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GLS University celebrated its 8th Convocation on February 19th, 2025, honoring the academic accomplishments of over 4700 students. The ceremony was a grand affair, graced by esteemed dignitaries and marked by inspiring addresses and the conferment of honorary doctorates. The event was graced by esteemed dignitaries, including Shri Dharmendra Pradhan, Hon'ble Minister of Education, Government of India, and Hon'ble Justice Shri C.K. Thakker, Former Judge of the Supreme Court of India, Shri Sudhir Nanavati, President of GLS University, Shri Pankaj Patel, President of Gujarat Law Society, Dr. Chandni Kapadia, Executive Director of GLS University, along with university authorities, and the Deans & Directors from various departments.

### Distinguished Guests and Inspiring Words

The convocation was privileged to host Shri Dharmendra Pradhan, Hon'ble Minister of Education, Government of India, as the Chief Guest. In his virtual address, Shri Pradhan emphasized the transformative power of education and its pivotal role in

shaping India's future. He lauded the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020, highlighting its vision for an inclusive and holistic education system. Shri Pradhan stressed the importance of modernizing education to foster innovation, critical thinking, and adaptability, equipping students to meet the challenges of the 21st century. He commended GLS University's commitment to excellence and encouraged the graduating students to utilize their knowledge and creativity to drive positive change in their communities and beyond.

Shri Pankaj Patel, President of Gujarat Law Society, also shared his wisdom, acknowledging GLS University's significant contribution to shaping students' careers and enriching India's intellectual landscape. He expressed immense pride in the university's recent achievements, a testament to its quality of education.

Shri Sudhir Nanavati, President of GLS University, delivered an inspiring speech, reflecting on the university's transformative journey and its mission to nurture future leaders. He acknowledged the hard work and perseverance of the students, as well as the crucial role of their

families and faculty in their academic success. Shri Nanavati emphasized the importance of lifelong learning and urged graduates to continue striving for excellence in their respective fields.

### Honorary Doctorates and Recognition of Excellence

Dr. Chandni Kapadia, Executive Director of GLS University, expressed her pride in the students' and university's achievements. She highlighted the importance of leadership and education in shaping the future. The ceremony also saw the conferment of honorary doctorates upon Hon'ble Justice Shri C.K. Thakker and Shri Tushar Shukla for their exceptional contributions to law, education, and Gujarati arts and literature, respectively.

Hon'ble Justice Shri C.K. Thakker, a beacon of integrity and intellect, inspired the audience with his words, reminding them of the profound responsibility they hold in shaping the law with fairness and wisdom. Shri Tushar Shukla, a renowned poet, lyricist, and broadcaster, shared his journey and the influence of his works on generations.

The convocation also recognized outstanding academic

performance, with 34 meritorious students receiving Gold and Silver Medals and 34 students honored with 'Best Student' Awards across various faculties. 58 doctoral students were awarded their Ph.D. degrees, marking the culmination of their rigorous research and dedication. **A Celebration of Resilience, Dreams, and Hope**

The ceremony was filled with touching moments as graduates celebrated the culmination of years of hard work and looked forward to their future endeavors. The event was not just a celebration of academic achievements but also of resilience, dreams, and hope for the future.

As the convocation concluded, there was a collective sense of pride and hope. The 8th Convocation Ceremony of GLS University was a true celebration of achievements and a reminder of the potential each graduate holds to shape the world in their unique way.

### Congratulations to the Graduates

Congratulations once again to the graduates of GLS University, Class of 2025! May you continue to excel in all your endeavors and make a positive impact on the world.



# SHRI I. M. NANAVATI MEMORIAL MOOT COURT COMPETITION 2024-25

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

Inaugural Ceremony Addressing the participants, the Chief Guest, Hon'ble Ms. Justice Bela Trivedi, Judge, Supreme Court of India, paid homage to the enduring legacy of Shri I.M. Nanavati and emphasized that moot court competitions are crucial for developing research and advocacy skills while imparting knowledge of court procedures. She highlighted the increasing relevance of Artificial Intelligence and Cyber Crimes in the legal landscape, urging young advocates to continuously update their knowledge in these areas. She advised participants to embrace humility, adaptability, and an unwavering commitment to justice in a profession that constantly evolves.

Quoting a Sanskrit verse, "Dharma eva hato hanti dharmo rakṣati rakṣitaḥ" (Dharma, when destroyed, destroys; Dharma, when protected, protects), she urged the participants to uphold



justice and law, which she described as the true religion of humankind.

The Guest of Honour, Hon'ble Mr. Justice N.V. Anjaria, Chief Justice, High Court of Karnataka, advised budding lawyers on the importance of handling judges effectively during trials, maintaining eye contact, using a moderate tone, and responding clearly and confidently to judicial queries. He stressed the significance of integrity, technology adoption, and the practical application of legal principles. "Victory lies



not in the trophy but in participation itself," he remarked.

In his inaugural address,

Mr. Devang Nanavati, Vice-President, GLS University, underscored the importance of continuous learning for legal

professionals, advocating for a comprehensive understanding of history, literature, and constitutional principles. Drawing inspiration from Aristotle, he elaborated on the role of ethos, pathos, and logos in legal reasoning, emphasizing independent thought and the study of jurisprudence. Commenting on legal decision-making and the abstract/concrete paradox, he noted that law is not practiced in abstraction, unlike physical sciences. Instead, courts often assess the constitutionality of

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## INTER-SEMESTER CLIENT COUNSELLING COMPETITION

Enhancing Interviewing, Planning, and Analytical Skills in Law Students

The Client Counselling Competition promotes greater knowledge and interest among law students in the preventive aspects of law and the counselling functions of legal practice. To this end, the Faculty of Law hosted the Inter-Semester Client Counselling Competition on January 4, 2025. The competition aimed to simulate real-world client interactions, challenging participants' skills in problem-solving, communication, and legal analysis within a professional setting.

