Invited to serve as a Marking Judge to judge the Written critiques submitted at Treaty Appreciation Competition© (TAC) Mumbai, 2024, organised by the Students for the Promotion of International Law (SPIL), Government Law College, Mumbai. The theme for this year is 'International Environmental Law'.
- Invited as an external expert to the viva-voce of the Dissertation of LLM students of the School of Law, AURO University, Surat scheduled on 9th July 2024.

Participation :

- Have attended one-day Supervisor Training Programme organized by GLS University – School of Doctoral Research and Innovation department.

Invitation as a Resource Person

- Invited as a/n Expert at Pandit Deendayal Energy University (PDEU) to delivered an expert lecture on the topic "Violence and Intimidation in reference to Forensic Psychology" - April 8, 2025.
- Invited as an Expert at National Institute of Fashion Technology (NIFT) to delivered an expert lecture on the topic "Structures of the Human Brain, Cognitive learning & Memory" - April 3, 2025.



Dr Riddhita Parikh
Assistant Professor
Psychology

Special Achievements:

- Submitted the Synopsis titled "Efficacy of Mediation and Conciliation as Alternative Dispute Resolution Mechanism: An Analytical Study with Special Reference to State of Gujarat" to Marwadi University and appeared for the Pre-Synopsis Viva on 16th December, 2024.
- Submitted the Thesis titled "Efficacy of Mediation and Conciliation as Alternative Dispute Resolution Mechanism: An Analytical Study with Special Reference to State of Gujarat" to Marwadi University on 29th March, 2025.

Participation:

- Participated in the Supervisor Training Programme organized by the School of Doctoral Research and Innovation, GLS University on 12th April, 2025.



Mr. Darshan Pandya
Assistant Professor
Law

Special Achievements:

- Awarded Doctorate Degree in Law for the Thesis titled "A Comparative Study of Cyber Laws with Reference to India and the USA" under the guidance of Dr Hiren Patel from GLS University. (May 2024)
- Was awarded First Best Research Paper in Law at the GLS University I M Nanavati Research Awards 2024 (June 2024)

Publication:

- A Research Article titled "A Critical Analysis on Retrenchment During Covid 19 Pandemic in India" published in Annals of the Bhandarkar Oriental Research Institute (UGC Care List 1) (August 2024)



Dr Sonal Rawal
Assistant Professor
Law

Paper Presentations:

- Presented a paper titled "Industrial Relations and Trade Unions in Transition: Present Challenges and Future Trends in Labour Law" at the National Conference on "Contemporary issues and Challenges on Labour and Industrial Laws" held at Institute of Law, Nirma University, Ahmedabad. (October 2024)
- Presented a paper titled "Deepfakes and Defamation: Exploring Liability in the Digital age" at the GLS University Doctoral & Faculty Research Colloquium - Manthan 2024. (September 2024) and was awarded Second Best Paper. (September 2024)

Participation:

- One-week Online National Capacity Building Programme on Data Privacy Laws and Artificial Intelligence organised by Sambhav Initiative and ProBono India. (April 2025)
- One-week Faculty Development Programme on "Expanding Contours of the tree New Criminal Laws of India and Way Forward" organised by School of Criminal Law and Military Law from 21st to 25th April 2025.
- Participated and Completed Advanced Certification Course on Artificial Intelligence and Cybersecurity: Emerging Legal and Technical Issues, organised by the Faculty of Law, Kalinga University. (April 2025)

- Participated in the National Conference on “Contemporary issues and Challenges on Labour and Industrial Laws” held at Institute of Law, Nirma University, Ahmedabad. (October 2024)
- Three weeks National Level online Faculty Development Programme on Intellectual Property Rights Jointly Organized by Law Teachers India and DPIIT Chair on IPR, National Law University and Judicial Academy, Assam. (June 3-23, 2024)

Publications:

- Paper titled “Eco-Label: A New Era for Sustainable Development” published by College of Social Work (Autonomous) Nirmala Niketan, Mumbai, ISSN: 0974-5114 (UGC Care Listed Journal) in April 2025.
- Paper titled “A Contemporary Analysis of Eco-Labeling in the Context of Sustainable Development in Indian Judiciary”. Published in Rabindra Bharati University, Journal of Economics, ISSN: 0975-802x, Vol.: XVIII, Issue-1 (UGC Care List Journal) in April 2025
- Paper titled “Ecolabel: A Legal Framework for Sustainable Consumption”. Published in Volume 4 (2024), September 2024 of the Annual International Journal on Analysis of Contemporary Legal Affairs (AIJACLA), Paper Code: AIJACLAV17RP2024
- Paper titled “Implementing Environmental Responsibility: The Legal Framework and Eco-Labeling in Green Governance in India”. Published in Udgam Vigyati - the Origin of Knowledge the Interdisciplinary Quarterly E-Journal, bearing ISSN no 2455-2488, Volume 36, June 2024.



