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EDUCATION

PhD · May 2023
Gujarat National Law University
Marine Environment Law. Thesis: Policies on Decarbonisation and Desulphurisation in Shipping

LL.M. · Jun 2016 – May 2017
National University of Juridical Sciences, Kolkata
International and Comparative Law

LL.B. · Dec 2012
Punjabi University

Qualified UGC-NET (Law)

EXPERTISE

- COGSA and law of international carriage
- Shipping compliance and IMO conventions
- Marine environmental law
- Shipping decarbonisation and sulphur regulation
- Ocean governance and fisheries law

AT A GLANCE

17 publications (7 Scopus/WoS)

7 books (2 published, 5 forthcoming)

18 conference talks and keynotes

5 journals reviewed for

31 citations (Google Scholar)

4 PhD scholars under supervision

PROFILE

Maritime and marine environmental law academic with 9 years of teaching and 2+ years of legal practice and industry experience, specialising in the carriage of goods by sea (COGSA), shipping compliance, the law of international carriage and IMO conventions. Director (I/C) of the School of Maritime Law, Policy and Administration (Head of Department equivalent), Member of the Board of Management and Public Information Officer at Gujarat Maritime University; Centre Head, Centre for Maritime Environmental Law. Research focuses on shipping decarbonisation and sulphur regulation, ocean governance, fisheries and ship-source pollution.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Assistant Professor & Director (I/C) · GMU Oct 2019 – Present

- Faculty for COGSA, Ship Compliance, Law of the Marine Environment and IMO Conventions, Law of International Carriage, and Law and Justice in a Globalising World.
- Director (I/C), School of Maritime Law, Policy and Administration: managing academic activities including teaching, guest sessions, training programmes and events; Member, Board of Management; Centre Head, Centre for Maritime Environmental Law.
- Public Information Officer for applications under the Right to Information Act.

Assistant Professor · GD Goenka University Sep 2018 – Oct 2019

- Taught International Commercial Law and Jurisprudence.
- Convenor, GD Goenka–CIArb (India) International Commercial Arbitration Competition (2018, 2019); NAAC SPOC for the School of Law; Faculty Advisor, Free Legal Aid Clinic.

Assistant Professor · Geeta Institute of Law May 2017 – Sep 2018

- Taught Human Rights, Jurisprudence and International Law; organised moot courts and seminars.

Legal Associate · Bharti Infratel Ltd Jun 2014 – Jul 2015

- Led legal and regulatory affairs for Haryana and Himachal Pradesh.
- Drafted and vetted written statements, appeals, affidavits, legal notices and replies, vendor and property agreements, lease deeds, property opinions and DDRs; handled statutory compliance.

Advocate and Legal Intern · Pathania Advocate Dec 2012 – Jun 2014

- Practised before the Punjab & Haryana High Court, DRT, District Courts and the Armed Forces Tribunal.
- Appointed Local Commissioner for auctions and possession.

