

**ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY AND YEARWISE PLAN FOR  
NEXT FIVE YEARS SUBMITTED BY THE UNIVERSITY TO HON'BLE  
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**Hidayatullah National Law University, Naya Raipur (C.G.)**

**1. BACKGROUND**

Hidayatullah National Law University (HNLU) was established under the Hidayatullah National University of Law, Chhattisgarh, Act, (No. 10 of 2003) 2003. It is recognized by the University Grants Commission u/s 2(f) and 12(B) of the UGC Act, 1956 and also by the Bar Council of India u/s 7 (1) of the Advocates Act, 1961. HNLU is named after one of the great legal luminaries of India, Justice Mohammad Hidayatullah with the motto “*Dharma Sansthanartham*” i.e. for the sake of establishing the primacy of the laws of eternal values.

HNLU is sixth in the series of National Law Universities/Schools in India and is currently into the fifteen years of its existence. From a simple beginning in 2003, over the last fourteen years, HNLU has been making rapid strides to become a Centre of Excellence in legal education in the country and is in the process of transforming itself into a world class institution. Hon'ble Mr. Justice Arun Mishra, Judge, Supreme Court of India is the Visitor, Hon'ble Mr. Justice Ajay Kumar Tripathi, Chief Justice, High Court

of Chhattisgarh is the Chancellor and Shri Ravishankar Sharma is the Vice-Chancellor of the University.

**Objectives:**

1. To advance and disseminate learning and knowledge of law and research and with a view to ensure its proper role in national development.;
2. To develop in the student and research scholar a sense of responsibility to serve society in the field of law by developing skills in regard to advocacy, judicial and other legal services, legislations, law reforms and the like;
3. To prepare and train lawyers of national and international repute and with high moral and ethical values;
4. To advance the professional education and also to provide adequate orientation and training to the judicial officers and others who are involved in the administration of justice;
5. To impart training and conduct refreshers courses for law teachers, judicial officers, advocates and other persons engaged or interested in legal field; and
6. To organize lectures, seminars, symposia and conferences to promote legal knowledge and to make law and legal processes efficient instruments of social development.

**Vision:**

The University seeks to impart and advance quality legal education by engaging in teaching, research and dissemination of legal knowledge and to develop among students a sense of responsibility to serve the society in the field of law by taking to advocacy and reforms in law and justice administration system playing a catalyst role in the national development.

**Mission:**

To become the best law university in the country by providing quality legal education to students and equipping them with the skills and competence to emerge as world-class professionals, scholars and academics in the field of law and justice administration system.

## 2. REVIEW THE PROGRESS SINCE 2003

From a modest beginning in May 2003, operating from a make-shift campus in Raipur City, HNLU has traversed a long arduous path to carve out a niche for itself among the Law Schools/Universities in the country. Even after completing six years of its operations from the make-shift campus in the city, when the University shifted to this new campus in September 2009. The efforts to develop the world class academic, infrastructural and other facilities received a remarkable momentum from March 2011 with serious and sustained efforts, dedication, commitment, cooperation, guidance & support of all concerned; the University has taken a complete shape and has emerged as one among the top 10 Law Schools/Universities in the country. Noticeable achievements are mentioned below:

### **Achievements:**

#### Awards conferred on the University and Ranking

- **Academic Excellence Award 2018:** HNLU has been awarded with the “*Academic Excellence Award 2018*”, in Legal Desire Summit and Awards.
- **Institute of the Month:** HNLU has been marked as “*Institute of the Month*” by the Knowledge Review Magazine in April 2018.
- **The 20 Most Admired Universities of India Award, 2017:** HNLU has been mentioned in “*the 20 Most Admired Universities of India*” by the Knowledge Review Magazine in 2017.
- **Upcoming National Law University Award 2015:** HNLU has been awarded with the “*Upcoming National Law University Award*” by the National Legal Summit and Awards 2015.
- **Rank 4 in UNIRANK:** “*UNIRANK*” based in Sydney, a leading international higher education directory & search engine which includes over 13000 accredited universities & colleges worldwide ranked HNLU 4th in number among all National Law Universities in the year 2018.
- **Rank 8 in Super 30 NLU:** HNLU has been ranked 8th in 2018 Super 30 NLU preferences published by Legally India.
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- HNLU Secured 11th Rank in Outlook's Survey, 2015 in Top 20 Law Universities.
- HNLU Secured 9th Rank in India Today's Survey, 2015 in Top 20 Law Universities.
- HNLU Secured 13th Rank in Outlook's Survey, 2014 in Top 20 Law Universities.
- HNLU was ranked 9th among the top 20 Law Colleges/Universities in India in EDUCATION WORLD C-FORE SURVEY 2013.

