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## About the University

The Himachal Pradesh National Law University (HPNLU) Shimla, established by the Himachal Pradesh National Law University Act, 2016 (Act 16 of 2016) is a State University recognized by State of Himachal Pradesh and Bar Council of India. The University runs two Under Graduates Courses/Degree: B.A. LL.B. Hons., Five Year Integrated Course (FYIC), B.B.A. LL.B. Hons. (FYIC); and One Year LL.M. Programme. The University also offers Ph.D. Programme and Post-Doctoral Programme (LL.D.) in Law. Presently, the University has about 700 students admitted in various courses.

## Context

India has one of the most elaborate legal systems across the globe. However, accessibility and mounting arrears of cases remain major concerns. Access to justice is one of the important issues for vast proportion of population in the country. The Government of India has initiated a project, '*National Mission for Justice Delivery and Legal Reforms*'. The Central Government has launched initiatives at various levels for reforms in the legal system with special emphasis on minimizing the number of litigations in the country and ensuring access to justice to all.

The Project is established by the Department of Justice, Ministry of Law and Justice, Government of India, under the **Action Research and Studies on Judicial Reforms project**, as part of *The National Mission for Justice Delivery and Legal Reforms*.

The national mission is intended to pursue the twin objectives: increasing access by reducing delays & arrears in the system, and enhancing accountability through structural changes, setting performance standards and building capacities. *Pro Bono Lawyering* is intended to improve access to justice to the marginalized sections of society and foster the State's constitutional obligation of providing "free legal aid" for all. The requirement of developing the *pro bono* culture (of lawyering) is seen to be essential for the ultimate objectives of access to justice, and judicial and legal reforms.

## **The Project being Implemented by HPNLU, Shimla**

The Himachal Pradesh National Law University, Shimla is currently implementing the project titled: **‘Role of Pro-Bono Lawyering In Ensuring Access to Justice: A Study With Special Reference to States of Himachal Pradesh, Haryana, Punjab, Union Territories of Chandigarh And Jammu & Kashmir’**.

The Study involves qualitative and quantitative aspects to gauge the effectiveness of the initiatives by the Government and outreach of pro-bono lawyering. It involves study of the structures, models, and facets of lawyering and legal profession. It further encompasses a comprehensive study of the interfaces amongst the law education, lawyering, and the justice administration system in the Country.

The empirical studies are based on collection of primary reliable, authentic, and impartial data from the identified stakeholders of the Justice delivery system. *The duration of the project is two years -2022 and 2023.*

## **The Conference**

As part of the qualitative studies for the Project, the Research Team is organizing a Round-Table Conference on the topic: ***Law, Lawyering, and Justice Administration in India: Access to Justice through Pro-Bono Legal Services***, from **03-04 December 2022**, at the HPNLU, Shimla Campus in **Shimla**.

Some of the areas on which the Conference shall focus are:

- Historical discourses and narratives on law and lawyering
- Legal Profession in Independent India and the Constitution
- Models of lawyering and on Access to justice
- Informal and Systemic/Structural Barriers to access to justice
- Informal Modes of Access to justice
- Alternative Lawyering etc.,



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