Dr Foram Pandya
Assistant Professor
Law

Paper Presentations:

- Paper presented at the National Conference “From Legislation to Practice: Assessing the Implementation of New Criminal Laws” organised by the Maharashtra National Law University, Nagpur in April 5, 2025.
- Paper presented on the title of the Climate Justice: Bridging Faith, Nature, and Human Rights in a Changing World at the International Seminar on The Nature Faith, Climate Change & Human Rights Challenge organised by Central University of Punjab, Dr Ambedkar Chair on Human Rights & Environmental Values (Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment, GoI) in March 2025.
- Paper presented at the National Seminar on Corporate Good Governance: Contemporary Trends and Challenges titled “Corporate Governance During Insolvency Proceedings: A Comparative Study of India, Bhutanese and Nepali Bankruptcy Law organised by at Kristu Jayanti College of Law, Bangalore, on August 1, 2024.

Participation:

- Participated in Ten Days National Level Online Capacity Building Programme on New Criminal Laws jointly organised by Sambhav Initiative and ProBono India from June 24 to July 2, 2024.

Special Achievement:

- Awarded Doctorate Degree in Law for the Thesis titled "A Legal Study on Oil and Gas Sector Laws in Context to Climate Change Scenario in India" under the guidance of Dr Mayuri H. Pandya from Gujarat University. (August 2024)

Publication :

- A Research Article titled "A Critical Analysis on Retrenchment During Covid 19 Pandemic in India" published in Annals of the Bhandarkar Oriental Research Institute (UGC Care List 1) (August 2024)

Paper Presentation:

- Presented a paper titled "Industrial Relations and Trade Unions in Transition: Present Challenges and Future Trends in Labour Law" at the National Conference on "Contemporary issues and Challenges on Labour and Industrial Laws" held at Institute of Law, Nirma University, Ahmedabad. (October 2024)

Participation:

- Participated in the National Conference on "Contemporary issues and Challenges on Labour and Industrial Laws" held at Institute of Law, Nirma University, Ahmedabad. (October 2024)
- Participated in Ten Days National Level Online Capacity Building Programme on New Criminal Laws jointly organised by Sambhav Initiative and ProBono India from June 24 to July 2, 2024.



Dr Hiral H. Shukla
Assistant Professor
Law

Special Achievement:

- Completed Ph.D. from Gujarat University (School of Law) in September 2024 (Patent Laws).

Publications:

- Paper published on the topic, The Evolving Landscape of Software Patentability in India v. USA: Legal Barriers and Opportunities, Indian Journal of Integrated Research in Law, Vol V, Issue I, ISSN: 2583-0538, February 2025.
- Paper Published on the topic, The Role of Blockchain in Protecting Geographical Indications Worldwide, Abhidhvaj Law Journal, Vol 3, Issue 3, ISSN: 2583-6323, April 2025.

Paper Presentation:

- Paper Presented on the topic, Exploring White-Collar Crimes and Organized Criminal Enterprises in Governance: Investigating from the Boardrooms to Syndicates, 3-Day International Conference on "Emerging Issues in Criminal Law: Addressing Transnational Crime and Globalization in the 21st Century", March 21-23, 2025.



Dr Urvashi Sharma
Assistant Professor
Law

Special Achievement:

- Awarded Gold Medal & Degree of Ph.D. in Social Science on the topic: A Legal Study of Environmental Sustainability Initiatives of Listed Companies in the City of Ahmedabad with Special Reference to Corporate Social Responsibility(CSR)(June 2024)

Paper Presentation:

- Presented paper in Manthan 2024 (September 2024) GLS University Doctoral & Faculty Research Colloquium on the topic: A Study on the Freedom of Expression and Censorship on the Internet in Today's Digital Era with Special Reference to India.



