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## SAMVIDHAN KA SAFAR: RALLY FOR FUNDAMENTAL DUTIES COMMEMORATING THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE CONSTITUTION

**Celebrating the Indian Constitution's 75th Anniversary**

GLS University's Faculty of Law celebrated the 75th anniversary of the Indian Constitution with a grand year-long celebration known as Samvidhan Safar. This initiative is a testament to the institution's commitment to honouring the spirit of the Constitution and raising awareness about its core principles. As part of this celebration, the faculty organised a Kartavya rally, or Walk for Duties, on December 1, 2024, to emphasise the critical role of fundamental duties in the growth and development of a nation. The event was flagged off by Prof. (Dr.) Amar Pal Singh, Vice Chancellor of Ram Manohar Lohiya National Law University, Lucknow, in the esteemed presence of Shri Sudhir Nanavati, President of GLS University; Dr. Chandini Kapadia, Executive Director, GLS University; Dr.



Dharmesh Shah, Provost, GLS University; and Dr. Mayuri Pandya, Dean, Faculty of Law, GLS University. Their presence underscored the significance of the event and its purpose.

### A massive turnout for a Noble cause

The Kartavya Rally witnessed the overwhelming participation of approximately 1,200 law students, who showcased their enthusiasm and commitment by walking a five-kilometer stretch. Holding placards, banners, and posters, the participants passionately highlighted the

eleven fundamental duties enshrined in the Indian Constitution. These duties, essential for the sustenance of a harmonious and progressive society, include upholding the sovereignty, unity, and integrity of the nation; promoting harmony and brotherhood; preserving cultural heritage; protecting the environment; safeguarding public property; and striving for excellence. The students' spirited display of patriotism and civic responsibility drew attention to the significance of these constitutional values in nation-building.

### Inspiring a Collective Sense of Duty

The rally was not only a demonstration of student engagement but also a moment of reflection and inspiration for all participants. The active involvement of dignitaries, faculty members, and students alike added to the event's success, as they walked together to symbolise unity and collective responsibility. By shedding light on the importance of fundamental duties, the Kartavya Rally served as a powerful reminder of every citizen's role in contributing to the nation's development and integrity. The rally reaffirmed the connection between duties and rights, emphasising the importance of a commitment to these duties for societal progress and well-being. The event, thus, became a meaningful tribute to the Indian Constitution, leaving an indelible impact on everyone present.

## EMPOWERING WOMEN'S HEALTH: A TRANSFORMATIVE SESSION AT GLS UNIVERSITY

An enlightening session by renowned medical professionals Dr. Mukesh Bavishi and Dr. Vidula Bavishi was conducted on December 26, 2024, wherein female staff members and students of GLS University gathered to delve into vital topics surrounding women's health. The session provided deep insights into some of the most pressing health issues affecting women today, including menstruation, fertility, PCOD, and breast lumps.

The session began with an in-depth discussion on menstruation, addressing common concerns, misconceptions, and the latest research on menstrual health. Dr. Vidula Bavishi, with her expert knowledge, emphasised the importance of



understanding the menstrual cycle and identifying signs of

any underlying health conditions that might arise.

The session also shed light on the increasingly common condition of PCOD, providing an overview of its symptoms, causes, and treatment options. Dr. Vidula explained how timely diagnosis and proper management can help reduce the risk of complications like infertility, diabetes, and other hormonal imbalances.

Breast health, a critical issue for women of all ages, was the focus of the session's final segment. Dr. Mukesh Bavishi discussed the importance of regular self-examinations and mammograms, emphasising how the early detection of breast lumps can significantly increase the chances of successful treatment.

The session not only provided useful medical

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# FORTIFYING FINTECH: INSIGHTS FROM CYBER SECURITY EXPERTS



The faculty of commerce at GLS University organised a cybersecurity seminar for its B.Com. [Fintech Batch] students. The seminar was designed to address the specific needs of commerce and fintech students, with a focus on how cybersecurity impacts the rapidly evolving financial technology landscape.

The session was led by prominent speakers CA Abhijeet Javia, Mr. Amal Suresh, and Mr. Abhay Dhamne. Their aim was to educate students on the growing importance of cybersecurity in today's digital world, highlighting the increasing threats faced by organisations and the methods available to protect sensitive data from cyberattacks.

Mr. Abhijeet started the

seminar with a fundamental explanation of cybersecurity, emphasising its role in protecting systems, networks, and data from malicious attacks. He discussed various types of cyber threats, such as phishing, malware, ransomware, and denial-of-service (DoS) attacks, providing real-life examples of how these have affected global corporations. He stressed the importance of raising awareness about security vulnerabilities and underscored the need for developing a robust cybersecurity framework to defend against potential attacks.

Mr. Amal addressed the increasingly sophisticated nature of cyber threats, explaining how cybercriminal groups and hackers exploit common vulnerabilities. Through case studies, he highlighted how outdated software, weak passwords, and poor security practices lead to data breaches and financial losses. His speech underscored the urgent need for organisations to be vigilant and constantly update their security measures to stay ahead of cybercriminals.

Mr. Abhay Dhamne shared



strategies for mitigating cyber risks. He emphasised the importance of creating strong passwords, incorporating special characters that make them nearly impossible to crack, and regularly updating them. He also recommended implementing firewalls, anti-malware software, multi-factor authentication (MFA), and encryption technologies to enhance data security.

The seminar provided students with valuable insights into the critical role of cybersecurity in safeguarding digital infrastructure, particularly in the fintech sector. The speakers effectively communicated the importance of adopting a proactive approach to security rather than waiting to respond after an attack occurs. Both organisations and individuals shared the responsibility for maintaining cybersecurity.