At the conclusion of the competition, the judges emphasized the importance of fostering practical skills essential for aspiring lawyers. They highlighted the vital role of client counselling in legal practice, noting that a



successful lawyer ensures clients feel satisfied and reassured post-counselling. Additionally, the judges commended the Faculty of

Law for organizing such initiatives that bridge theoretical knowledge with practical application.

The event saw participation

from 29 teams representing all semesters of the Faculty of Law. A panel of twelve advocates, each with over a decade of experience practicing at the High Court of Gujarat, judged the competition. The event concluded with an award distribution ceremony:

- Winners: Rutvij Vyas and Divyam Dave
- First Runners-Up: Kevin Modi and Shrey Malavi
- Second Runners-Up: Janvi Chauhan and Devni Patel
- Best Advocate Award: Divyam Dave, for his exceptional advocacy skills.

The competition successfully reinforced the importance of client counselling in legal education, ensuring that students gain both theoretical insights and practical experience in handling client interactions effectively.



## VICTORIES AT ELYSIAN 7.0

Students of Performing Arts participated in Elysian 7.0, a cultural and literature fest organized by the Institute of Commerce, Nirma University, and received an impressive 9 awards.

In the fashion events, “Melange” was a solo fashion pageant event that saw participation from over 70 students. Nine students from FOPA made it to the final round of 20, and they swept all four awards at the finale.

### Melange - A Fashion Pageant Competition

#### Winners:

Mr. Melange: Rohan Desai

Miss Melange: Shreya

Dhandhukiya

1st Runners-up:

Mr. Melange: Ansh

Parchani

Miss Melange: Maahi Jain

In the dance events, the FOPA group dance team won the top prize with their theme “Around Mother,” which beautifully portrayed the story of motherhood.

In the duet dance category, FOPA students secured both the first and second prizes.

Winner: Hunar Gupta and Swapnil Parmar for their high-energy western dance performance

1st Runner-up: Prachi Modh and Sakshi Prajapati for their elegant classical performance

Bhavika Chhabadiya received the 1st Runner-up prize in the solo dance category.

In the drama category, the FOPA drama team, comprising



Sanjana, Shrilamxi, Shlok, and Rhidham, secured the 1st Runner-up position with their impressive improv drama performance.

FOPA students not only received prizes but also won the hearts of the audience with their captivating storytelling performances.

## FCAIT-PG STUDENTS REPRESENT GLSU AT SMART INDIA HACKATHON (SIH) 2024



Under the guidance of the Ministry of Human Resource Development (MHRD), the All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) organizes the Smart India Hackathon (SIH)—the world’s largest open innovation program—providing students with a national platform to address some of the most pressing issues in daily life.

On December 11th and 12th, 2024, the grand finale of SIH 2024 took place in Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh, bringing together creative minds from across India to tackle real-world challenges. Team API-Fetched, comprising Mr. Sauban Vahora (Team Leader), Mr. Farman Sunasara, Mr. Humed Mansuri, Mr. Ayan Shaikh, Mr. Musab Shaikh, and

Ms. Arab Aayrin, mentored by Mr. Raihan Patel, from iMSc(IT) Semester 7, participated in a problem statement provided by the Madhya Pradesh Police Department. The team focused on developing a Barcode-Based Hardware Inventory Management System to enhance operational efficiency.

The objective of the project was to design a centralized platform for managing the technological assets of police departments, such as computers, communication devices, and servers, ensuring they remain available, functional, and up to date. This solution aims to address challenges related to decentralization, inaccurate records, resource misallocation, and compliance risks.

laws through concrete cases.

Welcoming the guests and reflecting on the essence of striving for excellence, Dr. Mayuri H. Pandya, Dean, Faculty of Law, remarked, “The emotion to perform at your best will set everything in motion.” She extended greetings to all dignitaries, including Hon’ble Mr. Justice Biren A. Vaishnav, Hon’ble Ms. Justice Vaibhavi Nanavati, Hon’ble Mr. Justice Pranav Trivedi, Hon’ble Mr. Justice

competition commenced, adjudicated by senior advocates and judges of the High Court of Gujarat. The event concluded with insightful messages from dignitaries, a Vote of Thanks, and the National Anthem.

#### Valedictory Ceremony

The grand finale and valedictory ceremony took place the following day, presided over by Hon’ble Mr. Justice Biren A. Vaishnav and Hon’ble Mr. Justice Pranav Trivedi, Judges of the High Court of Gujarat.

Addressing the audience, Chief Guest Hon’ble Mr. Justice Biren A. Vaishnav praised moot court competitions for instilling confidence in budding lawyers and urged participants to uphold integrity and justice. He cautioned against shortcuts to material gain, emphasizing that lawyers should never compromise on honesty and

professional ethics.

Echoing this sentiment, the Guest of Honour, Hon’ble Mr. Justice Pranav Trivedi, highlighted the significance of moot court competitions in providing real-world litigation experience. He described the competition as a microcosm of real-world legal challenges, underscoring the role of critical thinking, research, and composure under pressure in shaping astute legal minds.

Welcoming the guests and participants, Dr. Sudhir Nanavati, President, GLS University, reflected on his illustrious 52-year legal career, emphasizing the dynamism of the legal profession and the values of respect, meticulous preparation, and lifelong learning.

Providing an overview of the program, Dr. Mayuri Pandya recounted the three-day journey of the competition, lauding the participants’

dedication and the rigorous judging process. She noted that this moot court competition stands out among similar events nationwide, as it offers the highest cash prize to winners and continues to attract top law schools from across India.

