

# Event Report

Centre for Studies Related to Persons with Disabilities

Organized

Sensitization Program

on

**'Inclusive Disability'**

**(11<sup>th</sup> Aug. 2023)**



Under the esteemed guidance of Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, Prof. (Dr.) Nishtha Jaswal, the Centre for Studies Related to Persons with Disabilities (CSD) at Himachal Pradesh National Law University (HPNLU) organized a Sensitization Program focused on the theme 'Inclusive Disability.' The event, which was held on August 11, 2023, took place at the University Campus and saw enthusiastic participation from the university community. Newly inducted students of the B.A. LL.B. and B.B.A. LL.B. programs, along with faculty and staff members of HPNLU, Shimla, attended the program. Dr. Ruchi Gupta, a dedicated member of the center, led the program's introduction. She was joined by fellow CSD members, Dr. Bharat Barowalia, Dr. Rohit Sharma, and Dr. Ruchi Thakur. The event aimed to raise awareness and promote inclusivity for individuals with disabilities.

One of the highlights of the program was the screening of the documentary titled 'Making India Accessible.' This documentary engaged the audience, fostering interactive discussions among both faculty and students. The film showcased the challenges faced by people with disabilities in their everyday lives and emphasized the need for accessible infrastructure and attitudes. Dr. Sachin Sharma, the Director of the Centre, played a pivotal role in organizing the program and facilitating a dialogical session with students and faculty members. During this engaging discussion, Dr. Sharma stressed the paramount importance of creating accessible environments. He highlighted how such environments empower individuals with disabilities by enabling them to navigate and participate in society independently.

Furthermore, Dr. Sharma discussed the 'Accessible India Campaign' and the contemporary challenges that individuals with disabilities encounter. He emphasized a critical perspective, noting that disability is primarily an attitudinal problem and has little to do with an individual's inherent abilities. This perspective served to challenge stereotypes and encourage a more inclusive outlook. Dr. Sachin Sharma expressed sincere gratitude to the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor for her unwavering support and encouragement of the CSD and its mission to sensitize stakeholders about disability-related issues. The program also drew the participation of Faculty members, Librarian Dr. Raj Kumar, and the Assistant Librarian of HPNLU, underscoring the university's commitment to fostering inclusivity and awareness.

In summary, the Sensitization Program on 'Inclusive Disability' at HPNLU marked a significant step towards creating an inclusive and accessible environment for all, promoting awareness, and challenging preconceived notions about disabilities. The event was a testament to the university's dedication to fostering a more inclusive and empathetic society.



