



YOUTH RED CROSS

Himachal Pradesh National Law University, Shimla

A NATIONAL YOUTH FESTIVAL & CONCLAVE

SWASTHYA MANTHAN

2026

"Harnessing Youth Leadership for a Healthier Tomorrow"



DATES

September 12–13, 2026



VENUE

HPNLU, Shimla

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ABOUT THE HOST

HIMACHAL PRADESH NATIONAL LAW UNIVERSITY, SHIMLA

Himachal Pradesh National Law University (HPNLU), Shimla was established in 2016 under the Himachal Pradesh National Law University Act, 2016, and commenced its academic operations on October 5, 2016 as the 20th National Law University in India. Set amidst the Himalayan landscape of Shimla, the University has, within a short span, built a reputation for interdisciplinary and practice-oriented legal education.

HPNLU offers a five-year integrated undergraduate programme (B.A. LL.B. (Hons.) and B.B.A. LL.B. (Hons.)), a one-year LL.M. programme with specialisations in Constitutional Law, Criminal Law & Forensic Studies, Business Law, and Intellectual Property Rights, and doctoral (Ph.D.) research in law. The University is presently led by its Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, Prof. (Dr.) Priti Saxena. Under her able guidance, the University continues to strengthen its research and outreach footprint through student-led initiatives such as the Youth Red Cross and the NCC Unit.

“As a law university, HPNLU offers a distinctive platform to engage with public-health themes through the lens of legal rights, social justice, and public policy, letting student delegates connect legal understanding with humanitarian action.”

ABOUT THE ORGANISER

YOUTH RED CROSS, HPNLU SHIMLA

The Youth Red Cross Society at Himachal Pradesh National Law University, Shimla, was established in April 2025 as a voluntary, student-driven platform dedicated to fostering a spirit of service, compassion, and social responsibility. Aligned with the fundamental principles of the Indian Red Cross Society and the global Red Cross, the Society aims to inspire young individuals to contribute meaningfully to humanitarian causes.

It seeks to empower students through awareness-building, capacity development, and community outreach activities focused on health, disaster response, and social welfare. By cultivating leadership and civic engagement, the Youth Red Cross Society aspires to nurture responsible citizens who are sensitive to the needs of society.

Goals and Objectives

Health, friendship, and service form the guiding principles of the Youth Red Cross (YRC) Society inspiring young people to care for their own well-being, build bonds of unity across communities, and dedicate themselves to selfless service for humanity. It encourages voluntary and safe blood donation, provides essential first aid training to students, and emergency response and promotes disaster preparedness and risk reduction. The Society also engages students in community service and outreach activities while fostering leadership, empathy, unity, non-discrimination, and humanitarian values in accordance with the Seven Fundamental Principles of the Red Cross Movement.

ABOUT THE ORGANISER

YRC, HPNLU AT A GLANCE



BLOOD DONATION CAMP



**TRAINING CAMP FOR BOYS
AT KURUKSHETRA**



**MENSTRUAL AWARENESS
CAMP**



PLANTATION DRIVE

ABOUT THE FESTIVAL

Youth Leadership, Health & Advocacy

Swasthya Manthan, 2026 is a two-day, national-level youth festival and conclave that brings together student teams, young leaders, healthcare advocates, policymakers, and institutional representatives from across India for a shared mission: ‘advancing HIV/AIDS awareness, reducing stigma and discrimination, and promoting voluntary blood donation’. Aligned with the directives and objectives of the UGC and NACO, the initiative places youth at the forefront of health advocacy, encouraging informed conversations, social responsibility, and collective action.

Blending performing arts, media, policy, innovation, and enterprise with meaningful academic and institutional discourse, the conclave provides a dynamic platform for creativity, competition, and collaboration. Through diverse events, keynote sessions, panel discussions, and interactions with healthcare experts and policymakers, Swasthya Manthan, 2026 aims to transform awareness into action, foster leadership and humanitarian values, and build a stronger, more informed youth movement for public health and social change.

“By encouraging students to translate legal understanding into humanitarian action, the festival reflects the Red Cross principles of Humanity, Voluntary Service, Unity and Universality.”

EVENT OVERVIEW

At a Glance



DATES

September 12–13, 2026



VENUE

Himachal Pradesh National Law University, Shimla



CONTINGENT SIZE

Max. 7 students per team



REGISTRATION FEE

₹4,999 per team (all-inclusive, including GST)

Day 1 unfolds across five concurrent creative-advocacy competitions and a Cultural Evening; Day 2 turns to intellectual discourse through the Youth Conclave, keynotes and panel discussions.

EVENT OVERVIEW

TIMELINE (Important Dates)

**REGISTRATIONS
OPEN**

30.08.2026

03.09.2026

**Deadline for seeking
CLARIFICATIONS**

**REGISTRATIONS
CLOSE**

05.09.2026

12.09.2026

**DAY 1: CREATIVE
ADVOCACY**

**DAY 2: YOUTH
CONCLAVE**

13.09.2026

13.09.2026

**VALEDICTORY
CEREMONY**

REGISTRATION

Eligibility & Contingent Guidelines

- **Eligibility:** Open to all recognised colleges, universities, Youth Red Cross teams and Rotaract Clubs across India. Each institution shall register as a single team representing their respective institution.
- **Contingent:** Each participating institution shall field one contingent of **up to 7 (seven) students**. Participation in all competitions is mandatory. Competitions will run simultaneously therefore, atleast one person from their respective contingent shall participate in each competition.
- **Registration Fee: ₹4,999 (incl. GST) per team**, payable at the time of confirmation, inclusive of participation across all competitions, delegate kits, and accommodation, and meals for 2 days.
- **Mode of Registration:** Through the online registration form attached in this brochure.
- **Team Flexibility:** Institutions are encouraged, though not required, to field the same contingent across multiple competitions to maximise participation within the contingent cap.
- **Rule Book:** A detailed rule book, including competition-specific guidelines and a code of conduct is hyperlinked in the same brochure.
- The contingent shall bring along a **physical copy of the undertaking** of their respective institutions submitted during the registration process.
- **Dress Code:** All participants are kindly requested to adhere to formal attire (either Indian or Western) on both days of the event.

