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### Editor's Desk

#### **Dear Readers**

I am happy to present before you the university newsletter for the month of April 2012. The university saw many Professors and Associate Professors joining as regular faculty members some old, who had joined earlier on deputation or lien, and some new. All the new faculty members who joined belong to different parts of the country giving the university a true national character and hailing from different reputed institutions and universities. This month too witnessed a lot of activity on the academic as well as administrative front.

As part of a regular initiative to give an opportunity to the students and faculty with academics from outside universities CUHP had a visiting Professor from Pennsylvania State University who had an interest in glaciology and its relevance to Himachal Pradesh. The University prepared itself for making fresh admissions in its various courses and came up with the latest Prospectus. CUHP also made preparations for the designing of the Five Year Plan and other academic activities. It held its Academic Council and Executive Council Meetings. With such a



flurry of activities the CUHP is making advances on many fronts to establish itself as a premier institution of its kind in the country.

#### Prof. Sridhar Anandakrishnan of Pennsylvania State University visits CUHP

Prof. Anandakrishnan visited the Central University of Himachal Pradesh on 12th April 2012 on the invitation of the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor to share his research work and deliver lectures for the benefit of the faculty members, research scholars and M.Sc. students of the School of Earth and Environment Sciences.

Prof. T.I. Khan Jamali, Dean, School of Earth and Environment Sciences and Dean School of Life Sciences welcomed Prof. Anandakrishnan and introduced him to the audience. Prof. Anandakrishnan in his first lecture, elaborated different dimensions of his research work and the academic activities at hand at Pennsylvania State University. On 13<sup>th</sup> April he delivered lectures in the School of Earth and Environment Sciences on 'Earth Processes and Glaciology'.

On 14<sup>th</sup> April 2012 Prof. Anandakrishnan spoke on the 'Status and Future of Glaciers in the Himalayas' and possible academic exchange programmes between Central University of Himachal Pradesh and Pennsylvania State University. Both faculty at Central University of Himachal Pradesh and Prof. Anandakrishnan expressed their



Prof. Sridhar Anandakrishnan

keen interest in collaborative research work and optimistically working and exploring the modalities to work in joint collaboration.

Dr. Arlene Plevin at the workshop

### Resume writing workshop by Dr. Arlene Plevin

The students of School of Business and Management Sciences organised a special workshop titled "Resume(s) & Cover Letters" which was aimed at facilitating students write suitable resume(s) and cover letter(s) for seeking jobs in today's

highly competitive world. The workshop was conducted by Dr. Arlene Plevin, Nehru-Fulbright Visiting Faculty in the Dept. of English European Languages.

The workshop was divided into two sessions; one for Resume Writing and the second for Cover Letter(s). In these, the students were educated about different writing skills required for Resume and Cover Letter writing. In total more than fifty students benefitted from the workshop.

### Fourth Meeting of Academic Council held



**Academic Council Meeting** in progress

The 4th Meeting of the Academic Council of the Central University of Himachal Pradesh was held on 9th April, 2012 at 11:30 AM in Seminar Hall-I, India International Centre, 40-Max Mueller Marg, New Delhi.

The Academic Council considered and approved the proposals that the University may reserve one seat for students belonging to the Kashmiri migrants in each programme of studies subject to the fulfillment of minimum eligibility requirements.

The Academic Council also considered and approved the Prospectus for the Academic Session 2012 -13. The 12th Five Year Plan (2012-17) proposals too were presented and the

Academic Council ommended the same to the Executive Council further approval and necessary vetting.

Members of the Academic Council highly appreciated the meticulously prepared 12th Five Year Plan document of the university and placed on record its appreciation for the efforts of the Vice-Chancellor and his team.

#### Seminar on 'Presentation of Self'



Dr. Arlene Plevin **Lecturing on Interview Skills** 

The students of School of **Business and Management** Sciences organised a special lecture titled " Presentation of Self." On this occasion, Prof. Arvind Agrawal, Dean, School of Social Sciences and Dr. Arlene Plevin, Nehru-Fulbright Visiting Faculty in the Dept. of English and

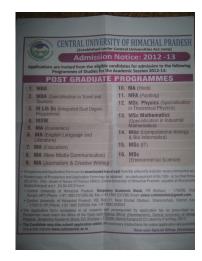
European Languages shared their views. In their address to the students, they deliberated on various interview skills. They emphasised on the importance of suitable dressing for an interview and how one's body language communicates one's personality and demeanour. The lecture was a part of the lecture series that was aimed to groom and develop in the students' self-presentation skills to help them during their corporate life. Prof. Yoginder S. Verma, Coordinator TAB, also made valuable contributions during the discussion.

