Report of the Events Organised During the Vigilance Awareness Week (सतर्क भारत समृद्ध भारत) observed at the Himachal Pradesh National Law University, Shimla (27th of October-2nd of November, 2020)

As per the directions of the Central Vigilance Commission, Government of India (CVC) and the University Grants Commission (UGC), the seven-day long **Vigilance Awareness Week** (सतर्क भारत समृद्ध भारत) was successfully organised by our University. The week was witness to a number of special events- a report of which is presented below:

INAUGURATION

Professor Dr Nishtha Jaswal, Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, HPNLU, Shimla, inaugurated the observance of the Vigilance Awareness Week on the 27th of October at 11 a.m. in the University Seminar Hall. Professor S S Jaswal, Registrar of the University, administered the Organisation's Integrity Pledge to the members of Faculty and Administrative Staff. Dr Amit Chaturvedi, Convener, University Activity Monitoring Cell of the University administered the Integrity Pledge to all present in the capacity of individual citizens. About One hundred and fifty individuals (members of the staff and students) signed the online Integrity Pledge and submitted them for the University Records.

SPECIAL LECTURE

 At 4:00 p.m., on the 28th of October, Dr Hari Chand, Assistant Professor of Economics, Himachal Pradesh National Law University, Shimla delivered an impactful and informative special lecture to students and staff members of the University. The title of the lecture was "Corruption and Its Impacts on Country's Economy".

SLOGAN WRITING CONTEST

A **Slogan Writing Contest** was announced for the Teaching and Administrative Staff on the 29th of November, 2020 in which an overwhelming response was recorded. The results of the

Contest were announced by the **esteemed Vice-Chancellor** in the Concluding Session of the Week. We thank her for the constant, unending guidance andher gracious presence at the events.

OTHER SPECIAL LECTURES

- 1. Dr Ruchi Sapahia, Associate Professor of Law, Himachal Pradesh National Law University, delivered another special lecture to students and members of the staff at 4:00 p.m. on the 30th of October, 2020. Dr Sapahia presented a very handy and yet elaborate elucidation of "The Main Provisions Contained in the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988".
- 2. The 2nd of November was marked by the University fraternity benefitting from another extremely sincere elucidation of "Corruption in Public Institutions: Causes and Concerns" by Dr Girjesh Shukla, Associate Professor of Law and Dean Academic Affairs, HPNLU, Shimla.

CONCLUDING SESSION

In the concluding session of the Vigilance Awareness Week, the Vice-Chancellor was presented with printed copies of the Organisation's and the Citizen's Integrity Pledge Certificates by the Registrar and Dr Praveen Kumar respectively. Printed Certificates were then presented to all other members by our esteemed Vice-Chancellor. The Week in its concluding session saw the members of the audience standing up together for the National Anthem. A group photograph was taken to commemorate the event.

A video capturing the highlights of the week was created and was uploaded on Youtube and was shared on social media platforms such as Twitter.

For watching the video please click the following link:

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RESULTS OF THE SLOGAN WRITING CONTEST

WINNERS FROM THE FACULTY

 Dr Ved Prakash Sharma, Assistant Professor of Political Science, HPNLU, Shimla (First Prize) for his entries that read:

"भ्रष्टाचार को जड़ से मिटाना हैं, हमे ये अभियान चलाना हैं।

जहां जहां भ्रष्टाचार होगा, लोकतंत्र पर कड़ा प्रहार होगा"

2. Dr Chandreshwari Minhas, Assistant Professor of Law (Second Prize) for her entry that read:

"I Prefer Need Over Greed"

WINNERS FROM THE ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF

1. Mr Raveen Kumar, Clerk (First Prize) for his entry that read:

"रिश्वत की छोडो अब आस

मेहनत के पैसों से होता खुद पर विश्वास"

2. Ms Deepika Thakur, Clerk (Second Prize) for her entry that read:

"भ्रष्टाचार दुःख का कारण है

दंड ही इसका निवारण है"

GRATITUDE

Himachal Pradesh National Law University is extremely grateful to the Central Vigilance Commission and to the University Grants Commission, New Delhi for letting the University about the Vigilance Awareness Week 2020. As a premier institution committed to high-quality legal education in the country, we hope that we will be in collaboration with each other for organising more such events in the future.

The Vice-Chancellor of the University, Professor Nishtha Jaswal expresses her deep sense of commitment to the cause of integrity in public life and hopes that the Government of India will go all the way in supporting HPNLU, Shimla in its fight against corruption and instances of malpractices in public dealings. As a fledgeling institution in its stage of infancy, we need support and encouragement from the Government. We are all in it together! Thanks!