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Message from

CHIEF PATRON PROF. (DR.) S. SHANTHAKUMAR

Provost, Gujarat Maritime University

Dear Readers,

It is with immense pleasure that I present to you the inaugural edition of Gujarat Maritime University's (GMU) newsletter. This marks a significant milestone in our journey, reflecting our commitment to academic excellence, industry engagement, and the holistic development of our students.

Since our establishment in 2019, GMU has emerged as a premier institution dedicated to fostering specialized education in maritime law and management. Our collaborations with esteemed national and international organizations and institutions have strengthened our academic and research ecosystem. Through MoUs and strategic partnerships, we have created unparalleled opportunities for faculty development, student internships, research publications, and knowledge exchange.

Our focus on specialized postgraduate and doctoral programs in commercial maritime law and management has positioned us as a thought leader in the maritime domain. GMU takes pride in securing prestigious national and international projects that contribute to policy development and industry best practices. To ensure hands-on learning, our students actively participate in port visits, field studies, internships, and interactive sessions with experts through guest lectures, workshops, and specialized training programs.

The university has also been at the forefront of organizing impactful conferences, conclaves,

summits, and seminars in collaboration with leading global organizations and institutions. These platforms provide a unique opportunity for knowledge-sharing, networking, and discourse on contemporary maritime issues. The vibrancy of our campus is further enriched by our diverse student community, representing different parts of the country and beyond. Our graduates have secured placements in top national and international organizations, reflecting the credibility and industry relevance of our programs.

GMU proudly operates ten specialized centres, with the Gujarat International Maritime Arbitration Centre (GIMAC) standing out as India's first-of-its-kind institution dedicated to maritime dispute resolution. This initiative is a testament to our vision of strengthening maritime legal infrastructure in the region.

As we look ahead, GMU is poised for further growth, with plans to expand academic offerings, intensify research collaborations, and strengthen industry partnerships. Our focus remains on nurturing global maritime professionals equipped with the knowledge, skills, and leadership required to shape the future of the maritime sector.

I extend my best wishes to all faculty, students, and stakeholders as we embark on this exciting journey. Together, we will continue to propel GMU to greater heights.



Message from

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Dear Readers,

It is with great enthusiasm that I welcome you to the first issue of Gujarat Maritime University's newsletter. This publication reflects our university's dynamic academic environment, industry collaborations, and the remarkable achievements of our students and faculty.

At GMU, we are committed to integrating academic excellence with real-world industry exposure. Our specialized programs in maritime law and management, combined with hands-on training through port visits, internships, and expert interactions, prepare our students for leadership roles in the maritime sector. Our collaborations with prestigious national and international organizations further enrich learning and research opportunities.

This newsletter aims to celebrate our collective achievements, highlight key developments, and showcase the vibrant campus life at GMU. I extend my gratitude to all contributors and invite you to engage with us as we continue to shape the future of maritime education.

Happy reading!



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ABOUT GMU: PIONEERING MARITIME EDUCATION



About Gujarat Maritime University

The Indian Maritime sector has been consistently exhibiting remarkable growth and is poised to emerge as the maritime economy of the future. At the forefront of this evolution is Gujarat Maritime University (GMU) founded in 2017 under the Gujarat Private Universities Act, 2009, an endeavour by Gujarat Maritime Board to provide a fillip to the growth of Indian Maritime Sector and bridge the knowledge gap within the industry. In alignment with the vision of the Hon'ble Prime Minister of India to establish a think tank for the maritime sector, GMU has undertaken a transformative journey in maritime education. Since its inception in 2019, GMU has been committed to offering meticulously crafted academic programmes that blend the collective expertise of maritime industry professionals, distinguished academicians, and governmental insights. Through this synergy, GMU has set a benchmark as one of India's unique maritime-focused universities, offering curricula on par with the world's premier maritime institutes.

GMU's governing body is an esteemed consortium of senior Gujarat Government officials, eminent industry leaders, and renowned scholars, with the Chief Secretary to the Government of Gujarat at its helm. This diverse leadership ensures that the university remains responsive to the evolving demands of the maritime sector while maintaining the highest academic and professional standards. The prime objective of Gujarat Maritime University is to be a global center of excellence in maritime education, research and development, professional training and it aims to enhance and increase the human capital and capacity of maritime industry both in India and across the globe.

GMU's academic offerings are designed to meet the growing demands of the maritime industry. In its first phase, the University provides a range of Master's and Post-Graduate programmes that cater to the commercial aspects of the maritime value chain like Maritime Law, Maritime Management, International Trade Law, Shipping and Logistics, among others. The University's bespoke approach to education ensures that students are equipped with the knowledge and skills required to navigate the complexities of a rapidly changing global maritime landscape.

Moreover, GMU has introduced a series of short-term certificate courses and executive development programmes, aimed at equipping industry professionals with advanced competencies. These programmes are developed in collaboration with esteemed international institutions, such as Erasmus UPT, STC International, and the Indian Institute of Management (Bangalore), ensuring that they meet global standards of excellence. Gujarat Maritime University plans to expand its academic portfolio in the upcoming phases. The second phase will focus on the introduction of technical and liberal arts disciplines within the maritime domain, further enriching the curriculum and addressing the evolving needs of the industry.

VISION

To be a global center of excellence in maritime education, research and development, professional training with an aim to enhance the capacity of maritime industry both in India and across the globe.

MISSION

To provide world class education focused on areas across the value chain of the maritime industry.

To empower students to excel in global maritime industry through an interdisciplinary approach to learning.

To address the challenges of the industry and encourage innovation through cutting-edge research and collaboration with industry.

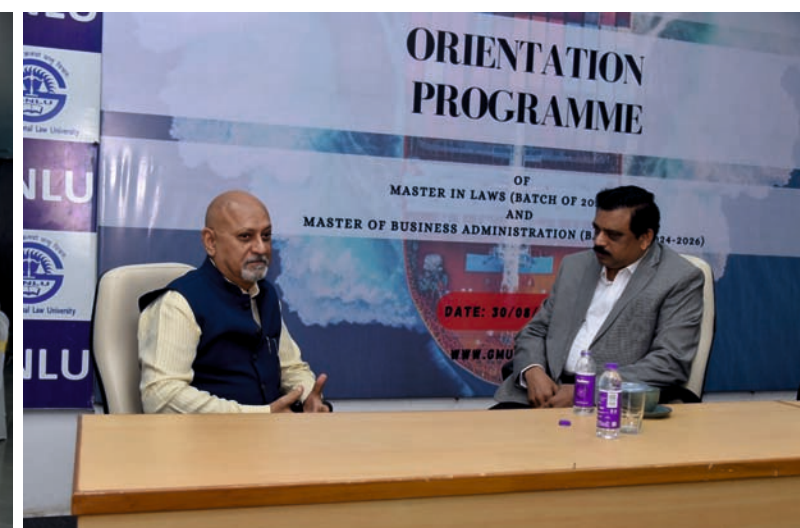
To serve the global maritime community by producing educated and well-trained individuals.

WELCOMING THE NEW WAVE: ORIENTATION PROGRAM

The Orientation Program at Gujarat Maritime University (GMU) on 30 August 2024 marked the beginning of an enriching academic journey for the new batch of students. The event commenced with a Welcome Address by Prof. (Dr.) S. Shanthakumar, Provost, who emphasized GMU's commitment to academic excellence and personal development. Following this, a Faculty Introduction session acquainted students with their mentors, followed by student introductions that fostered peer interaction. Orientation Kits were distributed to mark their formal initiation into the GMU community.

Dr. Chirag Patel, Registrar of GMU, delivered the Expression of Gratitude, appreciating the dignitaries, faculty, and students. The program then continued with a briefing on Examination Regulations by the Convener of Examinations, outlining academic protocols and expectations. A vital session on Anti-Ragging policies reinforced GMU's zero-tolerance stance, along with the availability of grievance redressal mechanisms. A Prevention of Sexual Harassment (POSH) session followed, ensuring awareness of policies promoting a safe and inclusive academic environment. Students were also introduced to GMU's Internship and Placement opportunities, providing insights into industry collaborations and career growth avenues. An overview of the ERP system familiarized students with its role in managing academic activities and seamless communication.

The program concluded with an address encouraging students to immerse themselves in academics and extracurriculars, uphold integrity, and contribute meaningfully to GMU's intellectual and social ecosystem.



FRESHERS' PARTY: SETTING SAIL IN STYLE

On 27th September 2024, Gujarat Maritime University hosted its much-awaited Freshers' Party, Genesis, at the luxurious Grand Mercure in GIFT City. The evening began with an inspiring welcome address by Prof. (Dr.) S. Shanthakumar, Provost, who encouraged freshers to embrace opportunities and experiences at GMU. The event featured captivating cultural performances in music, dance, and drama, fostering camaraderie among students and faculty while celebrating the diverse talents of the university community. The university was honored to host Mr. A. Venkatesan, General Manager - Legal, GAIL (India) Ltd., as the distinguished guest for the evening. His motivational address inspired students to aim high and excel in their academic and professional endeavors. Competitions were judged by an esteemed panel of GMU alumni: Mr. Vikrant Singh (LL.M, 2020-21), Ms. Arundathi M.S. (LL.M, 2021-22), and Mr. Jobin Abraham



Mathew (LL.M, 2022-23), who praised the participants' talent and enthusiasm. The winners included Style Icons: Shruti Wala (LL.M) and Jadav Dhruvin Sanjay (MBA); Star Performers: Prem Singh Rao (LL.M) and Vasudha Singh Chauhan (MBA); and Mr. & Miss Fresher: Raj Patil (MBA) and Ayushi Singh (LL.M). Genesis 2024 was a memorable celebration of creativity, confidence, and community, marking a perfect beginning for the freshers at GMU.