### University Issues 2012-13 Prospectus

On 24 April, 2012, Central University of Himachal Pradesh invited applications for admission to various post -graduate programmes of studies for the academic session 2012-13. Prospectus was issued in which the eligible candidates could apply for admission in the following programmes of studies: MBA, MBA

(specialisation in Travel and Tourism), M. Lib. Sc. (Integrated Dual Degree Programme), MSW, MA (Economics), MA (English Language and Literature), MA( Education), MA (New Media Communication), MA (Journalism Writing), MA Creative (Hindi), MFA (Painting), MSc Physics (Specialisation

Theoretical Physics), MSc Mathematics (specialisation in Industrial mathematics), M.Sc. (Computational Biology and Bio-Informatics), M.Sc. (IT) and M.Sc. (Environmental Science). To facilitate the aspiring candidates' provision for online receipt of applications was also made.



Admission Notice 2012-13

### New Regular Faculty at CUHP



Prof. Arvind Agrawal Professor & Dean Social Sciences



Dr. Arbind Jha Associate Professor Education



Prof. Inder Vir Malhan Professor & Dean Mathematics, Computers & Information Sciences



Dr. Ashish Pareek Associate Professor **Business and Management Sciences** 



Prof. T.I. Khan Jamali Professor & Dean Earth & Environmental Sciences



Dr. Anupam Sharma Associate Professor **Environmental Sciences** 

### Sixth Meeting of Executive Council held

The 6th Meeting of the Executive Council of the Central University of Himachal Pradesh was held on 10th April, 2001 at 2:00 PM in Committee Room-II. Indian International Centre Annexe, Max Mueller Marg, New Delhi -110 003. The Executive Council considered and approved the proposal regarding Grant of Additional Advance Increments to Professors who were taken on deputation basis in the university as also the recommendations of the Academic Council made in its 4th meeting held on 9th April 2012.

"A leader takes people where they want to go. A great leader takes people where they don't necessarily want to go, but ought to be."

- Rosalynn Carter

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Central University of Himachal Pradesh (CUHP) was established under the Central Universities Act 2009 enacted by the Parliament of India. The University became functional from 20th January 2010 with Professor Furqan Qamar assuming the charge as the first and founder Vice Chancellor of the University

Standing for Inclusive Access and Excellence in Higher Education, it is a multidisciplinary university. The Vision document of the University provides for seventeen different schools with five to six Departments and two to three Centres in each school. Of these eleven Schools and eighteen Departments and two Centres have been made functional

The University has adopted comprehensive choice based credit system which mandates students to accumulate at least 30 percent credits from departments other than those in which they major. This makes all programmes of studies inter-disciplinary and all students study in an interdisciplinary environment. All programmes of studies are based on semester system and the University follows comprehensive continuous internal assessment and Grading System

The University is to have its headquarter in Dharamshala and two distinct campuses located in Dharamshala and Dehra, both in the picturesque Kangra District of Himachal Pradesh. The land for both the campuses have been identified and allotted to the University and proposal for FCA clearance is at the advanced stages of progress. Following which, the land is likely to be transferred to the University and construction of permanent campuses shall begin.

In the Interim, the university has commenced its academic activities from the Temporary Academic Block (TAB) located at Shahpur in the Kangra District. The Headquarter of the University is located at Camp Office at Dharamshala.

### Prof. Sridhar Anandakrishnan – A Brief Profile

Prof. Sridhar Ananadakrishnan obtained his Master of Science in Electrical Engineering from Columbia University in 1983 and PhD in Geophysics from University of Wisconsin—Madison in 1990. He had also served as Assistant Professor in the Department of Geology in University of Alabama from 1999 to 2001. Prior to teaching, he had served at the International Glaciological Society from 1995-1998 as board member.

Prof. Ananadakrishnan is currently on the Board and Chairs in the UNAVCO since 2007. He had been elected as Board and Chair of the NSF Office Advisory Committee (2002-2005). He is currently the Associate Editor for AGU JGR. His special interests include: Glaciology, Ice-stream Migration, time-series investigations, polar regions and Antarctic ice sheet studies and Antarctic Tectonics.

Some of Prof. Ananadakrishnan's published books include: (i) Ice-stream D-flow speed is strongly modulated by the tide beneath the Ross Ice Shelf; (ii) Dilatant till layer near the onset of streaming flow of ice stream C, determined by AVO analysis and (iii) Effect of orbital-scale climate cycling and melt water drainage on ice sheet grounding line migration.

His synergistic activities include: (a) Remote/Autonomous seismic instrumentation development (Anubis and Tamseis seismic projects); Autonomous instruments workshop; Advisor to the Dartmouth Autonomous Geophysical Observatory. (b) Scholarly service: reviews of NSF, NERC, and Italian Antarctic Program proposals; reviews of journal MSS.; council member of IGS. (c) Community service: Chair NSF OPP Office Advis. Cmte; Cmte of Visitors; McMurdo Area Users' Cmte. Education: Taught graduate classes in Seismology, Glaciology; undergrad classes in Intro Geology. (d) Outreach: talks to local schools, community groups; numerous contacts with press; White House OSTP.



Prof. Sridhar Ananadakrishnan