Towards the conclusion of the valedictory ceremony, awards and cash prizes were distributed to the winners. A total of ₹5,46,000/- in cash prizes was awarded—the highest cash prize among all moot court competitions in India.

#### Winners and Awards

- Winners’ Trophy: Ms. Aarzoo Challana, Ms. Jasmeen Kaur, Ms. Divyanshi Srivastava (Rajiv Gandhi National Law University, Patiala) – ₹2,25,000/-
- Runner-Up Trophy: Chanakya National Law University, Patna –

₹1,50,000/-

- Best Student Advocate (Appellant): Mohammad Rayan Khan (Guru Gobind Singh University School of Law and Legal Studies, New Delhi) – ₹50,000/-
- Best Student Advocate (Respondent): Devang Goswami (Karnavati University, Gandhinagar) – ₹50,000/-
- Best Memorial (Appellant): Ram Manohar Lohiya National Law University, Lucknow – ₹25,000/-
- Best Memorial (Respondent): Symbiosis Law School, Pune – ₹25,000/-
- Best Researcher Award: Ms. Kriti Sardana (Himachal Pradesh National Law University, Shimla) – ₹21,000/-

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

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Deepak Roshan, Prof. (Dr.) Chandini Kapadia, Executive Director, GLS University, and Prof. (Dr.) Dharmesh Shah, Provost, GLS University.

The inaugural ceremony also featured an address by the previous year’s winners, who shared their experiences, inspiring the current participants. Following the ceremony, intense rounds of



## WINTER WARMTH INITIATIVE



The FCAIT - PG students of GLS University organized the "Winter Warmth Initiative," a heartfelt donation drive aimed at supporting underprivileged individuals during the harsh winter season. As part of this initiative, students collected and distributed essential items, including winter clothing, food packets, and blankets, in the Pakwan Cross Roads area and near YMCA.

Beyond providing warmth and nourishment, the initiative fostered a spirit of compassion and social responsibility among the students. The overwhelming gratitude from recipients and the sense of fulfillment experienced by volunteers reinforced the power of collective kindness.



Inspired by the success of this initiative, the students plan to continue their humanitarian efforts, striving to make a lasting impact on the community.

## BISAG-N INDUSTRIAL VISIT 2025: A GLIMPSE INTO GEOSPATIAL TECHNOLOGIES

The industrial visit to BISAG-N in January 2025 provided B.Tech (CS & E) Semester 6 students with an invaluable learning experience in space and geospatial technologies. BISAG-N, a leading institute specializing in GIS-based services, remote sensing, and satellite communication, plays a crucial role in national development planning, disaster management, and e-governance.

During the visit, students explored advanced remote and aerial imaging technologies, gaining insights into their applications in urban planning, agriculture, and disaster response. They also learned about BISAG-N's contribution to the Gati Shakti initiative, which integrates geospatial intelligence for national



infrastructure development.

The visit reinforced the significance of Artificial Intelligence (AI), Machine Learning (ML), and Computer Science in geospatial applications, inspiring students to pursue careers in this dynamic field. This

experience effectively bridged the gap between theoretical learning and practical implementation, equipping students with the knowledge to contribute to technological advancements and socio-economic transformation.

## FCAIT UG STUDENTS RECOGNIZED FOR INNOVATIVE EDTECH SOLUTION!



FCAIT UG students secured 3rd place in Brahma Code: SKIPS HACKATHON 2025, organized by SKIPS University, by tackling the problem statement "Bridging Digital Divide: Inclusive Virtual Classroom for Under-Resourced Indian Schools." and won a cash prize of ₹20,000.

They showcased an innovative solution to make virtual education more accessible and inclusive for students in underprivileged areas.

## INDUSTRIAL VISIT TO ADANI (MUNDRA) PORT



The Faculty of Computer Applications and Information Technology (FCAIT) organized an industrial visit to Adani Mundra Port to provide students with practical exposure to industry operations. This initiative aimed to bridge the gap between academic learning and real-world industrial practices. The visit was conducted for final-year students on January 3-4 and January 6-7, 2025. Its objective was to familiarize students with the operations of one of India's largest industrial hubs.

On the first day, students toured Asia's largest coal port, where they gained insights into the intricate logistics and operations involved in handling enormous quantities of coal and other cargo. The scale and efficiency of the port's management system provided valuable educational insights.

During their visit to the Adani Wilmar Plant, students observed the production processes of edible oils and other consumer goods. Plant representatives provided detailed explanations of workflow processes and quality control measures,

giving students a deeper understanding of modern manufacturing techniques.

On the second day, the group visited the solar plant, where they learned about renewable energy initiatives and the manufacturing process of solar panels. The plant's emphasis on sustainable development left a lasting impression, highlighting the importance of renewable energy in modern industries.

Additionally, students toured the thermal power plant, where they observed the process of electricity generation using coal as a primary resource. They also learned about the environmental measures taken to mitigate the ecological impact of such operations.

This industrial visit provided students with invaluable real-world insights into industrial operations and management practices. Observing the operations of both renewable and thermal power plants emphasized the delicate balance between industrial growth and environmental sustainability, leaving students with a comprehensive understanding of modern industrial challenges and solutions.



# AN EXPERT SESSION ON 'THE ART OF CRAFTING YOUR OWN STORY'



**E**xpert Sessions at GLS University: Insights into Branding, Trading, and Marketing

Ms. Kena Shah, the visionary owner of the renowned brand Inara and best-selling author of *The Wardrobe Story*, recently conducted an engaging session on personal branding and styling at the Faculty of Management, GLS University.

