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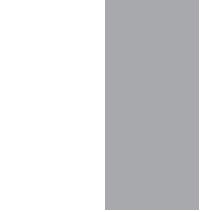


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# MESSAGE FROM DIRECTOR GENERAL'S DESK



Dear Reader,

The new academic year begins with a surge of enthusiasm and earnestness. The scorching summer is behind us, and the monsoons are revitalising the human spirit with renewed energy and zeal. Every student approaches this academic session with lofty ambitions and aspirations. Higher education, among many things, is about fulfilling the career ambitions and personal dreams of students. This is achievable when education is both rigorous and relevant. The academic community relentlessly strives to balance these two critical elements. Today, this equilibrium is more crucial than ever. As India experiences rapid growth and the imperatives of Industry 4.0 become paramount, higher education institutions face the formidable challenge of crafting a profoundly meaningful learning experience for their students.

The New Education Policy 2020 serves as a guiding star in this endeavour. It offers multiple pathways to deliver rigorous and pertinent education to students, ensuring

that the Indian industry benefits from their enhanced capabilities and competencies. Since the declaration of NEP 2020, Nirma University has been steadfast in implementing its various provisions. Every aspect of our operations has been touched by this policy, whether it be curriculum, pedagogy, assessment, or extracurricular activities. However, we have particularly focused on the following five initiatives:

1. Multidisciplinary education
2. Experiential learning
3. Assessment for learning
4. Student research and innovation
5. Internationalisation

Traditional higher education is characterised by I-shaped education, where only one vertical is emphasised. In contrast, 21st-century education is marked by T-shaped education, exposing students to at least two verticals and thereby broadening their career opportunities. The university offers minor specialisation across different programmes and provides a rich array of choices for minors to students. CHOICE is the hallmark of NEP 2020, and we have embraced it wholeheartedly.

Moreover, the university has systematically reduced the lecture component by introducing tutorials and internships. These initiatives encourage students to think on their feet and relate concepts to real-world scenarios. As a result, their engagement with the learning process has significantly increased. Students take ownership of their learning journey and develop the capacity to think like professionals.

In addition to summative assessments, formative assessments are integral to empowering education. Students receive continuous feedback on their learning, reflect on their learning styles, and take corrective actions. Hence, assessment becomes an enjoyable activity rather than a burden. Technology is extensively utilised to streamline their assessment experience.

Student research and innovation are essential in a knowledge society. The university boasts a vibrant student research culture, encouraging students to collaborate with faculty on various topics of their choice. They receive financial support to procure necessary equipment and materials. Students write research papers in collaboration with faculty and publish them in reputed journals. The university also has a well-established Student Startup Centre where students are incubated. They interact with entrepreneurs, mentors, and fund providers, gaining access to university facilities to develop and market their products.

Lastly, we live in a global village, making internationalisation imperative. The university has partner institutions worldwide. Joint research and student exchanges are key features of our internationalisation process.

These initiatives have transformed the academic environment at the university, significantly contributing to the personal and professional development of our students.

Thanking you.  
**Anup K Singh, PhD**  
Director General



## NEWS

### Book Launch

Nirma University had the privilege of hosting Shri Ashwini Vaishnaw, Union Minister, Government of India, who launched the book 'Amrit Kaal Odyssey (Bharat ka Amrit Kaal)' alongside authors Rangam Trivedi and Vaidyanathan Iyer on March 12, 2024. Among esteemed guests were Dr Karsanbhai K Patel, President; Shri K K Patel, Vice President; Dr Anup K Singh, Director General and Mr G Ramachandran Nair, Executive Registrar, Nirma University.



## MoUs

### MoU with the Indian Air Force

To enhance technical expertise and promote mutually beneficial knowledge sharing, an MoU was signed between the Indian Air Force, 17 TETTRA School, Vadodara, and Nirma University on Jan 25, 2024. Shri N Kishore (Commanding Officer of the Indian Air Force) and Dr Anup K Singh (Director General, Nirma University) signed the MoU in the presence of other dignitaries from both the organisations. This MoU will facilitate BTech, MTech, and PhD students from Nirma University to undertake internships at the Indian Air Force, 17 TETTRA School, Vadodara, focusing on various technical projects and research and development in emerging fields such as Artificial Intelligence, Internet of Things, Machine Learning, Data Mining, Data Processing, Deep Learning, Cryptography, Network Systems, AR/VR, Security, Blockchain, etc.



## AWARDS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

### Achievements at National Level

- Ms Nidhi Thakkar, PhD student at the Institute of Science received first prize for oral presentation in the 'Emerging Scientist' category at the "National Conference on Antimicrobial Resistance Trends, Environmental Microbiology, and Industrial Solutions (ARTEMIS)" at the Institute of Advanced Research, Gandhinagar during March 21-22, 2024.



- Ms Niharika Keshavlal Ghoghari, a full-time PhD student at the Institute of Science has been awarded the 'CSIR Senior Research Fellow Direct Fellowship' by CSIR, Government of India.



### Other Achievements

- The team comprising Aditi Bharadwaj, Kopal Ved, and Shaswat Ranjan from the Institute of Law has been adjudged as the Runner-up of the 1<sup>st</sup> Justice Hidayatullah International Moot Court Competition, 2024 hosted by HNLU Raipur on March 15-17, 2024.



### Intra-University Level Achievements

#### Short Film Competition

Institute of Design organised a Short Film Competition with the theme 'Stories from the margins' in Feb-March 2024. The student team of the Institute of Design comprising Arunoday Singh Thakur, Soumyanshu Ghosh, and Suhani Gupta stood first; while Vidhi Singhal and Akshita Jain from the Institute of Commerce stood second.

# RESEARCH AND INNOVATION

## Patents Granted

- A patent has been granted to Dr Priti Mehta and Dr Dipal Gandhi from the Institute of Pharmacy for an invention titled 'A method for Isolation of Betulinic Acid from Bark of Plants of Dillenia Species' on Jan 4, 2024.
- A patent has been granted to Dr Urmil Dave and Dr Sonal Thakkar from the Institute of Technology for an invention titled 'A Novel Composition for Alkali Activated Paver Blocks and a Process Thereof' on Jan 11, 2024.
- A patent has been granted to Dr Mayur Patel and Dr Bhoomika M Patel from the Institute of Pharmacy for an invention titled 'A Formulation Comprising Chitosan-Ethylcellulose Microspheres for Treatment of Inflammatory Bowel Disease' on Feb 1, 2024.
- A patent has been granted to Dr Sarat Dalai and Mr Manoj Patidar from the Institute of Science for an invention titled 'Improved Chimeric IL-15' on March 19, 2024.

# EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

## CONFERENCES, WORKSHOPS, AND SEMINARS

### NICOM 2024

The 27<sup>th</sup> Nirma International Conference on Management (NICOM 2024) was organised by the Institute of Management from Jan 4-6, 2024 on the theme 'Business in Uncertain Times: Strategies and Capabilities to Manage Disruption and Growth'. The inaugural address was delivered by Mr Ramesh G Iyer, VC & MD of Mahindra Finance. Other keynote speakers included Mr Manish Bhatt, Founder Director, Scarecrow Communications Limited and Dr Nikhil Agarwal, CEO of SIIC and AIIDE, IIT Kanpur. The valedictory ceremony chief guest was Mr M Anna Durai, Executive Director & State Head, IOCL Gujarat. Over 200 papers were presented by academics and practitioners from India and abroad.



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## Accathon 2024

Institute of Commerce in collaboration with the Indian Accounting Association, and the Institute of Technology, Nirma University organised Accathon 24, a national-level interdisciplinary Accounting Hackathon for undergraduate students. The nationwide competition aimed to foster a culture of product innovation and problem-solving. Two themes, 'Taxation and Financial Analysis of unlisted companies' were explored by 32 teams in the online first round, with 10 teams advancing to the on-campus second round. The offline rounds were conducted on Jan 24-25, 2024. The winning teams were HiFi Team (Taxation) from Kalasalingam Academy of Research and Education, Tamil Nadu and Money Wisdom (Financial Analysis) from Parul University, Vadodara.



## ILNU-SICI Lecture Series

Institute of Law in collaboration with the Shastri Indo-Canadian Institute (SICI) hosted a lecture series titled 'Engendering Law: Status and Challenges' from Jan 22-25, 2024. The distinguished guest lecturers for the series included Ms Flavia Agnes (Senior Advocate, Supreme Court of India), Mr John Paul Boyd (Principal, John Paul Boyd Arbitration Chambers, Canada), Prof Kamala Sankaran (National Law School of India University, Bangalore), Prof Judith Fudge (McMaster University, Ontario), Prof Archana Mishra (University of Delhi), Prof Mrinal Satish (National Law School of India University, Bangalore) and Prof Ubaka Ogbogu (Faculty of Law, University of Alberta). The series delved into the intersection of gender and law, offering a comparative analysis of legal provisions and practices in India and Canada.

## Seminar on Impurity Insights

Impurity Insights, a US Pharmacopoeia Initiative in collaboration with the Society for Pharmaceutical Dissolution Science (SPDS) and the Department of Pharmaceutical Analysis, Institute of Pharmacy, Nirma University was organised at the Institute of Pharmacy on Jan 25, 2024. The seminar delved into the intricacies of managing organic and inorganic impurities with a focus on key USP General Chapters. A series of talks on topics ranging from the International harmonisation process for USP general chapter <621> to Impurities and Forced Degradation studies as well as value beyond Vials and Risks associated with secondary standards, to name a few. It also emphasised the significance of Pharmaceutical Analytical Impurities (PAI), and Reference Standards (RS). Dr Antonio Hernandez Cardoso, Senior Principal Scientist, USP; Dr Mukesh Kumar, Founder Director, Otriv-Q3 Research Pvt Ltd and representative of SPDS; Dr Ravi Reddy, Vice President, RSD group, USP; and Dr Kailash Asati, Zydus Lifesciences Ltd addressed the audience. Mr R Kartik Iyer, Associate Director, Strategic Customer Development, USP; Ms Zeenat Khan, Associate Director, SCD and Mr KRC Reddy, Chief Business Officer, Chromachemie India Pvt Ltd were also present. Delegates from various pharmaceutical industries, faculty and students of the Institute of Pharmacy, Nirma University actively participated in the seminar.

## National Symposium on CME: Immunology in Health and Diseases

Institute of Pharmacy and Institute of Science, Nirma University in association with the Indian Immunological Society organised a National Symposium on 'CME: Immunology in Health and Diseases' from Feb 22-23, 2024. Dr Dinakar M Salunke, Emeritus Scientist & Former Director, International Centre for Genetic Engineering & Biotechnology, New Delhi was the Chief Guest and Dr Sanjeev Kumar, President, (R&D) ZRC, Ahmedabad and Dr Taruna Madan (IIS, President), Scientist G, National Institute for Research in Reproductive and Child Health, Mumbai were the guest of honour in the inaugural function. The valedictory function was graced by Dr Sunil K Arora, Professor, Postgraduate Institute of Medical Education and Research, Chandigarh; Dr Amit Awasthi, Senior Professor, Translational Health Science and Technology Institute, Faridabad; Dr Sharvan Sehrawat, Associate Professor, Indian Institute of Science Education and Research, Mohali and Dr Devinder Sehgal, Scientist-VII, National Institute of Immunology, New Delhi. One keynote session and 12 Invited talks were delivered by national scientists from institutes of national importance like the IISc Bangalore, National Institute of Immunology, New Delhi etc.



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## NIPICON 2024

The 7<sup>th</sup> Nirma Institute of Pharmacy International Conference (NIPICON 2024), held from Feb 7-9, 2024, organised by the Institute of Pharmacy, focused on the theme 'NextGen Therapeutics: Multidisciplinary Research Approaches for Drug Development and Delivery - Bridging the gaps from drug discovery to patient care'. This event convened a diverse assembly of experts, scientists, and academicians from across the globe to deliberate on the latest advancements and challenges in the pharmaceutical sector. NIPICON 2024 served as a pivotal forum for knowledge dissemination, networking, and collaborative endeavours aimed at shaping the trajectory of pharmacy practice and the healthcare sector. Distinguished speakers and scholars from nations including the USA, Canada, UK, Australia, Malaysia, Singapore, France and Qatar delivered insightful talks, exploring cutting-edge breakthroughs within the pharmaceutical domain. The conference drew the enthusiastic participation of approximately 500 delegates from various regions of India and beyond. Dr Puran Sahu, Director & I/c CEO, National Dope Testing Laboratory, Government of India, New Delhi and Prof Rosnah Zain, Deputy Vice Chancellor, MAHSA University, Malaysia were among the prominent guests at the Valedictory function.



# EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

## International Teaching Month

Institute of Law organised the 'International Teaching Month' from Jan 29, 2024 to March 1, 2024. Resource persons included Hon'ble Judge Mel Flanagan, former Circuit Judge and Adjunct Professor, University of Wisconsin, Sarajevo, USA; Dr Ricky J Lee, Adjunct Professor, University of Notre Dame, Australia; Prof Stephane Mechoulan, Professor, Dalhousie University, Canada; Dr Adam Dubin, Professor, Comillas University, Spain; Dr Muhammad Ekramul Haque, Professor, University of Dhaka, Bangladesh; Dr Christopher Symes, Emeritus Professor, University of Adelaide, Australia; Mr Franco Camatta, Director, Camatta Lempens Pty Ltd Lawyers, Adelaide, Australia; Dr Andras Hars, Senior Lecturer, Ludovika University of Public Service, Budapest, Hungary; Dr Petar Bacic, Vice Dean for International Cooperation, University of Split, Croatia and Dr Stephan Barnes, Associate Dean, Penn State Law, USA. The resource persons shared their experiences covering diverse legal topics such as Enforcement of foreign judgments, Asian law and cultures, Cross-border insolvency, and Constitutional protection of human rights.



