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## VISITOR'S MESSAGE

Educational institutions are representative of the intellectual vigour of any nation and concrete manifestation for facilitating knowledge exchange between various sections and stakeholders of the society. I take pride and am filled with profound confidence in saying that educational institutions imparting legal education as a professional course have an added role to play and much to give to the society because law as an institution has a direct bearing upon the society itself and how the cogs of the governance mechanism of any country function. I don't say this merely by virtue of my role as a part of the legal fraternity but above all, in saying so, I am reminded of how the Constitution has proven time and again to be the protector of the rights of the countrymen. The Constitution of India has been an outcome of significant legal intellectual labour, and those who drafted it were, at one point in their lives, part of the legal education system. And, this brings me to the factum of the relevance and the role played by higher educational institutions imparting legal education.

National Law Universities across the country have changed the legal education scenario in more than one way, and the students from these institutions are already making their mark in various fields. It fills me with immense pleasure to now have an opportunity to closely associate myself with one such institution, the Himachal Pradesh National Law University (HPNLU), Shimla.

In its short span of existence, the University has made remarkable progress and is striving hard to make a mark at both the national and international level. The prime focus of the University, apart from its students, is the intensive research in the field of socio-legal interlinkages. The University is making progress in this regard not only by undertaking research projects, but also through publications (which have been internationally acclaimed - the Shimla Law Review), and other modes of outreach to enhance its presence in the legal field.

The faculty members of any educational institution play the most important role in Page 1 of 2

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moulding the young minds and directing them in the best possible manner. The zeal of the faculty members of the HPNLU, Shimla family is amply reflected in the transition of the University. I wish that the University will make its mark and the much-needed space for independent research, speech, and quality outputs for use by the society at large.

The students of the University have also achieved accolades and many successes in the past few years, and are continuously participating and winning in various competitions. In the year 2024, the four batches of B.A. LL.B., three batches of B.B.A. LL.B. and seven batches of LL.M. students have passed out of the University, and these students have secured jobs with good pay packages. A good number of Ph.D. Scholars have been awarded Ph.D. in Law Degree from the University and many are currently pursuing Ph.D. Degree in Law. I am confident that this number will increase as the batches pass out, and the University will shine brighter in the legal paraphernalia.

On this note, I would like to express my sincerest congratulations to the University for all its endeavours, and I assure my support in this regard on all fronts in the best possible manner.

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