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confidence in their ability to make informed health decisions.

With Dr. Mukesh and Dr. Vidula Bavishi's expertise, the session was a resounding



## A KNOWLEDGE ENHANCING TALK SHOW ON CHAT WITH DIPLOMATS @GLS FOC UNDER INNOVISION- THE MANAGEMENT CLUB



The GLS University Faculty of Commerce organised a "Chat with Diplomats" talk show, featuring Ms. Brenda Soya, Director of the Public Diplomacy Section and Public Affairs Officer at the US consulate in Mumbai. Students and faculty from GLS University attended the session, engaging in an insightful discussion about the dynamic life of a diplomat. Ms. Soya shared her experiences of celebrating Indian holidays abroad, integrating into Indian culture, and enjoying festivals like Garba and Holi with her friends. She provided valuable perspectives on education, the Israel-Palestine conflict, and maintaining work-life balance. During the talk, she explained the role of communication in diplomacy and the importance of cultural exchange. When asked about her favourite movie, series, and book, she mentioned Diplomats and Argo. The event offered a unique opportunity for attendees to understand diplomacy beyond official engagements.

She also advised the students to learn to adapt to the nature of different countries when they go there. She also shared her experience from the G20 Summit. She



also gave insights about how one can manage personal and professional life.

The students in the Faculty of Commerce learnt about how diplomacy works and how they can adopt international careers in the future.

success, fostering a greater understanding of women's health and the importance of proactive care. Also, their ability to present complex medical information in an

approachable manner fostered a greater sense of confidence among participants, encouraging them to take charge of their health and seek timely care when necessary.



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## SESSION ON 'DRUG PREVENTION AND YOUTH' HELD AT GLS UNIVERSITY'S FACULTY OF COMMERCE



GLS University's Faculty of Commerce, under the auspice of 'Academics and Beyond,' a lecture series where various expert speakers are invited to share their knowledge and inculcate values in the minds of this millennial generation, organised a guest session on 'Drug Prevention and Youth.' The session featured two distinguished speakers: Deputy Commissioner of Police Mr. Jayrajsinh Vala from the Special Operations Group of the Ahmedabad City Police and Mr. Krunal Shah, manager of Youth Programs at Elixir Foundation and CEO of the Gujarat Youth Forum, who was invited by the World Economic Forum to Geneva, Switzerland.

The session opened with Mr. Vala, who presented a detailed overview of the various types of drugs prevalent in society. He explained how small shops often disguise and sell these substances illegally, making them more accessible to young people. He further elaborated on how a novice gets addicted to drugs under peer pressure. It could be due to mere stress in life or just the idea of trying new things out. Peer pressure, curiosity, and stress are common catalysts for initial drug use. Intake of drugs, even in the



smallest of amounts, releases dopamine in the body, which makes the consumer lose control over them. The signs of a person under the influence are red eyes, lack of concentration, insomnia, cramps, and others.

Continuing the session, he explained how one can get a natural dose of dopamine by engaging in physical activities such as walking, running, exercising, having regular conversations with their parents and keeping them informed about their day-to-day activities, maintaining a positive circle of friends, and reading spiritual books on a daily basis. He urged the students to reach out for help in case they know someone who is under the influence. He stressed the importance of recognising these signs, not just for personal awareness but also to help peers who might be struggling with substance abuse.

Following Mr. Vala's insightful presentation, Mr. Krunal Shah took the stage to discuss the modern challenges posed by readily available digital content. He pointed

out that the rise of over-the-top (OTT) platforms often glamorises drug use, making it seem acceptable and devoid of serious consequences. This representation can lead young people to believe that substance consumption is a harmless part of life, creating a dangerous perception.

Mr. Shah further elaborated on the financial implications of drug use, illustrating how sustaining such habits can lead individuals into a vicious cycle of dependency and financial instability. He encouraged students to think critically about the media they consume and recognise the broader implications of normalising substance use in popular culture.

The insightful session was concluded with the students taking the pledge, vowing to abstain from drugs and to actively work towards preventing substance abuse among their peers. Act actively towards making the country a drug-free nation and being a responsible citizen of the country.

## FACULTY OF COMMERCE B.COM-FINTECH STUDENTS VISIT GIFT CITY



The Faculty of Commerce, GLS University, has organised a visit for its B.Com (Fintech) Batch students to GIFT City (Gujarat International Finance Tec-City).

The purpose of the visit was to provide students with hands-on exposure to India's first operational smart city and give them an understanding of key components of fintech infrastructure at GIFT City, the International Financial Services Centre (IFSC).

Apart from theoretical knowledge, students of the Fintech Batch, the institute believes in acquainting students with exploring the practical application of financial technologies and their integration with global markets and gaining insights into the regulatory framework, institutions, and digital innovations hosted at GIFT City. An orientation session kicked off the visit,

introducing students to the vision, mission, and unique features of GIFT City.

The session emphasised its role in positioning India as a global hub for financial and IT services.

A guided tour showcased the advanced urban infrastructure of GIFT City, including smart grids, eco-friendly buildings, and intelligent transport systems, highlighting the interplay between technology and sustainability.

Students toured the utility tunnel and automated waste collection plant within GIFT City, giving them a clear understanding of how a centralised system works under one-roof ecosystem.

Students engaged in an interactive session with fintech and regulatory professionals, gaining clarity on emerging trends such as the future of digital payments and opportunities for fintech professionals in global markets.

