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## **FOREWORD**

Jury's Out is GNLU's in-house magazine run entirely by its students. We host the JO blog where students routinely voice their thoughts on GNLU life, law, entertainment, sports and even current affairs, which you may find at <https://jurysoutblog.wordpress.com/>. Anyone can write for JO on any subject, so if you would like to make a grand introduction, you are welcome to write something for our blog even before you come in.

As the 'Wordpress' tag makes obvious, we are not an official GNLU body nor are we run in part or whole by the administration. This guarantees that our posts are an uncensored depiction of our thoughts and opinions as we plough on through 5 years of legal education. Thankfully maturity has prevailed, and what we initially feared might degenerate into a confessions page has withstood the test of time, independence, and the urban dictionary. Students generally tend to write about issues they feel are plaguing the legal education system, or compose elaborate love stories about their passion towards the night mess and a rice. (This is also roughly the range of our behaviour you can expect in GNLU.) So, whatever your personal affiliation be, we welcome you to our community of nonconformists.

### **What is the GNLU Primer?**

Apart from how the Administrative building ('admin block') looks, not much is usually known to first years before admission day or the beginning of the term. We hated the idea of juniors constantly rediscovering the wheel, so we decided to put together basic information for you to come prepared for a 5-year ride at GNLU. The Primer is a freshers' handbook of sorts.

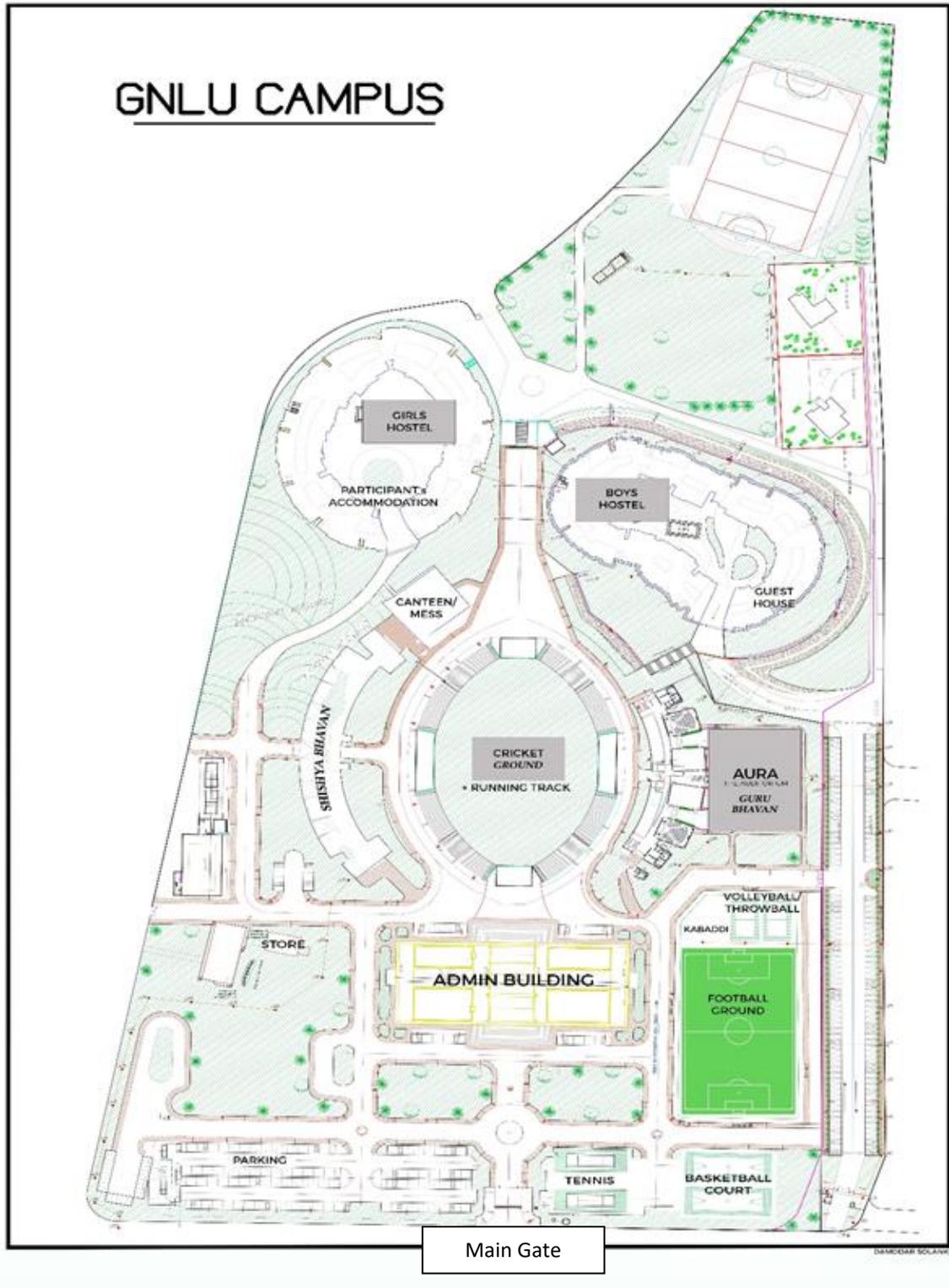
This mostly covers living in GNLU, academics, the most common activities, and entertainment in and around Gandhinagar and Ahmedabad where you will inevitably end up spending most of your time. We have taken care to place most emphasis on life in GNLU: what to pack, what to do on your first day, eating facilities, how to make your hostel less like a living pit and more like comfortable accommodations etc. Less detail is proffered on academics, extra-curriculars, co-curriculars and sports as you will be adequately oriented on the first three aspects in your first week by the administration (and on sports because the people writing this primer are a bunch of nerds who still can't quite tell you where the sports room exactly is). Your seniors are of course always present to give you more detail on these aspects when you come in.