Dr Aditi Jani
Assistant Professor
Law

Special Achievements:

- Awarded Doctor of Philosophy(Ph.D.)in Law on 25th January 2025.
- Granted a design patent (Application No. 455724-001) for the invention titled 'AI-Powered Legal Document Analysis Device,' published on 17th April 2025.

Publication:

- Authored a research paper titled 'The Role of Forensic Science and Digital Technology in Enhancing Investigative Efficacy: An Analytical Study,' published in January 2025 in Cuestiones de Fisioterapia, a Scopus-indexed journal.



Dr Ishani Dave
Assistant Professor
Law

Publications:

- Published a paper on "Unlocking the power of neurobiology: Enhancing relational dynamics and conflict resolution through hormonal insights, genetic factors, and stress management strategies in prenuptial agreements" by Cahiers Magellanes-NS (Web of Science Indexed)ISSN N0 1624-1940 Vol. 6 No. 2 (October 2024)
- Published a paper on "Addressing chaotic Divorce's biological and physiological Impact on the children and need for Children centric Prenuptial agreements" by African Journal of Biological. (September 2024)
- Participated in One week Capacity Building Program on Right to Education organized by Kashmir Law College from July 22-July 28, 2024.
- Participated in 3 Weeks National level Online Faculty Development Programme on Intellectual Property Rights jointly organized by Law Teachers India and National Law University and Judicial Academy, Assam from June 3, 2024-June 23.2024.



Ms. Neha Bhuraney
Assistant Professor
Law

Publication:

- Paper published as one chapter in the book- "Law in Motion- Addressing Diverse Legal Challenges" Title of the chapter: "Exploring the Growing Role of Forensic Psychology in CBI Investigations and its Admissibility and Evidentiary Value in India". (January 2025)

Paper Presentation:

- Presented a paper at the National Conference titled "From Legislation to Practice: Assessing the Implementation of New Criminal Laws" organised by the Maharashtra National Law University, Nagpur, in collaboration with the Centre for Gender Justice Studies on April 05, 2025, titled: Expanding the Role of Digital Forensics in Criminal Investigations: A New Era Under India's Revised Legal Framework.
- Paper Presented in Two Days National Conference on "Judicial Creativity: A Boon Within the Cornerstone of Constitutionalism in Digital India" held on 9th – 10th May, 2024 at Siddhartha Law College, Dehradun titled: "Exploring the Growing Role of Forensic Psychology in CBI Investigations and its Admissibility and Evidentiary Value in India"



Ms. Dipal Pandey
Assistant Professor
Law

Special Achievement:

- Conferred with the Degree of Doctor of Philosophy in the Discipline of Management (Finance) for the "Thesis on Mapping Financial Self _ Efficacy of Urban and Rural Demographics" of Gujarat by GLS University. (September 2024)

Publications:

- The Effectiveness of Forensic Accounting Practices in Combating Financial Fraud in India's Banking Industry, ISSN: 0378-1143, Annals of the Bhandarkar Oriental Research Institute, 2024, Vol CV, Issue – 6, June 2024, 10-17, UGC Care Listed
- Co-Authored Book on "Strategic Financial Management: Tools and Techniques for Success" by Next-Gen Publications (First Edition), Issue September 2024
- Co-Authored Book on "Digital Evolution: AI and the Shaping of Modern Technology" by Next-Gen Publications (First Edition), Issue July 2024



Dr Margie Acharya
Assistant Professor
Management

Paper Presentation:

- Paper presented at “International Conference on Legal Aspect of Water Management in Industry: Consumption and Conservation Organised” by Department of Law, Janardan Rai Nagar Rajasthan Vidhyapeeth Date: 25th – 27th June, 2024.

Participation:

- Attended one Week (Online) FDP on “Teaching Pedagogy of the Constitution of India: New Dimension During 75 Years of Journey” at Vivekanada Global University, Jaipur Faculty of Law. Date: 20th – 26th January 2025.



