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Recruitment Notification-5/2026

Hidayatullah National Law University (HNLU), Raipur invites applications for the **HNLU Lawyers Fellowship Programme** under its flagship initiative “विधि सारथी – *Justice Connect*”, aimed at strengthening access to justice and supporting early-career litigators at the district level in Chhattisgarh.

Name of the Position	Litigation Fellow
Monthly Stipend	₹22,000/-
Essential Eligibility Criteria	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Graduate of a three (3) year or five (5) year LL.B. programme with a minimum of 55% marks or equivalent CGPA● Must be enrolled with a State Bar Council and preferably have passed the All-India Bar Examination (AIBE)● Candidates with less than two years of practice and more than five years after graduation are not eligible to apply.● Preference will be given to candidates:<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Actively engaged in litigation practice at the district level- Demonstrating commitment to access to justice and legal aid
Preference	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● First-generation lawyers● Lawyers with experience of two to five years

About the Fellowship Programme

Early-career lawyers, particularly those practicing at the district level, often encounter structural challenges including lack of financial stability, limited mentorship, and inadequate opportunities for professional development. These barriers are especially pronounced for first-generation lawyers, women, and those from marginalized backgrounds.

HNLU Lawyers Fellowship Programme seeks to address these gaps by supporting a cohort of 10 early-career litigators through:

- Structured mentorship by experienced legal practitioners and faculty
- Opportunities to engage in pro bono legal aid, litigation support, and community outreach

The Fellowship aims to build a strong network of committed legal professionals working towards access to justice, rule of law, and community legal empowerment.

Number of Fellowships and Location: A total of 10 Litigation Fellows will be selected, with 2 Litigation Fellows each from the following districts: Raipur, Durg, Rajnandgaon, Bilaspur and Balodabazar

Note: Applicants must either be domiciled in the district concerned or be enrolled as advocates and actively practicing before the Bar in the concerned district.

Duration: The Fellowship will be awarded for a period of 18 months, extendable based on performance

and programme requirements.

Key Responsibilities:

1. Provide pro bono legal assistance to underrepresented and marginalised communities
2. Assist in litigation, drafting, filing, and court procedures
3. Conduct legal awareness and outreach programmes at the grassroots level
4. Engage with District Legal Services Authorities (DLSAs), local bar associations, and institutions
5. Participate in training, workshops, and mentorship sessions under HNLU's programmes
6. Maintain records and submit periodic reports on activities and impact

Important notes:

1. The position is contractual in nature for a maximum period of 18 months and may be terminated in case of non-performance.
2. The University retains the discretion not to make any appointment to this vacancy, to make an appointment at a revised remuneration, or to make an appointment with a modified job description and to fix revised qualification and requirements.
3. The selected candidate will be based at their respective district with periodic travel across districts in the state of Chhattisgarh.
4. Litigation Fellows will be required to work within their assigned districts and will be required to visit HNLU for attending the in-person sessions.
5. The Fellowship may be discontinued at any stage in case of unsatisfactory performance or misconduct.
6. No present employee of HNLU (Teaching/Non-Teaching) is eligible to apply.

General Information:

1. The University reserves the right to modify the number of fellowships, selection criteria, or selection process without prior notice.
2. Canvassing in any form may lead to disqualification.
3. Call letters shall be sent to the shortlisted candidates through email only.
4. Any addendum/corrigendum or updates relating to this recruitment shall be notified only on the University website.
5. In case of any dispute, the jurisdiction shall be Raipur, Chhattisgarh.

How to Apply:

- Applications shall be accepted through online mode only. The application link is available on the University website (www.hnlu.ac.in). Applications submitted through any other mode shall be summarily rejected.
- Candidates will be required to upload:
 - Latest Curriculum Vitae (CV) not exceeding 3 pages in **PDF format only**.
 - Statement of Purpose (max. 500 words) explaining their interest in litigation and commitment to access to justice.
 - Proof of enrolment with the Bar Council.
 - Proof of district domicile or practice (if applicable)
 - Any other relevant supporting documents
- Last date of receipt of applications will be **11th June 2026, 5:00 PM**.
- Candidates are advised to regularly check their registered email ID and visit the University website for further information.
- For any queries, mail to cclslg@hnlu.ac.in

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