The session emphasized the transformative power of personal branding in both professional and personal growth. Drawing from her extensive experience in fashion and storytelling, Ms. Shah highlighted the importance of building a unique and authentic personal brand. She provided valuable insights into how style and presentation play a pivotal role in making a lasting impression.

Her interactive approach, coupled with practical examples and actionable tips, inspired attendees to rethink their style choices and align them with their individual aspirations. The session not only explored the nuances of professional styling but also underscored the significance of self-confidence and authenticity in crafting a strong personal identity.

Both students and faculty appreciated Ms. Shah's expertise and her ability to connect with the audience, making the session a memorable and impactful experience.

## Expert Session on 'Futures and Options Trading'

A guest session on "Futures and Options Trading" was conducted for IMBA and MBA Finance specialization students. We were privileged to host Mr.

Amir Jamani, Partner at Shiksha Fin Serve, Ahmedabad, who has over 15 years of experience in daily trading in the Equity and F&O markets and managing portfolios for numerous clients.

During the session, Mr. Jamani explained the fundamentals of futures and options trading, providing insights into trading strategies and techniques to maximize gains in the derivative market. His expertise and real-world examples helped students grasp the complexities of financial markets, making the session both informative and engaging.

## Expert Session on 'Digital Branding: Exploring Career Paths in Marketing & Advertising'

On September 23, 2024, an expert session was organized for MBA Marketing students on "Digital Branding: Exploring Career Paths in Marketing & Advertising." The session was led by Ms. Anshul Jangra, Co-Founder of Offbeat – Marketing and Communication.

Students gained insights into the latest trends and innovations in digital branding, including social media marketing, SEO, content creation, and paid advertising, all of which are crucial in today's digital landscape. The session provided a clear understanding of various career opportunities in marketing and advertising, such as brand management, digital marketing, media planning, and creative roles.

Ms. Jangra also discussed the skills required for each career path, offering valuable guidance on how students can navigate and thrive in the



evolving world of digital marketing and advertising.

## Expert Session on 'Social Media: A Catalyst for Innovation in Industry Practices'

On January 9, 2025, an insightful guest session on "Social Media: A Catalyst for Innovation in Industry Practices" was conducted for MBA Semester IV Marketing students. The session was led by Mr. Upendrasinh Zala, Founder and CEO of Neuramonks, who shared his expertise on leveraging social media for brand building, consumer engagement, and market trends.

With his vast experience, Mr. Zala illustrated how social media platforms are transforming industry practices, presenting real-life case studies of businesses that achieved exponential growth through strategic social media campaigns. He explained how various platforms can be used for tailored marketing efforts, campaign analytics, and enhancing customer interaction.

The discussion also covered emerging trends such as influencer marketing, user-generated content, and AI-driven social insights, sparking curiosity and interactive engagement among the students.

Each of these expert sessions provided students with valuable industry insights, equipping them with practical knowledge and preparing them for real-world challenges in their respective fields.

## CODE CRAFTER From Figma to Functional: Building a Client Ready Landing Page



**O**n 14th December 2024, The Faculty of Computer Applications and IT's CodeCrafter committee organized an enriching event on "From Figma to Functional: Building a Client Ready Landing Page" for students of BCA, iMCA, iMSC(IT), and BCA(Hons), designed to enhance their skills and knowledge in the technical domain. A standout session involved a hands-on workshop where students learned to transform Figma designs into responsive landing pages, focusing on essential tools, techniques, and best practices for professional development. Additionally, interactive



discussions covered topics like mastering GitHub and earning opportunities for students, promoting practical learning. A quiz competition added excitement, with rewards for the winners. The event was a tremendous success, motivating attendees to thrive in the tech industry.

## EMPOWERING FUTURE TECHNOLOGISTS: A SERIES OF EXPERT-LED SEMINARS AT FCAIT



**T**he Faculty of Computer Applications and Information Technology (FCAIT) organized a series of seminars to equip students with essential knowledge of emerging technologies and career opportunities. Conducted by experts, these sessions covered NoSQL databases, image processing, and future career prospects.

On January 28, 2025, FCAIT hosted Opportunities After BCA for third-year students. Professionals from law, computer science, design, performing arts, and business administration discussed diverse career paths, including software development, data science, UX design, and legal tech. They emphasized higher education, certifications in AI/ML, and opportunities in freelancing and entrepreneurship.

On February 5, 2025, FCAIT held a seminar on

Apache Cassandra for BCA and IMScIT students. Led by Prof. Nirav Suthar, the session covered NoSQL database features such as peer-to-peer distribution, fault tolerance, and scalability, with real-world applications in social media and e-commerce. Practical demonstrations included setting up a Cassandra cluster and optimizing performance.

On February 6, 2025, a seminar on Image Processing was conducted for FCAIT students. Prof. Neha Vaswani covered key concepts such as image enhancement, noise reduction, and compression, highlighting applications in medical imaging, computer vision, and AI, with hands-on demonstrations using OpenCV and MATLAB.

These seminars broadened students' knowledge of technology and career pathways, preparing them for the evolving IT industry.



# GLS UNIVERSITY'S 8TH CONVOCATION: HONORING EXCELLENCE AND INSPIRING FUTURES





# એચ.એ.કોલેજના ૭૦માં વર્ષ નિમિત્તે લોગો તથા મેગેઝીનનું વિમોચન થયું

ગુજરાત લો સોસાયટી સંચાલિત એચ.એ.કોલેજને ૭૦ માં વર્ષમાં પ્રવેશ થવાના પ્રસંગે જીએલએસના એકઝીક્યુટીવ વાઈસ પ્રેસીડન્ટ સુધીર નાણાવટીએ તેનો લોગો તથા મેગેઝીનનું વિમોચન કર્યું હતું.