## GLS UNIVERSITY SHINES BRIGHT WITH OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT IN CA FINAL EXAMINATION

In a remarkable feat of academic excellence, Ms. Riya Shah, a dedicated student of GLS University's Faculty of Commerce, secured the prestigious All India 2nd Rank (AIR-2) in the CA Final Examination held in November 2024. Her achievement is a testament to her unwavering commitment, rigorous preparation, and the strong academic foundation provided by GLS University. Competing against thousands of aspirants across the nation, Riya's success highlights the exceptional talent



nurtured within the institution and serves as an inspiration for her peers and aspiring Chartered Accountants.

GLS University takes immense pride in celebrating this milestone, which not only reflects Riya's personal

dedication but also underscores the Faculty of Commerce's commitment to academic excellence and professional readiness. The university consistently fosters an environment of holistic learning, equipping students with the skills and knowledge needed to excel in competitive fields. Riya Shah's success is a shining example of how focused guidance and hard work can lead to extraordinary accomplishments, bringing immense pride to the GLS community.



## INVESTMENT AWARENESS PROGRAM ORGANIZED AT GLS-FOC IN COLLABORATION WITH NSE

The Faculty of Commerce at GLS University, under Arthshashtra (Economics Club), organised a highly impactful investment awareness program in collaboration with the National Stock Exchange (NSE). This initiative aims to foster financial literacy and empower individuals with the necessary knowledge to navigate the complex world of investments and capital markets. We designed the event to cater to both students and individuals eager to deepen their understanding of financial strategies, wealth creation, and market investments.

This session has emphasised the importance of financial awareness in today's fast-paced, dynamic world. She mentioned that the program was part of a broader effort to equip individuals with essential tools to achieve financial independence and security. In a time where personal finance management and investments are becoming increasingly important, this program stands as a vital resource for individuals at varying levels of financial knowledge. The Investment Awareness Program focused on educating participants about the following critical areas, such as informed decision-making, wealth creation, and capital markets. This session would help students to understand how to make well-researched and informed decisions regarding savings and investments,



learn strategies to grow personal wealth through diverse investment opportunities, and gain a comprehensive understanding of capital markets, their role in the economy, and how individuals can benefit from them.

A significant highlight of the event was the presence of Amita Patel, a seasoned security market trainer and former deputy manager at the State Bank of India. Her expertise was a major draw for attendees. She shared her extensive knowledge about investment strategies, guiding participants on how to manage and grow their finances effectively. During her session, she discussed the importance of diversifying investments to minimise risks and maximise returns. She stressed the need for individuals to stay informed about market trends and financial products, as well as to seek professional advice when necessary. Patel's engaging and informative

approach helped simplify complex investment concepts, making them accessible to everyone, regardless of their financial background. In her opening remarks, she noted how essential it is for individuals to control their financial futures in a world where economic conditions can shift rapidly. The program's content was timely, addressing the need for better financial literacy in a post-pandemic world where the economy is recovering and individuals are seeking ways to rebuild or enhance their financial security.

To maximise the opportunity, the experts encouraged participants to interact, ask questions, and engage in discussions throughout the session. The dynamic nature of the program ensured that it was not just a one-way flow of information but rather an interactive learning experience.

## MANTHAN: AN ELOCUTION COMPETITION AT FACULTY OF COMMERCE, GLS UNIVERSITY



GLS University's Faculty of Commerce, under the auspices of the Speaker Forum Speak to Lead, organised the finale of its annual literary competition, MANTHAN. The mission was truly thought-provoking.

"Death is the second fear that people have, and public speaking is the first!" ..... The audience and participants carried these words with them throughout the two-tier elocution competition, which consisted of a knockout round and a later finale. The knockout round had over 50 participants from both the bachelor's and the master's programs in an interclass manner, and the top students from each class were a part of the finale. The finale had a total of 29 participants who delivered their speeches on the following topics:

Is Social Media Revolutionising or Damaging Human Communication?

Women in Business: Breaking Barriers in the Corporate World

The Art of Networking: Building Social Skills for Professional Growth

Overcoming Procrastination: A Student's Greatest Challenge

We allowed the participants to speak in three languages: English, Hindi, and Gujarati, for their convenience. The

participants not only showcased their exceptionally well-versed vocabulary but also voiced their opinions. Ms. Sonjuhi Succena, an alumna of the Faculty of Commerce, judged the competition. This competition helped the students to overcome their stage fear by enhancing their public speaking skills. It was a fantastic opportunity for all the students to gain confidence by performing on stage. Everyone followed the rules and won over the audience with their confidence, content, and stage presence. They exhibited perfect nuances and finer points that made their speeches intriguing and captivating. The poise, zeal, and praiseworthy articulation delivered by the participants with brilliant confidence and their dedication to this event made the whole experience memorable to all. The judge gave individual feedback to all the participants, which was a culmination of points like the entry and exit of the students on the stage, speech content, presentation style, voice modulation, clarity of speech, expression, dressing sense, coordination, communication, and overall skills. To commemorate their achievements, the judges awarded certificates of merit to the winners.

## VERSE VIBRATIONS- POETRY WRITING AND RECITATION WORKSHOP @GLS-FOC

**"Words are never communicated, those are the feelings which are communicated"- Prof. Kamal Joshi**

GLS University's Faculty of Commerce, under the auspices of the Word Wizards—the English and Reading Club—organized "Verse Vibrations: Poetry Writing and Recitation Workshop" with Prof. Kamal Joshi, a versatile director, actor, and writer.