The Primer is not meant to be a brochure, it's simply a survival guide for the first week after which nature will take its course and you will learn to live and adapt organically. But for the first week jitters if you were overpacking 4 jugs of water just to be safe on the off-chance there are no water facilities, this guide will let you know reliably that you need do no such thing. It also means that this is not an exhaustive guide, you will know and discover more about the activities in college as you progress through your first month. But we hope this suffices for now. Feel free to contact any of us in case you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Jury's Out

First things first, here's a map of the campus.



GNLU is located in “Knowledge Corridor”, Koba, Gandhinagar, near Pandit Deendayal Petroleum University (PDPU), IHM (Institute of Hotel Management), GERMI, GIDM, and a few other institutes. It's 3 kilometres from the nearest highway. Gandhinagar follows a sector-based layout, and the nearest bit of Gandhinagar is InfoCity - an IT Hub with shops and eateries

about 8 km away. The nearest part of Ahmedabad is Chandkheda, about 15 km away. Watch this video for more amazing footage of our campus - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xum2DEwhgGs>.

**(Pro tip:** *Most people (taxi/auto drivers, locals etc.) are aware of PDPU. So, ask for PDPU and you are bound to find our Campus on the right, half a kilometre before PDPU.*)



### **GNLU 101: THE BASICS**

**HOSTELS:** Each hostel has four floors, ground to third. The girls' hostel has double and single occupancy rooms with attached washrooms, whereas the boys' hostel has double occupancy rooms only, with common washrooms on each floor. First year students are generally allotted double occupancy rooms, and girls can move to a single room from the second year onwards by way of a draw of lots. While you do not get to choose your roommate at the time of

allotment, if you would like to room with someone specific, you could try asking the warden before the room is allotted to you. You could also switch roommates later on in the semester.

**(Pro tip:** *Over time your roommate will get to know you better than you know yourself. So be nice to them! They wake you up for classes and keep you company when you need it most.*)

**CLASSES:** Classes are from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Monday to Thursday and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Fridays. Your timetable will be sent to you by the admin. There's the occasional extra class and certificate course. You'll get the mails.

**(Pro tip:** *It takes a full 5 mins from the door of your hostel room to the door of your class. Keep that in mind if you don't want to miss the roll call.*)

**THE MESS:** Mess timings are 8 a.m. to 10:15 a.m. for breakfast, 12:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. for lunch, 5 p.m. to 6:15 p.m. for snacks and 8 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. for dinner. Each meal has multiple options. During evening snacks, there is a live counter for eggs. Only boiled eggs are available at breakfast time (except on Sundays).

There is a convenient breakfast break after the first hour of class, when students rush to the mess. It is only a ten minute break though, so try to eat before classes start.

Chicken is served on Wednesdays (along with ice cream), and egg curry/egg biryani on Sundays for dinner.

The weekends have different mess timings, with breakfast from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m., lunch from 12:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. Snacks and dinner timings remain the same.

The night mess is open from 10 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. throughout the semester and during the exams, we usually get an extension till 3 a.m.

**Note:** *Mess timings tend to change but these timings are a fair estimate.*

**(Pro tip:** *If you get your own cheese, bread, butter etc. the guy at the live counter for eggs will be happy to add that to any egg dish you like.*)

**OTHER PLACES ON CAMPUS:** In the mess, we have a counter stocked with packaged food items and a counter where you may buy fruits, fresh juices and milkshakes, and coconut water.

A fruit vendor comes everyday between 5 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. (except on Sundays). If you bring a box, he will even cut up large fruits such as pineapple and watermelon for you. The utility store/multipurpose store (we call it the MPS) is open from 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. everyday.