CONFERENCES, SUMMITS & DISCUSSIONS: KNOWLEDGE EXCHANGE

Annual Colloquium IUCN

Gujarat Maritime University (GMU) proudly played a pivotal role in hosting the prestigious 21st Annual Colloquium of the IUCN Academy of Environmental Law (AEL) in Gandhinagar, Gujarat, from 4th to 7th July 2024. This marked a historic first for India, as the country hosted the global conference in its 21-year history. Organized in collaboration with esteemed partners, including Gujarat National Law University, the UN Environment Programme, and other leading institutions, the hybrid-mode conference was themed "Ensuring Environmental Sustainability and Climate Justice through Community Action." GMU's contribution to the event underscored its growing stature as a leader in maritime law and environmental governance.

The colloquium began with two pre-events: a teaching and capacity-building workshop hosted at Karnavati University and a research workshop at Gujarat National Law University (GNLU). GMU stood out with its active participation and thought leadership, demonstrating its commitment to advancing environmental law education. The vibrant cultural night following these workshops showcased Gujarat's rich heritage through Garba, adding a memorable local flavor to the global event. Over the next three days, the colloquium featured thought-provoking plenary sessions and paper presentations on key topics such as governance, equity, climate resilience, and the integration of indigenous knowledge in tackling climate change—areas where GMU continues to build expertise.

A defining moment of the conference was GMU's instrumental role in discussions on innovative legal frameworks for sustainability and its emphasis on maritime dimensions of climate resilience. The university also contributed to the UNEP special interactive session by Georgina Lloyd, held on the final day, which explored actionable solutions for climate justice. The colloquium concluded with the announcement of the Emily Webster Memorial Award by Dr. Tiina Paloniitty, Chair of the IUCN AEL Governing Board. GMU's active involvement in this landmark event reinforced its position as a trailblazer in maritime and environmental law, solidifying its commitment to global collaboration and sustainable development.



ISWAN Seminar

Gujarat Maritime University proudly participated in the ISWAN Seminar 2024, held on 28th November 2024, focusing on the critical theme of "Seafarers: Supported, Empowered, Connected." The seminar witnessed the participation of the Director General of Shipping, along with esteemed dignitaries, policymakers, and maritime experts from various countries. Their insights enriched the discussions, fostering a collaborative environment to address pressing issues faced by seafarers globally.

One of the highlights was the launch and presentation of a groundbreaking joint study conducted by Gujarat Maritime University (GMU) and the International Seafarers' Welfare and Assistance Network (ISWAN) on "The Impact of Recruitment Fraud on Indian Seafarers." This comprehensive research, led by Dr. Mohit Gupta, along with Dr. Abhay Singh and Mr. Jobin Mathew, was carried out under the expert guidance of our Hon'ble Provost, Prof. (Dr.) S. Shanthakumar. The report uncovers how unscrupulous agents exploit seafarers, trapping thousands in cycles of debt, dangerous working conditions, and professional uncertainty.

Dr. Mohit Gupta presented the detailed findings of this pivotal research and participated in the panel discussion during the seminar, providing valuable insights into the study's implications and recommendations. Prof. (Dr.) Tanuja Kaushik, Dean Academic Affairs delivered a compelling address, emphasizing GMU's unwavering commitment to advancing seafarer welfare through research, collaboration, and actionable solutions. GMU was also represented by Dr. Chandra Kant Upadhyay and Ms. Shalini, whose active participation enriched the discussions and showcased the university's dedication to addressing pressing maritime challenges. This seminar marks another milestone in GMU's mission to contribute to the maritime sector through impactful research and meaningful collaborations. Together with ISWAN, the Directorate General of Shipping, and other global stakeholders, we strive to create a safer, more inclusive, and equitable future for seafarers.



Maritime SheEO Conference

On 15th November 2024, Gujarat Maritime University participated in the 5th Annual Maritime SheEO Conference held at Taj Santacruz, Mumbai. The theme, "Setting Sail for Equality: Empowering Women Leaders," brought together global CXOs, industry leaders, and changemakers to champion diversity and inclusion in the maritime sector.

Prof. (Dr.) Tanuja Kaushik, Dean Academic Affairs at Gujarat Maritime University, participated in the panel discussion on "Visible Leadership Towards Inclusion". Her insights emphasized actionable strategies to foster inclusivity and leadership in the industry. Our dedicated faculty members also actively engaged in high-level discussions, reflecting GMU's commitment to shaping a progressive maritime sector.

With over 300 in-person attendees and 1,500 virtual participants from across the globe, the conference highlighted inspirational leadership stories making the business case for inclusivity, networking opportunities with top executives and industry innovators, and case studies showcasing successful diversity initiatives in maritime.

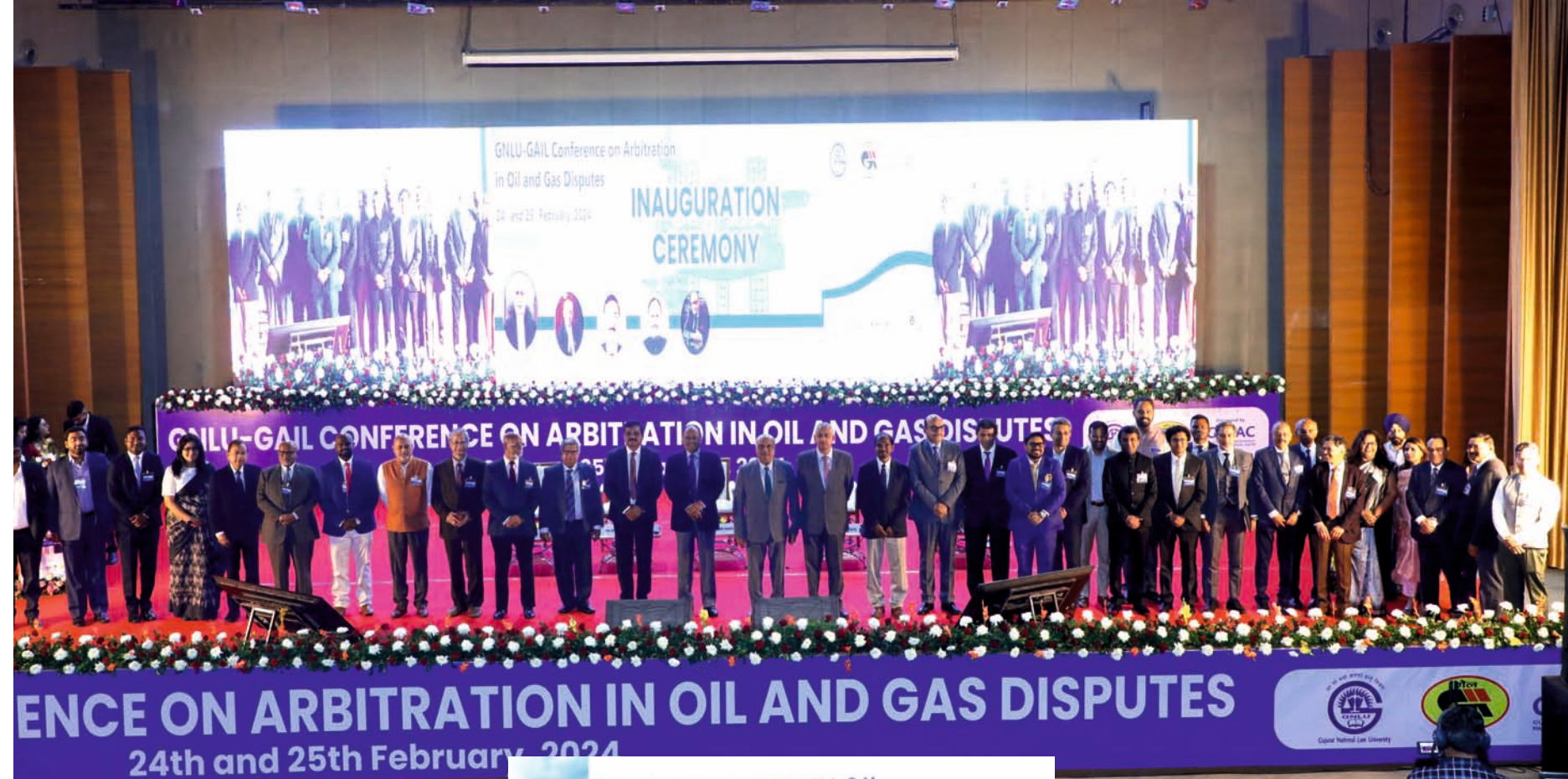


Maritime Employability Summit

The Maritime Employability Summit, organized by the Centre for Maritime Economy at Gujarat Maritime University on 19th October 2024, provided a vibrant platform to explore opportunities and foster innovation in the maritime sector. With the theme "Not just a job or employment; how to build a career in the maritime sector?" the summit brought together industry leaders, educators, and students for insightful discussions on bridging the gap between education and employment.

The event featured expert talks, panel discussions, and student perspectives, highlighting the importance of education, skill-building, and collaboration in shaping maritime careers. Notable sessions included an inspiring talk by Ms. Manisha Thaker, the first woman entrepreneur in the maritime sector, and a dynamic panel discussion on aligning education with industry needs led by Prof. G. Raghuram, Former Director of IIM Bangalore, Shri Mukesh Parikh, Industry Expert, and Dr. Dharmesh Raval, Centre Head at GMU. Dr. Chirag Patel, Registrar of GMU, emphasized GMU's role in facilitating growth in the maritime industry, while Dr. Tanuja Kaushik, Dean Academic Affairs of GMU, highlighted the importance of leadership and inclusivity in career-building. Students Mr. Raj Patil, Mr. Devanshu Rana from the Maritime Management at GMU, and Ms. Devyani Mishra from the Maritime Law at GMU also shared their aspirations and strategies for positioning themselves in the maritime sector.

Concluding with actionable insights and a renewed sense of purpose, the summit reinforced GMU's commitment to preparing industry-ready professionals and advancing the maritime sector's future. Participants left inspired to chart meaningful and impactful careers in this dynamic field.