Awards conferred on the Vice-Chancellor of the university

- **The Best Citizens of India Award, 2016:** The Best Citizens of India Award 2016 has been conferred upon the Vice-Chancellor of the University for his Excellent Academic Career and phenomenal contribution to legal education by the New Delhi based International Publishing House at New Delhi.
- **Bharat Gaurav Award, 2016:** The most coveted institutional and globally reputed "*Bharat Gaurav Award*" along with "*Certificate of Excellence*" has been conferred on the Vice-Chancellor of the University by India International Friendship Society, New Delhi.
- **Award for Outstanding Contribution to Education Conferred 2015:** In the 23<sup>rd</sup> Business School Affairs & Dewang Mehta National Education Awards, 2015, the Vice-Chancellor of the University has been conferred with the prestigious "*Award for Outstanding Contribution to Education*". This award has been conferred upon him in recognition of his Leadership, Development, Innovation and Industry Interface.
- **"Excellence in Education Award" 2015:** In the 3<sup>rd</sup> CMAI CCI Technology Education Excellence Awards, 2015, the award jury committee has conferred the "*Excellence in Education Award*" on the Vice-Chancellor of the University. This award has been jointly conferred by the Communication Multimedia and Infrastructure Association (CMAI), New Delhi and Gujarat Technological University (GTU), Ahmedabad.

### **Common Law Admission Test (CLAT) - 2013 and the contribution of HNLU:**

Being a member of the Consortium of National Law Universities (NLUs) called CLAT, HNLU conducted the Common Law Admission Test (CLAT)-2013 for admission to the fourteen NLUs in the country. It is a matter of pride that with careful planning and proper implementation of innovative policies, HNLU conducted the CLAT-2013 in a very smooth and successful manner so much so that the media hailed it as the best CLAT conducted so far. Introduction of negative marking, better website, announcement of the entire calendar of CLAT activities, clear and timely communication, proper coordination and a balanced question paper were the plus points of CLAT-2013. Speaking to the *Bar & Bench*, CLAT Critics lauded HNLU by saying that “*HNLU has cleared all apprehensions by exhibiting good organizing skills and the management has been the best so far*”.

### **Career opportunities and exposures at HNLU:**

The university has always maintained a tradition of academic excellence. In the academic session **2017-18**, 53 students out of 80 students were placed with various companies, law firms and government departments. Six students of HNLU got admissions for higher studies in prestigious Institute for Law and Finance, Germany; Stockholm School of Economics, University of Melbourne, Diplomatic Academy of Vienna and School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London. The University has set an example in placements in the firms and companies of repute. To name a few reputed recruiters include Amarchand Mangaldas, Lakshmikumaran and Sridharan, Trilegal, Khaitan & Co, Nishith Desai Associates and Wadia Ghandy & Co., AZB & Partners, Quislex, ICICI Bank and Government of Chhattisgarh. Eleven students are selected in the prestigious Chhattisgarh Judicial Services Examination, 2017 conducted by Chhattisgarh Public Service Commission (CGPSC).

During Previous academic session of **2016-17** also, 57 students out of 73 students were placed with various companies, law firms and government departments. Many students of HNLU are selected in the prestigious Chhattisgarh Judicial Services examination conducted by Chhattisgarh Public Service Commission. Many students of HNLU cleared

Examinations of State and Union Public Service Commission. One student of HNLU presides over the Chair of Round Table, which delegates on “Protection of the Environment” in Rome, Italy in the year 2015. He was the only student from all over India who has been given this prestigious honour.

It is noteworthy to mention that out of the 14 Indian students who have been offered admission to postgraduate courses of law by Harvard Law School for the Academic Session **2015-16**, four of them were from the Hidayatullah National Law University, Raipur. The details of the students are as follows:

- 1) Sudhanshu Roy, Batch - II
- 2) Debanshu Mukherjee, Batch - II
- 3) John Adwet Raghav, Batch - VI
- 4) Avani Bansal, Batch – VI

#### **Contribution of HNLU in Drafting Legislations:**

University has assisted the **Government of Chhattisgarh** in the drafting of legislations on various matters of social significance such as the Chhattisgarh Workers Placement Agency (Control) Bill, 2013; the Chhattisgarh Village and Town Security Group Bill, 2013; and the Black Magic Harassment and Prohibition Bill, 2014.