**(Pro tip:** *Try the oreo milkshake at the counter in the mess, it's a GNLU Favourite.*)

**THE LIBRARY:** The library is somewhat of an oasis here in GNLU. From studying, to project submissions to intensive moot preparation and even the (discreet) Netflix marathons– you do it all here. The library is equipped with special rooms, called the “moot rooms” that are dedicated to help give moot teams a special place to prepare for moots while retaining access to reference books. There is also a printing room where all those notes and projects you will beg, borrow and steal can be easily printed and xeroxed. To get everything done efficiently,

Rashmi Bhai (the guy in charge of the printing) will be more than happy to help you –be nice to him, he is a life saver when deadlines loom.

**Timings:** On weekdays the library is open from 7:30 a.m. to midnight and on weekends from 10 a.m. to 12 a.m. During exams, in light of all the (last-minute) prep, there is a hall below the library that is accessible for studying from 12 to 2 a.m.

**(Pro tip:** *You can only borrow or return books before 6 p.m. on all working days using your ID card. You can also get a special card issued when you are mooting, which enables you to borrow 3 more books at a time per team member).*

**SERVICES IN THE HOSTELS:** The hostel community collectively enjoys a refrigerator, microwave, washing machines, irons and ironing boards, medical aid, security, room cleaning, water heaters and drinking water-coolers and a recreation room with a TV. The girls' hostel has a beauty parlour on the third floor (ask for Gopi) and the boys' hostel has a barber who visits a couple of times a week.

There is an air-conditioned common recreation room in Guru Bhavan, fully equipped with a pool table, table tennis, chess, and carrom. The night mess is stocked with books and board games. You are free to bring your own, and if you have any old ones, you can add them to those we already have.

**(Pro tip:** *You and your roommate should try to invest in a Cooler, because, Gujarat tends to get quite hot. Before you buy one, consider asking around to see if any seniors are willing to sell theirs second-hand).*

**LAUNDRY:** The hostels have washing machines accessible via a coupon system. The amount of clothes you can wash in a load, depends on the value of the coupon. For instance, 10 clothes for a Rs. 30 coupon, or 25 clothes for a Rs. 50 coupon. The hostel provides its own laundry detergent to use. The laundry coupons will have to be bought in your respective hostels from the wardens who sell them between 5 p.m. and 6 p.m. every weekday (subject to changes). Each room also comes with a foldable drying rack that you can set up outside your room to dry clothes.

There are several laundry services in InfoCity, and on the road leading there, some of which offer laundry pick up and drop off for a fee.

**(Pro tip:** *Take care of your drying rack, guard it jealously – many midnight raids have been known to happen by covetous neighbours across floors)*

**(Pro tip:** *Stock up on hostel laundry coupons. You never know when you might need them and if the warden will be available to give one to you).*

**INTERNET:** Wi-Fi is enabled throughout the campus. To be able to connect, you will have to visit the ICT Department in the Admin Block sometime in your first week (you will be told when) and get a login ID made for yourself. To access WiFi on your phone, you will have to download the CyberRoam App, or login each time on your phone's browser. You can only be logged in to one device at a time, so consider investing in a data plan.

**(Pro tip:** *Some sites are blocked. The ICT has the ability to find out even if you use proxy servers and will have access to your entire browsing history.)*

**(Pro tip:** *Some service providers do not work very well on campus. Ask seniors who stay near by for suggestions for networks with best connectivity).*

**MEDICAL AID:** We have a doctor and a nurse on campus in the Health Room in the girls' hostel, available from noon till 1 p.m., and 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. A student counsellor is also available on campus several evenings a week. A gynaecologist visits the Girl's Hostel every Wednesday.

The nearest pharmacy is an Apollo pharmacy in Bhaijipura – they deliver for a minimum order of certain value. You can call them and ask. Medicines can also be delivered from InfoCity. The nearest multi-speciality hospital is Apollo in Chandkheda. There are plenty of clinics in Gandhinagar, the nearest one is in Bhaijipura.

**DELIVERY AND TRANSPORT SERVICES:** Flipkart, Amazon and BigBasket deliver. BigBasket is a student favourite and visits our campus almost every day.

BlueDart and a few others deliver couriers, but most courier services do not come up till campus, and expect you to go to their closest office and receive parcels. Similarly, large parcels sent via India Post do not get delivered to campus, and you will have to go to the post office to collect them.

Use Zomato (Zomato Gold is finally here!), Swiggy and Uber Eats wisely. Food is religion in Ahmedabad, and you'll find piles of places you want to try. Ask your local friends and your seniors for suggestions. Many places in Gandhinagar deliver food – sometimes, they'll take some extra money and send you food, even if the app doesn't allow it (if you call and ask).

Ubers and Olas are available. For trips to Ahmedabad, they're cheaper and more comfortable than autos. For trips within Gandhinagar or up to Chandkheda, Ubers are usually still preferred based on the distance. For instance, if you want to go to Infocity (which you usually will), the Uber will cost you Rs. 50 (on a good day without surge pricing) while the auto will cost you Rs. 80. Going till Bhaijipura however, is solely via auto, and should cost you no more than Rs. 30.

