

# **Gujarat National Legal Ideathon 2023**

## **24th – 25th August 2023**

### **DAY 1**

#### **INAUGURAL CEREMONY**

Prof.(Dr.) Viral Pandya, Head, Research and Development Cell & Professor of Management & Director, GNLU Legal Incubation Council shared welcoming address to all the participants and experts invited for first of it's kind GNLU National Legal Ideathon on behalf of GNLU.

Sir commenced the inauguration of the GNLU National Legal Ideathon with enthusiasm and pride. He expressed his immense pleasure in being a part of this unique event, which is the first of its kind under the domain of law. The event has attracted participation from 24 teams across India, engaging in both idea and prototype competitions.

Sir expressed his hope that this ideathon will bring about a collective and positive impact. He extended his gratitude to all the students and colleagues involved in making this competition a reality. With his opening remarks, the GNLU National Legal Ideathon was set in motion, aiming to foster innovation and collaboration within the legal community.

Address by Chief Guest **Shri B.N. Pani, IAS**

The Chief Guest, Shri B.N. Pani, IAS, delivered an engaging address at the innovation seminar. He expressed his excitement to be a part of the event, noting it as his second innovation seminar of the day. He praised GNLU as a unique institution that fosters innovation, incubation, and learning. He welcomed the attendees, and participants from outside Gujarat, extending a warm "Athiti Devo Bhavah."

Shri Pani highlighted the significance of innovation, connecting it to India's space achievements, such as Chandrayan II, and the country's status as a youthful and rapidly growing economy with a burgeoning startup culture. He emphasized the immense potential in sectors like agriculture, mobility, and more, with young individuals possessing the skills and mindset for skilled accomplishments.

Referring to technological advancements like ChatGPT, Shri Pani underscored the importance of tech innovation in our lives, particularly in the age of Tech 4.0. He encouraged participation in the upcoming Grand Indian Hackathon on December 6th and 7th, where global leaders and participants will join.

Shri Pani emphasized the transformative power of innovation, highlighting that the youth's efforts in innovation have the capacity to change lives, societies, and communities. He applauded GNLU for embracing this aspect and expressed hope that these solutions would greatly benefit the nation. He concluded by expressing optimism that initiatives like "Standup

India," led by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, would drive the nation forward in the realm of innovation.

*Prof. (Dr.) S. Shantakumar, Director, GNLU*

Sir, in his opening remarks, extended a warm welcome to all participants and expressed gratitude for their active engagement. He emphasized the need to infuse innovation into the legal system and encouraged the attendees to contribute ideas that could improve access to justice, particularly for marginalized communities. He acknowledged the role of the Gujarat government in supporting the event and thanked the Chief Minister of Gujarat. Drawing parallels with the evolution of an aircraft from an idea, he underscored the transformative power of ideas and innovation. Sir highlighted the significance of the platform provided by the event to encourage more people to share their innovative ideas. He cited examples like the convenience of digital banking and urged for similar advancements in the legal sector. He concluded by stressing the importance of reducing the burden on the judiciary and ensuring timely justice for victims.

*Prof. (Dr.) Anjani Singh Tomar, Head, Academic Affairs & Professor of Law*

Mam welcomed the audience and acknowledged the value of innovation, noting that it often comes at a cost. She addressed the query of why there were fewer participants, pointing out that the law is not easily malleable. Nevertheless, she urged attendees to bridge the gap between ideas and action, highlighting the potential for transformation.

The event's anchor explained the purpose and functioning of GLIC, which is a section 8 company established by the Gujarat National Law University (GNLU). GLIC acts as a dedicated platform to support startups and ventures in the legal domain, fostering innovation and bridging the gap between academia and the legal industry. The event featured enlightening keynote sessions, pitching sessions, panel discussions, open house pitching, and a Startup Exhibition. Participants were categorized into two segments:

1. Ideation Category: This category allowed participants to exhibit problem-solving skills, critical thinking abilities, and the capacity to identify and address emerging legal challenges.
2. Prototype Category: Participants in this category aimed to develop innovative tools, platforms, or enhance the efficiency and effectiveness of legal services.

