



CENTRE OF CRIMINOLOGY AND FORENSIC STUDIES, HPNLU

IS ORGANASING ITS

1ST NATIONAL TRIAL
ADVOCACY COMPETITION

PROJECT VALOUR

JUSTICE HAS A VOICE:
WE CALL IT VALOUR

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VIRTUAL MODE

ABOUT HPNLU, SHIMLA

HIMACHAL PRADESH NATIONAL LAW UNIVERSITY, SHIMLA (HPNLU,SHIMLA) WAS ESTABLISHED BY THE STATE GOVERNMENT IN THE YEAR 2016, BY AN ACT OF THE LEGISLATURE (ACT 16 OF 2016). IN THE NINE YEARS OF ITS FOUNDATION, HPNLU, SHIMLA HAS SEEN TREMENDOUS GROWTH AND HAS UNDERTAKEN A GOOD NUMBER OF INNOVATIVE MEASURES TO ENHANCE THE ACADEMIC POTENTIAL OF ITS FACULTY MEMBERS, STUDENTS,AND RESEARCH SCHOLARS.

LED BY THE VISIONARY SCHOLAR OF LAW, HON'BLE VICE-CHANCELLOR PROF. (DR.) PRITI SAXENA, HAS BEEN PROACTIVE IN ORGANISING A SERIES OF EVENTS ENCOMPASSING A WIDE SPECTRUM OF SOCIO-LEGAL ISSUES. THE UNIVERSITY FOCUSES ON THE HOLISTIC DEVELOPMENT OF STUDENTS ABOUT THE LEGAL SYSTEM, TOPOGRAPHIES OF LAW MAKING, LEGAL PRACTICE, AND ADMINISTRATION. THE UNIVERSITY IS COMMITTED TO PROVIDING INTERDISCIPLINARY AND PRACTICAL/APPLICATION-BASED LEGAL EDUCATION, KEEPING IN VIEW THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE OVERALL DEVELOPMENT OF ITS STUDENTS.

ABOUT CCFS, HPNLU

THE CENTRE FOR CRIMINOLOGY AND FORENSIC STUDIES AT HIMACHAL PRADESH NATIONAL LAW UNIVERSITY (HPNLU) HAS BEEN AT THE FOREFRONT OF PIONEERING RESEARCH, EDUCATION, AND DISCOURSE IN THE FIELD OF CRIMINOLOGY. ESTABLISHED WITH A VISION TO BRIDGE THE GAP BETWEEN LEGAL EDUCATION AND THE DYNAMIC COMPLEXITIES OF CRIME AND CRIMINAL BEHAVIOR, THE CENTRE IS COMMITTED TO FOSTERING A DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEMS, CRIMINAL PSYCHOLOGY, AND THE VARIOUS SOCIO-LEGAL DIMENSIONS THAT INFLUENCE CRIME AND ITS CONTROL. THROUGH A COMBINATION OF RIGOROUS ACADEMIC RESEARCH, COLLABORATIVE PROJECTS, AND INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES, THE CENTRE AIMS TO CONTRIBUTE SIGNIFICANTLY TO POLICY-MAKING AND THE ADVANCEMENT OF CRIMINOLOGICAL KNOWLEDGE. IT SEEKS TO PROVIDE A PLATFORM FOR ACADEMICIANS, LEGAL PROFESSIONALS, LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS, AND STUDENTS TO ENGAGE IN MEANINGFUL DISCUSSIONS AND EXPLORE INNOVATIVE SOLUTIONS TO CONTEMPORARY CHALLENGES IN THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM. THE CENTRE PLAYS A SIGNIFICANT ROLE IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF LEGAL EDUCATION SINCE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE SAME HAS BEEN MANDATED BY THE UNIVERSITIES GRANTS COMMISSION ITSELF.