You can also avail of the BRTS Bus Services in Ahmedabad. The nearest stop is at Visat, which is just past Chandkheda. It'll take you about Rs. 120 till Visat, but the bus fares are incredibly cheap. If you have the time, we'd recommend figuring this out. The buses are air conditioned and comfortable.

If you have some patience and time, you can also avail of the GSRTC Bus Service directly from Bhaijipura. The local buses frequently stop there. This will be especially useful if you want to go to the main Ahmedabad Bus station (Geetamandir) or the Kalhupur Railway Station. The ticket won't cost more than about Rs.20.

**(Pro tip:** *Ask on your batch group if someone is heading to a place you want to go to. You might just save a lot of travelling costs.)*

**DRESS CODES:** The dress code on Monday is white formal shirt, black trousers and black shoes. Girls can also wear Indian formals in the same colour code. Ties and blazers are not required.

There is no dress code per se otherwise, but clothing above the knee and three-fourths are not allowed to class (ever), or in the Admin buildings, including the library, till 6 p.m. on working days. (Including the first and third Saturday.)

For moot court competitions, apart from the black and white formals of Monday, you will also need a black blazer and a black tie. (The tie is optional for girls.)

**(Pro tip:** *Teachers have been known to send you out of class on Mondays for not adhering to the dress code - especially shoes, so come to GNLU, prepared.*)

**GYM:** There is an air-conditioned common gymnasium for everyone, fully equipped with cables, pulleys, benches, dumbbells, barbells, multi-purpose machines, treadmills, gym balls and a music system over which, if planned strategically, you can establish a monopoly. They're open from 6 a.m. to 9 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. to 9 p.m.

**(Pro tip:** *You will learn to make concessions about the music that has to be played with the senior most person in the gym at the time.*)

**WEATHER:** The July-November semester rests in a comfortable range of 30-40 degrees. Heavy rains can be expected in the early parts of the monsoon semester. January and February can have temperatures as low as 15 degrees during the day and 9 degrees at night. April and May can reach 45-48 degrees.



## **PREPARATION**

**IN THE ROOM:** Each room comes with a cot, study table (with a lockable chest of draws) and chair, cupboard (with a locker and keys), cloths stand and a dustbin.

### **BRING FROM HOME:**

1. Bedsheets and pillowcases.
2. Towels.
3. At least one set of formals – a white shirt, black trousers, a black blazer and black formal shoes.
4. A sturdy umbrella. (In August, it either doesn't rain here or it pours for days with gusts of wind. Your fancy parasols will die a swift death.)
5. Your wits about you. (*Hey! **Pro tip** right here*)

In the winter, temperatures drop to as low as 12 degrees, so get a thick blanket. (But you can wait to bring that back after the Nov-Dec vacations).

You can buy the rest on campus. Irons and hot plates are not permitted in the hostels.

**(Pro tip:** *Make sure to pack two umbrellas -a small one for the sunny days to protect yourself from the hard-hitting sunlight, and a sturdy one for the rainy season when walking across campus morphs into a battle against umbrella-inverting winds*)

**BUY ON CAMPUS:** The multipurpose store is right beside the Admin block, just off Shishya Bhavan. You can get mattresses, pillows, bed sheets, curtains, buckets, and so on over there. For curtains and bed sheets, and other odds and ends, order them online or look for good deals in Sector 21, D-Mart in Chandkheda, or the Ahmedabad One Mall (*the name bears no irony*).

### **GNLU HOSTEL LIFE ESSENTIALS:**

1. Toiletries and a mirror. (There is a carpenter on campus who will nail your mirrors, additional shelves etc to the walls for a small cost)
2. A pair of curtains. (Each room has a different number of windows, which also vary in size. So buy curtains after visiting your room once.)
3. Bucket(s) and mug(s).
4. Clothes-washing paraphernalia and a laundry basket. (While you can use the campus laundry services for most clothes, you will end up washing some things by hand).
5. Harpic, a bathroom wiper or jhadoo, a stand for your toiletries.
6. A clock of some kind. Don't rely solely on phone alarms. (**Pro tip:** *Ask your seniors why.*)
7. A mosquito combat kit.
8. Shelves. (Or other creative storage solutions.)
9. Clothes clips.
10. A kettle (ideally one equipped to make Maggi).

**PRIORITIES YOUR FIRST WEEK HERE:** An electrician, carpenter and plumber are available on campus. A carpenter will be available on moving-day to do carpentering. So will the other two. Get nails hammered in, hooks put up, mosquito netting and so on.

**(Pro tip:** *We would also suggest having the gap above the door covered, as lizards and bugs tend to crawl in through them).*

Your room will probably have a curtain rod, but if it doesn't, get one installed. Check the plug points and switches etc.

**Books:** You will find out what you need once classes start. Your seniors will hand down a lot of material, and book vendors sit at the gate every evening for at least a month or two.