## Kalp '24

Kalp, the annual student body festival of the Institute of Architecture and Planning was organised from Feb 26-29, 2024. The event started with the inauguration of the annual exhibition by the chief guests, Prof K T Ravindran, former HoD of Urban Design at the School of Planning and Architecture, New Delhi; Ar Gunther Benkert, a German Architect and Prof Kishor Trivedi, a practising architect based in Rajkot and academician at Indubhai Parekh School of Architecture. A variety of academic and cultural events were organised which included expert lectures by eminent architects and academicians from the field, hands-on workshops for students, and an exhibition of students' work, among others.



## Perspective Richter 10

Institute of Management, organised the annual cultural festival 'Perspective Richter 10' from Feb 23-25, 2024. It consisted of the managerial events, and cultural events- Laughter Riot, Kiss Ek Baar Ka, Nirmatatva, Sufi Night and Somnium. Three pre-events were organised as part of Perspective Richter 10, namely Dhun - A jamming night with the melodious Tirth Thakkar, Thumka - The Bollywood sundowner in partnership with Earthsome, and Carpe Diem - The Prom Night. The main event saw the participation of more than 400 students from prominent universities across India.



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## NuZeal 2024

Institute of Commerce, under the auspices of the Student Welfare Board, Nirma University hosted the annual cultural festival 'NUZEAL 2024' from Feb 15-17, 2024. The opening ceremony featured a spectacular showcase of cultural performances, music, and culinary delights. Shri K K Patel, Vice President, and Shri G R Nair, Executive Registrar, graced the ceremony along with other officials. The festivities continued on Day 2, with presentations of dance, music, and literary skills, culminating in an energetic Drum Circle event in the evening. Day 3, featured a showcase of theatre, music, and fine arts, with captivating performances and a soulful display of classical music by esteemed artists.



## Voter ID Registration Drive and Awareness Session

The NSS Unit of the Institute of Management and the Students Welfare Board, Nirma University under the guidance of the Election Commission and the Systematic Voters' Education and Electoral Participation programme (SVEEP) organised a Voter ID Registration Drive and Awareness Session for the university members on March 28, 2024. The drive successfully facilitated the registration and updating of new election cards for 280 members.



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## Celebrating Global Connections: Nirma University hosts US Education Leaders

The university hosted a dynamic gathering of ten international education administrators from the United States as part of the United States-India Educational Foundation (USIEF) programme on March 19, 2024. Led by Dr Ryan Pereira, Regional Head of USIEF, the delegation included University Provosts, Chief International Officers, and USIEF officials from esteemed institutions such as Wake Technical Community College and the University of Florida. Their visit centred around gaining insights into the Indian education system and fostering collaborations between both nations. Dr Anup K Singh, Director General, Nirma University provided an overview of the university and discussed potential partnerships.



## Nirma Cup 'Inter-University Sports Tournament'

Institute of Pharmacy organised an Inter University Sports Tournament from March 4-7, 2024 under the aegis of the Student's Welfare Board, Nirma University. The event featured volleyball, chess, and table tennis tournaments for both male and female students. More than 220 participants from 22 universities/institutes across Gujarat participated in the events. For Volleyball, Gujarat University, Ahmedabad emerged as the winner in the male category, whereas Nirma University won in the female category. For Table Tennis, Shail Dharapale from the Institute of Architecture & Planning, Nirma University stood first in the male category, whereas Aayushi Shah from Smt S M Shah Pharmacy College, Ahmedabad stood first in the female category. Winners in Chess were Vrandex Parekh and, Arunika Ghosh from Ahmedabad University, Ahmedabad for the male and female category, respectively.



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## Ind-AS-IFRS Workshop for Accounting Educators

Institute of Commerce in collaboration with the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants (ACCA) and Indian Accounting Association (IAA) organised a workshop for Accounting Educators on March 16, 2024. The workshop saw 45 accounting educators from different universities of Gujarat, and experts in the field of accounting to discuss and delve into the intricacies of Indian Accounting Standards (Ind-AS) and International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS). The workshop commenced with a keynote address by Dr Udai Paliwal, Director, Institute of Commerce who highlighted the significance and relevance of Ind-AS and IFRS in the current global business environment. This was followed by an address by Mr Prabhanshu Mittal, Head of Education Learning Partnerships (North, East, and West India for ACCA) and Prof Jayesh Pandya, a representative from the Indian Accounting Association, Gujarat. CFA Zaheer Sayed conducted a technical session and discussed the practical implications of Ind-AS for financial reporting. The workshop further provided networking opportunities to the participants through collaboration with ACCA, UK.

## ReDo: Novum 2024

ReDo: Novum 2024, the cultural festival of the Institute of Design organised during March 1-3, 2024 celebrated the design mindset of its students and set the stage for the institute to bring the design mentality to the world. A Drum Circle was hosted on the eve of the event. The three-day event included a display of installations created by the ReDo team, Novum exhibition, Movie screenings, live music and dance performances by the students, and interactive sessions by renowned artists.



## Business Tantra

Business Tantra 2024, a national-level competition, organised by the Institute of Management comprised two rounds: a Quiz round on March 11, 2024 and a Business Simulation Round 'Conglomerate' on March 13, 2024. The Quiz round was related to knowledge of business, economics, and current affairs, with 15 teams advancing to the next stage. In the second round, teams navigated real-world scenarios, demonstrating strategic decision-making skills. A total of 350 teams participated in the event. Teams from IIT Kharagpur, Nirma University - Ahmedabad, and Christ University - Bangalore secured the top three positions respectively.



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## ANVESH 2024

ANVESH 2024, the 19<sup>th</sup> Doctoral Conference in Management was organised during March 15-16, 2024. The conference commenced with a workshop on crafting business case studies, which attracted over 40 participants. The Chief Guest for the inauguration ceremony was Dr Sunil Shukla, Director General, Entrepreneurship Development Institute of India (EDII). The event received 55 abstracts and 25 full papers, showcasing a broad spectrum of research interests. Workshops on systematic review and bibliometric analysis equipped attendees with critical research skills. The second day featured a research clinic for senior scholars and parallel tracks for presentations, fostering scholarly exchange.



## Pill Pitch Challenge-2024

To foster research among undergraduate students, a 'Pill Pitch Challenge 2024' was organised under the auspices of the Undergraduate Research Council (UGRC) at the Institute of Pharmacy on March 27, 2024. This competition was designed to address the fundamental aspect of research: the formulation of innovative research or start-up concepts. A total of 16 teams enthusiastically participated in the competition, presenting their ideas across five research scopes: Wet Lab-based, Marketing/Survey-based, Prototype/Model Making, Start-up Ventures and App Development. The winning teams have been granted seed funding to materialise their ideas into practical ventures.