#### **Justice Hidayatullah Memorial National Moot Court Competition:**

The University has been regularly organizing on an annual basis Justice Hidayatullah Memorial National Moot Court Competition (HNMCC) to promote and encourage moot culture among the law schools of the country in general and among the students of HNLU in particular. Recently, the 10<sup>th</sup> Edition of Justice Hidayatullah Memorial National Moot Court Competition was organized from 23<sup>rd</sup> March to 25<sup>th</sup> March, 2018. The Moot strives at inculcating the principles of sustainable development and has thus kept with its theme of environmental law; specifically transnational environmental concerns. In this event, best of teams were pitted against each other in a bid to determine the best advocate for environmental rights. The event saw a massive turnaround this year, with 40 teams applying amongst whom 30 teams were selected after extensive screening by the University.

### Mooting culture at HNLU

Students of HNLU also participate in various National and International Moot Court Competitions and brought laurels to the university. Some of them are as follows:

- HNLU Team has been declared as the Winning Negotiating Team Lex Infinitem VMSCCL- WMO International Dispute Resolution Competition, January 2017
- HNLU team secured Honourable Mention for Claimant Memo in 24th Annual WILLEM C. VIS International Commercial Arbitration Moot, 2016-17, Hong Kong (East); Organized by: Association for the Organisation and Promotion of the Willem C. Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot.
- HNLU team secured 3rd Position in prestigious IASLA Space Law Competition, 2017-18, organized by: International Air and Space Law Academy.
- HNLU Team has been declared as "Spirit of Surana" Award for All- round Excellence in 1st Surana & Surana and RGNUL International Law Moot Court Competition, 2017
- HNLU Team has been declared as the Winning Team in Ansal University International Moot Court Competition 2017.
- The student of HNLU was adjudged as the best mooter, and also won the 2nd best speaker award in Ansal University International Moot Court Competition 2017.
- Runners' Up (Best Team) at BITS Pilani – NUJS 5th Lex Omnia National Moot Court Competition 2017. The student of HNLU also won the best speaker award.
- The student of HNLU won the Best Researcher Award in JUSTIFIED Moot Court Competition 2018 organised by Delhi University.
- The student of HNLU won the Best Speaker Award in XI Amity National Moot Court Competition 2018.
- The student of HNLU won the Best Memorial Award in 12th National Moot Court Competition 2018 organised by ILS, Pune.
- The HNLU team has qualified for the International Rounds to be held in Geneva, in 10th Nelson Mandela World Human Rights Moot Court Competition 2018 organised by University of Pretoria, South Africa.
- The HNLU team has qualified for the International Rounds, in Oxford Intellectual Property Moot Court Competition organised by University of Oxford.

### **Seminars, Conferences and Workshops:**

The university organizes seminars, conferences and workshops on contemporary issues for discussions and deliberations to inspire and encourage the faculty members, research scholars as well as students in creating a research culture and further development in the field of Law. Some of notable events are as follows:

1. National Seminar on “Issues and Challenges in Humanitarian Action” was organized in association with International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) on 6th September 2010.
2. Workshop-Cum-Panel Discussion on “Five Years of Right to Information Act: Implementation, Limitations and Challenges Ahead”, held on 30th October 2010.
3. South Asian Conference on Contemporary Environmental Perspectives (SACCEP), held during 25 – 27th March 2011.
4. UGC Sponsored National Seminar on “Arbitration and Alternative Dispute Resolution in India: Issues and Challenges” held during 24 – 25th March 2012.
5. Round Table Conference on “India’s Legal Framework for Refugees” held during 6 – 7th October 2012.
6. NHRC Sponsored National Seminar on “Human Rights and Law in India: Issues and Challenges” held on 19th January 2013.
7. Two-Days National E-Governance Seminar on “Information Technology and Open Source Software: Issues and Challenges” held during 21 – 22nd September 2013.
8. One-Day Workshop on the “Concept and Practice of Social Justice Lawyering” based on Human Rights Approach, held on 28th September 2013.
9. Two-Days “Litigation Workshop” held during 26-27th September 2014.
10. National Seminar on “Role of Ethics, Values and Morality in Law in 21<sup>st</sup> Century” held on 11th April 2015.
11. Two-Day UGC Sponsored National Seminar on “Changing Dimensions of Morality and Ethics in Legal Profession: Challenges and Prospects” held during 19th-20th March, 2016.
12. UGC Sponsored National Seminar on “Strengths and Weaknesses of Indian Environmental Laws: A Critical Analysis” held on October 22, 2016.