Ms. Riya Kanwar Solanki
Assistant Professor
Law

Publication:

- Published chapter on “The Protection of Mental Health of People – A Global Priority for Action Against Climate Change” in the Book Navigating the Legal Landscape of Environmental Challenges in the 21st Century, ISBN: 978-93-5911-426-2, July 2024

Paper Presentations:

- Presented a Paper on ‘Mental Health Meets Technology: Legal and Human Rights Perspectives’ in International Conference on “Beyond Boundaries: Law, Science and Technology in the Age of Innovation”, organized by School of Law, Gujarat University, on 4-5 January 2025
- Presented a Paper on ‘Educational Reforms and Mental Health: A Theoretical Study of NEP 2020 and Indian Mental Healthcare Act, 2017’ in 1st International Conference on Research and Innovation in Multidisciplinary Domains, Junagadh on 27th and 28th December, 2024



Ms. Jeni Adhyaru
Assistant Professor
Law

Participation:

- Attended Two Day’s Faculty Development Program/Training Program on NAAC New Reforms – July 2024, Organized by Research Foundation India & Council of Academic Research and Educational Organization.

Publications:

- Published paper in April 2025 in European Economic Journals, ISSN NO. 2323-5233 with title of “Illegal, Unreported, Unregulated Fishing: Intersection with Environmental Crimes, Money Laundering and Legislative Mechanisms in Marine Environments”.
- Published paper in July 2024 in Gap Interdisciplinities, A Global Journal of Interdisciplinary Studies, ISSN NO. 2581-5628, with the title of “Intersection of Fourth Generation Rights and Digital Insecurity: Dark Web the Face of Cyber Threats on Human Rights”.

Paper Presentations:

- Presented a paper at the International Conference on ATRPM Advances in Theory, Research & Practices in Management, organised by the Faculty of Management, GLS University on 15th March 2025, with the title of “From Mines to Money: A Legal Analytical Study on Money Laundering Dynamics in the Illegal Mining Sector of India.”



Mr. Rushi Bhagat
Assistant Professor
Law

- Presented a paper at Manthan Conference organised by GLS University Doctoral and Faculty Research Colloquium on 28th September 2024 with the title of "Addressing Money Laundering from Environmental Crimes: Integration of Legal Precedents, Technology and Law."

Publications:

- Published a Chapter "Solar Energy Integration: Navigating Challenges and Harnessing Opportunities in the Advancement of India's Energy Sector" in a book- Explainable Artificial Intelligence and Solar Energy Integration by IGI Global Publication, ISBN: 9798369378229, October, 2024.
- Published a Chapter on "A Study on The Impact of Biofuel Production on Food Prices and Land Use in The Energy Sector" in the Book Navigating the Legal Landscape of Environmental Challenges in the 21st Century, ISBN: 978-93-5911-426-2, July 2024
- Published paper on "A Study on The Sexual Harassment Of Transgender Persons With Special Reference To Their Mental Wellbeing In Production Industries" in REDVET - Revista electrónica de Veterinaria - ISSN 1695-7504 Vol 25, No. 1 (April 2024)



Ms. Senali Trivedi
Assistant Professor
Law

Paper Presentations:

- Presented a Paper on 'India's Green Dilemma: Bridging the Gap Between Potential and Practice' in International Conference on "Beyond Boundaries: Law, Science and Technology in the Age of Innovation", organized by School of Law, Gujarat University, on 4-5 January, 2025.
- Presented a Paper on 'Empowering the Future: The Role of Environmental Education in Combating Climate Change and Promoting Carbon Neutrality in India' in 1st International Conference on Research and Innovation in Multidisciplinary Domains, Junagadh on 27-28, December, 2024.

Participation:

- Workshop on Data Visualization using Tableau and Power BI organised by School of Doctoral Research and Innovation, GLS University on 5th to 6th July, 2024.
- 7 days Capacity Building Programme on the changing Dimensions of Human Rights in India organised by ProBono Club Kashmir Law College & ProBono India on September 2, 2024 to 8 September 2024.
- 7 days Faculty Development Programme on Advance and Emerging Trends in Academic Research Writing and Publication organised by VVM's G.R. Kare College of Law, Margao, Goa and Law Teachers India on 26th August to 1st Sept, 2024.
- 7 days Faculty Development Programme on Dynamic Shifting of Legal Education & Teaching Techniques in the light of NEP organised by Department of Legal Science, Techno India University on 14th August to 19th August, 2024.