ગુજરાત રાજ્યની સ્થાપના પહેલાની ૧૯૫૬ માં શરૂ થયેલી એચ.એ.કોલેજમાંથી ભણી ગયેલા વિદ્યાર્થીઓ આજે દેશના અગ્રણી ઉદ્યોગપતિઓ, ખ્યાતનામ વકીલો, હાઈકોર્ટ તથા સુપ્રીમકોર્ટના જજો સરકારી અધિકારીઓ તથા સામાજિક કાર્યકારો તરીકે સેવાઓ આપી રહ્યા છે. આ પ્રસંગે કાર્યક્રમના અધ્યક્ષ સુધીર નાણાવટીએ એચ.એ.કોલેજ દ્વારા મેળવેલી સિદ્ધિઓ જેમાં એકેડેમિક, સ્પોર્ટ્સ, સાંસ્કૃતિક પ્રવૃત્તિઓ તથા સામાજિક સેવાઓ માટે કોલેજના પ્રિન્સીપાલ સંજય વકીલે કહ્યું હતું કે જીએલએસના સહયોગથી વિવિધ ક્ષેત્રે એચીવમેન્ટ્સ મેળવ્યા છે. ગુજરાતની પ્રથમ કોમર્સ કોલેજ જેને નેકની ચોથી સાયકલ પૂરી કરી હોય તેમાં પણ જીએલએસનો સિંહફાળો છે. સુધીર નાણાવટીએ ૧૯૫૬ થી સેવાઓ આપવા બદલ આચાર્યો, અધ્યાપકો, તથા અન્ય સ્ટાફનો આભાર વ્યક્ત કરી સમગ્ર વર્ષ દરમિયાન યોજનારી વિવિધ પ્રવૃત્તિઓ માટે શુભકામના વ્યક્ત કરી હતી. આ નિમિત્તે કોલેજના નિવૃત્ત અધ્યાપકોનું સન્માન કર્યું હતું.

આ પ્રસંગમાં જીએલએસના એકઝીક્યુટીવ ડિરેક્ટર ચાંદની કાપડીયા, જી એલ એસ યુનિવર્સિટીના વાઈસ ચાન્સેલર ધર્મેશ શાહ તથા જીએલએસના રજીસ્ટ્રાર શશાંક શાહ ઉપસ્થિત રહ્યા હતા. આ કાર્યક્રમનું સંચાલન પ્રા.મહેશ સોનારાએ કર્યું હતું.



## ENGAGING SESSION ON VOICE MODULATION

The GLS FCAIT Theatre Club organized an insightful and interactive session featuring Kunj Ganatra, a former RJ and seasoned theatre artist from MICA. The session focused on the nuances of voice modulation, pitch, tone, and stage presence—crucial skills for aspiring performers.

Ganatra's dynamic approach and hands-on techniques captivated the audience, providing practical strategies to enhance vocal delivery and stage impact. Drawing from her extensive experience in radio and theatre, she shared valuable insights



that left students inspired and eager to refine their craft.

The session was a resounding success, reinforcing the Theatre Club's commitment to nurturing students' talent.

## SUCCESSFUL SEA SWIMMING

Dr. Ankit Bhojak has achieved yet another milestone by successfully completing the prestigious Hathi Siddhi Swimathon, a national sea swimming competition held in Porbandar on January 5, 2025. The event was organized by the Shree Ram Sea Swimming Club. He completed one kilometer of swimming in 26 minutes and 21 seconds, securing the 11th position—a commendable feat. The competition saw around 150 participants in his category from across the nation.

Many congratulations to



Dr. Ankit Bhojak on this remarkable accomplishment! His dedication and determination continue to inspire others.

## "BEST COLLEGE AWARD" AT IIM CHAOS 2025



"GLS Faculty of Performing Arts Wins Big at IIM Chaos 2025!"

We're thrilled to announce that our college GLS faculty of Performing arts has bagged the Best College Championship Award at the 30th edition of IIM Chaos, organized by IIM Ahmedabad!

Our talented students won a total of 10 awards across various categories:

### Fashion:

- Razzmatazz Group Fashion Show - Winners (Cash prize: ₹60,000)

- Style Spectrum Solo Fashion Show:
- Mr. Chaos - Ansh Parchani (Winner, Cash prize: ₹15,000)
- Miss Chaos - Shreya Dhandhukiya (Winner, Cash prize: ₹15,000)

### Theatre:

- Aagaaz Nukkad Natak - Winners (Cash prize: ₹30,000)
- The 4th Wall Stage Play - Winners (Cash prize: ₹30,000)

### Dance:

- Duet Dance - Hunar Gupta & Swapnil Parmar (Winners, Cash prize: ₹20,000)
- Duet Dance - 2nd Runners-up - Bhavika Chhabadiya & Chitraksh (Cash prize: ₹10,000)
- Group Dance - 2nd Runners-up (Winning amount: ₹15,000)
- Solo Dance - 2nd Runners-up - Swapnil Parmar (Winning amount: ₹10,000)

### Music:

- Battle of Bands - Musical Band - 1st Runner-up (Cash prize: ₹35,000)



## FANTASY FUSION – FASHION FLAGSHIP EVENT OF FASHION CLUB OF FOPA



To promote cosplay culture in Ahmedabad, GLS Performing Arts hosted an inter-college cosplay competition called “Fantasy Fusion.” Participants had to create their own garments and dress up as their favorite fictional characters, bringing them to life through acting. More than 30 participants from various institutes across the city took part in this event. The characters portrayed ranged from Barbie to superheroes, anime characters, Hollywood film villains, and more, including the Joker, American Psycho, and Ghost Rider. Each participant showcased their unique style and flair in their cosplay, highlighting their creativity and talent.