13. Under the series of “Confluence of Lectures”, One-Day Workshop was held on 28 October 2017 wherein the following experts and scholars addressed the session as follows:
- Mr. K.V. Vishwanathan, Senior Advocate, Supreme Court, Former Additional Solicitor General of India addressed on “Techniques and Challenge of Litigation in India.”
  - Mr. A.K. Samantray, Presiding Officer, Land Acquisition, Rehabilitation and Resettlement Authority, addressed on “Judicial Procedure and Constitutional Law.”
  - Mr. A.K. Panda, Judicial Member, Chhattisgarh Arbitration Tribunal addressed on “Preparation for judicial services examinations.”
  - Mr. Pallav Mongia, Advocate on Record, Supreme Court of India, addressed on “challenges faced by a first-generation lawyer in the Supreme Court of India.”

**Guest Lecture Series:**

HNLU organizes Guest Lecture Series by scholars and experts in the field for specific and specialized subjects as well as on matters of contemporary legal significance and emerging Issues. It also aims to help the students to consider their potential career options and various facets of their profession. Some of them are as follows:

1. Special Lecture on “Judicial Process and Judicial Review” was delivered by Hon’ble Mr. Justice Rajendra Babu, Former Chief Justice of India on 8th September 2012.
2. Special Lecture on “Public International Law with specific focus on Refugee Law” was delivered by Prof. Manoj Kumar Sinha from WBNUJS, Kolkata, on 8th October 2012.
3. Special Lecture on “Public International Law with focus on International Humanitarian Law” was delivered by Prof. B C Nirmal from Law School, BHU, on 8th October 2012.
4. Special Lecture on “Judicial Activism” was delivered by Mr. Prashant Bhushan, Senior Advocate, Supreme Court of India, on 9th August 2013.

5. Special Lecture on “Comparative Public Law and Judicial Process” was delivered by Prof. S. S. Singh from Burdwan University, West Bengal, on 17th November 2013.
6. A Series of Special Lectures on “Intellectual Property Rights” was delivered by Dr. Rajnish Kumar Singh, Assistant Professor, Law School, BHU, during 21-27th September 2014.
7. A Series of Special Lectures on “Cyber Law” was delivered by Dr. Golak Prasad Sahoo, Assistant Professor, Law School, BHU, during 13-17th October 2014.
8. A Series of Special Lectures on “Intellectual Property Rights” was delivered by Dr. Rajnish Kumar Singh, Assistant Professor, Law School, BHU, during 2nd - 6th February 2015.
9. Special Lecture on “Competition Act: An Overview” was delivered by Mr. Sukesh Mishra, Director (Law), Competition Commission of India, New Delhi, on 13th February 2015.
10. Special lecture on “Reservation and Equality Provisions in India” was delivered by Hon'ble Mr. Justice (Retd.) V.D. Gyani, Former Acting Chief Justice of the Gauhati High Court delivered in 2016.
11. A special lecture on “Criminal Law” was delivered by Prof. K.I. Vibhute, Professor and Dean, Rajiv Gandhi School of Intellectual Property Law, IIT Kharagpur in 2016.
12. Special lecture on ‘Talk of the Bar’ and ‘Centre State Relations’ delivered by Dr. Aditya Sondhi, Additional Advocate General, State of Karnataka, on 29<sup>th</sup> July 2017.
13. Special lecture on ‘Basic Research Skills and Contemporary IPR issues in India’ delivered by Mr. Sumeet Mallik, Director, Eastern Book Company on 18<sup>th</sup> September 2017.
14. Special lecture on “Law of Contracts and Law of Evidence” delivered by Prof. (Dr.) J.K. Malik, Former Vice-Chancellor, Maharaj Vinayak Global University, Jaipur from 21<sup>st</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> August 2017.
15. Special lecture on “Administrative Law and Judicial Review” delivered by Prof. (Dr.) Amar Pal Singh, Professor, Guru Gobind Singh Indraprastha University and Former Dean, RMLNLU on 17<sup>th</sup> September 2017.

16. Special lecture on “Labour Laws and their implementation” delivered by Dr. Onkar Sharma, Regional Labor Commissioner, Office of Chief Labor Commissioner, GOI on 13<sup>th</sup> October 2017.
17. Special lecture on “Federalism and evolution of law” delivered by Prof. Shaukat Ali, Rohilkhand University, Bareilly in October 2017.
18. Special lecture on “jurisprudence” delivered by Prof. Reena, Rohilkhand University, Bareilly in October 2017.

