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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 become your **destiny**.

- Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi  
1869 - 1948

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## VISION

To advance human dignity, social welfare and justice through knowledge of law.

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## Message from the Desk of Executive Vice President Gujarat Law Society

At the onset, I take this opportunity to praise the entire family of GLS Law College for successfully organizing all the events and regular classes on virtual platforms during pandemic period. Without any hesitation GLS Law College accepted the new normal set of work. Technology indeed has played an important role in all our professions including the legal career.

Legal technology assists the lawyer to provide legal services in a faster and cost effective way. Many firms now embrace and innovative technology for these reasons. Again, Artificial Intelligence (AI) is unlocking the capabilities of lawyers to undertake intense research. While studying, students ought to learn the use of new technology in legal profession.

Clinical Legal Education has been affected severely during COVID-19 pandemic period. In order to compensate the losses, law colleges need to emphasize students' active participation in moot courts, mock trials, trial advocacy, ADR activities, legal debates, deed writing, memorial drafting, judicial clerkship and legislative drafting. The National Education Policy 2020 emphasizes on skill building. In this backdrop, Bar Council of India must re-skill legal education with practical legal education where clinical learning plays a vital role.

I would like to underline, while technology enhances the skills, lawyers have moral obligations for the clients. Thus lawyers must understand the facts of the case; interact with clients, find out the precedents of the judgements and argue by presenting positive aspects of the case. Lawyers need to render legal aid to the poor by taking up pro-bono services.

Best Wishes

**Sudhirbhai I. Nanavati**

Executive Vice President, GLS



## Message from the Desk of Director GLS Law College

Dear Readers,

Greetings from GLS Law College.

March, 2020- was the time when 'Lockdown' was announced nationwide by the Honourable Prime Minister of India- Mr. Narendra Modi and to match the pace with the change, our 'March' towards adaptation began in last March (2020) and has been continuing in March 2021. The journey has been challenging at all spheres- Health, education, environment, economy, communication; everything was evolving through the stigma of Covid-19.

Despite all odds, GLS Law College had a glorious March with the adaptation to the '**New Normal**' by availing the facility of E-Platform for the students to offer knowledge from experience and eminent personalities. All the spheres of knowledge imparted meticulously with academic and Co-scholastic sessions like cushioning mental health, Managing creative time in Pandemic, Socio-Legal aspects of Lockdown etc. National Webinars on contemporary issues like NEP-2020, Role of Today's women, Eminent lawyers speaking on increasing domestic violence during pandemic, issues under POSH and POCSO were discussed and elaborated at length with solving queries and answering posed questions on E-platform of GLS Law College.

Learning is not the process limited to any institute or academic institute; it is indeed a life long process with the dynamics of changing world in order to achieve set goals and objectives. We are pleased to present to you the fifth edition of 'Vidhaan'- A Law Litmus to mark growth and unleashing wide spectrum of practical training with the organization of National Virtual Moot Court Competition, Virtual Gender sensitization National Webinar and Various series of Guest Lectures from different fields related to Law and other important fields. Under Legal Aid Clinic, Probono services were rendered with the permanent set up of help desk at Sabarmati Central Jail, Ahmedabad with creative programmes like 'Radio Prison' and others.

GLS Law College is determined to adaptations of various methods suiting the dynamics of changing world in order to **Fostering Excellence in Legal Education**.

Bring out the best in you.

उद्यमात् मा विरमस्व  
(Never Give up)

With Warm Wishes

**Dr. Mayuri H. Pandya**

Director, GLS Law College



## Orientation of New Batch in 'New Normal'



New beginning comes with new dimensions and multi layers. Students at GLS Law College are always felicitated with subject orientation from the experts of the respective field for exploring various facets of the subject. They are provided guidance throughout their tenure to utilize learnt theory into practical implications, which leads them to fascinating future endeavours.

GLS Law College (Aug 8): Addressing the newly admitted students of GLS Law College, Dr. Sudhir Nanavati, Executive Vice President of GLS, opined that the law believes in logical presentation of facts by the contending parties. Lawyers must have aptitude to interpret the facts and study between the lines. Lawyers need practical experience to argue the cases in an efficient manner. Classroom learning will not suffice for practical knowledge. The students should continuously interact with the faculty members, classmates and other stakeholders to gain knowledge. Further, students can utilise the time in law laboratories to gain practical insights.

Law practice is a noble profession. Thus, great freedom fighters of the world were barristers in their profession. Students ought to have an inquisitive mind and quest for learning. The keenness to learn will fetch efficiency in profession. Legal profession thrives in dynamism. A lawyer gets new cases every day. Thus monotony is not noticed in the legal profession. Lawyers must be loyal to their clients and committed to their profession. Commitment to clients will bring success and laurels

to the lawyer.

Procedural law has high importance in the legal profession. Those who intend to undertake practice in foreign countries after graduation should know the procedural law of those countries. The procedural law of every country differs in significant manner.

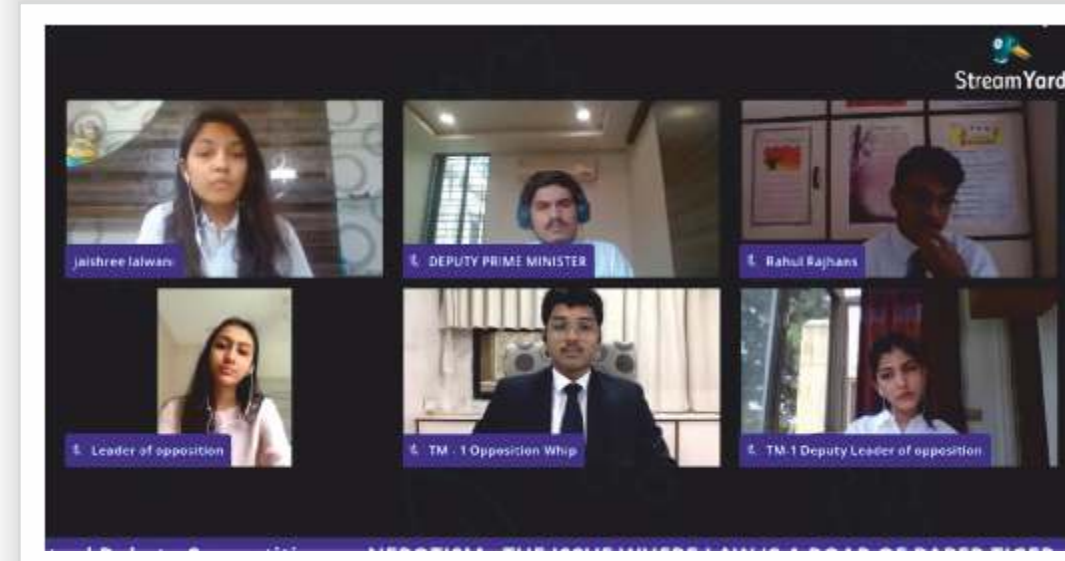
Citing the benefits of an integrated programme, Dr. Nanavati also mentioned the student saves a year by joining an integrated programme after 12th grade. The same does not happen in a three-year law programme after graduation.

Allaying the apprehensions of students from non-lawyer family background, Dr. Nanavati suggested that the first-generation lawyers should work with the senior lawyer minimum for three years prior to independent practice. A senior lawyer can impart practical skills to a young professional.

Inviting the guests Dr. Mayuri H. Pandya, Director, GLS Law College, thanked everyone, especially parents for their continuous support in the six years of the programme. She assured that the college will provide the best academic environment and opportunities to utilise the potentials. The Director urged the students for hard work and commitment to excel in the legal profession.

The programme was anchored by Dr. Payal Mehta and a vote of thanks was offered by Ms. Vidhi Shah, Assistant Professors of the college.

## Debating gets insightful on Virtual Platform



'Debating is always considered as one of the most desired skills for a successful advocate. In the Academic Year 2020-21, for the First time, Virtual Debate Competition was arranged for enhancing the debating skill of budding lawyers. The students from newly inducted batch and senior students took part in it with zeal and energy. The Final round had an interesting subject titled "Nepotism : The issues, where Law is a Road of Paper Tiger." with the format of 'Asian Parliamentary Debate', all three rounds were unique and informative.

Each round consisted of six participants, three appearing from the side of the Government, and three from the side of the Opposition. In the First Round, the Government defined the ambit of the house as that of "Nepotism in the Executive and the Judiciary". In the Second Round, the discussion centred on "Nepotism in the Legislature, specifically concerning the State of Maharashtra" and in the Third Round, the debate included discussion on a wide range of fields including "Nepotism in Jobs, Politics, Religion, Bollywood and Sports". The event was presided by Senior Advocate, High Court of Gujarat, Asim Pandya and Ms. Palak Nandi, Asst. Editor Times of India, Jaipur Edition, gave encouraging comments about the participants' performance and presented insightful remarks on nepotism in their respective fields as well.



## Gender Sensitization Programme on “Glancing through Prism at Womanhood: Emerging Rainbow”



The 75th year of formation of the United Nations experienced the first ever Online Gender Sensitization programme surpassing the roadblocks of the pandemic. The National Webinar was organised by GLS Law College, Ahmedabad (Academic Partner) in collaboration with UNA Gujarat.

The Welcome Address was given by Mr. Suresh Shrivastava (General Secretary – IFUNA) who praised the theme selected for the occasion. The Special Address was given by Shri Sitaram Sharma (Consulate Republic of Belarus) who gave insight on the concept of womanhood. This was followed by the Inaugural Address by Dr. Mayuri H. Pandya (Secretary General – UNA Gujarat), who focused on the importance of organising gender sensitization programs. Then the Guest of Honour, Shri Sudesh Verma (National Spokesperson – BJP) took us back to the ancient time where due respect was bestowed on women across different religions. He also emphasised on the importance of presence of woman in decision making positions.

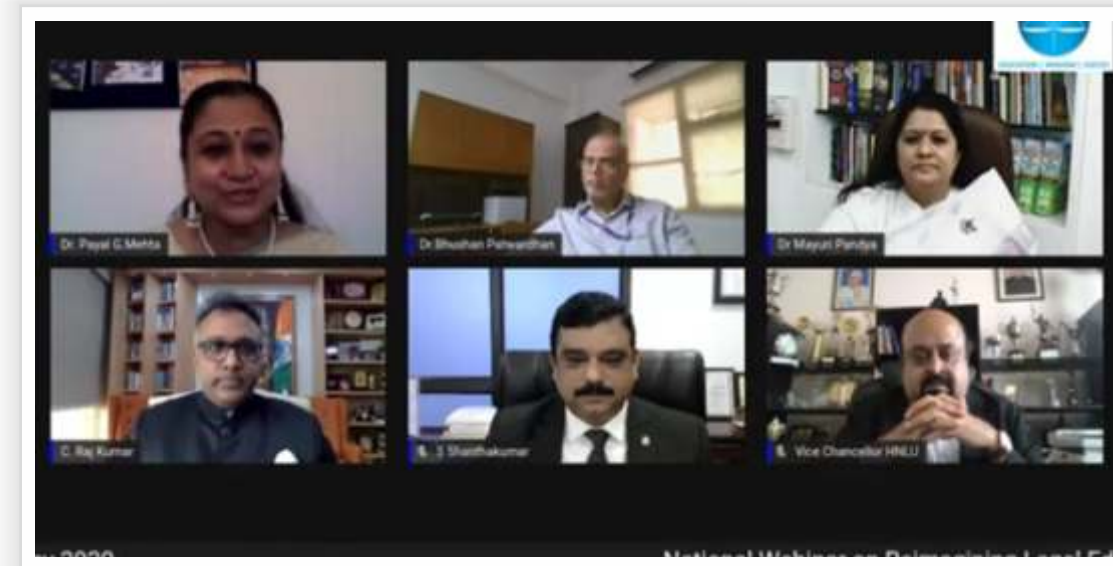
The Chief Guest of the day Smt. Mridula Sinha (Former Governor of Goa) beautifully orating the Hindi phrases and stories spoke about the women empowerment which is interlinked with the family

support and overall strength and development. Further the session was honoured with the presence of Honourable Mrs. Gyan Sudha Misra (Former Judge Supreme Court of India) who has pioneered many landmark judgements. Sharing her personal experiences, she spoke about the menace of early marriage of girls and how she feels lucky to be educated and able to reach such high positions in her career.

Marking the beginning of the second session Ms. Chandni Kapadia (CEO- Gujarat Law Society) shared her perspective about entrepreneurship and her personal journey in the business world. She motivated young women to enter into business and take up challenging roles. The last session was the most thought provoking of all - the Address by Ms. Chhaya Sharma (Director – Central Vigilance Commission), who has handled the sensational Nirbhaya case and has worked extensively with the tribes of North East India.

The session ended with a Vote of thanks by Dr. Udit Pandya (Member – UNA Gujarat) wherein she expressed her gratitude towards all the esteemed dignitaries for gracing this programme with their virtual presence.

## National Webinar - “ Reimagining Legal Education Under the New Education Policy”



*“Indian Ethos is reflected in New Education Policy”*

- UGC Vice Chairman

While addressing the participants of national webinar, Dr. Bhushan Patwardhan, Vice Chairman, UGC viewed that the new education policy recognises divergent culture and strives to build the nation by imparting quality education with thrust on moral values and inculcating social sensibilities. He endorsed that the New Education Policy (NEP) promotes Indian ethos and rejects colonial dominance in Indian Education System.

Highlighting the basic tenets of New Education Policy (NEP), Professor C. Rajkumar, Vice Chancellor, O.P Jindal Global University, advocated for multi-disciplinary liberal education, reforms in regulatory mechanisms, teacher centric reforms, encouragement of research and knowledge creation. Moreover, he emphasised the importance of academic freedom, public funding, private philanthropy, internationalisation and digitisation of Higher Education.

Echoing the arguments of Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Vivekanandan, Vice Chancellor, Hidayatullah National Law University, emphasised on multi disciplinary approach in legal education and research at undergraduate level. The quality undergraduate education will definitely produce high quality lawyers and judges.

Dr Nishtha Jaswal, Vice Chancellor, Himachal Pradesh National Law University was voicing support for technology centric and learner centric

approach and institutional autonomy. She viewed that Vice-Chancellors need to be involved in implementation of NEP.

Focussing on legal education, Professor Dr. S. Shanthakumar, Vice-Chancellor, GNLU urged for adopting the best practices and new technology by legal education centres. Secondly, law universities are essentially legal resource centres. Law universities can play a pivotal role in administering justice. Judiciary should take a note of it. Law universities need to teach ancient Indian legal philosophy and legal thinking.

Dr Sudhir Nanavati, Executive Vice-President, GLS, endorsing the panellists emphasised on practical aspects of legal education. He recommended establishment of law laboratory in legal centres. Similarly, the senior advocates and the judges have rich depository of knowledge. Law Universities must utilise the knowledge of the practitioners for the benefit of students.

Welcoming the guests, Dr Mayuri Pandya, Director, GLS Law College viewed that legal education must promote social, economic, political justice and fundamental duties. She urged the panellists to discuss the exit options for the students in the law programme.

The programme was anchored by Dr Payal Mehta, Asst. Professor, GLS Law College.



## National Webinar on "Bridging Microviolence Ahimsa through Gandhian Concept' on World Mental Health Day"



GLS Law college has organised national webinar on Bridging Micro Violence to Ahimsa through Gandhian concept on 10th October, 2020. The eminent speakers of the webinar were Mr. Ajay Umat, editor at Navgujarat Samay, Ms. Kusum Kaul Vyas, a social entrepreneur and Ms. Asha desai, director at Karmanye Foundation.

The esteemed guests were warmly welcomed by Dr. Mayuri Pandya, Director of GLS Law college. Dr. Mayuri Pandya discussed about micro-violence concept. Further she gave example of abasement of women. She also talked about Gandhiji's views on non-violence.

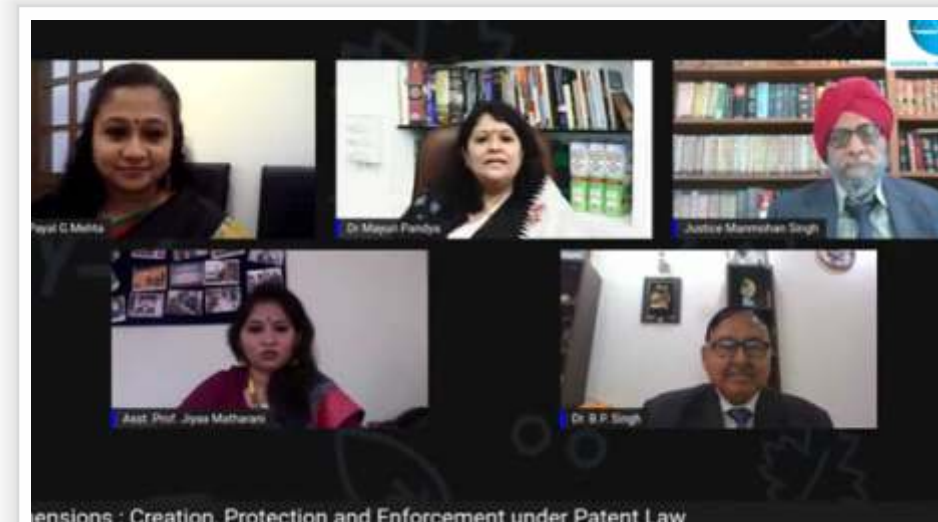
Mr. Ajay Umat was the first speaker of webinar. He started his speech by giving example of Nelson Mandela, former president of South Africa. He further added that Barack Obama is also influenced by Gandhian Concepts. He was once asked in a press conference that with whom he would like to have a dinner and without wasting time in thinking, Mr. Barack Obama chose Gandhi ji. He showed proud by saying that even after decades of Gandhi ji's death, we have still adopted gandhian thoughts. He discussed about Gandhi Ji's professional life. Gandhiji has spent forty years in the field of journalism and also had edited newspaper copies in more than six languages.

Alongside Mr. Ajay Umat, we had Ms. Kusum Kaul Vyas, yet another important speaker on platform of GLS Law college with us. She compared COVID Pandemic situation with Micro-violence with examples of increasing rates in suicide, domestic violence, mental stress level. She has also talked about the students who are victim of micro-violence at college campus. She explained Micro-violence by giving example of nuclear attack on Hiroshima and mega violence attack on Kashmiri Pandits. She also spoke that if we discriminated the cast, then also it is also one of the examples of micro-violence. Further she discussed that despite of having many advantages of digitalization, there is also a dark side of it which can leads towards micro-violence. She ended her speech by saying 'Charity always begins from home' and hence, we should stick on non-violence and self-control to avoid micro-violence.