The competition was judged by renowned model Twara Mehta, stylist and designer Yash Bhandari, and Natasha from Lakme Academy. Nine students received awards, which included gift hampers and goodies.

### winners of Fantasy Fusion

Winner- Aditya Pergonda pawar (Faculty of Design)

1st runner up - Dipanshi Rathod (Faculty of commerce)

2nd runner up - Bhavyaraj sinh kachhavaha (Faculty of management)

### Best male costume

Munshi Mohammad zaheen (Faculty of Law)

### Best male costume

Bhavya Thawani (Faculty of performing arts)

### Best female costume

Aditi rajgor (Faculty of commerce)

### Best female costume

Dimple Lalwani (Faculty of management)

### Outstanding Performance

Harsh chelani (Faculty of commerce)

### Outstanding performance

Sakshi Mehta ( Faculty of Law)

Additionally, all participants received certificates and a special photo frame of their cosplay avatar as a gift from GLS University Performing Arts.

This event was successfully managed by the students of the Fashion Club of Performing Arts and curated by Professor Jaimil Joshi.

## HR SYMPOSIUM 2024: SHAPING THE FUTURE OF HUMAN RESOURCE

The HR Symposium 2024, themed “Shaping Your Future: Trends & Insights,” was successfully held on December 14, 2024, organized by the Faculty of Business Administration. The inaugural session took place at the GLS University Auditorium, serving as a dynamic platform that brought together HR professionals and students to discuss emerging trends and ideas shaping the future of human resources.

The inaugural address was delivered by Dr. Anil Khandelwal, former CMD of Bank of Baroda and renowned author. He captivated the audience with inspiring anecdotes, emphasizing the importance of continuous learning and adaptability. Dr. Khandelwal remarked, “Your degree is merely a passport to enter an organization. To remain eligible, you need to earn a daily visa through your qualities.” He urged participants to strive toward becoming integrated human beings and better individuals. His mantras for success included developing strengths, embracing challenges, and being open to role transitions.

The keynote speaker, Mr. Amit Karandikar, General Manager and Head of Human Resources at Netafilm India, provided invaluable advice to students. He encouraged them to pursue their passions, resist societal pressures, and invest in personal branding. Additionally, he underscored the importance of balancing



theory with practice, cultivating patience, and exploring diverse career paths, including entrepreneurship and further studies.

A lively panel discussion featured industry leaders, including:

Ms. Nidhi Sharma (HR Expert)

Mr. Mayur Patel (CEO, Proflex)

Mr. Hemang Desai (CHRO, Ishan Technologies)

Mr. Pawan Alamchandani (CHRO, Prompt Group)

Mr. Sushil Tripathi (VP HR, PSP Projects)

The panel discussed the future of HR, concluding that domain expertise, IT proficiency, leadership skills,

teamwork, adaptability, resilience, and the right attitude are essential for young professionals. A rapid-fire Q&A session with students added an interactive and engaging dimension to the discussion.

The event also featured exciting competitions, including Recruitment Battle, Talent Scout, and Anubhooti, which attracted enthusiastic participation from students across the state.

Concluding on a high note, the HR Symposium 2024 was an enriching experience, fostering meaningful dialogue and connections between HR leaders and aspiring professionals.

## EXPERT SESSION ON DIGITAL HUMANITIES IN AI-DRIVEN CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

GLS FCAIT Literary Club hosted an expert session on “Introduction to Digital Humanities: A Promising Employability Skill in the AI/ML Era,” featuring Dr. Rachna Arora from SLS, PDEU Gandhinagar. The session provided valuable insights into the evolving role of Digital Humanities in today’s technology-driven world.

Dr. Arora highlighted how AI, data analytics, and computational tools are transforming humanities research and opening new career avenues. Her engaging discussion sparked thought-



provoking conversations among students and faculty, emphasizing the

interdisciplinary potential of Digital Humanities in the AI/ML era.





## Concept Note of the Winning Entry: "EKA-A"

"Eka" is a chair designed to create personal space within a shared environment, offering comfort and a sense of calm, solitude, and inner refuge. It is intended for public interiors, contemporary libraries, and home settings, aiding activities such as working, meditating, and reading.

The design language of the chair emphasizes a natural aesthetic by combining rattan cane and wood, giving it a distinct Indian touch. Its form is inspired by the pyramid/cone-like aerodynamic structure of temple spires, which are believed to attract positive energy from the atmosphere. This positive energy is thought to enhance the internal surroundings of temples, fostering peace, mindfulness, and well-being.



GLS Institute of Design partnered with Ankit Kothari, the director of Paanchika, and Aishwarya Jain, the founder of I AM Happiness, to host Dream with Designer 2.0. We appreciate the opportunity to use our platform to showcase their creative endeavors and highlight the significance of experiential learning for students and aspiring designers.

During the event, the short film Paanchika - Five Pebbles, directed by Ankit Kothari, was screened. An in-depth discussion followed, covering its creative journey from conception to execution, including the stages of visualization, pre-production, cinematography, and editing. This allowed the audience to fully engage with the film's narrative and the individuals behind its creation, culminating in its successful presentation on the big screen. Ankit's journey from a clap boy to a film director inspired young minds and encouraged students to embrace the many nuances of their own creative processes.

Aishwarya, through illustrative examples, emphasized the importance of understanding the "why" behind creative endeavors. She highlighted the value of perseverance and continual skill refinement as essential for personal growth and learning.