### **Parliamentary Debate:**

Following the National Youth Parliament Scheme for the universities and colleges being implemented by the Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs, Government of India, New Delhi, HNLU organizes National Youth Parliament Competition.

### **Legal Essay Writing Competition:**

#### Gurucharan Singh Tulsi National Legal Essay Competition

The Legal and Social Service Committee (LSSC) of HNLU organizes Gurucharan Singh Tulsi National Legal Essay Competition under the flagship of Mr. K.T.S. Tulsi, Senior Advocate, Supreme Court of India, with a motive to drive young legal minds towards the contemporary legal scenario of the country. 4<sup>th</sup> edition of competition aimed at starting a chain of thought on the two pillars of Indian Judiciary, the framework and the medium through the topics “*Speeding up the Criminal Justice System in India*” and “*Art of Advocacy*” respectively. Total 35 essays were received by the University from students of various universities and colleges across India, and after a thorough assessment by the esteemed faculty members of Hidayatullah National Law University, 10 best essays were sent to Mr. K.T.S. Tulsi, Senior Advocate, Supreme Court of India for further evaluation, who consequently conferred top three rank to the respective participants on April 1, 2016.

#### Akanksha Soni Memorial National Legal Essay Writing Competition

HNLU organizes Akanksha Soni Memorial National Legal Essay Writing Competition in the memory of the University's alumnus, Late Akanksha Soni (Batch of 2014) for all

future lawyers studying in different Universities and Colleges of India. Last time it was organized on the theme of “*Human and Animal Rights: Expanding Frontiers in the 21st Century*”.

International Law Essay Competition under International Law Students Association (ILSA), HNLU Chapter

HNLU ILS organized its First HNLU ILS National Essay Competition 2015 on International Law in collaboration with Takshshila Institution, ICRC and Oval Observer Foundation with a broader theme of Peace and Security in International Law. The University received 56 essays from across the India from almost all National Law Universities. The top three entries have been conferred with “Merit Certificates” and “Cash Prizes” and all the participants were awarded with “Certificate of Participation”.

**HNLU International Model United Nations (HNLUIMUNC):**

In 2016 HNLU started to organize International Model United Nations Conference (HNLU IMUNC) in which 30 universities and colleges participated along with 9 international delegates. Recently, in 2017 HNLU organized the 2<sup>nd</sup> edition of the International Model United Nations Conference (HNLU IMUNC) in collaboration with the United Nations Information Centre (UNIC) for India and Bhutan. HNLU IMUNC commenced its sessions with total five committees encompassing around 250 delegates from all over the world. Around 60 teams from different Universities and Colleges participated in the fest for sports and cultural activities including NUSRL Ranchi, AIIMS Raipur, NIT Raipur, ITM Raipur, BIT Raipur, IIIT Raipur, IIM Raipur, MATS Raipur, NLU Odisha etc.

**Colossus:**

Besides the academic activities, HNLU has also been regularly organizing a national level sports and cultural fest “*Colossus*” on an annual basis to promote the spirit of sports and cultural activities among the students. Recently, 5<sup>th</sup> Edition of Colossus was organized by HNLU from the 24-26 February, 2017. This edition of Colossus was a grand success reported by the Media. Almost all reputed universities participate in the

event from all corners of the country including NUSRL Ranchi, AIIMS Raipur, NIT Raipur, ITM Raipur, BIT Raipur and MATS Raipur etc.

### Honours Papers

Initially the University has only Constitutional Law, Trade and Investment Law and Corporate Law as honours paper and Criminal Law and Environmental Law has been added recently.

### **HNLU Library: Matching the standard of World Class Institution:**

The university has beautifully designed three storied fully air-conditioned library similar to that of London School of Economics with a reading hall having the capacity of 650 persons. The university has treasure trove of a vast and varied text books, reference books, journals, periodicals and national dailies. The university library provides access to most of the online databases like:

- JSTOR
- Hein-Online
- West law
- Manupatra
- SCC Online
- CDJ Law Journal
- EPW Online
- Lexis Nexis
- AIR Webworld

Apart from the online databases, the library consists of more than 24,000 books and regular subscription of 32 (International and National) Journals. HNLU Library subscribes 7 newspapers in 5 copies and 12 magazines of national and international repute. The Library is also having UN Publications section, Personal Collection of Justice Hidayatullah and around 1400 E-Books.

