



Himachal Pradesh National Law University, Shimla

Minutes of 20th Meeting of Academic Council December 29, 2025

The 20th Meeting of the Academic Council, HPNLU, Shimla was held on December 29, 2025 at 11:00 AM in hybrid mode. The meeting was presided by Prof. (Dr.) Priti Saxena, Vice-Chancellor, HPNLU, Shimla. Following members were present: -

1.	Prof. (Dr.) Priti Saxena, Vice-Chancellor, HPNLU, Shimla	Chairperson
2.	Prof. V.C. Vivekananda Vice Chancellor, HNLU, Raipur	Member (Joined Online)
3.	Prof. Harpreet Kaur Vice Chancellor, NLU, Jodhpur	Member (Joined Online)
4.	Prof. (Dr.) Anju Vali Tikoo Dean Faculty of Law, University of Delhi	Member (Joined Online)
5.	Dr. Amit Vaid Member, Bar Council of India	Member (Joined Online)
6.	Sh. Rakesh Kumar Acharya Member, Bar Council of Himachal Pradesh	Member (Joined Online)
7.	Prof. Rajinder Verma Dean Faculty of Law, HPU, Shimla	Member (Joined Online)
8.	Dr. Chandreshwari Minhas Associate Professor of Law	Member
9.	Dr. Hari Chand Assistant Professor of Economics	Member (Joined Online)
10.	Dr. Santosh Kumar Sharma	Director, CPGLS
11.	Dr. Ambika	Head/ Coordinator, UG Programme
12.	Dr. Deepika Gautam	Head/ Coordinator, Management Programme
13.	Dr. Sachin Sharma	Ph.D. Coordinator
14.	Prof. Dr. Girjesh Shukla	Special Invitee
15.	Prof. (Dr.) Chanchal K. Singh	Special Invitee
16.	Prof. (Dr.) S.S. Jaswal Dean academic Affairs	Special Invitee
17.	Prof. (Dr.) Alok Kumar (Registrar)	<i>Ex-Officio Secretary</i>

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At the outset the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor welcomed all the members along with the new members who joined the meeting as a member and special invitees and proceeded with the agenda items.

<p>Item No. 20. 1</p> <p>Agenda Note</p>	<p>To confirm the Minutes and Action Taken Report of the 19th Meeting of Academic Council held on February 24, 2025.</p> <p>The Vice-Chancellor placed the Minutes & Action Taken Report of the 19th Meeting of the Academic Council before the members of the Academic Council.</p>
<p>Discussion</p>	<p>The secretary explained the details of Minutes of the last meeting. Prof. (Dr.) Priti Saxena, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor presented the action taken report.</p> <p>Prof. V.C. Vivekananda suggested that before starting diploma courses university is required to have NAAC Accreditation.</p>
<p>Decision/ Resolved</p>	<p>After brief deliberation over the minutes and Action Taken Report, the same were confirmed unanimously.</p>
<p>Item No. 20. 2</p> <p>Agenda Note</p>	<p>To confirm the Minutes of the BOS meetings held on October 6, 2025.</p> <p>The Vice-Chancellor placed the Minutes of the 25th Meetings of the Board of Studies held on October 6, 2025 and placed them before the members of the Academic Council.</p>
<p>Discussion</p>	<p>Esteemed members were apprised about the minutes of the Board of studies.</p> <p>Prof. (Dr.) Anju Vali Tikoo suggested that in paper legislative drafting title should be interpretation of statutes and legislative drafting. The chairperson inform that the interpretation statutes is already one of the subject as an optional paper in the seven semester.</p> <p>Further for the introduction of new course: Ph.D. in Social Science and management, the issue was deliberated and discussed at length. it</p>

	was suggested that in social science specific subject like history, sociology, Political science and Economic etc. be mentioned
Decision/ Resolved	After detailed deliberation the minutes of the Board of Studies (BOS) were approved unanimously.
Item No. 20.3 Agenda Note	<p>To Consider and Approve of the merger of Academic Regulations, 2019 and HPNLU, Shimla Examination Regulations, 2019 into the HPNLU, Shimla Academic and Examination Regulations, 2025.</p> <p>The Vice-Chancellor placed the proposal for the merger of the HPNLU, Shimla Academic Regulations, 2019 and the HPNLU, Shimla Examination Regulations, 2019, with revision as the HPNLU, Shimla Academic & Examination Regulations, 2025.</p> <p>The proposal is placed before the Academic Council for consideration and approval.</p>
Discussion	Esteemed members were apprised about the separate academic and examination regulation in the University.
	<p>The revised Academic and Examination Regulations were deliberated and discussed in details.</p> <p>Hon'ble member of Academic Council appreciated efforts of Hon'ble Vice Chancellor for merger of Himachal Pradesh National Law University, Shimla Academic and Examination Regulations, 2025.</p>
Decision/ Resolved	The agenda item was approved unanimously.
Item No. 20.4 Agenda Note	<p>Reporting Items</p> <p>The University has been awarded with Four major research projects, sponsored by the Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR).</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Major Project on Analysing Disability Laws and Policies in Reference to the States of Himachal Pradesh and Uttarakhand on April 2025 (Grant Amount: ₹20 lakh)

	<p>2. Major Project on <i>Cybercrimes and its Impact on women in H.P on September 20th, 2025 (Grant Amount: ₹17 lakh)</i></p> <p>3. Major Project on From ICSSR on Intra Tribal and Inter Community Dynamics in Mid Himalayan Region for ₹ 30 Lakh.</p> <p>4. Major Project from ICSSR on changing family structure and future of Elder Care in India: A Socio-Legal Study with Special Reference to policies for elder care in state of Himachal Pradesh for ₹ 18 Lakh (19th December, 2025).</p> <p>The University has been awarded with:</p> <p>1. Financial assistance for organizing the International Seminar on “Tax Reforms in India: Prospects and Challenges” an amount of ₹ 4 Lakh by the ICSSR (December, 2025).</p> <p>2. Ms. Ekta Rose, Ph.D. Scholar, has been provided with Doctoral Fellowship by ICSSR (December, 2025).</p>
Decision/ Resolved	Hon'ble member of Academic Council congratulated the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor and faculty members of the university for getting four
	major projects from ICSSR and for getting financial assistance for internation seminar and award of Dr. Fellowship for one of the Ph.D. Scholar.

The Vice-Chancellor concluded the meeting by expressing her gratitude towards the esteemed members of the Academic Council.

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