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Message from

CHIEF SECRETARY, GOVT. OF GUJARAT

Shri M. K. Das (IAS)

President, Gujarat Maritime University

Dear Members of the GMU Community,

It gives me immense pleasure to witness Gujarat Maritime University (GMU) continue to make remarkable strides in shaping the future of maritime education, research, and innovation in India. Over the years, GMU has emerged as a vibrant hub of learning, fostering academic excellence, nurturing young talent, and promoting holistic development in the maritime sector, which is crucial for our nation's economic growth and global competitiveness.

The Government of Gujarat has always envisioned the state as a global maritime hub, with strategic initiatives aimed at promoting sustainable growth, advanced infrastructure, and highly skilled human resources in the maritime industry. I am delighted to see how GMU's vision closely aligns with these government priorities, creating a strong synergy that strengthens both educational outcomes and industry relevance, and positioning Gujarat as a leader in maritime excellence.

As the promoters of GMU, the Gujarat Maritime Board has played a pivotal role in establishing a strong institutional framework, fostering an ecosystem conducive to innovation, research, and practical learning. Their unwavering support, vision, and commitment have been instrumental in transforming GMU into a centre of excellence that not only addresses the evolving needs of the maritime sector but also anticipates future challenges in areas such as international trade, shipping, ports, logistics, maritime law, regulations, and compliance, as well as cutting-edge technology.



Since assuming the role of President of GMU, my focus has been on further strengthening the University's academic programs, research initiatives, and industry partnerships. I envision GMU as a lighthouse of knowledge, innovation, and global collaboration, producing highly skilled maritime professionals who will contribute significantly to Gujarat's and India's maritime growth, as well as to the nation's standing in the global maritime arena. With the collective dedication of our faculty, students, and stakeholders, I am confident that GMU will continue to set new benchmarks for maritime education and research in the years ahead.

I extend my best wishes to all members of the GMU family and our esteemed readers of Maritime Beacon. Together, let us continue to navigate the waters of knowledge, innovation, and excellence, fostering leadership and global impact in the maritime sector.

Message from

CHIEF PATRON

PROF. (DR.) S. SHANTHAKUMAR

Provost, Gujarat Maritime University

Dear Readers,

It gives me immense pride to reflect on the remarkable journey of Gujarat Maritime University (GMU) over the past six years. Since its inception, the University has evolved into a nationally and internationally recognized institution, committed to excellence in maritime education, research, and policy engagement, while nurturing future-ready professionals for the global maritime sector.

This issue of Maritime Beacon captures several defining academic milestones for GMU. A historic highlight was the First Convocation of the University, celebrating the achievements of our graduating students. The occasion was graced by the Honourable Chief Minister of Gujarat, Shri Bhupendra Patel, reaffirming the State's strong commitment to maritime education and underscoring GMU's growing stature in the higher education landscape. The University also conducted focused Orientation Programmes for LLM, MBA, and PhD students, laying a strong academic and professional foundation for the new cohorts.

GMU achieved another significant milestone by hosting the 48th Annual Conference on Oceans Law & Policy (COLP48) for the first time in India. Organized in collaboration with the World Maritime University and the United States Naval War College, with the support of the Ministry of Earth Sciences, Government of India, this prestigious global forum facilitated deliberations on oceans governance, maritime law, sustainability, security, and policy. Further strengthening its global research profile, GMU, as the lead institution, secured a GBP 250,000 grant from the Lloyd's Register Foundation under the Academic Networking Grant scheme for the GloMDECAS project, fostering international collaboration in maritime decarbonisation and climate safety.

Academic enrichment and industry engagement continued through expert lectures, workshops, hackathons, conferences, and industrial visits, ensuring alignment between classroom learning and industry



realities. The launch of the MBA in Maritime Regulation & Compliance Management, in collaboration with ICSI, strengthened GMU's academic portfolio by addressing the growing need for regulatory and compliance expertise within the maritime ecosystem. The HR Summit also served as a platform bringing together maritime leaders, HR professionals, academicians, policymakers, and students to deliberate on the evolving dynamics of human capital in the maritime sector.

GMU continues to expand its academic and institutional footprint through recent strategic collaborations with CINEC, AMA, and NEHU, fostering joint research, academic exchange, skill development, and capacity-building initiatives. I extend my sincere appreciation to our faculty, students, alumni, and partners whose collective efforts propel GMU forward. As we move ahead, we remain committed to advancing maritime education, research, and leadership, creating meaningful impact at both national and global levels.

Message from

EDITOR-IN-CHIEF PROF. (DR.) TANUJA KAUSHIK

Dean Academic Affairs,
Gujarat Maritime University

Dear Readers,

It gives me great pleasure to present this edition of Maritime Beacon, which captures the continued growth, energy, and aspirations of our university community. At GMU, we remain committed to nurturing academic excellence, fostering innovation, and shaping future leaders in maritime and allied disciplines.

This edition reflects the vibrant rhythm of campus life, marked by important milestones, meaningful learning experiences, and the collective efforts of our students, faculty, alumni, and partners. From academic achievements and professional advancements to cultural celebrations and creative expression, these pages offer a glimpse into the dynamic environment that defines GMU.

Our progress is strengthened by purposeful collaborations, experiential learning opportunities, and a shared vision of global engagement. Together, these elements contribute to an enriching ecosystem where knowledge is exchanged, talents are honed, and ambitions take shape.

I extend my sincere appreciation to all contributors who have helped bring this edition together. We hope you will enjoy reading it as much as we have enjoyed compiling it, and that it leaves you inspired and connected to the evolving journey of GMU.

Happy reading!



“The effective use of data, digital technologies, and advanced analytics in the maritime sector is essential for improving safety, optimizing vessel operations, enhancing environmental performance, and ensuring a resilient and future-ready global shipping industry.”

— International Maritime Organization (IMO)

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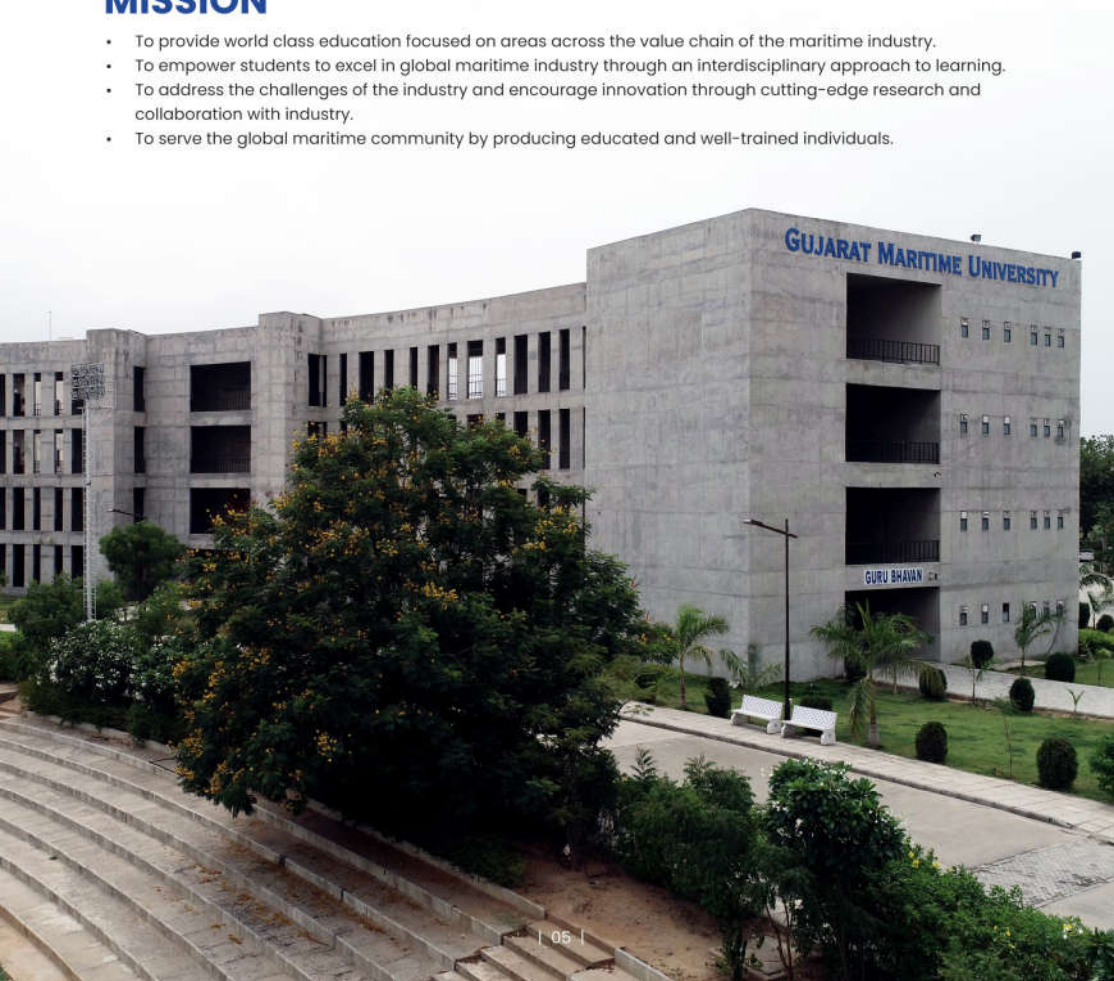
ABOUT GMU: PIONEERING MARITIME EDUCATION

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.



About Gujarat Maritime University

The Indian maritime sector has been consistently exhibiting remarkable growth and is poised to emerge as a key driver of the future global maritime economy. Gujarat Maritime University (GMU) is a visionary initiative of the Hon'ble Prime Minister of India, Shri Narendrabhai Modi, established in 2019 by the Government of Gujarat through the Gujarat Maritime Board to address critical knowledge and capacity gaps in the maritime sector. Since its inception, GMU has been committed to offering meticulously designed academic programmes that integrate the collective expertise of maritime industry professionals, distinguished academicians, and governmental institutions, enabling the University to emerge as one of India's distinctive maritime-focused universities with curricula aligned to leading global maritime institutions.

GMU is governed by an eminent consortium of senior officials of the Government of Gujarat, prominent industry leaders, and renowned scholars, under the leadership of the Chief Secretary to the Government of Gujarat. This robust governance framework ensures that the University remains agile and responsive to the evolving needs of the maritime sector while consistently upholding the highest academic, professional, and ethical standards. Gujarat Maritime University is mandated to develop as a global centre of excellence in maritime education, research, professional training, and capacity building, with a strong focus on strengthening human and institutional capacity in India and internationally, and advancing high-quality education, research and development, and professional training for the maritime sector worldwide.

The University's academic offerings are thoughtfully designed to meet the growing and diverse demands of the maritime industry. In its first phase, GMU offers a range of Master's, Doctoral (PhD), and Executive Development Programmes focusing on the commercial, regulatory, and strategic dimensions of the maritime value chain, including Maritime Law, Maritime Management, International Trade Law, Shipping, Logistics, and allied disciplines. GMU's bespoke approach to education ensures that students and professionals are equipped with the knowledge, analytical skills, and practical insights required to navigate the complexities of a rapidly changing global maritime landscape.

GMU has signed Memoranda of Understanding (MoUs) and entered into active collaborations with several leading national and international maritime organizations, significantly enhancing academic exposure, industry engagement, research opportunities, and knowledge exchange for students, faculty, and other stakeholders. Its programmes are developed in collaboration with esteemed international institutions such as Erasmus UPT, STC International, and Copenhagen Business School, Denmark, among others, ensuring alignment with global best practices and international standards. In the next phase of development, Gujarat Maritime University plans to expand its academic portfolio by introducing technical and liberal arts disciplines within the maritime domain, further enriching its academic ecosystem and addressing the evolving multidisciplinary needs of the global maritime industry.

FIRST CONVOCATION: MARKING A PROUD ACADEMIC MILESTONE

A detailed University Annual Report was presented by Prof. (Dr.) S. Shanthakumar, Provost, GMU, highlighting the institution's academic achievements and milestones. Distinguished dignitaries in attendance included:

Shri M. K. Das, IAS, Additional Chief Secretary to Chief Minister, Government of Gujarat

Dr. Jayanti S. Ravi, IAS, Additional Chief Secretary, Revenue Department

Shri Ramesh Chand Meena, IAS, Principal Secretary (I/C), Ports & Transport Department

Shri Rajkumar Beniwal, IAS, Vice Chairman & CEO, Gujarat Maritime Board



Gujarat Maritime University celebrated a historic milestone with its 1st Convocation held on 19th July 2025 at the GMU campus in Gandhinagar.

The Honourable Chief Minister of Gujarat, Shri Bhupendra Patel, graced the occasion as the Chief Guest and delivered an inspiring Convocation Address. The ceremony was presided over by Shri Pankaj Joshi, IAS, Chief Secretary, Government of Gujarat & President, GMU.





A total of **250 students** were awarded postgraduate degrees in Management and Law, specialising in maritime and allied domains. **13 Gold Medals** were conferred by the Hon'ble Chief Minister to students for **outstanding academic performance**. The event was attended by graduands, their families, faculty members, students, and members of GMU's Governing Bodies and administrative staff.

In his address, the **Hon'ble CM applauded GMU's contribution to maritime education** and its alignment with the vision of **Shri Narendra Modi, Hon'ble Prime Minister of India, to develop a skilled and globally competitive maritime workforce for the 21st century**. He urged LLM graduates to advance national interests through Maritime and International Trade Law, and MBA graduates to drive innovation and efficiency in Shipping, Logistics, and Port Management.



Honouring GMU's Gold Medalists – Convocation 2025

GMU proudly felicitated 13 exceptional students with Gold Medals for their academic brilliance and consistent dedication across MBA and LLM. programmes. Medals were awarded by Shri Bhupendra Patel, Shri Pankaj Joshi, IAS, Prof. (Dr.) S. Shanthakumar, and other dignitaries.

Gold Medalists – Batch-wise Recognition:

MBA (Shipping & Logistics)

- Akolkar Rahul Narendra – Batch: 2020–2022
- Pooja B – Batch: 2021–2023
- Patel Himani Rajeshbhai – Batch: 2022–2024
- Akshat Kishor Srivastava – Batch: 2023–2025

LLM. (Maritime Law)

- Shalini Kaimal – Batch: 2019–2020
- Saravanan R – Batch: 2020–2021
- Ayushi Dubey – Batch: 2021–2022
- Naveen Malik – Batch: 2022–2023
- Gautham Viswam – Batch: 2023–2024
- Heli Dubey – Batch: 2024–2025

LLM. (International Trade Law)

- Mahima Rungta – Batch: 2019–2020
- Sneha Tiwari – Batch: 2020–2021
- Dyuti Bakul Pandya – Batch: 2021–2022



Celebrating Our Graduating Batches

The convocation captured smiles, achievements, and memories of our graduating students across MBA and LL.M. programmes, reflecting their commitment, leadership, and transformation over the years.

Batches Featured:

MBA (Shipping & Logistics) – 2020–2022 | 2021–2023 | 2022–2024 | 2023–2025

LL.M. (Maritime Law) – 2019–2020 | 2020–2021 | 2021–2022 | 2022–2023 | 2023–2024 | 2024–2025

LL.M. (International Trade Law) – 2019–2020 | 2020–2021 | 2021–2022



We extend our heartfelt congratulations to all graduates and Gold Medalists. Your success reflects your perseverance, passion, and commitment to excellence. As you step into the professional world, may you continue to navigate with integrity, skill, and innovation in every maritime endeavour.

The 1st Convocation Ceremony marked not just a celebration, but the beginning of a proud new chapter for GMU and its future maritime leaders.

WELCOMING THE NEW WAVE: ORIENTATION PROGRAM

Gujarat Maritime University organised a series of Orientation Programmes for the academic year 2025–26 to warmly welcome new batches across its postgraduate and doctoral programmes. Thoughtfully designed to familiarise students with academic expectations, institutional culture, and holistic development, these programmes marked the formal beginning of the students' academic journey at GMU.

The LL.M. Orientation Programme for Maritime Law and International Trade Law (Batch 2025–26) was held on 1st July 2025. The day commenced with document verification, efficiently coordinated by Dr. Abhay Singh, Ms. Mili Trivedi, Ms. Arundathi M.S., Ms. Heena Desai, and Mr. Utsav Sadhira. Students were formally welcomed by Prof. (Dr.) S. Shanthakumar, Provost, GMU, who shared insights into the wide-ranging opportunities in maritime and trade law and encouraged students to explore the vast potential of the sector. An academic overview of the School of Maritime Law, Policy and Administration was provided by Dr. Abhay Singh, followed by an engaging session on learning, wellbeing, and personal growth by Wing Commander Sangeet Sharma (Retd.). The programme concluded with interactive activities, including reflective writing and knowledge-based games, fostering early peer bonding.



The MBA Maritime Management Orientation Programme for Batch 2025–27 was conducted on 22nd July 2025. The programme began with document verification led by Dr. Chirag Patel, Dr. Mayuri Neve, Mr. Rahul Akolkar, Mr. Nishant Manjanwal, Ms. Heena Desai, and Mr. Utsav Sadhiyara. Post-lunch, Dr. Dharmesh Raval, Director, School of Maritime Management, introduced students to the curriculum structure, assessment framework, and academic expectations. The orientation featured a series



of interactive and team-based activities aimed at strengthening communication, creativity, and collaboration, with winners recognised and felicitated by senior faculty members.

On 24th July 2025, GMU welcomed students of the MBA Maritime Regulations and Compliance Management (ICSI) Programme, Batch 2025-27. The session opened with document verification, followed by ice-breaking activities and reflective exercises encouraging students to articulate their academic and professional aspirations. Prof. (Dr.) Tanuja Kaushik, Dean, Academic Affairs, addressed the students and highlighted the significance of the programme in the evolving maritime regulatory landscape. Dr. Dharmesh Raval presented an overview of the academic framework, while CS Alay Vasavda (ICSI Ahmedabad Chapter) and Dr. Vrajlal Sapovadia shared industry-oriented perspectives, underlining the value of the GMU-ICSI collaboration.

The PhD Orientation Programme for Batch 2025 was conducted on 20th & 21st November 2025, marking the commencement of the doctoral scholars' research journey at GMU. The programme was

graced by Hon'ble (Dr.) Justice Mohan Peiris, Former Chief Justice of Sri Lanka, and Prof. (Dr.) S. Shanthakumar, Provost, GMU. The scholars benefitted from interactions with academic leaders including Prof. (Dr.) Tanuja Kaushik, Dean Academic Affairs & Head, PhD Programme; Dr. Chirag Patel, Registrar; Dr. Dharmesh Raval; Dr. Abhay Singh; Dr. Chandrakant Upadhyay; and Dr. Mayuri Neve. Sessions focused on research orientation, interdisciplinary opportunities, academic ethics, and mentoring, laying a strong foundation for scholarly excellence.

Through these comprehensive orientation programmes, Gujarat Maritime University reaffirmed its commitment to academic excellence, student wellbeing, and holistic development, ensuring that every new student begins their journey at GMU with clarity, confidence, and a strong sense of belonging to the university community.



FRESHERS' PARTY: SETTING SAIL IN STYLE



Freshers' Awards 2025

- Mr. Fresher 2025 – Akhilesh Aggarwal (LLM 2025-26)
- Ms. Fresher 2025 – Moumita Hazra (MBA MRCM 2025-27)
- Best Talent – Kaushal Raj Prajapati (MBA 2025-27)
- Ramp King – Pranav MS (LLM 2025-26)
- Ramp Queen – Thejaswi Thampy MP (MBA MRCM 2025-27)
- Most Creative Performer – N Jhanvi (LLM 2025-26)
- Crowd Favourite Performer – Kailas Nath B (LLM 2025-26)
- Star Performer – Nidhi Shah & Ritika Shankar (LLM 2025-26)
- Best Dressed Male – Khuman Mahaveer Janakbhai (MBA 2025-27)
- Best Dressed Female – Bhadra SM (LLM 2025-26)

The event beautifully captured the essence of togetherness at GMU, blending traditions and aspirations. The evening concluded on a high note, with students dancing to DJ beats, making Genesis a truly unforgettable beginning to their GMU journey.



Gujarat Maritime University celebrated Genesis – A New Beginning, the Freshers' Party 2025, on 4th September 2025, marking a vibrant and joyous welcome for the new batch of students. The evening was a lively showcase of camaraderie, creativity, and talent, as seniors warmly greeted their juniors into the GMU family. Cultural performances by both seniors and freshers highlighted the diversity, energy, and spirit of the student community.

Prof. (Dr.) S. Shanthakumar, Provost, GMU, extended his best wishes to the freshers, encouraging them to embrace their academic journey with passion, purpose, and commitment to the maritime domain. The celebration also featured the Freshers' Awards Ceremony, recognizing outstanding students for their talent, creativity, and charisma. Awards were felicitated by Prof. (Dr.) Tanuja Kaushik, Dean Academic Affairs; Dr. Chirag Patel, Registrar; and other esteemed faculty members.