**(Pro tip:** *Ask your seniors what books you actually need for which classes, and how to ace different subjects with tried and tested strategies).*

## **LIFE IN GNLU**

**ACADEMICS:** The odd semester is from the last week of June to October. The even semester is from January to mid-May. The format of exams each semester along with who teaches you which subject is information that will be provided during your orientation. Every year, you will also have to complete 20 hours of pro bono service. But no worries, you'll be briefed on all of this once you start university!

**MOOTING:** Gujarat National Law University strives to integrate the theoretical and practical aspects of law by conducting various moot court and client counselling activities on a semester basis. The Moot Court Committee is entrusted with the responsibility of facilitating and administering such exercises through its rigorous qualifying mechanism involving two rounds of mooting. The Mooting culture in GNLU is deep-seated. Numerous teams have represented the University at top-grade Moot Court Competitions both domestically and internationally, bringing laurels to the University. We won the last edition of the Mooting Premier League, which occurred in 2017 coming ahead of NLSIU, NALSAR, NLIU, NLU-J and NLU-D, and have won or placed highly in several more national and international moots in the ensuing years.

Mooting is compulsory in the first semester and is marked out of 20, as part of the subject Legal Methods. A problem is prepared and released for the first-year students, and a team of seniors is assigned to take Moot Classes, and coach students on how to prepare for their first moot. These classes will cover everything from how to read a moot problem, to how to conduct research on various legal databases, and how to write and format the written submissions. At the end of these classes, students will have to participate in the intra moot court competition, against their own batchmates. They will be judged and ranked by invited judges. These scores are adjusted to make up for a 20 mark component in the continuous evaluation for the subject of Legal Methods. The first rounds for the first year students are done individually unlike other intra rounds where teams of two tackle a moot problem ordinarily involving domestic Indian laws and Indian courts as their main forum of adjudication. At the end of this round, a Rank

List entailing the Oralists as well as the Researchers ranks is produced. Based on the availability of moots, a cut-off limit is determined and a selected number of successful participants can choose whether to pick a moot with their first round rank or move to individually compete in the 2nd level where the moot problem will be structured around public international law or international arbitration. Various (usually more prestigious) international and national moot court competitions are then allotted on the basis of the ranks obtained in the 2nd round. The oral rounds will be judged on the ability of the participants to identify legal issues, research exhaustively in the prescribed areas of law and maintain poise before a grueling bench.

**COMMITTEES AND SOCIETIES:** There are various committees and clubs to join, each catering to one or the other event that happens in college. An orientation will be held in the first week to introduce you to the committees and within the first month, applications for joining the committees will be rolled out. Some committees, such as the Debating Society, only accept applications in the even semester. Other committees do not mandate membership to participate in the activities that they offer, such as quizzing, MUN-ing, as well as debating. Some committees only invite members to form a part of their Organising Committees, to help them conduct various intra-college and inter-college events, including the GNLU International Moot Court Competition, the GNLU Moot on Securities and Investment Law, the GNLU Debate, the GNLU MUN, Justice League, Pentagonam, and many more. There is no bar on the number of committees you can join, as long as the work allotted is finished. Some of these are: Students' Activities Committee (Also includes Dance Club, Music Club, Gaming Club, Art Club, Lit-Ent Club etc.)

Moot Court Committee

GNLU Digital Media Committee

GNLU Centre for Law and Society

Debating Society

MUN Society

GNLU Committee for Persons with Disabilities

**EXCHANGE PROGRAMMES:** In the 4th and 5th year, we have student exchange programmes with several universities. To view a list of GNLU collaborations, follow the link: <https://www.gnlu.ac.in/international-relations.php>

**SPORTS:** The GNLU Sports Committee organizes inter-batch events and intra-batch events such as Steppover Cup and GNLU Football League (Football), Volleymania (Volleyball), Super Sixes and GNLU Cricket League (Cricket), Blacktop (Basketball), Cyclathon and Innards (Chess, Carom, Pool, Table Tennis).

Our own annual national sports fest, Justice League is conducted in collaboration with the Gymkhana, Ahmedabad. We have the Bhaijipura Derby with IHM, Ahmedabad and the Koba Derby with PDPU.

The campus has the Green Oval for cricket, a football ground, two volleyball courts, two basketball and two tennis courts available for the student fraternity for playing, casual sporting

practice and hosting tournaments. There are also Badminton courts within the hostels. Apart from these, the campus has a fully equipped gym that students may use.

**RAGGING:** Ragging is strictly prohibited. The Anti-Ragging Committee of the University includes the Vice-Chancellor and the Registrar, and senior students and teachers. The Hostel Wardens can be contacted at any point of time to report any occurrences or apprehension. They are responsible for reporting any ragging incident that they witness, and strict action is taken against those who rag.

The University has a complaints mechanism which can be availed through either contacting any faculty member or filling the form here.