Disclaimer: No contingent can leave any competition. Participation in each competition is mandatory to be eligible for the overall best contingent award. Please reach out to the Organising Committee using the contact details given at the end of this brochure. Interested institutions are encouraged to confirm participation at the earliest.

LOGISTICS

Stay, Travel & Payment

Accommodation

Accommodation to all the participants shall be provided from September 11th, 5:00 P.M. to September 13th, 8:00 P.M. The participants are required to check out post the valedictory ceremony. Contingents must vacate their rooms after the conclusion of the Conclave on 13th September 2026.

Accommodation for the night of 13th September will not be provided, and dinner will not be served on this day.

Transport

Transport shall be provided on the evening of September 11, 2026, at 5:00 P.M. from Shimla I.S.B.T. up to the accommodation.

VENUE & LOCATION

Himachal Pradesh National Law University, Shimla,
16 Miles, Shimla–Mandi National Highway,
Ghandal, District Shimla, Himachal Pradesh – 171014.



LOGISTICS

Stay, Travel & Payment

PAYMENT DETAILS: Rs. 4,999 (including GST) per contingent

ACCOUNT DETAILS

**Account Holder Name: Registrar,
HPNLU, Shimla**

Bank Name: State Bank of India

Account No. 38098268952

IFSC Code : SBIN0063954

Branch: Ghandal

Email: accountsoffice@hpnlu.ac.in

REGISTRATION LINK

DAY 1 · CREATIVE ADVOCACY



The Quiz

Blood, Stigma and the Law: Public Health Awareness and the Red Cross Movement.



Oratory Competition

From Law to Campus: Why does HIV/AIDS Prevention and Control Policy Fail at the Point of Implementation Among Youth?



Short Film Making

Beyond the Diagnosis: Stigma, Human Stories, and Compassion in HIV/AIDS & Public Health



Social Startup Pitch

Harnessing Youth Leadership for a Healthier Tomorrow



Policy Drafting

Bridging the Gap: A Comprehensive Policy Framework for Equitable HIV/AIDS Prevention, Healthcare Access and Stigma Reduction Among Youth in India.

Note: Click on the particular event, for their specific official rulebook.

DAY 1 CLOSES WITH

The Cultural Evening



Day 1 will conclude with an informal Cultural Evening, providing delegates with a relaxed, celebratory space after a day of competitive events. The evening is intended to foster cultural exchange among students from across India, complementing the day's health-advocacy theme with an atmosphere of shared festivity.

The evening will feature an open-mic and showcase of talent with music, dance, and performing arts by participating institutions and the organizing committee, along with the felicitation of Day 1 competition winners. A special cultural segment celebrating the folk music, dance, and traditions of Himachal Pradesh, while light entertainment, music, and refreshments create an informal and inclusive setting for delegates, faculty coordinators, and volunteers. Participation is open to each institution's 7-member contingent and will not interfere with the competition schedule.

Open to every member of the contingent · Does not clash with the competition schedule

DAY 2 · INTELLECTUAL DISCOURSE

The Youth Conclave



09:30 – 10:30

Inaugural Session & Keynote Address



10:00 – 12:30

Panel I



13:30 – 16:00

Panel II



16:00 – 17:00

Valedictory & Award Ceremony

TOPICS FOR PANEL DISCUSSION

Panel 1 : "Code, Clause, and Cure: Empowering Youth Leaders to Navigate the Legal Frontiers of Modern Healthcare."

Panel 2: 'Breaking the Silence': Role of Higher Education Institutions in health advocacy, stigma removal.

OFFICIAL RULEBOOK

Note: Participation in the Day-II Panel Discussion is mandatory for all members of every contingent. Attendance will be strictly monitored, and contingents are requested to ensure full compliance.

HONOURABLE GUESTS



Sh. Kavinder Gupta

Hon'ble Governor of Himachal Pradesh



Sh. Anurag Thakur

*Hon'ble Member of Parliament,
Hamirpur, Himachal Pradesh*



Sh. Suresh Kashyap

*Hon'ble Member of Parliament, Shimla,
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*Legal Remembrancer-cum-Principal
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Governor of Himachal Pradesh*



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Mangaldas, Delhi*



Dr. Sachin Sharma

*Associate Professor of Law,
Himachal Pradesh National Law
University, Shimla*

Guests are subject to confirmation of availability closer to the date.

Prizes & Awards



1st Prize — per competition

₹1,100 cash + trophy

Certificate to every participant



Overall Best Contingent

₹11,000 cash + trophy +

One year SCC Online subscription



Every Participant

Participation certificate for all delegates

Winners shall be felicitated at the Valedictory Ceremony on Day 2.

ORGANISING COMMITTEE

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