PUBLICATIONS

A. Scopus / Web of Science indexed (first author on 5 of 7)

1. Abhay Singh and Sanjeevi Shanthakumar, 'Economic and Legal Impact of 2020 Sulphur Limit Under Annex VI, MARPOL' (2022) 31(4) *European Energy and Environmental Law Review* 241–257. *Scopus*.
2. Abhay Singh and Sanjeevi Shanthakumar, 'Operational Concerns from Compliance of IMO 2020 Sulphur Limit through VLSFO' (2022) 14(4) *Paliva* 170–180. doi:10.35933/paliva.2022.04.02. *Scopus*.
3. Abhay Singh and Sanjeevi Shanthakumar, 'Analysing the Environmental Impact of IMO Sulphur Regulation 2020, Annex VI, MARPOL' (2023) 130 *Actualidad Jurídica Ambiental*. doi:10.56398/ajacieda.00072. *Scopus*.
4. Abhay Singh and Sanjeevi Shanthakumar, 'Green Shipping and Trade: Allocating Costs of the IMO Sulphur Regulation 2020' (2023) 18(3) *Global Trade and Customs Journal* 110–119. *Scopus*.
5. Mrinalini Banerjee, Abhay Singh and Sanjeevi Shanthakumar, 'India on Track to Plastic Waste Management – A Diversity of Challenges and Regulatory Innovations', *Proceedings of the NDIEAS-2024 International Symposium* (Atlantis Press, 2024) 405. doi:10.2991/978-2-38476-255-2_35. *Web of Science*.
6. Pankaj Avasthi, Sanjeevi Shanthakumar and Abhay Singh, 'Invisible Pollution, Inadequate Law: Rethinking Civil Liability for Non-Persistent Oil Spills in International Maritime Law' (2026) 67 *Comparative Legilinguistics* 229. *Scopus*.
7. Abhay Singh, Sanjeevi Shanthakumar, Chandrakant and Mrinalini Banerjee, 'India's Maritime Decarbonization Legislative Framework: Bridging Climate Responsibility and Social Equity', in Tafsir Matin Johansson, Constantinos Triantafillou and Aspasia Pastra (eds), *Climate Justice and People-Centered Transitions in Maritime Decarbonization* (Springer Nature Switzerland). *Scopus*.

B. UGC-CARE / UGC-listed

8. Abhay Singh, 'Nudging towards Overlapping Consensus' (2018–19) 14 *National Law School Journal*. UGC-CARE.
9. Sanjeevi Shanthakumar, Abhay Singh and Mrinalini Banerjee, 'Scope of Judicial Powers: Evaluating the Judicial Activism in Indian Constitutional Law' (2024) 53(1–2) *Banaras Law Journal*. ISSN 0522-0815. UGC-listed.
10. Abhay Singh, 'International Criminal Court in Criminalizing Conscripting or Enlisting Children for Hostility' (2017) 6(10) *International Journal of Current Advanced Research*. ISSN 2319-6475. UGC (2017).

C. Other peer-reviewed

11. Abhay Singh, S. Shanthakumar and Heli Dubey, 'India's Approach to Sustainable Fisheries Management: Analysing Regional Cooperation and National Implementation' (15 September 2025) *AALCO Journal of International Law*.
12. R Venkatesen and Abhay Singh, 'Navigating the Future Ocean: Law, Science and Robotics in the Transformation of Shipping and Ports' (April 2026) 20(5) *Marine Engineers Review*. ISSN 2250-1967.
13. Shrey Kapoor, Mrinalini Banerjee and Abhay Singh, 'Mining the Mahanadi: The Contested Terrain of Coal Extraction, Ecological Sustainability, and Community Rights in Eastern India', in *Rivers Unbound* (1st edn, Routledge 2025). eBook ISBN 9781003664307.
14. Mrinalini Banerjee and Abhay Singh, 'Corporations, its Wrongdoings and State Instrumentality of Justice: The Commonwealth Comparative Study of UK & India' (2024) 13(2) *GNU Journal of Law, Development and Politics*.
15. Abhay Singh, 'Impact of Countries Settlements on International Humanitarian Law' (December 2017) 2(2) *Amity Law Journal*. ISSN 2518-3575.
16. Abhay Singh, 'Cooperative Federalism: Restoring Human Rights & Bridging Gap between Centre and State' (2017) 6(1) *Journal of Global Research and Analysis*. ISSN 2278-6775.
17. Abhay Singh, 'Critiquing DGCA's Promotion and Regulation of Civil Aviation' (2017–18) VI–VII *NALSAR Indian Journal of Air and Space Law*. ISSN 2394-6091.

Books

1. Sanjeevi Shanthakumar and Abhay Singh, *A Compendium of Treaties on Maritime Environment* (Thomson Reuters). ISBN 978-81-998698-0-6.
2. Sanjeevi Shanthakumar, Mohit Gupta and Abhay Singh, *A Compendium of Treaties on Ocean Governance* (Thomson Reuters). ISBN 978-8199869813.