During the introductory phase of the session, Prof. Joshi defined the essence of poetry to his students. He emphasised that a poem is a concise yet powerful narrative



that encapsulates an entire story in a creative and succinct manner; it is much like a compact capsule of the story. He added that through carefully structured words, a poet crafts visual images that resonate in the minds of

listeners, allowing them to deeply connect with the emotions and sentiments embedded within.

Continuing further, Prof. Joshi dove into the technical intricacies of various poetic forms, such as ghazal, sonnet,

nazm, geet, and many more. Each form, he elucidated, carries its own structured framework and rules, influencing how poets express their thoughts and feelings. From the lyrical and melodic cadence of ghazals to the structured rhyme schemes of sonnets, each form offers poets a unique canvas to articulate their creativity.

In the workshop, the expert not only recited a chapter from Rashmirathi, a work deeply rooted in the Mahabharata, but also illuminated its profound poetic power. Through his recitation, he vividly brought to life the complexities and emotions of the poem, showcasing its remarkable

ability to evoke vivid mental imagery and convey the warmth of the same. By immersing his audience in the poetic realm of Rashmirathi, Mr. Joshi exemplified how poetry transcends mere words to capture the essence of human experience and cultural heritage, enriching understanding and appreciation for literary artistry.

He said that holding a poem and reading it repeatedly will subtly guide you in its rhythm and recitation structure. In order to prevent the efforts from going in vain, one should choose poems that echo the stories that they already hold dear, as familiarity

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## HIGHLIGHTING EXCELLENCE

# GLS UNIVERSITY'S FACULTY OF PERFORMING ARTS ACCOMPLISHMENTS

### FOPA Fashion Team Shines at Rannotsav



The GLS Performing Arts Fashion team made a stunning appearance at the prestigious Rannotsav event in Kutch, performing in front of Gujarat's Chief Minister, Bhupendra Patel. Under the guidance of Prof. Jaimil Joshi, the team showcased exquisite Kutchhi handicrafts, fabrics, and prints, promoting local artisans' art. The event was a resounding success, with the team receiving appreciation from all dignitaries. The students also had the opportunity to visit the handicraft market and exhibition, learning about fabric, textiles, and handicrafts.

### GLS FOPA Dance Team Wins First Position in "Dancing Stars" Championship



The GLS FOPA dance team secured the top spot in the "Dancing Stars" open dance championship, judged by renowned choreographer Pankaj Thapa. This impressive achievement is a testament to the team's hard work and dedication to their craft.

### FOPA Students Shine at National-Level Dance Competition RDX



Prof. Joseph Stanley choreographed a captivating group dance that the FOPA students performed at the prestigious RDX national-level dance competition in Delhi. The team's energetic performance won the hearts of the audience, and they gained invaluable experience from the trip.

### Prachi Modh Secures First Runner-Up Position in RDX National-Level Classical Dance Competition

In the RDX national-level classical dance competition in Delhi, GLS FOPA dance student



Prachi Modh achieved an impressive first runner-up position. Her outstanding performance earned her a standing ovation from the esteemed judges, including the great-granddaughter of Padmashree Pandit Birju Maharaj Ji.

### Bhavika Chhabadiya and Chitraksh Purohit Secure Third Runner-Up Position in "Dancing Star" Competition



FOPA dance students Bhavika Chhabadiya and Chitraksh Purohit achieved a notable third runner-up position in the "Dancing Star" competition at the Gujarat level. Renowned choreographer Pankaj Thapa judged the competition, and the duo's achievement is a testament to their talent and dedication.

### FOPA Drama Students Excel at National-Level Competition in Chitkara University



Students from the drama department at GLS Faculty of Performing Arts participated in a national-level competition at Chitkara University, Chandigarh. Under the guidance of faculty members Prashant

Kumar and Nishith Vyas, the students delivered impressive performances, with Tirth Darji winning the first prize in the open mic competition. The trip provided valuable learning experiences and exposure to diverse cultures.

### Winter Fashion Shoot: A Collaborative Effort by FOPA Fashion Team

The FOPA fashion team conducted a winter fashion shoot on campus in collaboration with a winterwear brand. Students modelled different winter apparel items, styling them creatively to showcase their fashion sense. This project provided a valuable learning experience, allowing students to apply their fashion knowledge in a practical setting.

### Divyang Ahir's Outstanding Achievement in Ahmedabad Traffic Police's Short Film Making Competition



Divyang Ahir, a drama student of FOPA, participated in the Ahmedabad Traffic Police's Short Film Making Competition, aimed at spreading awareness on traffic safety. Divyang and his team produced four short films, two of which made it into the top 10 entries. Notably, his films secured the 7th and 8th positions out of 458 submissions, with two films advancing to the final stages. Divyang's roles in the short films included writing, associate directing, and producing. His outstanding achievement was recognised with a cash prize of ₹10,000.

### Music Students of FOPA Shine at Aero Sports Carnival's Hot Air Balloon Night Glow Show



Music students from FOPA performed at the prestigious "Via Air" hot air balloon night glow show, held as part of the Aero Sports Carnival on December 13th and 15th. The students showcased their musical talents through energetic band performances, captivating the audience with their charm and energy. Their music was a highlight of the event, with everyone in attendance vibing to their rhythms. This outstanding performance demonstrated the students' exceptional musical abilities and their capacity to entertain and engage diverse audiences.