Paper Presentation:

- Presented a paper on 23rd November, 2024 at International Conference on Global Legal Challenges in the Transforming Society on the title 'Artificial Intelligence in Indian Trademark Law: Emerging Issues and Legal Perspectives'.

Participation:

- Participated in Fifteen days' faculty development Programme (FDP) on the topic "Advanced Approached to Research Methodology" organized by Sharda University from December 9th to 23rd, 2024.
- Participated in One-week faculty development Programme (FDP) on the topic "From Discovery to Protection: IP Law Shaping the Future of Science and Technology" organized by Graphic Era Hill University from September 16th to 21st, 2024.



Dr Grishma Bhavsar
Assistant Professor
Law

Special Achievement:

- Completed Ph. D. (Management) "An impact of Financial Literacy on Personal Financial Planning among Women at Saurashtra Region" – July 2024, GLS University.

Publications:

- Published Book Intelligent Logistics: AI's Role in Supply Chain Transformation ISBN: 978-81-19477-39-5 (March -2025)
- Published Book AI-Powered Finance: Navigating the Future of Money Management - ISBN: 978-81-19477-64-7 (August 2024)
- Annals of the Bhandarkar Oriental Research Institute ISSN: 0378-1143 THE EFFECTIVENESS OF FORENSIC ACCOUNTING PRACTICES IN COMBATING FINANCIAL FRAUD IN INDIA'S BANKING INDUSTRY (June 2024)



Dr Bhumit Vyas
Assistant Professor
Management

Participation:

- Participated in FDP on "Practical Aspects of ICT Tools & Online Teaching in Current Scenario" from 2-9 January 2025.
- Participated in FDP on "Innovative Teaching and Learning Pedagogy" organised by Research Foundation India & Council of Academic Research and Educational Organisation (RFI-CARE) from 23-27 July 2024.

Publication :

- Research Paper Publishing in ANVESAK, ISSN: 0378-4568 VOL.55, No.01(I); Jan-June 2025 Titled as "Swift Justice: The Imperative of Expedited Trials is an Overburdened Judicial System".

Participation:

- Participated in Ten Days National Level Online Capacity Building Programme on new criminal laws jointly Organised by Sambhav Initiative and Pro bono India from June 24th to July 2th, 2024.



Ms. Harita Panchal
Assistant Professor
Law

Special Achievements:

- Successfully cleared the Gujarat State Eligibility Test (GSET) for the post of Assistant Professor on January 11, 2025.
- Commenced Doctoral Research (Ph.D.) in Law at the School of Doctoral Research and Innovation, GLS University on August 22, 2024.

Participation:

- Participated in the Hands-on Session on Academic Writing organized by the School of Doctoral Research and Innovation, GLS University on April 5, 2025.
- Participated in Ten Days National Level Online Capacity Building Programme on New Criminal Laws jointly organised by Sambhav Initiative and ProBono India from June 24 to July 2, 2024.



Ms. Tamanna Khatri
Assistant Professor
Law

Publication:

- Paper titled "India's Commitment to Achieve Net Zero by 2070: A Myth or Reality". Published in Journal of Oriental Institute, ISSN: 0039-5324, Vol.: 74, (UGC Care Approved Journal) (January 2025)

Participation:

- Participated in Ten Days National Level Online Capacity Building Programme on New Criminal Laws jointly organised by Sambhav Initiative and ProBono India from June 24 to July 2, 2024.



Ms. Swara Anand
Assistant Professor
Law

Special Achievement:

- Commenced Doctoral Research (Ph.D.) in Law at the School of Doctoral Research and Innovation, GLS University on August 22, 2024.



Ms. Megha Garg
Assistant Professor
Law

1. Balram Singh v. Union of India (2024 INSC 893)

The Supreme Court upheld the constitutional validity of inserting the words 'socialist' and 'secular' into the Preamble through the 42nd Amendment, enacted during the Emergency. The Court dismissed the writ petitions on the ground of an inordinate delay of 44 years and noted that these terms had been widely accepted and understood by the Indian populace. It reaffirmed that secularism is an essential feature of the Constitution, reflected in Articles 14, 15, 25 to 30, and reinforced in landmark rulings such as Kesavananda Bharati and S.R. Bommai. The Court interpreted the term 'socialist' not as prescribing a rigid economic model but as symbolising a commitment to social and economic justice without excluding private enterprise. The bench clarified that Parliament's power under Article 368 includes the authority to amend the Preamble, even retrospectively. Chief Justice Sanjiv Khanna and Justice Sanjay Kumar delivered the unanimous judgment.