## International Conference on the Right to Equality

Institute of Law organised the Second International Conference on the Right to Equality: Contemporary Challenges on March 15-16, 2024 in hybrid mode. The themes of the conference revolved around challenges to equality of status, equality of opportunity, equality of access, social equality and equal rights. Guest speakers included Dr Usha Ramanathan (Indian Human Rights Activist) and Dr Mehrajuddin Mir (Chair Professor, MNLC, K R Mangalam University, Gurugram). The conference received participation from legal scholars and students across the world with 200 abstracts. There were over 100 presentations of research papers from academicians, scholars and students across India.



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## Nirmaquest'24

Nirmaquest'24, a state-level quiz competition was organised by the Institute of Pharmacy on March 19, 2024. A total of 47 teams from institutions across Gujarat registered in the Pharmacy and Non-Pharmacy category. Dr Milan Satia, President and CEO, Ethicare Clinical Trial Services, Ahmedabad graced the prize distribution ceremony as the Chief Guest.

## Intellectual Property Rights Conclave

The Centre for Intellectual Property Rights at the Institute of Law organised the Intellectual Property Rights Conclave on March 1-2, 2024. Speakers included Dr Hardik Parikh (Head, Training Division, GNLU), Ms Arunima Saraf (Assistant Professor, Jindal Global University), Ms Smriti Yadav (Partner, Khaitan and Company), Mr Jitendra Bohra (Associate Partner, Royzz and Company), Ms Shireen Dhar (Managing Associate, Luthra & Luthra Law Offices), Dr Ghayur Alam (IPR Chair, National Law Institute University, Bhopal), Dr Victor Vaibhav Tandon (IP Lawyer and Academic, Saikrishna & Associates) and Mr Lovepreet Manocha (Associate Partner, Saikrishna & Associates). The event aimed to empower professionals with crucial knowledge for navigating patent acquisition and enforcement. Led by distinguished faculty, the conclave fostered a commitment to excellence in the realm of IPR.

## ILNU MUN 3.0

Institute of Law organised the third edition of the Model United Nations Conference from March 29-31, 2024. The inauguration ceremony was graced by Shri K K Patel (Vice President) along with Dr Anup K Singh (Director General) and Dr Madhuri Parikh (Director & Dean, Institute of Law). The conference brought together over 550 delegates across India. The conference included training and expert sessions designed to equip delegates with the necessary skills and knowledge to effectively participate in committee sessions. Throughout the conference, delegates were provided with ample opportunities for networking and socialising, fostering a conducive environment for meaningful exchange of ideas.

## Innovest

E-Cell, Nirma University organised 'Innovest', a startup pitching event aimed at providing funding and a networking platform to emerging startups. The event saw the registration of more than 30 startups. The top 10 startups presented their innovative solutions and business models to a panel of esteemed investors on March 20, 2024. The event was judged by Mr Ravin Sanghavi (Expert Angel Investor), Mr Dharmesh Pandit (Growth Hacker, Startup Mentor), Mr Rajan Patel (Mentor - Help Businesses to Strategise and Grow their business), Ms Shruti Jobanputra (Regional Director- The Alhpaa Group) and Mr Pratik Patel (Managing Director, Yudiz). Siddhant Rao from the Institute of Technology secured the first position for 'Providing Drone-based system', and Saket Joshi from the Institute of Technology secured the second position for 'Providing Aerotech'.



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## International Conference on Urban Transformation and Heritage Conservation

Institute of Architecture and Planning hosted the International Conference on 'Urban Transformation and Heritage Conservation' on Feb 27, 2024. The conference featured 13 presentations by esteemed speakers from India, Germany and Italy exploring the intricate relationship between historic cores and urban development.



## Constitutional Law Conclave

Institute of Law organised a Constitutional Law Conclave from Feb 19-20, 2024. The institute hosted distinguished personalities from the legal and academic spheres including Dr Upendra Baxi, Former VC, Delhi University and South Gujarat University and Emeritus Professor of Law University of Warwick, UK; Dr Ekramul Haque, Professor, University of Dhaka, Bangladesh; Dr Stephen Barnes, Associate Dean, Penn State Law, USA and Dr Peter Bacic, University of Split. The subjects of discussion were Modern Contours of Basic Structure Doctrine, Fundamentals Ideologies of Constitution of Bangladesh and Panel Discussion on Comparative Study of Judicial Review in Different Jurisdictions.



## National Students Conference

The 12<sup>th</sup> National Students Conference on 'Humanitarian Protection with Modern Technology' was held on Feb 16, 2024 at the Institute of Law. The event hosted distinguished personalities from the legal and academic spheres including Padma Shri Dr Upendra Baxi (Professor of Law, University of Warwick, UK & Research Professor of Law, O P Jindal Global University), Hon'ble Justice K J Thakar, among others.



## Seminar on Nano Drug Delivery

The Department of Pharmaceutics, Institute of Pharmacy, hosted a seminar on 'Nano Drug Delivery' (SNDD 2024) in collaboration with the Centre of Continuing Education on Feb 17, 2024 to provide insights into the latest methods and equipment used in nano-formulations. Resource persons included Dr Tushar Nahata, Senior GM, F&D, Zydus Life Sciences, Ahmedabad and Mr Suhas Yewale, Associate Director, Technocommercial, Sotax India Pvt Ltd, Pune. Following the sessions, there were interactive panel discussions and Q&A sessions where participants had the opportunity to engage with the speakers and delve deeper into the topics discussed. Additionally, there were hands-on training sessions conducted to familiarise participants with the practical aspects of nano-formulation techniques and equipment.



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### Workshop on Computer Aided Drug Design Software

The Department of Pharmaceutical Chemistry, Institute of Pharmacy hosted a workshop on 'Computer Aided Drug Design Software' in collaboration with Advent Informatics Pvt Ltd, Pune and the Centre of Continuing Education on Feb 17, 2024. Dr Pathan Mohsin Khan, Application Scientist at Advent Informatics Pvt Ltd, led the introductory session on software and facilitated hands-on training with the MolSoft software.



### 13<sup>th</sup> ILNU Antitrust Moot and Conference

Institute of Law organised the 13<sup>th</sup> ILNU Antitrust Moot and Conference, 2024 from Feb 23-25, 2024. The inauguration ceremony was graced by Shri K K Patel (Vice President, Nirma University), Dr Anup K Singh (Director General, Nirma University), Shri Andras Hars (National University of Public Service, University of Szeged), Dr Stephen Barnes (University Park, Pennsylvania), Dr Petar Bacic (University of Split, Croatia), Dr Ekramul Haque (University of Dhaka) and Dr Madhuri Parikh (Director & Dean, Institute of Law), among others. A total of 29 teams across India showcased their Advocacy Skills in this Moot Court Conference.



# EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

## CELEBRATION OF IMPORTANT DAYS

### Republic Day

Nirma University commemorated the 75<sup>th</sup> Republic Day of India with a spectacular celebration on Jan 26, 2024. The event was graced by Chief Guest Dr Bhagyesh Jha, former IAS, and Chairman, Sahitya Akademi Gujarat, who hoisted the national flag and delivered an inspiring address to the gathered audience. The proceedings included the rendition of the national anthem, a guard of honour, and an impressive march past by the NCC cadets. The event saw active participation from university officials, heads of institutions, heads of departments, faculties, staff members, and students. Together, they joined in the celebration to pay a heartfelt tribute to the nation.



### International Women's Day

As part of the International Women's Day Celebrations, the Women Development Cell (WDC) at Nirma University organised a panel discussion on 'Invest in Women: Accelerate Progress' on March 7, 2024 hosted by the Institute of Law. Experts included Honorable Ms Justice Gita Gopi (Judge, High Court of Gujarat), Dr Jyotsna Yagnik (Retd Judge and Clinical Professor of Law, Institute of Law) and Dr Heta Baxi (Senior Physiotherapist, Kameshwar Medical Centre). The discussion centred on strategies to promote women's health and empower them through legal knowledge, to foster awareness and dialogue on gender equality and women's empowerment.



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Further, the WDC also organised a 'Walk for Her' campaign in collaboration with the Ashirwad Foundation to raise awareness about breast cancer. Participants, including students, faculty, and staff, walked to support the cause. Each 5000 steps completed enabled the organisation to conduct a free breast cancer check-up.

Institute of Pharmacy in association with the Association of Pharmaceutical Teachers of India (APTI) Gujarat branch organised a Guest Lecture as a part of International Women's Day Celebrations on March 20, 2024. Ms Puunam Kaushik, Dy Managing Director and Chief - Corporate Affairs, Meteoric Biopharmaceuticals Pvt Ltd, Ahmedabad gave a thought-provoking talk and conducted a highly interactive session on 'Find Your Everest'. Further, Dr Mamta Shah, Professor & Head, Pharmacognosy Department, L M College of Pharmacy graced the event on behalf of the APTI state branch and delivered an insightful talk on social issues faced by women.

### Shaheed Diwas

NCC Unit at Nirma University attached to the 9 Gujarat Battalion commemorated 'Shaheed Diwas' on March 22, 2024 in coordination with the Student Welfare Board, Nirma University. The event was organised to remember the sacrifice of Shaheed Bhagat Singh, Shivaram Rajguru and Sukhdev Thapar. The cadets organised events including Monoacting, Poetry, Storytelling, Singing, and Instrument Playing.



### EXPERT TALKS

- Prof Akhlaq Wani, Chief Scientist & Head in Natural Resource Management, and Professor at Sher-e-Kashmir University of Agricultural Sciences and Technology, Kashmir conducted a webinar on 'Urban Ecology Insights with Reference to Blue and Green Landscape of Srinagar City' on Jan 31, 2024.
- Dr Kruti Patel, Founder and Director - She & We, an Institute for Women Entrepreneurship, shared her insights during the 'Ideathon Workshop 2024' hosted by the Entrepreneurship Cell (E-Cell) at Nirma University on Jan 20, 2024. The event centred around the fundamental concept of the 'Golden Circle of Entrepreneurship', featuring in-depth case studies that provided valuable insights.
- Ms Mahima Paliwal, a practising physiotherapist, conducted a workshop on 'Anxiety and Stress Management' for the students and faculty of the Institute of Pharmacy on Jan 2,

2024. During the workshop, she talked about various techniques to deal with day-to-day stress and anxiety and what are the basics of psychology and how anxiety occurs.

- Dr Stephane Mechoulan, Associate Professor, Dalhousie University, Canada conducted a workshop on 'Economic Analysis of Law' at the Institute of Law from Jan 29-31, 2024.
- Ms Kanchi Kohli, a researcher, educator and communicator of Environmental Law and Policy conducted a workshop on 'Climate Change' at the Institute of Law from Jan 8-10, 2024.
- Dr Stefano Sainas, Assistant Professor, University of Turin, Italy delivered a lecture on 'Understanding of basics of Bio/organic Chemistry for their applications in Medicinal Chemistry' at the Institute of Pharmacy on Jan 11, 2024.

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- Prof Donatella Boschi, Professor, University of Turin, Italy conducted an expert lecture on 'Medicinal Chemistry Approaches for Discovery of Antiviral Drugs' at the Institute of Pharmacy on Jan 12, 2024.
- Dr Susan Bain, Assistant Professor; and Dr Terrence Graham, Chief International Officer, Associate Dean - Graduate Education, from the University of Southern California delivered an expert talk on 'Navigating the Regulatory Landscape: A Comprehensive Overview of Clinical Trial Requirements and Regulations' and 'Evolving Career Pathways in Pharmacy at USC Alfred E Mann School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences, University of Southern California', respectively on Jan 10, 2024.



- Dr Valentina Boscaro, Assistant Professor, University of Turin, Italy delivered a lecture on 'Therapeutic Applications of Herbal Plants for Treating Various Diseases and Disorders' at the Institute of Pharmacy on Jan 12, 2024.
- Dr Shivani Mehta, Assistant Professor at the Institute of Law, Nirma University conducted a session on 'The Constitution's Vision of Equality' on Feb 21, 2024 hosted by the Equal Opportunity Cell, Institute of Pharmacy.
- Dr Raj Sevak, Assistant Professor, University of the Pacific, Stockton, California, USA gave a lecture on 'Major depressive disorder: Pathophysiology, Clinical Assessment and Therapeutic Management' at the Institute of Pharmacy on Jan 12, 2024.
- Dr Jay R Anand, Postdoctoral Research Associate, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, US delivered an expert session on 'Genetic Engineering: Mastering the DNA code' at the Institute of Pharmacy on Jan 16, 2024.
- An online expert session by Dr Brijesh Srivastava, retired GM - Zydus Research Centre, Ahmedabad on 'The Role and Importance of Research in Drug Discovery and Development' was held at the Institute of Pharmacy on Jan 18, 2024.
- Mr Shibu Chakraborty, General Manager, Sterilization Products & Services, Salesworth Synergies LLP, Bangalore delivered an expert lecture on 'Introduction to Sterilization'

Science and Industrial Applications of Biological Indicators' at the Institute of Pharmacy on Jan 19, 2024.