Ms. Asha Desai shared her opinion about Ghandian concept. She suggested that the youth should learn gandhian thoughts and we all should use domestic products to make Indian economy more powerful through the concept of maki in India. Moreover, she also advised to not to take decision when you are either extremely happy or sad. You should take decision bravely and confidently.

Towards the conclusion of session, speakers answered the questions of viewers and explained Non-violence in contemporary relevance.

## National Webinar on "IP Dimension: Creation, Protection and Enforcement under Patent Law"



GLS Law College organized a national webinar on Saturday, 23rd January, 2021 titled IP Dimensions : Creation, Protection and Enforcement under Patent Law via its virtual official platform.

The eminent speakers of the webinar were Honorable Shri Justice Manmohan Singh, Chairman, Intellectual Property Appellate Board and Honorable Dr. B.P. SINGH Technical Member (Patents), IPAB. The guests were warmly welcomed by Dr Mayuri H Pandya, Director GLS Law College.

Justice Manmohan Singh enlightened the viewers as to how are patent rights enforced in Practical Patent cases before the various courts of law while Dr B P Singh spoke at length about the contemporary challenges and issues and the prevalent in the patenting system in India.

At the outset Dr Singh explained the importance of intellectual rights and shared the 7 objectives of the National Intellectual Property Rights Policy and discussed those objectives regarding IPR awareness, legal and legislative framework of IPR, generation of IPRs, administration and management, enforcement and adjudication and human capital development in detail. Sir also discussed the multifold developments and reforms in the domain of patents. Sir also explained the growing importance of IPR in the age of startups and MSMEs. The various legislative reforms in the year 2013, 2014 2016 2019 and 2020 were also covered by Dr Singh. His sessions also enlightened the student about the various administrative initiatives that have taken place as per the recommendation of the WIPO, WIPO copyright treaty and WIPO performers and phonograms treaty. Sir while discussing various landmarks in patent processing discussed about the implementation of electronic front office module implementation, implementation of version-2 electronic modules for recovering patent applications, Examination at IP office Delhi and e-filing of patent applications. Sir also statistically enlightened that how research needs to be developed in India while

comparing the research status of India with that of Korea Japan Germany UK France US and China. Further in the session sir also covered how patent filings by residents as well as the non residents have been on an increase since the year of 1995. Sir very enthusiastically cleared the doubts of the participants that were posed before him during the open stage regarding patentability of research papers and absence of criminal remedies for violation of patents under Indian Law.

Towards the end of the session Sir proudly mentioned how India is the only country where online patent filing is available.

Hon'ble Mr. Justice Manmohan Singh, Chairman IPAB, in his speech on the topic of enforcement of the patent laws gave an enriching overview of the patents historical development and the current trends of judiciary.

The history of patent laws that dates back to the early 1900s when it was merged with the Designs Act. With India becoming a party to TRIPS convention it was necessary for us to make certain important changes in our existing IP laws to be in line with international standardization of various IP laws. The patent Act was also amended in the year 1999, 2002 and 2005 and then it was as per the TRIPS compliance.

The various amendments made were specifically in the area of number of years of protection and certain reservations that India had kept earlier in relation to the pharmaceuticals agricultural and chemical patents.

Then in relation to the enforcement of the patent laws. Hon'ble sir explained about the technical peculiarities related to the correct filing of the patent applications and infringement and how and where it can be filed. Sir also were comparing the similarities and dissimilarities in the various IPs like the patent, trademark, copyright, design.

# Orientation of 'Novel Subjects to Newly Inducted Batch'

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**NEW STUDENT  
ORIENTATION**

### Mooting Skills



The virtual orientation program for Mooting Skill was organised on August 14, 2020 on the WebEx Platform. The guest for the session was Dr. Girish M., Assistant Professor, Gujarat National Law University, Gandhinagar. Dr. Girish explained the concept and significance of mooting to the students. It was a very interactive session, where students had asked interesting questions to the guest and hence, engaged in a meaningful discussion.

### Sociology



The virtual orientation program for the subject of Sociology was organised on August 13, 2020 on the WebEx Platform. The guest for the session was Prof. N. Rajaram – Former Professor and Dean, School of Social Sciences, Central University of Gujarat, Gandhinagar. The session was attended by 72 students of 2020-2025 batch of the Integrated BA LLB Program at GLS Law College. Prof. Rajaram started the session by giving a brief background about Sociology and explained the relationship between Law and Sociology. He explained in detail, the significance of teaching sociology as part of law course. He also explained the sociological concepts of social process, social structure (status and roles), cultural sociology, etc. The session ended with a round of question and answer. Students were intrigued by the content and many among them, had asked pertinent questions regarding the subject.

### Political Science and Law

In order to orient the newly inducted students, GLS Law College had invited Prof. Santosh Kumar (Dean, School of Liberal Arts and Management Studies, P. P. Savani University, Surat) to deliver a lecture on Political Science and Law. Prof. Kumar explained the relationship and differences between law and politics. Further, he explained various perspectives on the relationship of two subjects. Concluding the lecture he viewed that law functions in relation to politics in three basic aspects, namely, goal, means and obstacle. Prof. Kumar was awarded a Doctorate degree in Politics from JNU, New Delhi and University of Glasgow, United Kingdom.

## Pearls of Wisdom

### "Animal Welfare: Co-existence - A Legal Perspective"



**Mrs. Maneka Sanjay Gandhi,  
Politician, Animal Rights Activist**



**Ms. Gauri Maulekhi, Trustee, People for Animals  
and Consultant, Animals Welfare Board of India.**

Mrs. Maneka Gandhi, a name, synonyms to Animal Welfare in India. May it be from bringing about reformatory changes in the criminal system to making strict laws for women protection. Her most prized feat is the voice that she has raised for animal welfare. Not only has she raised her voice but also has created a movement in the nation to protect the animal lives. She had inspired the various law colleges all over India to take up Animal Welfare as a subject and train the budding lawyers. She rightly said that if a person is compassionate towards an animal then he actually is a compassionate person, because, every crime committed on humans has been started by abusing animals.

GLS Law college welcomed a renowned personality on the E-platform to share her rich experience on the topic 'Co-existence with reference to Animal Welfare'. Ms. Gandhi shared her journey in the field of Animal Welfare and she revisited her memory lane while mentioning the experience of starting the First Animal Hospital in India 'Sanjay Gandhi Animal Care Centre' with the little amount of eight lakhs of rupees in the year 1984.

She also hosted a show on Doordarshan called

'Heads and Tails', which demonstrated, how a chicken become a chicken sandwich, the show went on for 5 years and started this movement for animal protection and welfare in India. Her journey to becoming the voice of millions of animals is indeed awe inspiring. The animal protection laws in India are extremely weak, owing to which, the cruelty on animals has been increasing and no actions are being taken on the offenders. She encouraged the law students to be an asset for our nation, for our people and our animals by helping frame better and stricter laws for animal protection and welfare. Ms. Maneka Gandhi stirred the GLS Law Environmental Law Clinic to take up initiatives to create consciousness about animal protection and animal welfare. The Covid time has not only been tough for Humans, but has also been tough for the animals, specially the stray animals, but people have come out to feed and care these animals even during the toughest of the times. This is the movement that Ms. Maneka Gandhi started in India. To speak up and move the country for the rights of the ones who cannot speak for themselves is indeed true Humanity and Ms. Maneka Gandhi has truly been a humanitarian.

Alongwith Ms. Maneka Gandhi, Ms. Gauri Maulekhi ji, yet another important name when we talk about Animal welfare shed light on other aspects in continuous. She herself has been inspired by Ms. Maneka Gandhi and is now working tirelessly towards animal welfare. She gave an insight to law students about the various existing laws in the country and how each and every law can be made better for animal protection and welfare. Her vast knowledge, basically knowing everything about animal protection and welfare laws in India, astonished all the viewers. She talked about all the wrong practices happening against and on animals. Her in depth knowledge about the various problems held all of us thinking about the situation the animals are in. Well she wasn't just a woman who knew about the problems, she talked about every possible solution to prevent and protect the animals from any harm. Her compassionate heart has made her the frontline worker for the animals. The two phenomenal women who spoke on the platform of GLS Law College have definitely given all the viewers great brain food and a lot of questions to ponder upon.



## "Emerging Issues and Challenges under Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code"



**Ms. Madhavi Divan, Additional Solicitor General of India.**

It was a pride and privilege for GLS Law College to have Ms. Madhavi Divan, Additional Solicitor General of India to deliver a virtual lecture on May 12, 2020. Ms. Madhavi Divan is the third lady Additional Solicitor General of India. Throughout the webinar, she explained how the Code came to be introduced and also touched upon certain important concepts and provisions from it. The speaker began the lecture by substantiating how the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code, 2016 is one of the most path breaking legislations of the independent India. The Code has marked a paradigm shift from the ancient entrenched culture of borrowing and lending in India along with certain other economic reforms. She further explained how the practice of 'lend and pretend' has been terminated with introduction of the Code.

The RBI undertook an Assets Quality Review (AQR) and came to discover the quantities of NPAs which the banks were reluctant to classify as NPAs. It is in this background that the Code was introduced in the wake of a paralysing need of a new legislation amidst the ever increasing non-performing assets (NPAs) in the year 2015. She then touched upon the banking reform of nationalisation of banks that took place back in the year 1969 which broke the banker borrower nexus. This reform took place to remedy the cornering of major finance by the major industrial houses which in turn left the agricultural sector amongst other productive sectors with little or no finance.

Before IBC, the legal regime to that effect was highly dispersed; there were special laws under which the lenders could exercise their right to recovery for eg.

The Recovery Due to Banks Act, 1993, SARFAESI Act, 2002 amongst others. Multiple forums and levels of appeals in these laws created delay and confusion which has been effectively remedied by IBC.

The speaker explained in great detail the nuances pertaining to the commencement of CIRP process, COC, resolution professionals, moratorium, provision of appeals in the Code in light of cases like that of Essar Steel. Insolvency professionals, information utilities, the adjudicating authority (i.e., the NCLT) and the insolvency and bankruptcy board of India are the four pillars on which this legislation rests.

In the concluding remarks, the speaker explained how the IBC is a very bold economic reform which also met with a lot of resistance from the opposition. To address some of its teething problems, amendments were brought about to iron out its creases.

The webinar ended on the note as to how the Court perfectly summed up the IBC legislation in the Swiss Ribbons case where a constitutional challenge was made to the Code. J. R. Nariman very aptly stated, "the defaulter's paradise is lost".

## "Indian Constitution: the arch stone of Democracy"



**Mr. Devang Nanavati, Senior Advocate, High Court of Gujarat**

Mr. Devang Nanavati, Honorary Secretary, Gujarat Law Society, enlightened the students over the Indian constitution: the arch stone of Democracy. He began with the history of the framing of Indian constitution. He discussed how after independence the framers of the constitution had to face the challenge of drafting a constitution for a country with such diversity in terms of religion and caste and still ensure unity in diversity. He discussed about formation of constituent assembly for drafting of Constitution of India. The Constitution of India was formed after 2 years of debate among the members of the constituent assembly and was finally released on 26th November, 1949 and hence this day is celebrated as Constitution Day in India. He elaborated how the Indian Constitution has adopted various features from different constitution of the world such as U.K, U.S.A, French, Ireland and Canada. He emphasized on the flexibility of Fundamental Rights as Fundamental Rights can be abrogated by procedure under law in case of National interest, Public order and Public interest. He gave better understanding about flexibility of Fundamental Rights by citing example of restriction on our Right to free movement, Right to travel during lockdown etc. Mr. Nanavati pointed out, how the rights that we have enjoyed over years have been curtailed during lockdown for sake of public health. He discussed the period where Fundamental Rights were suspended

during emergency and one could not file a writ against it and now that has been amended so that fundamental Rights could be upheld during the emergency period. He rightly emphasized that this lockdown has made us realize importance of our Fundamental Rights and we should always appreciate our Fundamental Rights. He discussed in detail about fundamental rights that are evolved over time and that Constitution of India is not a rigid document. It is a transient document. It is meant to be evolved with the changing time and with the requirement of people. It cannot remain same and still. Lastly he concluded by emphasizing on the importance of constitutional law for all law students. He rightly pointed out that no matter in which field of law one practices, Constitutional Law always remains as the Backbone of all Laws.

## “Lighthouse to Environmental Injustice : The Role of NGT in India.”



GLS Law College organized an enlightening webinar on “Lighthouse of Environmental Injustice: The Role of NGT in India” by Hon'ble Mr. Justice Swatanter Kumar, Former chair Person National Green Tribunal, Former Judge, Supreme Court of India, Former Judge, supreme Court of India.

The points pertaining to the Environmental Jurisprudence which were discussed while citing important cases and incidents were important not only for students of Law but also for every citizen of India as they under any circumstances should be aware of it. Without a clean and healthy environment, the human existence is not possible.

It was indeed a privilege to learn about the important aspects regarding the NGT, its functioning and adjudication of cases from an expert like Justice Swatanter Kumar who has specialization in the field of environmental law and has been serving at one of the most important forums for adjudication of environmental disputes in the country i.e. the NGT.

## “Patenting System in India: Issues at Par!”



**Dr. B.P.Singh, Technical Member - Patents, IPAB**

GLS Law College had organised a webinar in the month of June, titled 'Patenting System in India: Issues at Par' by Mr. B. P. Singh, Joint Controller of Patents and Design (Retired). The session was premised on patenting system in India.

Dr. Singh has provided valuable information regarding patent and IPR regime in India. He mentioned that the strength of IPR, rest on three pillars, that is, perfectly balanced legislation; efficient IPR administration; and effective enforcement mechanism. In this regard, he shared that India is performing well in all three parameters.

He further discussed that India has a well formulated legislation, complying with the International obligations. At the same time, over the years, India has strengthened its IPR office (administration), where all components of IPR have been brought under the same umbrella. This according to him, has helped to improve India's ranking under the Global Innovation Index Ranking.

Dr. Singh mentioned that, one of the major successes for India in terms of IPR is the adoption of National Intellectual Property Rights Policy in 2016. He further shared certain landmarks in patent processing in India, such as, paperless examination & other. He also shed light into the issue of balancing of rights and obligations under TRIPS and Indian Patent Law, along with certain landmark judgements of Supreme Court of India on IPR.

He elaborated on the process of applying for patents in India, while sharing certain valuable statistics on patents filed by residents and non-residents in India and the patent applications filed by top ten Indian Universities.

The webinar was indeed very informative and interactive, which has helped the participants & viewers to enrich their knowledge on the various aspects of Patent system in India globally.



## Dissemination of E-Knowledge through Webinars

### Webinar on “ Two Models of Law Schools : Why Success is a Third Way”



**Dr. Thom Brooks,  
Professor of Law and Government,  
The Dean of Durham Law School,  
Durham University**

A very insightful Seminar was conducted on January 19, 2021, titled ‘Two Models of Law School: Why Success is a Third Way’ by Dr. Thom Brooks, Dean - Durham Law School, United Kingdom. The session was premised on different approaches of imparting legal education under the University system of education.

Dr. Brooks discussed two different Models of legal education, which originated in the western education system. He termed the first model as the ‘European/Continental Model’ and the second model as ‘Richfield/Apprenticeship Model’. The European model is an academic pursuit of higher learning, which had originated in Bologna in Italy, which is the first law school of Europe. This model was based on theoretical learning, i.e., reading books and attending lectures. In this manner the law schools following the European model solely acted as academic department of the Universities, offering degrees in law subject, devoid of any form of practical experience. The second model, he discussed was the Richfield Model, which had originated at the Richfield Law School in United State of America. The method of imparting legal education by the Richfield Law School was very different from the European Model. The major focus of this model was not to provide degrees but to teach practical skills to the students and equip them to be good practitioners.

He mentioned that even at Oxford University, there was a time, when the law which was taught to students, was not Common Law (local law) but Roman Law which was based on European/Continental Model. Though now a days, even Oxford University offers Clinical Legal Education. Whereas, the followers of Richfield Model, right from the early days, taught local legal models/local laws to the students, thus, making them better practitioners.

Dr. Brook highlighted, that academic pursuit of legal education is important to provide scholarly insights to the study of law but it also has its own downside, i.e., it do not teach students how to work in the real world. Therefore, he suggested a ‘Third Way’ to teach legal education by blending the first two model, i.e., a sound legal education, should be able to provide scholarly insight of law, while providing adequate avenues for learning the local laws and the skills to practise it. He said that by following the ‘Third Model’ the Law Schools and the Law Firms develops a very close relationship, where the Law Schools produce Lawyers, who are equipped to practice at the Law Firms upon obtaining a degree.

While concluding the session, he shared the importance of having students from diverse background in Law Schools. In this regard, he shared that the British Law Schools are proud of having high numbers of International students in the classrooms. He stressed that diversity in student population, reflects global competitiveness for academic jobs in the legal arena. At the same time, he has observed that students coming from other legal systems are more critical about different laws taught to them.

The session ended with a round of Questions and Answers, moderated by Dr. Payal Mehta, Assistant Professor, GLS Law College.

## Webinar on “Contemporary Dimension of Legal Research Methodology”



**Dr. Shashikala Gurpur,  
Director of SLS**

A webinar titled “Contemporary Dimensions of Legal Research Methodology” was held on 26th, December, 2020 by GLS Law College on its virtual platform. The session was delivered by Dr. Shashikala Gurpur who is the Director of Symbiosis Law School, Pune and Dean, Faculty of Law, Symbiosis International (Deemed) University.

The session was premised on how to conduct legal research by using doctrinal and non-doctrinal approaches. She also delved into the relevance of field-based research as guided by legal academics and trans-academic fraternity. She highlighted on the fact, that in India, legal institutions do need academic research to assist them to solve complex socio-legal cases in a timely manner. This will lead to low pendency of cases. In this line, she highlighted that need for having a National Legal Commission in line of Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) to augment legal research in India.

Dr. Shashikala, further presented the methodology and process of conducting legal research by using scientific and ethical manner. She highlighted that objectivity and neutrality of legal research, should be looked through critical lens of the researcher. This will aid in understanding the subjective reality of the vulnerable sections of society. She further added that the balancing act of objective and subjective reality of a research problem can be understood by using both deductive and inductive logic. Therefore, the best research techniques consist of having a mixed research method based on

both deductive and inductive approach.