ABOUT PROJECT VALOUR

PROJECT VALOUR: 1ST NATIONAL TRIAL ADVOCACY COMPETITION BY CCFS, HPNLU IS A FLAGSHIP INITIATIVE OF THE CENTRE FOR CRIMINOLOGY AND FORENSIC STUDIES, DESIGNED TO SIMULATE THE EXPERIENCE OF A CRIMINAL TRIAL WITH PRECISION AND REALISM. THIS EVENT OFFERS LAW STUDENTS A PLATFORM TO STEP INTO THE ROLES OF TRIAL LAWYERS—DEVELOPING CASE THEORIES, EXAMINING WITNESSES, AND APPLYING PROCEDURAL AND SUBSTANTIVE CRIMINAL LAW IN A DYNAMIC COURTROOM SETTING.

STRUCTURED AROUND THE INDIAN ADVERSARIAL SYSTEM, PROJECT VALOUR FOCUSES ON THE HOLISTIC DEVELOPMENT OF ADVOCACY SKILLS, INCLUDING STRATEGIC THINKING, COURTROOM ETIQUETTE, AND LEGAL REASONING. PARTICIPANTS WILL ARGUE FICTIONAL CRIMINAL CASES BASED ON METICULOUSLY CRAFTED PROPOSITIONS, GAINING INVALUABLE INSIGHTS INTO TRIAL-STAGE LITIGATION.

AS ONE OF THE CENTRE'S PIONEERING PROJECTS, PROJECT VALOUR REFLECTS HPNLU'S COMMITMENT TO FOSTERING EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING AND ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE IN THE FIELD OF CRIMINAL LAW. BEYOND THE COURTROOM BATTLES, IT ALSO SERVES AS A SPACE FOR COLLABORATION AND NETWORKING AMONG STUDENTS, LEGAL PRACTITIONERS, ACADEMICS, AND MEMBERS OF THE JUDICIARY.

WITH AN EMPHASIS ON REALISM, RIGOUR, AND RELEVANCE, PROJECT VALOUR AIMS TO CONTRIBUTE MEANINGFULLY TO THE EVOLVING LANDSCAPE OF TRIAL ADVOCACY IN INDIA.

AIM AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT VALOUR

PROJECT VALOUR: 1ST NATIONAL TRIAL ADVOCACY COMPETITION IS CONCEIVED WITH THE VISION OF FOSTERING A DEEPER ENGAGEMENT WITH THE PRACTICE OF CRIMINAL LAW BY IMMERSING STUDENTS IN THE COURTROOM EXPERIENCE. IT AIMS TO BRIDGE THE GAP BETWEEN THEORETICAL LEGAL EDUCATION AND PRACTICAL LITIGATION SKILLS THROUGH A REALISTIC SIMULATION OF TRIAL-STAGE PROCEEDINGS.

THE PURPOSE OF PROJECT VALOUR IS TO:

- **PROVIDE LAW STUDENTS WITH A PLATFORM TO DEVELOP AND SHOWCASE CORE LITIGATION SKILLS SUCH AS EXAMINATION-IN-CHIEF, CROSS-EXAMINATION, FRAMING OF ARGUMENTS, AND THE ARTICULATION OF CASE THEORIES**
- **PROMOTE A NUANCED UNDERSTANDING OF PROCEDURAL AND SUBSTANTIVE CRIMINAL LAW THROUGH HANDS-ON PARTICIPATION.**
- **ENCOURAGE CRITICAL THINKING, STRATEGIC ADVOCACY, AND ETHICAL COURTROOM CONDUCT AMONG FUTURE LEGAL PROFESSIONALS.**
- **CREATE OPPORTUNITIES FOR INTERACTION BETWEEN STUDENTS, EXPERIENCED LITIGATORS, ACADEMICIANS, AND MEMBERS OF THE JUDICIARY, THEREBY CONTRIBUTING TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF A MORE PRACTICE-READY LEGAL COMMUNITY.**

THROUGH PROJECT VALOUR, HPNLU'S CENTRE FOR CRIMINOLOGY AND FORENSIC STUDIES SEEKS TO NURTURE A CULTURE OF EXCELLENCE IN CRIMINAL LITIGATION AND CONTRIBUTE MEANINGFULLY TO THE EVOLVING ECOSYSTEM OF TRIAL ADVOCACY IN INDIA.

QUICK ACCESS PANEL



SLOT RESERVATION



REGISTRATION



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PROPOSITION

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