CONFERENCES, SUMMITS & DISCUSSIONS: KNOWLEDGE EXCHANGE

48th Annual Conference on Oceans Law & Policy (COLP48)

Hosted for the First Time in India by Gujarat Maritime University



Gujarat Maritime University (GMU) achieved a historic milestone by hosting the 48th Annual Conference on Oceans Law & Policy (COLP 48) for the first time in India, from 9th to 11th September 2025 in New Delhi. The Conference was organised in collaboration with the World Maritime University (WMU) and the United States Naval War College (USNWC), with the support of the Ministry of Earth Sciences, Government of India. Held under the theme "Developing World Approaches to Ocean Governance: Perspectives from the Indian Ocean Rim", COLP 48 convened an eminent global gathering of jurists, diplomats, naval leaders, policymakers, academicians, and practitioners to deliberate on the future of international maritime law, ocean governance, and sustainable development.

The Pre-Conference on pre-conference consultative session on "The Ireland & WMU-GOI BBNJ Clinic" 9th September 2025, pathed the opening of the COLP48. The pre-conference consultative session was moderated by Dr. Kahilil Hassanali, Senior Research Officer, Institute of Marine Affairs, Trinidad and Tobago. The session featured Prof. Ronan Long, Director, WMU-Sasakawa Global Ocean Institute; Mr. Rián Derrig, Assistant Professor, WMU-Sasakawa Global Ocean Institute; Mr. Paul De Bruyn, Indian Ocean Tuna Commission; Dr. Rizza Sacra-Dejucos, Asia Regional Coordinator, High Seas Alliance; and Mr. Tim Andrew, Nairobi Convention Secretariat, highlighting capacity building for Small Island Developing States and Least Developed Countries.

The Conference commenced with the Welcome Ceremony which was graced by Dr. M. Ravichandran, Secretary, Ministry of Earth Sciences; Ms. S. Hasanthi Urugodawatte Dissanayake, Additional Secretary (Ocean Affairs), Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Sri Lanka; Dato' Monalisa Binti Suhaimi, Director General, Maritime

Institute of Malaysia; Prof. Ronan Long; Cdr. Chris Hutton, Judge Advocate General's Corps, Stockton Center for International Law, USNWC; Prof. (Dr.) Tanuja Kaushik, Dean Academic Affairs, GMU; and Dr. Abhay Singh, Director, School of Maritime Law, Policy & Administration, GMU.

The technical deliberations on 10th September 2025 opened with housekeeping remarks by Ms. Shalini, Assistant Professor, GMU, followed by introductory remarks from Prof. (Dr.) Manoj Kumar Sinha, President, Indian Society of International Law. The keynote address was delivered by Judge Neeru Chadha, Vice President, International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea, who reflected on the four pillars of the BBNJ Agreement. Multiple high-level panel discussions followed, moderated and addressed by globally recognised experts, including Dr. Aleke Stófen-O'Brien, Associate Professor, WMU-Sasakawa Global Ocean Institute, Dr. Mrinalini Banerjee, Assistant Professor at National Law University, Odisha (NLUO), Dr.





Angelique Pouponneau, Fellowship Director & Policy & Strategy Advisor, Alliance of Small Island States, Tamara Thomas, Executive Director, Ocean Ties, Seychelles, Dr. Pooja Bhatt, Associate Professor, Director, Pankaj Kumar Jha Centre for Security Studies, Associate Dean Admissions for JSIA, Dr. James J. Nedumpara, Professor and Head, Centre for Trade and Investment Law (CTIL), Dr. Beatriz Martinez Romero, Director, Centre for Climate Change Law and Governance, University of Copenhagen, Dr. Eka Higuchi, Associate Professor, Tohoku University of Community Service and Science, Dr. Sanjeet Ruhail, The Nippon Foundation Lecturer on International Maritime Security Law, IMO International Maritime Law Institute and Adjunct Professor of Law, GMU, Capt RS Sawan, Senior Fellow, National Maritime Foundation, New Delhi, Dr. Aspasia Pastra, Assistant Professor, WMU-Sasakawa Global Ocean Institute, Dr. Makoto Seta, Associate Professor, Waseda University, Prof. Maria Gavouneli – Professor of International Law & Director, National & Kapodistrian, University of Athens, Tomoyuki Yoshida, Chief Executive Director, Japan Institute of International Affairs, Jeonghee Lim, Senior Research Associate, Asan Institute, Professor Maria Gavouneli, Professor of International Law, Athens Public International Law Center, National & Kapodistrian University of Athens; Director, LL.M. in International & European Law, NKUA,

Dr. Siva Thambisetty, Lead, Ocean Biodiversity Collective, Associate Professor of Law, London School of Economics Law School, Rizza Sacra-Dejuocos, Asia Regional Coordinator, High Seas Alliance, Dr. Kahill Hassanali, Senior Research Officer, Institute of Marine Affairs, Trinidad and Tobago, Dr. Sumathy Permal, Maritime Institute of Malaysia, Prof. Mayank Suri, Assistant Professor, O.P. Jindal Global University, Su Wai Mon, Research Fellow, CIL NUS, Commander Abhimanyu Singh, Indian Navy and leading universities across Asia, Europe, and the Americas.

The Conference also featured keynote reflections by Dr. Kilaparti Ramakrishna, Director, Marine Policy Centre, Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution, and Mr. Charlie Garnjana-Goonchorn, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Thailand, who highlighted regional perspectives on ocean governance, maritime security, and sustainable development. A vibrant Cultural Evening showcased India's diverse heritage through performances by LL.M. students of Gujarat Maritime University (Batch 2025-26), offering international delegates a rich cultural experience alongside academic engagement.

Proceedings on 11th September 2025 began with housekeeping remarks by Dr. Abhay Singh, Director, SMLPA, GMU, followed by a Welcome Address from

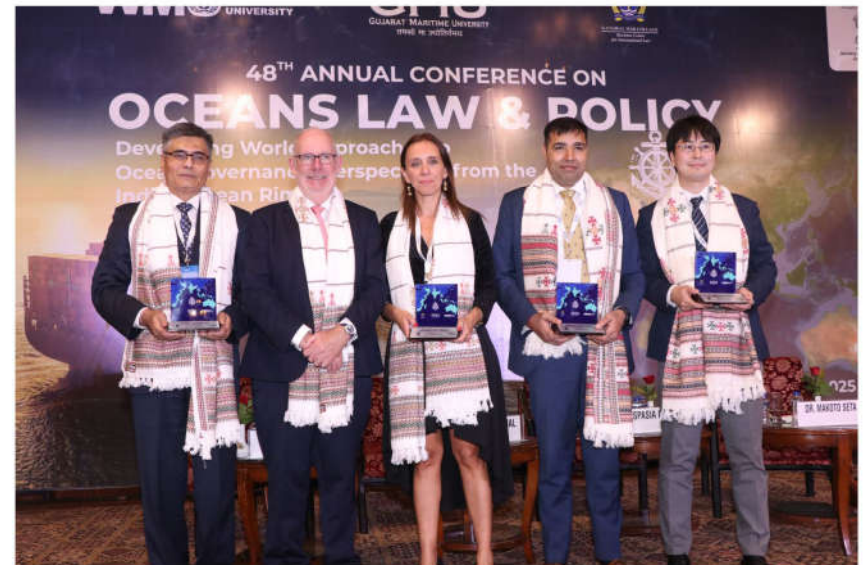
Prof. James Kraska, Chair, Stockton Center for International Law, USNWC. The keynote address was delivered by Ambassador Arif Havas Oegroseno, Vice Minister for Foreign Affairs, Indonesia, and a Special Address by Prof. Máximo Q. Mejía, President, World Maritime University. Further panels addressed seabed mining, maritime security, artificial intelligence, fisheries and food security, maritime boundaries, and future ocean governance, with contributions from senior academics, naval officers, policymakers, and legal experts from across the globe namely Gabriela Arguello Moncayo, Associate Senior Lecturer, Department of Law, at University of Gothenburg, Dr. Pradeep Singh, Azul Foundation, Amiel Ian Valdez, Research Fellow, CIL, Dr. Rahul Sharma, National Institute of Oceanography, Dr. R. Venkatesan, Scientist and Professor, National Institute of Ocean Technology (NIOT), Chennai, Commander Chris Hutton, JAGC, USN, Stockton Center for International Law, Dr. Young Kil Park, Korea Maritime Institute, Dita Liliansa, NUS CIL, Prof. Dr. Ademuni-Odeke, Leading Researcher, Ankara University National Center for the Sea and Maritime

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The Valedictory Ceremony was graced by Shri Pankaj Joshi, IAS, President, Gujarat Maritime University and Chief Secretary, Government of Gujarat, along with Prof. (Dr.) S. Shanthakumar, Provost, Gujarat Maritime University and Director, Gujarat National Law University; Prof. Ronan Long, Director, WMU – Sasakawa Global Ocean Institute; and Cdr. Chris Hutton, USNWC. Reflecting on the deliberations, the leadership described COLP 48 as a landmark achievement for India and the Indian Ocean Region. The successful hosting of COLP 48 firmly positioned Gujarat Maritime University as a global convener in oceans law and policy, reinforcing its commitment to advancing maritime governance, sustainability, and international collaboration.





HR Summit – Shaping the Future of Maritime Talent

Gujarat Maritime University hosted the HR Summit on 10th October 2025, themed “Shaping the Future of Maritime Talent.” The Summit brought together senior maritime professionals, HR leaders, legal experts, academicians, and students to deliberate on emerging trends in maritime human capital and workforce development, reinforcing GMU’s commitment to strengthening industry-academia collaboration.

The Summit commenced with a Welcome Address by Prof. (Dr.) Tanuja Kaushik, Dean Academic Affairs, GMU, who highlighted the critical role of human resources in driving innovation and sustainability in the maritime sector. The Special Address by Col. Ashish Lal, Head HR, Swan Defence and Heavy Industries Ltd., focused on inclusive HR practices and leadership transformation, followed by a Keynote Address by Mr. Jatin R. Jalundhwala, Joint President – Legal & Secretarial, Adani Group, emphasizing adaptability, collaboration, and continuous learning as essential competencies for maritime excellence.

Three panel discussions enriched the deliberations. Panel I, moderated by Dr. Abhay Singh, examined evolving legal frameworks under shipping laws, with insights from Mr. Hari Narayan, Ms. Chandni Hariramani, and Ms. Aditi Maheshwari. Panel II, moderated by Dr. Dharmesh Raval, addressed leadership, innovation, and management challenges in the blue economy, featuring Capt. Arun Premeender, Ms. Jyoti Desai, and Mr. Minesh Patel. Panel III, moderated by Dr. Chirag Patel, focused on aligning maritime education with global placement opportunities, with perspectives from Mr. Nilesh Pabari, Capt. Gaurav Rana, and Ms. Reema Shah.

The Summit concluded with an interactive session between HR leaders and students, moderated by Ms. Shalini and Mr. Rahul Akolkar, Placement In-charges, GMU, followed by a networking high tea. The event successfully facilitated meaningful dialogue, strengthened industry linkages, and reaffirmed GMU’s role in shaping future-ready maritime talent.



International Conference on Climate Change & Sustainable Environment



Gujarat Maritime University, through its Centre for Maritime Environmental Law, in collaboration with Gujarat National Law University and Villa College, Maldives, organised the Second Edition of the International Conference on Climate Change and Sustainable Environment (ICCJSE) from 23rd to 27th July 2025. The international conference brought together jurists, policymakers, academicians, environmental experts, civil society representatives, and students to deliberate on climate justice, sustainability, and the evolving role of law and governance in addressing global environmental challenges.

A significant milestone of the conference was the hosting of the live streaming of the International Court of Justice (ICJ) Advisory Opinion Proceedings on Climate Change at the GMU Campus. Students, faculty members, legal scholars, and climate advocates witnessed submissions made before the ICJ by states from across the globe on legal obligations relating to climate change. The session enabled direct

engagement with international legal processes and underscored GMU's commitment to fostering legal awareness and environmental responsibility among future maritime and legal professionals.

The conference also featured a thought-provoking online panel discussion on the ongoing ICJ Advisory Opinion on Climate Change. The panel included Dr. Harsha Rajwansi, Assistant Professor, GNLU; Dr. Tajudeen Sanni, Associate Professor, Villa College, Maldives; and Dr. Young H. Min, Senior Researcher, Korea Maritime Institute (KMI). The discussion examined state obligations under international law, climate justice and intergenerational equity, the role of small island nations, and pathways for climate accountability through international adjudication.

The formal Inaugural Session of ICCJSE 2025 opened with a Welcome Address by Prof. (Dr.) S. Shanthakumar, Director, GNLU, followed by Thought Leadership remarks by Ms. Moumita Bhattacharya, Senior Advisor (Economic, Climate and Development). A Special Address was delivered by Mr. Antonio Opasa Jr., Lawyer, and the Keynote Address by Shri Chiranjiv Choudhary, IFS, Former Principal Chief Conservator of Forests and Head of Forest Force, Andhra Pradesh Forest Department. The conference was formally inaugurated by the Chief Guest, Hon'ble Dr. Justice Kaushal Thaker, Chairperson, Gujarat Human Rights Commission, and concluded with a Vote of Thanks by Prof. (Dr.) Nitin Malik, Registrar, GNLU. The post-inaugural plenary titled Voices for Change featured Mr. Niranjn Dev Bhardwaj, Mr. Debi Goenka, and Mr. Rishabh Sinha, followed by parallel technical sessions with research paper presentations evaluated by an eminent jury.

Subsequent plenary sessions addressed critical themes such as wildlife protection, biodiversity conservation, climate litigation, and environmental jurisprudence, featuring Adv. Sudhir Mishra, Shri Chiranjiv Choudhary, IFS, and Ms. Petal Chandhok, among others. The conference concluded with a Hackathon on Climate Law and Policy Innovation and a plenary on the transformative role of Public Interest Litigation in environmental jurisprudence, featuring Ms. Almitra H. Patel, Mr. P. V. S. Giridhar, Senior Advocate, Madras High Court, and Mr. Rajat Jarwal, Partner – ESG, Trilegal, New Delhi. The Closing Ceremony, graced by the plenary speakers along



with Prof. (Dr.) K. Parameswaran, Professor of Law and Former Dean (Academics, Alumni & External Affairs), GNLU, marked ICCJSE 2025 as a significant contribution to global climate discourse, with over 150 research paper presentations, multiple plenaries, and an innovative hackathon.



International Case

Conclave with MAERSK Training

Gujarat Maritime University, through its Centre for Executive Education, in collaboration with MAERSK Training, successfully hosted the Second International Case Conclave on 11th August 2025 at its campus. The conclave focused on the theme "Learning Organizations and Culture," highlighting the importance of continuous learning, organizational resilience, and safety-oriented culture in the maritime industry.

The conclave centred on the Costa Concordia (2012) marine casualty, a landmark incident that significantly influenced global maritime safety standards and passenger ship operations. Through structured case analysis, students critically examined the systemic, human, and organizational factors that contributed to the incident, with emphasis on lessons learned and preventive strategies.

The programme featured distinguished maritime experts. Captain Dr. Nippin Anand, Chief Executive Officer, Novellus (UK), Master Mariner, Anthropologist, and Author of *Are We Learning from Accidents?*, served as a judge for student research presentations and conducted interactive sessions on maritime safety, organizational learning, and cruise tourism. Captain Arun Premsunder, Master Mariner and Head – Operations and Projects, MAERSK Training (Asia, Middle East and Africa), shared insights on simulation-based training, the use of VR/AR technologies, and the development of a safety-first mindset across maritime operations.

The conclave was convened by Dr. Dharmesh Raval, Director, School of Maritime Management, GMU. The sessions featured in-depth accident investigation analysis, guided discussions, and critical thinking exercises, enabling students from management and law programmes to explore not only the sequence of events but also the underlying cultural and systemic issues behind maritime accidents.

The event concluded with the distribution of certificates and prizes to students for outstanding research and presentations. LLM (2025–26) students Satyamsinh Rathod, Sharan V., Shrinija B., Jahanvi N., Naveen Prem, and Shalini Jha were awarded Best Case Analysis, marking the conclave as a meaningful platform for experiential learning and industry-academia engagement.



Multi-Stakeholder Roundtable on the Indian Seafood Processing Industry

The Centre for Maritime Labour Law, Gujarat Maritime University (GMU), in collaboration with the Society for Labour and Development (SLD), organised a multi-stakeholder roundtable on the Indian seafood processing industry on 16th July 2025. The roundtable brought together policymakers, industry representatives, labour experts, civil society organisations, and academicians to deliberate on critical labour, sustainability, and governance challenges within the seafood value chain.

The distinguished panel comprised Ms. Ashmita Sharma, Society for Labour and Development; Dr. Rahul S.; Mr. Mohammed Iyer; Mr. Vinod Kumar Shrimali, Marine Products Export Development Authority (MPEDA); Mr. Girish Sindhavat, Labour Department, Government of Gujarat; Ms. Nafisa Barot, Utthan; Ms. Jennifer Rosenbaum, Global Labour Justice; along with Dr. Mohit Gupta and Dr. Abhay Singh, Gujarat Maritime University. The panel brought diverse perspectives from policy, industry, academia, and grassroots advocacy to the discussions.

Deliberations focused on key themes including ESG compliance and best practices in environmental and social governance, labour rights encompassing fair wages, safe working conditions, and social security, gender equity across the seafood processing value chain, and the development of sustainable and traceable value chains from harvest to global markets.

The roundtable concluded with a shared commitment among stakeholders to work towards a resilient, ethical, and globally competitive Indian seafood processing industry, one that safeguards workers' rights, advances sustainability, and strengthens India's position in international seafood trade.



World Education Summit

Gujarat Maritime University was conferred the "Best University in Maritime Education" award at the Elets World Education Summit, held in New Delhi on 19th & 20th August 2025. The recognition was received under the visionary leadership of Prof. (Dr.) S. Shanthakumar, Provost, Gujarat Maritime University. The Elets World Education Summit, one of Asia and the Middle East's premier platforms on innovation in education, brought together global thought leaders, policymakers, and academic experts shaping the future of higher education.

As part of the University Excellence Session, Dr. Dharmesh Raval, Director, School of Maritime Management, GMU, delivered a comprehensive presentation on the Case of Industry, Academia, and Government Collaboration at GMU. His address highlighted GMU's integrated approach to experiential learning, industry engagement, and policy-driven academic innovation in the maritime domain.

Further contributing to the summit's discourse, Prof. (Dr.) Tanuja Kaushik, Dean Academic Affairs, Gujarat Maritime University, moderated a high-impact panel discussion on "EdTech and the Rise of Higher Education 5.0: Creating Agile, Scalable, Impactful Learning." The panel featured Prof. Prem Vrat, Pro Chancellor, The NorthCap University; Prof. Rajeev Shorey, Director, IIIT Surat; and Mr. Saurabh Bhattacharya, Additional Executive Director, Centre for Smart Governance, Government of Karnataka. The discussion explored technology-enabled learning models, institutional agility, and future-ready education frameworks.

The summit underscored the growing importance of specialised universities in advancing higher education excellence through collaboration and innovation. The award reaffirms GMU's continued commitment to academic leadership, industry relevance, and global impact in maritime education.





Maritium 1.1 – Navigating Knowledge, Anchoring Research

Gujarat Maritime University, through its Centre for Maritime Innovation & Entrepreneurship, hosted Maritium 1.1, a student-led research conference, in association with the Logistics Sector Skill Council and the Institution's Innovation Council, Ministry of Education, Government of India, on 13th October 2025. The conference provided a dedicated academic platform for MBA (2024–26) students to present research addressing contemporary challenges and emerging opportunities in the maritime sector. The event encouraged scholarly dialogue among students and academicians across domains such as maritime logistics, management, human resources, finance, and port operations.

The conference was inaugurated with a Welcome and Theme Address by Prof. (Dr.) Tanuja Kaushik, Dean Academic Affairs, GMU, who emphasized the importance of research-driven learning and academic inquiry in shaping future-ready maritime professionals. The inaugural session featured addresses by Prof. Saurabh Chandra, Co-founder, Maritime Logistics Research Group, IIM Indore, who highlighted technological integration and process optimisation in maritime logistics; Prof. S. Ganesan, Head – Education Initiatives, Logistics Skill Council, who underscored the role of skill development, innovation, and industry-academia collaboration; and Prof. (Dr.) S. Shanthakumar, Provost,



GMU, who shared GMU's vision of continuous learning, sustainability, and global leadership in maritime research.

Maritium 1.1 was structured around five thematic tracks, each hosting multiple research paper presentations. The tracks covered Digital Transformation in Maritime Logistics and Supply Chain; Management of Shipping Companies and Operations; Maritime Human Resources, Infrastructure and Wellbeing; Shipping Finance, Insurance and Risk Management; and Smart Ports and Efficient Port Management for Global Trade. The sessions enabled rigorous academic engagement, critical discussion, and constructive feedback from faculty members and peers.

The Best Paper Presentation Awards were conferred upon Mr. Shikhar Saini, guided by Dr. Chandrakant Upadhyay, for Digital Transformation in Maritime Logistics and Supply Chain; Mr. Tirth M. Bhatt, guided by Dr. Mayuri Neve, for Management of Shipping Companies and Operations; Mr. Raj Patil, guided by Dr. Chirag Patel, for Maritime Human Resources, Infrastructure and Wellbeing; Mr. Shaik Khaleel Khan, guided by Dr. Dharmesh Raval, for Shipping Finance, Insurance and Risk Management; and Mr. Gaurav Sharma, guided by Prof. (Dr.) Tanuja Kaushik, for Smart Ports and Efficient Port Management for Global Trade.

