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GNLU Centre for Healthcare, Ethics, Legal Advocacy and Policy Research (G-HELP)

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About Gujarat National Law University (GNLU)

Gujarat National Law University (GNLU), established under the Gujarat National Law University Act, 2003, is a leading legal institution recognised by the Bar Council of India (BCI) and the University Grants Commission (UGC). Located in Gandhinagar, this law school fosters an intellectually stimulating environment that promotes critical thinking and innovative problem-solving, making it a premier destination for legal education in India.

GNLU offers diverse integrated undergraduate programmes and postgraduate degrees, with 22 Centres of Excellence focusing on specialised areas such as environmental law and intellectual property. Its academic excellence is reflected in its consistent rankings, including a Top 5 position in NIRF 2026 and recognition as Gujarat's Best Law School with a 5-star GSIRF rating. GNLU is also distinctive in establishing a satellite campus in Silvassa, becoming the only National Law University to expand beyond its primary location.

About GNLU Centre for Healthcare, Ethics, Legal Advocacy, and Policy Research (G-HELP)

The GNLU Centre for Healthcare, Ethics, Legal Advocacy, and Policy Research (G-HELP) was established on 28th September 2024 as a Centre of Excellence, focused on advancing healthcare law, policy and ethics. The Centre builds on GNLU's Postgraduate Diploma in Medical Law, Policy and Ethics, offered exclusively to medical practitioners, and seeks to strengthen the legal and ethical foundations of healthcare through education, research, training and public engagement.

Since its establishment, G-HELP has organised healthcare awareness initiatives, including the 'Healthcare for All' community health camp at Koba Village, and convened MEDLAWCON, its national conference on medical law, policy and ethics, bringing together healthcare professionals, legal experts, academics and researchers. The Centre has also undertaken initiatives to promote healthcare awareness and interdisciplinary dialogue on contemporary medico-legal issues.

Going forward, G-HELP will continue to develop specialised training and capacity-building programmes, undertake research on emerging healthcare challenges, organise academic conferences and workshops, and conduct public awareness initiatives on health rights, medical ethics and healthcare laws. Through collaborations with medical institutions, professional bodies, government agencies and other stakeholders, the Centre aims to contribute to evidence-informed policy, ethical medical practice and accessible, equitable and patient-centred healthcare.

CONFERENCE THEMES

1 INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY, MEDICINES AND THE RIGHT TO HEALTH

- Patents and Compulsory Licensing
- Vaccine Access and TRIPS flexibilities
- Evergreening and Patents
- Drug Price Regulation
- WHO Pandemic Agreement

2 ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC HEALTH

- Environmental Disease Burden
- Urban Planning and Waste Management
- Air Pollution and Climate Change
- State Liability, Municipal Finance
- Traditional Knowledge and Resilience

3 WOMEN'S HEALTH AND REPRODUCTIVE RIGHTS

- Urban-Rural Disparities in Maternal Health
- Pro-Natalist Policies
- Abortion and Reproductive Autonomy
- IVF, ART and Surrogacy Act, 2021
- PCPDNT, 1994 and Compliances
- Menstrual Health

4 SPORTS MEDICINE AND ANTI-DOPING

- World Anti-Doping Code, 2027
- National Anti-Doping Act, 2022
- Athlete Autonomy and Mental Health
- Female-Category Eligibility and Transgender Athletes
- Team Physicians' Duty of Care

5 DISABILITY, MEDICINE AND THE LAW

- Models of Disability
- Legal Capacity and Consent
- Discrimination in Healthcare
- Universal Design
- End-of-life Decisions
- Psychiatric Care and Rehabilitation Reform

6 HEALTHCARE, MARKETS AND THE LAW

- Health-Tech and Digital Health
- Telemedicine Guidelines, 2020 and E-Pharmacies
- AI in Healthcare
- Private Equity
- Health Data Governance
- Insurance and Hospital Pricing
- Medical Tourism

7 HEALTH LAW AND POLICY

- National Health Mission
- Drugs and the Magic Remedies Act, 1954
- State Liability for Public Health Failures
- Medical Negligence
- Violence against Healthcare Professionals
- Euthanasia and Palliative Care
- Organ Donation
- Gender-Affirming Care
- Sexually Transmitted Infections
- The Indian Medical Council (Professional Conduct, Etiquette and Ethics) Regulations, 2002

Who can Participate?

The conference welcomes participation from individuals and organisations involved in or interested in the field of medical law, policy, and ethics, including but not limited to:

Healthcare and Medical Professionals

- Healthcare professionals (physicians, nurses, pharmacists, etc.)
- Forensic experts
- Ethicists and bioethics professionals

Legal, Academic and Policy Professionals

- Legal practitioners and experts
- Academics and researchers
- Policy analysts and policymakers
- Government representatives and regulatory bodies
- Patient advocacy groups
- Non-governmental organisations (NGOs) working in the healthcare and legal sectors
- Medical and law students (UG, PG and PhD)

Abstract Submission Guidelines

Submission Categories

1. Research Articles

Original research papers making a substantial contribution to the field.

2. Review Articles

Comprehensive and critical analysis of existing research, theories, concepts or practices within a specific field or topic.

3. Poster Submissions

Research-based posters presenting innovative ideas, ongoing research or practice-based insights.

Submission Guidelines

1. The abstract must be original and unpublished.
2. The abstract should be **250–300 words**.
3. The abstract must clearly outline the significance, objectives and methodology of the proposed research.
4. Include **3–5 keywords**.
5. Provide the title of the submission, name(s) of the author(s), designation, institutional affiliation and email address.
6. Submissions must be in **English**.
7. Posters should communicate research findings, innovative ideas, ongoing research or practice-based insights relevant to the conference theme and sub-themes. (Detailed guidelines on poster format and presentation will be shared with the selected participants.)

Submit the abstract through the designated conference submission link.

For queries, please contact:
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Important Dates

Particulars	Dates
Submission of Abstract	20 November 2026
Communication of Selected Abstracts	5 December 2026
Final Manuscript Submission	4 January 2027
Registration Open	15 October-25 December 2026
Conference Dates	30-31 January 2027

Relevant Links

Abstracts Submission Link: Click Here

Payment of Fees: Click Here

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