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#MyCLATStory- Journey of a Legal Professional

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Umang Modi believes in the saying “Be the change you wish to see in the world.” Let’s look at his journey from a traditional law school in Gujarat to obtaining AIR 68 in CLAT PG 2014!



Tell us a bit about yourself.

Hi! My name is Umang Modi I have Completed my LLM from National Law School of India University, Bangalore and did my undergraduate from Gujarat University. Currently, I am working as Assistant Professor, Faculty of Law, The Maharaja Sayajirao University of Baroda.

How did you start your CLAT journey?

I was not aware about CLAT UG when I was pursuing my undergraduate in Law so I didn’t appear for CLAT UG. But during my undergraduate days, I decided to do my further studies from NLUs and qualified CLAT PG with AIR 68 in 2014.

How were your initial years in law school?

Being a student of a traditional law school, my initial years were not much happening. For me, law was the second option as I was also preparing for the Company Secretaries exam. However, I was pleasantly surprised by the amount of enthusiasm I felt when I was learning about the

specifics of the law. It was somewhat of a stepping stone on the path to becoming passionate about studying the law.

What motivated you to pursue law as a career?

After reading the Constitution, which is filled with idealism, I came to the realization that working in this field is a noble calling. My interest in pursuing a career in the legal field was initially piqued by the honorable nature of the work.

Tell us a bit about your experience while taking CLAT LLM. How was that experience different from the time you took CLAT UG?

The CLAT LLM is unlike any other law exam that is taken by the students in the country. It does not require you to cram, but rather assesses you on how well you comprehend the fundamental legal principles that are covered in law school. In my opinion, in order to be successful in qualifying for the CLAT PG, one needs to always be aware of what is going on around them and have some understanding of how the laws are constantly evolving.

What were your top 3 sources of information for CLAT? Did you prepare for CLAT all by yourself?

During my preparation, I consulted various online resources. In addition to that, I found that direct judgements issued by the Supreme Court were of great use to me. However, I believe that having a solid knowledge of the law is absolutely necessary in order to tackle the paper in an efficient manner.

What would you say sets apart your #CLATStory from others?

I think what sets my #CLATStory from others is that despite hailing from a Gujarati medium background, I was able to clear my examination without any coaching and assistance from others.

Any advice you'd like to pass on to law school aspirants and law students?

I believe that if you want to be successful as a law student, you should start working towards whatever goal you have at the beginning of either your first or second year. In this way, you will have an advantage over other students who are also pursuing the same goal.

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