The conference concluded with a Vote of Thanks by Dr. Dharmesh Raval, Director, School of Maritime Management, GMU, followed by a networking session. Maritium 1.1 reaffirmed GMU's commitment to fostering a strong research culture and nurturing analytically driven, industry-relevant maritime professionals.





Colloquium on the Application of International Maritime Law

The Centre for International Trade & Investment Law, Gujarat Maritime University conducted a five-day Colloquium on the Application of International Maritime Law from 18th to 22nd November 2025. The programme brought together jurists, naval leaders, maritime practitioners, and industry experts, fostering knowledge exchange and strengthening national capacity in the evolving landscape of maritime governance.

The Colloquium was inaugurated by a distinguished panel including Hon'ble Mr. Justice K.R. Shri Ram, Former Chief Justice, High Courts of Madras and Rajasthan; Hon'ble Justice (Dr.) Mohan Peiris, Former Chief Justice of Sri Lanka; Vice Admiral G. Ashok Kumar, PVSM, AVSM, VSM (Retd.), Indian Navy; and Prof. (Dr.) S. Shanthakumar, Provost, Gujarat Maritime University and Director, Gujarat National Law University. The inaugural session set the tone for rigorous academic engagement and practical discourse on international maritime law.

Expert sessions were delivered by Capt. Gurpreet Kharaan (Retd.), Indian Navy; Mr. VJ Mathew, Senior Advocate, VJ Mathew & Co; Mr. Harsh Parikh, Advocate, Gujarat High Court; Adv. Ruchir Goenka, Associate Partner, Bose & Mitra; Adv. Joy Thattil Ittoop, Managing Partner, Callidus Legal; Mr. Deependra Singh Bisen, Deputy Director, Directorate General of Shipping; Cmt. Asha Dahiya, Indian Coast Guard; and Mr. Amit Bhatnagar, Head, IRCLASS Academy, Indian Register of Shipping. Participants also engaged in a specialised VR simulation module conducted by Mr. Amal Joy, Maersk Training, offering experiential learning in maritime operations.

The Colloquium included on-ground exposure through a field visit to the Alang Shipbreaking Yard, providing participants with practical insights into ship recycling, safety protocols, and regulatory frameworks. The combination of classroom discourse, expert sessions, and immersive field experiences ensured a comprehensive understanding of international maritime law in both theoretical and applied contexts.



India Maritime Week



Gujarat Maritime University participated actively in India Maritime Week 2025, with Prof. (Dr.) Tanuja Kaushik, Dean Academic Affairs, delivering a keynote session at Sagarmanthan: The Great Oceans Dialogue 2025 on 28th October 2025. Her session, "Blue Education: Building Knowledge Systems for the Ocean Future", highlighted the significance of education, skill development, and knowledge-sharing in building an inclusive and resilient ocean future. The discussion emphasized ocean literacy, vocational training, and the importance of collaboration between academia, industry, and policy in strengthening the global maritime ecosystem.

In addition to Prof. Kaushik, faculty members, alumni, and students from GMU attended India Maritime Week 2025, actively engaging in knowledge exchange, discussions, and interactive sessions. Their participation facilitated a broader understanding of emerging maritime trends, policies, and innovations, reaffirming GMU's commitment to advancing maritime education, research, and sustainable ocean governance.





SSIC Hackathon on Maritime AI and Supply Chain Security



INMEX SMM India

Gujarat Maritime University participated in the 14th Edition of INMEX SMM India 2025, held at the Bombay Exhibition Centre, Mumbai. Prof. (Dr.) Tanuja Kaushik, Dean Academic Affairs, represented GMU in the panel discussion "Women at the Helm: Steering the Maritime Industry into the Future" on 11th September 2025. The session was moderated by Captain Kapildev Bahl, Director, Indian Centre for Climate & Societal Impacts Research, and featured an eminent panel including H K Joshi, Former CMD, Shipping Corporation of India; Ruchita Chopra, Country HR Head, PSA India; Dr. Deepti Mankad, Founder, Mindspeak; and Adv. Rahul Varma, Founder, Ally Maritime and Legal Services and Ex-Master Mariner.

The discussion highlighted the pivotal role of women leaders in shaping the maritime industry's future. GMU's participation reinforced its commitment to fostering diversity, equity, and leadership in the global maritime ecosystem, while providing a platform to exchange ideas, share best practices, and inspire the next generation of maritime professionals.



The 5th International Conference on Smart Systems Innovations in Computing SSIC 2025 successfully conducted a Hackathon on Maritime AI and Supply Chain Security, IoT and Drone-based Solutions on 19th December 2025, jointly organized in collaboration with Manipal University Jaipur and the Centre for Maritime Logistics, Gujarat Maritime University. Students from the MBA (2025-27) showcased innovative and application-oriented solutions highlighting the use of artificial intelligence, blockchain, and predictive technologies across areas such as transparent logistics supply chains, AI-powered port surveillance, smart supply chain systems, and predictive maintenance for merchant ships.

Sanchi Jaswani secured the First Prize, followed by Vansh Jha with the Second Prize, while Rajat Chouhan and Ninad Gudimala received Consolation Awards for their innovative contributions. The Hackathon was conducted under the guidance of Dr. Chandrakant Upadhyay, Centre Head, Centre for Maritime Logistics, who also delivered the keynote address at SSIC 2025, reinforcing GMU's commitment to innovation, interdisciplinary learning, and the development of future-ready maritime professionals.

INDUSTRIAL & ACADEMIC VISITS: BEYOND THE CLASSROOM

Industrial Exposure at Deendayal Port Authority, Kandla



On 6th October 2025, students of Gujarat Maritime University undertook an industrial exposure visit to Deendayal Port Authority, Kandla, gaining first hand understanding of port operations, logistics management, and administrative processes. Officials from Deendayal Port Authority Shri Atul Gupta, Ms Varsha Sharma, and Mr Ramji Bhardwaj interacted with the students and shared practical insights into the functioning of one of India's major ports. The visit offered valuable exposure to India's dynamic port ecosystem, enabling students to connect theoretical learning with real world maritime infrastructure and supply chain operations, while highlighting the critical role of ports in global trade and sustainable competitiveness.

The students were accompanied by Prof. Dr. Tanuja Kaushik, Dr Chirag Patel, Dr Chandrakant Upadhyay, and Dr Mayuri Neve, supported by Teaching and Research Associates and staff members Mr Nishant Manjanwal, Ms Arundathi MS, Ms Mili Trivedi, Ms Shreya Kankas, and Mr Bharat Desai. Gujarat Maritime University expresses its sincere gratitude to Shri Sushil Kumar Singh, Chairman, Deendayal Port Authority, and Shri Nilabhra Dasgupta, Deputy Chairman, Deendayal Port Authority, for their encouragement and support in facilitating this enriching learning experience.



Industry Immersion at The Thar Dry Port

On 11th September 2025, students of Gujarat Maritime University visited The Thar Dry Port HPSC, gaining valuable exposure to dry port operations and logistics management. The visit provided insights into container handling, rail connectivity with gateway ports, consolidation processes, and dry port business models. Students also learned about reefer container logistics, including the proposed Reefer Rail Rack initiative, and advanced operational technologies such as RFID systems, in house sealing, customized software solutions, and kiosk based systems that enhance efficiency and reliability.

The visit was supported by Dr. Dharmesh Raval, Dr. Chirag Patel, Dr. Mayuri Neve, Dr. Chandrakant Upadhyay, Mr. Rahul Akolkar, Mr. Nishant Manjanwal, Ms. Manisha Mehta, and Mr. Utsav Sadhira, whose guidance helped make the experience highly engaging and academically enriching. Gujarat Maritime University expresses its sincere appreciation to Mr. Mukesh Shah and Mr. Hitesh Jadav for their warm hospitality and insightful interactions, which significantly strengthened the industry academia connection and enriched student learning.





Visit to the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways



On 4th August 2025, Prof. (Dr.) S. Shanthakumar, Provost, Gujarat Maritime University and Director, Gujarat National Law University, along with Dr. Nitin Malik, Registrar, GNLU, and Dr. Abhay Singh, Director, School of Maritime Law, Policy and Administration, Gujarat Maritime University, had the privilege of meeting Hon'ble Minister Shri Sarbananda Sonowal at the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways. During the interaction, the delegation formally extended an invitation to the Hon'ble Minister for the 48th Annual Conference on Oceans Law and Policy, scheduled from 9th to 11th September 2025.

The discussion fostered a meaningful exchange on areas of mutual interest, including marine scientific research, ocean governance, and opportunities for academic and policy collaboration. Gujarat Maritime University looks forward to the Hon'ble Minister's continued guidance and support in advancing India's maritime legal and policy frameworks and promoting interdisciplinary research for sustainable ocean development.

Visit to the Ministry of Earth Sciences

On 4th August 2025, Prof. (Dr.) S. Shanthakumar, Provost, Gujarat Maritime University and Director, Gujarat National Law University, along with Dr. Nitin Malik, Registrar, GNLU, and Dr. Abhay Singh, Director, School of Maritime Law, Policy and Administration, GMU, had the privilege of visiting the Ministry of Earth Sciences (MoES). The delegation met with Dr. M. Ravichandran, Secretary, MoES, and Dr. Jagvir Singh, Scientist G, engaging in an insightful exchange and formally extending an invitation to the Hon'ble Minister for the 48th Annual Conference on Oceans Law and Policy, scheduled from 9th to 11th September 2025. The Hon'ble Minister graciously agreed to provide valuable support and guidance at this landmark event. The prestigious conference, organized by Gujarat Maritime University in collaboration with the World Maritime University and the Stockton Center for International Law, U.S. Naval War College, will bring together global experts, scholars, and policymakers to deliberate on critical maritime legal and policy issues shaping the future of ocean governance and sustainable maritime development.



Visit of VC & CEO, Tamil Nadu Maritime Board

On 10th November 2025, Gujarat Maritime University had the honour of hosting Shri T. N. Venkatesh, I.A.S., Principal Secretary / Vice Chairman & Chief Executive Officer, Tamil Nadu Maritime Board. During his visit, Shri Venkatesh interacted with Prof. (Dr.) Tanuja Kaushik, Dean Academic Affairs, and Dr. Chirag Patel, Registrar, exploring GMU's academic programmes, specialised courses, and innovative pedagogy designed to nurture future maritime professionals.

He commended the University's holistic approach to maritime education, its focus on industry integration and experiential learning, and its efforts to establish GMU as a centre of excellence in maritime studies. His insights and encouragement reaffirm GMU's commitment to advancing maritime education, research, and capacity building in alignment with India's Blue Economy vision.

GUEST LECTURES & WORKSHOPS: LEARNING FROM THE BEST



Expert Session on **Oil and Gas Contracts**

The Centre for International Trade & Investment Law at Gujarat Maritime University hosted an engaging guest lecture on "Oil and Gas Contracts" on 28th July 2025, delivered by Mr. PVS Giridhar, Senior Advocate at the Madras High Court. A distinguished expert in energy law, Mr. Giridhar provided students with deep insights into the legal intricacies of the oil and gas sector, offering a unique opportunity to connect classroom learning with practical, real-world legal applications. This session underscores GMU's commitment to industry-relevant education and fostering meaningful interactions with eminent professionals from the maritime and energy sectors.

Expert Session on **Career Pathways & Industry Insights**

The Centre for Maritime Dispute Resolution, Gujarat Maritime University, hosted an enriching session on 31st July 2025 with Mr. Kingshuk Halder, Associate at EY (Ernst & Young) and esteemed alumnus of the LL.M. in Maritime Law, Batch 2019-20. The session witnessed enthusiastic participation from students eager to gain first-hand insights into career pathways, industry expectations, and professional life beyond campus. Mr. Halder shared his journey, offered practical career guidance, and addressed student queries with clarity and warmth. Initiatives like these strengthen the alumni-student connection, fostering mentorship, guidance, and a sense of community, and GMU extends heartfelt thanks to Mr. Halder for his valuable contribution and continued support to the University family.

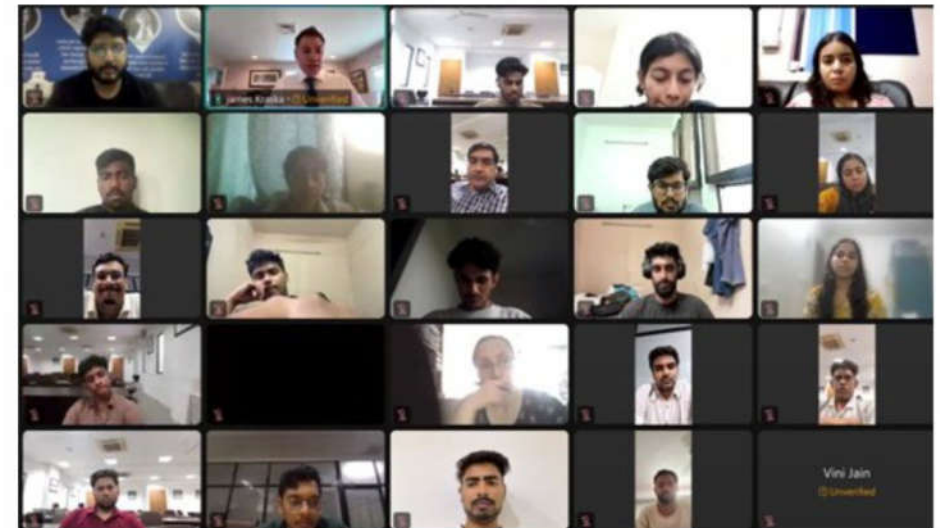


Workshop on **Mental Health Awareness**

The Centre for Maritime Community Wellness and Care, Gujarat Maritime University, organized a workshop on Mental Health Awareness on 18th August 2025, conducted by Mr. Kushal Chawda, Emotional Wellness Coach from YourDOST, Online Counselling and Emotional Wellness. The workshop witnessed active participation from the GMU community and provided a platform for meaningful discussions on emotional well-being. The interactive workshop highlighted the significance of effective stress management, maintaining mental health, and fostering safe and supportive spaces for open dialogue. This initiative reflects Gujarat Maritime University's commitment to holistic education, emphasizing that nurturing mental and emotional wellness is integral to building a resilient, healthy, and academically vibrant campus environment.



Expert Session on **Piracy and Maritime Security**



The Centre for Maritime Security Studies, Gujarat Maritime University, hosted an enlightening Expert Lecture on "Piracy and Maritime Security: Legal, Strategic, and Policy Perspectives" on 20th August 2025, delivered by Prof. James Kraska, Charles H. Stockton Chair of International Maritime Law and Chair of the Stockton Center for International Law at the U.S. Naval War College. Prof. Kraska shared invaluable insights into the legal, strategic, and policy aspects of maritime security, covering topics such as the right of approach in peace, self-defense and armed conflict, and historical naval operations against piracy and the slave trade. The session provided students, faculty, and researchers a remarkable opportunity to engage with one of the world's leading experts in international maritime law, reaffirming Gujarat Maritime University's commitment to fostering informed discussions on pressing global maritime challenges.

Workshop on Career Awareness



The Centre for Maritime Economy, Gujarat Maritime University, hosted an engaging workshop on "Career Awareness" on 21st August 2025, conducted by the Institute of Company Secretaries of India (ICSI). The session, led by CS Alay Vasavda and Mr. Pritish Sinha, provided valuable insights into the pivotal role of Company Secretaries in corporate governance, compliance, and ethical business practices. On behalf of ICSI, CS Kavita Khatri, Chairperson, Ahmedabad Chapter of WIRC, presented a memento to Prof. (Dr.) Tanuja Kaushik, Dean Academic Affairs, GMU, as a token of gratitude. Students gained a comprehensive understanding of the CS course structure, eligibility criteria, and diverse career opportunities in corporate houses, consultancy firms, financial institutions, and independent practice. The interactive workshop inspired students to explore Company Secretaryship as a prestigious and impactful career path.

Expert Session on Blue Economy

The Centre for Maritime Economy, Gujarat Maritime University participated in the AICTE VAANI National Seminar on "Blue Economy: Opportunities in Gujarat" held on 21st and 22nd August 2025 at Bardoli, Gujarat. Dr. Dharmesh Raval, Director, School of Maritime Management, represented GMU and shared valuable insights on the emerging Blue Economy opportunities in Gujarat, highlighting the potential of its coastline, ports, and maritime trade. The session emphasized the importance of Academia-Industry-Government collaboration and collective efforts to ensure sustainable growth and innovation in the maritime sector.



Workshop on Transforming Indian Ports

Gujarat Maritime University participated in the landmark Workshop on Transforming Indian Ports hosted by the Indian Maritime University, Chennai, on 29th August 2025. GMU contributed actively to this national dialogue on maritime development, showcasing thought leadership and academic expertise. Dr. Chirag Patel, Registrar and Assistant Professor, GMU, delivered a talk on Port-led Regional Development, while Prof. (Dr.) Tanuja Kaushik, Dean Academic Affairs, GMU, served as a panelist on Capacity Development for the Maritime Industry. Additionally, Prof. G Raghuram, Professor Emeritus, GMU, presented a special address on Ports, PPPs and Pollution: Case Study of Mormugao Port. The workshop provided a collaborative platform for leaders, policymakers, and academics to explore sustainable port-led growth, public-private partnership models, and capacity-building strategies, reinforcing GMU's commitment to advancing a resilient and future-ready maritime sector.



Expert Session on Maritime Trends and Opportunities



The Centre for Executive Education, Gujarat Maritime University, hosted an insightful expert session on 19th September 2025 by Shri Deependra Singh Bisen, Deputy Director General of Shipping, Directorate General of Shipping. The session highlighted emerging trends, regulatory developments, and internship opportunities in the maritime sector, providing students with invaluable industry perspectives. The programme was graced by Prof. (Dr.) Tanuja Kaushik, Dean Academic Affairs, and Dr. Abhay Singh, Director, SMLPA, while Prof. (Dr.) S. Shanthakumar, Provost, felicitated the esteemed guest. The interactive session bridged academia and industry, empowering GMU students to navigate their future as competent maritime leaders.

Expert Session on Logistics Management

The Centre for Maritime Logistics, Gujarat Maritime University, hosted an expert session on 4th October 2025 by Mr. Prakash Chandra Das, Former General Manager In-charge and Head of HR, Rourkela Steel Plant, SAIL, on Logistics Management. The session provided students with insights into the evolving role of logistics in modern industrial operations and supply chain efficiency. Drawing on his experience at SAIL, Mr. Das highlighted the integration of logistics and human resource management, shared practical strategies, and discussed real-world challenges in large industries. Prof. (Dr.) Tanuja Kaushik, Dean Academic Affairs, felicitated the guest, expressing gratitude for his industry insights. The event reinforced GMU's commitment to bridging academia and industry for holistic student learning and professional growth.



Expert Lecture Series on the Law of the Sea

The Centre for Maritime Dispute Resolution, Gujarat Maritime University, organized an Expert Lecture Series on the Law of the Sea from 13th to 16th October 2025 for Maritime Law students. The series was conducted by Dr. M. Gandhi, Vice President, Indian Society of International Law, who shared in-depth perspectives on maritime delimitation and dispute resolution under international law. The sessions enabled students to develop a nuanced understanding of complex maritime boundaries and peaceful settlement mechanisms, significantly enriching their academic engagement through Dr. Gandhi's extensive scholarly and professional expertise in



international maritime law. The interactive discussions also encouraged critical thinking and practical application of legal principles to contemporary maritime disputes.

Workshop on Maritime Sector and Skills of the Future

The Centre for Maritime Economy and Centre for Maritime Logistics, Gujarat Maritime University, jointly organized a Workshop on Maritime Sector and Skills of the Future for MBA students on 14th October 2025, under GMU's MoU with the Logistics Sector Skill Council. Prof. S. Ganesan, Head, Education Initiative Division, LSC, highlighted the importance of skill development, employment readiness, and the National Skill Qualification Framework, emphasizing process knowledge, professional competencies, and innovation in the maritime and logistics sectors. The session provided students with a clear understanding of industry aligned skill pathways and future career opportunities.

The workshop also featured Prof. Saurabh Chandra, Professor of Operations Management and Quantitative Techniques, IIM Indore, who shared insights from his experience in the maritime



shipping industry. Using India specific case studies, he discussed global port operations, efficiency benchmarks, and hinterland connectivity, underlining the critical role of ports and logistics in strengthening trade competitiveness and modern business ecosystems. His interaction enabled students to link theoretical concepts with practical industry perspectives.

Expert Lecture Series on Ship Building, Repair and Recycling



The Centre for Maritime Logistics, Gujarat Maritime University, organized an Expert Lecture Series on Ship Building, Repair and Recycling on 8th and 9th October 2025, featuring Captain Yashoverman Sharma, Director, True North Competence Management. Through sessions on Ship Repairs Industry Overview and The Ship Repair Business, Captain Sharma shared rich industry experience and practical insights into operational realities, business models, and emerging trends in ship repair and maintenance, significantly enhancing students' understanding of this vital maritime sector and reinforcing GMU's commitment to industry oriented learning beyond the classroom.