The event saw participation from 24 teams, each showcasing their unique approaches and ideas.

*Dr. Jagadeesh Chandra T. G, Registrar (I/C), GNLU*

Sir delved into the concept of discovery and innovation, highlighting the distinction between the two. Drawing from his personal experiences, he emphasized the motivation derived from new discoveries. He underscored the event's role as a platform for progressing from discovery to innovation, particularly in the judicial context. Sir acknowledged the establishment of GLIC eight years ago, with substantial support from the Gujarat government and the Financer Commissioner. He praised Mam for her consistent support. He mentioned the involvement of the director in evaluating ideas and providing guidance. The gratitude was extended to Prof. (Dr.) Viral Pandya, Director, GNLU Legal Incubation Council for his contributions.

- **Keynote Address - Ramanuj Mukherjee, Co-founder, LawSikho**

***“How To Bootstrap Your Startup, Building & Scaling Legal Startups.”***

The inaugural ceremony was then followed by lunch and a keynote session by Mr. Ramanuj Mukherjee from Lawsikho, a graduate from NUJS kolkata, who is also the founder of iPleaders. He started by saying that everyone present in that hall had some interest in startups, be it for profit or not for profit. He then proceeded to tell us that in his speech that day, he would be talking about the key principles of building a startup and that he would tell us the key ideals. The first key ideal is that everything starts with a problem. He also gave us examples from his life to help us better understand the concept.

When he created his blog, iPleaders, it was because he had discovered a problem that needed to be solved. When he was in his 4th year, he realised that there were a lot of startups that required legal help but could not afford a lawyer. Using his knowledge of law, he decided to do legal risk management. He wanted to differentiate himself from the rest of the legal professionals. He would look at the businesses and advise with respect to the legal risks that persist in the business, first he would do a legal risk audit for free, the first 3-4 people didnt give him a lot of work because they wouldnt trust him. So,he needed to build trust, he decided to write a blog and give useful insights there which helps these people, which would help them trust him and his advice. The next question was how to get other people to write, there were other big blogs in play at the time, eg. Law and other things etc, He saw the problem that simple answers for non-lawyer laymen had to be given on the internet. This started gaining traction, he then started approaching lawyers to write on that blog, and the lawyers were reluctant to share their knowledge. Every problem is a source of opportunity which leads you to golden nuggets.

A lot of the higher officials in organisations were fed up with the legal system, so when he went to certain events like startup events and gather traction, they started seeing him as a big legal personality and therefore he got more clients

On a project with L&T, which he got by teaching contract law to one of its project matters, he was told to legally analyse a contract, for which he made a 300 page report indicating the legal risks. He was then asked to go to Mumbai and present that to the higher officials there. In the beginning of the session there were 12 people, but towards the end, the venue was filled with people who were interested in learning more about law.

He then observed that legal knowledge is, even now, not easily available to entrepreneurs. When he taught law, he gained clientele, and therefore he decided to start a course for legal knowledge on a large scale. He had originally started teaching law, not to earn money, but for the pure joy that he got out of it.

He proceeded to tell us to not restrict yourself to only academics and your college.

In the first start-up event he attended, he met a person who was making a data protection software. He sent that person regular updates on protection softwares, which led to him getting a big opportunity to draft agreements.

He told us that we would be able to make relevant solutions and products only when we interact with people and find out their problems and frustrations, which become our opportunities.

Sometimes people put in a lot of effort and think they have a great idea and after they implement it they realise that no one wants to buy the product.

You must listen to the market and not be stubborn about it. Everytime he faced problems that seemed very exponential, they ended up being opportunities for growth and unlocked growth.

During the pandemic, lawyers had a bad condition and were struggling, so they didn't want to do a new course, but somehow these guys managed to keep the boat floating  
November 2020- he got an idea, if people in India are working online, can the Indian lawyers act as paralegals to the US lawyers to earn more money.

One of the guys became very successful this way.

This is happening because there is a lot demand in the job but there is not enough manforce available,

The entire jargon of entrepreneurship starts and ends with problems. If you start depending on funding too much, the focus gets dissipated.