# CELEBRATING 75 YEARS OF THE CONSTITUTION

*A Journey of Fundamental Duties. Snapshots from  
'Samvidhan Ka Safar' Rally, Embracing Unity and Responsibility*





# એચ.એકોલેજમાં છેલ્લા ૪૫ વર્ષથી યોજાતી વક્તૃત્વ સ્પર્ધા યોજાઈ.

ગુજરાત લો સોસાયટી સંચાલિત એચ.એકોલેજ ઓફ કોમર્સ દ્વારા એચ.એ.ઈલોક્યુશન કોમ્પીટીશન છેલ્લા ૪૫ વર્ષથી યોજાય છે. આ વક્તૃત્વ સ્પર્ધામાં જીએલએસની વિવિધ ૧૮ સંસ્થાઓએ ભાગ લીધો હતો. આ વર્ષની વક્તૃત્વ સ્પર્ધાનો વિષય “શુ ભારત વિશ્વગુરુ બનવા માટે સક્ષમ છે?” હતો. આ સ્પર્ધાના બધાજ પ્રતિસ્પર્ધીઓએ અદ્ભુત રીતે પોતાના વિચારો વ્યક્ત કર્યા હતા. વિવિધ મુદ્દાઓમાં ભ્રષ્ટાચાર મુક્ત ભારત, પ્રામાણિકતા, આદર્શ નાગરીકની ફરજો, રાષ્ટ્ર પ્રત્યેની નિષ્ઠા, શિક્ષણ તથા આરોગ્યની સેવાઓ તથા પારદર્શક વહિવટ વીશે વિદ્યાર્થીઓએ વાત કરી હતી. કોલેજના પ્રિન્સીપાલ સંજય વકીલે કહ્યું હતું કે આજની યુવા પેઢીમાં વક્તૃત્વ કળા ધીરે ધીરે ઓછી થતી જાય છે તે સમયમાં આટલી મોટી સંખ્યામાં વક્તૃત્વ સ્પર્ધામાં જે યુવાનો જોડાયા છે તે સરાહનિય તથા અભિનંદનીય છે. આ સ્પર્ધામાં જીએલએસ બીબીએ કોલેજની વિદ્યાર્થીની ડાનગર વજાએ પ્રથમ ક્રમ પ્રાપ્ત કર્યો હતો. પ્રિ.ડી.એસ.એન.ઐયર તથા પ્રા.વિમલ સિંગે નિર્ણાયકો તરીકે ફરજ બજાવી હતી. આ સ્પર્ધાનું આયોજન તથા સંચાલન પ્રા.મહેશ સોનારા તથા તેમની કમિટિએ કર્યું હતું.



## PIONEERING RESEARCH, SHAPING FUTURE LEADERS: FACULTY ACHIEVEMENTS

We are delighted to announce that Dr. Anjali Panicker, Assistant Professor, Faculty of Management, has successfully completed her PhD from Ganpat University under the able guidance of her research mentor, Dr. Harsha Jariwal, Assistant Professor, IIM Jammu. The doctoral research, titled “Impact of Employee Empowerment on Employee Engagement and Retention in the Teaching Fraternity of Management Institutes Across Gujarat,” has added valuable insights into the field of human resource management. The study meticulously explored how empowering employees within academic institutions can enhance their engagement and retention levels. By focusing on management institutes across Gujarat, Dr. Anjali provided a comprehensive analysis that highlights the significance of



empowerment practices in fostering a motivated and committed workforce.

We also extend our heartfelt congratulations to Dr. Bhaumit Patel, Assistant Professor, GLS University, for successfully completing

his PhD under the able guidance of Dr. Jasmin Padiya, Professor, Faculty of Management, GLS University. His doctoral thesis, titled “An Empirical Assessment of Medical Tourism Service Quality in Gujarat,” has added invaluable knowledge to the field of tourism, with a specific focus on medical tourism.

We extend our earnest congratulations to Dr. Anjali and Dr. Bhaumit on this remarkable achievement and wish them continued success in their academic and professional journeys.

CONTINUED FROM PAGE-4 ► eases the expression of one's deepest emotions and thoughts, noting that they understand the meaning of the text first.

Every poem has its own rhythm, and to acquaint

students with various rhythms, he made them practice taals and different forms of poetry. He advised them to recite Sanskrit shlokas, for they would not only help them grow spiritually but also boost their confidence along

with making their voice effective, enhancing its clarity, increasing concentration power, and helping them learn a natural rhythm. Furthermore, he added that one should restrict the hand movements while

## EXPERT SESSION ON “INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS & INDIAN LABOUR LAWS UPDATES” FOR HR STUDENTS



BA Semester 3 HR students had the privilege of attending a highly insightful guest session led by Mr. Chandrakant Oza, the Industrial Relations Manager at McCain Foods India Private Limited. With over 14 years of extensive experience in the field of industrial relations and human resources, Mr. Oza brought a wealth of knowledge and real-world

expertise to the session.

The session delved into the current state of industrial relations in India, with Mr. Oza discussing the evolving labor laws, regulations, and their impact on HR practices. He shed light on the complexities of managing labor relations in a multinational corporation and the strategies employed to navigate these challenges effectively.

## INNOVATIVE DESIGN WITH JUTE: ADVANCING SUSTAINABILITY IN ARCHITECTURE



Professor Chaitali and student Nehal Porwal were awarded third place for their paper presentation titled “Innovative Form-Finding Techniques for Doubly Curved Structures Using Jute: Exploring Sustainable Design and Material Efficiency.” The paper explores pioneering approaches to designing doubly curved structures using jute, a sustainable

material known for its environmental benefits. Their research emphasizes material efficiency, focusing on how natural fibers like jute can be used innovatively in architecture and design, aligning with global sustainability goals. This recognition highlights the potential of their work to contribute to more eco-friendly construction practices and drive design innovation.

presenting the poem on a formal platform; however, they should practice hand expressions to get into the flow of the poem.