Expert Lecture Series on Maritime Insurance and Risk Management



The Centre for Maritime Economy, Gujarat Maritime University, organized an Expert Lecture Series on Maritime Insurance and Risk Management conducted on 21st August, 4th September, and 26th September 2025, featuring Mr. Gurdeep Singh Batra, Executive Vice President, Bajaj Allianz General Insurance Co. Ltd. The lecture series provided in-depth insights into marine insurance frameworks, risk assessment, claims handling, and emerging challenges in maritime risk management. Through practical examples and interactive discussions, the sessions enabled students to understand real-world risk mitigation strategies and industry practices, reaffirming GMU's focus on strengthening professional readiness through sustained engagement with industry experts.

Industry Internship Showcase

The Centre for Maritime Innovation and Entrepreneurship, Gujarat Maritime University, organized an Industry Internship Showcase on 1st November 2025 as a key initiative to strengthen the linkage between academic learning and real world industry exposure. The University was privileged to host Mr. Akhilkumar Dodiya, AGM, Allcargo Logistics Ltd., and Mr. Nitesh Desai, Regional Head, Worldwide Logistics (India) Pvt. Ltd., who participated as industry experts. Students presented their internship experiences, outlining responsibilities undertaken across maritime and logistics organizations, key operational challenges observed, and solution oriented perspectives drawn from academic learning and policy awareness.

The programme also included internal academic review by GMU faculty members, namely Prof. (Dr.) Tanuja Kaushik, Dr. Dharmesh Raval, Dr. Chirag Patel, Dr. Mayuri Neve, Dr. Chandrakant Upadhyay, Mr. Rahul Akolkar, Mr. Nishant Manjanwal, Ms. Simran Pathak, and Ms. Khushi Pandey. The industry experts and faculty appreciated the students' professional maturity and analytical depth, highlighting the value of such academic industry engagements in nurturing a skilled, adaptable, and future ready maritime workforce.

Collaborations: Strengthening Global & National Ties

CINEC, Sri Lanka



Gujarat Maritime University is delighted to announce the signing of Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with CINEC, Sri Lanka, on 25th November 2025, ushering in a new phase of academic, research, training, and professional development initiatives. This collaboration aims to enhance faculty and student exchange, joint academic activities, research collaborations, capacity building, consultancy, and specialised training programmes, further advancing global maritime education and excellence.

The MoU was signed by Capt. Ajith Peiris, Managing Director, CINEC, and Prof. (Dr.) S. Shanthakumar, Provost, GMU, in the presence of senior representatives from both institutions. Representing GMU, Prof. (Dr.) Tanuja Kaushik, Dean Academic Affairs, participated in the signing ceremony. CINEC representatives included Senior Professor Sampath Amaratunge, Deputy President; Admiral Thisara Samarasinghe, Senior Consultant; Ms. Tharanga Dilrukshi Gamage, Vice President, Finance, Administration, Projects & General Affairs; Prof. (Dr.) Lalith Edirisinghe, Dean, Faculty of Management & Social Sciences; and Prof. Arjuna Ranasinghe, Dean, Faculty of Marine Engineering. Both institutions look forward to creating impactful global learning experiences and strengthening international partnerships in maritime education and research.

Ahmedabad Management Association

Gujarat Maritime University (GMU) has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Ahmedabad Management Association (AMA) to collaborate on joint training programmes, events, and research in management. This strategic partnership aims to benefit students, researchers, industry professionals, and other stakeholders, while raising awareness about opportunities in the maritime sector in India and globally.

On 6th August 2025, at the GMU campus, Prof. (Dr.) S. Shanthakumar, Provost, GMU, and Shri Unmesh Dixit, Executive Director, AMA, discussed future initiatives and reflected on past achievements. Faculty and officers from both institutions actively participated, demonstrating enthusiasm for advancing industry-academia collaboration. This MoU represents a significant step toward innovation, knowledge exchange, and preparing future-ready maritime leaders.



Neptune Logitek

Gujarat Maritime University and Neptune Logitek Limited formalized a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to strengthen cooperation in the fields of education, research, and training within the maritime and logistics sector. The MoU was signed by Prof. (Dr.) S. Shanthakumar, Provost, Gujarat Maritime University, and Ms. Reema Ankit Shah, Director, Neptune Logitek Limited.

The signing took place on 19th September 2025 and marks the beginning of a collaboration that will facilitate joint academic programs, research initiatives, training opportunities, and knowledge-sharing platforms, while also creating meaningful internship and placement avenues for GMU students. Gujarat Maritime University will design tailor-made learning programs and scholarship opportunities for Neptune Logitek employees, further bridging the gap between academia and industry. Through this partnership, both institutions reaffirm their shared commitment to advancing maritime education, fostering innovation, and strengthening industry-academia linkages.

NEHU, Shillong

Gujarat Maritime University (GMU) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with North Eastern Hill University (NEHU), Shillong, to strengthen collaboration in research, sustainability, and skill development on 23rd December 2025. The MoU was signed by Prof. (Dr.) S. Shanthakumar, Provost, Gujarat Maritime University, and Prof. Prabha Shankar Shukla, Vice Chancellor, North Eastern Hill University, with the objective of promoting cooperation in scientific research, environmental education, vocational training, and extension activities for inclusive and sustainable development.

The collaboration will focus on sustainable coastal development, blue economy initiatives, maritime law and policy, climate change and environmental sustainability, skill development and capacity building, and training for maritime professionals. Academic collaboration will include joint research, curriculum development, and seminars and workshops. This MoU reflects the shared commitment of both universities to academic excellence, community engagement, and sustainable development, strengthening national and regional impact through interdisciplinary collaboration.



PARTNER PERSPECTIVES



Since formalizing our partnership with Gujarat Maritime University in 2024, Maersk Training has been deeply committed to delivering transformative, forward-looking learning experiences. Our shared vision is to provide innovative, accessible, and high-impact training that empowers learners to thrive in a rapidly evolving maritime landscape. One flagship initiative born from this collaboration is the VR-enabled Future Leaders Foundation Program, launched in partnership with APM Terminals Pipavav and GMU. This 5-day immersive program fuses core maritime fundamentals, technical know-how, sustainability, supply-chain simulations (such as "Farm to Fridge"), and team dynamics—all delivered through virtual reality. It marks an industry-first in immersive maritime learning in India. By integrating our award-winning AI/AR/VR capabilities (recognised under "Best Use of AI/AR/VR in Learning and Upskilling" at the Economic Times Future Skills Awards) into GMU's learning ecosystem, we are able to elevate the training journey beyond conventional formats.

We have been continually impressed by GMU's dynamic learning environment and by the curiosity, dedication, and eagerness of its students and faculty. Through this partnership, we've launched meaningful programs and events, and we see immense potential to deepen our engagement further—co-creating Centres of Excellence, expanding the Future Leaders program, and bringing more transformative learning to the GMU community and beyond. At Maersk Training, we are excited about the road ahead. Together with GMU, we look forward to nurturing the next generation of maritime leaders—equipped with knowledge, experience, and vision to navigate the challenges and opportunities of the sector.

Maersk Training



Maritime SheEO has partnered with Gujarat Maritime University since October 2024, by signing an MOU. We at Maritime SheEO are actively pursuing our vision of offering a bouquet of services focusing on the business case for gender diversity within the maritime industry. We aim to create solutions that can impact the maritime and allied industries – with a focus on diversity & inclusion (D&I), leadership, innovation, entrepreneurship and competitive advantage.

We are happy to be associated with GMU, which brings a unique combination of an academic institution with a sharp focus on maritime education and skill development. It is a win-win situation for us to collaborate with GMU and help each other. We have had quite a few important partnership events with GMU in the past and are looking forward to similar support and partnership with GMU in future as well. We wish the senior leadership and team GMU all the best wishes for all the good work they have been doing in maritime education.

Maritime SheEO



Ahmedabad Management Association is delighted to be associated with Gujarat Maritime University (GMU), Gandhinagar. As a leading national management association, we offer our support to industry, academia, and society at large through our distinctive programs and activities. We are pleased to collaborate with GMU, which uniquely combines academic excellence with a strong focus on maritime education and skill development.

We look forward to a mutually rewarding partnership with GMU in the years ahead. We see GMU as an excellent partner, with its innovative programs in management and law shaping the careers of thousands of students from across the country. We particularly admire the MBA program at GMU and wish the program, its students, and faculty continued success.

AMA - Ahmedabad Management Association



This is a testimonial in support of Gujarat Maritime University (GMU), a global centre of excellence in maritime education, research and development, and professional training, which aims to enhance and increase the human capital and capacity of the maritime industry both in India and across the globe. The university, GMU and ISWAN, an international maritime charity for seafarers and their families, have undertaken initiatives to address the issues around fraudulent recruitment practices amongst Indian seafarers. In 2022, they embarked on a partnership to survey Indian seafarers affected by issues of being deceived by manning agents on the pretext of providing them with jobs and later were not either provided jobs on a ship or were sent on vessels with poor conditions and many times without being paid for several months. Our joint work produced a research report with recommendations for the Indian Government as well as for International stakeholders on steps to initiate addressing the menace caused as a result of cheating seafarers for recruitment on board vessels. GMU, in collaboration with ISWAN, has also offered pro-bono free legal aid services to those seafarers who were duped by such fraudulent agencies and has shared with them the possible path ahead. A successful International Case Conclave was organised on 24th January 2025 at GMU campus in Gandhinagar, Gujarat, with the aim of enhancing case study development and analytical skills within the maritime sector through expert sessions and student competitions. ISWAN is pleased to work closely with Gujarat Maritime University to address the awareness gaps there in to further the welfare and well-being of seafarers.

ISWAN



At Sea & Beyond, our vision is to support seafarers and maritime professionals in building successful and fulfilling career paths. In our efforts to train and guide mid-career professionals, we have been fortunate to receive the strong support and leadership of GMU.

GMU's faculty bring not only deep knowledge but also a genuine learning mindset, while the students impress us with their enthusiasm and hunger to make a mark in the industry. Together, we've conducted several enriching partnership events and training programs, and we look forward to continuing this collaboration with equal energy and commitment in the years to come.

Sea and Beyond



CMA CGM GBSI is proud to share its positive experience as a collaborative partner with Gujarat Maritime University (GMU). Our Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) has been a highly fruitful partnership, consistently providing us with exceptional talent and valuable insights, particularly in the critical field of maritime law.

As a global leader in shipping and logistics, the intricacies of international maritime law are paramount to our operations. We require professionals who not only possess a strong academic foundation but also have a practical understanding of the industry's dynamic landscape. In a rapidly evolving global trade environment, we are confident that our partnership with Gujarat Maritime University will continue to be a cornerstone of our efforts to attract and develop the best maritime legal talent.

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GLOBAL & NATIONAL FESTIVITIES: CELEBRATING DIVERSITY AT GMU



World Maritime Day

Gujarat Maritime University celebrated World Maritime Day on 25th September 2025 with the esteemed presence of distinguished officers from the Indian Navy and the Indian Coast Guard. The programme commenced with a welcome address by Prof. (Dr.) Tanuja Kaushik, Dean Academic Affairs, GMU, followed by insightful addresses by Cdr. Manoj Thakur, Indian Navy; Commandant (J G) Rajeeve Kumar, Indian Coast Guard; Commandant Utkarsh Sharma, Indian Coast Guard; Lt. Cdr. Jayant P Menon, Indian Navy; Lt. Cdr. Pankaj Bhatt, Indian Navy; Lt. Cdr. Sudeep A P, Indian Navy; and Lt. Cdr. Shubham Gupta, Indian Navy. Their reflections on maritime security, resilience, and professional ethos significantly enriched the celebrations. The University also felicitated the distinguished guests as a mark of respect and gratitude.

As part of the celebrations, Gujarat Maritime University organised student-led panel discussions

and roleplay competitions, providing a dynamic platform for experiential learning and academic engagement. Students from the LL.M. and MBA programmes actively participated, demonstrating critical thinking, research depth, and practical understanding of contemporary maritime issues. The panel discussions covered themes such as IUU fishing, sustainable fisheries, inland waterways, multimodal trade, smart ports, and sustainable cargo movement, fostering informed dialogue on maritime law, policy, governance, and sustainability. In total, eight panels were presented by the LL.M. Batch 2025–26, five panels by the MBA Shipping and Logistics Batch 2024–26, and six teams participated in the workforce roleplay competitions conducted for the MBA-MM Batch 2025–27.

The event concluded with a Prize Distribution Ceremony, recognising outstanding student performances. The winners included Panel 8 of the

LL.M. Batch 2025–26 on "Cargo Movement in India", with Surender Sohal as Moderator, Debdeep Mukherjee, Buddhabhushan Tayde, Nidhi Shah, and Akhilesh Aggarwal as Panelists, and Debajyoti Das as Rapporteur. The Workforce Roleplay Competition was won by Team 3, Crest Crusaders, from the MBA-MM Batch 2025–27, for their simulation on the Lakshadweep Grounding Crisis (2023), with Sabari Seshadri, Rudra Chokshi, Swapnil Parsana, Rajat Chouhan, Abhaysinh Chavda, Harshil Chauhan, and Niraj Chavda as team members. The MBA Shipping and Logistics Batch 2024–26 award was secured by Panel 5 on "Smart Ports and Efficient Port Management", with Vasudha Singh Chauhan as Moderator, Yash Manojbhai Thakkar, Gaurav Sharma, Riya Patel, and Ranveer as Panelists, and Raj Choudhary as Rapporteur.

Gujarat Maritime University extends its sincere gratitude to all dignitaries, faculty members, and students for their enthusiastic participation. The celebrations truly reflected the spirit of this year's theme, "Our Ocean, Our Obligation, Our Opportunity."



Independence Day

Gujarat Maritime University celebrated the 79th Independence Day of India with great enthusiasm and patriotic fervour at its campus on 15th August 2025, with active participation from the NSS Unit. The ceremony was presided over by Prof. (Dr.) S. Shanthakumar, Provost, GMU and Director, GNLU, who led the flag hoisting. The unfurling of the National Flag was followed by the rendition of the National Anthem, creating an atmosphere of pride, unity, and reverence as the tricolour fluttered high, symbolising the spirit of freedom and national integrity.

The celebration witnessed enthusiastic participation from faculty members, staff, students, and NSS volunteers, who came together to mark this significant national occasion. The programme concluded with expressions of gratitude and a collective reaffirmation of commitment to the values of freedom, equality, and progress. The Independence Day celebration at Gujarat Maritime University reflected the institution's dedication to nurturing academic excellence while instilling a strong sense of civic responsibility, community engagement, and national consciousness among its members.



Teachers' Day

Gujarat Maritime University marked Teachers' Day with warmth and gratitude as students, along with the NSS Unit, expressed their appreciation by presenting flowers and joining the faculty in a celebratory cake-cutting ceremony, observed on 5th September 2025, commemorating the birth anniversary of Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan, former President of India and an eminent scholar whose life symbolised the ideals of teaching and learning.

On this special occasion, Prof. (Dr.) S. Shanthakumar, Provost, GMU, shared thoughtful reflections on the vital role of teachers in shaping lives and inspiring future generations. He also extended a token of appreciation to all faculty and staff members for their dedication and contributions. The celebration highlighted the strong bond between students, NSS volunteers, and mentors, reaffirming that teaching goes beyond imparting knowledge to nurturing aspirations, values, and character.





The celebration was marked by vibrant traditional attire, cheerful interactions, and laughter, creating lasting memories and moments of warmth, joy, and unity. The Diwali Milan reflected GMU's commitment to nurturing a welcoming, inclusive, and culturally rich environment while embracing the festive spirit. The university extends its heartfelt wishes for a prosperous, joyous, and safe Diwali to all members of the GMU community.



Diwali Milan

Gujarat Maritime University celebrated the festival of lights with great enthusiasm during the Diwali Milan and Lunch held on 17th October 2025 at the University Banquet Hall. The event brought together the GMU fraternity to share in the joy, camaraderie, and festive spirit of Diwali, fostering a sense of community, togetherness, and mutual celebration of culture and traditions.



Gandhi Jayanti

In commemoration of the ideals of Mahatma Gandhi, the NSS Unit of Gujarat Maritime University organized a Cleanliness Drive within the university campus on 2nd October 2025. The initiative reflected Gandhi's enduring vision of a clean, self-reliant, and responsible nation, motivating every participant to actively contribute toward community well-being and fostering a sense of civic duty among students, faculty, and staff. Students, faculty, and staff came together enthusiastically to clean and maintain the campus premises, reaffirming that a true tribute to the Father of the Nation lies in transforming words into meaningful action. This initiative not only helped instill a spirit of service, responsibility, and environmental consciousness but also strengthened the sense of community and shared commitment toward realizing the vision of a "Swachh Bharat."



Navratri Celebrations

Gujarat Maritime University celebrated the vibrant festival of Navratri with great enthusiasm and cultural fervour on 23rd September 2025. Students, faculty, and staff came together in traditional ethnic attire to participate in the festivities, embracing the rich heritage and traditions of Gujarat. The campus resonated with energy and joy as participants enthusiastically engaged in Garba and Dandiya Raas, showcasing their dance skills and cultural pride.

The celebration provided an opportunity for students to express creativity and foster a sense of community and camaraderie. Through music, dance, and collective participation, the Navratri festivities highlighted the university's commitment to cultural engagement, inclusivity, and celebrating the diverse traditions that enrich student life at GMU.



Constitution Day

Gujarat Maritime University observed Constitution Day on 26th November 2025 with a solemn and meaningful gathering of faculty, staff members, and students from the NSS Unit, reflecting the institution's respect for constitutional ideals and democratic values. The ceremony commenced with participants assembling beneath the displayed Preamble, symbolising collective reverence for the foundational principles that govern the nation and guide responsible citizenship.

As part of the observance, the Preamble to the Constitution of India was read aloud in unison, reaffirming the shared commitment to justice, liberty, equality, and fraternity. The occasion served as an important reminder of the constitutional values that underpin India's democracy and continue to inspire ethical conduct, inclusivity, and integrity in the University's academic, institutional, and civic pursuits.

LIFE AT GMU: A CAMPUS LIKE NO OTHER

Sports Fest

Gujarat Maritime University successfully organised AAROHAN 2025, its Sports Fest, from 8th to 15th October 2025, witnessing enthusiastic participation from students across programmes. The week-long celebration of sportsmanship, fitness, and teamwork featured a wide range of outdoor and indoor sporting events, fostering healthy competition, discipline, and camaraderie among participants.

Team events witnessed spirited performances, with MBA 2025-27 winning Cricket (Boys), LLM 2025-26 emerging victorious in Football (Boys) and Tug of War (Girls), and MBA 2024-26 securing titles in Volleyball (Boys) and Tug of War (Boys). In the individual and doubles events, students showcased exceptional skill and consistency.



Badminton

Singles (Boys): Winner – Barath E. (LL.M. 2025-26); Runner-up – Aryan Mehra (MBA 2025-27)

Doubles (Boys): Winners – Barath E. & Suhas Chidambar Huddar (LL.M. 2025-26); Runners-up – Rajat Chouhan & Achintya Kaushik (MBA 2025-27)

Mixed Doubles: Winners – Gokul K & Shranjali Sharma (LL.M. 2025-26); Runners-up – Rohit Kumar & Vasudha Singh Chauhan (MBA 2024-26)

Singles (Girls): Winner – Shranjali Sharma (LL.M. 2025-26); Runner-up – Vasudha Singh Chauhan (MBA 2024-26)

Table Tennis

Singles (Boys): Winner – Tirth Bhatt (MBA 2024-26); Runner-up – Suhas Chidambar Huddar (LL.M. 2025-26)

Doubles (Boys): Winners – Tirth Bhatt & Saini Shikhar (MBA 2024-26); Runners-up – Suhas Chidambar Huddar & Barath E. (LL.M. 2025-26)

Mixed Doubles: Winners – Barath E. & Shranjali Sharma (LL.M. 2025-26); Runners-up – Tirth Bhatt & Vasudha Singh Chauhan (MBA 2024-26)

Singles (Girls): Winner – Shranjali Sharma (LL.M. 2025-26); Runner-up – Vasudha Singh Chauhan (MBA 2024-26)

Doubles (Girls): Winners – Shranjali Sharma & N. Jahnvi (LL.M. 2025-26); Runners-up – Vasudha Singh Chauhan & Shaikh Missbah Imtiyaz (MBA 2024-26)

Indoor Games

Chess (Boys): Winner – Debajyoti Das (LL.M. 2025-26); Runner-up – Jatin Yadav (MBA 2024-26)

Chess (Girls): Winner – B. Srinivasa; Runner-up – Vasudha Singh Chauhan (MBA 2024-26)

Carrom (Boys): Winner – Debajyoti Das (LL.M. 2025-26); Runner-up – Ranveer (MBA 2024-26)

Carrom (Girls): Winner – Anjana T. S. (LL.M. 2025-26); Runner-up – N. Jahnvi (LL.M. 2025-26)

Pool (Boys): Winner – Barath E. (LL.M. 2025-26); Runner-up – Tirth Bhatt (MBA 2024-26)



The successful organisation of AAROHAN 2025 was made possible through the dedicated efforts of the Student Coordinators, Saini Shikhar and Vraj Kumar Parikh (MBA 2024-26), whose leadership, commitment, and efficient coordination ensured the seamless execution of the Sports Fest. The event concluded on a high and energetic note, celebrating sporting excellence, resilience, teamwork, and the spirit of fair play, while reaffirming Gujarat Maritime University's commitment to holistic student development beyond the classroom.