**MENTORSHIP:** The Student Welfare Grievances Redressal Committee (SWGRC) has initiated a mentorship programme. Every first-year student registered with the programme is allotted a Mentor based on a match of common interests and likes, or for areas where you specifically need help from the senior-year batches. The mentors, apart from guiding their mentees through various aspects of their University life, are also responsible for ensuring a safe and comfortable atmosphere for the incoming batch, along with healthy inter-batch interaction.

Each faculty member is given a couple of dozen students constituting a mixed bag of batches to mentor.

## **ACTIVITIES IN AND AROUND THE CAMPUS**



If you're unlucky, your first year on campus may demand that you look for more entertainment than you receive. There are however, a few things that proffer respite:

**MUSIC, DANCE, DRAMA, QUIZ:** The Music Club and the Dance Club showcase university talent through Acoustic Nights and Footloose events respectively. To top it off we also have stellar Drama Club performances on Theatre nights. Every few semesters, the three clubs come together and perform a musical (*they've already treated us to Dead Poets Society, and The*

*Phantom of the Opera*). You may also find yourself taking part in the open-for-all Quizzes in classroom 0.6 every Wednesday at 6 p.m. You may become a part of these Clubs (except the Quiz club) by clearing an audition process in your first semester.

**JUSTICE LEAGUE:** This is our annual inter-college sports fest that happens in the beginning of the even semester.



**PENTAGRAM:** Every year the GNLU Student Activities Committee (“SAC”) puts up our college fest – Pentagram in March. This event has invited students from all over India for food, music, dance, quizzes and other competitions. The occasion has been graced by the likes of Divine, Amit Trivedi, Salim and Sulaiman Merchant, Prateek Kuhad, Indian Ocean and even Biswa. The festivities last a week with various events and activities lined up throughout the week.

**(Pro tip:** *Be sure to pack a set of nice traditional clothes before you come. One of the major pre-Penta days is Traditional day! The other per-Penta days usually include Pyjama Day, Twin day, Hollywood/Bollywood day etc.*).

SAC is also responsible for organising the university’s other main activities which include the Annual Garba Night (Of course you expected it) and Swara Natya Sanje, which is an annual cultural night showcasing our college’s unparalleled diversity.

**EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES:** GNLU has various extra-curricular activities with random Acoustic Nights, Karaoke night, Theatre Nights, Open Mics and Dance Nights. The Students Activities Committee (SAC) organizes all such cultural events on campus, including Pentagram.

For after-hours group activities there is a pool table on campus along with carom boards and two table tennis tables. One of the fun and free things to do till late on campus is to chill at the night

mess with your friends and play board games The night mess does have some board games that you can take and return (in proper condition please!) to make your table a Dine-n-Dice.

During Holi, Diwali or other festive celebrations, food and other activities are arranged for accordingly and the student participation doesn't make you miss home.

**(Pro tip:** *Now if you hate doing any of the things mentioned above, you can always go to the gym. It is open between 2:30p.m. to 9p.m. and is also open early in to morning usually from 6:30a.m.).*

## **ENTERTAINMENT**

**EATING:** You will notice that the 'entertainment' section primarily has 'Eating'. This is by design, [by Prohibition law and politics, mostly]. Our reaction to most things is to go out to eat: to celebrate an achievement, to lament the lack of an achievement, or even if you are so nonchalant about achievements that you set out looking for a purpose in Gujarat: and are stopped short because you will only find food.

GNLU life has many incredible delicacies to offer. Unfortunately, none of these can be found in the mess. So, we've put together a small guide factoring in the most important considerations: how far you want to travel, for what kind of food, and whether you have the funds for it or not.

## **ON CAMPUS**

**Cafeteria:** Our own campus is blessed with a nice little cafeteria. It's easy to spot since it's right next to the Administrative Block, amidst one of the many green settings on campus, and just ahead of the provision store. Practice has shown that the cafeteria service provider changes often. At the time of writing this guide, we are now on our fourth different service provider. But for now, the one available offers meals, rice, noodles and snacks with some highly recommended iced tea and an assortment of ice cream. Budget: Rs.100-150.

**Night Mess:** Missed dinner in the mess? Have to pull an all nighter? Or just a fun Uno night? Worry not, the night mess is here. Functioning from 10p.m. to roughly 1.30 a.m., it is our go-to for night time munching, midnight hunger pangs and the much needed caffeine boosts before exams. Located just above the Mess, it's cute, cozy and convenient. It really comes to life post 12am when the library shuts and the academic population stops by on their way for refuelling before another regretful morning where they vow to go to sleep earlier.

It serves a limited range of parathas, fried rice, noodles, Maggi, frankies and sandwiches.