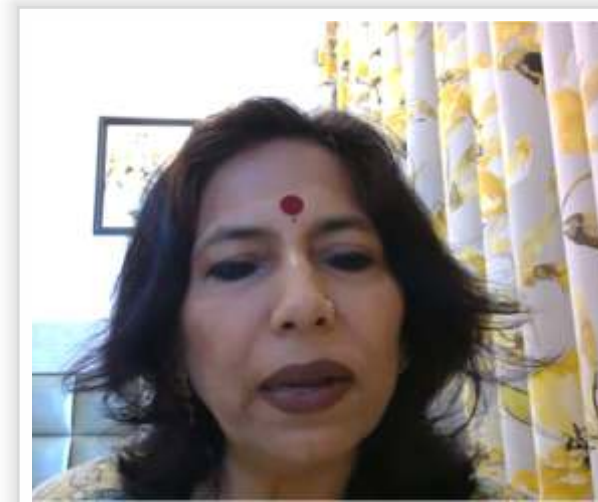
Dr. Shashikala, went into the nuances of legal research for justice. She highlighted that legal researchers, should take into account the element of judicial bias and how it influences the judicial outcomes. She further added that while selecting any research topic, the researcher should think, how such research will benefit the target population and the society at large.

She discussed different types of research and highlighted the purpose, method and nature of each of the types. The types of research dealt with were, descriptive, exploratory, analytical, critical, historical and comparative. While discussing the same, she stressed that most types of researches should be used in combination to conduct a quality study. She further discussed the concept of research design, its process and importance, while highlighting the role of identifying the gap in literature review (Gap Analysis) to generate valuable research findings.

Dr. Shashikala highlighted, the importance of conducting socio-legal studies in legal education. She mentioned that hypothesis can only be used in non-doctrinal research not in doctrinal research. She further added that in legal research hypothesis, one need to prove, either 'law is absent' or 'law is inadequate'. In addition, she urged legal researchers to use the formula of IRAC (Issue, Rule, Application/Analysis and Conclusion) to analyze subjects of legal research.

She concluded the session by highlighting the importance of conducting responsible and ethical research process while conducting legal research.

## Unseen Wounds - Domestic Violence during COVID-19 Pandemic”



**Ms. Abha Singh, Advocate  
High Court of Bombay**

Instances of Domestic Violence periodically saw an exponential surge amidst the World wide Covid 19 lockdown. Not only India, but also the first world countries reported a spike of almost 75% rise in the cases pertaining to Domestic Violence. The possible reason to such a dramatic increase could have been many, however getting a socio legal understanding of the development and evolution of this adverse situation stood to be the key concern amongst the stakeholders worldwide. GLS Law College proudly organise a webinar inviting Ms. Abha Singh, an eminent lawyer specialized in the subject with an aim to get a better understanding and potential solutions to the issues. The webinar turned many unexplored and the least noticed areas and loopholes which contributed widely in the evolution of this adversity.

While delivering for almost an hour along with periodically interacting with the students, shared her valuable inputs in the most chronological and precise manner. Starting with the concept and deliberation of what is known as “Domestic Wounds,” the webinar proceeded to explore and quote certain instances of such cases which found light amidst the lockdown. It was observed that the National Commission for Women, saw a two- fold spike in Registration of complaints pertaining to

violence in households. The understanding delivered by way of the webinar further left the students to explore the scope and extent of domestic violence vis a vis the level of unawareness amongst the population; more specifically the women themselves being unaware of their rights and sub consciously carrying a subtle regressive approach towards their own status. It was highlighted that Domestic Violence is not something which is limited to physical violence amongst a married household, rather it has a very broad scope and takes into account even other forms of abuse including Social, Financial, Sexual and Psychological Abuse including the continuous act of ignorance. It even takes into purview, Live in Relationships and provides that women have the Right to Shared Household and cannot be vacated from her house unreasonably by the Husband or the Live in Partner.

The major focus of the Webinar was making the audience aware about what the common people does not know pertaining to the Rights of women in a shared household, and how broad the scope of the Act is. Further, the aim of the webinar was to majorly create Awareness amongst the young law students, and how they can contribute in generating awareness and subsequently reducing the instances of such adverse actions. Various methods including that of staying connected with the neighbors by way of Social Media was suggested. Further the details about the Helpline Centers, Legal Aid Clinics specifically dealing with instances of Domestic Violence, The Shelter Houses and other areas which can facilitate the process of justice delivery. The need and importance of Counseling Centers was majorly focused because of the delicacies and extreme Psychological and Mental Trauma undergone by the Victims of Domestic Violence. It is needed that the helping hand understands and acts according to the mental state of the victims and that the victim feels comfortable enough to share her agony with the helpers.



## "Mankind in Catastrophe : Glancing the 'Take Away'"



**Prof. (Dr) S. Shanthakumar, Director, Gujarat National Law University.**

Professor Dr S. Shanthakumar, Director of GNLU, a learned law professor, explained in detail, with examples of few tragic catastrophes happened in India in past 20 years, to bring the very succinct note over what are the takeaways from such disasters, vis a vis humanity. In the very beginning of his speech he appreciated GLS Law College, Director Dr. Mayuri Pandya and her team of faculty members for engaging students in the times of pandemic so as no academic loss incur to the students during the time of Lockdowns. To bring the point home he cited three catastrophes namely Bhopal Gas Disaster of 1984, Sterlite Copper agitation in Tamil Nadu last year and very recently Gas leakage incidence at LG plant at Vizag, Andhra Pradesh. Bhopal Gas Disaster is considered the most tragic human catastrophe in the history of independent India, he pointed out. He also explained in brief what happened at LG industrial plant and at Sterlite Copper where human lives were lost and how government and disaster

management acted. As it happened during and after Bhopal Gas tragedy, in LG gas leakage incidence too government announced the immediate compensation, National Green Tribunal also awarded a large sum for the affected people. He further explained that there are always three groups of people involved during such disasters. One, the perpetrators, two, victims, who has to suffer for no fault of theirs and thirdly, the community, state and country, how the citizenry is affected. And if we would have learned from the past catastrophes the money, which is now being announced as the compensations to the victims, would have been used for the much better development of the same people and would have averted such catastrophes. At the conclusion of his talk, he opened the forum for the inquisitor students who posed very interesting questions and gave answer to the satisfaction of the students.

## "Judicial Decision Making and Gender Perspective"



**Dr. Purvi Pokhariyal,  
Dean, Faculty of Law, Nirma University**

Dr. Purvi Pokhariyal Graced the Official Virtual platform of GLS Law College in a National webinar held on a very crucial issue pertaining to importance of gender equality in Judiciary titled "Judicial Decision Making and Gender Perspective" on its official virtual platform on 10th February, 2021. Dr. Purvi Pokhariyal, the Director and Dean of Institute of Law, Nirma University was the guest speaker for the day. Dr. Mayuri Pandya, Director, GLS Law College warmly welcomed the guest for the webinar. Dr. Pokhariyal had delivered a very well researched and interesting lecture on the said topic which kept the viewers glued to their screens throughout the session.

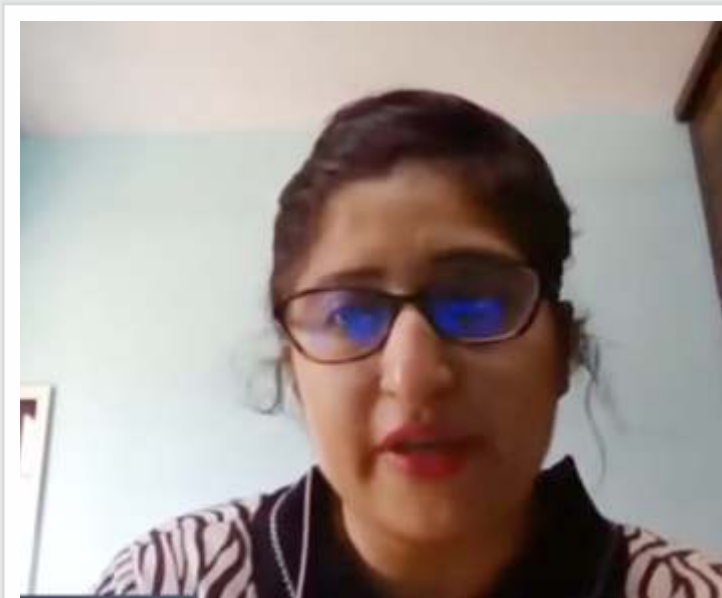
The webinar was based on the idea that the judiciary needs to rise up to the occasion of gender equality by showing that there is lack of gender discrimination in the appointment of judges. This assumes importance as the equal representation of both genders on the bench will influence the gender-responsiveness of the courts and women judges will also contribute to the

diversity and representativeness of the courts. It was noted, that, the women judges will have an enhanced understanding of the grievance of women, thus, helping in establishing gender equality in the society.

To further her argument, Dr. Pokhariyal had shared statistics regarding the appointment of judges and encouraged research in the said domain. She stated that at JMFC level the appointments of women are adequate but at the level of District Magistrate and at higher courts (High Court and Supreme Court) the number of female judges is abysmal. Currently, the highest number of female judges are appointed in the High Court of Punjab and Haryana. Thus, she correctly pointed out that in a country wherein the bench does not have equal representation of women, it can shake the confidence of its citizens in the judiciary.

The session was concluded with a round of question-and-answer, where she answered few intriguing questions posed by inquisitive students.

## "Sexual Harassment during Covid-19 with POCSO view"



**Ms. Raina Khatri Tandon (CEO, Right2rise & specialist and Human Rights expert)**

Ms. Raina Khatri Tandon discussed POSCO views and sexual harassment happens even in this covid pandemic time. She started session with the depth meaning of POSCO. She gave information regarding the use and importance of POSCO. She shared her views on the recent Boy's Locker Room case in relation to POSCO Act. She discussed few cases about POSCO. After the completion of the POSCO act, she discussed the sexual harassment. She discussed child abuse with a very useful power point presentation. She shared her views on the 18 years old girl of Bhopal. She also discussed whether the victims get support once a case is reported in terms of legal representation. Apart from getting justice, as a part of curative and preventive measure, she suggested a part of preventive measure in order to go not get such cases in the first place. She also discussed about the online harassment, harassment at work place. She also gave words on objective of the workshops and harassment at work place. She also discussed Justice Juvenile Act in detail. She gave detailed picture about provisions of rape, harassment, molestation, infringement of human rights under Indian Penal Code. She stated that more than 70% of child sex abuse cases involve a relative, friend or someone else close to the child. She gave a suggestion that we should hear child when they

speak. They should take a follow up when the child doesn't speak or a child is silent. They should not be ignored or unheard. Later she talked about the reasons why a separate law on child sexual abuse is indeed. She also threw light on causes of CSA i.e. Child Sexual Abuse and child pornography. Further she discussed special procedures under the acts of child abuse, period for recording of evidence and disposal of the cases, important aspects on the burden of proof, with suitable explanation etc.

## Judicial Hearing via Video Conferencing : Limitations and Challenges for access to justice"



**Mr. Percy Kavina, Sr. Advocate, High Court of Gujarat**

Comparing the Pre-historical times with Modern era Mr. Percy Kavina explained how were the hearings operated in earlier time. Mr. Kavina stated that during pre-historic period there was no concept of hearing of courts, instead tribal systems existed wherein all the tribes came together and decided about the solution to the issue. Then with the passage of time in the Modern era rule of codified law came into existence and this was the time when the judges came in picture and the courts were formed to give the proper justice and then this was how the Indian Judicial System went on.

Then he further added that, with the Covid-19 Pandemic the complete lockdown was announced by our Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri. Narendra Modi on 23rd March, 2020, and this was the time when the Judicial hearing started taking place via Video Conferencing in completely adhoc fashion by using various media channels like Zoom, Cisco Webex, etc., which did not prove to be much successful and was not safe also. Thus, the system of video conferencing was completely fragile and was not a good idea to use as there are many chances for its misuse.

Mr. Kavina explained as to why Video Conference hearing is not a good idea to be used by the court of law as it was expensive because it required fast internet connection which is not possible all the time, a scanner, a typist to type and comply with the rules, etc., secondly he stated that the process of hearing is very slow as well as tedious due to non familiarity of many people with the gadgets, court proceedings are completely shielded from public case i.e., any citizen of India can move in any court except the Supreme Court for listening to the justice given in the particular matter which is not possible for the people in the case of Video Conferencing.

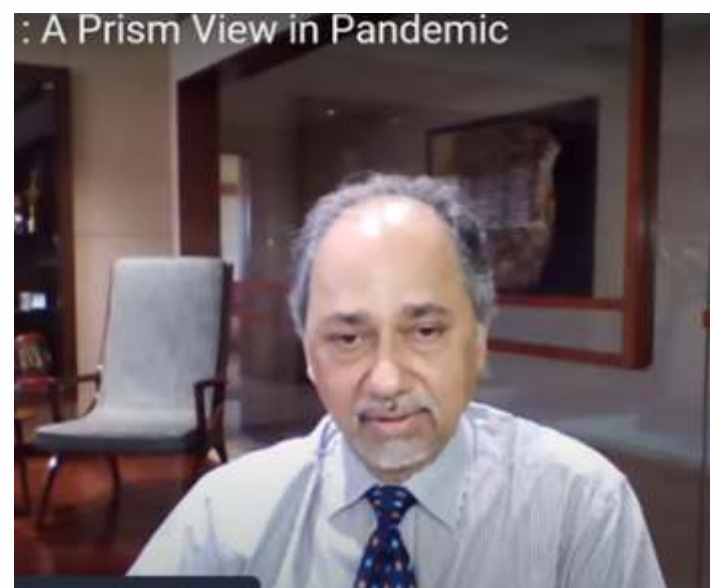
Further adding to the speech sir explained different video conferencing methodologies used by different courts such as in Supreme Court VIDYO app is used developed by National Informatics Centre (NIC) which is very clumpy and crunky app, in Delhi High Court video conferencing is used in different category of matters and physical hearing is not done in Delhi High Court today, talking about Gujarat High Court sir explained that it uses Zoom app but after using this app it's impossible to predict when the matter will be circulated or listed which is a huge problem as this methodology is not better developed and talking about the Karnataka High Court it carries out physical hearing as well as uses video conferencing methodologies for delivering judgements. Thus, a detail overview about the working of different courts was explained sir.

More over, by explaining various points made by Supreme Court Advocates on Record representation to the Chief Justice of India, Mr. Kavina added that 95% of advocates are not comfortable with video conferencing due to audio video defects, etc., even they are unable to instruct arguing council and even it is not possible to read out judgements properly or to refer provisions of law and thus, video conferencing would never replace physical hearing.

Mr. Kavina concluded the webinar by quoting a beautiful lines said by Justice Dhananjay Chandrachud, Sitting Judge of Supreme Court of India that, "I want to disabuse the minds of people who think that virtual courts are some sort of formula which is a substitute for open court hearing."



## “Force Majeure : A Prism View in Pandemic”



### Mr. Dhaval Dave (Senior Advocate, High Court of Gujarat)

Mr. Dhaval Dave started the session with basic knowledge of contract act. After the discussion on it, he started to teach what is force majeure and it is not included in any provision or section of contract act. Force majeure is a France term. It means Act of God, he added. Later on Mr. Dave discussed about the way to make a grant of relief from the electricity company to curb the minimum charges. Shared details about the commercial shops or offices which were not allowed to open. Further he discussed about the frustration and its effect in contract. At the end of the session, Mr. Dave helped the viewers by solving their doubts, & also discussed about the property laws by examples.

The session was very informative and GLS Law college students were enlighten by knowledge of an experience expert.

## Relevance of Human Rights in Pandemic : National and International Responses



### Mr. Nagesh Sood, Advocate, High Court of Gujarat

Mr. Nagesh Sood is a practicing advocate at the High Court of Gujarat, while addressing the students, he explained in detail, the three most crucial aspects of the concerned subject, namely Pandemic- COVID-19, Human Rights and Rights and Responses. He began his address by outlining the beginning of COVID-19 and declaration of its spread as a Global Pandemic by World Health Organisation (WHO). Comparing, current pandemic with last three global virus outbreak, such as Bubonic Plague of 1903, Spanish Flu of 1918 and most recent one SARS of 2002, he warned that COVID-19 pandemic is much more dangerous. To put the issue of Human Rights in the present perspective of the COVID-19 outbreak he first preferred to explain what is Human Rights. He went into the great length on the issue of human rights and gave clarity on the subject. Giving basic meaning of the human rights, he said each human being is entitled to certain rights which are inherently humanity issues and such rights cannot be violated on the grounds of gender, race, caste, ethnicity, religion etc. and that's why they are called Human Rights or Basic Rights or Fundamental Rights as enshrined in the Constitution of India. These are the rights which contribute to the freedom and liberty of the people and ultimately contribute to the social welfare, he added. To emphasise the importance of it he cited Universal Declaration of Human Rights, 4 other International Covenants on

Human Rights and United Nations Charter. He drew a comparison to the Indian Constitution, where in the Preamble & Part 3 and Part 4 all such rights are enshrined as the basic/fundamental rights. Coming back to the point of COVID-19 pandemic he pointed out that Right to Health too is considered as Human Right and all governments are obligated not to violate this right of its citizens by taking all necessary steps to control the pandemic and provide treatment, care without any discrimination. He further said, that sometimes, as case law provides, to uphold basic rights there have to be put some restrictions on other rights. Same situation warrants with COVID-19 outbreak which has been manifested in the invoking of certain Indian Penal Code sections, Epidemic Diseases Act, 1897 and Disaster Management Acts which brought the restrictions on some of the basic rights by Quarantine and Lockdowns, which India has responded through. He also gave examples of similar global responses to contain the spread of COVID-19 virus. In the end students also interacted with same enthusiasm.