- Dr Kanan Shah, Head - Innovation and Product Development, Alphamed Pty Ltd, Sydney, Australia delivered an expert talk on 'Introduction and Regulations of Herbal Preparations in Australia' at the Institute of Pharmacy on Jan 23, 2024.
- Ms Neepa Manocha (IPS) conducted a session on 'How to prepare for the civil services examination' at the Civil Engineering department, Institute of Technology on Jan 24, 2024.
- Mr K L Maheshwari, HVAC and MEP Consultant from Ahmedabad delivered an expert lecture on 'Effective Plumbing System Design' organised by the IGBC Student Chapter and Department of Civil Engineering, Institute of Technology on Jan 29, 2024.
- Ms Cathy Fisher, Founder and President of Quistem, LLC, USA delivered an expert session on 'Application of AI in Modern Processes' at the Computer Science and Engineering department, Institute of Technology on Jan 18, 2024.
- Dr Urman Dhruv (MD in Internal Medicine at HCG Hospital, Ahmedabad) addressed the Institute of Law students on the subject of Medical Law, Code of Medical Ethics, Medical Termination of Pregnancy, and Euthanasia on Dec 27, 2023, and January 18-19, 2024.
- Padma Shri Prof Upendra Baxi conducted an expert lecture on 'How Not to Read Case: Kesavananda Bharti and Its Normative Progeny' on Feb 20, 2024 at the Institute of Law. Prof Baxi highlighted the nuances of case laws reading with students. He elaborated on the problems in the writing style of judgements by the Supreme Court and also shared his views on what to skip in reading a judgment.



- Dr Anil Jindal, Associate Professor, BITS Pilani delivered an online lecture on 'Simulation modelling for absorption' at the Institute of Pharmacy on Feb 1, 2024.
- Dr Kasthuri Venkateshwaran, Senior Research Scientist, Jet Propulsion Laboratory, California Institute of Technology, USA delivered a talk on 'Chemical Frontiers in Space:

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Managing the Microbial Metropolis' at the Institute of Pharmacy on Feb 14, 2024.

- Ar Rahul Bhushan, an eco-architect, entrepreneur, and educator conducted a session at the Institute of Architecture and Planning on Feb 6, 2024. He talked about his efforts in reviving Kathkuni and Dhajji Dewari, indigenous practices in the Himalayas. He discussed his experiments with vernacular techniques to design and build resilient natural buildings, publishing firsthand research on Himalayan craftsmanship, and fostering grassroots-level systems.
- Dr Ryan Pereira, Regional Officer of the United States-India Educational Foundation, Fulbright Commission in India, delivered a talk on 'Fulbright Fellowship Opportunities to the US for Indian Citizens' on March 5, 2024.



- Mr Falgun Rathod, Managing Director of Cyber Octet Pvt Ltd conducted a session on 'Recent Cyber Security' on March 16, 2024 at the Institute of Law.
- Dr Dharmang Baxi (Professor, Institute of Law, Nirma University & Former Additional Labour Commissioner of Labour, Government of Gujarat); Prof Margie Parikh (Professor, B K School of Professional and Management Studies, Gujarat University, Ahmedabad) conducted an online awareness session on 'The Sexual Harassment of Women at the Workplace (Prevention, Prohibition & Redressal) Act, 2013 and Rules' on March 8-9, 2024.
- Mr Mehul Damani from HighRadius conducted a session on 'Digital Transformation in Marketing' on March 15, 2024 at the Institute of Management.

- Shri Ayyappan Nair, and Ms Devpriya, from the Reserve Bank of India conducted a session on 'Financial Stability' on March 18, 2024 at the Institute of Management. (pic in Management)
- Dr Prathap Chandar Manivannan, Associate Professor & Head of the Department of Orthodontics and Pediatric Dentistry, MAHSA University, Malaysia conducted a webinar on 'Outcome-Based Education' as part of the Academic Transformation Series at the Institute of Pharmacy on March 5, 2024.
- Dr Amit Gupta, Sun Pharmaceutical Industries Ltd., Gurgaon conducted an online discussion on 'Citing Literature for Formulation Design and Development: An Industrial Perspective' at the Institute of Pharmacy on March 22, 2024.
- Mr Kinjesh Thakkar, India Head, International Tax and Transfer Pricing, Linde Engineering conducted an expert session on 'Tax Aspects of Mergers' at the Institute of Law on March 28, 2024.
- Mr Mitesh Amin, Senior Advocate and Additional Advocate General, Gujarat conducted an expert session on 'Art of Cross Examination' at the Institute of Law on March 1, 2024.
- Mr Chinmay Naik, Partner at K C Mehta & Company, Vadodara conducted an expert session on 'Valuation, Accounting and Due Diligence in Mergers' at the Institute of Law on March 27, 2024.
- Ms Kanchi Kohli, an Environmental Expert and Author conducted sessions on 'Forest-related Laws' at the Institute of Law from March 4-7, 2024.
- Dr Mehrajuddin Mir, Chair Professor at MNLC, K R Mangalam University, Gurugram conducted an expert session on 'Criminal Law with special reference to Penology and Victimology' at the Institute of Law on March 14, 2024.

## WOMEN DEVELOPMENT CELL ACTIVITIES

- A 'Self-Defense Workshop' for female students of the Institute of Pharmacy was organised as a part of the Women



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Development Cell activity on Feb 16, 2024. Mr Rushiraj Jaiswal from Rushiraj Karate Kungfu Federation, Ahmedabad conducted the workshop. Through interactive demonstrations and hands-on practice, the attendees learned how to recognise and respond to potential threats effectively.

- The Women Development Cell, Institute of Law organised a distinguished lecture on 'Implicit Bias' on Feb 6, 2024 by Hon'ble Judge Mel Flanagan, Former Circuit Judge and Adjunct Professor, University of Wisconsin, Sarajevo, USA. The faculty members and students attended the session which highlighted the internalised stereotypes that unconsciously affect the perceptions, actions and decisions. The Cell also organised a 'Self-Defence Workshop for Women' on Feb 19, 2024 conducted by Hon'ble Judge Mel Flanagan.



## OTHER EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

- Prof Krishna Kumar Yadav and Dr Tanushri Mokde from the Institute of Architecture and Planning, Nirma University conducted a 'Clay workshop' for the students of Institute of Law and, Architecture and Planning under the aegis of the Centre for Continuing Education. The workshop hosted on Feb 4, 11, 18, and Feb 25, 2024 was attended by 86 participants.



- The Civil Engineering Department, Institute of Technology and Institute of Architecture and Planning, Nirma University under the aegis of Centre for Continuing Education conducted a workshop on 'Building Information Modelling (BIM) for Construction Project Management' on March 2, 16, and 30, 2024.



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- Dr Anupama Ramkumar, CEO & Principal Consultant, Arkus Research Pvt Ltd, Ahmedabad conducted a workshop on 'Medical Writing' on March 12, 2024. The workshop provided insights into changing aspects of medical writing and its various components such as abstract writing, protocol writing and case report form.
- The Department of Pharmaceutical Analysis, Institute of Pharmacy and the Centre for Advanced Instrumentation, Nirma University organised a workshop on 'Analytical Instruments' under the banner of Centre for Continuing Education on March 19, 2024. During the workshop, various analytical techniques were explained and hands-on training on analytical instruments like High-Performance Liquid Chromatograph (HPLC), Gas Chromatograph (GC), High-Performance Thin Layer Chromatograph (HPTLC), Fourier Transform Infrared Spectrometer (FTIR), UV-Visible Spectrophotometer, Spectroflourimeter, Differential Scanning Calorimeter (DSC) and Particle Size Analyzer was given to the participants.