He concluded the interactive workshop with a deep understanding of the

differences between “Rasas” and “Bhaavas”, emphasising their role in providing more than half of the poetry's meaning. He explained the thin line of difference that separates complicated rasas and bhaavas.



## DEPARTMENT LEVEL ACHIEVEMENTS



**R**edefining Excellence: Prof. Parool Chauhan Honored with the I.M. Nanavati Research Award

Prof. Parool Chauhan was awarded the prestigious I.M. Nanavati Research Award for her innovative work on the kinetic façade panel. This patent represents a significant advancement in architectural design, integrating dynamic movement with energy efficiency and aesthetic appeal. The kinetic façade

panel is designed to respond to environmental conditions, such as light and temperature, optimizing building performance while enhancing visual appeal. Professor Chauhan's research and development of this cutting-edge technology demonstrate her commitment to pushing the boundaries of sustainable architecture and design, contributing to the field's academic and practical realms.

## TRANSFORMING DESIGN: PROFESSOR PRITESH BHATIA EARNS TOP HONOUR AT I.M. NANAVATI RESEARCH AWARDS 2024



**P**rofessor Pritesh Bhatia was awarded 1st place in the I.M. Nanavati Research Awards 2024, securing the top honour in the Best Research Paper in Design category. His research paper, titled "Product Design Intervention: A Study of Selected Street Food Carts," earned this prestigious recognition. The paper presents a comprehensive analysis of the design and functionality of street food carts, focusing on improving the overall user experience for

vendors and consumers alike. Professor Bhatia's research highlights the potential of design interventions to enhance ergonomics, hygiene, and efficiency in street food vending setups, contributing to both the economic viability of vendors and the convenience of users. This award underscores the importance of design in solving real-world problems and Professor Bhatia's dedication to leveraging design as a tool for social and economic impact.

## WAGHAI BAMBOO WORKSHOP WINS 'BEST WORKSHOP' AT I.M. NANAVATI RESEARCH AWARDS 2024

**D**r. Suman Pandey and Prof. Pritesh Bhatia of the Waghai Bamboo Workshop received the prestigious "Best Workshop" award on June 8, 2024, at the IM Nanavati Research Awards. The workshop was conducted by Dr. Suman Pandey and Professor Pritesh Bhatia and involved 34 design students who worked closely with 5 different disciplines of craft, design, and industry experts. Through this immersive experience, students engaged in fieldwork, gaining hands-on practice outside the traditional classroom setting. They had



the opportunity to collaborate with local artisans, learning valuable skills through real-world interactions and practical applications. This workshop allowed students to bridge design theory with the

cultural richness of traditional bamboo craftsmanship, enhancing their learning through direct engagement with local communities.

## EMPOWERING HR STUDENTS WITH REAL-WORLD OUTSOURCING INSIGHTS

**S**tudents of the HR specialization, MBA, had the opportunity to visit an HR outsourcing firm, Iceberg Outsourcing Ltd. The company specializes in assisting staffing and recruitment companies, accounting firms, and a diverse range of other businesses with their comprehensive suite of services. Their services range from expert recruitment and efficient payroll management to precise accounting, innovative digital marketing, and stringent compliance solutions.

It was a great learning experience for the students to understand the entire recruitment process followed in both the Indian and international markets.



## FACULTY ACHIEVEMENT: EXPLORING CONTEMPORARY SOCIETY THROUGH GRAPHIC NARRATIVES

**P**rof. Hardik Shiroya and Dr. Suman Pandey received the First Paper Presentation Award at the GLS University Doctoral and Faculty Research Colloquium—Manthan 2024. Our paper, "Decoding Genres of 'Comixense': Making Sense of Contemporary Society Through Graphic Narratives," explored how graphic narratives, particularly those within the magazine 'Comixense', serve as a lens to understand and critique various facets of contemporary society. Through our research, we delved into the evolving



genres of comics and their role in shaping social consciousness, offering fresh insights into the intersection of visual storytelling and societal issues. The recognition at this prestigious

colloquium highlights the relevance of graphic narratives in academic discourse and affirms the impact of our work in the broader context of cultural studies.



## PRABANDH: WHERE CREATIVITY MEETS MANAGEMENT – A FEST OF INNOVATION AND SKILL DEVELOPMENT

It is imperative to give management students a platform to showcase their co-curricular activities. With this objective, the MBA Programme had organized an event called Prabandh: The Management Fest. The event comprised competitions such as Mudra Bazaar (Virtual Trading Competition), Srijan (Poster Making Competition), Nukkad Natak (Street Play Competition), Chal Chitram (Movie Making Competition), Gaming Yoddha (Online Gaming Competition), Vyapaar Neeti (Business Plan Competition), Rangotsav (Rangoli Making Competition), Prashnavyuh (Management Quiz Competition), and Vad-Prativad (Debate Competition). This event gives students a platform to explore their co-curricular and practical knowledge and prepares them for management



principles such as planning, organization, and handling teams. The event was well applauded by students, and they came up with innovative ideas such as creative business

plans, virtual trading options to analyze their stock trading skills, the vibrancy of showing movie-making skills, and the joy of bringing stories to life.

## FACULTY OF MANAGEMENT, GLS UNIVERSITY: A NATIONAL STAGE FOR EMERGING TALENT – PARISHTI 2024



The Faculty of Management, GLS University, organized a national-level summer internship competition – “Parishti, 2024.” The event provided a common platform for students from management institutes across the nation to showcase their practical learning and contributions from their summer internships.