A business must be run in such a manner that it does not depend on external investments.

First focus on surviving and then on growing. A lot of things will happen around you but focus is the most important. The source of your strength is the problems you face. A small organisation can do many things that a big organisation is incapable of.

When you get the product right, it will soar in the market. This is called the product market fit.

2 engines need to work together for any successful business -

- Sales engine
- Delivery engine

If even one of them is left behind, there is a gap which has an adverse effect.

You should have a basic idea of the problems faced by a group of people

The danger about ideathons and hackathons is that the most flashy thing wins, but in business only boring thing win and flashy things often don't win

They never won an ideathon because they were a boring business. So don't be afraid to be a boring business

## **PANEL DISCUSSION**

**Anay Mashruwala was the moderator of the panel discussion - Partner - Venus Engineering Works**

- ***Ramanuj Mukherjee, Co-founder, LawSikho***

How to make a startup investable? When they initially started their venture, they achieved 1 crore rupees in revenue during the first year. At that point, they considered seeking investors, but their efforts were met with discouragement. They were labeled a "lifestyle business," but they persevered and continued building their company.

During this journey, they faced setbacks, such as receiving negative feedback on their pitch from a 500 Startups speaker. Despite the criticism, they pressed on, even though they became disillusioned with the idea of raising external capital.

Later on, they encountered the NUJS debacle, where a potential investor backed out at the last minute. However, they continued their journey, seeking guidance from mentors. Sequoia, a prominent venture capital firm, chose to invest in another company instead of theirs, which made them realise the considerable time they had wasted in pursuit of external funding.

Subsequently, they enlisted the help of an investment banker who proved to be highly effective. With a monthly revenue of 5 crores and consistent growth, they became financially independent

and had substantial internal accruals. Although investors found their business intriguing, they were still hesitant to invest.

At this stage, they recognized that many alternatives had emerged, rendering the pursuit of investment less crucial. They understood that they no longer needed to rely on the hyped-up narrative of pitching and securing investments.

Regarding tech advice, they emphasized the importance of gradually progressing from basic tasks to more advanced ones in the industry. They acknowledged that basic tasks were becoming automated rapidly, and the training of competent lawyers was declining. They stressed the need for professionals to focus and avoid distractions in order to excel in their work and build significant achievements.

In summary, their journey involved facing criticism, setbacks, and challenges in securing external investments. However, they ultimately achieved substantial revenue and independence. They also shared advice on staying focused and disciplined in a rapidly evolving industry.

- ***Neha Sharma - CEO of CrAdle***

Her remarkable trajectory from a criminologist to assuming the role of CEO within an incubation cell signifies a compelling blend of diverse academic pursuits and entrepreneurial aspirations. With an initial foundation in zoology, an abiding passion for wildlife conservation, and a subsequent immersion in criminology and the legal realm, they've embarked on a mission to catalyze entrepreneurial ventures across various sectors. Their perspective on the importance of entrepreneurship is articulated as follows:

**Economic Growth Catalyst:** Entrepreneurship serves as an indispensable engine of economic expansion. It not only stimulates innovation but also generates novel industries, thereby fortifying the economic foundation.

**Economic Regulation:** Entrepreneurship contributes to the regulation of economic dynamics by instilling competition, which invariably leads to enhanced efficiency, greater consumer choices, and market diversification.

**Employment Generation:** The genesis of startups and entrepreneurial initiatives represents a formidable wellspring of employment opportunities. Such endeavors not only empower individuals to pursue their passions and talents but also play a pivotal role in mitigating unemployment.

**Solving Societal Imperatives:** At its essence, entrepreneurship is an endeavor centered on resolving critical societal challenges. By tackling these pressing issues head-on, entrepreneurs make profound and affirmative contributions to society.

**Confluence of Law and Technology:** A transformative dimension of their journey lies in the fusion of legal acumen with technological innovation. This synergistic amalgamation engenders novel solutions that enhance the accessibility, efficiency, and scalability of legal services.