The Q&A session fostered a dialogue between students and faculty, exposing them to diverse approaches to their own creative pursuits. The session seamlessly blended elements of film, art, aspirations, and inspiration, promoting a hands-on approach to learning and creative expression.



## Academic Report: Visit to Clay Club Studio, Ahmedabad

As part of the Material & Process II coursework, students from the Environment & Space Design discipline recently visited the renowned Clay Club Studio in Ahmedabad. This studio, recognized for its innovative experimentation with clay, serves as a hub for research and development of clay as a material and its various applications.

### Ceramic workshop\_ Clay club studio

During the visit, students gained valuable insights into the comprehensive process of working with clay, from raw material preparation to the creation of everyday products and architectural elements such as facades and floor tiles. Each stage of production demonstrated the techniques and tools necessary to strengthen clay into a viable building material for interior and architectural applications.

This firsthand experience provided students with a deeper understanding of the craftsmanship and technical aspects involved in transforming clay into functional and aesthetically appealing products. The knowledge acquired during this visit will be instrumental as they develop their design projects centered around clay.

A special note of gratitude to Mr. Fulchandra Patel for his generous guidance and expertise, which enriched the learning experience. This educational excursion was led by Prof. Harsha Shamnani and Prof. Parool Chauhan, whose efforts in organizing the visit facilitated an invaluable opportunity for the students.



## From Classroom Concept to Shark Tank India: Hitarth Parikh's Revolutionary Innovation

From a classroom concept at GLS Institute of Design to a groundbreaking innovation—our alumnus Hitarth Parikh has taken his visionary idea to Shark Tank India, transforming it into a one-of-a-kind company, Hyperlab Life.

A product design alumnus, Hitarth developed Helios, a smart robotic system that is revolutionizing the world of sports. Designed to enhance stamina-building exercises for athletes, Helios utilizes advanced technology to generate performance analytics, focusing on agility, reflexes, and endurance. By bringing precision and efficiency to training, Helios has the potential to become a game-changer in athletic performance.

Hitarth's visionary work has reshaped the fitness landscape, earning him and his company the opportunity to pitch their product to investors on the renowned TV show Shark Tank India.

We are incredibly proud of his achievements and his journey from a student to a successful entrepreneur, setting new benchmarks in design, technology, and sports innovation.



## Dream with Designers

GLS Institute of Design organized an event titled "Dream with Designers 1.0" aimed at parents, design applicants, and enthusiasts. The interactive session focused on dispelling myths about the design field, discussing topics such as "What is Design?", the future of design, and available opportunities. The initiative aimed to educate and inform attendees about the reality of design as a well-established and respected profession, countering misconceptions that may deter aspiring students and their parents from pursuing a career in design.



## iF DESIGN AWARD 2024 – Manav Oza's Project "REALT" Wins in Sustainable Home Appliances

The iF DESIGN AWARD is one of the world's most prestigious design accolades. Organized in Germany since 1954, the iF label is a globally recognized symbol of design excellence for consumers and the design community. Each year, international design experts gather to select award-winning designs based on strictly neutral jury screening standards.

This year, our Product Design student Manav Oza's project REALT has been awarded the iF DESIGN AWARD 2024 under the category Sustainable Home Appliances. The project was undertaken as a graduation project at Desmania Design Pvt. Ltd. under the guidance of Prof. Pritesh Bhatia.

Addressing the challenges of waste management, REALT focuses on specific types of waste, particularly wet waste, which is a growing concern in India. A significant amount of household wet waste ends up in landfills without proper segregation or treatment. Moreover, there is a lack of public awareness and interest in composting.

To tackle this issue, REALT was designed as a composter that not only enhances kitchen aesthetics, functionality, and user interaction but also encourages composting. Seamlessly integrating into modular kitchens, REALT makes composting an intuitive and engaging experience, even allowing users to create personalized compost recipes.

Congratulations to Manav Oza (PD, Batch 2019) on winning the first-ever iF DESIGN AWARD for GLSID! His innovative project, crafted at Desmania Design Pvt. Ltd., has been recognized for its design excellence.



## A SESSION ON 'CAREERS IN THE MODERN ERA'



GLS University's Faculty of Commerce, under the auspices of 'Academics and Beyond'—a lecture series where expert speakers share their knowledge and instill values in the millennial generation—organized a guest session on 'Careers in the Modern Era', led by Mr. Abhishek Singh Gautam.

He began the session by explaining the three important P's for a successful career: Passion, Purpose, and

expectations and the skills candidates possess. He explained that this gap exists because students often struggle to apply their academic knowledge to real-world scenarios. He encouraged students to participate in events, volunteer, and pursue internships to gain practical experience.

He further elaborated that thriving in a management career requires essential skills such as leadership, decision-making, understanding people, and analyzing market trends—capabilities that machines cannot replace. He noted that graduates from top MBA colleges secure high-paying roles because they develop irreplaceable skill sets. According to him, two key factors determine success:

Skills – both hard skills and soft skills. The right attitude – making efforts in the right direction.

He emphasized that the most impactful companies are built by individuals with the right mindset.

Concluding the session, Mr. Gautam stressed the importance of maintaining a balanced profile, putting in extra effort where necessary, and striving to stand out from the crowd as the only way to get ahead.

Progress. He emphasized that one must put in consistent effort to reach their full potential. He also highlighted that individuals in leadership positions value a person's perspective only if they contribute meaningfully to the organization.

Mr. Gautam then addressed the rising unemployment rate among individuals aged 18 to 30, attributing it not to a lack of demand but to a significant gap between industry

## MOSAIC 2025: A SPECTACULAR CELEBRATION OF TALENT AND INNOVATION

MOSAIC 2025, the highly anticipated intercollege fest organized by BK School of Management, Gujarat University, was a grand celebration of talent, creativity, and competitive spirit. Held over three exhilarating days—February 11, 12, and 13—this dynamic festival brought together some of the brightest young minds, eager to showcase their skills and enthusiasm across a wide array of challenges.