## "Legal Entrepreneurship: Climate Change and Environmental Perspective"



**Dr. Megha Bhatt (Founder SciKnow Tech, Educationist and Woman Scientist)**

The expert shed light on one of the least discussed topic & explained very interesting topic for students. The session was bifurcated into different parts for discussion such as, Environmental Perspectives, Legal Perspectives, Startup Ecosystem and the journey of an expert as an Entrepreneur. Dr Megha had started the discussion with the difference between weather and climate. . She showcased the presentation to make her views very clear. She differentiated both the term in easy way by emotion, 'climate is what you expect, and weather is what you get'. After the discussion on meaning of weather and climate change, she moved to the topic of warming up earth. She also added the greenhouse effect, its stages, greenhouse effect and enhanced GHE including natural greenhouse effect and human enhanced greenhouse effect. She gave an example on systematic recording of weather data which had occurred since 19th century. Then she talked about 'Little Ice Age.' She later explained the 5Rs i.e. Reuse, Reduce, Recycle, Refuse and Recovery. Then she focused on environment laws, Why environmental laws are required and benefits of environmental laws. She discussed the different environment protection acts. For example, water act, wild life act, forest conservation act, the air act and ISO 14000 Environmental management standards. Later she moved her discussion to what is entrepreneurship and what is startup entrepreneurship. She gave equation of a startup. She also gave idea about disruption by giving different examples like Uber

Cabs- the largest taxi company owns no vehicles, Airbnb- the largest accommodation provider owns no real estate, facebook- the most popular media provider creates no content, Instagram- the most valuable photo company sells no camera, Netflix- the fastest growing television network lays no cables, etc. Dr. Megha had also enlightened the difference between business and startup by showing examples of best startups in India such as Paytm, flipkart, snapdeal, ola, oyo, etc. She also included 6 successful Indian startups founded by women.

It was very informative, helpful and knowledge gaining session for all the viewers.

## "Spirituality and Youth in backdrop of Pandemic"



**Mr. Deepak Makwana, Life Coach, Founder and CEO Biz Tea**

Learned Mr. DEEPAK MAKWANA shared his views on "Spirituality & Youth". In his almost an hour-long conversation he aptly defined what is SPIRITUALITY, while making it very simple WHAT SPIRITUALITY IS NOT. He started his address by asking a simple question that what images pops up in one's mind when they hear the word spirituality? Normally, answer is, an image of either any Sanyasi or Baba or an old Man with long beard and grey hair comes in front of everyone's eyes, who usually preaches to abandon materialistic things and start living a simple life. Moreover, he points out, since childhood we were fed the similar stories like King Bharthruhari, King Harishchandra, Bhagwan Buddha or Mahavir Swami who all abandoned the riches and material happiness and then only achieved SPIRITUALITY. Mr. Makwana said, this is only the "one side of the coin". He emphasized that the other side of the coin is, one can be spiritual even while enjoying all the worldly riches, comforts and happiness. Even though, someone is having a lavish lifestyle, using latest gadgets, travelling in jets and still he can be spiritual. He said, this is not a mismatch but its mis-understanding. It's the misunderstanding about SPIRITUALITY. He further explained that spirituality is not a religion, it's not only for old people, it's not a simplistic life, it's not renouncing the world or happiness. One can attain the spirituality without altering or compromising

the normal life. Altering or compromising normal/materialistic life is not a pre-requisite but it's merely an option. Upon a question that if youth should also start achieving spirituality, he, interestingly, said, It is late for the youth as Spirituality should start from the Grade 1. As everyone is to become a leader in their respective field in the future and a TRUE LEADER has the ingredient of spirituality and then only one can become leader in the true sense. He ended the session with the interactive session with students who intricately absorbed the content of the subject.



## "Cushioning Mental Health : Measuring Aftershocks of Pandemic"



**Ms. Iti Shukla (Clinical Psychologist)**

The session of renowned clinical psychology enlightened the cushioning mental health during pandemic. Ms. Iti Shukla delivered & discussed the session with through positivity. She suggested to stay at home, remain positive and stay healthy. She tried to convince the viewers to become used to of lock down and not to go outside unnecessarily. Moreover, she talked about the challenges which may occur in near future. People need to gate strong in pandemic situation without getting panic. Mental stability is the most important aspect to fight against covid virus. Being a psychologist, she suggested to be strong and positive. She also gave some precautions to be taken to survive during covid-19. She further said that we should not ignore our even minor illness. This can be risky. If we have a doubt regarding our health, we should approach doctor and appropriate medicines should be taken without any fail. Only Mentally strong person can handle any physical illness with immunity with that message Ms. Iti shukla answered all the queries of viewers with concern & passion.

## Practicing Yoga: Stretch your Body; Not the Stress !



**Dr. M.Kureshi, Yoga Master,  
World Record Holder in Yoga**

Yoga is not just a physical exercise, it is a holistic approach to health and well-being which unveils the full potential of human beings. Yoga has four dimensions that is physical, mental, emotional and spiritual. Considering the importance of yoga, Virtual Yoga session was organized by GLS Law College on its official virtual platform on 16th January, 2021 at 11.15 a.m. An international yoga trainer and World Record Holder Dr. M. Kureshi, was invited to conduct the Yoga session. He demonstrated various types of yoga aasanas like Tadaasana, Bhujangasana, Shavaasana, and proper way to drink water to lose weight, leg raises, basic breathing exercises and many more such aasanas. All students enjoyed the virtual stretching and yoga session and they were thrilled to attend it while sitting at home.

## "Gandhian Thoughts : Eternal Theory for Youth of 21st Century"

GLS Law College organised a webinar on Saturday, 30th January, 2021 on Gandhian Thoughts: Eternal Theory for Youth of 21st Century!

Mr Rakshit Vasavada, Director and co-writer of Movie Yuva Sarkar, Lead Actor, Co-writer of Yuva Sarkar, Gandhian Speaker were the guest speakers for the webinar.

Through the webinar the speakers shared many incidents of Gandhiji's life which helped the students understand the Gandhian thoughts in a better manner. The webinar laid emphasis on how Gandhian thoughts are Evergreen and are here to stay forever.

They also moved on to discuss how the Gandhian way of life and living shall always be helpful to the students of law in their respective life as well as careers as lawyers.

They also shared a proud fact that most of the prominent leaders and businessmen of the world had read Gandhi and were inspired by his thoughts.

The former President of the United States Mr. Barack Obama while appreciating Gandhiji books had said that Gandhiji's books are the one of the best literatures available at cheapest of the price.

The eminent speakers of the event also cited some of the best movies on Gandhiji. The movie Gandhi wherein Ben kingsley played the lead role is considered one of the greatest movies highlighting Gandhiji's life.



The Indian cinema has also produced movies on Gandhi amongst which movies like Lage Raho Munnabhai and Munnabhi MBBS has appealed the youth to a great extent.

Gandhiji, his principles and his thoughts are timeless. From Gandhivaad to Gandhigiri (like the youth calls it today) has been a very long and difficult journey, wherein the real hero was the Gandhian though and not Gandhiji himself.

Dare to speak truth, non-violence, forgiveness, being responsible for one's own words, simple living, never giving up are some of the most prominent principles of the Gandhian way of life.

Personality, looks and fancy speech is not something that made Gandhiji such a prominent figure in the world arena but it was his confidence, belief in self and the higher ideals that he adhered to that made him MAHATMA!!

## Constructing the Competitions Virtually

### "Virtual National Parliamentary Press Role Play Competition 2020"



A Virtual National Parliamentary-Press Role Play Competition was organised by GLS Law College, Ahmedabad on 28th November, 2020 as a celebration of Law Week and to mark the 71st Constitution Day of India which is celebrated on 26th November every year. The event was streamed live through the online platform of GLS Law College.

A warm welcome address was given by Dr. Mayuri H. Pandya, the Director of GLS Law College.

Many students from various Law Colleges across the country had participated in this competition. Out of which 16 students were selected for the final round. The students participated in a group of two, one student being the Legislative Personality and the other being a Press Personality.

The press personalities interviewed the legislative personalities by asking various intriguing question about their political careers and early lives. The students portrayed good interviewing skills and research about the personality that they were to interview. The students portrayed the eminent legislative personalities like Lt. Smt. Indira Gandhi, Lt. Smt. Sushma Swaraj, Mr. Amit Shah, Mrs. Smriti Irani, Mr. Jay Prakash Naryan, Mr. Yogi Adityanath, Mr. Sunny Deol, Mrs. Hema Malini and were interviewed by students who skilfully played the role of dynamic press personalities like Ms. Anubha Bhonsle, Ms. Sarah Jacob, Ms. Sucheta Dalal, Mr. Arnab Goswami and Ms. Ajana Om Kashyap.

The event was judged by Mr. Nagesh Sood, Advocate of Gujarat High Court and Ms. Rebecca Sudan a language expert and an Image Consultant.

The winners of the competition were the students who played the role of Mr. Yogi Adityanath and Ms. Sucheta Dalal.

Competitions like these provide a good platform to the students to express their creativity through actions, words and expression which in turn help shape their personalities for their future role as professionals in their respective careers.



## Virtual National Judgement Writing Competition



GLS Law College organized Virtual National Judgment Writing Competition, 2021 with the aim to cultivate the art of writing judgments among students to encourage the students to write judgments. The judgment writing competition was organized to develop a judicious mind, to apply legal concepts with a clarity of thought. To promote the spirit of the rule of law and justice and to interpret the law in a justifiable manner with a view to meet ends of Justice.

Total 24 teams participated from different National law University and other Private Law Schools. The Moot preposition for the Judgement writing Competition was on Sexual harassment of Women at workplace and service laws.

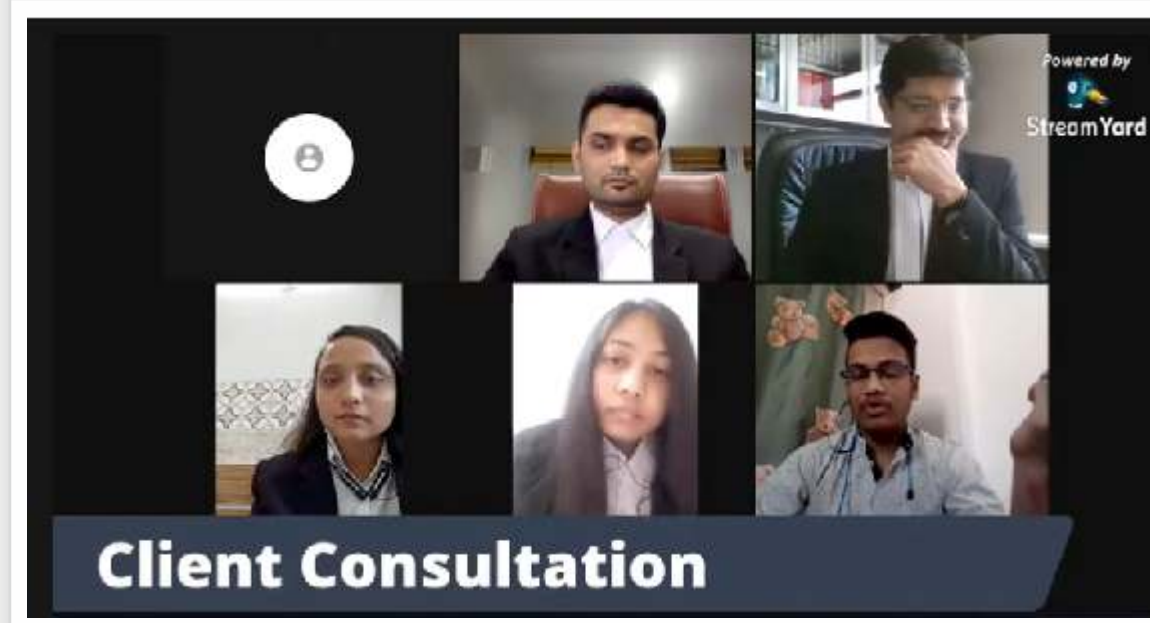
The participating teams were evaluated by the esteemed Jury members Hon'ble Mr. Justice N.V. Anjaria, Judge Court of Gujarat and Hon'ble Mr.

Justice R.R. Tripathi, Gujarat State Human Right Commission on different parameters like Preparation of Facts, Identification of Issues, Analytical Reasoning, Authorities, Statutes and other provision of Law that are cited and on the knowledge and use of Legal Principles.

There are three category of Trophy and the cash prize of Rs. 18,000/-

The winning trophy was bagged by the teams of Symbiosis Law School, Hyderabad with the cash prize of Rs. 10,000, 1st Runner up trophy was bagged by teams of Symbiosis Law School, Noida with the cash Prize of Rs. 5000 and the 2nd Runner up Trophy was bagged by team of Tamil Nadu National Law University with the cash prize of Rs. 3000.

## State Level Client Counselling Competition



A State Level Client Counselling Competition was organised by GLS Law College on its official Virtual platform on February, 27, 2021 wherein 17 teams from law colleges all over Gujarat had participated. Competitions like these promote greater knowledge and interest among law students in substantial and procedural law.

In the said competition a team of two students play the role of lawyers and one student acts as a client. The students participating as lawyers address the legal issue posed by the client.

The State level completion was an extension of the annually held Intra State Client Counselling competition at GLS Law College. The judges of the State Level Client Counselling Competition were lawyers who possess more than 10 years of experience as lawyers of the Gujarat High Court.



Blessings of Aadyashakti is indispensable in all walks of life. GLS Law College has its tradition of celebrating the festival of Navratri in its full glory wherein the students, teaching and non-teaching staff gather to play garba-raas and perform Pooja and Aarti of Aadyashakti.

But this year owing to the pandemic the festival could not be celebrated with full pomp and splendour like the previous years.

This year GLS Law College performed Pooja and Aarti of Maataji at the college campus itself while praying for the good health and prosperity of the humanity at large in times of crisis like this by maintaining social distancing,





## Paving path through Panel Discussions

### " A Panel Discussion on Unsung Heroes of Covid-19: Women at home for home"



This webinar witnessed the eminent dignitaries like: Ms. Bijal Patel, Mayor, Ahmedabad City. Ms. Vaibhavi Nanavati, Advocate, High Court of Gujarat. Mr. Ajay Umat, Chief Editor, Navbharat Samay. Mayuri Ma'am, commenced the panel discussion by giving woman the due respect that she deserves. Ma'am very powerfully talked about the multi-facet role that a female plays throughout her life.

The panel discussion was followed by the first citizen of Ahmedabad city Ms. Bijal Patel, who very rightly said that though we live in a patriarchal society; females do all the justices to the family by fulfilling the role of a daughter, wife and mother with utmost perfection. Ma'am further added that COVID-19 has added on more responsibilities to the work of females wherein apart from meeting the daily chores of life, she has the added responsibility of battling the virus and keeping the family physically and mentally strong.

Ms. Vaibhavi Nanavati, the esteemed panelist shared her thoughts by saying that in this phase of COVID-19, the woman is constantly balancing to adjust work and family. However, this art of balancing is only making her stronger with each passing day. Vaibhavi Ma'am, foresighted fully talks about being techno savvy to meet the challenges of COVID-19 in the near future. She further says that may it be pre, during or posts COVID – the main role of woman i.e. the art of balancing will continue to prevail.

Mr. Ajay Umat, the esteemed panelist talked about

overcoming gender bias and considering reciprocity in a relationship. He focuses on the fact that sharing of the responsibility is the only thing that would help families combat the stress of COVID -19.

The session was concluded on a beautiful note of maintaining the dignity of woman and the same becomes the duty of every citizen of India.

## "A Panel Discussion on Glance at Post Covid Era: Kaleidoscopic View"



The panel members consisted of Dr. Falguni Vasavada, Professor, MICA, Mr. Chiranjiv Patel, Founder, Karma Foundation, Ms. Chandni Kapadia, Founder COO, GLS University and Dr. Mayuri H. Pandya, Director, GLS Law College.

The discussion was started by welcoming and introducing the panel members by Dr. Mayuri Pandya, Director, GLS Law College.

Citing the example that the only thing that is positive is "Change", Mr. Chiranjiv Patel started the discussion that the main thing of life is "Communication", and it is changing with the journey of time and thus, things have changed with the passage of time whether it is at small scale or at a larger scale. Citing a beautiful quote "Apatti me Sampati" sir further added that now a days in this pandemic situation many communication would be online and everything would have to be filed and data needs to be maintained, the new normal would be very much different as overheads will be decreased and there will be many more changes that the humans will have to accept. Talking about the "Atmanirbhar Bharat Abhiyan", Mr. Chiranjiv Patel said that it is the need of an hour and we can do so much by staying at home and working. Also advised that do not sit and crib about what the Government is doing instead have your voice and contribute to the eco-system and think about how to get into the Atmanirbhar mode and contribute to the country's economy. Sir also discussed about the concept of giving back to the society wherein he discussed about one of the various challenges or experiences that was faced by the Karma Foundation during this pandemic was delivering 12000 food packets per day to the migrant workers and the needy people which was a very beautiful experience during this pandemic in the Mega Food Camp that was organised by the Karma Foundation. All the people who were working in this camp everyday has

created an atmosphere of positivity and a feel of Atmanirbhar.

Adding to discussion Ms. Chandni Kapadia mam quoted that Communication is a key to any business or any relationship and with this pandemic "Namaste" is the new handshake. Further added that Change is the only thing in this pandemic wherein lifestyle has to be changes as "Change is inevitable and growth is forever", thus people need to be aware about smart communication. Mentioning about Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri. Narendra Modi's concept of "Digital India" she said that it will be very much useful package in this pandemic and people should adopt this new method of communication during this tough times. Further talking about the Climate Change after this pandemic she said that yes the climate has no doubt has gone under a drastic change and added that the world is healing.

Answering to the question that will there be any new definition to the word "Fear" and will it come up with a new makeover after this pandemic Dr. Falguni Vasavada answered that Fear of this virus will always be there at the back of our minds but we all will have to learn to stay with this virus and make the changes in our lifestyle and with the changing scenario after this pandemic fear will also be a new normal and thus, life after Covid will be with Covid. Further, talking about the field of marketing she said that it has undergone a sea change and the marketers will have to unlearn the new rules of the game as after this pandemic the game is completely different. Consumption is going to definitely change as it will take much time to bring the change. Further pointing out that how life of a common man would be affected in this post covid era Dr. Vasavada said that as human beings move out in this real world it will go through a sea change. Government will here play a stronger role as far as small scale workers and other migrant workers are concerned. Thus, in today's era "Government is the super hero for the common man".

Dr. Mayuri Pandya ended the panel discussion by adding that "Change is most important part of life and it is constant, if we want to bring the change then we have to change ourselves."

## "A panel discussion on Medico-legal Discourse during Covid-19# 'Handle with care'"



GLS Law College organised a virtual panel discussion on "Medico-Legal Discourse during COVID-19 #Handle with Care" on June 10, 2020. The panellist was Dr. Keyur Buch (an Orthopaedic Surgeon), Dr. Munjal Thakar (MD, Homeopathy), Dr. Arti Bhatt (Ayurveda Practitioner), Mr. Anshin Desai (Advocate, Gujarat High Court) and Mr. Bankimchandra Bhatt (COVID-19 survivor).

