

## ABOUT V.S. MANI CENTRE FOR AIR AND SPACE LAW

VSMCASL was established in 2019 to engage in various ways in shaping the emerging discourse in the field of Air and Space Law. The vision of the Centre is to engage in improving the existing legal and policy framework for the facilitation and regulation of safe, secure, affordable and sustainable aviation and to contribute to the shaping of a legal foundation for the future of humanity that lies in space.

### The Centre is established with the following objectives:

- To provide a platform for the students to develop their research skills in the field of Air and Space Law.
- To encourage trans-disciplinary research on issues concerning Air and Space Law.
- To contribute, through research, in Law and Policymaking in the field of Air and Space Law at both international and national level.
- To organise seminars, conferences, workshops, round tables etc. with the aim to provide a platform to facilitate deliberations amongst the stakeholders on the various issues confronting Air and Space Law and to contribute thereby to the ongoing discourse.
- To provide research insights to defence and security forces pertaining to the field of Air and Space Law.
- To collaborate with other universities and research institutions to facilitate the exchange of faculty and students to understand and develop mutual perspectives and contexts regarding the future prospects of Air and Space Law.
- To identify the training needs of various stakeholders and design short-term and long-term courses in order to impart training in the field of Air and Space Law.
- To engage with stakeholders within the industry about the practical challenges and the feasibility of implementing regulations and policies in Air and Space Law.
- To create a network of practitioners, researchers etc, active in the field of Air and Space Law.
- To create awareness about the niche field of Air and Space Law through its various activities like essay competitions, quizzes etc. Link to the Centre webpage <https://gnlu.ac.in/VSMC-Air-Space-Law/Home>

## ABOUT GUJARAT NATIONAL LAW UNIVERSITY

Gujarat National Law University (GNLU), located in Gujarat, India, was established by the Government of Gujarat under the Gujarat National Law University Act, 2003 and is recognized by the Bar Council of India (BCI) and University Grants Commission (UGC). GNLU is a comprehensive, student-centric, multidisciplinary and research-focused University, dedicated to building an environment enabling critical thinking on fundamental legal issues. It offers (1) B.A., LL.B. (Hon.), (2) B.Com., LL.B. (Hon.), (3) B.Sc.LL.B. (Hon.), (4) B.B.A., LL.B. (Hon.), (5) B.S.W. LL.B, (6) LL.M. and (7) Ph.D. in law and allied subjects.

GNLU is ranked 8th in the latest ranking issued by the National Institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF), 2022 of the Government of India. GNLU has also been awarded "A" Grade by the National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC) and ranked number 1 in Gujarat with 5 stars by the Gujarat State Institutional Ranking Framework.

GNLU is committed to excellence in teaching, research and holistic development of the student and staff. It aims to develop a sense of responsibility among the students and research scholars to serve society with the help and in the field of law by developing skills with regard to advocacy, legal service, legislation, law reforms and the like. It aims to promote legal knowledge and to make law and the legal process efficient instruments of social development and social justice.



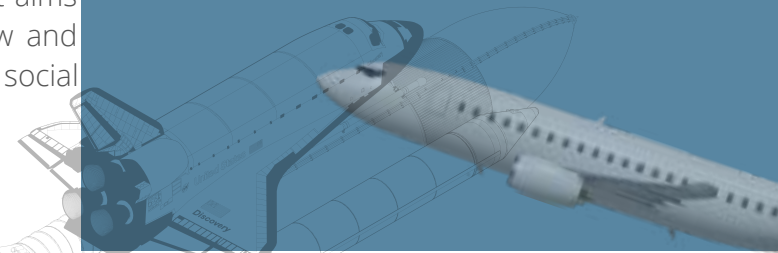
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## INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON AIR AND SPACE LAW

Organised By  
**V.S. MANI CENTRE FOR AIR AND SPACE LAW (VSMCASL)**

**GUJARAT NATIONAL LAW UNIVERSITY**

**8 JULY 2023**



# ABOUT THE GNLU AIR AND SPACE LAW CONFERENCE

Restrictions imposed due Covid 19 pandemic are being gradually relaxed the world over. The aviation industry is emerging from its disastrous fallout in an encouraging manner. While safety and security continue to be the predominant concern, it is the commercial viability of various stakeholders that has gained the focus of policymakers. India continues to be a promising player in the global aviation sector due to various initiatives that have been taken by the government in recent years.