The dedication and perseverance of GLS University FOC's contingent paid off spectacularly, securing 1st and 4th place in Swaadotsav and 2nd place in Murder Mystery – Case Study Analysis. These victories were not just achievements but proud moments that reaffirmed FOC's commitment to excellence across multiple disciplines.



## 'PRAYAAS – CHARITY WITH A SMILE' BY GLS-FOC



The Faculty of Commerce, GLS University, successfully organized a heartfelt charity program, 'Prayaas – Charity with a Smile,' demonstrating the spirit of service and compassion. This initiative aimed to support various underprivileged groups by visiting multiple institutions and contributing essential items collected by students and faculty coordinators.

On January 7, 2025, to emphasize the importance of education, the team visited Municipal Schools No. 2 and 26, providing underprivileged children with school supplies, books, and hygiene kits. Through engaging activities and motivational talks, students encouraged young learners to pursue their studies with enthusiasm and determination.

A special Yoga Workshop for Mental Strength was conducted for board students at the Blind People's Association, Memnagar, on February 4, 2025. Yoga experts guided students through meditation and breathing techniques to help them manage stress and anxiety during exams. This session was highly appreciated for promoting mental well-being among students preparing for crucial academic milestones.

Another significant visit was made to the Blind Girls' School at Andh Kanya Prakash School on February 7, 2025, where students engaged in interactive sessions with visually impaired students, sharing moments of joy and learning. They contributed books, stationery, and other learning

materials to support their education and personal development.

As part of 'Prayaas,' students visited Smt. Maniben Tribhuvandas Matru Gruh, an old age home, on February 10, 2025, where they interacted with elderly residents, offering companionship and emotional support. They distributed daily essentials, warm clothes, and snacks, creating a meaningful experience for both students and senior citizens. This visit highlighted the importance of care and attention for the elderly, leaving a lasting impact on the participants.

Further extending its humanitarian efforts, the program included a visit to Sathya Sai Heart Hospital for Children at Sarkhej Highway, Ahmedabad, on February 15, 2025, where essential stationery and games were donated for young patients undergoing treatment. Students interacted with children and their families, spreading warmth and encouragement during their challenging times.

Throughout these initiatives, students actively participated in collecting and distributing necessary items under the guidance of faculty coordinators. 'Prayaas' reinforced the values of empathy, social responsibility, and collective effort, making a profound difference in the lives of many. The initiative successfully instilled a sense of gratitude and commitment to community welfare among students, marking another milestone in the Faculty of Commerce's dedication to social service.



# EXPLORING GLOBAL EDUCATION: VISIT OF MR. JEFFREY BIALY FROM INTO UNIVERSITY PARTNERSHIPS

GLS University had the privilege of hosting Mr. Jeffrey Bialy, Recruitment Director, North America, INTO University Partnerships, USA, on February 14, 2025. His visit aimed to provide students with in-depth insights into higher education opportunities in the United States, covering aspects such as academic programs, scholarships, and admission procedures. The session, titled "USA Education – Opportunities, Scholarships, and More," attracted significant participation, with around 50 students from various undergraduate programs, including BBA, BCA, B. Tech, and B.Design, attending to explore international study prospects.

Mr. Bialy commenced the session by introducing the United States, offering an overview of its geography, climate, and diverse cultural landscape. He then shifted the focus toward the country's education system, discussing the various academic pathways available to international students. He elaborated on the significance of STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) courses, which continue to be among the most sought-after fields of study globally. Additionally,



he guided students on the standardized tests required for admissions, including exams like the SAT, GRE, GMAT, and TOEFL/IELTS, emphasizing their importance in securing admission to reputed institutions.

Another key highlight of the session was the discussion on scholarships and financial aid, where Mr. Bialy outlined different funding opportunities

available for international students, ranging from merit-based scholarships to need-based financial assistance. He also provided an overview of tuition fees, living expenses, and strategies to manage financial commitments while studying abroad.

The session concluded with an interactive Q&A segment, where students actively engaged with Mr.

Bialy, seeking guidance on choosing the right universities, understanding visa procedures, and exploring career opportunities post-graduation. He addressed their queries with practical insights, offering recommendations tailored to their academic interests and aspirations.

Overall, the session proved to be an invaluable learning experience,

equipping students with the necessary knowledge to make informed decisions about pursuing higher education in the USA. GLS University remains committed to facilitating such enriching interactions, broadening students' global perspectives, and empowering them with opportunities to excel on international academic platforms.

## DELEGATES' VISIT SPARKS INSPIRATION AMONG GLSU-UTSC STUDENTS

It was a privilege to host Dr. Marjorie O'Neill MP, NSW State Member for Coogee, and Ms. Suchita Gokarn, Director of International Education, India, Global Network, Trade and International, Premier's Department, during their recent visit to our campus on 22nd January 2025.

The visit proved to be a highlight for our students, particularly the first-year UTSC INDIA cohort, who are currently pursuing their studies at GLS-UTSC. The interaction between Dr. O'Neill and the students was truly inspiring, as they shared their aspirations and career goals. Dr. O'Neill's encouraging words left the



students feeling empowered and excited about the opportunities ahead.

The discussion not only deepened the students'

understanding of global education and international career prospects but also reinforced the importance of striving for excellence in their

chosen fields. The visit was a powerful reminder of the incredible potential our students hold and the support they have as they work



toward their futures. Dr. O'Neill and Ms. Gokarn's engagement with our students inspired them to dream big and aim high.