The discussion surrounded around the pertinent issues during the times of COVID-19. Each of the expert who graced the panel gave their valuable inputs for staying strong and fighting against the novel coronavirus in the times of COVID-19.

Mr. Ansin Desai, Advocate, Gujarat High Court, shared that during COVID-19, homeopathy medications act as a preventive medicine, rather than a curative one. He discussed about the legal framework of the Ayurveda, Yoga and Naturopathy, Unani, Siddha and Homeopathy (AYUSH) department and the role played by the Ministry of AYUSH in dealing with the pandemic. He highlighted that the need of the hour is to integrate AYUSH with Allopathy, so that people can get a more holistic treatment to deal with various life-threatening diseases like COVID-19. He later on spoke about the rights of patients to get tested for corona virus without getting hospitalised or without any need of a doctor's prescription. According to him, this will protect both the patient and the medical fraternity from the onslaught of the disease.

Dr. Munjal Thakar, a homeopath, also supported Mr. Ansin Desai, that there is a need to use an integrated approach towards dealing with various diseases. He shared that there is a need of providing cross disciplinary training to all medical professionals,

which should be made part of the medical curriculum. He emphasised that, then only every medical professional will learn about other systems of medicines and will be able to provide an integrated treatment.

Dr. Arti Bhatt, an ayurvedic practitioner, discussed about the importance of ayurvedic medicine. She shared that before people consumes any ayurvedic medicine they should be fully aware about the efficacy of the same or else people will not realise the true impact of the medicine.

Mr. Bankimchandra Bhatt, a COVID survivor, shared his experience of dealing with the disease. He shared that he along with four other family members were hospitalised at the same time and were very critical. He mentioned that all of them had consumed ayurvedic medicine along with allopathic medicines during their stay in the hospital and kept their mind positive throughout the course of the treatment.

Dr. Keyur Buch, an orthopaedic surgeon, discussed about the importance of generic medicine to deal with many diseases. But he stressed that, though generic medicines are effective for minor disease, like cough and cold, but in case of high-end diseases, where there are need of life saving medicines, then it is recommended to prescribe original molecular medicines, which most of the time are expensive. He further suggested that during the time of the pandemic, one should prefer telemedicine and video-conferencing over meeting the doctor in person. This he told will be very helpful if it is done in a professional manner.

The discussion concluded with a round of 'Question and Answer' session and a Vote of Thanks.



## Important Judgements of 2020-21

Thank you so much Dr. Artiben Bhatt, for gracing the panel discussion on "Medico-Legal Discourse during COVID-19 #Handle with Care".

Your valuable insight on said topic holds very relevant in the present times wherein most of the countries of the world are facing the evil of the Coronavirus.

Thank you for sparing your valuable time and being with us as one of the panellists for the said discussion.

We look forward to having you with us again and sharing your knowledge and perspective about other subjects too.

Thank you Ma'am.

Thank you so much Mr. Bankimchandra Bhatt, for gracing the panel discussion on "Medico-Legal Discourse during COVID-19 #Handle with Care".

Thank you for sharing your inspiring story, you are indeed a corona warrior

Your insight on said topic holds very relevant in the present times wherein most of the countries of the world are facing the evil of the Coronavirus.

Thank you Sir.

Thank you so much Mr. Anshin Desai, for gracing the panel discussion on "Medico-Legal Discourse during COVID-19 #Handle with Care".

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Thank you Sir.

The year 2020 has been a year full of surprises. While the world at large was fighting with a severe pandemic, India had a humongous load of its own troubles besides the pandemic. The abrogation of article 370 and the internet shutdown in the state of Jammu & Kashmir had invited turmoil in the country.

The passing of the Citizenship Amendment Act and 3 Bills of farmer's fate have had a lasting impact. The economy is going haywire and many migrant workers have walked miles in the scorching heat to reach their hometowns. The schools are colleges are struggling to reach their respective goals through online mode of teaching and online examinations.

In this chaotic situation, the Supreme Court of India has proved to be the true guardian of justice in the country. The Supreme Court efficiently and successfully adopted the online mode by setting up of E-courts.

### 1. Gujarat government notification exempting factories from paying overtime wages to workers during COVID-19 lockdown quashed

Case: Gujarat Mazdoor Sabha v. State of Gujarat [2020 SCC OnLine SC 798]

Coram : **DY Chandrachud, Indu Malhotra and KM Joseph, JJ.**

The Court quashed a notification dated July 20, 2020 issued by the Labour and Employment Department of the State of Gujarat under Section 5 of the Factories Act exempting factories from paying overtime wages to workers and providing ideal working conditions to them amid the COVID-19 lockdown.

The Court ruled that COVID-19 was not a "public emergency" which could have warranted such exemptions under Section 5.

### 2. The Secretary, Ministry of Defence v. Babita Puniya & Ors.

The Supreme Court passed this landmark judgement on 17 February, 2020, making it an important date in the calendar of Indian Armed Forces.

For the first time since independence, the females belonging to the Indian Armed Forces will be granted permanent commission to serve in the army. The females had been struggling to attain this right

for more than a decade. Justice DY Chandrachud, while delivering the judgment, stated that: 'At the stage of opting for the grant of PC, all the choices for specialization shall be available to women officers on the same terms as for the male SSC officers. Women SSC officers shall be entitled to exercise their options for being considered for the grant of PCs on the same terms as their male counterparts'.

The judgment upheld the directive principle of equality by providing access to permanent commission to the female populace.

### 3. Article 370 reference to larger Bench denied

Case: Dr. Shah Faesal & Ors. v. Union of India & Ors. [2020 4 SCC 1]

The five-judge bench of the Supreme Court held that there is no need to refer to a larger bench the petitions challenging the Presidential Orders issued on August 5-6, 2020 to repeal the special status of Jammu and Kashmir under Article 370 of the Constitution.

### 4. Anuradha Bhasin v. Union of India

This is important judgment that upheld the rights of the citizens declares right to internet as a part and parcel of the right to freedom of speech and expression, a fundamental right granted to the citizens of India under Article 19 (1)(a) of the Constitution.

It was held that the ban on the internet services in the state of Jammu and Kashmir is unreasonable and violative of the above-mentioned article.

The court believed that suspending telecom services like internet or any other services of this kind is highly impermissible under the Temporary Suspension of Telecom Services Rules of 2017.

### 5. RERA does not bar initiation of proceedings by allottees against builders under Consumer Protection Act, 1986

Case: Imperia Structures v. Anil Patni [2020 SCC OnLine SC 894]

Coram : **UU Lalit and Vineet Saran, JJ.**

The Court held that the Real Estate (Regulation and Development) Act, 2016 (RERA) does not bar the initiation of proceedings by allottees against the builders under the Consumer Protection Act, 1986.

"It is true that some special authorities are created under the RERA Act for the regulation and

promotion of the real estate sector and the issues concerning a registered project are specifically entrusted to functionaries under the RERA Act. But for the present purposes, we must go by the purport of Section 18 of the RERA Act", the Court held.

#### 6. Curative petition and stay on execution of 2012 Delhi gang rape convict dismissed

Case: Pawan Kumar Gupta v. State of NCT of Delhi [2020 SCC OnLine SC 264]

The Court dismissed the curative petition of a death row convict in the 2012 Delhi gang rape case and orally rejected the application for stay on execution. Later, on March 20 in a midnight hearing, the Court dismissed the final plea against rejection of mercy petition of the convicts by the President of India. Afterwards, at 5:30 am on the morning of March 20, the four convicts were hanged to death at Tihar Jail.

#### 7. Mukesh Kumar & Anr. v. The State of Uttarakhand & Ors.

This landmark judgment stated that a state is not bound to make reservations for SCs and STs guaranteeing promotions in government jobs. Article 16(4) of the Constitution grants such discretionary power to the states.

The bench thus stated that: 'As such, collection of data regarding the inadequate representation of members of the Scheduled Castes and Schedules Tribes, is a pre-requisite for providing reservations, and is not required when the State Government decided not to provide reservations. Not being bound to provide reservations in promotions, the State is not required to justify its decision on the basis of quantifiable data, showing that there is adequate representation of members of the Scheduled Castes and Schedules Tribes in State services'.

#### 8. SARFAESI Act will apply to co-operative Banks as it does to commercial banks

Case: Pandurang Ganpati v. Vishwasrao Patil Murgud Sahakari Bank Ltd [2020 SCC OnLine SC 431]

The Constitution Bench held that the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security (SARFAESI) Act, 2002 is applicable to cooperative banks which are 'banks' under the Act.

#### 9. Government order providing 100% reservation for tribal teachers in Scheduled Areas unconstitutional

Case: Chebrolu Leela Prasad Rao & Ors. v. State of A.P.

& Ors. [2020 SCC OnLine SC 383]

The Court held that the Government Order dated January 10, 2000 issued by the erstwhile State of Andhra Pradesh providing 100% reservation to Scheduled Tribe candidates in posts of teachers in schools located in scheduled areas is unconstitutional. Further, the Court also concluded that there was no rhyme or reason for the State government to resort to 100% reservation.

#### 10. Prathvi Raj Chouhan v. Union of India

The court in this judgment tactfully upheld the constitutionality of the SC/ST (Prevention of Atrocities) Amendment Act, 2018. This amendment was brought forth to reverse the SC judgment of March 2018 that introduced safeguards that prevented the misuse of the Schedule Castes and Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989 also known as the PoA Act. However, this decision gave rise to massive protests among the SC, ST community, as a result of which the Parliamentary amendment was introduced.

The court thus settled its views in consonance with the Parliamentary amendment that aimed at nullifying the effects of the Kashinath Mahajan judgment of the SC which had diluted the provisions of the Act. Hon'ble judges held that the 'Kashinath Mahajan directions placed an undue burden on SC/STs persons who had suffered a caste-based atrocity'.

#### 11. Shaheen Bagh Protests: Public spaces cannot be occupied indefinitely for expressing dissent

Case: Amit Sahni v. Commissioner of Police, [2020 SCC OnLine SC 808]

The Court ruled that democracy and dissent go hand in hand, but demonstrations expressing dissent have to be in designated places alone. The present case involved a blockade of a public road which caused grave inconvenience to commuters.

"We cannot accept the plea of the applicants that an indeterminable number of people can assemble whenever they choose to protest", the Court held.

While acknowledging that India as we know it today is a result of the protests during the freedom struggle, the Court stated that the mode and manner of dissent against the colonial rule cannot be equated with dissent in a self-ruled democracy.

#### 12. Court directs CBI probe in Sushant Singh Rajput death case

Case: Rhea Chakraborty v. State of Bihar & Ors. [2020 SCC OnLine SC 654]

While invoking the plenary jurisdiction under Article 142, the Supreme Court upheld the FIR registered by the Bihar Police and asked Maharashtra Police to hand over the evidence and assist the CBI in the case relating to death of Bollywood actor Sushant Singh Rajput.

#### 13. Rambabu Singh Thakur v. Sunil Arora & Ors.

The court in the given case mandated political parties to follow certain directions laid down by the Supreme Court to ensure that criminalization of politics doesn't take place. These directions include:

1. mandatorily updating their websites with the details of candidates that have pending criminal cases
2. grounds for the selection of such candidates (on the basis of merit and qualifications rather than 'their ability to gather votes')
3. such information to be published in a local vernacular newspaper as well as a national newspaper
4. the time limit for such publication to be within 48 hours of selection of the candidate
5. submission of a report of compliance of these directions to the Election Commission (EC) within 72 hours
6. failure in following these guidelines must enable the EC to bring a non-compliance notice against the party to the Supreme Court of India.

This judgment is a major step towards curbing the criminalization of politics within the country.

#### 14. Stay by 'any court' in criminal/civil proceedings automatically expires within a period of 6 months unless extended for 'good reasons'

Case: Asian Resurfacing of Road Agency Pvt. Ltd. v. Central Bureau of Investigation, [Miscellaneous application no. 1577 OF 2020]

The Court clarified that whatever stay has been granted by any court, including the High Court, automatically expires within a period of six months, and unless extension is granted for good reason, within the next six months, the trial court is, on the expiry of the first period of six months, to set a date for the trial and go ahead with the same.

#### 15. Union of India & Ors. v. G.S. Chatha Rice Mills & Ors.

It revolves around a notification issued by the Union Government under Section 8A of the Customs Tariff

Act 1975 that introduced a tariff entry by which all goods originating in or exported from the Islamic Republic of Pakistan were subjected to an enhanced customs duty of 200% in the aftermath of the Pulwama attack. The issue at hand was whether a notification issued by the Union Government (upon which the legislative power was delegated) can issue a retrospective order or not.

The Apex Court in its judgement dated September 23, 2020 rejected the department's contentions that two different rates of duty cannot be applicable on the same day, and that by use of the phrase 'on the date' (under Section 46 of Customs Act, 1962) without making a reference to time, the legislature has by a legal fiction enacted that the rate of duty will be the rate that is prevalent on the date of the presentation of the bill of entry for home consumption. The contention that the notification issued at 20:46:58 hours on February 16, 2019 took effect commencing from 0000 hours on that day, was thus rejected.

The court held that rate of duty which was applicable was crystallized at the time and on the date of the presentation of the bills of entry in terms of the provisions of Section 15 read with Regulation 4(2) of Regulations of 2018. Therefore, it cannot be altered at a later stage. The court examined section 15 (1)(a) which clarifies that 'once the goods are entered for home consumption under section 46, the rate of duty is supposed to be the rate of duty in force on the date on which the Bill of Entry in respect of such goods is presented'.

#### 16. Paramvir Singh Saini v. Baljit Singh

The judgment mandated installation of CCTV cameras in all police stations as well as other investigating agencies like NIA, CBI, NCB, etc.

The Hon'ble court ordered that in any circumstance that reflect human rights violations, the victim has a right to obtain a copy of CCTV footage of the interrogation and can approach the National/State Human Rights Commission for the same.

The installation of CCTV has been mandated in any office that has the power to arrest and interrogate an individual.

#### 17. Hindu unmarried daughter entitled to claim maintenance from her father under Section 125 CrPC

Case: Abhilasha v. Parkash [2020 SCC OnLine SC 736]



The Supreme Court held that an unmarried Hindu daughter can claim maintenance from her father till she is married, relying on Section 20(3) of the Hindu Adoptions & Maintenance Act, 1956, provided she pleads and proves that she is unable to maintain herself, for enforcement of which right her application/suit has to be under Section 20 of Act.

**18. [Hathras Rape Case] Supreme Court asks Allahabad High Court to monitor CBI probe**

Case: Satyama Dubey v. Union of India [2020 SCC OnLine SC 874]

**Coram: SA Bobde, CJ and AS Bopanna and V Ramasubramanian, JJ.**

In the case related to the brutal gang-rape and assault of a 19-year-old Dalit resident of Hathras village in Uttar Pradesh, the top court directed the Allahabad High Court to monitor the probe.

The apex court, "in order to allay all apprehensions and only as a confidence building measure", also directed that the security to the victim's family and the witnesses in the Hathras Gang Rape case shall be provided by the CRPF.

**19. Arnab Ranjan Goswami v. Union of India & Ors.**

The petitioner (Arnab Goswami) alleged that a vindictive and malicious campaign was launched against him through social media by the states which owed their allegiance to the Indian National Congress. Multiple FIRs were lodged against the petitioner alleging that he was responsible for propagating views of communal nature. The Supreme Court defended the rights of a journalist by disallowing multiple complaints against him stating that it would hinder his freedom thereby quashing all identical FIRs except for the one lodged in Maharashtra.

However, the Supreme Court took a step back by refusing to interfere with the case by disallowing the plea to seek transfer to CBI probe by stating that, 'Nothing contained in the present judgment shall be construed as an expression of opinion on the merits of the allegations contained in the FIRs' and that 'the transfer of an investigation to the CBI is not a matter of routine. The precedents of this Court emphasise that this is an extraordinary power to be used sparingly and in exceptional circumstances'. The court also stated that the accused has no right to determine the mode of investigation.

**20. Internet and Mobile Association of India v. Reserve Bank of India**

Famously known as the cryptocurrency judgment, in April 2018, the RBI issued a circular banning regulated financial institutions from providing services to businesses dealing in exchange/trading of cryptocurrencies, which put the entire Indian cryptocurrency trading industry in turmoil. The validity of the circular was challenged before the Supreme Court in various writ petitions lead by crypto-trading entities. In its decision in Internet and Mobile Association of India v. Reserve Bank of India, the Supreme Court deliberated on cryptocurrency and struck down the circular.

The Supreme Court analyzed the role of RBI in the economy as a central bank to manage currency, money supply and interest rates and recognized that the maintenance of price stability as an objective of RBI. The Supreme Court noted that cryptocurrency is capable of being accepted as valid payment for purchase of goods and services, and payment systems can be regulated by the RBI.

The Supreme Court held that the RBI was within its rights to issue the circular in fulfilment of its objective under law to safeguard the "public interest, interests of depositors and interests of the banking policy". The Supreme Court stated that "Therefore, anything that may pose a threat to or have an impact on the financial system of the country, can be regulated or prohibited by RBI, despite the said activity not forming part of the credit system or payment system." As the circular was found to be issued in the interest of banking policy, the depositors and of the public at large, the Supreme Court rejected the contention that there had been excessive use of power by RBI.

**21. Supreme Court can refer questions of law to larger Bench when exercising review jurisdiction**

Kantaru Rajeevaru v. Indian Young Lawyers Association Thr. Its General Secretary Ms. Bhakti Pasija & Ors. [2020 SCC OnLine SC 692]

The nine-judge Bench hearing the Sabarimala reference held that whenever there is a question of law which has been raised in supreme court, the Court can refer to a larger bench while exercising its review jurisdiction. In the said case the court raised seven question of law under Article 25 of the Constitution of India which states that the Constitution guarantees freedom of religion to all persons in India and under Article 26 which states that there is a Freedom to manage religious affairs.

**22. Rights defined under Article 30 are not absolute, could be exercised as per regulation of the State**

Christian Medical College Vellore Association v. Union of India & Ors. [2020 SCC On Line SC 423]

The three Judge bench of Supreme Court re-stated principles governing minority educational institutions under Article 30 of the Constitution, noting that the right conferred on religious and linguistic minorities to administer educational institutions of their choice is not an "absolute right" and is not free of "regulation" from the State. It was further stated that Article 30 doesn't prevent the State from imposing reasonable regulations to make administration of minority institutions transparent. The court, ruled that there is no fundamental right violation in making NEET applicable to private minority unaided professional institutes for admission into MBBS, MD, BDS and MDS courses.