**Technical Counsel:**

In navigating the contemporary landscape, this professional underscores several salient points: **Digitization's Vast Potential in the Legal Arena:** The legal sphere offers a vast canvas for digitization. Embrace digital tools and strategies to streamline legal processes, amplifying efficiency, and elevating client experiences.

**Reciprocal Integration of Technology and Law:** Explore the dynamic intersection where technology meets law. Employ technology to address legal quandaries while simultaneously leveraging legal acumen to solve technological challenges. This multidisciplinary approach can yield unique, value-driven solutions.

**Relevance and Adaptability:** Thriving in an environment characterized by rapid change mandates a commitment to remaining relevant. Stay abreast of technological advancements and the evolving legal landscape to ensure enduring competitiveness.

**Embrace Innovation:** In stark contrast to yesteryears, the current entrepreneurial milieu is notably conducive to innovation. Embrace this culture of innovation and nurture creative thinking that harnesses technology to revolutionize the legal sector.

In conclusion, this individual's trajectory illuminates the pivotal role of entrepreneurship in fostering economic growth, job creation, and the resolution of pressing societal challenges. Their insights underscore the immense potential for technology-driven innovation in the legal realm and the necessity of remaining adaptable in a dynamically changing environment.

- ***Aditi Kapoor - Sr. Counsel Gamecraft***

The journey of this individual, from joining a prestigious law firm like Trilegal to transitioning into a startup like Uber, has imbued her with a unique perspective that encompasses both the legal and commercial dimensions of business. Her fondness for revisiting her college roots is a testament to her appreciation for the academic environment. Here are her insights on working in nascent sectors and the pivotal role of law professionals, along with some professional tech advice:

**Navigating Nascent Sectors:**

Working in a nascent sector offers a distinct opportunity for personal and professional growth. In such dynamic environments, individuals have the chance to evolve alongside the sector itself. It's important to recognize that the legal framework often lags behind technological advancements, and it is the responsibility of legal professionals to contribute to the development of this framework.

In the not-so-distant past, concepts like online gaming were viewed with skepticism. However, lawyers play a crucial role in constructing the legal architecture that supports and regulates these emerging technologies. As pioneers in their field, they actively shape the path forward.

**Technical Guidance:**

**Embrace Technology as Your Ally:** It is paramount to establish a symbiotic relationship with technology. View it as an indispensable ally rather than a threat. Technology is a potent enabler that can streamline processes, enhance efficiency, and unlock new possibilities.

**Evolve in Tandem with Technology:** As legal professionals, it's crucial to evolve in tandem with technology. Stay attuned to the latest technological advancements and understand their implications for the legal landscape. This proactive approach ensures relevance and adaptability.

Leverage Technology for Innovative Solutions: Technology should be harnessed as a tool to innovate and craft novel solutions to legal challenges. While AI and automation can assist in various tasks, the human mind's capacity for creativity and argumentation remains unparalleled.

Human Creativity is Inimitable: It's imperative to acknowledge that certain facets of legal practice, such as crafting persuasive arguments, are inherently human and cannot be replicated by AI. The unique creativity and adaptability of the human intellect are assets that should be cherished and leveraged in conjunction with technology.

In conclusion, this individual's professional journey underscores the transformative power of embracing technology in the legal domain. By proactively leveraging technology as a trusted ally, legal professionals can not only enhance their practice but also contribute meaningfully to the development of legal frameworks in emerging sectors.

- ***Shrijay Sheth - Co founder of LegalWiz***

Democratizing the law represents a pivotal mission, as the legal field has long been perceived as complex and inaccessible to many. Today, lawyers possess unprecedented access to data, a valuable resource that can be harnessed to simplify and make the law more accessible. Key insights gleaned from the early stages of one's career emphasize the imperative to demystify the complexities surrounding the legal realm.

It is essential to recognize that the perception of law's intricacy is, in many ways, a matter of perspective. Striving for simplicity and transparency becomes paramount. In the context of Legalwhiz, a guiding principle is to ensure that any problem statement or solution development aligns with these ideals, ultimately fostering accessibility and understanding.