Poster Making Competition

First Prize: Bhadra S. M., B. Srinija, Dhyuti C.R., Pranav M.S. (LL.M. ML 2025-26); Darshan, Shine Shibu, Jha Vansh, Dafda Mihir (MBA 2025-27); Ganga S. (MBA 2024-26)

Second Prize: Nayantara Rao, Ritika Shankar, Vaghela Dhruv (LL.M. ITL 2025-26); Shalini Jha, Nidhi Shah (LL.M. ML 2025-26); Devesh Gaur (MBA MRCM 2025-27)

Quiz Competition

First Prize: Jay Nayak, Parsana Swapnil Maganbhai, Prajapati Lalji, Pathan Anwarali Khan Faridkhan, Vaibhav Agrawal, Mohit Advani (MBA 2025-27); Kaushal Navlakha (MBA MRCM 2025-27)

Second Prize: Nishant Kumar, Muhammed Arsh, Vikram Kumar (MBA MRCM 2025-27); Sharan V., Gokul K., Bhanushree, Jhanavi N., Bharath E. (LL.M. ML 2025-26); Sabari Seshadri, Aryan Mehra, Rajat Chouhan, Varsakhiya Harsh Kheraj (MBA 2025-27)

Junior-Senior Interaction

Gujarat Maritime University organised the Junior-Senior Interaction Programme on 12th August 2025, under the aegis of the Anti-Ragging Committee, with the objective of fostering camaraderie, mutual respect, and a welcoming campus environment for newly admitted students. The event provided an informal and engaging platform for juniors and seniors to interact, connect, and build a sense of belonging within the university community.

The programme featured a series of ice-breaking activities and interactive games, followed by two flagship competitions, the Poster Making Competition and the Quiz Competition, which highlighted students' creativity, teamwork, and knowledge across disciplines.



Prizes were awarded by Dr. Mayuri Neve and Ms. Shalini, Assistant Professors, GMU. The event was efficiently coordinated by Ms. Arundathi M. S. and Mr. Nishant Manjanwal, TRAs, GMU. The Junior-Senior Interaction Programme successfully reinforced the University's commitment to maintaining a safe, inclusive, and vibrant campus culture, while encouraging friendship, collaboration, and positive student engagement.



Celebrating Patriotism and Leadership

On 10th October 2025, Gujarat Maritime University proudly participated in the first-ever Gujarat edition of the cultural presentation “मेरा देश पहले” at GIFT City, Gandhinagar, presented by noted poet and storyteller Manoj Muntashir. The event offered a powerful and evocative portrayal of patriotism, leadership, and national values through poetry, storytelling, and compelling visual narratives.

Faculty members from GMU, including Prof. (Dr.) Tanuja Kaushik, Dean Academic Affairs; Dr. Chirag Patel, Registrar; Dr. Abhay Singh, Director, School of Law and Public Administration, along with other colleagues, attended the programme and witnessed a moving depiction of the inspirational journey of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and his unwavering commitment to the principle of “Nation First.” The performance left a lasting impression, reinforcing ideals of patriotism, selfless service, and civic responsibility. Gujarat Maritime University’s participation in this landmark cultural event reflects the University’s commitment to holistic education beyond the classroom, connecting its academic community with India’s rich cultural heritage, leadership narratives, and values that inspire responsible citizenship.



Anti-Ragging Week

Gujarat Maritime University commenced Anti-Ragging Week on 12th August 2025 with an engaging programme that brought together senior and junior batches, reinforcing a collective stand against ragging and promoting a culture of mutual respect, dignity, and inclusivity.

The programme began with an address by Dr. Chirag Patel, Registrar, followed by an informative session on hostel rules by Ms. Shalini, Assistant Professor. Dr. Mayuri Neve, Member of the Anti-Ragging Committee, delivered an orientation on POSH and anti-ragging policies, highlighting legal safeguards, institutional mechanisms, and reporting procedures. The initiative reaffirmed GMU's commitment to ensuring a safe, supportive, and student-friendly campus environment where every learner can pursue their academic journey with confidence and security.





Silvassa Trip

Gujarat Maritime University organised the GMU Faculty and Staff Retreat 2025 from 19th to 21st December 2025 at Dudhani, Silvassa, bringing together faculty and staff members for three days of reflection, bonding, and rejuvenation. The retreat offered an opportunity to step away from routine academic and administrative responsibilities and strengthen collegial ties within the GMU fraternity. The journey commenced from Ahmedabad Railway Station, followed by travel to Vapi and onward by road to Silvassa, with participants visiting the GNLU Silvassa Campus, including the NAMO Medical College Library, and sharing lunch at the GNLU Girls Hostel Complex.

The group then proceeded to White Feather Resort, Dudhani, where participants engaged in structured team-building activities, local sightseeing, and recreational experiences, including boating and a bonfire, fostering collaboration, camaraderie, and informal interaction across departments. The final day included a visit to Daman, with time for lunch and leisure, before the group returned to Vapi Railway Station and onward to Ahmedabad. The retreat successfully reinforced a renewed sense of connection, well-being, and teamwork, reflecting Gujarat Maritime University's commitment to a supportive, collaborative, and engaged institutional culture.



STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS & VOICES: CELEBRATING EXCELLENCE

Research Model Exhibition

MBA Maritime Management students from Batch 2024–26 and Batch 2025–27 at Gujarat Maritime University demonstrated commendable creativity, analytical thinking, and practical insight through an engaging Research Model Exhibition centered on critical themes of the global maritime sector on 17th October 2025.

Students of MBA Batch 2025–27, as part of the course Introduction to Global Maritime Sector, presented well-researched group discussions and innovative models on diverse topics including the Sagarmala Project, India's Major and Non-Major Ports, Global Shipping Lanes and Strategic Chokepoints, Asia's Transshipment Hubs, Global Container Port Rankings, and India's Inland Waterways and River Ports. These presentations reflected a strong understanding of maritime infrastructure, global trade dynamics, and policy frameworks.

Meanwhile, students of MBA Batch 2024–26, under the subject Shipbuilding, Repair & Recycling, showcased detailed research models depicting various types of tankers, effectively integrating theoretical concepts with hands-on learning and practical application. Their work highlighted technical awareness and industry relevance.

The subjects were taught and guided by Dr. Chandra Kant Upadhyay, whose academic mentorship played a pivotal role in nurturing students' research orientation, critical thinking, and maritime insight. Such experiential learning initiatives continue to reinforce GMU's commitment to advancing maritime education, promoting research-based learning, and preparing students for leadership roles in the global maritime industry.



Maritime Case Analysis

LLM Maritime Law students of Batch 2025–26 from Gujarat Maritime University demonstrated exceptional analytical and research capabilities during the Second International Case Conclave, held on 11th August 2025 in collaboration with MAERSK Training, by presenting in depth case analyses on the Costa Concordia 2012 marine casualty. Through structured research, critical discussions, and well articulated presentations, students from management and law programmes showcased their understanding of maritime safety, organizational learning, and accident prevention, reflecting strong academic rigor and applied thinking.

Outstanding student performance was recognized with certificates and prizes for excellence in research and presentation. Satyamsinh Rathod, Sharan V, Shrinija B, Jahnavi N, Naveen Prem, and Shalini Jha were awarded Best Case Analysis. The presentations were evaluated by Captain Dr. Nippin Anand, CEO, Novellus (UK), and Captain Arun Premsunder, Head of Operations and Projects, MAERSK Training, whose expertise enriched the academic experience.



Sharan V



Shrinija B.



Naveen Prem



Shalini Jha



Jahnavi N.



Satyamsinh Rathod

Research Paper Presentation

MBA Shipping and Logistics students of Batch 2024–26 from Gujarat Maritime University showcased strong research orientation and academic excellence during Maritium 11, a student-led conference held on 13 October 2025, organized in association with the Logistics Sector Skill Council and the Institution's Innovation Council, Ministry of Education, Government of India. The conference provided a robust platform for students to present research papers across key maritime domains, including logistics, shipping management, human resources, finance, and port operations, fostering scholarly discussion and critical thinking. The student research presentations were judged by Prof. Saurabh Chandra, Co-founder, Maritime Logistics Research Group, IIM Indore, and Prof. S. Ganesan, Head of Education Initiatives, Logistics Skill Council, further enhancing the academic rigor and industry relevance of the conference.

Best Paper Presentation Awardees

- Shikhar Saini – Digital Transformation in Maritime Logistics and Supply Chain
- Tirth M. Bhatt – Management of Shipping Companies and Operations
- Raj Patil – Maritime Human Resources, Infrastructure and Wellbeing
- Shaikh Khaleel Khan – Shipping Finance, Insurance and Risk Management
- Gaurav Sharma – Smart Ports and Efficient Port Management for Global Trade



Shikhar Saini



Raj Patil



Tirth M Bhatt



Shaikh Khaleel Khan



Gaurav Sharma

Panel Discussion and Workforce Roleplay

Students of Gujarat Maritime University showcased commendable academic rigor, critical thinking, and practical insight during the World Maritime Day celebrations held on 25th September 2025. As part of the observance, student-led panel discussions and workforce roleplay competitions were organized, offering an engaging platform for experiential learning and scholarly exchange. Students from the LLM and MBA programmes actively participated, presenting well-researched perspectives on contemporary maritime challenges. The panel discussions addressed themes such as IUU fishing, sustainable fisheries, inland waterways, multimodal trade, smart ports, and sustainable cargo movement, reflecting a strong grasp of maritime law, policy, governance, and sustainability. In total, eight panels were presented by the LLM Batch 2025–26, five panels by the MBA Shipping and Logistics Batch 2024–26, and six teams competed in the workforce roleplay exercise conducted for the MBA Maritime Management Batch 2025–27.

Outstanding student performance was recognized during the Prize Distribution Ceremony. The winners were:

Panel Discussion (LLM Batch 2025–26) – Panel 8: Cargo Movement in India – Navigating Sustainable Movements Through Infrastructure and Investments to Tackle Outlooks and Global Competition

Moderator: Surender Sohal | Panelists: Debdeep Mukherjee, Buddhhabhushan Tayde, Nidhi Shah, Akhilesh Aggarwal | Rapporteur: Debajyoti Das

Panel Discussion (MBA 2024–26) – Panel 5: Smart Ports & Efficient Port Management

Moderator: Vasudha Singh Chauhan | Panelists: Yash Manojbhai Thakkar, Gaurav Sharma, Riya Patel, Ranveer | Rapporteur: Raj Choudhary

Workforce Roleplay Competition (MBA Batch 2025–27) – Team 3: Crest Crusaders – Lakshadweep Grounding Crisis Simulation (2023)

Participants: Sabari Seshadri, Rudra Chokshi, Swapnil Parsana, Rajat Chouhan, Abhaysinh Chavda, Harshil Chauhan, Niraj Chavda

Panel Discussion (LLM Batch 2025–26)



Debajyoti Das



Surender Sohal



Buddhabhushan Tayde



Nidhi Shah



Debdeep Mukherjee



Akhilesh Aggarwal



Vasudha Chauhan

Riya Patel

Ranveer



Raj Choudhary

Yash Thakkar

Gaurav Sharma

Workforce Roleplay Competition (MBA Batch 2025–27)



Abhaysinh Chavda

Rajat Chouhan

Rudra Chokshi



Swapnil Parsana

Harshil Chauhan

Niraj Chavda

Sabari Seshadri

Hackathon on Maritime AI and Supply Chain Security

Students of Gujarat Maritime University showcased innovation, technical acumen, and applied research skills during the Hackathon on Maritime AI and Supply Chain Security, conducted on 19 December 2025 as part of the 5th International Conference on Smart Systems: Innovations in Computing (SSIC-2025). Jointly organized in collaboration with Manipal University Jaipur and the Centre for Maritime Logistics, Gujarat Maritime University, Gandhinagar, the hackathon provided a competitive platform for technology-driven problem solving in the maritime domain. MBA Batch 2025–27 students presented application-oriented solutions highlighting the growing role of Artificial Intelligence, Blockchain, IoT, and predictive technologies in enhancing maritime operations and supply chain security.

Award Winners

- First Prize: Sanchi Jaswani – Smart and Transparent Supply Chains Powered by Blockchain and AI
- Second Prize: Vansh Jha – AI-Based Predictive Maintenance for Merchant Ship Reliability
- Consolation Awards: Rajat Chouhan – Blockchain and AI for Transparent Logistics Supply Chain Management; Ninad Gudimala – AI-Powered Surveillance for Safer Port Operations



Sanchi Jaswani

Vansh Jha

Rajat Chouhan

Ninad Gudimala

Poster Making & Quiz Competitions

Poster Making Competition and Quiz Competition were organized on 12 August 2025 at Gujarat Maritime University, providing an engaging platform for students to showcase creativity, teamwork, and academic aptitude. Students from various programmes actively participated, demonstrating interdisciplinary collaboration and strong conceptual understanding through visually compelling posters and competitive quizzing.

Poster Making Competition

- First Prize: Bhadra S. M., B. Srinija, Dhyuti C.R., Pranav M.S. (LL.M. ML 2025–26); Shine Shibu, Jha Vansh, Dafda Mihir (MBA 2025–27); Ganga S. (MBA 2024–26)
- Second Prize: Nayanara Rao, Ritika Shankar, Vaghela Dhruv (LL.M. ITL 2025–26); Shalini Jha, Nidhi Shah (LL.M. ML 2025–26); Devesh Gaur (MBA MRCM 2025–27)

Quiz Competition

- First Prize: Jay Nayak, Parsana Swapnil Maganbhai, Prajapati Lalji, Pathan Anwarali Khan Faridkhan, Vaibhav Agrawal, Mohit Advani (MBA 2025–27); Kaushal Navlakha (MBA MRCM 2025–27)
- Second Prize: Nishant Kumar, Muhammed Arsh, Vikram Kumar (MBA MRCM 2025–27); Sharan V., Gokul K., Bhanushree, Jhanavi N., Bharath E. (LL.M. ML 2025–26); Sabari Seshadri, Aryan Mehra, Rajat Chouhan, Varsakhiya Harsh Kheraj (MBA 2025–27)

Poster Making - First Prize



Srinija B



Dafda Mihir



Shine Shibu



Bhadra S M



Vansh Sangesh Jha



Pranav MS



Dyuthi CR

Poster Making - Second Prize



Nayanara Rao



Devesh



Shalini Jha



Ritika Shankar



Vaghela Dhruv Muljibhai



Nidhi Shailesh Shah

Quiz Competition - First Prize



Swapnil Maganbhai Parsana



Mohit Jagdish Advani



Vaibhav Agarwal



Pathan Anwar Ali



Prajapati Lalji



Kaushal Navlakha



Jay Nayak

Quiz competition - Second Prize



Bhanushree JS



Jhanavi N



Sharan V



Gokul K



Vikram Kumar



Nishant Kumar



Mohd. Arsh



Harsh Kheraj Varsakhiya

Conference Paper Presentation

Naveen Prem, a student of LLM Maritime Law, Batch 2025–26, Gujarat Maritime University, presented a research paper titled "Reflections of International Regulations with Respect to Oil Pollution (India and China)" at the 4th International Maritime Conference on "AI, Sustainability and Emerging Challenges in Maritime Law", held on 9th & 10th October 2025 and organized by the School of Legal Studies, Cochin University of Science and Technology (CUSAT). The presentation offered a comparative analysis of international oil pollution regulations in the context of India and China and provided an enriching platform for academic exchange with scholars and experts, highlighting the student's research capability and GMU's commitment to excellence in maritime legal education.



India and Asia Book of Records

Pranav M. S., a student of LLM Maritime Law, Batch 2025–26, Gujarat Maritime University, has been recognized as a dual record holder for his innovative and sustainable artistic contributions. He earned recognition in the India Book of Records (2021) and the Asia Book of Records (2022) for creating the maximum number of miniature musical instrument models using glass bottles. Through the creative use of discarded glass bottles, Pranav employs spray paint, acrylics, and structural materials such as chart paper and strings to transform waste into detailed and realistic musical miniatures. His growing collection, currently comprising six instruments, reflects a steady progression in technical skill, artistic vision, and commitment to sustainable art practices, an achievement acknowledged and celebrated by the University.



Global World Record

Vignesh R, a student of LLM Maritime Law, Batch 2025–26, Gujarat Maritime University, has been recognized as a Global World Record (GWR) holder for his endurance and dedication in yoga. He achieved this distinction during the GWR Global Mega Yoga World Record Event (2022), a mass world record attempt conducted across multiple venues and countries. Organized by Global World Record (GWR) in association with WSS Sports & Entertainment Pvt. Ltd., the event acknowledged participants who successfully performed the Table Pose (Ardha Purvottanasana) continuously for five minutes. The University recognizes this achievement as a reflection of discipline, perseverance, and commitment to holistic well-being among its students.



National Level Achievements

Devesh Gaur, an MBA student of Maritime Regulations and Compliance Management, Batch 2025–26 at Gujarat Maritime University, has demonstrated exceptional creative and performative excellence through notable achievements at national-level platforms. He secured First Prize in Advertisement Making at the national fest Insignia, organized by Rosary College of Commerce & Arts, Goa (2025), showcasing strong conceptualization and communication skills. He further earned First Prize in Street Play at AURA, an event organized by the K.L.S. Gogte Institute of Technology, Belagavi (2025), reflecting impactful storytelling, teamwork, and social engagement through performance.



National and International Sports Awards

Jahnavi N, LL.M. (Maritime Law), Batch 2025–26, has demonstrated exceptional excellence in martial arts through her achievements as a multi-time national and international medallist in Karate, Taekwondo, and Judo. Her sporting journey includes victories at the YMCA Buck Memorial and National Youth Games, representation of India at the Indo–Nepal Invitational and the International Thailand Karate Youth Games, and participation in a Guinness World Record attempt, reflecting her commitment to discipline, resilience, and high performance. In recognition of her accomplishments, she has received National and International Level Sports Achiever Awards and multiple Special Performance Awards at VIT Chennai. Complementing her athletic success, Jahnavi has also shown strong leadership as a Student Council Member and Sports Secretary by representing VIT Chennai at the AIU South–West Zone Games in 2024 and 2025, exemplifying a balanced pursuit of sporting and leadership excellence.



Sporting Achievements

Students of Gujarat Maritime University showcased remarkable sporting talent, discipline, and team spirit during AAROHAN 2025, the University's annual Sports Fest held from 8th to 15th October 2025. The week-long event witnessed enthusiastic participation across programmes, with students excelling in a wide range of outdoor and indoor sports, reflecting their commitment to physical fitness, teamwork, and competitive excellence. Team events witnessed spirited performances, with MBA 2025–27 winning Cricket (Boys), LLM 2025–26 emerging victorious in Football (Boys) and Tug of War (Girls), and MBA 2024–26 securing titles in Volleyball (Boys) and Tug of War (Boys). In the individual and doubles events, students showcased exceptional skill and consistency.