**23. Supreme Court bars contempt application against EPFO for the implementation of employees pension propositional to salary (March 2021)**

The division bench of Supreme Court has barred all courts from taking up contempt petitions against the Employees Provident Fund Organization (EPFO) and the Central Government seeking the implementation of judgments which held that employees pension cannot be capped at Rs 15,000 and that the same should be proportional to the last drawn salary. It was held that the subscribers of the Employee Pension Scheme or EPS be given the full pension as calculated by their last drawn salaries, irrespective of the ceiling.

## Shri I M Nanavati Memorial Moot Court Competition 2020-21



*"Patience, Perseverance, Politeness, punctuality and passion for knowledge are the 5 Ps to become a successful lawyer"*

– Hon'ble Mr. Justice Dipak Misra, Former CJI, India

GLS Law College organises **Shri I.M. Nanavati Memorial National Moot Court Competition** every year to commemorate the eminent lawyer **Shri I M Nanavati**. Owing to the pandemic the **5th Shri I.M. Nanavati Memorial National Moot Court Competition, 20-2021** was organised virtually wherein participants from 32 Legal Educational Institutions (law colleges and universities including national law universities) from across 14 states of India had participated. The inaugural function of the moot court competition was held on Saturday, January 9, 2021. The chief guest for the inaugural event was Shri Sudhir Nanavati, Executive Vice President, Gujarat Law Society who is also a Senior Advocate at the High Court of Gujarat. Dr. Mayuri H Pandya, Director, GLS Law College welcomed the chief guest, the participating teams and the viewers with a warm welcome address. She shared that the GLS Law college is offering the highest cash award to the winning teams amongst the various National Moot Courts Competitions organised all over India.

The inaugural speech delivered by the chief guest emphasised on the importance of developing good advocacy skills and court etiquettes by the law students, as it will help them to become successful lawyer. On the same day (January 9, 2021), eight teams qualified for the quarter final round and four teams presented their case in the semi-final round. The participants were judged by eminent lawyers.

The final round was held on January 10, 2021 on the official virtual platform of GLS Law College. It was

judged by Hon'ble Mr. Justice Swatanter Kumar, Former Judge, Supreme Court of India and Hon'ble Ms. Justice Vaibhavi D. Nanavati, Judge, High Court of Gujarat who were also the guest of honour for the Valedictory function of the Moot Court Competition.

Dr. Mayuri Pandya gave a warm welcome to all the distinguished guests and the participants at the Valedictory Session. The chief guest of the Valedictory function was Hon'ble Mr. Justice Dipak Misra, Former Chief Justice, Supreme Court of India. The guests delivered very inspiring speech to motivate the participants and the students who had joined the live streaming of the Valedictory function.

Hon'ble Mr. Justice Swatanter Kumar appreciated the theme on Environment chosen for the Moot preposition as it is the need of the hour. He mentioned that the Indian Constitution is the only Constitution that has enunciated the importance for maintaining the environment. Hon'ble Ms. Justice Vaibhavi D. Nanavati, appreciated the hard work and good research skills that the participants portrayed in their performance in the final round of the National Moot Court Competition.

Hon'ble Mr. Justice Dipak Misra, delivered very thought-provoking address at the Valedictory Function and mentioned that research methodology, logic, reason, energetic attitude and inquiry as crucial to dissect the anatomy of law. He went on to say that every day in the life of lawyer is a battle and that he should be prepared to fight it with force and humility without being aggressive.

Finally, the winners of the event were announced. The Best Researchers trophy was shared by the participants of Christ University, Bangalore and Auro University, Surat. The Best Memorial Appellate Trophy was awarded to Symbiosis Law College Noida. The Best Memorial Respondent Trophy was awarded to Christ University Bangalore. The Best Advocate Appellate trophy was awarded to Mr. Abhinav Vishwanath from Christ University Bangalore. The Best Advocate Respondent trophy was awarded to Mr. Vanraj Vidhyayan from Ram Manohar Lohiya National Law University, Lucknow. The Winning Trophy was awarded to Ram Manohar Lohiya National Law University, Lucknow. And the Runners-up Trophy was awarded to Symbiosis Law School, Pune.

Dr. Mayuri Pandya congratulated all the winners and the session ended with a vote of thanks.

## Yourth Virtually : International Women's Day Celebration



*"Go ahead by making a better today, rather than criticising yesterday"*

–Hon'ble Ms. Justice Vaibhavi Nanavati

GLS Law College in association with United Nations Association Gujarat organised a National Webinar to celebrate International Women's Day on March, 6, 2021. The National Webinar was inspired by the United Nations theme on International Women's Day 2021 – **Women in Leadership: Achieving an Equal Future in a COVID – 19 World**.

The Chief Guest for the event was the Hon'ble Ms. Justice Vaibhavi Nanavati, Judge, High Court of Gujarat; the Guest of Honour was Ms. Aishwarya Bhati, Additional Solicitor General of India; the special guests were Ms. Chandani Kapadia, CEO, Gujarat Law Society and Dr. Shyna Sunsara, an Environmentalist and Miss United Nations 2018 (Green Ambassador for UN).

Dr. Mayuri H. Pandya gave a warm welcome to the guests and set the platform of the webinar by establishing its theme – Women in Leadership: Remoulding 3rd Decade of 21st Century.

The Chief Guest of the webinar Hon'ble Ms. Justice Vaibhavi Nanavati started her address with a prayer signifying the importance of women power in our ancient Indian scriptures. She outlined the journey of women since the Vedic Period to Modern era. She discussed how the reformist movements and the nationalist movements of the 19th century helped to promote a sense of equality, liberty and fraternity while curing the evils of discrimination, exploitation and social injustice towards women. She highlighted the importance of Preamble and stated various Articles of the Indian Constitution related to women empowerment and dignity. She laid out the journey of women in the Indian Judiciary, while sharing her own experience as a woman legal professional. She further discussed various pro women judgements and the historical judgements delivered by women judges like Justice Fathima Beevi and Justice Indira Banerjee. She concluded the session with a call to everyone to introspect while celebrating women's day.

Ms. Aishwarya Bhati, one of the esteemed speakers for the webinar while sharing her journey in the legal field emphasized on a similar journey of women in every institutions of India. She discussed about the decriminalization of adultery in the year of 2018 as a landmark judgement in the domain of women's right to sexual autonomy. She correctly pointed out that Leadership is not about holding a certain position but it is a set of behaviour that inspire families and societies at large. She stated that women should be part of every level of the decision-making process and it should not be an exception. She discussed at length the women franchise movement in the United States of America and also mentioned how countries lead by women fared better during the COVID times. She pointed out, that, the issues of women's right are a battle against stereotypes, patriarchy and oppressive mind-set rather than exclusion of men. She further discussed a case where the Supreme Court passed a landmark judgement in 2020, wherein, for the first time since independence, the females belonging to the Indian Armed Forces will be granted permanent commission to serve in the army, thus, upholding the principle of equality. She concluded the session by highlighting the leadership role played by mothers at the household level and how men are also instrumental in giving wings to women be it their daughters, mothers or wives.

The special guest speaker Dr. Shyna Sunsara, emphasised the need of Environment protection and conservation through more tree plantations, sustainable use of resources and being mindful while using the natural resources of mother earth for our own selfish needs.

The webinar left the viewers contemplating regarding the role and importance of women in the third decade of the 21st Century.



# Students' Achievement

## Academic Achievements



► **Ms. Pankaja Mengdey**

Ms. Pankaja Mengdey (Student of third year) received "Principal M.D. Pancholi Gold Medal" at the 69th Annual Convocation of Gujarat University for securing highest Marks in Jurisprudence; among all streams of Integrated Law i.e. BBA. LL.B, B.Com LL.B and B.A. LL.B.

**Mr. Mehul Sharma** ◀



Mr. Mehul Sharma (Student of first year) secured a Gold Medal "Notary Mrs. Dharmistha R. Bhatt and Advocate Mr. Rushikumar N. Bhatt" for securing highest percentage in University Examination 2020; among all streams of Integrated Law i.e. BBA. LL.B, B.Com LL.B and B.A. LL.B.



► **Mr. Aditya Dave**

Mr. Aditya Dave (Student of final year) secured two Gold Medals "Sushilaben Baldevdas Panya Medal" and "Samir Niranjana Divetia Medal" for securing highest percentage in University Examination 2020; among all streams of Integrated Law i.e. BBA. LL.B, B.Com LL.B and B.A. LL.B.

## Cultural

**Ms. Jeel Pathak** (Semester 4) secured second position at Samvaad - An Online National Level Group Discussion Competition organized by Christ College, Rajkot

**Mahek Manek** (Semester 2) and **Priyansh Dave** (Semester 1) secured 2nd position under the event Business Plan at Innovision Fest 2020, organized by SMPIC college, GLS University.

**Nandini Hirani** (Semester 6), her article was selected in the list of top 30 in a National Article Writing Competition organized by Society of Law and Literature, National Law University Odisha in collaboration with ProBono India, Gujarat.

**Nandini Hirani** (Semester 6), **Jason James** (Semester 6) and **Jeel Pathak** (Semester 4) secured first prize in "Counter Encounter" at Inspiron\_2021: A National Level Management Fest organized by L.J. Integrated MBA.

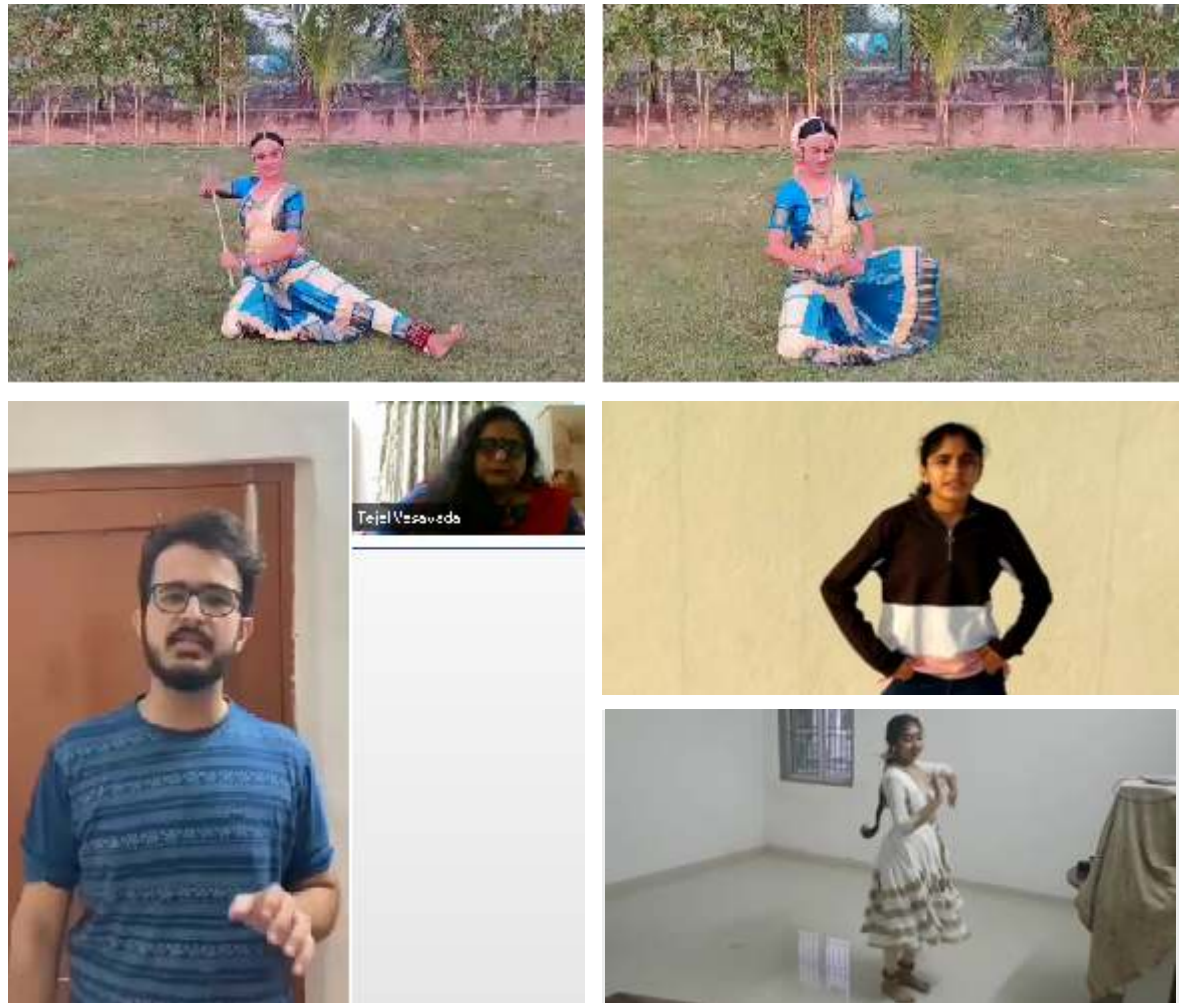
**Jeel Pathak** (Semester 4) secured second position in “Samvaad” – A National Level Online Group Discussion competition organized by Christ College, Rajkot.

**Prarthana Patel** (Semester 4) secured second position in “Spotlight” and event organized by SMPIC, GLS University.

### Publication

**Jeel Pathak** (Semester 4) published paper titled “Protecting Constitutional and Human Rights in the Indian Correctional System” in book Global Thoughts and Opinions under Justice Dipak Mishra call for Chapters- II. ISBN No. 978-81 947778-5-4.

### Talent Show Casing





## Faculty Achievements

### Special Achievements:

- Conferred Wonder Women Award by Ahmedabad Mirror in recognition to the contribution made in the field of Law.
- Honorary Advisory Member of GNLU Centre for Environmental Law and Sustainable Development (GCESD).

### Publication:

- “Critical Appraisal of Domestic Violence Act 2005 with special reference to Women Right” International Journal of Law Management and Humanities. ISSN 2581-5369.
- “Sports and Copy Right Law: An Overview on the Indian Perspective” GAP GYAN, A Global journal of Social Science, ISSN NO. 2581-5830.

### Conferences/Workshop/ Webinars Attended (National & International):

- Elucidated paper on “Juxtaposing 'Justice' under the Constitution of India: From Kautilya to Kaliyug (Era)” – a paper presented at “Language, Law and Literature Dialogic Interface” virtual conference organized by Institute of Law, Nirma University, Ahmedabad – 23rd – 24th March, 2021.
- “Right to Breathe Clean Air: Health and Environment – related SDGs” virtual international conference organized by Symbiosis Law School, Pune in collaboration with Shastri Indo-Canadian Institute – 4th – 5th March, 2021.
- Two days online workshop (Faculty Development Programme) on “Paradigm Shift in Quantitative Research Methods” organized by Faculty of Business Administration, GLS University on 5th and 6th October 2020.
- International Webinar on “Digital Transformation in Education- The New Normal” organized by GLS University Faculty of Commerce in Association with Chartered Institute of Management Accounts - 17th October, 2020.
- National Webinar on “Decoding National Education Policy -2020: Implementation in Higher Education” jointly organized by Faculty of Commerce (GLS University) & Shiksha Sanskriti Utthan Nyas, New Delhi - 10th September, 2020.

### Invitation as a Guest Speaker at Various Institutes and Forum :

- Delivered a special lecture on “Sexual Harassment of Woman at Workplace: A Legal Perspective” at INFLIBNET, Gandhinagar (ICC Member) March 9, 2020.
- Invited to deliver a talk on “Pedagogy of Environmental Law” at Navrachana University, Vadodara – September 23, 2020.
- A special presentation was made at the Webinar on “Licensing IP – Law and Application” organized by Mark Patent.Org – An IP Knowledge Hub. March 20, 2021.
- A speaker on the topic “Sexual Harassment of Woman at Workplace: A Legal Perspective” at Adhivakta Parishad Gujarat, High Court Unit. February 21, 2021.
- Delivered a special E-lecture on the subject “An overview of Indian Constitution” by Faculty of Commerce – SMPIC. February 18, 2021.
- Honoured as a Chief Guest for the Webinar on “Right to Pollution Free Environment: Judicial Trends” organized by A.K.K New Law Academy and Ph.D. (Law) Research Centre. December 2, 2020.
- Delivered a lecture on “Teaching Pedagogy of Environmental Law” at the Online Refresher Course, Iswar Saran P.G. College, Prayagraj – July 17, 2020.
- Conducted a session on “Environmental & Sustainable Development Issues and Challenges” at Refresher Course organized by UGC Human Resource Development Centre, University of Mumbai. March 16, 2021.
- Delivered a session on “The changing face of Higher Education in India” organized by SVKM'S Jitendra Chauhan College of Law and DROIT penal group in Collaboration with GURU ANGAD DEV TEACHING LEARNING CENTRE (PMMMNMNTT) Ministry of Education, Government of India - February 5-20, 2021.



**Dr. Mayuri Pandya**  
Director  
GLS Law College

**Publication:**

- Dr. Binod K. Das, Dr. Mayuri H. Pandya, Geopolitics of global business: with special reference to India, GAP iNTERDISCIPLINARITIES A Global Journal of Interdisciplinary Studies ( ISSN – 2581-5628 ), GAP iNTERDISCIPLINARITIES – Volume - III Issue III June – August 2020, Impact Factor: SJIF - 5.047, IIFS - 4.875
- Dr. Binod K. Das, Dr. Mayuri H. Pandya, Good Governance in India Towards Accountability to People with Special Reference to Gujarat, Gap Gyan a global journal of social sciences (issn – 2581-5830 ) gap gyan – volume - iii issue ii april – june 2020, impact factor: sjif - 4.998, iifs - 4.375 <https://www.gapgyan.org/> p 81, GAP GYAN – Volume - III Issue II April – June 2020
- Dr. Binod K. Das & Dr Mayuri H Pandya, “Political Factors of Global Marketing: With Special Reference to India, Innovations in Marketing” ISBN No 978-81,943641-3-5, January 2020. P 179, Excel India Publishers, New Delhi,

**Papers Presentation:**

- Dr. Binod K. Das & Dr Mayuri H Pandya, Geopolitics of Climate Change with Special Reference to India, International Conference on Green Justice; Contemporary Challenges of Environment and Sustainable Development, Organized by GLS Law College, Ahmedabad, February 2020
- Dr. Binod K. Das & Dr Mayuri H Pandya, “Political Factors of Global Marketing: With Special Reference to India,” in Nirma International Conference on Management, January 2020. Ahmedabad.

