"Dharma Sansthapanartham" (for the sake of establishing the primacy of the laws of eternal values) is the motto of Hidayatullah National Law University, Raipur, established by the Government of Chattisgarh under the Hidayatullah National University of Law, Chattisgarh, Act (Act No.10 of 2003).

HNLU is a Residential University and is sixth in the series of National Law Schools in India. HNLU has been included in the list of the Universities maintained by the University Grants Commission under Section 2(f) of the UGC Act, 1956 and has been declared fit to receive Central assistance in terms of the rules framed under Section 12 (B) of the UGC Act, 1956.

The university is recognized by the Bar Council of India under section 7 of the Advocates Act. Hon'ble Mr. Justice H. L. Dattu, Judge Supreme Court of India is the Visitor of the University, Hon'ble Mr. Justice Yatindra Singh, the Chief Justice of High Court of Chattisgarh is the Chancellor and Prof. (Dr.) Sukh Pal Singh, is the Vice-Chancellor of the University.

The new campus of HNLU is the glorious result of the excellence of human effort and human spirit - simply unputdownable. The Government of Chhattisgarh has been kind enough to allot the required land and give necessary financial assistance for the construction of the new campus.

His Excellency Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam, the President of India laid the Foundation Stone of the permanent building of this University on 28.01.2004, in the presence of His Excellency Lt. Gen. K.M. Seth, the Governor of Chhattisgarh and Hon'ble Dr. Raman Singh, the Chief Minister of Chhattisgarh.

The Government of Chhattisgarh initially allotted a sum of Rs.10.00 Crores in the year 2005-2006, for commencing the construction of the new building. Additional budgetary allocation of Rupees Thirty Crores replenished to meet the total financial requirement for the construction of new Campus.