**(Pro tip:** *The parathas in the night mess have always been a GNLU Favourite. Although over time a cult for Anda rice fanatics has formed).*

## NEAR CAMPUS

**Affordable Non-Vegetarian near campus:** If you cannot wait for every Wednesday to be disappointed with your non-vegetarian food, then the road going to Bhaijipura has several options for you, all designed for a college budget. The most popular currently is “Shahi”, which is now located in a parlour called “Lovely”. Location of Shahi has changed over time (we suspect the stall used to be quite illegal) so ask around for where it is once you reach campus. Shahi comes to life at night, and has all the food to fill the chicken shaped hole in your life. Get a Winter Leg. (**Pro tip:** *Ask him what that is first*).

Budget: Rs. 150-200 Approx.

**Bhaijipura:** This street that comes between GNLU and going to literally anywhere else houses a variety of eateries. Autos are available in front of the main gate at all points of time which charge a standard Rs. 30 or 10 per person, whichever is more. The eateries in Bhaijipura include Havmor (which has more outlets than police stations), competitors Jay Bhagwati and Jay Bhavani for their dabelis and Dine10 (a personal favourite) for when you feel cheesy and need north indian food with some real spice. New eateries are always popping up, with the most recent addition being Cheese and Mayo. It also has Green Supermarket and fruit stalls, which can fulfil any grocery requirement the provision store in campus cannot.

For dessert, you can head on over to Radhey, (Real Radhey as it has come to known, to distinguish from Shady Radhey which is a parlour on the road to Bhaijipura), has a vast collection of all sweets and snacks known to mankind, especially with delicious kachoris and Ras Malai for those sweet tooth cravings. Dessert/Snack budget: Rs. 40-100.

**Info-City:** This hub, approximately Rs. 80 away (every place in GNLU is measured in auto fare terms) has a wide range of eating options ranging from extremely questionable Biryani, to another Havmor, Subway for those eating healthy, Café Coffee Day for those from Delhi, South Café for those missing South Indian spices, Dawat for non-vegetarian cravings, general provision stores to stock up on food and the once-famous Sam’s Pizza which offers an unlimited pizza and pasta meal for Rs. 300. It also has Khana Khazana for amritsari chole bhature and a relatively new eatery called “Someplace Else” serving continental, north indian, indian Chinese etc. GNLU students were recently overjoyed to hear that one of their favourite restaurants in Ahmedabad called Mocha, recently opened up near Info City and presents itself as a good option for very fancy meals in a short distance.

It pays to spend an hour in your first week to walk around info-city and scope the place out, as you will for sure be spending many hours in your coming 5 years there.

For dessert, head on over to Chocolate Room or Dangee Dums. Get one of those oddly flavoured tiny cupcakes at Dangee’s.

(*Pro-Tip*: If you are in Info City on business, stop by Matarani Doodh Bhandar and have a glass of kesar lassi for 30rs.)

**Reliance Chowkdi/Radhey Square:** This hotspot is just one kilometre away from Info-City. It has the only accessible Dominoes' Pizza, for people who are loyal to their brands. More importantly, it houses the newest branch of a pizza franchise that has become closely associated with GNLU life: La Pinoz. The funny sounding franchise is incredibly popular among students because of two-reasons: a 7 cheese pizza (we have always been unsure of how many cheeses they actually put), and Buy-One-Get-One free days every Wednesday and Friday. It's not uncommon to see little and big La Pinoz boxes being ferried around on those days. Unfortunately, both Dominoes and La Pinoz only offer veg. pizzas, but most people have made their peace with it by drowning themselves in 7 cheeses.

BOGO days Budget: 250-350.

Non-BOGO days: Why would you even go?

For dessert, i-Contrast, which is right next to La Pinoz is very popular for their quality and variety of thick-shakes and ice cream. Budget: Rs. 60-140).

**Chandkheda:** This area is about Rs.120 to Rs. 150 away from campus, and has a few fancier options.

The road to Chandkheda has McDonalds and a newly opened up Burger King close to each other, and are reliable pit-stops for soul food. A little ahead you will find Tomato's which is a new branch of a GNLU-preferred restaurant originally in Ahmedabad, which is popular for birthdays or treats.

In Chandekheda itself, the most popular is Mirch Masala, which has a very expensive menu but undoubtedly the best veg and non-veg north indian food in all of the places known to us. [*Author's favourite: Finish your meal by ordering the jalebis. 6 massive jalebis for Rs.140 is the way to live like a king*]. It has another Dominoes and La Pinoz (La Pinoz lets Dominoes scope out locations and then opens up next to them), and a Subway all located in 4D Square Mall. On the lane next to the mall are traditional GNLU stops: Eat Punjab and the lesser-known but highly recommended J's Paranthas. A new place called Brewich has caught our fancy with good lasagna and continental options.

All in all, Chandkheda offers the most comprehensive selection of food for a decent occasion. Budgets range anywhere between 200 to 600 per person.