**Participation:**

- Attended Two-day Faculty Development Programme titled, “Paradigm Shift in Qualitative Research Methods,” Organised by GLS University, Ahmedabad. October 5-6, 2020

**Invited as a Resource Person:**

- Delivered series of lectures in Post Graduate Department of Diaspora Studies, Study Abroad Programme, Gujarat University. Students of Tanzania, Indonesia, Fiji and Afghanistan attended the sessions. All total fifteen sessions were organised.
- Invited as a Resource Person in two-day workshop on Diaspora Studies in the Curriculum and Pedagogy of Indian Education System with Special Focus on NEP 2020, organized by CDS, Central University of Gujarat, March 13-14, 2021, Gandhinagar



**Dr. Binod K. Das**  
Asst. Professor  
Political Science

**Special Achievements:**

- Has been awarded with the degree of Doctorate in Law for her thesis on “A Comparative Study of post TRIPs regime with special reference to Fair dealing doctrine under the Copyright Act, 1957” on December 15, 2020 by GLS University under the guidance of Dr. Mayuri Pandya.

**Publication:**

- Research paper published on “Doctrine of Fair Dealing under Copy Right Act 1957– Retrospective and Prospective” in Gujarat Law Journal, ISSN Number - 2249-9644. Year of Publication – 2020
- Research paper published on “Sports and Copy Right Law: An Overview on the Indian Perspective” in GAP GYAN, A Global journal of Social Science, ISSN Number- 2581-5830, Year of Publication – April- June 2020. Volume- III Issue II

**Paper Presentation:**

- Attended the National Symposium on Right to Sustainable Development: 4 the Generation Human Rights organized by Centre of Excellence, School of Law, Gujarat University, on December 10, 2019 and presented paper on “Copy Right and Education: A Legal Analysis”
- Attended National Conference on Changing Dimension of IPR organized by Asia Law College, Noida on January 4, 2020 and presented paper on “Issues and Challenges of copyright Law in India with special reference to Digital era”.
- Attended International Conference on Green Justice: Contemporary Challenges of Environment & Sustainable Development organized by GLS Law College on February 29 – March 1, 2020 and presented paper on “Intellectual Property rights and Green Technology: An International Perspective”.

**Participation:**

- Attended Webinar on Machine learning for Natural language procession on March 20, 2021 organized by Knowledge Consortium of Gujarat, Education Department, Government of Gujarat.
- Attended one day International Workshop on Copyright Limitation and Exception for Libraries, Academia and Digital Resources on March 30, 2021 organized by Maharashtra National Law University, Mumbai.
- Participated in the National Webinar on “Glancing through prism of Womanhood” on October 27, 2020 by United Nations Association Gujarat
- Participated in the two days Faculty Development Programme on “Paradigm shift in Quantitative Research Methods” on 5-6 October 2020 organized by GLSBBA.



**Dr. Vidhi Shah**  
Asst. Professor  
Law



**Publication :**

- Paper titled " Green Entrepreneurship : Entrepreneurial Challenges in Mitigation with special reference to Ammapreneures( Mother with her child/children- Mompreneur) got published in International Journal of Creative Research Thoughts( IJCRT), ISSN : 2320-2882, Volume :9, Issue :4,2021.

**Paper Presentation:**

- Presented Paper on 'Challenges of Pink Entrepreneurs: View in Gujarat' at Online International Conference on "Innovative Trends in Language, Literature, Culture and E-Education on July 25,2020 organized by Parul University.
- Presented Paper on "Managing Emotions of Mompreneurs through Mental Gym Model" at Two Days International Conference on 'Emotions-A Multi-disciplinary Inquiry' jointly organized by GAP and Nalanda Nrityakala Maha Vidyalay on December 4,5,2020
- Presented Paper on "'Juxtaposing 'Justice' under the constitution of India: From Kautilya to Kaliyug(Era)' at Two days Virtual International Conference on Language, Law, Literature: Dialogic Interfaces, organized by Institute of Law, Nirma University on March 23-24,2021.



**Dr. Payal Gaurav Mehta**  
Asst. Professor  
English

**Participation:**

- Attended National Webinar on "Glancing through Prism at Womanhood" organized by United Nations Association Gujarat on 27th October, 2020
- Attended National Webinar on "Reimagining Legal Education under the New Education Policy", Organized by GLS Law College on 22nd October 2020.
- Attended International Webinar on "Digital Transformation in Education- The New" Normal organized by GLS University Faculty of Commerce in Association with Chartered Institute of Management Accounts, on 17th October, 2020.
- Attended two days online workshop ( Faculty Development Programme) on "Paradigm Shift in Quantitative Research Methods" organized by Faculty of Business Administration, GLS University on 5th and 6th October 2020.
- Participated in the National Webinar on Decoding National Education Policy -2020: Implementation in Higher Education held on 10th September, 2020 jointly organized by GLS University's, Faculty of Commerce(GLSIC)& Shiksha Sanskriti Utthan Nyas, New Delhi.

**Invited as a Resource Person:**

- Invited as the Expert Guest Speaker to deliver the speech on "The Role of Legal Entrepreneurs in Building the Society" at the Webinar organized by Intern360 Team Academy, Mumbai on September 19,2020.
- Invited as one of the Panelists in the Webinar organized by American Corner, Ahmedabad in association with Right to Rise Foundation, on August 13,2020 for the topic "Be the voice of those who were muted."
- Invited as one of the Panelists at Womenology Gujarat Chapter for Discussing 'Issues Related to Women in the field of Entrepreneurship' on August 27,2020
- Invited as a speaker on GLF (Gujarat Literature Festival) on July 23,2020 on digital platform to speak on "Mompreneurs and Deities in Indian Mythology."
- Invited as the Guest Speaker on 4th December, 2020 at PDPU to speak upon "Challenges Faced by Pink Entrepreneurs with special Reference to Mompreneurs" for the final year students of Liberal Studies.
- Invited as the Guest Speaker on March 8,2021 to speak upon "Discovering the Deity Within you' at the Multi-Tasking Mommies of Ahmedabad, with the T-shirt series launched on the theory of Thesis 'Main Bhi Durga'.
- Invited as the Guest Speaker on March 12, 2021 for the live interactive session on "Women in Leadership: Pink Leaders" at Faculty of Homeopathy, Parul University.
- As a Moderator have participated in many National Webinars, International Guest Lectures and State Level Events on the Virtual Platform of GLS Law College.

**Publication:**

- Published paper in International Journal of Law Management & Humanities, ISSN-2581-5369 PIF- 4.895 titled "Critical Appraisal of Domestic Violence Act with special reference to Women Rights" in Volume IV, Issue I (February 2021)
- Published paper in INDIAN BAR REVIEW, Volume 47(1) 2020, a referred Journal, Special Issues on White Collar Crime and Its Impact on the Society titled "White – Collar Crimes – Termites of an Economy."

**Papers Presentation:**

- Dr. Suja Nayar & Dr. Mayuri Pandya, "Dignity of a Women- Not a slave to the shackles of Law" at Conference organized by Himachal Pradesh National Law University – November, 2019

**Participation:**

- Attended National Webinar on "Glancing through Prism at Womanhood" organized by United Nations Association Gujarat on 27th October, 2020
- Attended National Webinar on "Reimagining Legal Education under the New Education Policy", Organized by GLS Law College on 22nd October 2020.
- Attended International Webinar on "Digital Transformation in Education- The New" Normal organized by GLS University Faculty of Commerce in Association with Chartered Institute of Management Accounts, on 17th October, 2020.
- Attended two days online workshop (Faculty Development Programme) on "Paradigm Shift in Quantitative Research Methods" organized by Faculty of Business Administration, GLS University on 5th and 6th October 2020.
- Participated in the National Webinar on Decoding National Education Policy -2020: Implementation in Higher Education held on 10th September, 2020 jointly organized by GLS University's, Faculty of Commerce (GLSIC)& Shiksha Sanskriti Utthan Nyas, New Delhi.



**Dr. Suja Nayar**  
Asst. Professor  
Law

#### Special Achievement:

- Enrolled and completed the online course on International law organized by the Hague Academy, Netherland
- Appointed as a Member of Editorial Board of Double blind peer reviewed online journal "Journal of Advance Legal Research" Published by Center of Academic Research and Analysis (CARA)

#### Publication:

- Research Paper Published on **"Impact of Digital Sequence Information on Sharing of Benefit arising from the Utilization of Genetic Resources"** ISSN No. 2320-2882, International Journal of Creative research Thoughts , Volume 9, Issue 3/711 March 2021, Impact Factor 7.97.
- Research Paper Published on **"International Framework on Access and Benefit Sharing Regime"** ISSN No: 2582- 8479, Nyaayshstra Law Review Journal, Volume I, Issue III, March 2021.

#### Paper Presentation:

- Presented Paper on "Access and Benefit Sharing mechanism for Agricultural Biodiversity: International Perspective" at one day National Conference on "Law and policies relating to Agricultural Sector in India. (Virtual) on, January, 31st 2021, organized by Dr. Ram Manohar Lohiya National Law University, Lucknow.

#### Participation:

- Attended National Webinar on "Glancing through Prism at Womanhood" organized by United Nations Association Gujarat on 27th October, 2020
- Attended National Webinar on "Reimagining Legal Education under the New Education Policy", Organized by GLS Law College on 22nd October 2020.
- Attended International Webinar on "Digital Transformation in Education- The New" Normal organized by GLS University Faculty of Commerce in Association with Chartered Institute of Management Accounts, on 17th October, 2020.
- Attended two days online workshop ( Faculty Development Programme) on "Paradigm Shift in Quantitative Research Methods" organized by Faculty of Business Administration, GLS University on 5th and 6th October 2020.
- Participated in the National Webinar on Decoding National Education Policy -2020: Implementation in Higher Education held on 10th September , 2020 jointly organized by GLS University's, Faculty of Commerce (GLSIC) & Shiksha Sanskriti Utthan Nyas, New Delhi.

#### Certification Course:

- Has Done the certificate course on "Nagoya Protocol on Access to Genetic Resources and the fair and Equitable Sharing of Benefit Arising from their Utilization" of the United Nations Environmental Law and Convention Portal.
- Has done certificate e learning course on "Introduction to access and benefit sharing" of United Nations Environment Programme and Convention On Biodiversity.
- Has done Certificate e-learning Course on "Introductory Course to Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety" of InforMEA, The United Nations Environmental Law and Conventions Portal



**Ms. Jiya Matharani**  
Asst. Professor  
Law

#### Participation:

- Participated in National Webinar on "Glancing through Prism at Womanhood" organized by United Nations Association Gujarat on 27th October 2020.
- Attended and participated in the National Seminar (Online mode) on "ROLE OF TECHNOLOGY IN EFFECTIVE GOVERNANCE AND LEADERSHIP FOR HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS UNDER THE NATIONAL EDUCATION POLICY, 2020" on Saturday, October 24, 2020 organized by The Institute of Leadership and Governance, The Maharaja Sayajirao University (M S Uni.) of Baroda.
- Participated in National Webinar on "National Education Policy 2020: With Sp. Reference to Legal Education" organized by University School of law, Gujarat University, Ahmedabad on 24th October 2020.
- Participated in an online seminar on "The Transformative Education Series" organized by ACER Indonesia on 23rd October 2020.
- Participated in Forensic Webinar on "Post-Mortem and investigation by Police in Criminal offence" organized by Forensic India on 21st October 2020.
- Participated in one week International Faculty Development Program on "Hybrid Teaching Modalities: Educational Strategies during COVID & Beyond" organized by Faculty of Business Administration (NRBBA) of GLS University from 1st November 2020 to 6th November 2020.
- Participated in a two days Faculty Development Program on "Paradigm Shift in Quantitative Research Methods" organized by Faculty of Business Administration (GLS BBA) of GLS University on 5th & 6th October 2020.

#### Special Achievement:

- Awarded with the degree of Doctorate in Psychology for the thesis Titled "A Retrospective Study on Parental Specific Psychological Correlates of Common Neurological Disorders" - November 2020 by Department of Psychology, School of Psychology, Philosophy & Education, Gujarat University, under the abled guidance of Dr. Kamayani Mathur.

#### Publication:

- "An Assessment of Empathetic Abilities amongst Caregivers of Children with Neurodevelopmental Disorder" – paper published in International Journal of All Research Education & Scientific Methods, New Delhi, ISSN: 2455-6211, Pg. No. 1181 - 1185 – February, 2021.

#### Paper Presentations :

- "Aftermath of COVID-19 on the Psychological Well-being amongst Migrant Workers" – a paper elucidated at the National Seminar on "Migrant Workers in COVID – 19 : Challenges and Opportunities" organized by P.G. Department of Legal Studies and Research, Acharya Nagarjuna University, Nagarjuna Nagar, Andhra Pradesh – 19th & 20th March, 2021.

#### Participation:

- Attended National Webinar on "Glancing through Prism at Womanhood" organized by United Nations Association Gujarat on 27th October, 2020



**Ms. Sonal A. Thakker (Rawal)**  
Asst. Professor  
Law



**Dr. Riddhita Parikh**  
Asst. Professor  
Psychology



- Attended National Webinar on “Reimagining Legal Education under the New Education Policy”, Organized by GLS Law College on 22nd October 2020.
- Attended International Webinar on “Digital Transformation in Education- The New” Normal organized by GLS University Faculty of Commerce in Association with Chartered Institute of Management Accounts, on 17th October, 2020.
- Attended two days online workshop ( Faculty Development Programme) on “Paradigm Shift in Quantitative Research Methods” organized by Faculty of Business Administration, GLS University on 5th and 6th October 2020.
- National Webinar on “Role of Psychologist in Forensic Mental Health Service” organized by Department of Psychology, Gujarat University – 10th October, 2020.

Participated in the National Webinar on Decoding National Education Policy -2020: Implementation in Higher Education held on 10th September, 2020 jointly organized by GLS University's, Faculty of Commerce (GLSIC) & Shiksha Sanskriti Utthan Nyas, New Delhi.

#### Invited as a Resource Person:

- Invited to talk on the topic “Exercise and Diet Impact on Mental Health” by Gym NXT Generation on World Health Day – April 7, 2021.

#### Papers Presentation:

- Mr. Darshan Pandya, E-commerce waste and Alternative packaging: A Legal perspective: International Conference on Green Justice; Contemporary Challenges of Environment and Sustainable Development, Organized by GLS Law College, Ahmedabad, February 2020.
- Mr. Darshan Pandya “Analysis The Methods of ADR in Indian Judiciary Context”: Marwadi University, National Conference on ADR, Feb 2020. Rajkot.

#### Participation:

- Two-day Faculty Development Programme, Paradigm Shift in Qualitative Research Methods, GLS University, October 5-6, 2020



**Mr. Darshan Pandya**  
Asst. Professor  
Law

#### Publication:

- The researcher has published a research paper in Vidhya Publication, 2020, Vol: 15(1), ISSN: 2321-1520. The title of the paper was: 'Environmental Rights and Human Rights of Women in Unorganized Sector'.
- The researcher has published a paper in GAP GYAN Publication, ISSN-2581-5830. The title of the paper was: 'A Study on Workers of Unorganized Sector: Issues and Challenges of COVID-19'.
- The researcher has presented and published paper in 8th International Conference on Social Sciences, ISSN- 978-625-7898-13-3. The title was: 'Issues of Unorganised Workers during COVID-19 and its Assistance of Labour Laws in India.'

#### Paper Presentations:

- The researcher has presented a paper at 8th International Conference (Online) on Social Sciences, Kazakhstan on 21-22nd



**Ms. Vaishaki Bhatt**  
Asst. Professor  
Law

July, 2020. The title of the paper was: 'Issues of Unorganized Workers during COVID-19 and its Assistance of Labour Laws in India.

- The researcher has presented a paper at 2nd International European Conference on Interdisciplinary Scientific Researches, at Ankara, Turkey on 4th & 5th July, 2020. The title of the paper was: 'Prospects and Problems of Unorganized Labours in India and their Protection'.
- The researcher has presented a paper at International Conference on COVID-19 Studies on 21st June to 23rd June, 2020. The title was 'Migrant Workers Crisis and their Protection in India during COVID-19'.
- The researcher has presented a paper at National Seminar on the Women Empowerment, organized by Centre of Excellence on 8th March, 2020. The title of the paper was 'Protection of Human Rights of Working Women in Unorganized Sector: In the Era of Globalization'.

#### Publication:

- Published paper on “A Study on India's Law on Prevention of Sexual Harassment at Workplace” at National Seminar on “Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace: Societal and Justice Response to Sexual Violence: Measures for Policy Reforms” Sponsored by National Commission for Women, New Delhi on 14th March, 2020 Organised by The Nadiad Education Society's, M.S.Bhagat & C.S.Sonawala Law College, Nadiad, Dist. Kheda, Gujarat. ISBN No.: 978-93-84320-01-0, Page No: 289
- Published paper titled “A Study on Effectiveness of Public Interest Litigation in the Resolution of Environmental Disputes” in Shodh Sanchar Bulletin, Volume 10, Issue 40, October to December 2020.
- Authored a Chapter titled “Regional Instruments of Human Rights: European Convention, American Convention, African Charter on Human Rights” in the book “Human Rights, International Humanitarian and Refugee Laws”. Publishing house : Academic Press, ISBN No. 978-81-944415-0-2 (Publication year 2021)



**Ms. Foram Pandya**  
Asst. Professor  
Law

#### Paper Presentation:

- Presented paper titled “Water Pollution: A Direct Attack on Human Right to a Healthy Life” at International Conference on Contemporary Challenges to Human Rights held online on 17.05.2020.
- Presented paper titled “A Study on Marine Plastic Pollution: Legal and Policy Solutions” in International Conference on “Green Justice: Contemporary Challenges of Environment & Sustainable Development” held on 29.02.2020 – 01.03.2020 at GLS Law College.

**Paper Presentation:**

Presented Paper titled "Climate Crime: A Growing Threat to Natural Resources, Peace Development and Security and the role of Environmental Policies in India" at National Conference on "Social, Economic and Political Intervention for Environmental Sustainability" organized by Department of Sociology, Bhakt Kavi Narsinh Mehta University, Junagadh, Gujarat, January 29th, 2021.