3. James Kraska, Ronán Long, S. Shanthakumar and Abhay Singh (eds), *Oceans Law: Policy Perspectives from the Indian Ocean Rim* (Brill). *Forthcoming*.
4. S. Shanthakumar, Mrinalini Banerjee and Abhay Singh, *Climate Jurisprudence and Sustainable Innovation: A Global Compendium* (Edward Elgar). *Forthcoming*.
5. Sanjeevi Shanthakumar, Abhay Singh and Mohit Gupta, *Lectures and Commentaries on International Fisheries Law* (Thomson Reuters). *Forthcoming*.
6. Sanjeevi Shanthakumar and Abhay Singh, *A Compendium of Treaties on Maritime Transportation* (Thomson Reuters). *Forthcoming*.
7. Sanjeevi Shanthakumar, Mohit Gupta and Abhay Singh, *A Compendium of Treaties on Maritime Labour Law* (Thomson Reuters). *Forthcoming*.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

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| Oct 2026 | Presented work on people-centric maritime decarbonisation in India, METAVASEA International Workshop “People-Centred Maritime Decarbonization: From East Mediterranean Findings to Global Pathways”, World Maritime University, Malmö. |
| Sep 2026 | Paper on the law of naval warfare and the marine environment (San Remo and Newport Manuals), 49th Conference on Ocean Law and Policy (WMU / US Naval War College), University of Athens. |
| Sep 2026 | Moderator, session on Maritime Boundaries, Baselines and Sovereignty Claims, LawSea 2026 (National Maritime Foundation, GNLU, GMU). |
| Aug 2026 | Panellist on enforcement, governance and legal frameworks, Coast Connect Conference 2026 (DGMA and GMU). |
| Dec 2025 | Speaker, 5th Alumni Programme of the Yeosu Academy of the Law of the Sea, Korea Maritime Institute. |
| Sep 2025 | Keynote and technical session, ‘Introduction to Law on Ship-Sourced Pollution’, NALIMC-2025, Nehru Academy of Law, Kerala. |
| Sep 2025 | Welcome and housekeeping address, 48th Conference on Ocean Law and Policy, hosted by GMU. |
| Apr 2025 | Panellist and chair, International Conference on Emerging Trends of Maritime Laws in India, Tamil Nadu Dr. Ambedkar Law University. |
| Mar 2025 | Panellist, International Conference on Advancing Ocean Governance for a Sustainable Future (Ministry of Commerce and Industry, GoI, and GMU). |
| Nov 2024 | Paper on access to justice in the conservation of fisheries on the high seas in the Indo-Pacific, Symposium on Maritime Legal Order in the Indo-Pacific, Korea Maritime Institute. |
| Jul 2024 | Paper on the Deepwater Horizon (Macondo) oil spill and lessons for India, 21st Annual Colloquium of the IUCN Academy of Environmental Law, GNLU. |
| Sep 2023 | Panellist, 46th Conference on Ocean Law and Policy (US Naval War College and WMU), hosted by DEHUKAM, Türkiye. |
| Jun 2023 | Paper on marine biodiversity and ocean management in the Bay of Bengal, CEERA International Conference on Environmental Law, Policy and Practice, NLSIU Bangalore. |
| Jun 2023 | Paper on regulation of pollution from seabed activities and its implementation challenges, International Conference on Environmental Rule of Law and Justice, HPNLU Shimla. |
| Mar 2023 | Paper on the environmental repercussions of the IMO Sulphur Regulation 2020, 9th International Conference on International Law and the Changing Global Order, Indian Society of International Law, Delhi. |
| Jul 2022 | Session Chair, “Digital Security, Cyber and AI Crimes”, 13th Asian Criminology Conference, GNLU. |
| Nov 2021 | Paper, “Economic and Legal Impact of 2020 Sulphur Limit under Annex VI, MARPOL”, International Association of Maritime Economists (IAME) Conference, Erasmus University Rotterdam. |
| Oct 2021 | Paper, “The Implementation of 2020 IMO Sulphur Regulation by Major Maritime Nations”, 7th International Conference on Advanced Intelligent Maritime Safety and Technology (AiMAST), Universiti Malaysia Terengganu. Best Presenter Award. |