This year, Parishti 2024 received participation from 35+ reputed institutions across 7 states, such as IIM Kashipur, IIM Raipur, IRMA, Biju Patnaik Institute of Information Technology and Management Studies, Bhubaneswar, Bharati Vidyapeeth's Institute of Management and Information Technology, Navi Mumbai, PDEU, B.K. Institute of Business Management, and Adani University, to name a few. The event was graced by keynote speakers Dr. (CFA) Mayank Patel, Head – Advisory Services, IB Grid, and Dr. Subhadip Roy, Associate Professor, Marketing & Branding, IIM Ahmedabad.



The event was judged by Ms. Ekta Shah – Associate Vice President, White Oak Capital Asset Management; Mr. Sanjay Bhatt – Regional Manager, Pidilite Industries Limited; Dr. Ishan Patel – Regional Head – Internal Audit, Yes Bank; CA Vijay Vora – Financial Consultant & Independent Director; Mr. Hemang; and Mr. Adarsh Pillai, Director, 360 Degrees Resource Solutions.

The event was divided into six tracks – Marketing, HR, and Finance – to impart justice to all the specialized summer internship projects, providing valuable inputs and constructive feedback. A panel of judges was invited to evaluate the projects on several criteria such as research methodology, findings, conclusions, and

overall presentation.

The 1st position was secured by Mr. Satyanarayan Pati from Biju Patnaik Institute of Information Technology & Management Studies, Bhubaneswar, who won a prize of Rs. 21,000. Ms. Komal Darji from SAL Institute secured 2nd position and won a prize of Rs. 15,000. Ms. Garima Jain from B.K. School of Professional and Management Studies secured 3rd position and won a prize of Rs. 10,000. Mr. Swaraj Rai from Amity Global Business School won the Best Presentation award and Rs. 10,000 as prize money.

The knowledge exchange that took place among the diverse gathering of corporate representatives, academicians, and students made the event enriching and memorable.

## FOSTERING FUTURE INNOVATORS: MBA STUDENTS GAIN INSIGHTS AT ADANI PORT



As part of the philosophy of the Faculty of Management (FoM) at GLS University, which aims to inculcate practical and experiential learning, we are organizing various industrial visits for students throughout the year at various organizations of repute. Adani Mundra Port has been one of the most sought-after industrial visit destinations for students for over 15 years, since the very beginning of the industrial visit initiative as part of the CSR activities of the Adani Group.

On August 2nd-3rd, 2024, MBA students of Semester III embarked on an industrial visit to Adani Port, one of India's largest private port operators. The visit was a part of their curriculum to gain practical insights into port operations, management, and related aspects. The students were accompanied by faculty members who guided them throughout the tour.

The visit began with a briefing session at Adani Wilmar, where the students were introduced to the company's history, operations, and management structure. They were then taken to Adani Port, where they witnessed the massive infrastructure and learned about the port's operations, including cargo handling, logistics, and supply chain management.

The students were fascinated by the MFC (Multi-Facility Complex) process, which they observed during their visit. They gained a deeper understanding of how the port operates, including the role of various stakeholders, risk management, and regulatory compliance.

Next, the students visited Adani Solar Energy, where they learned about the company's renewable energy initiatives and the importance

of sustainable practices in business. They saw firsthand the solar panels and understood the process of generating clean energy.

Finally, the students visited Adani Power, where they gained insights into the power generation and distribution process. They learned about the company's efforts to reduce its carbon footprint and promote energy efficiency.

Throughout the visit, the students asked questions, took notes, and interacted with Adani officials, who shared their expertise and experiences. The visit provided a unique opportunity for the students to apply theoretical concepts to real-world scenarios, enhancing their understanding of management principles.

The industrial visit to Adani Port was an enriching experience for the MBA students of Semester III. They returned with a newfound appreciation for the complexities of port operations, management, and sustainability, which will benefit them in their future careers.

**Key Takeaways:**

Understanding of port operations, including cargo handling and logistics

Insights into the MFC process and its significance

Knowledge of renewable energy initiatives and sustainable practices

Understanding of power generation and distribution

Application of theoretical concepts to real-world scenarios

Enhanced understanding of management principles and practices

The visit was a resounding success, and the students expressed their gratitude to the faculty members and Adani officials for making it a valuable learning experience.



## NOVICE MOOT COURT COMPETITION AT FACULTY OF LAW

*Focussing on pleading and drafting skills, a novice moot court competition was organised among the first year students.*

The Faculty of Law (FOL) hosted the Novice Moot Court Competition 2024-25 for first-year students of the Five-Year Integrated B.A. LL.B., Five-Year Integrated B.B.A. LL.B. (Hons.), and Three-Year LL.B. (Hons.) programs to develop their mootng skills. The competition witnessed participation from more than fifty teams, and all teams went through the preliminary round screening. Finally, eight teams qualified for the final round competitions. Each team presented their arguments based on a hypothetical consumer protection case.

Judging the competition, Mr. Punit Juneja, Advocate, High Court of Gujarat, underscored the importance of adhering to courtroom standards in their submissions and urged the students to maintain a focus on the merits and facts of the case during rebuttals. He reminded the new lawyers of the serious duty that comes with



representing clients, whether they are individuals or the public interest, and told them that their legal research should not stop at the fact sheet but should include all relevant laws and rules.