One cannot understate the significance of understanding the importance of filing returns and taxation. These aspects are fundamental to compliance with the law, and a failure to grasp their nuances can lead to adverse consequences.

**Technical Counsel:**

The introduction of technology, particularly artificial intelligence (AI), into the legal sphere presents a dual-edged sword. It has the potential to either replace traditional roles or empower them, contingent upon one's approach. Drawing a parallel to the field of accounting two decades ago serves as a poignant example. Accountants who resisted technological advancements found their productivity dwindling, while those who embraced it, as exemplified by Legalwhiz, witnessed substantial enhancements in their capabilities.

In the present landscape, AI's presence is undeniably inevitable. It is incumbent upon legal professionals to make a conscious choice: either allow technology to supplant their roles or harness it as a powerful tool. The lessons from the evolution of accountancy underscore the need to adapt and thrive in an era where technology is omnipresent.

In conclusion, the pursuit of democratizing law, simplifying its intricacies, and enhancing accessibility stands as a noble endeavor. Leveraging technology, particularly AI, as an ally, not

a foe, is pivotal. It is incumbent upon legal practitioners to adopt this paradigm shift and harness technology to elevate their roles and better serve the cause of simplifying the law for all.

- *Abhinav Chandra - Sr. Manager-Legal, Ola Electric*

For an individual with a keen interest in fitness, the path to becoming a better lawyer is illuminated by a profound understanding of the law rather than mere knowledge. Here, the interpretation and application of laws governing motor vehicles, particularly electric vehicles, serve as a pertinent example. Keeping pace with the government's frequent issuance of circulars in this domain is paramount, as the legal landscape continually evolves, revealing gaps and inconsistencies that demand proactive addressing.

### **Guidance on Technology:**

The contemporary legal landscape is inextricably intertwined with technology. While there is growth, it may not always align with the preferred pace, underscoring the need for a paradigm shift. The advent of Contract Law Manager companies like SCC has certainly eased the operational aspects, particularly in businesses operating pan India, where technology plays a central role.

However, the crux lies in ensuring robust customer satisfaction, a facet where the legal profession must catch up. There are entities dedicated to aiding in compliance matters, but the pivotal factor is how the legal community embraces technology. When approaching the interpretation and understanding of laws, it is imperative to do so through a modern lens, making them pertinent and relevant in today's fast-evolving landscape.

In summary, the journey to becoming a better lawyer pivots on a deep comprehension of the law and its dynamic applications. In the realm of technology, the legal field must not only keep pace but also strive to proactively harness tech tools to meet contemporary demands and ensure enduring relevance.



## Day 2

- **Keynote Address: Sachin Malhan, Co-founder, Agami**

*“The Role Of Technology In Shaping Future Of Law, Disruptive Technologies In Legal Industry, Challenges & Opportunities For Entrepreneurs.”*

Sachin: I do not like straight lines. Neat lines. That is why I left the traditional way of practicing law and started something new. 3-4% of law graduates innovate or make a company after graduation. It is still a small number but the fact itself that law graduates are entrepreneurs is something else. All of us are looking at next 10 years of massive opportunity. But the question is whether there is an opportunity or not? Or whether we can take advantage of that opportunity? The next question, if an opportunity exists is whether the technology exists? The third is the creator's choice. If there is an opportunity and technology, Do you choose or want or believe that you can solve those problems?

Looking at opportunities, By 2050, India is going to be the 3rd largest economy. Even if you don't look at the economy, look at the opportunity to solve the problem of 1.4 billion people in India. 1.4 billion people, 122 languages, More than 50% of money is held by Top 1%. 9 out of 10 that could access legal aid, can go to court do not do so. 1 out of 10 get access to legal aid. This is not a gap, but an overwhelming reality.

A report called the Last Mile Access Study was released by Aapti Institute, which found something really interesting. It concluded that even if there is an app that could magically solve all of people's problem, even then, the app may not work if it cannot be understood by common people. Words such as seriatim, Inter alia etc cannot be understood by common people, it is meant to be understood by his lawyer and that is where the problem begins. Thus, there is a huge last mile access problem and that is a class problem. That is where the opportunity exists. The word NGO has become a trash can to dump all creative ideas. It is not recognised by people in India. That is, very good in the West where they recognise that most social innovators come from there.