TRAINING, WORKSHOPS AND COURSES

Nov 2025	Climate Law and Governance Day (UNFCCC COP30 side event), Climate Law & Governance Initiative.
Sep–Oct 2024	Yeosu Academy on the Law of the Sea, Korea Maritime Institute and Korean Ministry of Oceans and Fisheries.
Aug 2023	Online refresher course on New Age Teaching Methods and Skills in Higher Education, Jagran Lakecity University and Droit Penale Group (17–21 Aug).
Jan–Feb 2023	Global Externship Programme on COGSA, port operations and commerce, Erasmus University Rotterdam.
Jan 2022	IAE–NIRF Workshop, Institute for Academic Excellence.
Nov 2021	UN Regional Workshop for Asia-Pacific on the Peaceful Settlement of International Disputes.
Aug 2021	Two-week training, Chennai Port Trust.
MOOC	Subject expert (video, e-content and assessment), SWAYAM MOOC on Polar Science, Arctic Governance, Policy and Law.

GRANTS AND PROFESSIONAL ROLES

- **Grant:** USD 2,200 from the IUCN Academy of Environmental Law (IUCN AEL) for the 23rd Annual IUCN AEL Colloquium, hosted by the Institute of Marine and Environmental Law, University of Cape Town, 7–11 December 2026. Theme: *It's the End of the World as We Know It: North-South Dialogues on the Way Forward for Law*.
- **Co-Principal Investigator**, LR Foundation Networking Grant Project on Maritime Decarbonisation.
- **Reviewer:** *Marine Policy* (Elsevier); *European Comparative and International Environmental Law* (Wiley); *Ocean Development and International Law* (Taylor & Francis); *Case Studies on Transport Policy; Law, Environment and Development (LEAD) Journal*.
- **Memberships:** IUCN Academy of Environmental Law; Ocean Expert Group, World Maritime University.
- **Doctoral supervision:** Currently supervising 4 PhD scholars; Member, Doctoral/Monitoring Committee, Indian Maritime University.
- **Of Counsel**, Finvest Legal LLP, Delhi.
- **Resource person**, DGMA Capacity Building Programme (Sep–Oct 2026): environmental and wildlife law liability, marine wildlife protection, and ship recycling regulation. GNLU-Indian Navy Long Duration Course 2022 & 2023 on Law of the Sea and Maritime Law (Including Naval Ops)
- **Guest speaker** at BOBP (IO), GNLU, RGNUL, TNNLU, IIT Madras, Indian Maritime University, Karnavati University, IFIM Law School, CARE, VMLS, TNDALS and TNDALU on key maritime law topics.

CONFERENCES AND EVENTS ORGANISED

Sep–Oct 2026	Capacity Building Programme on Maritime Law, Governance and Administration for Group 'A' Officers of the Directorate General of Maritime Administration (DGMA), 28 Sep – 8 Oct.
Aug 2026	Judges' Training on Admiralty and Shipping Laws for 25 High Court judges with Admiralty jurisdiction, with the National Judicial Academy.
2023–2026	Faculty Convenor, GNLU–GMU International Conference on Climate Justice and Sustainable Environment (ICCJSE), all four editions.
Sep 2025	Faculty Convenor, 48th Conference on Ocean Law and Policy (GMU, WMU and Stockton Center for International Law, US Naval War College).
Mar 2025	Faculty Convenor, International Conference on Advancing Ocean Governance for a Sustainable Future (Ministry of Commerce and Industry, GoI, and GMU).
Sep 2024	Faculty Convenor, Mediation Championship India 2024 (GIMAC, GNLU and The PACT).
Jul 2024	Faculty Convenor, 21st Annual Colloquium of the IUCN Academy of Environmental Law, GNLU.
Jun 2024	Organised a side event on conservation of fisheries on the high seas for BBNJ training, UNEP, Nairobi.
Feb 2024	Faculty Convenor, GNLU–GAIL Conference on Arbitration in Oil and Gas Disputes.
2020–2022	GMU–CI Arb International Maritime Arbitration Competition (GIMAC), three editions.
2018–2019	GD Goenka–CI Arb (India) International Commercial Arbitration Competition, two editions.