GNLU-GAIL-GIMAC Arbitration

The GNLU-GAIL Conference on Arbitration in Oil & Gas Disputes, organized by GIMAC on 24th and 25th February 2024, saw over 50 speakers and 500 participants from more than 30 organizations. The event, which featured a presidential address by Prof. (Dr.) S. Shanthakumar, President of GIMAC, gathered legal experts, industry leaders, and academics to discuss the future of arbitration in the oil and gas sector. Distinguished legal luminaries, including Hon'ble Justices Ahsanuddin Amanullah, C.K. Thakker, M.R. Shah, Navin Chawla, and Subramonium Prasad, joined the conference to deliberate on a range of topics. These included Indian courts' perspectives on arbitral appointments, emergency arbitrations, ad-hoc vs. institutional arbitration, and the evolution of arbitration in oil and gas disputes.

The conference also tackled pressing issues such as renegotiation clauses in international petroleum agreements, third-party funding in commercial arbitration, and the role of technology in dispute resolution, including AI and online dispute resolution (ODR). The event provided a valuable platform for meaningful discussions on advancing arbitration practices in the oil and gas industry.





Mediation Championship India

The Mediation Championship India 2024, hosted by the Gujarat International Maritime Arbitration Centre (GIMAC), a centre of Gujarat Maritime University, took place from 12th to 15th September 2024, bringing together 90 law students and 30 professionals to promote mediation and alternative dispute resolution (ADR).

The event featured distinguished guests, including Justice Kurian Joseph and Justice A.K. Sikri, retired Supreme Court judges, who shared their insights on mediation practices. Over four days, participants engaged in simulated mediation scenarios, pre-mediation sessions, and drafted mediation briefs, enhancing both their theoretical knowledge and practical skills. Specialized training sessions equipped them with the tools to excel in ADR, preparing them for careers in the growing field.

GIMAC's hosting of the event highlighted its commitment to advancing mediation in India and provided an invaluable platform for future legal leaders to hone their skills.

GIMAC Panel Discussions

Ship Arrest Issues

The Panel Discussion on "Contemporary Issues Related to Ship Arrest" was conducted on 5th April 2024, featuring esteemed speakers Adv. Paurami Sheth and Adv. Harsh Parekh, Advocates at the High Court of Gujarat. The discussion, attended by GMU faculty and students, provided valuable insights into legal frameworks, judicial perspectives, and emerging challenges in ship arrest cases, contributing to a deeper understanding of maritime law enforcement.



Mediation & Trends in Asia

The Online Panel Discussion on "Practical Insights into Mediation & Rising Trends in Asia" was held on 28th July 2024, featuring eminent panelists such as Ms. Laila Ollapally, Founder & Lead Mediator, CAMP Mediation; Mr. Anil Xavier, President, Indian Institute of Arbitration & Mediation; and Ms. Priya S. The session was moderated by Mr. Nisshant Laroia, Founder & CEO, The PACT, and Mr. Abinash Barik, LL.M., MCI Arb, Co-Founder, Finvest Legal. The discussion attracted participants from diverse backgrounds, including mediators, arbitrators, lawyers, students, and industry professionals, offering a comprehensive exploration of contemporary mediation trends in Asia.



Experts in Arbitration

The Online Panel Discussion on "The Role of Experts in Arbitration and Expert Determination" took place on 2nd June 2024, with distinguished panelists Janet Chai, Partner, Chooi & Company; Mrinal Jain, Managing Director, Secretariat; and Pratyush Sharma, Senior Manager, Accuracy. The discussion saw participation from arbitrators, lawyers, students, and industry professionals, highlighting the critical role of expert testimony and technical expertise in arbitration and dispute resolution.



Confidentiality in Arbitration

The Online Panel Discussion on "Confidentiality and Transparency in Commercial Arbitration" was organized on 7th January 2024, featuring eminent panelists Ganesh Chandru, Partner, Dua Associates; Anil Changaroath, Co-Head ESG and Construction, RHTLaw Asia; and Mr. Shiv Iyer, Partner, Renata Partners. The session was moderated by Mr. Abinash Barik, LL.M., MCI Arb, Co-Founder, Finvest Legal. Prof. (Dr.) S. Shanthakumar, President, GIMAC, delivered the welcome address, and Dr. Lalit Bhasin, President, Society of Indian Law Firms (SILF), delivered the special address. The discussion saw participation from arbitrators, lawyers, students, and industry professionals, exploring the balance between confidentiality and transparency in arbitration proceedings.



Commercial Shipping

Gujarat Maritime University, in collaboration with Sea and Beyond, successfully organized an insightful panel discussion on "Overview of Commercial Shipping" on 3rd August 2024. The program brought together industry experts, academics, and students to explore key trends and challenges in the commercial shipping sector. Panelists delved into topics such as global trade dynamics, shipping operations, regulatory frameworks, and emerging technological advancements shaping the industry. The discussion provided participants with valuable perspectives on career opportunities and the evolving maritime landscape, fostering a deeper understanding of the critical role of commercial shipping in international trade. The event was well-received, offering an enriching platform for knowledge sharing and engagement.



INDUSTRIAL & ACADEMIC VISITS: BEYOND THE CLASSROOM

Blue Economy Conclave

On 25th September 2024, GMU students participated in the Blue Economy Conclave 2024 at the Gujarat Chamber of Commerce Auditorium in Ahmedabad. The event provided valuable insights into sustainable development and economic opportunities in the maritime sector. Topics covered included the utilization of maritime resources, advancements in ocean technology by NIOT, and the role of aquaculture and fisheries in food security. Sessions on sustainable practices in shipping, port development, and logistics highlighted the balance between economic growth and environmental responsibility.

Students were particularly inspired by discussions on startups driving innovation in the Blue Economy. The conclave not only deepened their understanding of entrepreneurial opportunities and technological advancements but also motivated them to explore research and careers in ocean-related industries. This enriching experience reinforced their commitment to contributing to India's maritime growth.



APM Terminals Pipavav Visit

On 23rd September 2024, Gujarat Maritime University organized an enriching port visit for students from the MBA and LLM batches to APM Terminals Pipavav, Gujarat Pipavav Port Limited. Coordinated by Dr. Dharmesh Raval, Dr. Mayuri Neve, and Ms. Arundathi M. S., the visit provided students with valuable insights into port operations and maritime logistics.

The students were welcomed by APM Terminals employees, including Mr. Dinesh Tiwari (Regional Manager Central and West), Mr. Hardik Javia (Customer Engagement Partner), and an HR Manager. The session focused on port operations, APM Terminals' role in global trade, and critical safety measures at the port. Special attention was given to safety protocols, with students briefed on the necessary precautions before entering the port area. The visit was followed by a tour of the port, where students observed the operations firsthand. An interactive quiz session tested their knowledge on port safety and operations, providing a valuable opportunity to apply what they had learned. This hands-on experience enriched the students' understanding of maritime logistics, safety, and port management.





Mundra Port Visit

As part of their industry exposure, GMU students visited Mundra Port, the largest commercial port in India, on 3rd February 2024. Operated by Adani Ports, the visit provided students with invaluable opportunities to observe advanced port operations and logistics. They gained firsthand knowledge of container operations, vessel traffic management, and the seamless integration of port and Special Economic Zone (SEZ) facilities, showcasing the complexities and efficiencies of India's maritime trade infrastructure.

In addition to port operations, the visit included an insightful exploration of Adani Wind and Adani Solar, where students were introduced to the integrated manufacturing ecosystem for Wind Turbine Generators (WTG) and the cutting-edge research and development driving innovation in renewable energy. The session highlighted India's clean energy transition and its global impact, enabling students to understand the critical role of renewable energy in sustainable development. This experiential learning opportunity deepened their appreciation of the technological advancements and operational excellence in both India's maritime and energy sectors.



CAT WALK

GMU proudly participated in CAT WALK 2.0 on 10th January 2024, at the Ahmedabad Management Association, a key event designed to guide and inspire MBA aspirants. This platform provided GMU with the perfect opportunity to showcase the diverse and rewarding career prospects within the maritime sector. Faculty members engaged with prospective students, sharing valuable insights into maritime trade, logistics, and management.

Through interactive discussions and informative sessions, GMU highlighted the importance of specialized education in maritime law, policy, and business management. The university's cutting-edge curriculum and industry-aligned programs were emphasized, demonstrating GMU's commitment to shaping the next generation of leaders ready to excel in the global maritime industry.





Library Visit

The LLM students on 16th October 2024, had the opportunity to explore the university's comprehensive library facilities as part of their Research Methods & Legal Writing course, taught by Prof. (Dr.) Tanuja Kaushik, Dean Academic Affairs. During the session, students were given an in-depth tour of the library by Ms. Avani Vyas, the Assistant Librarian, who also delivered a detailed presentation on how to effectively utilize the vast array of resources available. From specialized legal databases to academic journals and reference materials, the students learned valuable skills in navigating research tools that are crucial for their academic and professional growth.