**Participation:**

- Participated in National Webinar on "IP Dimensions: Creation, Protection and Enforcement under Patent Law" organized by GLS Law College in association with Intellectual Property Appellate Board (IPAB) on January 23rd, 2021.
- Participated in National Webinar on 'Glancing through Prism at Womenhood' organized by United Nations Association Gujarat on October 27th, 2020.
- Successfully completed Faculty Development Program on 'Paradigm Shift in Quantitative Research Methods' organized by GLSBBA on October 06th, 2020.
- Participated in National Webinar on 'Decoding National Education Policy 2020: Implementation in Higher Education' jointly organized by GLS Institute of Commerce and Shiksha Sanskriti Utthan Nyas, New Delhi on September 10th, 2020.
- Participated in International Webinar on 'Save Ozone Save Earth, 2020' organized by Department of Life Sciences, Bhakt Kavi Narsinh Mehta University, Junagadh, Gujarat on September 16th, 2020.



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**Special Achievement:**

- Awarded the degree of M.Phil. in Development Studies by Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Mumbai under the guidance of Prof. (Dr.) P. M. Sandhya Rani for the Thesis on "Maternal Health Status of Married Tribal Women: A Study of Jharkhand" on May 2019.

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- Navaneeta Majumder and Pranjali S. Dighe, Human Development Status of Tribes of Gujarat: A Case Study of The Dang District, International Conference on Social Work, Law and Human Rights, organised by Gujarat National Law University (GNLU), Gandhinagar, February 1-2, 2020
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- Navaneeta Majumder and Soni Kunjappan, Governance of Social Work Education in India: Understanding the Needs, Gaps and Way Forward Towards Effective Delivery of Social Work Programs, 7th Indian Social Work Congress in collaboration with Department of Social Work, Organised by Department of Social Work, University of Lucknow, 11-13 October 2019

**Participation:**

- 4th International Conference of The South Asian Society of Criminology and Victimology (SASCV), organised by SASCV in collaboration with Raksha Shakti University, Gandhinagar, January 30-31, 2020

**Invited as a Resource Person:**

- Delivered a lecture on "Integrate tools and techniques of Social Work Practice in field work report writing", Academic Writing Workshop on 'Field Work Report Writing and Master Level Research Proposal Drafting', organised by Central University of Gujarat, Gandhinagar, May 13, 2019

**Participation:**

- Participated in the National Webinar on "Glancing through prism of Womanhood" on October 27, 2020 organised by United Nations Association Gujarat.
- Attended National Webinar on "Reimagining Legal Education under the New Education Policy", Organized by GLS Law College on 22nd October, 2020.
- Attended International Webinar on "Digital Transformation in Education- The New" Normal organized by GLS University Faculty of Commerce in Association with Chartered Institute of Management Accounts, on 17th October, 2020.
- Participated in the National Webinar on Decoding National Education Policy -2020: Implementation in Higher Education held on 10th September, 2020 jointly organized by GLS University's, Faculty of Commerce(GLSIC)& Shiksha Sanskriti Utthan Nyas, New Delhi.
- Participated in the Workshop on "The Powerful Role of IQAC in Ensuring Quality in Higher Education" on 21st November, 2020 organized by GNLU.
- Participated in the National Webinar on "Strategies for Managing Personal Finance including Mutual Funds during and after Covid-19" held on 21st December 2020 Organised by Centre for Corporate Law Studies, Institute of Law, Nirma University, Ahmedabad in Association with Association of Mutual Funds in India (AMFI) & Securities & Exchange Board of India.
- Participated in the National Webinar on "IP Dimensions: Creation, Protection and Enforcement Under Patent Law" held on 23rd, January, 2021 jointly organized by GLS Law College in association with Intellectual Property Appellate Board.



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**Publication :**

- Contributed a Book Chapter in a Book Titled, "Human Rights International Humanitarian and Refugees Laws". Title of Chapter: "Connection Between International Law and Human Right"(p.g. 109-125), ISBN 978-81-944415-0-2 published by Academic Press. (February 2020)

**Participation :**

- Participated in a Seven Day Online FDP on "Enhancing Research Skills in Modern Era (Research Need of 21st Century), conducted from 21st December 2020 to 29th December 2020, organised by Anand Law College, Anand.
- Participated in the National Webinar on "IP Dimensions: Creation, Protection and Enforcement Under Patent Law" dated: 23 January 2021 organised by GLS Law College.
- Participated in a Special Guest Lecture on "Emerging Issues in Human Rights with special emphasis on women and child rights" dated: 29 January 2021 organised by ICFAI Law School Dehradun.
- Participated in the National Webinar on "National Education Policy -2020: IMplemetation in Higher Education" dated: 10 September 2020 organised by GLS University (Faculty of Commerce and Shiksha Sanskriti Utthan Nyas, New Delhi.
- Participated in the National Webinar on "Glancing through Prism at Womanhood" dated: 27 October 2020 organised by UNA Gujarat.
- Participated in the National Webinar on "Reimagining Legal Education under the New Education Policy" dated: 22 October, 2020 organised by GLS Law College
- Participated in the NJ Yasaswy Memorial Virtual Lecture on the topic: "Transforming the world: sustainable development goals 2030" dated: 16th October 2020 organised by ICFAI Law School, Dehradun.
- Participated in the 7 days National Workshop to commemorate World Wildlife Week dated: 1 October 2020 to 7 October 2020 organised by ICFAI Law School, Dehradun
- Participated in the Webinar on "IPR and Health Law" organised by IPR CELL, ICFAI Law School dated: 20 May 2020.
- Participated in the Webinar on the topic "An Overview of WIPO and its Role in International IPR Laws" dated: 27 May 2020 organised by IP ASSISTO.
- Participated in 7 days Online National Faculty Development Program on "Structured Experimental Learning on various Practical Legal Arenas" dated: 6 June to 12 June 2020 organised by ICFAI Law School, Dehradun.



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**The 10th of February, 2021**, marked the inauguration of the “Law Laboratory”, a classroom with state of the art facilities that would provide a very conducive environment for the law students to think, innovate and help the learning process.

The Founder Batch was welcomed for the first time at the University with the Inauguration of the Law Lab, by the esteemed Guest for the day and pillar of strength of the whole University, Shri Sudhir Nanavati.

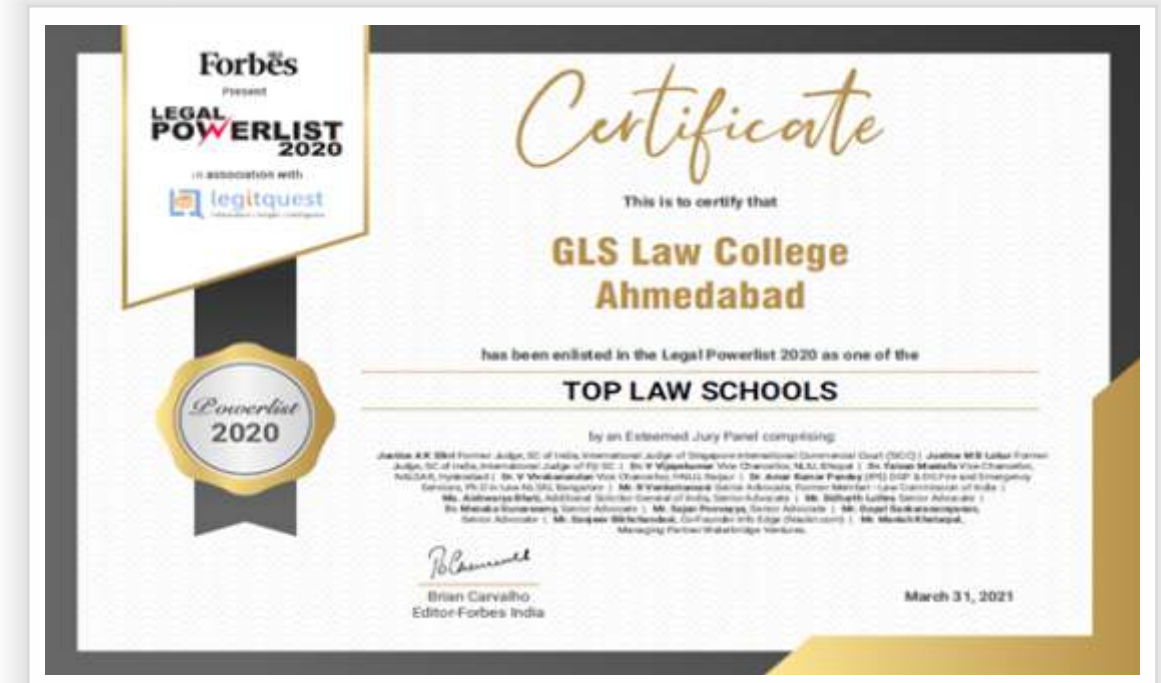
The inauguration lead to the informal discussion session with the students, Shri Sudhir Nanavati Sir shared some interesting anecdotes of his experiences in the law field and how these students need to prepare themselves for the future ahead. The vision of creating this type of facility was to provide a platform where exchange of thoughts can be easily be done and the student does not feel bound by the walls and strict discipline of the classroom structure studies.

The One Year LL.M. programme consists of three trimesters and the founder batch has total of 30 students. The programme offers two specialization areas 1. Corporate and Commercial Laws and 2. Criminal and Security Laws.



## Icing on the Cake : Featuring @ Forbes

### A PROUD MOMENT GLS Law College enters the league of top 25 law colleges of Forbes Legal Power List 2020



*"If you can dream it, you can do it"*

The above quotation given by one of the most successful American entrepreneur Walt Disney, aptly describes the big dreams and its subsequent achievements of GLS Law College – The youngest venture of the esteemed Gujarat Law Society, Ahmedabad. Beginning from 2015, GLS Law College in a short span of 6 years have succeeded in making its place among the top 25 law colleges of Forbes Legal Power List 2020.

The first edition of Forbes India Legal Powerlist 2020 has identified and felicitated young centres of Legal Education, who has exemplified distinction, quality service delivery, and has demonstrated superior leadership, reputation, influence, stature and profile as an academic institution per excellence. GLS Law College has been felicitated at a grand virtual event on March 31, 2021 in the presence of an august gathering made up of some of the most prominent and powerful names in the legal profession.

# Tune to Radio Prison @ Legal Aid Clinic

"Providing Legal Literacy" GLS Law College - Legal Aid Clinic is pleased to announce its collaboration with Sabarmati Central jail for setting up of a permanent "Help Desk" and bi-weekly awareness session through 'Radio Prison' - Sabarmati Central Jails' own Radio Station. It aims to provide pro-bono legal service to inmates. The support is rendered to the inmates by making them aware of their legal rights through the 'help desk'. With an aim to promote restorative justice amongst the prisoners, lectures catering to the positive aspects of life are delivered through the medium of 'prison radio'.





### Glancing through Green Lens : Environmental Law Clinic



GLS Law College commemorates Human Rights Day by organising various competitions with Human Rights and Law as the main theme and the highlight of these competitions is the rotating trophy which is given away to the winner of the competition. This year this august day was observed by organizing a Green Model United Nations (GMUN) Inter Semester Competition on December 10, 2020.

The session was kickstarted with the warm welcome address by Dr. Mayuri Pandya - the Director of GLS Law College, who expressed her desire to see the students participating in the United Nations representing India in the future. The Competition was judged by eminent experts in the field of environment and law - Dr. Sairam Bhat, Professor of law - NLSUI, Bangalore; Mr. Ashwani Kumar, Associate Professor, Faculty of Planning, CEPT University and Mr. Aditya Pratap Singh, Practicing Advocate, Supreme Court, NGT.

GMUN 2020 is an academic simulation of the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA), where students from different Semesters (I, III, V, VII and IX) has played the role of delegates from four Nation States (India, Russia, China and Egypt) and one Supra-national Organization (European Union). The student delegates to the UNGA, in a span of three rounds, has attempted to solve real world issues related to 'Carbon Emissions/footprint' and

'Protection and Conservation of Bio-diversity' with the policies and perspectives of their assigned Nation states. In the final round of 'Question & Answer', the representatives while arguing on behalf of their Nations, were also providing recommendations to delegates of other participating Nations, to increase cooperation in the realm of sustainable development.

This Competition was an enriching experience for the students as well as the viewers. The winners of the competition were -----.

Each Semester had their best representation, yet the winner has to be only one for the rotating trophy. Thus, Semester IX, the senior most batch of GLS Law College won exceptionally in the virtual GMUN Competition.

The proud possessors of the rotating trophy was the team comprising of Mr. Varun Bhargava, Mr. Arshad Shaikh and Mr. Aneeq Mashadi.

## “Viewing Environment from the Lens of Journalism.”



As a part of the post celebration of the World Wildlife week, the Environmental Law Clinic of GLS Law College conducted a webinar on “Viewing Environment from the Lens of Journalism” on the official virtual platform of GLS Law College on October 17th 2020.

An eminent journalist Ms. Preeti Das, also the Additional Director of Liberal Arts and Mass Communication at Karnavati University addressed the students on the said topic. The session commenced with a very warm and interesting welcome by the director of GLS Law College Dr. Mayuri H. Pandya.

Ms. Preeti Das began the session by addressing the trending environmental issues wherein she talked about how journalism can help curb the menaces of environmental pollution and related issues. She further went on to explain what precisely environmental journalism is. She talked about people’s faith in journalism and the power of journalism that could help in addressing the burning environmental issues that are being over-shadowed by other issues like politics, crime, etc. She pointed out how environmental journalism is not just about taking one or two topics randomly and exaggerating about them. It is more about achieving our sustainable goals, looking after the life underwater, life on the land, in the jungles, illegal sand mining, etc, and spreading awareness about these topics in a wide range of population. As stated by her “economy and ecology go hand in hand”, on the basis of this she explained how when a journalist is reporting on business, health, etc, they are also reporting environment concerns. Environmental journalism is everywhere, it is in crime, business, sports, etc.

Moving forward, Ms. Preeti Das addressed the students on the issues that the environmental journalists are facing nowadays, Some of which are - Lack of environmental data and funds, pressure from big corporations, corporate mafia's, environmental journalists being killed, etc. She further proposed that Environmental journalism is not just revisiting Chipko moment, but it is instead asking “who are those people who wanted to cut the trees, who are those who wish to further deteriorate the environment?!” Quite humorously, Ms. Das pointed out the generational difference in the understanding of environment, through the example of the word ‘Amazon’. She said that while the word Amazon would mean the jungle for people from the older generations, the same word might mean the online shopping website for the younger generation.

Towards the conclusion of the session Ms. Preeti Das answered some of the questions that the students enthusiastically asked. According to Ms. Preeti Das, as citizens we must debate and discuss more on these environmental issues and we must change the narrative while looking for the solutions of these issues. We must also use the social media and journalism in a positive aspect and try to gain knowledge and spread awareness for the same.

Before the session ended a few intriguing videos that were prepared by the members of the Environment Law Clinic were shown on the screen.

## “Voice of the Earth: Respect and Repay”



**Dr. Vrajesh Parikh,  
Founder - Voice of the Earth**

ecosystem and for us to maintain a balance on Earth, everyone must be looked after for. His session was an interactive session and opened the minds to the various ways in which people have been polluting the world. His little effort on giving an insight on how people must take responsibility for the actions towards the environment and take up sustainable practices to amend the bad deeds, indeed worked wonders. After his informative session, all the members of the Environmental Law Clinic are extremely inspired to take up a waste free life. Dr. Parikh mentioned The 9R'S - Reduce, Reuse, Recycle, Rethink, Refurbish, Refuse, Repair, Regift and Rot. The modern world requires modern solutions. The Environmental Law Clinic of GLS Law College certainly is thoroughly inspired to work for a better future.

The Environmental Law Clinic of GLS Law College, was formed with the objective to cure the environmental problems and act as an instrument for capacity building, promoting legal environmental awareness, encouraging research related to environment, initiating training programs related to environment, analysing laws and policies and its implementation.

Every year, the ELC has come up new and eye-opening events to celebrate the nature and create awareness amongst people about the importance of the environment. This year with the world being threatened by the corona virus, Celebrating Van Mahotsav physically was not permissible. Thus, virtual celebration of Van Mahotsav was arranged effectively by Dr. Vrajesh Parikh, Founder, Voice of the Earth.

He started his webinar with explaining the two words mentioned in the title, Repay and Respect. He very beautifully said how important it is for us to respect our mother earth and repay for all we take from it. The essence of the lecture was his easy way of making us students understand why it is not only important to respect the earth, but also, we must try to repay for all our wrong actions ever done. The celebration of Van Mahotsav was started by our Union Minister of agriculture Sh. KD Munshi in the year 1950. He started this to create awareness amongst people about planting trees and for afforestation. Mahatma Gandhi once said that “The Earth has enough for everyone's need but not for everyone's greed.” The Earth is a home to million other species who are equally a part of this



## GLS COVID-19 Vaccination Drive: Need of the Hour!



Gujarat Law Society (GLS) has always been proactive in dealing with issues concerned the well-being of its students and the teaching and non-teaching staff.

Following the same tradition GLS had organised a COVID-19 vaccination drive for its teaching and non-teaching staff irrespective of the age. Majority of the teaching and non-teaching staff of GLS Law College chose to get vaccinated and give a healthy fight to the Corona Virus.

## “Still I Rise”

*by Maya Angelou*

You may write me down in history  
With your bitter, twisted lies,  
You may tread me in the very dirt  
But still, like dust, I'll rise.

Does my sassiness upset you?  
Why are you beset with gloom?  
'Cause I walk like I've got oil wells  
Pumping in my living room.

Just like moons and like suns,  
With the certainty of tides,  
Just like hopes springing high,  
Still I'll rise.

Did you want to see me broken?  
Bowed head and lowered eyes?  
Shoulders falling down like teardrops.  
Weakened by my soulful cries.

Does my haughtiness offend you?  
Don't you take it awful hard  
'Cause I laugh like I've got gold mines  
Diggin' in my own back yard.

You may shoot me with your words,  
You may cut me with your eyes,  
You may kill me with your hatefulness,  
But still, like air, I'll rise.

Does my sexiness upset you?  
Does it come as a surprise  
That I dance like I've got diamonds  
At the meeting of my thighs?

Out of the huts of history's shame  
I rise

Up from a past that's rooted in pain  
I rise

I'm a black ocean, leaping and wide,  
Welling and swelling I bear in the tide.  
Leaving behind nights of terror and fear  
I rise  
Into a daybreak that's wondrously clear  
I rise  
Bringing the gifts that my ancestors gave,  
I am the dream and the hope of the slave.

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