2. Aligarh Muslim University v. Naresh Agarwal (2024 INSC 856),

A 7-judge bench of the Supreme Court overruled Azeez Basha (1967), holding by 4:3 majority that an institution does not lose minority status merely because it was created by statute. The Court clarified that Article 30(1) protections extend to institutions established before the Constitution, and incorporation does not negate establishment by a minority. It laid down criteria to determine minority status, focusing on origin, intent, and community involvement. The dissenting judges questioned the procedural validity of the Rahmaniya referral and stressed administrative control by minorities. The majority declined to rule on AMU's minority status, leaving it to a regular bench. Justice Datta dissented, holding AMU was state-established and not a minority institution.

3. Property Owners Association v. State of Maharashtra (2024 INSC 835),

A nine-judge bench held by a 7:2 majority that not

all private property qualifies as "material resources of the community" under Article 39(b). The Court overruled Sanjeev Coke for relying on a minority opinion in Ranganatha Reddy. It held that Article 31C still protects laws giving effect to Article 39(b) and (c) from Articles 14 and 19 challenges. The majority outlined that only resources essential to the community, scarce in nature, and impactful on public welfare can be redistributed. Chief Justice Chandrachud emphasized that economic justice doesn't justify the wholesale acquisition of private property. Justice Nagarathna dissented, allowing all private resources (except personal belongings) to be transformed into community property with fair compensation. Justice Dhulia also dissented, advocating a broad, legislature-driven interpretation of community resources to address inequality.

4. Omkar v. Union of India (2024 INSC 775),

The Supreme Court held that quantifying a candidate's disability cannot be the sole ground for disqualification from MBBS admission under the PwD category. It emphasized that Disability Assessment Boards must assess functional ability, not just percentage, and give reasons for disqualification. The Court granted the appellant admission based on a Medical Board report that found no impediment to pursuing MBBS. It held that a literal reading of Appendix H-I of the Medical Education Regulations would nullify PwD reservation and violate Article 14. The Court affirmed the State's duty to ensure inclusive education under Article 41 and the RPwD Act, 2016. Judicial review remains available until an appellate body is constituted.

5. Senthil Balaji v. Deputy Director (2024 INSC 739),

The Supreme Court granted bail to the Appellant, a former Tamil Nadu Minister, accused under the PMLA, citing prolonged pre-trial incarceration of over 15 months and the unlikelihood of trial concluding soon due to the case's vast scope. The Court held that constitutional courts could grant bail despite stringent statutory conditions if a delay

in trial violates Article 21. It emphasized that conviction under PMLA depends on proving the underlying scheduled offence, which remains pending. The Court stated that bail laws should not be misused for indefinite detention. Bail was granted with conditions, including regular ED attendance and passport surrender.

6. In Just Rights for Children Alliance v. S. Harish (2024 INSC 716),

The Supreme Court restored criminal proceedings against the Respondent for possessing and viewing child sexual exploitation and abuse material (CSEAM), holding that such acts fall under Section 15 of the POCSO Act, even without active sharing. The Court ruled that viewing CSEAM constitutes constructive possession and failure to delete or report it is punishable. It upheld the statutory presumption of criminal intent under Section 30 of POCSO during quashing proceedings. Section 67B of the IT Act was interpreted broadly to include viewing and consumption. The Court also recommended replacing "child pornography" with "CSEAM" and urged legislative and procedural reforms for better reporting and enforcement.

7. In Re: Alleged Rape and Murder Incident of a Trainee Doctor (2024 INSC 613),

The Supreme Court took suo motu cognizance of the brutal rape and murder of a female doctor at RG Kar Medical College, Kolkata. It constituted a nine-member National Task Force to formulate a national protocol ensuring all medical professionals' safety, dignity, and humane working conditions. The Court highlighted the absence of adequate rest areas, sanitation, transport, and security in hospitals. It stressed the vulnerability of women doctors to both sexual and non-sexual violence due to entrenched patriarchal biases. The lack of CCTV surveillance and trained security personnel was also noted. The Court emphasized that protecting healthcare workers is a national imperative. It directed the CBI and the State of West Bengal to file status reports. Ensuring safety in medical institutions was linked to the constitutional promise of equal opportunity.