## AHMEDABAD

**Ahmedabad:** If you're tired of telling relatives that you study in Ahmedabad because you want it to sound cooler than Gandhinagar, it seems only fair that you become familiar with the best

and only thing Ahmedabad has to offer: food. New places are opening up all the time, so to truly get on the bandwagon you'll have to rely on word of mouth, but we've laid down some basics here.

For street food, Manek Chowk (for veg.), Bathiyar Gali (for non-veg) and Law Garden are top choices. They offer the true Amdavadi street food experience, which comes at high cost because it comes with 40 minutes of travel. You'll get absolutely delicious pav bhajis, cheese chocolate sandwiches, dosas and street chinese food and kulfi. Budget: Rs. 300+150 for travel.

Bodakdev and Prahlad Nagar are districts populated with all the cool restaurants of Ahmedabad and is the closest we come to a night-life (lassi is our alcohol). New places here popular in GNLU include Nine-Pine, Eleven 11 and Good Thymes all offering good food and even better décor.

Restaurants in Ahmedabad can be expensive, but rewarding.

We have Barbeque Nation for expensive treats (budget: birthdays only). That Place (yes, that's the name) and Tomatoes have some of the best fondue and food with beautiful décor and are a must visit for all GNLU students, especially when you've saved up for a nice meal. Upper Crust is the secret go-to place for dates. SandwichWorkZ is our favourite place for Sunday breakfast – waffles and pancakes. They recently started another outlet called TandoorWorkz, close to Sabarmati Riverfront for mind-blowing North Indian Food. Turquoise Villa is absolutely best for its brownie milkshakes and group dinners. For something a little more unusual, you might like the Natrani Café which offers food and theatre together.

## **DELIVERY**

**Campus Delivery and late-night munching:** Swiggy, Zomato, Uber Eats all deliver to campus. However, there is a rule that deliveries directly to hostels can only be made between 2-6pm (maybe one day you can help us fight it). Any other time you will have to walk to the main gate to collect your deliveries. For day time deliveries, one of the most popular places to order from is Hogger's Den. Hoggers used to be our cafeteria, and a beloved GNLU institution, and you cannot have a conversation about the cafeteria with a senior without them lamenting about the by-gone Hogger's days. It offers a good range of wraps and burgers, especially known for Crispy Chicken and Hogger's Fries. (Budget: 120-200)

There are some providers like Midnight Scorer (popular for the Big Fat Burger) and Pirate Kings which cater exclusively for late-night deliveries going up to 4am, at the cost of walking to the gate. (Budget: 100-250)

**Conclusion:** The list of recommendations for food can never stop. We have strived to cover the basics only here, so please feel free to ask your seniors for all the places we've missed out. Gujarat does its best to take care of your dietary needs, because it can't fulfil much else.

**MOVIES:** Although there is a cinema quite close to campus (10 mins by Auto – Rs. 70, usually a Rs. 150ish ticket) called City Pulse, the Cinephile group of GNLU quite frequently screens both popular and artsy-fartsy movies on campus. Watch out for the emails and enjoy yourselves for free. Other major multiplexes such as PVR (in 4D Square Mall) and Inox are also relatively nearby (20 mins by Auto – Rs. 150). There is also the Nomad Café Film Club in Ahmedabad where you can watch foreign films while lying down on a mattress with a pillow (you'll have to get your own pillow), the last time I went it was free but you could donate any amount. If you're a little antiquated Ahmedabad also offers a drive-in theatre called Sunset Drive.

**FOR HISTORICAL FEELS:** you have Gandhi Ashram, Raani ki Waav and Adalaj ki Waav (this one's closer to college). A majority of GNLU students have graduated without seeing any of these. If you want to go cycling, a stroll at night or go on a date some people go to the Sabarmati Riverfront [*the authors of this section are single while writing this, so you may need better advice on this front*]. It's basically a place to walk along the river, but it's quaint, romantic and relaxing. If you want a nice morning walk in a nature park plus zoo, there's one ahead of Infocity called Indroda Natural Park which you can reach by Rs. 80 auto fare.

**IN-THE-AREA-ENTERTAINMENT:** An extremely popular hang-out place is of course the 100m walk-away Galla. Moreover, behind college (you can see it from the girl's hostel) is a little green patch called Sadargram with windy roads by fields.

**SHOPPING:** People usually go to Alpha One (*Now, regrettably, Ahmedabad One*) Mall in Ahmedabad. Law Garden was quite popular for street shopping however it's now been relegated to a firang street shopping place with not much to offer if you're from within this country.

And that's about it! (For now)

Here is the link to the Official GNLU website: <http://gnlu.ac.in/>

If you have any other questions, be sure to visit the GNLU Forum on Facebook and post them there: <https://www.facebook.com/thegnluforum/>

And most vitally – here's a link to the Jury's Out website, for a glimpse of what life on campus has been like for the last few years: <https://jurysoutblog.wordpress.com/>

Be sure to look us up on campus. See you soon!

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