Badminton

Singles (Boys): Winner – Barath E. (LL.M. 2025–26); Runner-up – Aryan Mehra (MBA 2025–27)

Doubles (Boys): Winners – Barath E. & Suhas Chidambar Huddar (LL.M. 2025–26); Runners-up – Rajat Chouhan & Achintya Kaushik (MBA 2025–27)

Mixed Doubles: Winners – Gokul K & Shranjali Sharma (LL.M. 2025–26); Runners-up – Rohit Kumar & Vasudha Singh Chauhan (MBA 2024–26)

Singles (Girls): Winner – Shranjali Sharma (LL.M. 2025–26); Runner-up – Vasudha Singh Chauhan (MBA 2024–26)

Table Tennis

Singles (Boys): Winner – Tirth Bhatt (MBA 2024–26); Runner-up – Suhas Chidambar Huddar (LL.M. 2025–26)

Doubles (Boys): Winners – Tirth Bhatt & Saini Shikhar (MBA 2024–26); Runners-up – Suhas Chidambar Huddar & Barath E. (LL.M. 2025–26)

Mixed Doubles: Winners – Barath E. & Shranjali Sharma (LL.M. 2025–26); Runners-up – Tirth Bhatt & Vasudha Singh Chauhan (MBA 2024–26)

Singles (Girls): Winner – Shranjali Sharma (LL.M. 2025–26); Runner-up – Vasudha Singh Chauhan (MBA 2024–26)

Doubles (Girls): Winners – Shranjali Sharma & N. Jahnavi (LL.M. 2025–26); Runners-up – Vasudha Singh Chauhan & Shaikh Missbah Imtiyaz (MBA 2024–26)

Indoor Games

Chess (Boys): Winner – Debajyoti Das (LL.M. 2025–26); Runner-up – Jatin Yadav (MBA 2024–26)

Chess (Girls): Winner – B. Srinija; Runner-up – Vasudha Singh Chauhan (MBA 2024–26)

Carrom (Boys): Winner – Debajyoti Das (LL.M. 2025–26); Runner-up – Ranveer (MBA 2024–26)

Carrom (Girls): Winner – Anjana T. S. (LL.M. 2025–26); Runner-up – N. Jahnavi (LL.M. 2025–26)

Pool (Boys): Winner – Barath E. (LL.M. 2025–26); Runner-up – Tirth Bhatt (MBA 2024–26)

BOYS

Badminton Single



Barath E
LLM, Batch 2025–26
WINNER



Aryan Mehra
MBA, Batch 2025–27
RUNNER-UP

Badminton Double



Barath E
LLM, Batch 2025–26
WINNER



Suhas Chidambar Huddar
LLM, Batch 2025–26
WINNER



Rajat Chouhan
MBA, Batch 2025–27
RUNNER-UP



Achintya Kaushik
MBA, Batch 2025–27
RUNNER-UP

Badminton Mixed Doubles



Gokul K
LLM, Batch 2025–26
WINNER



Shranjali Sharma
LLM, Batch 2025–26
WINNER



Rohit Kumar
MBA, Batch 2024–26
RUNNER-UP



Vasudha Singh Chauhan
MBA, Batch 2024–26
RUNNER-UP

GIRLS

Badminton Single



Shranjali Sharma
LLM, Batch 2025–26
WINNER



Vasudha Singh Chauhan
MBA, Batch 2024–26
RUNNER-UP

Table Tennis

BOYS

Table Tennis Single



Tirth Bhatt
MBA, Batch 2024-26
WINNER



Suhas Chidambar Huddar
LLM, Batch 2025-26
RUNNER-UP

Table Tennis Double



Tirth Bhatt
MBA, Batch 2024-26
WINNER



Shikhar Saini
MBA, Batch 2024-26
WINNER



Suhas Chidambar Huddar
LLM, Batch 2025-26
RUNNER-UP



Barath E
LLM, Batch 2025-26
RUNNER-UP

Table Tennis Mixed doubles



Barath E
LLM, Batch 2025-26
WINNER



Shranjali Sharma
LLM, Batch 2025-26
WINNER



Tirth Bhatt
MBA, Batch 2024-26
RUNNER-UP



Vasudha Singh Chauhan
MBA, Batch 2024-26
RUNNER-UP

GIRLS

Table Tennis Single



Shranjali Sharma
LLM, Batch 2025-26
WINNER



Vasudha Singh Chauhan
MBA, Batch 2024-26
RUNNER-UP

Table Tennis Double



Shranjali Sharma
LLM, Batch 2025-26
WINNER



N. Jahnvi
LLM, Batch 2025-26
WINNER



Vasudha Singh Chauhan
MBA, Batch 2024-26
RUNNER-UP



Missbah Shaikh Imtiyaz
MBA, Batch 2024-26
RUNNER-UP

Chess

BOYS



Debajyoti Das
LLM, Batch 2025-26
WINNER



Jatin Yadav
MBA, Batch 2024-26
RUNNER-UP

GIRLS



B. Srinija
LLM, Batch 2025-26
WINNER



Vasudha Singh Chauhan
MBA, Batch 2024-26
RUNNER-UP

Carrom

BOYS



Debajyoti Das
LLM, Batch 2025-26
WINNER



Ranveer
MBA, Batch 2024-26
RUNNER-UP

GIRLS



Anjana T. S.
LLM, Batch 2025-26
WINNER



N. Jahnvi
LLM, Batch 2025-26
RUNNER-UP

Pool

BOYS



Barath E
LLM, Batch 2025-26
WINNER



Tirth Bhatt
MBA, Batch 2024-26
RUNNER-UP

STUDENT VOICES

MBA Maritime Management

Batch 2025-27

Vaibhav Agarwal

MBA Maritime Management (2025-27)



I am currently pursuing my MBA in Shipping & Logistics at Gujarat Maritime University, and my experience so far has been very positive. The first semester has already introduced me to key concepts in maritime management and logistics, and the faculty makes learning interactive and practical. Industry visits and guest lectures, even this early in the course, have given me valuable exposure to real-world practices. The supportive environment and diverse classmates make GMU an inspiring place to grow academically and professionally.

Sairaj Chavan

MBA Maritime Management (2025-27)



I had a wonderful experience at Gujarat Maritime University. The faculty members are highly knowledgeable and supportive, ensuring that students not only gain theoretical knowledge but also get practical, hands-on exposure to the maritime industry. The curriculum is well-structured and updated with the latest trends in shipping, logistics, and port management. The campus infrastructure, training and workshops are excellent and provide a real-life experience of working on ships. The university also offers great internship and placement opportunities with reputed shipping companies, which help students kick-start their careers confidently. Overall, the MBA at Gujarat Maritime University truly prepares students to excel in the maritime sector and instills professionalism, discipline, and technical expertise.

Harshil Chauhan

MBA Maritime Management (2025-27)



My experience at Gujarat Maritime University was highly positive. The faculty members are exceptionally knowledgeable and provide robust support, ensuring students acquire both theoretical understanding and practical, hands-on experience within the maritime industry. The curriculum is well-designed and incorporates the most current advancements in shipping, logistics, and port management. The campus infrastructure – including simulators, training labs, and workshops – is of a high standard, offering a realistic simulation of shipboard operations. Furthermore, the university facilitates excellent internship and placement opportunities with reputable shipping companies, thereby enabling students to launch their careers with confidence. In summary, Gujarat Maritime University effectively prepares students for success in the maritime sector, cultivating professionalism, discipline, and technical proficiency.

Saket Maheshwari

MBA Maritime Management (2025-27)



My experience at Gujarat Maritime University has been truly enriching. The MBA in Shipping and Logistics program has given me not only in-depth academic knowledge but also strong exposure to industry practices through workshops, guest lectures, and live projects. The faculty members are supportive and approachable, which has made learning more interactive and engaging. I have also developed important skills such as teamwork, problem-solving, and communication through various group activities and classroom discussions. The university's focus on practical learning, combined with the strong academic curriculum, has boosted my confidence to step into the global shipping and logistics industry. I feel proud to be a part of GMU, and I am confident that this journey will shape me into a well-rounded professional.

Mahipalsingh Rajput

MBA Maritime Management (2025-27)



Gujarat Maritime University (GMU) is a leading institution dedicated to developing skilled professionals for the global maritime and logistics sector. With its specialised programs in maritime law, shipping management, and port and logistics management, GMU offers a perfect blend of academic excellence and industry relevance. The university's strong collaborations with ports, shipping companies, and international institutions provide students with invaluable exposure through internships, training, and placements. Its experienced faculty, modern infrastructure, and case-based teaching approach help students gain practical knowledge and leadership skills. GMU not only nurtures academic growth but also builds confidence and professionalism, preparing students to excel in the competitive global maritime industry. It truly stands as a centre of excellence for maritime education.

Sabari Seshadri

MBA Maritime Management (2025-27)



As a student in the MBA Maritime Management program at Gujarat Maritime University, I am truly impressed by the university's commitment to specialised maritime education and real-world learning. The faculty are not only knowledgeable and approachable, but also deeply invested in our growth, always willing to mentor and offer practical insights from their industry experience. The campus is vibrant, the curriculum is modern and globally relevant, and the university's strong industry links have already given me exposure to promising opportunities. I feel confident that GMU will equip me with the skills and connections needed to succeed in the maritime sector.

LLM International Trade Law

Batch 2025-26

Ritika Shankar

LLM International Trade Law (2025-26)



Pursuing my LLM. in International Trade Law at Gujarat Maritime University has been a truly enriching journey. The program offers a well-structured curriculum that balances theoretical knowledge with practical exposure to contemporary issues in trade and maritime law. Learning under the guidance of experienced faculty and interacting with industry experts has helped me develop a strong understanding of the subject while enhancing my analytical and research skills. What I value most about GMU is its focus on global perspectives, research-driven learning, and strong industry connections, which bridge the gap between academia and practice. The collaborative environment and modern infrastructure further contribute to a holistic learning experience. Being a part of GMU has not only deepened my expertise in international trade law but also instilled in me the confidence to contribute meaningfully to this dynamic field.

Sayli Uday Bhosale

LLM International Trade Law (2025-26)



My experience at Gujarat Maritime University has been enriching and transformative, both academically and personally. The LLM. program in International Trade Law provided me with deep insights into global trade practices, dispute resolution, and policy-making, which has strengthened my foundation for a corporate legal career. The faculty, with their vast industry and academic experience, encourage interactive learning and critical thinking. GMU's strong focus on practical exposure through seminars, workshops, and guest lectures by professionals has helped me connect theory with real-world applications. The vibrant campus culture, peer interactions, and access to a wide range of resources have broadened my perspective and enhanced my confidence.

Sandra Jose

LLM International Trade Law (2025-26)



My experience at Gujarat Maritime University has been truly transformative. The academic environment fostered here is intellectually stimulating, with a strong focus on both theoretical foundations and practical applications in law and maritime studies. The faculty members are not only knowledgeable but also deeply committed to mentoring students, ensuring that every lecture, seminar, and discussion expands our perspective. What makes GMU unique is its interdisciplinary approach—integrating law, trade, and maritime studies in a way that equips students with a global outlook. Beyond academics, the vibrant campus life and collaborative peer environment have contributed immensely to my personal growth. GMU has not only nurtured my professional aspirations but also shaped me into a confident individual ready to contribute meaningfully to the global maritime and international trade law aspects.

MBA Maritime Regulation and Compliance Management

Batch 2025-27

Komal Kashiva

MBA Maritime Regulation and Compliance Management (2025-27)



My university journey has been an enriching experience that has shaped both my academic knowledge and personal growth. I have gained confidence, leadership skills, and lifelong friendships, thus, making it a truly transformative chapter of my life. Academically, the university has given me a strong foundation of knowledge and skills. The lectures, discussions, projects, and research opportunities challenged me to think critically and pushed me beyond my comfort zone. I am grateful to my professors and mentors, whose constant guidance and encouragement has helped me discover my strengths and shaped my vision for the future.

Sanyukta Joshi

MBA Maritime Regulation and Compliance Management (2025-27)



It's been a good experience overall. The faculty are very helpful and the campus is full of curricular activities. I am enjoying the rigour of academic life, which has been pivotal for my personal and professional growth. The placements are quite attractive - thanks to GMU's extensive collaborations with industry experts - and I look forward to leveraging the skills I acquire here in my future workplace.

LLM Maritime Law

Batch 2025-26

Debdeep Mukherjee

LLM Maritime Law (2025-26)



My experience at Gujarat Maritime University has been incredibly enriching and rewarding. The university provides an excellent balance between academics and practical exposure, ensuring that students are well-prepared for the challenges of the maritime industry. The faculty members are knowledgeable, approachable, and always willing to guide us in the right direction. Through workshops, internships, and industry collaborations, I have gained valuable skills and confidence that go beyond classroom learning. The modern infrastructure, library, and research opportunities create an environment where students can grow academically and personally. GMU not only builds professional competence but also nurtures discipline, leadership, and teamwork. I feel proud to be part of a university that is shaping future leaders for the maritime sector.

Naveen Prem

LLM Maritime Law (2025-26)



My experience at Gujarat Maritime University has been truly rewarding and transformative. The campus atmosphere encourages both academic excellence and personal growth, creating a supportive environment for all students. The faculty members are knowledgeable and always approachable, willing to guide and mentor through every challenge. The curriculum is well-structured, offering a blend of theoretical and practical knowledge that is both engaging and relevant to industry needs. Participation in various seminars, workshops, and extracurricular activities has helped broaden perspectives and develop essential skills beyond the classroom. Overall, studying at Gujarat Maritime University has been a memorable journey, laying a strong foundation for a successful career in the maritime sector.

Surender Sohal

LLM Maritime Law (2025-26)



It's been 3 months now since I embarked on my journey at Gujarat Maritime University, and it has been truly rewarding. The university offers much more than academics; it creates an environment where students feel supported, encouraged, and inspired to grow. The faculty are not only knowledgeable but also approachable mentors who guide us at every step. Through seminars, industry expert lectures and International conferences, I have gained practical exposure that has strengthened my confidence and career aspirations. The diverse peer group has made learning collaborative and enjoyable, while the vibrant campus life has added to the overall experience. GMU has shaped me both professionally and personally, giving me the knowledge, skills, and friendships that I will always cherish. It has been an experience of growth, learning, and lifelong memories.

Vignesh R

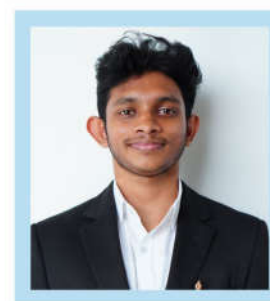
LLM Maritime Law (2025-26)



The curriculum in GMU is well-structured, with a strong focus on both international and national dimensions of maritime law, enabling us to gain a comprehensive understanding of the subject. Guest lectures and conferences have enhanced my confidence and sharpened my skills. What I value the most about GMU is its strong connection with the maritime industry, which ensures that our learning is not limited to theory but extends to real-world applications. Being a part of this institution has not only strengthened my academic foundation but also shaped my professional aspirations in the maritime sector.

Immanuel Shiju

LLM Maritime Law (2025-26)



Two months of experience in Maritime Law at Gujarat Maritime University (GMU) have involved exposure to specialised areas such as admiralty law, law of the sea, and shipping contracts by way of interactive sessions and practical learning, including port visits and clinical training. This experience has provided foundational knowledge in ocean governance, marine environment protection, and dispute settlement, offering insights into both national and international maritime regulations and a hands-on understanding of industry practices. I also had the fortune to volunteer in the International Conference on Oceans Law and Policy, which was held in Delhi.

N Jahnavi

LLM Maritime Law (2025-26)



My experience at Gujarat Maritime University has been great. The university provides the right balance of academic learning and practical exposure to the maritime industry. The faculty members are supportive, knowledgeable and always willing to guide and motivate students. I find the teaching methods effective, and the infrastructure adds to a great learning environment. There are opportunities for internships and industry interaction, helping me connect classroom knowledge with real-world practice. What I value the most is how the university prepares students to meet global challenges with confidence. Overall, GMU is helping me grow not just professionally but also personally, giving me the skills and confidence to move forward in my career.

ALUMNI IN FOCUS.

Journeys, Achievements & Reflections Beyond GMU

Pooja B

MBA Shipping & Logistics 2021-23

Chartering Executive
Allianz Bulk



My time at Gujarat Maritime University (2021-23) was a truly transformative phase of my life. The fresh, industry-driven syllabus and global exposure through collaborations with Copenhagen Business School and Erasmus University gave me the confidence to dream bigger and aim higher. GMU not only sharpened my professional skills but also instilled in me the courage to take on global opportunities. Securing an international placement with Allianz Bulk in Dubai has been a milestone I proudly attribute to GMU's vision and guidance. I will always cherish being a GMU alumna—it's where my global journey truly began.

Baldev Gami

MBA Shipping & Logistics 2020-22

Branch Manger
Harbour Logistics



My time at Gujarat Maritime University (2020-22) was an enriching and career-defining experience. The university's focus on academic excellence, combined with real-world industry exposure, helped me develop strong analytical and business development skills. The faculty's constant guidance and the collaborative learning environment instilled confidence and broadened my perspective of the maritime and logistics sector. GMU not only nurtured my professional abilities but also shaped me as an individual ready to take on challenges in a competitive industry. Today, as part of the Business Development team and Branch Manager at Harbour Logistics, I proudly credit GMU for laying the foundation of my success.

Rimjhim Pal

MBA Shipping & Logistics 2020-22

Young Professional
IPRCL Min. of Railways



Being a part of Gujarat Maritime University (2020-22) was a truly life-changing experience. GMU not only equipped me with deep academic knowledge but also inspired me to dream bigger and work with purpose. The vibrant learning environment, supportive faculty, and strong industry connect helped me gain the confidence to take on real-world challenges. Today, as a Young Professional at IPRCL under the Ministry of Railways, I feel honoured to carry forward the values instilled at GMU. It is more than just a university—it is a platform that shapes visionaries and future leaders for the maritime and allied sectors.

Swathi Ellapu

MBA Shipping & Logistics 2021-23

Assistant manager
Sales – Balmer & Lawrie



My journey at Gujarat Maritime University (2021-23) has been one of the most rewarding experiences of my life. The university's innovative, industry-aligned curriculum and focus on practical learning provided me with the right blend of knowledge and skills to excel in the maritime and logistics sector. The constant support from faculty, exposure to real-world case studies, and opportunities to interact with industry leaders shaped my professional confidence. Today, as a Commercial Manager at Balmer & Lawrie, I proudly credit GMU for laying the foundation of my career success. Being a GMU alumna is an honor I deeply cherish.

Dhairya Joshi

MBA Shipping & Logistics 2022-24

Proprietor – Amisha Financial Services Company



My tenure at Gujarat Maritime University during 2022-24, has been instrumental in shaping my professional and entrepreneurial path. The MBA in Shipping and Logistics equipped me with in-depth industry knowledge, practical exposure, and strategic insights that helped me begin my career with Vishal Shipping. The university's focus on experiential learning and mentorship encouraged me to think beyond conventional boundaries. After gaining corporate experience, I established Amisha Financial Service Company, offering financial and business solutions in the logistics sector. GMU instilled in me the confidence, discipline, and vision to grow as a professional and entrepreneur.

Shruti Meshram

MBA Shipping & Logistics 2022-24

Senior Executive Customer service – Infinity Ocean Lines LLP



Being part of Gujarat Maritime University (2022-24) has been a life-changing experience, and I feel proud to be an alumna as well as a woman making her mark in the logistics sector. GMU's strong academic foundation, industry-oriented approach, and global outlook have shaped my professional journey and given me the confidence to excel. Today, as I begin my career with Infinity Oceans Lines LLP, I carry forward the values instilled by GMU. I am excited to contribute, share, and strengthen our alumni network, creating a legacy of growth and inspiration for future leaders in the maritime and logistics industry.

Divya Vasita

MBA Shipping & Logistics 2022-24

Executive – Hermes Travel & Cargo Pvt Ltd



Having worked in the export and import industry, I wanted to improve my abilities and broaden my viewpoint. Pursuing an MBA in Shipping and Logistics at Gujarat Maritime University (2022-2024) provided me the opportunity to do what I liked. In addition to expanding my knowledge, the extensive curriculum, industrial exposure, and encouraging learning atmosphere enabled me to develop into a self-assured professional prepared to face obstacles in the real world. Currently, I am working as an Executive at Hermes Travel and Cargo Private Limited, where I proudly apply the skills and insights gained at GMU. This inspiring journey has been constructed around GMU, and I am appreciative of the chances and growth it has given me.

Raghuvendra Desai

LLM in Maritime Law 2020-2021

Legal Manager, Transworld Shipping Pvt Ltd



I am proud to be an alumnus of Gujarat Maritime University, where I pursued my LLM in Maritime Law. The program offered a perfect blend of academic rigor and practical exposure, equipping me with in-depth knowledge of maritime law. The guest lectures from industry experts, provided valuable insights that bridged the gap between theory and practice. Moreover, the vibrant academic environment and access to resources encouraged me to grow both professionally and personally. My time at GMU has been truly transformative, and I will always value the foundation it has given me for my career in the specialized and dynamic field of maritime law.

Varul Goel

LLM in Maritime Law 2023-24

Self Employed, M/s Bankey Lal Musaddi Lal



My experience at Gujarat Maritime University has been truly enriching and transformative. The university provides a unique blend of academic excellence, practical exposure, and industry interaction. The curriculum is thoughtfully designed to meet global maritime standards, and the faculty members are highly knowledgeable and supportive. The diverse learning environment, seminars, and workshops helped me gain valuable insights into the maritime and legal sectors, while internships and industry connections gave me practical exposure to real-world challenges. I am grateful to GMU for shaping my professional growth and equipping me with the confidence and skills needed for my career. It has been a remarkable journey, and I strongly recommend GMU to anyone aspiring to build a future in the maritime field.

Manan Agarwal

LLM in Maritime Law 2021-22

Jurist – Associate, The Young Jurist



Pursuing my LL.M. in Maritime Law at Gujarat Maritime University was an enriching and transformative experience. The academic curriculum was well-structured, offering deep insights into various aspects of maritime law, complemented by experienced faculty and engaging discussions. Living on campus added immense value to my journey — the environment fostered both intellectual growth and personal development. The university's state-of-the-art facilities, well-equipped library, and vibrant student community created an ideal setting for focused study and meaningful interactions. Beyond academics, the recreational and cultural opportunities on campus made my time at GMU truly fulfilling, shaping both my professional and personal perspectives.

Ayushi Dubey

LLM in Maritime Law 2021-22

Claims Adjuster – Vessel Claims, Maersk



My LL.M. in Maritime Law at Gujarat Maritime University was truly one of the most memorable and enriching phases of my life. The campus felt like a second home, offering excellent facilities and a warm, welcoming environment that nurtured both academic and personal growth. The faculty constantly inspired me to think critically and explore beyond the boundaries of textbooks, making learning an engaging and meaningful experience. Living on campus allowed me to build lasting friendships and connections that continue to hold immense value. GMU not only shaped my professional path but also gave me memories and lessons for a lifetime.

Yukta Matlapurkar

LLM in Maritime Law 2022-23

Legal Assistant, DG Shipping



Studying for my LL.M. in Maritime Law at Gujarat Maritime University was a truly transformative and fulfilling journey. The program's well-structured curriculum, guided by experienced and supportive faculty, offered a deep understanding of maritime legal frameworks and global perspectives. The university's dynamic campus environment fostered both academic excellence and personal development, encouraging collaboration, critical thinking, and innovation. Beyond academics, the vibrant student community and enriching experiences made my time at GMU unforgettable. The knowledge, confidence, and lifelong memories I gained here continue to inspire me in my professional and personal endeavours, making GMU an integral part of my growth journey.