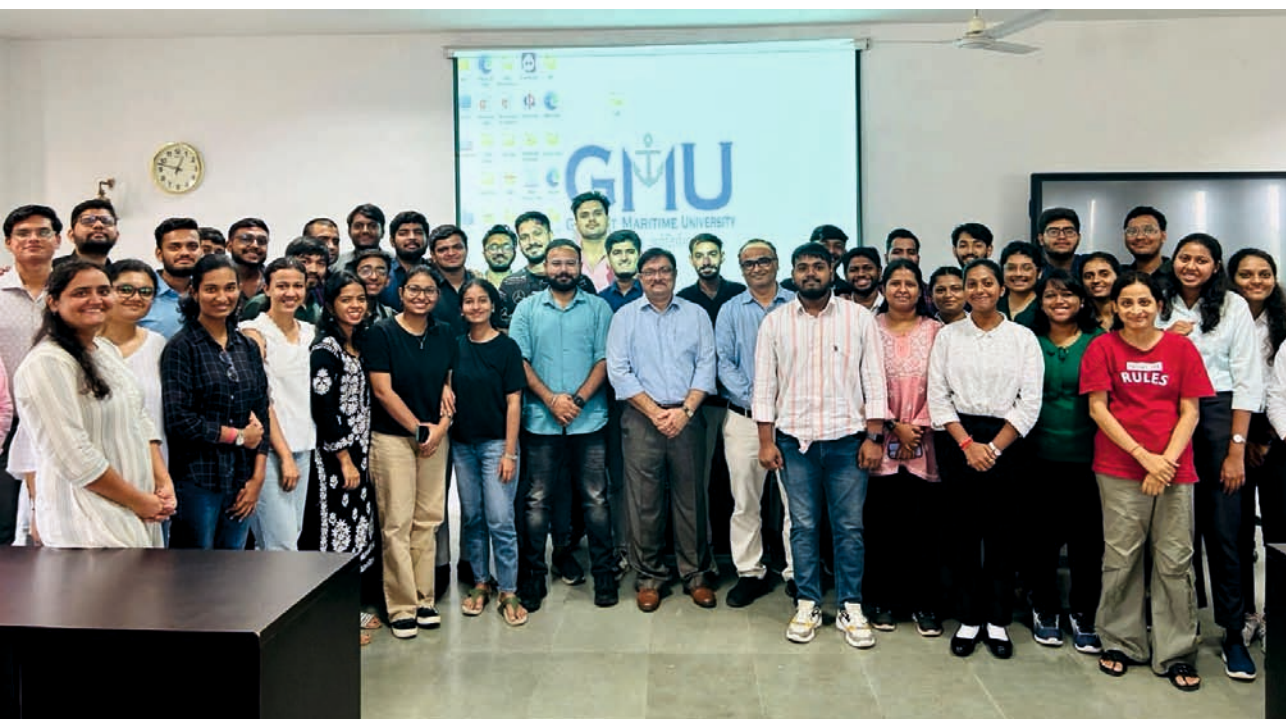
Vibrant Gujarat Global Summit

Gujarat Maritime University actively participated in the 10th Vibrant Gujarat Global Summit (VGGS), held from 10th to 12th January 2024, at the Mahatma Mandir Convention and Exhibition Centre in Gandhinagar. The summit, themed "Gateway to the Future", was organized by the Government of Gujarat in collaboration with the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) and INDEXTb. GMU's booth at the summit attracted significant attention, emphasizing its crucial role in shaping the future of maritime education and policy-making.

The event was graced by several esteemed dignitaries who visited GMU's stall. Hon'ble Dr. Kuberbhai Mansukhbhai Dindor, Minister for Tribal Development, Primary, Secondary, and Adult Education, praised GMU's contributions to higher education. Shri Jagdishbhai Ishwarbhai Panchal, Minister for Co-operation, Salt Industries, Printing and Stationery, Protocol, Micro, Small, and Medium Industries, Cottage, Khadi and Rural Industries, Civil Aviation, and Shri Praful Chhaganbhai Pansheriya, Minister for Parliamentary Affairs, Primary, Secondary, and Adult Education, and Higher Education, also visited GMU's booth. They were accompanied by Shri Mukesh Kumar, IAS, Principal Secretary (Higher & Technical Education), who commended GMU's innovative approach and commitment to maritime education. GMU's participation in VGGS highlighted its pivotal role in aligning education and research with the aspirations of a sustainable and globally integrated maritime future.



GUEST LECTURES & WORKSHOPS: LEARNING FROM THE BEST



Aspiring Leaders

Gujarat Maritime University hosted an engaging workshop titled "Grooming and Coaching for Aspiring Leaders," conducted by Wing Commander Sangeet Sharma for students of LLM and MBA on 23rd July 2024. The session provided valuable insights into the core aspects of leadership, including the importance of attitude, initiative, responsibility, and the true essence of leadership in various spheres of life. Through compelling examples and real-life incidents, Wing Commander Sharma highlighted critical facets of leadership, such as mentoring, teamwork, and the nuances of successful leadership. He emphasized how leadership dynamics vary across the corporate world, military, sports, and other fields. The interactive workshop was a testament to GMU's commitment to preparing students for leadership roles in their careers and lives.

Commercial Shipping Essentials

Gujarat Maritime University, in partnership with Sea and Beyond, organized the "Introduction to Commercial Shipping" certificate program from 14th to 15th August 2024. The two-day event featured a series of insightful sessions led by distinguished industry experts, offering participants a deep dive into the commercial shipping sector. Capt. Ashok Sharma (MICS), Mr. Sandeep Misra, and Mr. Krishnan Subramaniam FICS kicked off the program with Sessions 1, 2, and 3, where they provided valuable perspectives on the complexities of commercial shipping operations.

The program advanced with Session 4, also conducted by Mr. Subramaniam, focusing on essential shipping concepts. The subsequent Sessions 5 and 6 delved into more advanced topics,



culminating in a dedicated session on Laytime and Demurrage. The comprehensive curriculum ensured participants gained practical knowledge and skills applicable to the shipping industry. This program exemplifies GMU's dedication to offering industry-oriented education, preparing students for leadership roles in the global maritime sector.

Global Maritime Security

The Centre for Maritime Security Studies at Gujarat Maritime University organized a guest lecture by Dr. Sanjeet Ruhel, Lecturer at the International Maritime Law Institute (IMLI), Malta on 29th August 2024. The session, titled "Overview of Regime for Maritime Security," offered students a deep dive into the international frameworks and regulations that govern maritime security. Dr. Ruhel discussed critical aspects of maritime security, focusing on the legal instruments and conventions designed to ensure the safety and security of the maritime domain. The lecture provided valuable insights into global maritime security challenges and highlighted the pivotal role legal frameworks play in addressing these issues. The session proved to be highly informative and enriching for all attendees.





Maritime Industry Training with Maersk & APM Terminals

Gujarat Maritime University hosted a successful week-long intensive training program in collaboration with industry leaders Maersk Training and APM Terminals from 13th to 17th May 2024. Tailored for LL.M. and MBA students, the program was designed to provide participants with the essential skills and practical knowledge required to excel in their maritime and logistics careers.

The event included hands-on sessions, real-world case studies, and expert-led discussions, allowing students to interact directly with professionals from the industry. The program saw enthusiastic participation, with students displaying active engagement and a keen interest throughout the week. This collaboration underscored GMU's commitment to bridging the gap between academia and industry, ensuring students are well-prepared for success in the ever-evolving global maritime sector.



Fiscal Federalism & Governance

Gujarat Maritime University hosted an insightful guest session on the topic, “Fiscal Federalism and Inter-Governmental Transfers” on 16th August 2024. The session was led by Shri Kandarp Patel, Director (AMG-I), Office of the Principal Director of Audit (Finance and Communications), New Delhi. During the interactive session, Shri Patel discussed a range of crucial topics, including Fiscal Policy, the role of the Finance Commission, the Constitutional role of the Finance Commission, Political Economy, the abolition of the Planning Commission, and various challenges faced in fiscal federalism. The session provided GMU students with valuable insights into public finance and the government's mechanisms for economic development, enriching their understanding of the intersection between policy, governance, and economic growth.



AI & Digital Innovation

Gujarat Maritime University hosted an insightful International Expert Talk on the topic, “World Bank, AI, Digital Innovation & Business Development” on 16th August 2024. The session was led by Ms. Swetha Kolluri, an expert in climate tech innovations at the World Bank, Washington DC, who has previously worked with the United Nations Development Programs and other global organizations. Ms. Kolluri covered a range of topics including Generative AI, Artificial General Intelligence, and Megatrends in AI. She explored the application of AI in sectors such as agriculture, ocean technology, and Geo AI, sharing real-life examples and case studies to illustrate the transformative potential of AI in business development and global challenges. This talk provided GMU students with valuable insights into the evolving role of AI in shaping the future of industries worldwide.



Commercial Arbitration

The GMU Lecture Series on “Introduction to International Commercial Arbitration,” held from 26th to 27th September 2024, offered students an exceptional learning experience under the expert guidance of Mr. Abinash Barik, LL.M., MCI Arb, Co-Founder & Partner at Finvest Legal. The sessions provided valuable insights into the complexities of international commercial arbitration, covering key principles, practices, and real-world applications. The interactive nature of the event encouraged students to actively engage with Mr. Barik, raising pertinent questions and discussing practical challenges. This dynamic exchange enriched their understanding of arbitration and its significance in the global legal landscape. The lecture series was an invaluable opportunity for students to deepen their knowledge in this critical area of law.



India’s Maritime Strategy

The Centre for Maritime Security Studies at Gujarat Maritime University hosted a guest lecture on “Indian Maritime Security Strategy” by Captain Sarabjeet Parmar, Distinguished Fellow at the Council for Defense and Strategic Research, on 6th September 2024. Captain Parmar provided an in-depth analysis of India's maritime security, covering strategic priorities, the importance of securing sea lanes, and addressing pressing challenges such as piracy and maritime terrorism. He also emphasized the need for regional cooperation among Indian Ocean nations to ensure maritime stability.

Following the lecture, Captain Parmar engaged in a lively Q&A session, offering expert insights into current and future maritime security issues. The event concluded with Dr. Abhay Singh, Director of SMLPA, and Dr. Mohit Gupta, Assistant Professor, presenting Captain Parmar with a token of appreciation for his valuable contribution. The session offered participants a deeper understanding of India's maritime strategy and its global implications.



Marine Pollution & IMO

GMU organized an expert session on “Marine Pollution, IMO and India,” delivered by Commodore Debesh Lahiri (Retd), Senior Fellow at the National Maritime Foundation on 7th October 2024. The session, attended by LLM students, offered a comprehensive understanding of the complexities surrounding marine pollution, its historical context, and the regulations addressing it. Commodore Lahiri provided an in-depth overview of MARPOL, the formation of the International Maritime Organization (IMO), and India's legal framework for combating marine pollution. The session was formally opened by LLM student Tuhupiya Kar, who welcomed the speaker, and later delivered the vote of thanks. The insightful lecture was well-received by the participants, significantly enhancing their knowledge on this critical maritime issue.



Life at Sea

On 9th October 2024, Commander Anup Padman P, Directing Staff at the Maritime Warfare Centre, Kochi, delivered an expert talk titled "Shades of Blue: Life at Sea" at Gujarat Maritime University. In his address, Commander Padman provided a comprehensive overview of the Indian Navy's operations and the maritime security regime. He also shared valuable insights into life at sea, drawing from his extensive experience and personal stories, while discussing the challenges faced during his naval career.