A solution that is possible today, not possible earlier. (A demo video is shown of Jagrit by Agami). It is about a chatbot that provides legal solutions in Indigenous language. Uses GPT 3.5 and 5. Uses Bhasini language. Built by OpenNyAI. For the first time, we have grown to such an extent that a technology exists by which any person in India can interact with a chatbot in 22 languages and 100 languages including tribal languages like Gond by the end of the year. This AI does not have its own knowledge like ChatGPT and only has reasoning capabilities, so it does not make up stuff on its own. So any person can pick up a phone from any place and can get access to legal technology. We are in a situation, where the technology has been so sophisticated, that you can just point at the camera and get the answer. It is not that only the technology is made but also it is made very easy to use. The question is Do you want to solve the problem or not? As the nature of the problem is highly legal. So, basically the chatbot is such that along with AI, there is a need for a lawyer to work with it. These lawyers are those who want to reach all 1.4 billion people with their work. Not only just the Top 5-10% people. If law school doesn't produce such lawyers, who is going to innovate this system. We live in an economically very stable country, but a grossly discriminated country.

He showed us a demo video of a successfully reached Rickshaw puller person (Pradip Sharma). Innovation is not rickshaw, but the idea of the rickshaw bank itself. This is a simple idea that

gives the asset from day 1 and gets back the loan. He realized that a man who pulled a rickshaw from 15-20 years earning ₹30-40 but never owned the asset.

Everyone has a midlife crisis and never chooses to run their organisation. But the thing to make sure is having the creator's will and to continue. It should not be as if there is a mid-life crisis and the idea of the business is in your mind. In fact, even Sachin Malhan's parents were so sad and embarrassed that he left Amarchand Mangaldas to become a coaching teacher, to make his own business. But, today it is very different, there are a lot of creators along with you and you are not very lonely. He is, as of now, at the centre of the triangle, unlike a few years back, which is well-being.

People in this industry have 65-90% burnout. How come people in an industry who help the society and help transform the society, need a transformation themselves. Such an irony. A few years back, when he lived for 6 years in Washington DC, his life was good, had friends, met great people etc. He lived in Calcutta, got to the USA and considered himself a global citizen but some day, casually, he had to do a genetic test, wherein he got results that he is 100% a Punjabi, and probably last 200 generations from his bloodline were from North West Province of India. It hit him so hard, that he was probably the 1st generation to leave Punjab. The realisation was that, what it actually means to make our roots, our families better and not just be better ourselves. He couldn't speak Punjabi, he is actually learning it right now.

The motto is 'To transform the world, we must begin with ourselves'. Sometimes he loves people, sometimes he hates them. But he ensures that the creator's spirit keeps going on in him.

Answering some questions he also said that Jagrit is made with the help of Jugalbandi, a government based API. It is based on open source software. So you can take any solution of literacy, so that is how sophisticated the AI is. In the last few years, private startups have boomed. The government is not doing that, but is supporting it. There are now a lot of new open technologies that are coming out.

Talking about the trust deficit problem in startups, he said that, one of the problems with startups is that we assume that no one else is working on it, when people have worked years upon it, probably not properly. So, we should assume inclusivity in order to inculcate trust. So, when we look at the grassroot level, we should work with people who are already trusted. So, we can overcome this problem with local collaborations.

## **PITCHING ROUNDS**

### **Ideation category**

- Total 17 teams had registered for the Ideation Category for which primary Knock-Out Round was held on Day 1, of the many teams that participated in the Knock-Out Rounds, 8 were selected for the final rounds of the ideation category for Day 2.

### **Prototype Category**

- Total 7 teams had registered for POC/Prototype Category and had presented in front of expert jury members belonging from legal domain as well as startup ecosystem.