Aashna Pathak

LLM in Maritime Law 2024-25

Junior Associate,
UMLC

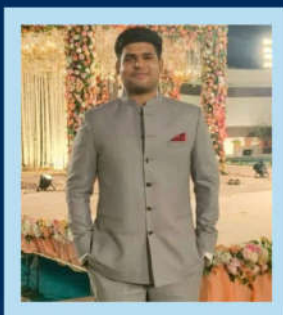


My time with Gujarat Maritime University has been a very meaningful experience. The University combines strong academics with practical exposure, which helped me grow both personally and professionally. The supportive faculty and the chance to connect with the wider maritime community made learning more engaging and valuable. GMU's focus on global perspectives and its close links with the industry gave me the confidence to deal with complex maritime issues in a clear and practical way. It also deepened my understanding of maritime law and assured me that choosing GMU was the right decision for me.

Siddhartha Shrivastava

LLM in International Trade Law 2020-21

Associate, Shrivastava
& Kesarwani Law Associates



My journey as an LLM student in International Trade Law at Gujarat Maritime University was truly enriching and transformative. The academic experience went far beyond classroom learning, as the curriculum was thoughtfully designed to combine theoretical knowledge with practical insights into international trade and commercial law. The distinguished faculty members, with their expertise and approachable nature, made learning engaging and intellectually stimulating. Staying on campus was an equally rewarding part of my journey. The campus was well-equipped with excellent infrastructure, modern classrooms, a resourceful library. Overall, my time at GMU not only shaped my professional outlook but also gave me cherished memories that I will carry throughout my career.

Dyuti Pandya

LLM in International Trade Law 2021-22

Analyst, European Centre for
International Political Economy



Having always been interested in international trade law, I was looking for a specialized program that not only focused on the legal framework but also explored the broader ways in which trade law shapes society. In India, where this field is still emerging, it was essential for me to find a university that offered both practical exposure and academic depth, combining real-world insights with philosophical and legal foundations. GMU allowed me to broaden my horizons and engage meaningfully with a growing area of law. I feel privileged to have been among the first members also involved in the inception of the Trade Lab at GMU, contributing to its legacy and growth. My experience has been immensely enriching. I am especially grateful for the motivation and constant support of my professors, who helped me navigate this complex field and develop a deeper understanding of its significance in shaping the knowledge economy we live in today.

Gaotham Sagar Uppara

LLM in International Trade Law 2022-23

Advocate, High Court of
Andhra Pradesh

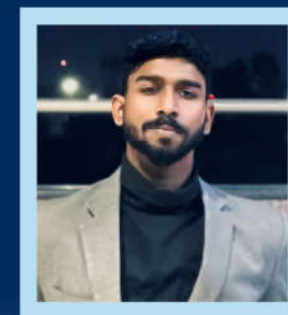


My LLM in International Trade Law at Gujarat Maritime University was truly life-changing. The program gave me a deeper understanding of global trade practices while the supportive faculty made learning engaging. Staying on campus was equally special; the facilities, vibrant student life, and friendships I built made it a memorable experience. After the completion of my degree, I got the opportunity to work as a Young Professional at DGFT, Ahmedabad.

Richard Babu

LLM in International Trade Law 2024-25

Corporate & International
Trade Lawyer, RB Law Firm



My journey at Gujarat Maritime University as an LLM student in International Trade Law has been both enriching and inspiring. The program offered a unique blend of strong academic foundations and practical exposure to global trade dynamics. The faculty's mentorship and the university's emphasis on research and interactive learning helped me build a clear understanding of complex international trade issues. Engaging with peers and industry experts further broadened my perspective and prepared me to face professional challenges with confidence.

Aditya Darshankumar Pancholi

LLM in Maritime Law
Batch 2020-2021



Currently serves as Company Secretary and Legal Manager at Fabtech Projects and Engineers Private Limited, where he oversees corporate governance, statutory compliance, financial regulation, and commercial legal advisory. His role involves contributing to strategic decision-making through sound regulatory and legal structuring of business operations. Demonstrating a strong balance between scholarship and professional practice, he has presented three research papers at distinguished international conferences, reflecting sustained academic engagement. Concurrently, he has achieved notable professional success in managing complex secretarial, legal, financial, and commercial matters, exemplifying multidisciplinary expertise and a high standard of professional competence in corporate and maritime legal domains.

Sakshi Kothari

LLM in International Trade Law
Batch 2023-2024



Currently serving as an Assistant Professor of Law at ICFAI University, she contributes to legal education through rigorous teaching, academic mentoring, and the promotion of critical legal inquiry. Her academic credentials are strengthened by successfully qualifying the UGC-NET examination, reflecting strong subject proficiency and research aptitude. She has also served as a judge in several moot court competitions, actively supporting experiential learning and the professional development of law students. Her academic journey reflects a progressive transition from disciplined scholarship to pedagogical leadership, marked by intellectual rigor and a sustained commitment to nurturing future legal professionals within the evolving landscape of contemporary law.

C. M. Vaishnavi

LLM in Maritime Law
Batch 2024-2025



Currently practising as an Advocate before the Hon'ble High Court of Karnataka, she specialises in admiralty and customs law, handling complex matters related to shipping disputes, vessel arrests, customs compliance, and maritime regulatory frameworks. An academically distinguished graduate, she completed her B.Com. LL.B. from Parul University as a Gold Medalist and further advanced her expertise through an LL.M. in Maritime Law. A recipient of the Prime Minister's Scholarship Scheme, her professional journey reflects a seamless transition from academic excellence to specialised legal practice, underscored by a strong commitment to strengthening India's maritime and trade jurisprudence.

Heramb A

LLM in Maritime Law
Batch 2024-2025



Currently serving as an Assistant Professor at KLE Law College, Bengaluru, he is actively engaged in teaching and research in maritime law, with a focus on contemporary issues of maritime governance and international ocean law. His academic contributions have received notable recognition, including the Best Paper Presentation Award at the 7th International Research Conference - TRInCO 2025 for his research on marine eco-justice in the Indian Ocean. He has also presented scholarly work on deep seabed mining at the 15th LUMPLPG Conference held at The City Law School, University of London, and has been invited as a resource person for a webinar on the BBNJ Agreement, reflecting sustained academic engagement, research excellence, and scholarly outreach.

Harshal Vala

MBA in Shipping & Logistics
Batch 2020-22



Currently serving as Managing Director at Creatas International, he has emerged as a dynamic leader within India's maritime and logistics ecosystem. Hailing from the industrious town of Morbi, his professional journey reflects how vision and determination transcend geography. A strong academic foundation strengthened expertise in ports, global trade, and maritime operations, shaping a strategic and forward-looking mindset. As Managing Director of Creatas International LLP, this expertise has been effectively translated into action, contributing meaningfully to India's export and logistics capabilities. His career trajectory reflects entrepreneurial grit, disciplined growth, and a sustained commitment to excellence, positioning him as a role model for aspiring professionals in the maritime sector.

Harshvardhan Mori

MBA in Shipping & Logistics
Batch 2020-22



Currently serving as a Dry Bulk Ship Broker - Coal & Freight Services, his professional experience reflects strong commercial acumen and in-depth understanding of the dry bulk shipping market. His role involves handling coal and freight negotiations, coordinating vessel fixtures, and managing relationships with charterers, shipowners, and operational stakeholders. Through consistent performance and market insight, he has contributed to efficient freight solutions and successful cargo movements. His professional journey highlights practical expertise in ship brokerage, freight trading, and maritime operations, underscoring a results-driven approach and a growing presence within the competitive dry bulk shipping sector.

Placements & Internships: Navigating Bright Futures

Recruiter Testimonials

SAMSARA GROUP



"Samsara Group appreciates experts that can adjust to the rapidly shifting demands of the logistics and shipping sector. Our experience with Gujarat Maritime University has been excellent — their MBA

Shipping and Logistics graduates are well-prepared, knowledgeable, and industry-focused. The students combine strong academic learning with practical exposure and a professional attitude, making them fit for responsible roles in our organization. We appreciate GMU's efforts in nurturing specialized talent for the maritime sector and look forward to continuing our association in developing future industry leaders."

SKL SHIPPING



"Our connection with Gujarat Maritime University began on a positive note when we recruited Ms Godha

Jyotika, a graduate of the MBA Shipping and Logistics program. Her dedication, strong work ethic, and impressive performance reflected the excellent grooming GMU provides its students. This encouraging experience led us to explore campus placements, where we found equally well-prepared and professional candidates. SKL Shipping values this growing association and appreciates GMU's commitment to developing future-ready maritime talent."

GOODRICH



"Goodrich recognizes the importance of professionals who blend academic excellence with practical insight to meet the dynamic challenges of global

logistics. Gujarat Maritime University has been instrumental in nurturing such talent through its MBA in Shipping and Logistics program. Graduates from GMU exhibit strong knowledge, adaptability, and professionalism, making them valuable contributors to the industry. We commend GMU's focused approach to developing competent maritime leaders and look forward to continued collaboration."

CARGO-UNITY FORWARDING & LOGISTICS PVT. LTD.



"C U F L believes in nurturing a

workforce of young, dynamic, and well-trained professionals who can contribute meaningfully to the industry. Our association with Gujarat Maritime University began through the efforts of Mr Rahul Akolkar, Training & Recruitment Associate at GMU, whose industry expertise and network helped us connect with the talented MBA Shipping and Logistics cohort. From this engagement, we onboarded Ms Ritu Gohel and Ms Krushi Patel, whose enthusiasm, knowledge, and adaptability have truly impressed us. We value GMU's commitment to developing industry-ready talent and look forward to a long and fruitful collaboration."

SHREEJI SHIPPING GLOBAL



"At Shreeji Shipping Global Ltd., we strongly believe that

placements are a true reflection of how young professionals can create an impact. During their association with us, GMU students Mr Mayank Raj and Mr Akshat Kishore Shrivastav won our hearts with their dedication, learning attitude, and professionalism. Their performance gave us confidence in the quality of talent that Gujarat Maritime University nurtures through its MBA Shipping and Logistics program. Later, during our IPO journey, we were delighted to invite GMU faculty, which further strengthened our association. We value this partnership and look forward to engaging with more bright students from GMU."

ALLCARGO INGENUITY IN MOTION



Ingenuity in Motion

"Allcargo Logistics acknowledges Gujarat Maritime University as a trusted academic partner in talent development for the

maritime and logistics industry. The university's focused curriculum and strong emphasis on practical learning ensure that its students are industry-ready and capable of delivering results from the outset. Our recruitment experience has been seamless, reflecting GMU's professionalism and commitment to excellence. We look forward to strengthening this association further and jointly contributing to the creation of a skilled and future-ready workforce for the global logistics sector."

OMAN CARGO MOVERS



"Engaging with Gujarat Maritime University has been highly rewarding for Oman Cargo Mover. Their MBA Shipping and Logistics students exhibit a strong blend of academic knowledge, practical skills, and professional maturity, making them well-prepared for the dynamic challenges of the logistics and shipping industry. GMU's dedication to industry-focused education ensures that graduates are equipped to contribute effectively from day one. We look forward to continuing this collaboration and exploring further opportunities to engage with GMU's talented student community."

GLOBELINK WW INDIA



"The collaboration between GlobeLink WW India and Gujarat Maritime University has been both meaningful and mutually rewarding. GMU's specialised programs in maritime

management and logistics are well-aligned with current industry requirements. The graduates we have engaged with exhibit professionalism, critical thinking, and strong domain knowledge. Our recruitment experience has been smooth and effective, reinforcing our confidence in GMU's training approach. We look forward to sustaining this valuable partnership and contributing together toward developing future-ready talent for the maritime and logistics industry."

CMA-CGM



"CMA CGM highly regards institutions that prepare professionals to meet international industry standards. Our collaboration with Gujarat

Maritime University has allowed us to engage with their LLM and MBA Shipping and Logistics students, who bring solid academic knowledge, practical experience, and a professional approach. GMU's commitment to industry-focused education ensures its graduates are ready to make impactful contributions to the global maritime sector. We look forward to furthering this productive partnership."

MBA Batch 2023-25

Placement



Akib Ahmad
MPRS Group of
Companies



**Jariwala Mohammedraza
Jahangir**
GAC Shipping



Jeetpalsinh Zala
Evergreen Shipping



Maru Ashish Pritesh
Missionpharma Logistics
Pvt Ltd



Nirbhigna Nitilagna
Maersk



Prasanth S
Globeline Shipping
International



**Roy Devnarayan
Abhay Kumar**
Savino Del Bene



MBA Batch 2025-27

Internship



Ansh Chawla
ONGC Logistics



**Chauhan Harshil
Bharatbhai**
Adani Ports & Logistics



**Chavda Abhaysinh
Dipaksinh**
APM Terminals



**Dafda Mihirbhai
Rasikbhai**
Adani Ports & Logistics



**Kaushik Lovkesh
Krishankumar**
Liladhar Pasoo



Gudimala Ninad Srinivas
GMU-Centre for Maritime
Logistics



**Pathan Anwarali Khan
Faridkhan**
Ideal Logistics



Rajat Chouhan
GMU - Centre for
Maritime Logistics



Jaswani Sanchi Mahesh
GMU- Centre for Maritime
Logistics



Jha Vansh Sangesh
GMU- Centre for Maritime
Logistics



Saket Maheshwari
GAC Shipping



Harsh Bellani
DB Impex



LLM Batch 2024-25

Placement



Aayushi Singh
Shreeji Shipping Global Ltd



Tuhupiya Kar
HP Law



Aashna Pathak
United Maritime Law Chamber



Nandini
TPM Solicitors & Consultant



Sreenand Udayan
Pranoy Kottaram & Associate



Harshita Agarwal
Tirthani Legal



Shekhar Chandra Srivastava
SB Associates



Tenali Anurag
Practising Advocate



Harkirat Singh Saini
Practising Advocate



Nihal Kumar
Practising Advocate



Bambere Parimal Bhausaheb
Practising Advocate



Prajanya Sharma
Practising Advocate



Lakshmi M B
Practising Advocate



Janmejaya Shukla
Ads & Co

LLM Batch 2025-26

Internship



Akhilesh Aggarwal
Callidus Legal, Cochin



Anjana T S
United Maritime Law Chambers



B Srinija
Ruubrik Legal



Barath E
Ally Maritime & Legal Services and ADJS Associates



Bhadra S M
Mercantile Marine Department, Kochi



Debdeep Mukherjee
Transworld Shipping Lines Limited



Dyuthi C R
Mercantile Marine Department, Kochi



Bharath G
V.O.Chidambaranar Port, Toothukudi



Gokul K
Callidus Legal, Cochin



N Jahnavi
Nathan and Nandhan Associates, LLP, Chennai



Kailas Nath B
Renata Partners



Muhammed Unais
Pranoy Kottaram, Advocate & Legal Consultant



Naveen Prem
Callidus Legal, Cochin



Nidhi Shailesh Shah
A&B Legal, Mumbai



Pranav M S
Mercantile Marine
Department, Kochi



**Rathod Satyamsinh
Dhavalsinh**
Tirthani Legal, Ahmedabad



Tayde Buddhahushan Datta
Acumen Lawyers Firm



Immanuel Shiju
V J Mathew and Co, Cochin



Bhanusree J S
Renata Partners



**Shrinidhi Shrikant
Khandalkar**
George A Rebello
CHAMBERS
OF
GEORGE REBELLO



Sharan V
Callidus Legal, Cochin



Shranjali Sharma
Themis Partners
(Advocates & Solicitors)



Srikanth A
Walter Cumins, Cochin



**Sohal Surender
Jagasingh**
HP Law



Aarav Singh Gill
United Maritime
Law Chambers



Suhas Chidambar Huddar
HP Law



Neeraj Kanwar
Adani Ports SEZ



Akolkar Nidhi Mangesh
Arvind Ltd



Tanish Dogra
VJ Mathew and Co, Cochin



Thakkar Suraj
Gujarat Maritime Board



Vignesh R
Renata Partners



Vini Vipul Jain
Chambers of George Rebello



Sharmistha Suryavanshi
Centre for Trade and
Investment Law



Leya Susan Binu
Under Advocate Salony Katariya
at Gujarat High Court



Nayantara Rao
Centre for Trade and
Investment Law



Nimisha Gautam
Raval & Trivedi Associates



Ritika Shankar
Callidus Legal, Cochin



Sandra Jose
Callidus Legal, Cochin



Vaghela Dhruv Muljibhai
Sindhi Associates



Sayli Uday Bhosale
Acumen Lawyers Firm



Anshul Rathi
Centre for Trade and
Investment Law



Debajyoti Das
Centre for Maritime Dispute
Resolution, GMU



Our Recruiters



Faculty Achievements: Leading by Example

Gujarat Maritime University Secures Grant from Lloyd's Register Foundation.

Gujarat Maritime University, as the lead institution, has successfully secured a grant of GBP 250,000 from Lloyd's Register Foundation, in collaboration with Dublin City University, DEHUKAM, Ankara University, Escola Náutica Infante D. Henrique, Regional Maritime University, University of Oviedo, and The University of Trinidad and Tobago, under the Academic Networking Grant scheme.

The proposal, titled "Global Maritime Safe Decarbonisation Education for Climate Safety through Academic-Industry Synergy (GloMDECAS)", aims to establish an international academic network dedicated to advancing education, research, and capacity-building in the areas of maritime decarbonisation and climate safety. The initiative emphasises interdisciplinary collaboration, structured knowledge exchange, and meaningful engagement between academia and the maritime industry to address emerging global challenges in sustainable shipping.

The proposal has been submitted with Prof. (Dr.) S. Shanthakumar, Provost, Gujarat Maritime University, as the Primary Applicant, who will anchor the academic and institutional efforts across the participating universities and partner institutions, ensuring the effective implementation of the proposed activities and the successful achievement of the project's objectives.



Dr. Dharmesh Raval

Assistant Professor

Gujarat Maritime University

Publications:

- Cruise tourism in Indian blue economy. (2025). In *Uniting oceans, one maritime vision: India's maritime strides (India Maritime Report 2025-26, pp. 209-216)*. Research and Information System for Developing Countries; Centre for Maritime Economy and Connectivity, Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways. ISBN 81-7122-191-2.
- Global trade, shipping and finances: Cases and contexts. (2025, July 26). *Thought Leadership in Shipping (Biweekly Newsletter)*. Sea & Beyond. LinkedIn.
- Economics, environment and maritime sector of India. (2025). *International Journal of Advanced Research in Commerce, Management and Social Sciences*, October-December issue. ISSN 2581-7930. (Impact Factor: 7.27)

Resource Person:

- Delivered an interactive talk on "Collaboration between Academia, Industry and Government in the Maritime Sector" at the AICTE-sponsored two-day State-Level Seminar on "Exploring Blue Economy: Opportunities in Gujarat", organised by Vidyabharti Trust College, Bardoli, Gujarat, held on 21st and 22nd August 2025.

- Presented research work titled "International Trade and Shipping Routes: A Case of Shipping Route Connecting Europe with the Far East" (Paper ID: 594) at the India Management Research Conference 2025, held from 5th to 7th December 2025 at IIM Ahmedabad.
- Contributed as a moderator in the panel discussion on "Unique Challenges with Regard to Leadership, Innovation and Management in the Blue Economy" during the HR Summit, organised by Gujarat Maritime University, on 10th October 2025.
- Nominated as an External Member of the Doctoral Progress Committee for a PhD research scholar at Gujarat Technological University, Ahmedabad, in November 2025.

Honours:

- Participated in a one-week Faculty Development Programme (FDP) titled "Colloquium on the Application of International Maritime Law", organised by Gujarat Maritime University, held from 18th to 22nd November 2025.



Dr. Abhay Singh
Assistant Professor
Gujarat Maritime
University

Publications:

- India's approach to sustainable fisheries management: Analysing regional cooperation and national implementation. (2025, September 15). AALCO Journal of International Law.
- Scope of judicial powers: Evaluating judicial activism in Indian constitutional law. (2025). Banaras Law Journal, 53(1-2). ISSN 0522-0815.

Resource Person:

- Delivered a mentoring session on the topic "Doing a PhD in Maritime Law", organised by Law Teachers India, on 5th July 2025.
- Presented a paper at the International Conference on Climate Change and Sustainable Environment, organised by Gujarat National Law University and Gujarat Maritime University, on 25th July 2025.
- Served as a panellist at the Multi-Stakeholder Dialogue on the Seafood Processing Industry, organised by the Society for Labour and Development (SLD), on 16th July 2025.
- Participated in the State-Level Policy Dialogue on Advancing Inclusive Fisheries Governance for SDG 14, held on 21st August 2025, organised by The Energy and Resources Institute (TERI) under the aegis of the Ministry of Earth Sciences (MoES), in collaboration with the Environmental Defense India Foundation (EDIF).
- Delivered a session in the Two-Credit Certificate Course on the Law of the Seas, organised by Rajiv Gandhi National University of Law, on 31st August 2025.
- Delivered a keynote address and a technical session on "Introduction to Law on Ship-Sourced

- Pollution" at the National Law International Maritime Conference 2025 (NALIMC-2025), organised by Nehru Academy of Law, Kerala, on 15th September 2025.
- Delivered a session on "Fisheries Laws in India and Their Impact on the State of Tamil Nadu" at the International Workshop on Contemporary Legal Issues and Emerging Trends, organised by the Directorate of Legal Studies (DLS) at Dr. Ambedkar Government Law College, Pudupakkam (Chennai), on 13th September 2025.
- Delivered a lecture in the MBA in Digital Maritime and Supply Chain programme on Law of Carriage of Goods by Sea, conducted by IIT Madras, on 20th September 2025.
- Served as a speaker at the 5th Alumni Programme of the Yeosu Academy of the Law of the Sea, organised by the Korea Maritime Institute, on 10th December 2025.