- Prof Rattan Singh from Panjab University, Chandigarh conducted a workshop on 'Research Methodology' for the PhD students, Institute of Law from March 9-10, 2024; and for the LLM students on March 11, 2024.



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## FIELD VISITS

### Related Study Programmes (RSP) by the Institute of Architecture and Planning

The Institute of Architecture and Planning organised RSP at Kerala; Nuwara Eliya, Srilanka and Kutch. Kerala Related Study Programme focused on 'Learning by measuring'. Students got exposure to the built environment of the vernacular architecture of Kerala. It was planned from Dec 25, 2023 to Jan 4, 2024.

The intent of the field studio at Nuwara Eliya, Srilanka during Jan 5-20, 2024 was to make the students aware of the sensitive issues in hill towns. It focused on the importance of ecology and natural features, along with building synergy with the character of the town developed during the colonial era.

RSP at Kutch was organised to study the vernacular techniques of mud earth construction during Jan 2-13, 2024. Students also visited craft villages like Ajarakhpur and Bhujodi and understood the relationship between local crafts and spaces developed around them.



### Visit to NISM, Mumbai

Institute of Commerce organised an educational visit to the National Institute of Securities Markets (NISM), Mumbai during Feb 28-March 1, 2024 and March 22-24, 2024 for the students of Semester VI. Students gained a deeper understanding of the functioning of equity markets, including stock exchanges, trading mechanisms and regulatory frameworks. Students had the opportunity to experience real-time trading scenarios in a simulated environment, allowing them to apply theoretical concepts to practical situations. This hands-on experience helped students develop trading strategies, analyse market trends, and understand the dynamics of trading operations. The visit included interactions with prominent market intermediaries such as the National Stock Exchange, Bombay Stock Exchange and Multi-Commodity Exchange.



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### Visit to Mundra Port

Institute of Commerce organised an industrial visit for the students of first-year during March 29-30, 2024 to Mundra Port encompassing visits to Adani Wind, Adani Solar, Adani Power, Adani Wilmar and Adani Ports, offering valuable insights into the diverse operations of the Adani Group and its contribution to the energy and infrastructure sectors. The students gained insights into port logistics, cargo handling, and maritime operations. Students were acquainted with renewable energy generation technologies and sustainability initiatives at Adani Wind and Adani Solar facilities. They learned about thermal power generation, energy infrastructure and challenges in the power sector. They further explored the manufacturing processes, quality control measures and supply chain management in the food and agribusiness sector.



### Education Trip to Mumbai

Institute of Design students visited Zephyr Toys, a leading manufacturer, and Imagimake, a renowned educational toy design studio in Mumbai from March 15-16, 2024. This hands-on experience exposed them to the booming Indian toy industry and its potential. The trip emphasised a well-rounded design approach. The visit also highlighted the importance of simplifying design while maintaining user-friendliness and visual appeal. They observed the continuous design process, adapting to user feedback and market trends. The power of packaging in influencing consumers was another takeaway.

### Visit to District Court

Institute of Law organised a visit for the students of Semester IV as a part of the Street Law Course to the District Court, Gandhinagar, and Consumer Commission, Family Court, Gandhinagar on March 27-28, 2023. Students interacted with judges, lawyers and litigants during the court visit and also observed cross-examination of the witnesses.

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### Legal Aid Symposium at Institute of Law

Legal Aid Clinic, Nirma University organised a Legal Aid Symposium on Feb 10, 2024 in which twelve colleges across Gujarat participated. Hon'ble Mr Justice Kamal Mehta, (Retd.) Judge of the Gujarat High Court was the chief guest. He delivered a thought-provoking session on the importance of Legal Aid from the perspectives of the Constitution of India, varied landmark judgments of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India, and the noble work of jurists of law. Dr MRK Prasad from V M Salgaocar College of Law, Goa provided practical aspects of Legal Services work and demonstrated the way of implementation in the law colleges. Dr Kalpesh Gupta, Founder of Pro-Bono India shared his experience on Legal Aid Activities in the different law colleges. Shri R A Trivedi, Member Secretary, Gujarat State Legal Service Authority delivered a distinguished lecture on Free Legal Services provided by the Gujarat State Legal Service Authority. The symposium provided an opportunity to know the Legal Services activities from different perspectives and enhance the knowledge and understanding of the participants for the Legal Services activities.



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## Elocution Competition

The NSS Unit of the Institute of Commerce hosted an Elocution Competition on Jan 20, 2024 as part of the Gujarat Cultural Elocution Competition organised by the NSS Department of Higher Education of Gujarat on the theme 'Save Culture Save Bharat'. The participants spoke on topics such as Nation-building through character building, and Value education: an imperative for the present times. Deekshita Athreya from the Institute of Technology stood first, and Abhilasha Sunil Kajalkar from the Institute of Pharmacy stood second.



## Pro-Bono Club Visit

The Pro Bono Club of the Institute of Law conducted a visit to Jammiyatpura village on March 6, 2024. Legal experts highlighted the importance of legal aid services and educated villagers about their rights. The objective of the event was to provide legal assistance, enhance access to governmental services, and empower the community with knowledge about seeking legal help when needed.

## NSS Residential Camp at Paliyad

Institute of Design organised a 7-day NSS residential camp from March 3-10, 2024 at Paliyad village. The camp served as a remarkable platform for the team of 25 volunteers to refine their skill sets and engage in a diverse range of activities. From participating in rallies and workshops to conducting surveys, painting the school walls, and organising plantation drives, the volunteers displayed remarkable dedication and a spirit of service. The camp also witnessed the successful execution of events like a Women's Day celebration, a speech competition, and drawing competition focusing on environmental awareness, and women's empowerment. Further, the volunteers equipped the village women with valuable insights on product marketing, branding strategies, and utilising social media platforms to enhance their entrepreneurial handicraft business. This initiative has the potential to significantly improve their income generation through innovative marketing techniques.



## NSS Residential Camp at Lapkaman

The NSS Unit, Institute of Law organised a residential camp at Lapkaman village from March 1-7, 2024. Students interacted with the villagers through various events and activities like Cleanliness Drive, Voting Awareness Drive, Health Camp, Drawing Competition, CERC session on Financial Fraud, Diya Painting, Career Counselling Session, Self Defence Workshop, Cultural Night which included Prize Distribution, Dance Performances, Music Performances and Nukkad Natak.

## Other Activities

- A blood donation camp commemorating the birthday of Shri Acharya Devvrat Ji, the Honorable Governor of Gujarat, was conducted by the Government of Gujarat in collaboration with the Red Cross Society on Jan 18, 2024. NSS volunteers from the Institute of Pharmacy actively participated in this blood donation initiative. This endeavour underscores the Institute of Pharmacy's commitment to social responsibility, emphasising the significance of engaging students in meaningful social activities.