- **Keynote Address: Arpit Thakar – Founder, Vakalat.Com**

***“Startup: Journey of Passion & Patience”***

Arpit Thakar, the esteemed founder of vakalat.com, delivered a keynote address centered around the entrepreneurial journey of startups, offering valuable insights into the significance of patience, unwavering passion, and a transformative mindset. He underscored the compelling need for the legal fraternity, known for its analytical prowess, to engage actively within the burgeoning startup ecosystem.

Thakar embarked on a discourse regarding the myriad challenges that confront startups, emphasising the pivotal roles played by passion and distinctiveness. He illustrated his points through examples like Zepto's notable success in the realm of political social media technology. Furthermore, Thakar reflected on the youthful exuberance and brilliance exhibited by contemporary law students, contrasting it with his own experiences at their age. This juxtaposition served as a poignant testament to the potential that resides within the emerging generation.

A salient facet of his address revolved around the imperative of channeling one's passion and leveraging the wisdom encapsulated in others' past errors. Thakar advocated for a rigorous approach encompassing exhaustive market analysis, hands-on practical exposure, and the validation of concepts before anticipating substantial returns. Drawing from his own trajectory, Thakar elucidated the wisdom of dedicating three years to crystallize a viable business model, with a stern caution against premature investments that could potentially lead to burdensome debts.

Moreover, Thakar astutely drew parallels between seasonal services and obligatory expenses within startups and the analogous costs faced by legal practitioners, such as licensing fees and uniform expenditures. He ardently urged aspiring entrepreneurs to not only create demand but also adapt adeptly to disruptions, thereby charting a path toward success. While acknowledging the merit of seeking counsel and advice, Thakar advocated for the application of such guidance in a distinctive and innovative manner.

In summation, Arpit Thakar's keynote session served as an inspirational compass for budding entrepreneurs, illuminating the intricate journey of startups and highlighting the essential attributes of resilience, innovation, and a profound comprehension of the ever-evolving dynamics of the market.

### **VALEDICTORY CEREMONY**

The GNLU Legal Incubation Council (GLIC) organised a highly engaging and thought-provoking innovation event that brought together legal enthusiasts, experts, and budding innovators. The event encompassed a range of activities including keynote sessions, panel discussions, felicitation ceremonies, and an awards segment to recognize outstanding contributions.

In recognition of his enlightening session, Prof.(Dr.) Viral Pandya, a prominent figure in the event, felicitated Mr. Arpit Thakar, acknowledging his invaluable contribution to the legal field.

The audience was then graced by the presence of Director, GNLU, who delivered a speech emphasizing the pivotal role of innovation in revolutionizing the legal system. Sir's words resonated with participants, inspiring them to contribute their innovative ideas to reshape the landscape of justice, particularly for marginalized communities.

As the event concluded, Prof.(Dr.) Viral Pandya took the stage once more to deliver a vote of thanks. He expressed profound gratitude to all event members, dedicated volunteers, enthusiastic participants, and the esteemed faculties whose unwavering dedication ensured the successful execution of the event. Special acknowledgements were extended to Mr. Arpit Thakar and Mr. Hardeepsinh Jhala Sir, Incubation GLIC for their significant contributions.

The high point of the event was the awards ceremony, where exceptional talents were celebrated and recognized. The winners were announced in two categories:

### **WINNERS**

#### **Ideation Category:**

- 1st Place - Mohd. Amish Azeem (GLC, Mumbai) and Hemang Nagpal (GNLU)
- 2nd Place - Aarsh Soni and Bhashit Bhat (GNLU)
- 3rd Place - Yash Vardhan and Kiran Nilawar (GNLU)

#### **Prototype Category:**

- 1st Place - Parth Jain and Charui Virami (Campus Law Centre, University of Delhi)
- 2nd Place - Varun Matlani and Udit Verma (GNLU)
- 3rd Place - Rishabh Mehta and Manas Divetia (GNLU)

In essence, the GNLU National Legal Ideathon 2023 was a remarkable convergence of innovative ideas, intellectual discourse, and celebratory recognition. It not only provided a platform for learning and sharing but also celebrated the forward-thinking individuals who are steering the legal landscape toward a more innovative and inclusive future.

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