Honours:

- Successfully participated in the Climate Law and Governance Day 2025, organised by the Climate Law & Governance Initiative (CLGI) as a side event of UNFCCC-COP30.
- Participated in a one-week Faculty Development Programme (FDP) titled "Colloquium on the Application of International Maritime Law", organised by Gujarat Maritime University, held from 18th to 22nd November 2025.
- Awarded the LR Foundation Academic Networking Grant (2025-2027) for the project titled "Global Maritime Safe Decarbonisation Education for Climate Safety through Academic-Industry Synergy (GloMDECAS)".



Ms. Shalini
Assistant Professor
Gujarat Maritime University

Publications:

- Space debris: Legal challenges toward a sustainable space environment. (2025, November). New Space, 1-20. Mary Ann Liebert. <https://doi.org/10.1177/21680256251391127> (Indexed in Scopus)

Resource Person:

- Presented a paper titled "Empowering Women through Technological Development in the Fisheries Sector to Achieve Gender Justice" at the 9th Global Conference on Gender in Aquaculture and Fisheries (GAF9), held from 1st to 3rd October 2025, organised by the Gender in Aquaculture & Fisheries Section (GAFS) of the Asian Fisheries Society and the Asian Institute of Technology (AIT). The conference focused on "Transforming Aquaculture and Fisheries for Gender Justice."
- Served as a judge for a presentation session at the International Conference on Climate Justice and Sustainable Environment (ICCJSE), organised by Gujarat National Law University, held from 25th to 27th July 2025.
- Served as a judge at the 2nd RRU International Moot Court Competition 2025, held from 14th to 16th November 2025.

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- Served as a rapporteur for a session at the 48th Annual Conference on Ocean Law and Policy, organised by Gujarat Maritime University, held from 9th to 12th September 2025.

Honours:

- Received a Diploma in the Law of the Sea from the Yeosu Academy on the Law of the Sea 2025, organised by the Korea Maritime Institute, held from 20th to 31st October 2025.
- Participated in a one-week Faculty Development Programme (FDP) titled "Colloquium on the Application of International Maritime Law", organised by Gujarat Maritime University, held from 18th to 22nd November 2025.

Dr. Chandra Kant Upadhyay

Assistant Professor

Gujarat Maritime University

Publications:

- Tourism and hospitality social entrepreneurship for sustainable development. (2025). In *Entrepreneurship in hospitality and tourism*. JSTOR. <https://doi.org/10.2307/jj.30051456.17>

Resource Person:

- Presented a paper titled "Embracing Green Consumerism: A Commitment to Sustainability and Eco-Conscious FMCG Products" at the 5th International Conference on Industrial Engineering and Operations Management (IEOM) Conference 2025, held at VIT, Vellore, Tamil Nadu, India, in November 2025.
- Presented a poster titled "Blockchain-Based Framework for Enhancing Traceability in Port Management in India" at the India Management Research Conference (IMRC) 2025, organised by the Indian Institute of Management Ahmedabad (IIMA), in December 2025.
- Presented a paper titled "Assessing the Adoption of Port Digitalisation in India: An Empirical Study" at the AMLRN Annual Symposium 2025: Sustainable Maritime Supply Chain Opportunities in the Presence of Growing Protectionism, held on 27th November 2025 at the University of Adelaide, Adelaide, Australia.
- Presented a paper titled "Empowering Women through Technological Development in the Fisheries Sector to Achieve Gender Justice" at the 9th Global Conference on Gender in Aquaculture and Fisheries (GAF9) on "Transforming Aquaculture

and Fisheries for Gender Justice", held from 1st to 3rd October 2025 at the Asian Institute of Technology, Thailand; received a conference grant.

- Delivered a session on "Digital Transformation in Maritime: Port Operations", conducted by Sea & Beyond, on 9th July 2025.
- Served as a Session Chair during the 5th Industrial Engineering and Operations Management (IEOM) India Conference, held at Vellore Institute of Technology (VIT), Vellore, India, from 6th to 8th November 2025.
- Served as a Session Chair during the 5th International Conference on Smart Systems: Innovations in Computing (SSIC-2025) and successfully conducted a Hackathon on "Maritime AI & Supply Chain Security, IoT and Drone-Based Solutions", held on 19th December 2025 at Manipal University Jaipur.

Honours:

- Participated in a one-week Faculty Development Programme (FDP) titled "Colloquium on the Application of International Maritime Law", organised by Gujarat Maritime University, held from 18th to 22nd November 2025.
- Participated in a study tour to Deendayal Port, Kandla, Gujarat, on 6th October 2025, and the Inland Container Depot (ICD), Sanand, Gujarat, on 11th September 2025.
- Nominated as a Reviewer for *Acta Psychologica* (Elsevier, ScienceDirect), in December 2025.
- Nominated as a Reviewer for the 1st IEEE International Conference on Recent Trends in Computing and Smart Mobility (RCSM 2025), held in hybrid mode on 5th and 6th December 2025 at MANIT Bhopal, India.
- Nominated as a Reviewer for *Administrative Sciences (MDPI)*, indexed in Scopus and ESCI (Web of Science), JCR Q2 (Management), in November 2025.



Dr. Mayuri Neve

Assistant Professor

Gujarat Maritime University

Resource Person:

- Completed the course "Capacity Building on Transit Coordination", offered by UN Trade & Development under the Empowerment Programme for Trade Facilitation (12 learning hours), on 6th July 2025.
- Presented a poster titled "Blockchain-Based Framework for Enhancing Traceability in Port Management in India" at the India Management Research Conference, held from 5th to 7th December 2025 at IIM Ahmedabad.
- Conducted Anti-Ragging Week at Gujarat Maritime University (GMU) from 12th to 18th August 2025, and delivered a session on awareness of Anti-Ragging regulations and POSH regulations.

Honours:

- Participated in a study tour to Deendayal Port, Kandla, Gujarat, on 6th October 2025, and the Inland Container Depot (ICD), Sanand, Gujarat, on 11th September 2025.
- Participated in a one-week Faculty Development Programme (FDP) titled "Colloquium on the Application of International Maritime Law", organised by Gujarat Maritime University, held from 18th to 22nd November 2025.





Dr. Chirag Patel
Assistant Professor
Gujarat Maritime University

Resource Person:

- Presented a poster titled "Blockchain-Based Framework for Enhancing Traceability in Port Management in India" at the India Management Research Conference, held from 5th to 7th December 2025 at IIM Ahmedabad.
- Delivered a lecture at Gujarat National Law University (GNLU) for PhD coursework on 23rd November 2025.
- Invited as a speaker at a Leadership Roundtable Meet on "Redefining Learning with AI", conducted by D2L, on 22nd November 2025.
- Delivered a session at Indian Maritime University (IMU), Chennai, on Port-Led Regional Development at the Thematic Dialogue on Transforming Indian Ports, on 29th August 2025.
- Served as an expert for Personal Interviews and Theme Development Presentations and Group Discussions for the MBA admission process at the Centre of Excellence Institute for Academic Year 2025-26, on 19th February 2025.



Honours:

- Participated in a one-week Faculty Development Programme (FDP) titled "Colloquium on the Application of International Maritime Law", organised by Gujarat Maritime University, held from 18th to 22nd November 2025.
- Participated in a study tour to Deendayal Port, Kandla, Gujarat, on 6th October 2025, and the Inland Container Depot (ICD), Sanand, Gujarat, on 11th September 2025.

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

Resource Person:

- Invited as a speaker at Sagarmathan: The Great Oceans Dialogue for a session on "Blue Education: Building Knowledge Systems for the Ocean Future", organised by the Observer Research Foundation and the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways under India Maritime Week, on 28th October 2025.
- Invited as a speaker at the 14th Edition of INMEX SMM India to speak on "Women at the Helm: Steering the Maritime Industry into the Future", on 11th September 2025.
- Invited as a panellist at Indian Maritime University (IMU), Chennai, to share insights on Capacity Development for the Maritime Industry during the National Dialogue on Transforming Indian Ports, on 29th August 2025.
- Invited as a moderator at the Elets World Education Summit for a panel discussion on "EdTech and the Rise of Higher Education 5.0: Creating Agile, Scalable, Impactful Learning", on 20th August 2025.
- Invited as a Resource Person for the Faculty Development Programme organised by SIMATS University, Chennai, in collaboration with UGC - NEP 2020: Orientation & Sensitisation, delivering a session on "Quantitative Research and Data Analysis Using Software", on 19th August 2025.



- Invited as a Resource Person for the Faculty Development Programme on Emerging Trends in Research and Innovative Teaching Pedagogy, organised by Kalinga University, Naya Raipur, on 16th July 2025.
- Conducted a five-day workshop on "Data Analysis Using SPSS" at Gujarat National Law University, Gandhinagar, for PhD scholars, held from 23rd to 29th December 2025.

Honours:

- Conferred the "Woman Achiever of the Year" Award at the 12th International Samudra Manthan Awards 2025, instituted by the Samudra Manthan Foundation in collaboration with the Directorate General of Shipping.
- Participated in a one-week Faculty Development Programme (FDP) titled "Colloquium on the Application of International Maritime Law", organised by Gujarat Maritime University, held from 18th to 22nd November 2025.
- Participated in a study tour to Deendayal Port, Kandla, Gujarat, gaining practical industry exposure, on 6th October 2025.



Prof. (Dr.) S. Shanthakumar

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Publications:

- India's approach to sustainable fisheries management: Analysing regional cooperation and national implementation. (2025, September 15). AALCO Journal of International Law.
- Scope of judicial powers: Evaluating judicial activism in Indian constitutional law. (2025). Banaras Law Journal, 53(1-2). ISSN 0522-0815.
- Gas migration in India: Examining the interplay between the rule of capture and the public trust doctrine. (2025, July). Actualidad Jurídica Ambiental.

Resource Person:

- Delivered the welcome address at the Valedictory Ceremony of the 48th Conference on Ocean Law and Policy, hosted by Gujarat Maritime University and co-organised by the World Maritime University and the U.S. Naval War College, held at Hotel Ashok, New Delhi.
- Delivered the welcome address at the 2nd Edition of the International Conference on Climate Change and Sustainable Environment (ICCJSE 2025), organised by the Centre for Maritime Environmental Law, in association with Gujarat National Law University (GNLU) and Villa College, Maldives.
- Delivered the inaugural address at the Colloquium on the Application of International Maritime Law, organised by Gujarat Maritime University.

Honours:

- Awarded the LR Foundation Academic Networking Grant (2025-2027) for the project titled "Global Maritime Safe Decarbonisation Education for Climate Safety through Academic-Industry Synergy (GloMDECAS)".
- Served as a member and contributed to the deliberations of the Board of Governors of the International Association of Law Schools (IALS) during its meeting held in Bangkok, Thailand, in September 2025.



Creative Corner: Where Talent Meets Expression

Bhadra SM

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Head Long

I set sail with a pocket full of hope,
And faith entrusted only to the howling wind.
My voyage began upon the big blue,
Where horizons dared me to believe.

Now I stand, struck low by the white squalls,
Drowned me in doubt—should I sail on or turn?
I look back, and I can only see,
The scars I earned from,

The relentless swells, the trials I had survived.

The journey was never promised easy,
So why surrender when the storm arrives?
There is no shore behind my back—
Only forward, into the roar.

Let me face the tempest, head unbowed.
Perhaps I'll sink into the depths below,
But I will rest in peace knowing this—
I obeyed my mind, trusted the wind,
And never chose to quit.



Parmar Heet Ashishbhai
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A vibrant nighttime image captured during a celebration, featuring dazzling fireworks and dynamic stage lighting that convey the energy and excitement of a large gathering. A majestic Indian national flag waves proudly against a clear sky, symbolizing unity and national pride within a serene and well-designed campus setting.



Raj Choudhary
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A majestic peacock stands gracefully atop lush green foliage under a clear blue sky, reflecting the campus's rich natural biodiversity and serene outdoor environment.



My memories

Nayantara Rao
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The Quiet Within:

How life is wonderful when one calms the body,
Each breath slower, the world less shoddy.
Muscles resting, mind turns free,
HD visions growing inside me.

Green grass with dew, soft air so wide,
Colourful butterflies float and glide.
Every passing minute, a flower shows,
And something inside me gently knows.

The warmth of all who've loved me stays,
In tiny ways, through silent days.
I am built from love I've known
Every touch, every tone.

And when I sit and close my eyes,
That soul within begins to rise.
I see the beauty that's always near
In flower, in butterfly, in those I hold dear.

The Kitchen Symphony:

Spitter, splatter, spliter splatter
Were the only sounds in the room from her batter.
Click, clank, clunk, and another disaster had befallen
her poor kitchen.
Seeing her plight, her poor husband tried to pitch in.

Something that started with a mere grumble
Turned into a full-blown screech.

Stunned, her husband started to fumble and crumble.
She cried for her cobbler, which was a peach.

Rarrghhh, whoosh, cling, thud, boom!
She looked inquisitively at her spouse,
For he had opened up the window.
"Oops" was the response.
A slight giggle turned into a bunch of "hehehuhus."
Down went her grouse.
She gazed at him lovingly, her callow
And murmured with a smile, 'Tomorrow, we'll eat mellow'



“ These two distinct poems capture two varied moods of life. “The Quiet Within” explores peace, serenity, gratitude, and inner stillness through calm imagery and a soft rhythm. It shows how love and beauty can be found in simple, quiet moments.

“The Kitchen Symphony,” on the other hand, represents the livelier side of life, using onomatopoeia and playful sounds to paint a vibrant kitchen scene filled with humour and warmth. Together, the poems highlight a balance between the contentment of reflection and the laughter of chaos, both of which are essential in shaping the human experience.



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A serene, teal-toned painting depicting two ducks gliding across rippling water. The gentle contrast between light and shadow creates a calming, reflective atmosphere, showcasing the beauty of simplicity and motion in nature.

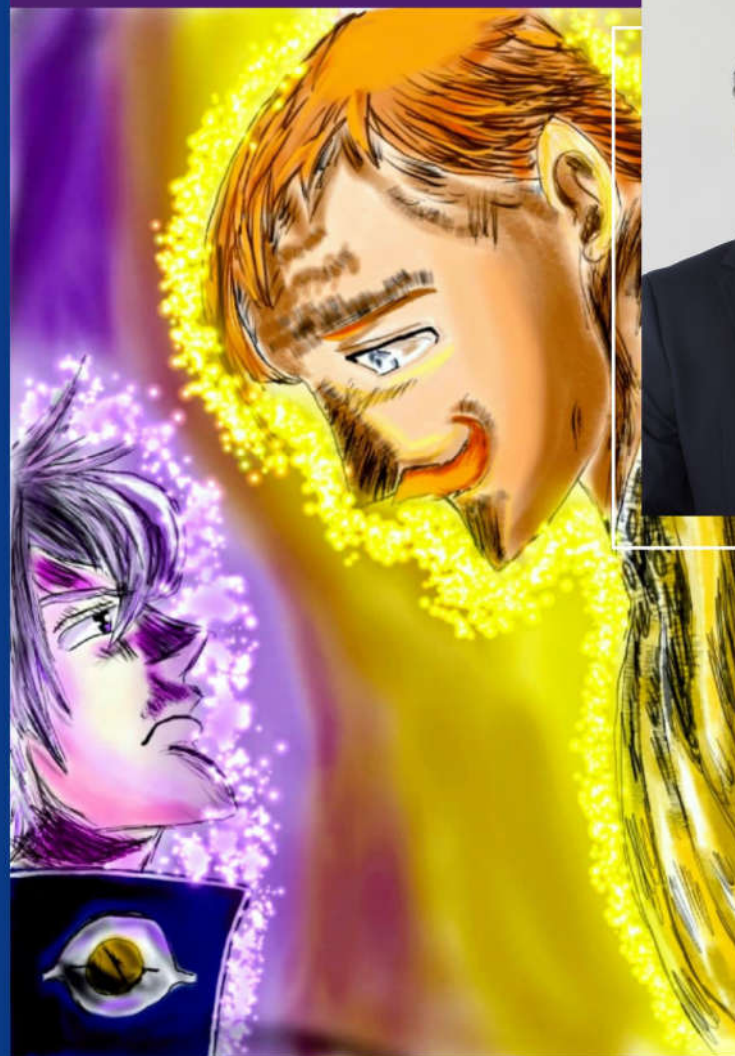


The sketch depicts the calm presence of a swan, as if caught in a quiet moment of thought. Its feathers blend naturally into soft petals, creating a scene where nature flows seamlessly from one form into another. We often believe that turbulence pushes us forward, but it is calmness that allows us to truly understand growth. This perception inspired me to bring the scene to life through this artwork.

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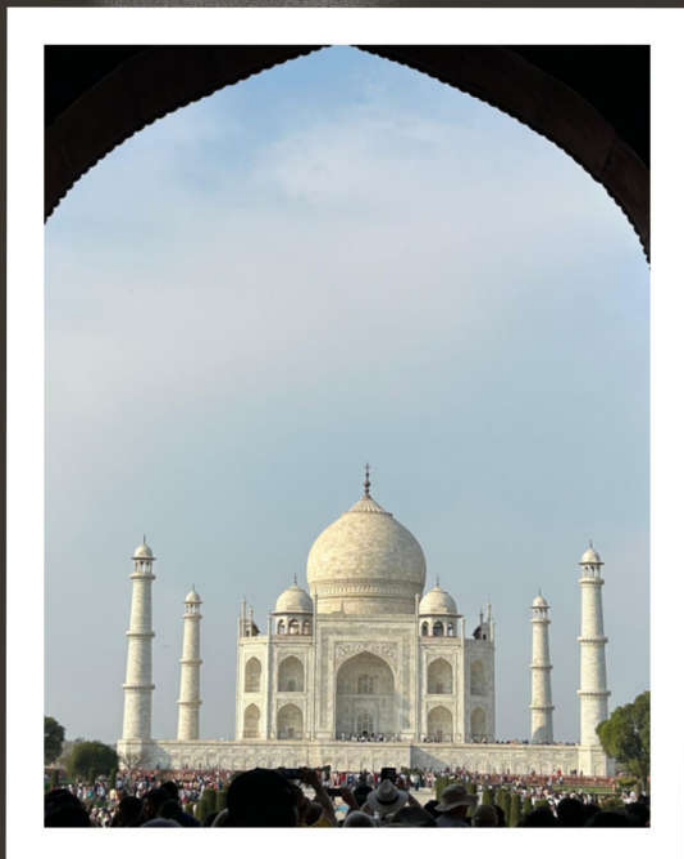


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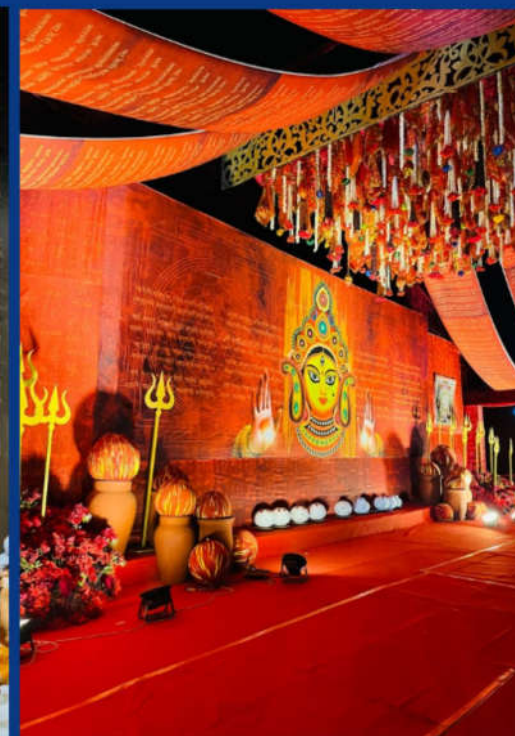
A dynamic and expressive digital artwork portraying two characters facing each other, surrounded by radiant bursts of colour. The vivid contrasts and glowing effects highlight emotion, creativity, and the imaginative spirit nurtured within the university's artistic community.

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A breathtaking image of the Taj Mahal framed through the grand entrance archway, capturing the timeless beauty of its white marble domes and minarets as visitors gather to admire this iconic monument.

Pranay Chouhan
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A vibrant, beautifully illuminated cultural setup featuring traditional motifs of Goddess Durga, adorned with artistic décor, symbolic elements, and rich festive colours that reflect the essence of Indian heritage. An exquisite multi-armed idol of Lord Ganesha, surrounded by intricately crafted sage sculptures, showcases remarkable artistry and devotion in a grand festive display.

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