- The Mechanical Engineering Student Association (MESA), Institute of Technology organised a donation drive in January 2024. For this drive, different items like clothes, footwear, toys etc. were collected and distributed to the needy people residing in the areas nearby to the university campus on Jan 16, 2024.
- A grocery donation drive was conducted by the NSS Unit, Institute of Pharmacy on Feb 21, 2024.
- The NSS Unit at the Institute of Law and Institute of Commerce, in collaboration with Prathama Blood Bank,

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organised a Blood Donation Camp on Feb 13, 2024. A total of 540 Units of blood was collected in a day.



- The Lawyer Incubation Clinic at the Institute of Law organised a visit to the High Court of Gujarat on Feb 16, 2024. During the visit the students got the opportunity to interact with Adv. Kashyap Joshi who has been practising at Gujarat High Court. He shared his experience of litigation and his journey and gave some valuable insights to all the students concerning the practical aspects of the legal field.
- Institute of Law conducted an outreach initiative at the Jamiyatpura Sreshth Shala on Feb 28, 2024. The team organised a street play to engage students and raise awareness about government scholarship schemes, promoting education accessibility. Initiatives like Skill India and Khelo India for holistic development were endorsed.
- The NSS Unit of the Institute of Pharmacy conducted a 'Voter Awareness drive' at the Hirpura village, Mehsana on March

16, 2024. The volunteers actively engaged in disseminating information about the significance of voting in the forthcoming election. Door-to-door campaigns for voter awareness, supplemented by posters, were conducted to boost voter turnout and participation.

- Institute of Pharmacy took a significant step towards enhancing healthcare preparedness by hosting 'Basic Life Support Skills and CPR training' for all the new students of the institute on Feb 19, 2024. Dr Vivek Nanda, Consultant in Emergency Medicine from KD Hospital, Ahmedabad, led an insightful session providing hands-on training in CPR techniques with the use of a mannequin.
- Institute of Management in association with the Indian Red Cross Society, Gujarat organised a CPR Training programme from March 18-19, 2024. It was attended by 450+ students along with 50+ faculty and staff members.



## FACULTY

### Awards and Achievements

- Dr Reena Trivedi, Professor, Mechanical Engineering department, Institute of Technology, received the 'We All Are Human (WAAH) Science Laureate Awards (Senior Laureate category) as a mentor on Jan 6, 2024.



- Dr Madhuri Parikh, Director & Dean, Institute of Law was awarded for her exceptional work in the field of Research and Development by the Sadvichar Parivar on March 1, 2024.



## Achievements

Mr Bonny Dave, a graduate of the Institute of Technology, featured on the Feb 12, 2024 episode of 'Shark Tank - India'. He showcased his AI-powered technology designed to read and narrate content, aiding visually impaired individuals in comprehension. Notably, Mr Dave successfully secured a deal for his innovative product during the show. (pic in Technology)



## Alumni Association Meets

### Alumni Association Meet of Institute of Pharmacy

The Institute of Pharmacy Nirma University Alumni Association (IPNUAA) hosted its Annual Alumni Meet on Jan 6, 2024. Over 150 alumni joined the event to commemorate the 20 years of excellence and achievements of the institute. The event also extended its invitation to ex-faculty members of the institute. The evening was filled with lively games and entertainment activities, creating a vibrant atmosphere. Later, a formal gathering took place at the auditorium. Dr Dhaivat Parikh (Vice President - IPNUAA) highlighted the various activities of the Alumni Association and commended the alumni for their significant contributions to the pharmacy profession. Dr Gopal Natesan (Director - IPNU, and President - IPNUAA) shared his vision for the future of the institute, seeking feedback from the alumni on enhancing Industry-Institute collaboration. He also presented a comprehensive report on the annual progress and achievements of the institute. Expressing gratitude and pride for being part of the IPNU family, alumni shared their memories and experiences.



### Baroda Chapter Meet of Institute of Pharmacy

Institute of Pharmacy Nirma University Alumni Association (IPNUAA) organised the Baroda Chapter Alumni Meet at The Madras Bhavan, Nizampura, Baroda on March 19, 2024. A total of 27 alumni members from diverse domains and renowned companies such as Sun Pharma, Alembic, Gowrie Healthcare, and Apothecon attended the event. Dr Dhaivat Parikh, Vice President of IPNUAA, spearheaded the



event, fostering connections between the institute and its esteemed alumni. This city-wise Alumni Meet provided an exceptional networking platform for professionals within the Baroda region, facilitating meaningful connections and collaborations.

## Alumni on Campus

- Mr Dixit Prajapati, an alumnus of the Institute of Pharmacy and presently serving as Quality Assurance Manager at Amneal Pharmaceuticals Limited, Ahmedabad delivered an expert lecture on 'Aseptic Practices in Pharmaceutical Industries' on Jan 8, 2024.
- Mr Sunil Patel, an alumnus of the Institute of Pharmacy and presently serving as Senior Research Scientist II, O2h Discovery Pvt Ltd, Ahmedabad delivered a talk on 'Organic Synthesis in Drug Discovery' on Jan 11, 2024.
- Mr Vraj Mehta, an alumnus of the Institute of Pharmacy and presently serving as a Pharmacy Assistant in NHS Community Pharmacy, Nottingham, UK delivered a talk on 'Working in Community Pharmacy in the UK' on Jan 23, 2024.
- Mr Shivam Patel, an alumnus of the Institute of Technology and presently serving as an ML engineer at Google, United States delivered a talk on 'Potential Development in the field of AI' on Jan 30, 2024.
- Ms Disha Patel, an alumna of the Institute of Pharmacy, and currently serving as a Clinical Research Associate at Lambda Therapeutic and Research, Ahmedabad conducted a session on 'BA/BE Studies in CRO' on Feb 10, 2024.
- Ms Dhvani Thakkar, an alumna of the Institute of Pharmacy, and currently serving as a Clinical Pharmacist at Saskatchewan Health Authority, Regina, Saskatchewan, Canada, shared insights on 'Pharmacist's Role in Prescription Handling: Canadian Pharmacy Perspective' on Feb 25, 2024.
- Mr Yash Prajapati, an alumnus of the 2012 BPharm programme, currently serving as a Practice Development Manager at Align Technology – Gujarat (Medical Device) delivered a talk on 'Scope of Sales and Marketing in the Pharmaceutical Industry' on March 14, 2024.
- Mr Swastik Suthar, an alumnus of the 2018 MPharm programme, currently serving as a Regulatory Affairs Consultant shared insights on 'Regulatory aspects for the design and development of medical device' on March 27, 2024. He emphasised key steps like risk assessment, clinical testing, and regulatory submissions for ensuring device safety and compliance.
- Mr Rushabh Shah, an alumnus of the Institute of Pharmacy, pursuing MTech (Pharm) in Pharmaceutical Technology Process Chemistry from NIPER-Mohali, delivered a talk on 'Tips and tricks to crack GPAT exam' to GPAT aspirants on March 29, 2024. The talk provided attendees with a comprehensive understanding of the GPAT entrance exam and equipped them with practical strategies and techniques to excel in their preparation.



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