

## **Himachal Pradesh National Law University students witness Historic Zero Hour in the Legislative Assembly**



A group of 40 law students from Himachal Pradesh National Law University, Shimla, had a unique opportunity to witness the first-ever Zero Hour in the state's Legislative Assembly, led by the Centre for Parliamentary Studies (CPS). The visit provided invaluable insights into the democratic process.

During the visit, the students were welcomed by the Speaker of the Assembly, Shri Kuldeep Singh Pathania, who explained the three organs of the government and their respective roles. The Speaker emphasized the importance of the Legislative Assembly as a platform for representing the people and holding the government accountable.

One of the highlights of the visit was the students' first hand experience of the Zero Hour, a parliamentary procedure where members can raise urgent matters without seeking formal replies from the government. This historic event marked a significant milestone for the Himachal Pradesh Legislative Assembly and provided the students with a rare glimpse into the dynamic nature of legislative proceedings. They learned about the importance of open debate, accountability, and the role of the Legislative Assembly in shaping government policies. This experience will undoubtedly benefit them as they pursue their legal careers and become active citizens.

The Center for Parliamentary Studies, led by Prof. S.S. Jaswal, Director of the Centre and Registrar, HPNLU, Shimla played a crucial role in organizing the visit. The visit was led by Dr. Ved Prakash, Member, CPS and Assistant Professor of Political Science and students Soumya Sharma, Piyush Pandit, Sidhanta Batra, Varun Joshi, and Kartik Sharma.