The talk was well-received by the students, sparking a strong interest in maritime careers and inspiring them with the unique experiences and lessons from Commander Padman's distinguished service.



Limitation of Liability

On 11th October 2024, Capt. Pankaj Kapoor, Managing Partner of Quadraant Legal, conducted an expert session on the Limitation of Liability for Maritime Claims (LLMC) for LLM Maritime Law students at Gujarat Maritime University. The session was highly insightful, offering students a deep understanding of the liability and limitation aspects within maritime law. It provided valuable knowledge on how claims are managed and restricted under international maritime frameworks, equipping students with practical insights crucial for their future legal careers in maritime law.



Security & Jurisdiction at Sea

Captain (Dr.) Gurpreet Singh Khurana conducted four insightful sessions on "Security and Criminal Jurisdiction at Sea" from 17th to 18th October 2024 at Gujarat Maritime University. His presentations covered critical topics such as India's maritime security perspective, UNCLOS, maritime interdiction operations in international waters, and the rules of engagement for peacetime military challenges. The sessions provided participants with a comprehensive understanding of the complex relationship between maritime security, international law, and military operations. In recognition of his expertise and significant contributions, Captain (Dr.) Gurpreet Singh Khurana was honoured by Dr. Abhay Singh, acknowledging the profound impact of his work in the field.



Introduction to Shipbroking

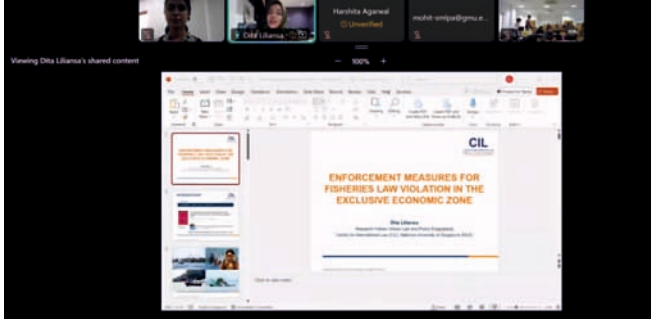
On 10th October 2024, Mr. Krishnan Subramaniam FICS, International Vice Chairman of the Institute of Chartered Shipbrokers, conducted an insightful expert session on "Introduction to Shipbroking" at Gujarat Maritime University. The session provided participants with valuable insights into the operations of shipbroking within the maritime industry, exploring various career pathways and essential skills required to excel in this specialized profession.

Mr. Subramaniam was felicitated by the Provost, Prof. (Dr.) S. Shanthakumar, with the presence of Dean Academic Affairs, Prof. (Dr.) Tanuja Kaushik, and Director of SMLPA, Dr. Abhay Singh. The session proved to be an enriching experience for the attendees, deepening their understanding of shipbroking as a dynamic and integral aspect of the maritime sector.



INCOTERMS & Trade Challenges

GMU successfully conducted a two-day workshop on "INCOTERMS: Usages and Challenges" from 21st to 22nd October 2024. The program featured renowned experts, including Mr. Bob Ronai, an INCOTERMS specialist and practitioner; Mr. Jeet Bhatt, Arbitrator and Advocate at the Gujarat High Court; and Mr. Abhishek Agarwal, an international sales and marketing professional from JBS Academy. These experts led interactive sessions that incorporated practical exercises, case studies, and in-depth analysis. The workshop covered key aspects of INCOTERMS, including their introduction, usage, responsibilities, and buyer-seller obligations, providing valuable insights and solutions to the challenges faced in international trade.



Foreign Fishing & EEZ Laws

Gujarat Maritime University hosted an expert lecture by Dita Liliansa, Research Fellow at the Ocean Law and Policy Programme, Centre for International Law (CIL), National University of Singapore (NUS), on "Regulation of Fishing Activities by Foreign Vessels in EEZ of Coastal State: An Indonesian Perspective" on 25th October 2024. Ms. Liliansa shared her expertise on international maritime law and its application in Indonesia, focusing on the complexities surrounding foreign fishing vessels. Her presentation covered topics such as UNCLOS 1982, Indonesia's national laws, combating IUU fishing, and regional cooperation.

The lecture provided valuable insights into Indonesia's maritime challenges and solutions, emphasizing the importance of balancing economic interests with environmental and sovereignty concerns. It also fostered engaging discussions among participants, highlighting the significance of promoting sustainable maritime practices.



Maritime Regulatory Governance

On 5th November 2024, Mr. Ashok Mahapatra, former Director of the Maritime Safety Division at the International Maritime Organization (IMO) and CEO of UA Kathachitra / UA Consulting, delivered an expert session on "International Maritime Regulatory Governance" for Gujarat Maritime University students.

In his presentation, Mr. Mahapatra explored the evolution of maritime regulatory governance, shedding light on persistent challenges and the crucial role of the IMO in addressing them. Through interactive discussions, students gained a profound understanding of the global regulatory landscape, covering maritime safety, security, and environmental protection. The session provided an invaluable learning experience, equipping students with insights into international strategies and the IMO's pivotal influence in shaping maritime policy.

Alternative Dispute Resolution

Gujarat **Maritime University**



Gujarat International Maritime Arbitration Centre organized an insightful workshop on Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) for law students of the National Forensic Sciences University (NFSU) on 26th June 2024. The session featured Mr. Nisarg Desai, Advocate at the Gujarat High Court, as the eminent speaker. The workshop engaged NFSU law students and faculty in meaningful discussions on the various ADR methods, including mediation, arbitration, and negotiation. Mr. Desai shared his expertise, shedding light on the practical applications and significance of ADR in resolving disputes efficiently. The session proved to be a valuable learning opportunity for all participants, enhancing their understanding of this crucial aspect of the legal field.



Maritime Career Pathways

A guest session by Ms. Manisha Thaker was organized on 14th March 2024 for MBA students at Gujarat Maritime University. During the session, Ms. Thaker provided valuable insights into various aspects of the shipping business, including its challenges, global outlook, career opportunities, and key areas such as shipping finance, strategies for the future, and marine insurance. The interactive session engaged students actively, with discussions revolving around the complexities and opportunities within the maritime industry. The event was well-coordinated and witnessed enthusiastic participation from the students.

COLLABORATIONS: STRENGTHENING GLOBAL & NATIONAL TIES

STC International

To promote expertise in port and logistics management for global trade efficiency.



Erasmus University

To organize international study tours for GMU students



Ankara University

To foster academic and research collaborations in International Maritime Law.



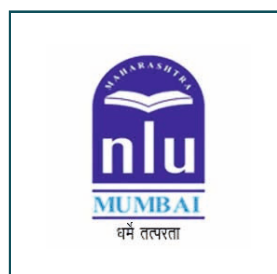
Villa College Maldives

To foster maritime education, training, and research in the maritime sector.



NLU Mumbai

To advance legal education and research in maritime and shipping law.



Delhi Metropolitan Education, Noida

To conduct joint training in maritime-related areas and promote student exchange programmes



Sea and Beyond

To explore opportunities for joint academic programs, workshops, seminars, and conferences, with GMU providing the necessary infrastructure.



Tamil Nadu Dr. Ambedkar Law University (TNLU)

To enable academic exchanges of faculty, post-doctoral fellows, and students, as well as the sharing of clinical, academic, and research information.



APEC

To develop sustainable port operations and logistics management expertise.



Maritime SheEO

To foster mutual assistance in education, research, and training while promoting diversity and inclusion within the maritime sector.



National Service Scheme (NSS)

Gujarat Maritime University was approved to initiate National Service Scheme (NSS) activities with a strength of 100 volunteers under a Self-Finance Unit, as per the consent provided on 29th November 2024.



IFSCA

To organize joint events in order to spread awareness and strengthen financial and legal frameworks for the maritime and shipping sectors.



Maersk Training A/s

To jointly organize training programs to promote maritime education.



IGP&I

To promote maritime teaching and education in the field of protection and indemnity insurance.



ISWAN

To ensure seafarer welfare through research activities.



National Maritime Foundation

To promote research, education, and policy development in maritime and ocean affairs.



APM Terminals

To promote maritime training in order to develop operational excellence in port and terminal management



CBS Executive

To develop a course curriculum for maritime studies at GMU and conduct management training for maritime professionals.



Institution's Innovation Council (IIC)

Gujarat Maritime University established an Institution's Innovation Council (IC202433144) on campus as per the norms of the Innovation Cell, Ministry of Education, Government of India on 15th October 2024.



Gujarat National Law University

To foster collaboration in campus support, research, and teaching partnerships.



Sea and Beyond



Maritime SheEO



Maersk and APMT



Gujarat Maritime University

STC International & Erasmus University



National Maritime Foundation



Ankara University



IGP&I



GLOBAL & NATIONAL FESTIVITIES: CELEBRATING DIVERSITY AT GMU



World Maritime Day

On 26th September 2024, Gujarat Maritime University celebrated World Maritime Day, embracing this year's theme, "Navigating the Future: Safety First!", which emphasized the importance of safety in maritime operations. The occasion was marked by the felicitations of the officers of the Indian Navy by Prof. (Dr.) S. Shanthakumar, Provost; Prof. (Dr.) Tanuja Kaushik, Dean Academic Affairs; and Dr. Chirag Patel, Registrar. The officers shared inspiring experiences from their time at sea, offering insights into leadership, challenges, and the pivotal role of the Indian Navy in ensuring maritime security. Students had the unique opportunity to engage with the officers, learning about naval operations and the critical aspects of maritime safety. This event was a meaningful reminder of the dedication and courage of these heroes, who not only protect our seas but also inspire the next generation of maritime professionals.



