

**National
Seminar**

on

**DRUG ABUSE AND
DRUG ADDICTION:
ISSUES AND
CHALLENGES**

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DEPARTMENT OF LAWS, H.P.U., SHIMLA

About Himachal Pradesh University

Himachal Pradesh University was established by an Act of the Legislative Assembly of Himachal Pradesh on 22nd July, 1970 as a response to the needs and aspirations of the Union Territory, poised for full statehood in the Union of India on 25th January, 1971. It is the first multi-faculty residential and affiliating university in the State that provides higher education to urban, rural and tribal areas through formal and distant modes. The headquarters of the University is located at Summer Hill, the picturesque suburb of Shimla. The University has a total area of 241.11 bighas with stately buildings set among rhododendron, silver oak, pine and deodar trees. It affords a salubrious clime and congenial atmosphere for reflection, study and research. The prime objective of the University is to disseminate knowledge, advance learning and understanding through research, training and extension programmes. It instills in its students and teachers a conscious awareness regarding the social and economic needs, cultural ethos, and future requirements of the state and the country. Himachal Pradesh University is a multi-faculty and affiliating University. It stands for knowledge, learning, progress, humanity, tolerance, intellect, morality, determination, thought, and discernment. It is a grade 'A' accredited university by the National Assessment and Accreditation Council. It enjoys the National and International repute.

About Faculty of Law

The Department of Laws came into existence in 1970 when the University was established. Initially it was housed in D.A.V. School, Middle Bazar, Shimla. Later it was shifted to Ava- Lodge, Chaura Maidan where it remained functional for some years. The Department was relocated in the University campus in 1984 and finally shifted to its own building in 1993. Since its inception the department has been actively engaged in imparting legal education, training and legal research benefiting to the students desirous of pursuing their career in law. The Department has a distinction of producing best professionals, statesmen and officers rendering useful service to the Nation. Its alumni include Judges of Supreme Court, High Courts, Union Cabinet Ministers, State Cabinet Ministers, Senior Bureaucrats, Police Officers, Officers of Subordinate Judiciary, Law Officers, Civil Servants and members of the Legal Profession. Law graduates from this Department are serving all over the country in the District Courts, High Courts and Supreme Court.

About the Seminar

Drugs are dangerous substances that often affect the behaviour of an individual negatively. Drug usage has crept into the fabric of many teenage lives in this current era of globalization and technological growth. Drug addiction is one such serious and disastrous problem that has severely trapped the young generation of our country. Even youngsters from low-income families have been discovered to use and become addicted to drugs. Youngsters incorrectly think that abusing drugs and alcohol is a current fashion trend in the twenty-first century. Those who use drugs without being prescribed are endangering their bodies and it affects their natural metabolic processes leading to a long lasting impairment in the life of the drug addict. The Drug abuse in the young population of Himachal Pradesh is a serious and pressing issue and the society needs to stand against it to save the future generations. The abuse of drugs is a complicated problem with numerous aspects that may cause adverse impact on people, their families, and the community collectively.

Keeping these facts and issues in mind an attempt shall be made to bring the academicians, judges, police personnel, advocates, and researchers at one platform to share their expertise and valuable information on the various issues and challenges of drug abuse and drug addiction. An effort shall also be made to aware the younger generation about the various health hazardous of drug abuse and what best strategies can be adopted by civil society and educational institutes to overcome this menace.

Objectives of the Seminar

- To provide comprehensive education and increase students' awareness of the dangers and consequences of drug abuse.
- To provide accurate information about different types of drugs, their physical, psychological, and social consequences on individuals, their families, and the community and their legal status.
- To help participants recognize the factors that increase vulnerability to drug use and identify early warning signs in themselves and others.