In a similar vein, Advocate Vikas Nair of the High Court of Gujarat counselled participants to anticipate even the most obscure queries from the bench and thoroughly analyse the factsheet,

identifying any potential loopholes that could emerge during arguments.

The winning competitors received awards under several categories. The triumphant team of Parv Lodha, Aakarsha Shrivastava, and Pearl Dave clinched the title of Winners, while the team of Preet Patel, Payal Sirvi, and Arya Yadav secured the First Runners-Up position. The second-place honours went to Riddhi



Panchal, Priti Tarani, and Henil Kadia. Special awards followed, with Arya Yadav winning Best Memorial Appellant (Researcher), Pearl Dave securing Best Memorial Respondent (Researcher), Payal Sirvi being named as Best Advocate (Appellant), and Parv Lodha winning the title of Best Advocate (Respondent). They received trophies and certificates as recognition for their

outstanding achievements.

The judges endorsed FOL's initiatives in equipping law students with advocacy skills, legal research, and acquaintance with courtroom decorum. Further, this early exposure is instrumental in fostering critical thinking, collaboration, and eloquent communication, laying a robust foundation for their future legal careers.

## MEDIATION COMPETITION

**Mediation has emerged as an Alternate Dispute Resolution mechanism for case settlements.**

The Faculty of Law, under the aegis of the Intellectual Property Law Clinic, organised a mediation competition on intellectual property (IP) titled "Intellect Resolve: IP Mediation Battle." The competitors mediated hypothetical dispute resolution cases based on the Copyright, Trademark, Patent, and Geographical Indication Acts. The competition examined the theoretical and practical mediation techniques of the participants.

This event highlighted the critical importance of mediation in resolving intellectual property (IP) disputes. The event reiterated that mediation serves as an efficient, cost-effective, and collaborative method to settle disputes in a field where innovation and originality must be protected. The competition was judged by the advocates practicing IP case settlements.

Indicating the popularity



of this event, forty teams participated in the competition. Among all, the students Dwijal Jani and Bhoomika

Chaudhary won the winning trophy, and Anushka Sharma and Aryan Bagga received the runner-up prize.

## MEDITATION WORKSHOP



**The Faculty of Law organised a meditation workshop for students to ensure their mental and physical well-being.**

Every year, the United Nations (UN) observes World Meditation Day on December 21 to usher in the mental and physical well-being of the people and enhance their inner peace. Believing this, the Faculty of Law had undertaken a workshop for the first-year students to augment their

focus on the learning process, reduce stress and anxiety, and spread positivity.

Explaining the benefits of meditation, Ms. Heena Banker, senior faculty, Art of Living, guided the workshop on desktop yoga, pranayama (breathing exercises), and meditation. She viewed that the meditation has numerous benefits, such as concentration of mind, learning enhancement, anxiety, and stress reduction. Students enthusiastically participated in the workshop.



# STRENGTHENING TIES: CEO OF UTS COLLEGE, AUSTRALIA VISITS GLS UNIVERSITY

On November 12th and 13th, 2024, GLS University proudly hosted Ms. Morwenna Shahani GAICD, CEO of UTS College, Australia, for an engaging and insightful exchange of ideas and educational practices. The visit aimed to bolster the strong partnership between UTS College and GLS University, particularly through the GLS-UTSC program, which has been a cornerstone of international collaboration in education.

Shahani's visit reflected a shared vision of academic excellence and innovation, laying the groundwork for deeper ties between the two esteemed institutions.

During her two-day visit, Ms. Shahani engaged in meaningful discussions with the faculty, focusing on the teaching methodologies and academic practices implemented within the GLS-UTSC program. Her interactions provided an excellent platform for



sharing best practices and exploring ways to further enrich the program's academic

framework. She also toured the GLS University campus, gaining firsthand insights into

the innovative approaches that distinguish GLS-UTSC as a leader in providing global-standard education. This visit underscores a commitment to fostering shared learning, enhancing academic exchange, and broadening horizons for students and faculty alike. It marks a pivotal step in strengthening the collaboration between GLS University and UTS College, ensuring a brighter future for international education initiatives.

## STRENGTHENING ACADEMIC BRIDGES: GLS UNIVERSITY HOSTS LEEDS BECKETT (LBU) DELEGATION

A delegation from Leeds Beckett University visited the GLS University campus on 12th December 2024. The delegation consisted of Dr. Sukky Jassi, course director of the BA (Hons) International Business; Dr. Alister Macauley, course director of the BA (Hons) Business and Management; and Ms. Jayashree Raghuram, regional head, South Asia. First on the agenda was the delegates' meeting with the GLS University officials: Dr. Dharmesh Shah - Provost, Mr. Shashank Shah - CFO, Dr. Dhruv Brahmabhatt - Registrar, Dr. Jaaneel Shah—Assistant Registrar, and academic managers of GLS-LBU programs - Dr. Disha Shah (IT) and Dr. Meeta Munshi (Business), along with current teaching faculty members. The delegation was updated on the ongoing academic activities, with each faculty member sharing the progress of their respective course and student involvement. The meeting enabled a valuable exchange of insights regarding the GLS-LBU programs.

This was followed by the delegates' session with current GLS-LBU TNE cohort students. Dr. Sukky Jassi and Dr. Alister Macauley made a presentation on life at LBU,



followed by an intriguing exercise on the adoption and diffusion of new products. The session was very interactive

and well received by the students. The delegates then met with the prospective students of the LBU pathway

program. The delegates provided the prospective students with detailed information about LBU and

answered their program-related queries. Overall, the visit enhanced the current ties between GLSU and LBU.