Navy Officers' Gesture of Gratitude

A heartfelt moment of appreciation unfolded at Gujarat Maritime University on the last day of the Maritime Op Law Course, 18th October 2024, as Cdr Anup Padman P and Cdr Harshvardhan Savarna from the Indian Navy extended their gratitude to Prof. (Dr.) S. Shanthakumar, Provost, Gujarat Maritime University, for the wonderful gesture of felicitating all Navy Officers who tirelessly protect our seas. Their invaluable service not only ensures the safety of our waters but also inspires the next generation of maritime professionals. In a token of appreciation, they presented a beautifully crafted souvenir, engraved with the names of all officers, to Gujarat Maritime University. The souvenir was graciously received on behalf of the university by Prof. (Dr.) Tanuja Kaushik, Dean Academic Affairs.



Extempore Competition

On 9th October 2024, an extempore competition was organized at Gujarat Maritime University as part of the World Maritime Day celebrations. The event saw enthusiastic participation from students, with the top three winners being Ritu Gohil, MBA 2023-25, who secured the 1st prize, C M Vaishnavi, LLM 2024-25, taking the 2nd prize, and Maria Angeleena Shiju, LLM 2024-25, receiving the 3rd prize. The prizes were distributed by Commander Anup Padman P, Directing Staff at the Maritime Warfare Centre, Kochi, who graced the occasion and encouraged the participants with his presence and insightful words.



Constitution Day

On 26th November, Gujarat Maritime University celebrated Constitution Day, an important occasion to reflect on the values and vision of our Constitution. The day commemorates the adoption of the Indian Constitution by the Constituent Assembly, which laid the foundation for democratic governance in India. The event brought the GMU community together for the Reading of the Preamble to the Constitution, where everyone united to reaffirm their commitment to the principles enshrined in it. The celebration was a meaningful reflection on the spirit of democracy and the constitutional values that guide us.

Diwali Celebration

On 29th October 2024, Prof. (Dr.) S. Shanthakumar, Provost of GMU, shared his warmest Diwali greetings with our esteemed faculty and dedicated administrative staff. He expressed deep appreciation for their unwavering commitment and valuable contributions towards the university's growth and success. To mark this special occasion and convey gratitude, Dr. Shanthakumar presented each faculty and staff member with a Diwali gift as a token of appreciation. These thoughtful gifts symbolize the university's gratitude and respect for its team, recognizing that our collective efforts illuminate the path toward excellence in maritime education.





Navratri Celebration

The vibrant festival of Navratri was celebrated with an unforgettable evening on 7th October 2024 at the GMU campus. The event was filled with energy, music, and traditional charm as students and faculty came together in their finest traditional attire to dance to the festive beats of Garba, creating an atmosphere of joy and unity. The celebration beautifully showcased our rich cultural heritage, bringing everyone closer as we embraced the spirit of Navratri. The evening was marked by enthusiasm and togetherness, reflecting the strong bond within the Gujarat Maritime University family.



FIT India Week

The GMU Sports Committee hosted Fit India Week with great enthusiasm, spanning December 9th to 31st, 2024. Inaugurated by Prof. (Dr.) S. Shanthakumar, Provost of Gujarat Maritime University, the event highlighted the importance of physical and mental fitness in today's fast-paced world. The opening ceremony saw spirited participation from faculty and staff, creating an atmosphere of joy and unity. The celebration continued with a variety of sports activities, including cricket, table tennis, badminton, chess, carrom, and volleyball, fostering camaraderie and promoting a healthy lifestyle among students, faculty, and staff. The event exemplified GMU's commitment to holistic well-being and community bonding, leaving participants energized and motivated to prioritize fitness in their daily lives.



LIFE AT GMU: A CAMPUS LIKE NO OTHER

Anti-Ragging Week

Gujarat Maritime University's Anti-Ragging Committee successfully organized Anti-Ragging Week from August 12-18, reaffirming the institution's commitment to a harassment-free and inclusive campus environment. The week featured engaging activities, including an extempore competition and a poster-making competition, which encouraged student creativity and active participation. The winners of the extempore competition were Akib (MBA 2023-25), Tuhupiya Kar (LLM 2024-25), and Raj Chowdhury (MBA 2024-26). In the poster-making competition, Raj Chowdhury (MBA 2024-26), Aman Mishra (MBA 2024-26), and the team of Harshita, Tuhupiya, and Heramb earned top honors. The events were coordinated by Dr. Dharmesh Raval, Dr. Chandrakant Upadhyay, Ms. Arundathi M. S., and Ms. Pooja Thakkar. Prizes were distributed by Dr. Chirag Patel, Registrar, Gujarat Maritime University, reinforcing GMU's dedication to fostering a positive and supportive campus culture.



Senior-Junior Interaction

On 11th September 2024, Gujarat Maritime University's Anti-Ragging Committee organized a Senior-Junior Interaction program to promote camaraderie and raise awareness about anti-ragging measures. Coordinated by Dr. Dharmesh Raval, Director of the School of Maritime Management, and Assistant Professor Chandrakant Upadhyay, along with committee members Mr. Jobin and Ms. Arundathi M. S., the event included a screening of informative movies on anti-ragging and insightful sessions by special guests Prof. Sathya Ranjan Mishra and Assistant Professor Nikhil Kumar Saini from Gujarat National Law University.

Students from the MBA and LLM batches participated in interactive group activities designed to foster teamwork and mutual respect. The program concluded with a prize distribution by Dr. Dharmesh Raval for the best-performing groups, making the event both engaging and impactful. This initiative highlighted GMU's dedication to maintaining a safe and inclusive campus environment.



Silvassa Trip

On 23rd December 2024, the administrative staff of Gujarat Maritime University embarked on a rejuvenating two-day trip to Silvassa, blending history, nature, and relaxation. The journey began with a visit to the serene GNLU Silvassa Campus, inspiring the team with its tranquil academic setting. This was followed by a delightful excursion to Daman Beach, where a scenic boat ride and engaging beach activities created cherished memories. The group also explored the historic Church of Bom Jesus, a UNESCO World Heritage site, and the Daman Municipal Council Building, one of Asia's oldest municipalities, reflecting the rich Portuguese colonial heritage. The second day of the trip included a visit to Madhuban Dam, where the staff enjoyed breathtaking views of the Damini Ganga River. The adventure concluded at Satmaliya Deer Park, offering a close encounter with various deer species in their natural habitat. The trip provided a perfect mix of exploration, team bonding, and relaxation, leaving the GMU administrative staff refreshed and united, ready to return with renewed energy and inspiration.



STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS: CELEBRATING EXCELLENCE

C.M.Vaishnavi, Bhoomika Kosambi, Nihal Kumar **LL.M (Maritime Law), Batch 2024-25**

Presented a paper entitled "Comparative Analysis of Mutual Legal Assistance in the context of economic offenders in India and UK" at the 5th International E-Conference on Emerging Issues in Legal aspects – 2024 (ICEILA-2024) conducted by IPEM Law Academy in collaboration with Rai University on 14th September 2024.



Lakshmi MB, Maria Angeleena Shiju **LL.M (Maritime Law), Batch 2024-25**

Presented a paper entitled "Drug Decriminalisation Policy in India and Canada: A Comparative Analysis" at the 5th International E-Conference on Emerging Issues in Legal aspects – 2024 (ICEILA-2024) conducted by IPEM Law Academy in collaboration with Rai University on 14th September 2024.



Heli Dubey **LL.M (Maritime Law)** **Batch 2024-25**

She got her article entitled "Settlement Agreements under the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code, 2016: An Egress for Financial Debtors?" published under Volume V of GNLU's Student Law Review, 2024.



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C.M.Vaishnavi **LL.M (Maritime Law)** **Batch 2024-25**

Secured second position in the Elocution Competition conducted by Gujarat Maritime University as part of World Maritime Day Celebrations 2024.



Maria Angeleena Shiju **LL.M (Maritime Law)** **Batch 2024-25**

Secured third position in the Elocution Competition conducted by Gujarat Maritime University as part of World Maritime Day Celebrations 2024.



Tirth M Bhatt **MBA (Shipping Logistics)** **Batch 2024-26**

He played a key role in fostering relationships between Rotaract clubs across Vadodara and other cities in India. Actively involved in various initiatives and outreach programs, he has contributed to societal outreach and inter-club cooperation. Serving as Vice President of the Rotaract Club of Vadodara, he was recognized for his leadership and won the Best Male Rotaractor award within a year of his tenure.



ALUMNI ACHIEVEMENTS: MAKING WAVES BEYOND GMU



Abhishek Sharma
LL.M in International Trade Law
Batch 2021-22

With valuable experience in regulatory law, he served as a Law Officer at the Rajasthan Real Estate Regulatory Authority (RERA), working closely with Hon'ble Member Shri Salvinder Singh Sahota (Retd. IAS). In this role, he assisted in regulatory functions, showcasing strong legal acumen and a commitment to governance.



Capt. Naveen Malik
LL.M in Maritime Law
Batch 2020-21

An accomplished Master Mariner and Advocate, he brings over 15 years of sailing experience on oil and chemical tanker vessels. His in-depth understanding of marine operations, technical complexities, and legal aspects enables him to provide valuable insights into the maritime industry, bridging the gap between seafaring and law.



Shalini Kaimal
LL.M in Maritime Law
Batch 2019-20

A qualified advocate licensed by the Bar Council of Chhattisgarh since 2017, she has diverse experience in law, legislation, and maritime operations. She worked as a Research and Legal Associate in the Law and Legislative Affairs Department, Government of Chhattisgarh, for a year before transitioning to fleet management and technology at Maersk Line in December 2019, combining legal acumen with maritime expertise.



Pooja B
MBA in Shipping and Logistics
Batch 2021-23

Starting as an Intern Trainee at Pentagon Marine Services Pvt. Ltd., Navi Mumbai, in 2022, she built a strong foundation in the maritime sector. With 1 year and 5 months of chartering experience in Dubai, she now thrives as a Chartering Executive at Allianz Bulk CFR8, Dubai, UAE, a role she has held since October 2024. Her journey highlights expertise, commitment, and a growing influence in global maritime trade.