The strategic significance of space is being realised due to the creation of space assets through ever-improving technologies. Increasing commercialisation of space necessitates a rethink as to how we comprehend space in the present world. Independent space ventures are becoming a norm. Even human space exploration is becoming more and more reliant on the participation of private players. The Indian government has taken significant steps like establishing a regulator to encourage the involvement of private players in the space industry.

The first edition of the Conference was successfully conducted in 2022. Encouraged by the overwhelming success thereof, VSMCASL is pleased to present the 2nd Edition of GNLU Air and Space Law Conference 2023 to be organised on 8 July 2023. The International Conference aims to provide a platform for deliberations amongst Air and Space Law enthusiasts and thereby contribute to the emerging discourse on the challenges posed to Air and Space Law in the future.

## IMPORTANT DATES

- **Last Date for Abstract Submission** – Friday, 31 March 2023.
- **Abstract Selection and Intimation** – Monday, 10 April 2023.
- **Last Date for Registration** – Saturday, 15 April 2023.
- **Last Date for Full Paper Submission** – Wednesday, 10 May 2023.

### • SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

- Abstract: 300-500 words
- Paper: 3000 – 5000 words (excluding references). Submission below or above the word limit shall not be considered.
- Citation style: OSCOLA. (4th Edition)
- Font: Times New Roman; Font size-12; Spacing- 1.5.
- A cover page with title of the Essay, name and affiliation of author/co-authors shall be attached.
- Submit text as a Microsoft Word document (.doc or .docx).
- Co-authorship is permitted up to a maximum of two authors.
- Submissions need to be original. Plagiarism shall result in disqualification.
- Submissions shall be made in the online mode only.
- Submissions shall be in English.
- Topic once registered shall not be changed.
- Any identification mark (in any form) in the paper shall lead to disqualification.
- Multiple or incomplete submissions shall not be considered.
- Any contribution received after the last date shall not be considered.

## SUB-THEMES

- Management and regulation of airports
- Anti-competitive issues in aviation
- Protection of consumer rights in aviation
- Aviation financing
- Insolvency and Bankruptcy issues in Aviation industry
- Aviation-related crimes and aerial terrorism
- Air accidents/incident investigation
- Search and rescue
- Environmental aspects of aviation industry
- Commercial space mining
- Space tourism
- Space debris
- Space communications
- Space exploration
- Space Insurance
- Environmental harm pertaining to human activities in space
- International liability for incidents/accidents in space
- National space law and policies

List of sub-themes is indicative. Accordingly, research paper on any other area relating to the theme of the conference may be considered.

## FEES (Inclusive of GST)

- GNLU Students - INR 590/-
- Students - INR 1180/-
- Others - INR 1770/-

Registration fees is same for participation and presentation

Registration fees shall be non-refundable

### Accommodation

- Single occupancy- INR 1500/-
- Double Occupancy- INR 2000/-

The tariff reflected above is for 24 hours inclusive of GST.

Accommodation will be provided on a first come first serve basis to a limited number of participants with prior registration. Kindly visit the following link for further details about the accommodation:

<http://www.gnlu.ac.in/Training%20and%20VIP%20Residency.php>

**Abstract Submission Link:**

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1w09ZRpDvSUSTRkM8mNhh-TiEv5K4QHyltoFDKtlfKsE/viewform?edit\\_requested=true](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1w09ZRpDvSUSTRkM8mNhh-TiEv5K4QHyltoFDKtlfKsE/viewform?edit_requested=true)

**Link for Fee Payment:**

<https://gnlu.servergi.com:8071/SIMWEBGNLU/Utilities/opendataform>

**Link for Registration, Full Paper Submission and Submitting Fee Payment Proof:**

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1HtgfUVITx8YXEBewndtg1gSeyDDbiFcqyGpWiYGkQPc/viewform?edit\\_requested=true](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1HtgfUVITx8YXEBewndtg1gSeyDDbiFcqyGpWiYGkQPc/viewform?edit_requested=true)

**VENUE**



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