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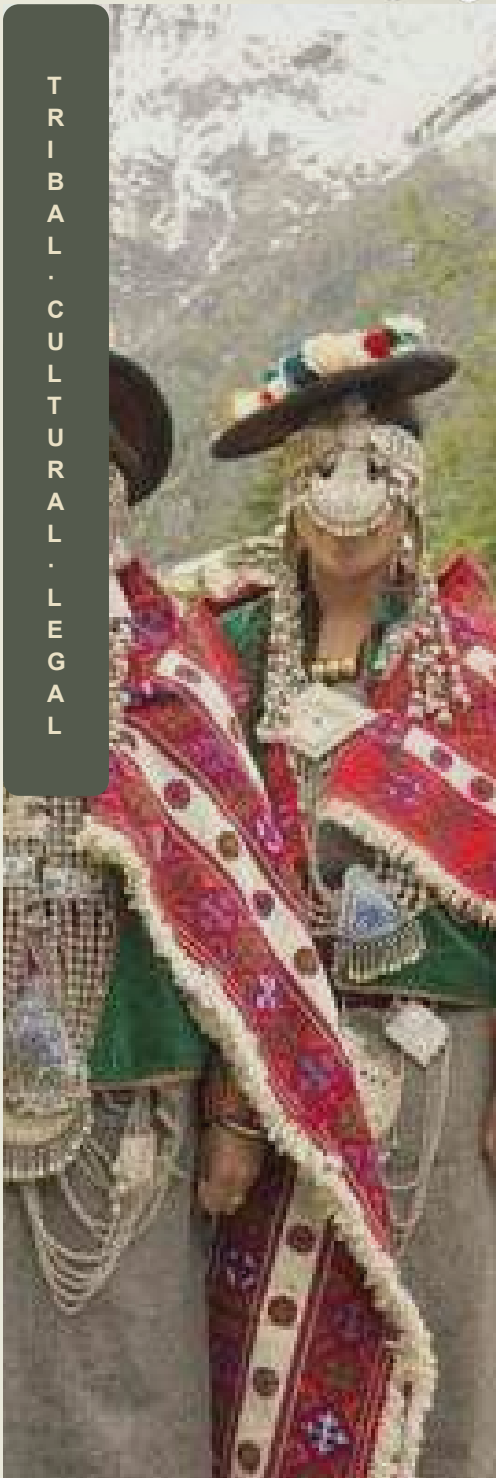
About HPNLU

The Himachal Pradesh National Law University (HPNLU), Shimla, was established by the State Government in 2016 through Act 16 of 2016 and began functioning on October 5, 2016. Admissions to its Undergraduate programmes—B.A.LL.B. and B.B.A.LL.B. (Five-Year Integrated Courses)—and its one-year LL.M. Postgraduate programme are conducted through the Common Law Admission Test.

Situated in the Himalayan foothills, HPNLU provides an enriching environment for legal education, combining academic rigor with practical and interdisciplinary learning.



“Academic rigor, practical learning and an interdisciplinary environment.”



CTCS

Centre for Tribal and Cultural Studies

Humanity is defined by its immense diversity, visible not only in physical traits or social practices but deeply rooted in cultures, traditions, languages, belief systems and ways of life.

Tribal and indigenous cultures hold a distinctive place, representing ancient knowledge systems, ecological wisdom and community-based traditions that shape the nation's heritage.

Yet these cultures remain underrepresented and vulnerable, facing diminishing traditional practices, displacement due to development projects and structural inequalities.

CTCS works to foster **research, dialogue, advocacy and capacity-building** on tribal rights and cultural preservation.



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- *The competition is open to all, and the article must be submitted virtually in English.*

THEMES

- 01 **Tribal Traditional Knowledge and Intellectual Property Rights: Protection, Ownership and Benefit Sharing**
- 02 **Tribal Displacement and Development: Reconciling Land Acquisition, Rehabilitation and Community Rights**
- 03 **Tribal Autonomy and Self-Governance: Reimagining the Fifth and Sixth Schedules in Contemporary India**

AUTHORSHIP

Participation may be individual or in co-authorship with up to two authors. Each participant/team may submit only one article.

ORIGINALITY

The article must be original, unpublished, and not under consideration elsewhere.

GUIDELINES

01.

WORD LIMIT

1200–1500 words, excluding footnotes, title, and bibliography.

02.

Formatting

- Font: Times New Roman, 12-point
- Headings: 14-point, bold
- Footnotes: Times New Roman, 10-point
- Line Spacing: 1.5
- Footnotes: Single spacing
- Alignment: Justified
- Margins: 1 inch on all sides
- Paper Size: A4
- File Format: Microsoft Word (.doc/.docx)

03.

PLAGIARISM

Articles with a similarity index above 10% may be rejected.

04.

CERTIFICATES

Every participant will be given a “Certificate of Participation”, provided that the registration fees have been paid.

05.

AI- REPORT

AI-generated content must not exceed 20% of the submission.

06.

CITATION STYLE

Footnotes must follow Chicago citation style.

07.

ANONYMITY

The Article must not contain the author(s) name, institutional affiliation, contact details, institutional logo, acknowledgements, or any other information that may reveal their identity.

08.

DISQUALIFICATION

Non-compliance with the prescribed word limit, formatting, citation, originality, anonymity, or submission requirements may result in rejection or disqualification.

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09.

EVALUATION

Articles shall be evaluated on the basis of:

- Originality, Quality of Research
- Depth of Analysis and Logical Reasoning
- Engagement with Contemporary Developments
- Clarity, Structure and Coherence
- Language and Presentation
- Referencing and Citations

10.

ORGANISING COMMITTEE

- The organising committee reserves the right to interpret, modify, or enforce these guidelines.
- In case of any dispute or ambiguity, the decision of CTCS, HPNLU and the organising committee shall be final and binding.
- Submission of an article shall be deemed to constitute acceptance of these guidelines.

11.

REGISTRATION PROCESS

- Registration must be completed via the registration link.
- Registration fee (non-refundable) for each participant:
- Single Authorship: ₹350
- Co-Authorship (Maximum of Two Authors): ₹500

12.

SUBMISSION PROCESS

- Registered participants may submit their Articles virtually via the submission form by 12th October 2026.
- Late submissions may not be considered. Also, any submission made via email will not be considered.
- The article must be submitted online through the submission link provided within the prescribed deadline.

13.

REGISTRATION LINK

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfXbwj5WqFsdY9bimpOJMKRsQhaOYBfpP2yx3buJfxqIhRBRw/viewform?usp=preview>

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