### **Use of Technology for Academic Excellence:**

HNLU has HNLU has a fully equipped and air-conditioned Computer Lab having around 200 nodes with internet facility connected through Local Area network (LAN). Under the MHRD sponsored National Knowledge Network (NKN) Project, the University has subscribed to 1 GB Internet connectivity from BSNL for next 10 years. Further, under the National Mission on Education through Information &

Communication Technology (NMEICT) Project, we have provided internet connectivity to the Hostels, Faculty Quarters and other establishments inside the campus. In order to improve the efficiency of the students in English, HNLU has a language lab with modern software and technology. The university also has 21 air conditioned class rooms fitted with modern teaching aids.

### **Publications:**

#### HNLU Newsletter

HNLU Newsletter was started since July 2015. From January 2017 the University publishes its newsletter biannually. It covers all the academic and extra-curricular events conducted by the university. It also highlights the awards conferred on the university and various achievements.

#### HNLU Journal of Law and Social Sciences (HNLU JLSS)

In the form of HNLU JLSS the University provides a platform to judges, jurists, academicians, legal practitioners, researcher scholars and students to express their views on the topics of contemporary significance in Law and Social Sciences. It is a peer reviewed refereed journal having ISSN Number 2347-839X listed in UGC list of approved journal.

### **Scholarships / Financial Assistance:**

In addition to provide a conducive and competitive academic environment, the University with the financial assistance of the Government of Chhattisgarh, provides its students Rs. 1.00 Crore p.a. for participation in International and National Moot Court Competitions. It is noteworthy to mention that HNLU is the only University in Chhattisgarh which has this type of financial support from the Government.

### **Initiatives towards Environment:**

With the excellence in legal education and a wonderful infrastructure, the university is also very conscious about the environment of the campus. In this regard the provision for

Sewage Treatment Plant and Solar Energy System speak of our sensitivity and commitment towards clean and pollution free environment. We are grateful to the Government of Chhattisgarh that CREDA has provided the Solar Energy facility at a highly subsidized rate of Rs. 50 lacs and it will also be providing free maintenance services for five years. The University also has separate solar heater plant for all the hostels.

In order to provide a healthy and pollution free environment university also planted approximately 15,000 plants and trees in the campus. The green campus with well-planned planted trees, beautiful gardens, lawns and beautifully designed hedges tell their own story of efforts made by all concerned.

### **Social Responsibility and the Role of HNLU:**

#### Legal and Social Service Committee (LSSC)

Being aware of its social responsibility the university reaches to those who are really needy and underprivileged by spreading legal literacy and free legal aid. University organizes various activities under **Legal and Social Service Committee (LSSC)** which includes steps towards creating social and legal awareness among the people in the neighbourhood villages under the initiative of '*Samanvay Programme*'. Legal and Social Service Committee (LSSC) also organizes '*Aanchal Memorial Blood Donation Camp*' on regular intervals in collaboration with Red Cross Society, Raipur. Legal and Social Services Committee (LSSC) in association with IDBI Bank conducted a '*Survey cum Awareness Drive*' in the Naya Raipur region which was conducted in pursuance to the Viittiya Saksharta Abhiyan (VISAKA) of the Ministry of Human Resource Development Government of India. The Legal and Social Services Committee (LSSC) of the University conducted a Survey-cum-Awareness drive on April 7, 2017 in Uparwara village, aiming to further assist the people of the underprivileged class of the society to receive justice.

#### Swachh Bharat Summer Internship

For proper implementation of the objectives of the "*Swachh Bharat Summer Internship – 100 Hours of Swachhata*" jointly launched by the Ministry of Human Resource

Development in association with the Ministry of Drinking Water and Sanitation, the university organized ‘*Swachh Bharat Summer Internship – 100 Hours of Swachhata*’ in surrounding villages to carry out specific measures for improving the sanitation and hygiene. It was conducted in two phases – from 1<sup>st</sup> May to 15<sup>th</sup> May and from 5<sup>th</sup> July to 31<sup>st</sup> July. It included awareness campaign, door to door meetings to drive behavior change with respect to sanitation, Swachh Bharat Rally and swachhata related songs and poems with the objective to instill in them the consciousness about swachhata and swasthya (Cleanliness and Health).

#### Legal Aid Cell

The University has a Free Legal Aid Cell in its campus which is registered under the District Legal Service Authority, Raipur. The Legal and Social Service Committee (LSSC) of Hidayatullah National Law University in its collaboration with the District Legal Service Authority (DLSA) organizes legal awareness campaign in near villages (Nemora, Upparwara, Rakhi, Kendri and Temri) in Raipur. The camp involves resolution of various disputes and awareness for the same regarding the atrocities that still prevail with regards to abuse of women and children, and to provide them the knowledge about the easy ways to solve the disputes that arise due to the abuse with the help of DLSA.