- To enhance students' resilience and coping mechanisms to deal with stress, peer pressure, and life challenges without resorting to drugs.
- To provide information on where to find help, including local treatment centres, counselling services, and support helplines.
- To motivate students and other attendees to become volunteers for anti-drug activities, promoting a sense of collective responsibility.
- To create a platform for stakeholders, including non-governmental organizations, governmental agencies, and healthcare providers, to share resources and best practices.

Call for Papers

Academicians, professionals, research scholars, students and members of civil society are hereby invited to contribute papers for the National Seminar on **“Drug Abuse and Drug Addiction: Issues and Challenges”**. The contributions may be forwarded in both soft and hard copies according to the schedule provided hereunder. However, the prior registration would be necessary so as to ensure proper arrangement in the seminar as a whole. No TA/DA shall be provided by the University and therefore, the participants should obtain the same from their respective institutions. Soft copy of abstract and papers may kindly be forwarded as per the schedule attached.

Sub Themes

1. Evolution of Drug Abuse and Addiction Trends
2. Drug Abuse: Patterns and Behaviours
3. Chronic Nature of Drugs and Dependency
4. Drugs Statistics and Trends
5. Health Effects: Physical and Mental
6. Social and Economic Impact
7. Work Place Issues
8. Medical Treatment and their Effectiveness
9. Therapeutic Approaches

10. Health Care Access: Availability of Services, Affordability and Quality
11. Relapse Prevention and Ongoing Support
12. Preventive Strategies: Educational Programmes and Community Initiatives
13. Efficacy of Existing Laws and Regulations

Brief Guidelines for Abstract Submission

Abstract submission must be strictly in MS Word format only. (Submission made in any other format shall not be considered)

1. The MS Word file must mention the details in this order:

- Title of the Paper
- Name of the Author and Co-author (if any)
- Designation
- Affiliation
- Contact details of Author and Co-author (e-mail IDs/ contact or mobile numbers etc.
- Abstract

2. Co-authorship is limited to the maximum of two authors.

3. Abstract shall not exceed more than 250-300 words including keywords (maximum 4). Author(s) names, designation and their affiliations are not included.

4. All submissions must be in Times New Roman, font size 12, justified and with 1.5 line spacing.

Brief Guidelines for Full Paper Submission

1. Full paper must be accompanied by a Cover page which must include following details:

- Title of the Paper
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 - Affiliation
 - Contact details of Author and Co-author (e-mail ids/contact or mobile numbers etc.)
2. Co-authorship is limited to the maximum of **two** authors
 3. All submissions must be in Times New Roman, font size 12, justified and with 1.5 line spacing, Paper size: A4 Sheet with margin of 1 cm
 4. Paper should be original and unpublished work of the author(s) and any form of plagiarism is strictly prohibited.
 5. Plagiarism criteria: 10 percent, excluding footnotes and bibliography.
 6. The word limit of the full paper should not be more than 3000 words.
 7. The author(s) must give a declaration of the originality of the work. The UGC Anti- plagiarism guidelines shall be adhered. Author(s) shall solely be responsible for the accuracy of statements, opinion and view presented in the paper.

Important Dates

Last Date for Abstract Submission: 10th November, 2025

Abstract Acceptance Intimation: 12th November, 2025

Last Date for Full Paper Submission: 13th November, 2025

Last Date for Registration and Fee Payment: 10th November, 2025

NOTE: The registered participants paying the requisite fees only shall be allowed to present their papers in the seminar. Papers received after stipulated deadline shall not be entertained for participation in seminar. Paper presenters are requested to kindly specify their mode of presentation in seminar as offline / online mode.

Registration Fees

Students/ Research Scholars: Rs. 500.00

Academicians/Others: Rs. 1000.00

Co-author(s): Rs.500 for Students/Research Scholars & Rs.1000 for Academicians/Others

Link for Registration Fees:-



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Registration on spot is also allowed.

Accommodation and Travel Arrangements

The Participants are advised to make their own travel and accommodation arrangements.

E-mail for Submission of Abstract and Full Paper

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Link for Online Registration

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