Rumani Sheth
LL.M in Maritime Law
Batch 2020-21

With a strong background in maritime policy and dispute resolution, she has been serving as a Young Professional (YP) at the Ministry of Ports, Shipping, and Waterways, India, since April 2023. Previously, she held the role of Secretary General at the International and Domestic Arbitration Centre (IDAC) India since July 2020 and also contributed as a Consultant at the Office of the MP (South Goa). Her diverse experience reflects a commitment to shaping maritime governance and arbitration in India.

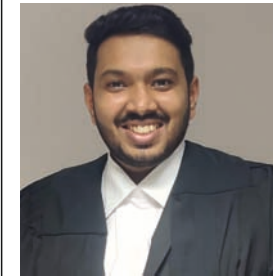


Chandni Hiraramani
LL.M in Maritime Law
Batch 2019-20

With a strong foundation in academia and legal analysis, she is currently a Senior Legal Analyst (Maritime Claims) at CMA CGM, Mumbai, since February 2024. Previously, she served as an Assistant Professor at Kalinga University, Raipur (June 2023 – Jan 2024) and as an Academic Coordinator/Faculty at the International Maritime Business Academy (IMBA), Dehradun (April 2021 – Feb 2023). Her journey reflects a blend of legal expertise and academic leadership in the maritime sector.

Ayushi Dubey
LLM in Maritime Law
Batch 2021-22

Currently serving as a Claims Adjuster at Maersk Line, she brings extensive experience in incident management, claims litigation, and legal advisory. Her proactive approach to dispute resolution and in-depth legal analysis has made her a key contributor to leading organizations, including Emarat Maritime, CMA CGM, and K&S Partners. Her expertise continues to shape maritime claims and legal strategies.



Adv Saurabh Patil
LL.M in Maritime Law
Batch 2020-21

Currently the Managing Partner at ADJS Associates & Consultants, Mumbai, he brings extensive experience in maritime law, business law, and cross-border legal matters. Having spent two years as a legal intern at the Chamber of Adv. Pramod Patil, he has built a strong foundation in legal representation across various business sectors, handling complex cases with expertise and precision.



Swathi Ellapu
MBA in Shipping and Logistics
Batch 2021-23

She began her journey as an Internship Trainee at United Breweries Ltd. in 2018 and later enhanced her global perspective through the Global Externship Program at Erasmus University UPT, Netherlands. With a strong foundation in operations and logistics, she now serves as a Senior Executive at J M Baxi Ports and Logistics Pvt. Ltd., Goa, since July 2024. Her career trajectory reflects dedication, adaptability, and a passion for the maritime industry, inspiring future professionals to embrace growth and global opportunities.



FACULTY ACHIEVEMENTS: LEADING BY EXAMPLE

Dr. Dharmesh Raval Assistant Professor Gujarat Maritime University

Presented an insightful paper, "Innovation and Collaboration for Addressing Climate Change: A Case of Global Shipping", at the 21st IUCN Academy of Environmental Law's Annual Colloquium held at Gujarat National Law University, Gandhinagar, from 4th to 7th July 2024.

Delivered an insightful session on 'Ocean of Opportunities: Empowering Entrepreneurs to Shape the Future of the Blue Economy' on 9th December 2024, as a resource person for the AICTE Training and Learning (ATAL) Academy-sponsored Faculty Development Program, hosted by Rathinam College of Arts and Science, Coimbatore.



Dr. Abhay Singh Assistant Professor Gujarat Maritime University

Completed a fully sponsored training at the Yeosu Academy on the Law of the Sea, organized by the Korea Maritime Institute and the Korean Ministry of Oceans and Fisheries, from 20th September to 1st October 2024.

Organized and presented a research paper at a side event on the Conservation of Fisheries in the High Seas for the BBNJ training at the United Nations Environment Programme, Nairobi, on 6th June 2024.

Presented a paper titled "Oil Spillage from the Deepwater Horizon Macondo Oil Rig: Lessons for India" at the 21st IUCN Colloquium of the IUCN Academy of Environmental Law in Gujarat.

Presented a paper titled "Access to Justice in the Conservation of Fisheries at the High Seas in the Indo-Pacific Region" at the Symposium on Maritime Legal Order in the Indo-Pacific, organized by the Korea Maritime Institute, South Korea.

Dr. Mohit Gupta Assistant Professor Gujarat Maritime University

Research paper titled "Right to Repatriation of Abandoned Seafarers: A Study in Light of Maritime Labour Convention, 2006 and International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, 1966", published in The Age of Human Rights Journal (Issue 21, e7284). This paper is indexed in SCOPUS and carries the ISSN: 2340-9592 with DOI:10.17561/tahrj.v21.728.

Presented and published the report on 'The Impact of Recruitment Fraud on Indian Seafarers,' a joint study conducted by Gujarat Maritime University and the International Seafarers' Welfare and Assistance Network. The report uncovers how unscrupulous agents exploit seafarers, trapping thousands in cycles of debt, dangerous working conditions, and professional uncertainty.



Dr. Chandra Kant Upadhyay Assistant Professor Gujarat Maritime University

Appointed as an Editorial Board Member of the prestigious International Journal of Creative Computing (IJCrC), published by Inderscience Publishers

Research paper titled "Optimization of Supply Chain Financial (SCF) flow in COVID-19 situation" published in the book Supply Chain Management, 1st Edition, CRC Press (Taylor and Francis) SCOPUS





Prof. (Dr.) Tanuja Kaushik
Dean Academic Affairs
Gujarat Maritime University

Delivered a session on “Women’s Participation and Gender Dynamics in the Maritime Industry” as a resource person for the UGC Malaviya Mission Teacher Training Centre (MMTTC) Inter/Multi-disciplinary Refresher Course in Women’s Studies and Gender Sensitization at Ranchi University on 27 November 2024.

Conducted Faculty Development Program (FDP) on “Quantitative Research Methodology: From Theory to Practical Application” at National Law University, Jodhpur, on 20th and 21st November 2024.

Delivered an address on “Safeguarding Seafarers: A Collective Responsibility for Well-being and Empowerment” at the ISWAN Seminar on 28th November 2024.

Invited as a panelist at the Maritime SheEO Conference to discuss “Visible Leadership Towards Inclusion” alongside esteemed experts from various countries on 15 November 2024.



Prof. (Dr.) S. Shanthakumar
Provost
Gujarat Maritime University

Delivered a keynote address on “Innovating Maritime Education in India through Private Sector Engagement” at the Kerala Maritime Education Conference, hosted by the Kerala Maritime Board on 2nd December 2024.

Research paper titled “Right to Repatriation of Abandoned Seafarers: A Study in Light of Maritime Labour Convention, 2006 and International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, 1966”, published in The Age of Human Rights Journal (Issue 21, e7284). This paper is indexed in SCOPUS and carries the ISSN: 2340-9592 with DOI:10.17561/tahrj.v21.728.

Delivered a special address at the International Conference on “Waves of Change: Nurturing Ocean Resilience & Charting Sustainable Futures”, hosted by Villa College in collaboration with Gujarat Maritime University and global partners on 10th December 2024



PLACEMENTS & INTERNSHIPS: NAVIGATING BRIGHT FUTURES

PLACEMENT

Placement at
Samsara Group



Ajay Hadiya
MBA in Shipping
& Logistics
Batch 2023-25



Rana Saanjh
MBA in Shipping
and Logistics
Batch 2023-25



Keval Surani
MBA in Shipping
and Logistics
Batch 2023-25

Placement at
**Shreeji Shipping
Global Limited**

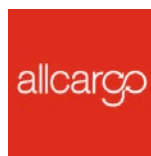


Mayank Raj
MBA in Shipping
and Logistics
Batch 2023-25



Akshat Kishore
Srivastava
MBA in Shipping
and Logistics
Batch 2023-25

Placement at
All Cargo



Satyam Kumar
Singh
MBA in Shipping
and Logistics
Batch 2023-25

Placement at
CMA CGM

Gujarat Maritime University



Gautam Viswam
LL.M. in
Maritime Law
Batch 2023-24



Shreya Gupta
LL.M. in
Maritime Law
Batch 2023-24



Swati Pednekar
LL.M. in
Maritime Law
Batch 2023-24



Vignesh N.S.
LL.M. in
Maritime Law
Batch 2023-24



Sakshi Kothari
LL.M. in
Maritime Law
Batch 2023-24



Rida Bhatnagar
LL.M. in
Maritime Law
Batch 2023-24



Yash Majalkar
MBA in Shipping
& Logistics
Batch 2022-24



Kapil Rathod
MBA in Shipping
& Logistics
Batch 2022-24



Dhairya Joshi
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Aditi Pandey
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Internship at
Lloyd and Johnson – Mumbai



Adv. Nishith Sheth
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Internship at
**Quadrant Legal and KIP
Restructuring & Insolvency
Professionals LLP**



C.M.Vaishnavi
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Internship at
**United Maritime
Law Chambers**



Meghana Manoj
LL.M in Maritime Law
Batch 2024-25
Internship at
**United Maritime Law
Chambers**



Nandini
LL.M in International Trade Law
Batch 2024-25
Internship at
**Center for Trade and
Investment Law, New Delhi**



Premsingh Rao
LL.M in Maritime Law
Batch 2024-25
Internship at
Dentons Link Legal



Devyani Mishra
LL.M in Maritime Law
Batch 2024-25
Internship at
Bose & Mitra & Co.