#### Nyaya Mela (Fair for Justice)

Recently, Hidayatullah National Law University in association with District Legal Services Authority, Raipur organized “Nyaya Mela” (fair for Justice) at Village Nimora.

#### **Swachchata Pakhwada:**

An initiative of 15-day ‘Swachchata Pakhwada’ under the directions of University Grants Commission and Ministry of Human Resource Development was held from 1<sup>st</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> September 2017 in the University to highlight the importance of a clean and green campus and country in view of the ‘Swachh Bharat Abhiyan’. Activities like planting tree, cleaning the campus and mess, and cleanest hostel room contest were conducted by the University.

### **Disha Express:**

HNLU feels proud to be a part of ‘*Disha Express*’ which is an initiative of the Government of Chhattisgarh with an aim to assist students of higher-secondary level schools under Raipur district in their career orientation. In this initiative Hidayatullah National Law University was selected among 8 institutes of academic excellence by the Chhattisgarh Government for visit and guidance of students up to Class 12<sup>th</sup>. First round of this project from 8<sup>th</sup> September to 29<sup>th</sup> December 2017 has successfully been completed which included 75 schools under which more than 10,000 students got benefited.

### **3. PROPOSALS FOR NEXT FIVE YEARS:**

Apart from abovementioned regular events and activities, the University also proposes its future plan for next five years to make HNLU a world class institution. A year-wise action plan beginning with 2018-19 is as follows:

#### **2018-19:**

##### Child Right Centre

In collaboration with the Chhattisgarh State Child Rights Commission, the University is planning to set-up a Child Rights Centre for carrying out relevant research in issues related to child rights and to disseminate the knowledge so created by organizing regular seminars, conferences, workshops and training programs. While benefiting the graduate and post-graduate students in terms of research and training, the proposed Centre plans to offer specialized Diploma and Short-Term Certificate Courses for working professionals in the area of child rights issues.

##### Centre for Environmental Law and Sustainable Development (CELSD)

In order to create adequate opportunities for research and motivate the faculty to undertake research projects in emerging and specialized areas of law and related socio-

economic and political issues facing the society and the state, the University proposes to set up its first Center for *Environmental Law and Sustainable Development* (CELSD) in the academic year 2018-19 as part of the University's effort to contribute to research and knowledge creation. CELSD will be established primarily to render the life of an ordinary man compatible with the demands of human dignity and ecological sustainability. This will also disseminate awareness that what is required foremost creation of sustainable communities based on ecological literacy and the practice of eco-design.

#### Diploma in Natural Resources and Environmental Laws (NREL)

As we all are aware that Chhattisgarh is a State which is full of natural resources. As a leading law University of India, HNLU is planning to start one Diploma Course in Natural Resources and Environmental Laws (NREL) which would cater the needs of those students planning to pursue a career in Environmental Litigation and Natural Resources Management. The diploma will cover contemporary natural resources and environmental laws and also include energy laws.

#### Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Centre for Environmental Law (CEL), WWF India:

The university is in process to explore the possibilities of signing the MoUs with various Institutions/Expert Agencies/Universities/Colleges/Centers of National and International importance. These MoUs will help the Students, Research Scholars and Faculties to explore research & other academic environment to match high standards in respective fields. In order to explore the conducive research and learning in the field of environmental law University proposes to sign MoU with Centre for Environmental Law (CEL), WWF India in the academic session 2018-19.

#### Faculty Development Programme on 'Research Methodology':

The University also proposes to conduct a Faculty Development Programme of International Standard with the collaboration of reputed National Law Schools of India and abroad. In the month of October 2018 university proposes to organize Faculty

Development Programme on '*Research Methodology*' for academicians to enhance their researching skills and understand different methods of research in the field of law.

**2019-20:**

Center for Labour Laws and Industrial Safety Management (CLLISM)

Understanding the impact of globalization on economies it is pertinent to analyze the laws relating to Labour and Industrial Safety in this academic session 2019-20 university proposes to establish its second research center for Labour Laws and Industrial Safety Management (CLLISM).

Diploma in Trade and Competition Laws (TCL):

With the globalization India has witnessed increase in trade and lower tariff barriers across the world which ultimately resulted in competitive markets. Both '*Trade and Competition*' is complementary therefore university proposes to initiate one diploma programme in Trade and Competition Laws (TCL). This diploma will include the major concerns of trade and competition and also include that how both interacts with each other.

Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Competition Law and Competition (CCI):

Competition is not only important for the better product with competitive prices but it is a field which fascinates the students of NLUs most nowadays as lucrative career option. To provide the extensive research and training in the field of Competition Law university proposes to sign MoU with Competition Law and Competition (CCI) in the academic session 2019-20.

Faculty Development Programme on Innovative Methods in Teaching and Skills Development:

The University proposes to organize FDP on innovative methods in teaching in the month of August 2019 and February 2020 for academicians to enhance their researching skills and understand different methods of research in the field of law.

**2020-21:**

Centre for Intellectual and Industrial Property Rights (IIPR):

Sensing the requirements of the laws related with Intellectual and Industrial Property Rights as an emerging field for law students in general and students of HNLU in particular, the university is willing to create an atmosphere where deliberations and discussions with adequate research can be performed. With this objective university proposes Centre for Intellectual and Industrial Property Rights (IIPR) in the academic session 2020-21.

Diploma in Financial and Corporate Laws (FCL):

Law students and other professional of the financial and corporate sector are always curious about to understand and unravel legal complexities involved in these sectors. To deal with the new challenges in the financial and corporate sector, the university proposes to initiate one diploma programme in Financial and Corporate Laws (FCL) in the academic session 2020-21.

MoU with The Indian Institute of Foreign Trade (IIFT):

The importance of Foreign Trade and investment is very evident which had taken a momentum after the wave of LPG during 1990s. this is a field where an updated teaching, learning and training is required. The IIFT has signed various MOUs with leading universities and institutions of the world which generates an opportunity for mutual exchange of experts, professionals, teachers and students in the area of foreign trade. In this backdrop university also proposes to enter in MoU with The Indian Institute of Foreign Trade.

### Faculty Development Programme on Challenges and Future Prospects of Present Legal Education System:

The present legal education system is required to be reviewed on the basis of exchange of ideas among different generations of legal educator. In the academic session 2020-21, the University proposes to organize a Faculty Development Programme on Challenges and Future Prospects of Present Legal Education System to provide a platform for this exchange of ideas so that academia can contribute more to advance the present legal education system.

### **2021-22:**

#### Centre for Public Policy, Governance and Development (CPPGD)

Considering the importance of public policy and governance and its development the University is planning to establish one center on Public Policy, Governance and Development (CPPGD).

#### Diploma in Intellectual Property and Cyber Laws

Everything is started with an *Idea*. This is the reason Intellectual Property is equally important for all irrespective of the field and sector of any professional. Wherein Cyber laws are those laws regulating cyber space. Both Intellectual Property and Cyber Laws are linked with each other in the present globalized and digitalized world. As a unified knowledge of Intellectual Property and Cyber Laws, it is important for everyone including law students, teachers, professions, Lawyers, Police Officers, Company Secretaries, CAs, Government officials and even judges. Therefore, the University proposes to start a Diploma in Intellectual Property and Cyber Laws in the academic session 2021-22.

#### MoU with International Centre for Alternative Dispute Resolution (ICADR)

“*Justice delayed is justice denied*” is one of the established principles of justice delivery system. At the very same time huge pendency of cases in courts is a reality which requires some alternate methods of dispute resolution. In this regard International Centre

for Alternative Dispute Resolution is working effectively. Therefore, university proposes MoU with International Centre for Alternative Dispute Resolution (ICADR) in the academic session 2021-22.

### **2022-23:**

#### Centre for Empowerment of Weaker Sections of the Society (CEWSS)

It is important to understand the need of Weaker Sections of the Society and to find ways to empower them. The University is planning to open a center for Empowerment of Weaker Sections of the Society (CEWSS) to fulfill this need.

#### Diploma in Criminology

On the demand of HNLU students the university already started Criminal Law as separate honors paper and Criminology and Penology as optional papers. Criminology, criminal psychology, international criminal law and justice, prison administration, terrorism and drug trafficking, law of criminal procedure and criminal law and medicine are major branches of knowledge which are too important for students and research scholars. Keeping this in mind university is willing to take further steps while initiating a Diploma in Criminology to satisfy the needs of concerned stakeholders of the society.

#### **Teachers Exchange Programme**

In the present world of expertise various universities have experienced teachers and experts on various subjects. Therefore, the University is planning to start a teacher's exchange programme with other reputed national law universities and other institutions of excellence.