8. In Urmila Dixit v. Sunil Sharan Dixit (2025 INSC 20),

The Supreme Court held that property gifted by senior citizens with a maintenance condition can be reclaimed under Section 23 of the Maintenance and Welfare of Parents and Senior Citizens Act, 2007. The Court upheld the cancellation of a Gift Deed as the son failed to provide care. It emphasised a liberal interpretation of the Act to ensure adequate protection for senior citizens. The Court relied on K.H. Nazar and Sudesh Chhikara to stress that failure to meet maintenance conditions justifies cancellation. The deed and promissory note clearly imposed maintenance duties on the son. The Court reiterated that the Act provides speedy and straightforward remedies for the elderly. Authorities under Section 23 can also order eviction and return of possession.

9. State of Punjab v. Davinder Singh (2024 INSC 562),

A 7-judge Bench of the Supreme Court, by a 6:1 majority, held that states are constitutionally permitted to sub-classify Scheduled Castes (SCs) for reservation purposes. The Court ruled that SCs do not form a homogenous group under Article 341 and that sub-classification does not interfere with the Presidential list. It further held that Articles 15 and 16 empower states to make sub-classifications based on empirical data showing inter-se backwardness and inadequate representation, provided these are subject to judicial review. The majority emphasized that reservations must ensure meaningful representation and cannot result in a caste-wise division of quota. Additionally, it endorsed applying the creamy layer principle within SCs but with criteria distinct from that used for OBCs. Justice Bela Trivedi dissented, holding that once included in the Presidential list, SCs form a homogenous group and cannot be sub-classified and that states lack legislative authority for such classification. She also found the referral to revisit Chinniah unjustified and contrary to judicial discipline.

10. Gyanendra Singh @ Raja Singh v. State of UP (2025 INSC 335),

The Supreme Court upheld the conviction of a man for sexually assaulting his minor daughter under Sections 376(2)(f) and 376(2)(i) of IPC and Sections

3/4 of the POCSO Act. The Court clarified that Section 42A of the POCSO Act does not override Section 42, which mandates applying the law with the more significant punishment when offences fall under both statutes. The trial court had sentenced the convict to life imprisonment, to run for the remainder of his natural life, which the High Court affirmed. However, the Supreme Court modified the sentence, holding that life imprisonment does not necessarily mean incarceration until natural death unless expressly stated. Referring to *Veerendra v. State of MP (2008)*, the Court ruled that 30 years' imprisonment would suffice. A fine of 5,00,000 with a two-year default sentence was also imposed.

11. State of Madhya Pradesh v. Shyamlal & Ors. 2025 INSC 377

The Supreme Court, while dismissing the State of Madhya Pradesh's appeal in a 36-year-old murder case, emphasized prioritizing appeals involving elderly accused on prolonged bail. It underscored the importance of expediting long-pending criminal appeals to avoid undue hardship due to judicial delays. Initially sentenced to life imprisonment, the accused had already served

their term and were acquitted by the Madhya Pradesh High Court. The acquittal was based on their advanced age and the non-life-threatening nature of injuries inflicted. The Supreme Court upheld the acquittal, finding no conclusive medical evidence linking the assault to the victim's death. This judgment highlights the need for balancing justice with compassion and timeliness.

12. Amit Kumar & Ors. v. Union of India & Ors. 2025 INSC 384,

The Supreme Court ruled that FIR registration under Section 154 CrPC is mandatory for cognizable offences, disallowing preliminary inquiries. The case involved IIT Delhi student suicides where caste discrimination was alleged but initially dismissed by police. The Court ordered FIR registration and emphasized prompt police action upon disclosure of cognizable offences. It also issued guidelines for mandatory FIRs, time-bound inquiries, and police accountability. Noting rising student suicides, the Court mandated the creation of a National Task Force for mental health in academic institutions. The ruling stresses institutional responsibility for student well-being.



Keep your **thoughts** positive because your thoughts become your **words**.

Keep your **words** positive because your words become your **behaviour**.

Keep your **behaviour** positive because your behaviour becomes your **habit**.

Keep your **habits** positive because your habits become your **values**.

Keep your **values** positive because your values becomes your **destiny**.

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