Harshita Agarwal
LL.M in Maritime Law
Batch 2024-25
Internship at
**Center for Maritime
Labour Law**



Heli Dubey
LL.M in Maritime Law
Batch 2024-25
Internship at Center for
Maritime Environmental Law



Ramsy Fardheen
LL.M in Maritime Law
Batch 2024-25
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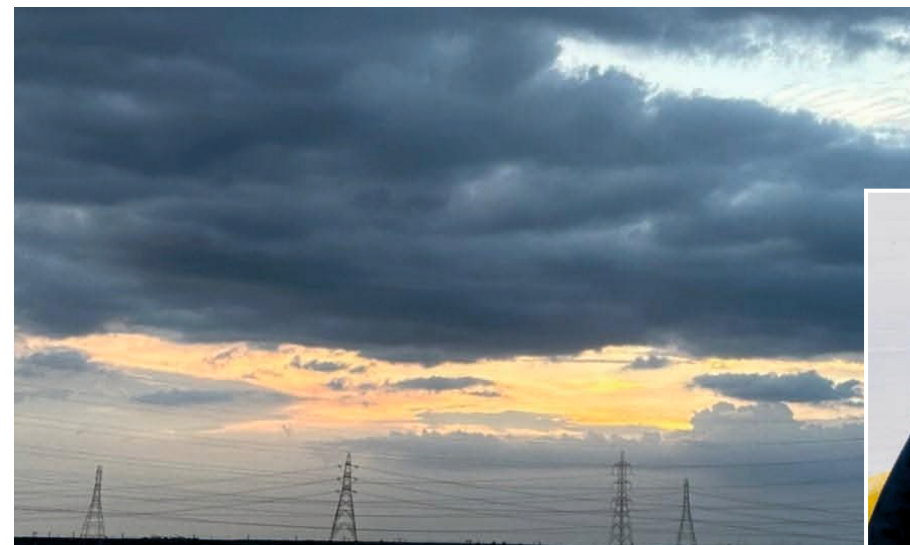
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Captured during a visit to Shivrajpur Beach, Dwarka, Gujarat, these photos showcase the vibrant orange and blue hues of the sky, creating a serene and calming atmosphere. The towering lighthouse in the distance adds to the beauty of the scene, making this trip truly unforgettable.



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Nature is truly a magnificent gift. There's something incredibly soothing about it that brings immense pleasure, joy, and peace. Capturing its beauty and holding onto those moments refines my skills with each shot.

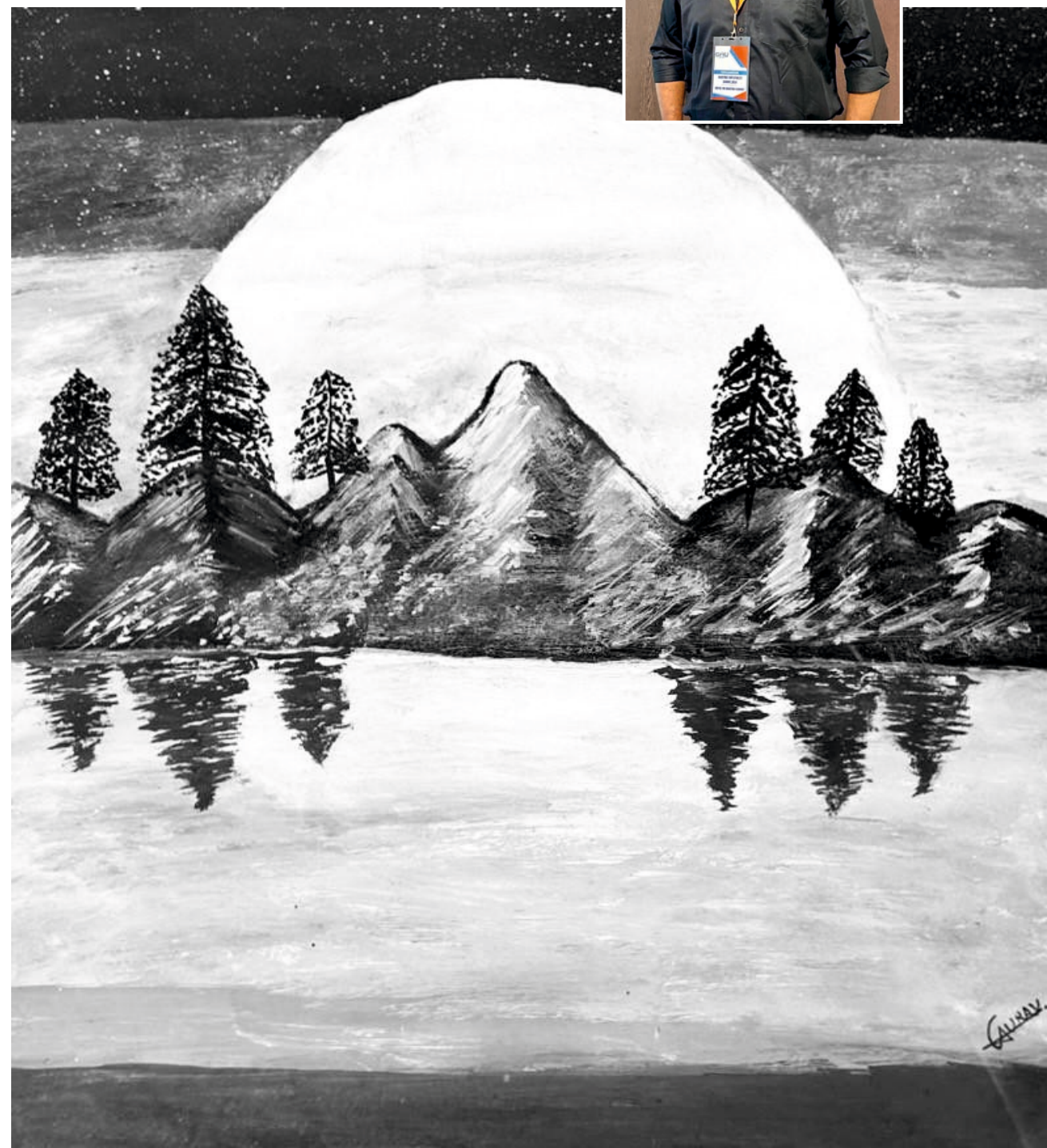


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This artwork captures a serene beach scene at sunset, with a weathered green boat resting on the shore. The vibrant hues of the sky evoke warmth and tranquility, while shadowy silhouettes of onlookers add depth and a human touch to the peaceful atmosphere.

This monochromatic artwork captures a peaceful landscape of mountains, trees, and their reflections on a calm lake. The full moon casts a gentle glow, enhancing the scene's stillness. The play of light and shadow emphasizes nature's tranquility in this minimalist, captivating piece.



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Vijay and Varun, childhood friends separated by destiny, reunite amidst business struggles and danger. Together, they confront corruption, reclaim their legacy, and restore their bond, blending friendship with resilience.

Story Telling on Business – Between Importer and Exporter

My story looks very different in that you can understand everything. Let's look at these children who are playing cricket with a lot of fun and enjoying the match. On the other side, Vijay is watching the match and feels happy because he believes that watching is more enjoyable than playing. In his family, he is the only one who thinks this way, and his best friend Varun supports him. They are in class 9 at Sarasvati Vidhya Mandir High School in Bengaluru.

However, something unexpected happened on November 15, 2008. Vijay learned that Varun would be moving to Germany because Varun's dad was promoted to general manager at Robert Bosch's main branch there. Although Varun was excited, he was also sad to leave his childhood friend. Vijay felt angry and sad because Varun hadn't shared this news when they met the night before. For him, life without childhood friends would be very hard. Fast forward ten years to November 15, 2019. A large vessel came to Chennai port, operated by MAERSK. It was unloading containers as part of the process for importing. However, while the containers were being transported 50 km away, attackers tried to steal them, as the containers held expensive watches intended for a wealthy businessman in Bengaluru. A person, using drone and GPS technology, arrived at the scene and fought against the attackers. He saved the trucks and reached his showroom named '5 STAR WATCHES'. This person is Vijay Singhania, who has become a successful businessman. During the fight, he misses his childhood friend Varun a lot. His showroom is famous in India, attracting many celebrities because the watches are imported from Germany, made by Royal Wood's Clock Mfg. Ltd, known for high-quality, stylish wooden watches that are silent and cost between Rs. 20,000 and 30,000.

During the Navaratri festival, the Chief Minister visited his showroom, looking to order watches for his family's wedding after Diwali. He ordered about 10,000 to 15,000 watches, totaling Rs. 30 crore, and paid a 50% advance. Vijay worried about fulfilling this large order while knowing the C. M. was watching him closely, threatening him that if he failed to deliver, he would harm Vijay's family and destroy his empire. In



desperation, Vijay tried to contact the exporter in Germany but received no response. After a series of unanswered emails, Vijay got a midnight message from the company's CEO saying their collaboration was over. Feeling overwhelmed, Vijay decided to meet the CEO in person. He flew to Germany but found the company had changed, and fell unconscious.

When he woke up, he was in a café owned by an old man who had been there for 50 years. The man asked Vijay what was wrong. Vijay expressed his despair about losing everything: his family, his business, and his friend. The old man assured him that when all doors close, God's door always opens. He then revealed that Varun was the owner of Royal Wood's Clocks Mfg. Ltd. This brought a smile to Vijay's face as he realized they were both unaware of each other's roles in the business world. The café owner gave Vijay Varun's address and urged him to go quickly to save his friend, family, and business. The next morning, Vijay arrived at Varun's house, but instead of being greeted warmly, he faced suspicion. Varun didn't know him and questioned why he was there. Just then, Varun appeared and asked the same questions. This shocked Vijay, causing him to collapse again. When he regained consciousness, Varun was near him. He explained everything to Varun, but Varun was skeptical and did not believe him at first. Vijay showed a photo of their childhood friendship, which finally convinced Varun who then shared his own troubles. Varun explained that his father had been unjustly suspended, leading to their family's downfall.

To address their problems, Vijay suggested they apply their childhood strategies to recover the company and prove Varun's father was innocent. They devised a plan to keep an eye on the owner of the organization responsible for their troubles and began fighting against the gangsters involved. Together, they managed to retrieve the legal documents related to Royal Wood's Clock Mfg. Ltd.

Eventually, the order was completed and shipped to India, where the goods were delivered directly to the C. M. 's farmhouse, where his family was being held by the C. M. 's men. Vijay and Varun saved both their families and Vijay's watch business. In the end, they re-established their business, operating smoothly: one as an importer and the other as an exporter.

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This image captures a street scene with cars parked alongside buildings, set against an evening sky adorned with clouds and hints of sunset colors. Just like the sky, our lives too are filled with different shades, each moment reflecting its own unique hue.



