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Dear Readers

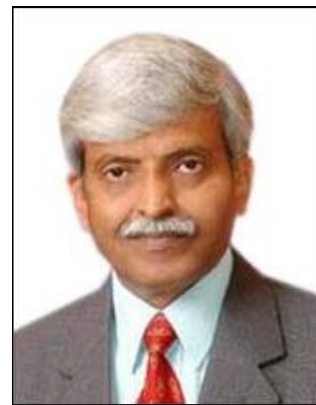
Warm Greetings and wish you all a very Happy New Year.

The year 2012 has been a watershed year for the Central University of Himachal Pradesh since we are laying the foundation for the academic fraternity of the university. Process has been initiated for the recruitment of the regular faculty. In the initial phase Professors and Associate Professors would be appointed who are expected to contribute to the academic growth of the university. The Academic Calendar too has been approved by the Executive Council. A Red Ribbon Club was established in the university which

will mobilize the youth in the fight against HIV/AIDS. The university formally designated its officers to handle the information sought by the public under the RTI Act. The university has received a Fulbright -Nehru Visiting Scholar in the School of Humanities & languages from the US-India Education Foundation (USIEF). A boy's hostel has been established to accommodate students who come from outside.

Hope the new year will usher in new whiff of air with the joining of regular faculty in the university.

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Prof. Arvind Agrawal
Chief Editor

Selections for Regular Faculty

The Central University of Himachal Pradesh, Dharamshala started its functioning with effect from 20th January, 2010. A total of 126 teaching positions were created by the Executive Council with the sanction of UGC. The University had advertised various teaching positions to be filled on regular basis. A Screening Committee was constituted which scrutinized the applications received for the post of Professor and Associate Professor in various disciplines. After scrutinizing the applications the eligible applicants were called to appear before the Selection Committee for personal interviews, which commenced on 30th January 2012.

The criteria and weightage for direct recruitment as recommended by the selection

committee and approved by the Executive Council was that any candidate scoring less than 50% (i.e. less than 30 out of the 60 Marks) in the expert assessment was to be treated as Not Found Suitable for the post. For the post of Associate Professor, Selection Committee Criteria and their Weightage was - Academic Background (20%), Research Performance based on API Score and Quality of Publications (40%), Assessment of Domain Knowledge and Teaching Skills (20%) and Performance in Personal Interview (20%). Similarly for the post of Professor, Academic Background (20%), Research Performance based on API Score and Quality of Publications (40%), Assessment of Domain Knowledge and Teaching Skills (20%) and Performance in Personal Interview (20%).

Red Ribbon Club of CUHP upgraded to Youth Development Center



Members of Red Ribbon Club of CUHP

The training which makes men happiest in themselves also makes them most serviceable to others

John Ruskin

On 4th October 2011 Prof Arvind Agrawal, Dean School of Social Sciences, and Humanities and Languages, formally launched the Red Ribbon Club (RRC) for the youth of the University. On 9th Jan. 2012 this RRC was upgraded to Youth Development Centre (YDC). The YDC is under the National AIDS Control Programme, Department of AIDS Control, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, New Delhi and having an annual budget of INR 55000 which is being allotted to CUHP.

“Youth Development Centre” [YDC] will act as an umbrella platform for RRCs and shall also

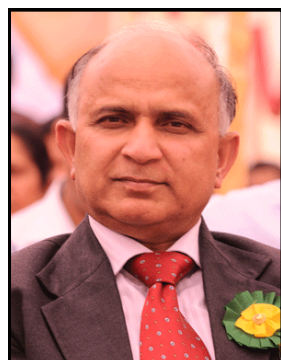
function as Regional Resource Centre which will prove to be a boon for the youth of the region, where the youth will be equipped with skills and knowledge to act as health ambassadors.

Under the YDC, the role will be further enhanced to provide leadership to RRC youth in Colleges and technical institutions in the region by need assessment and need-based skill enhancement for youth. This YDC will also further the cause of a healthy society, academic excellence, field-based experience and personality development of the students.

Academic Calendar for 2012-13 Session Released

Semester	Academic Calendar approved by the Academic Council
Monsoon Semester	1 st August to 22 nd December
Winter Vacations after Monsoon Semester	23 rd December to 6 th January
Spring Semester	7 th January to 15 th June
Summer Vacations after Spring Semester	16 th June to 31 st July

VC Designates CPIO & Appellate Authority



Prof. Y.S. Verma

3rd January 2012:

The Honorable Vice Chancellor, Prof. Furqan Qamar designated Dr. K. D. Lakhanpal, Registrar as the Central Public Information Officer and Prof. Yoginder Singh Verma, Special Officer (Development), as Appellate Authority, in the context of the implementation of the Right to Information Act Central University of Himachal Pradesh. The area of their jurisdiction shall limit to Central University of Himachal Pradesh.



Dr. K.D. Lakhanpal

First Fulbright-Nehru Visiting Lecturer at CUHP

On the request of the US-India Education Foundation (USIEF), the Central University of Himachal Pradesh consented to affiliate Dr. Arlene M. Plevin from the Olympic College, Washington as Fulbright-Nehru Visiting Lecturer in the School of Humanities & languages of the University.

Selected by the US-India Education Foundation (USIEF), Dr. Plevin had desired for the affiliation with the Central University of Himachal Pradesh during the period September 2011—February 2012. However, keeping in view the semester schedule of the University she has now desired for the affiliation during January-June 2012, to which the University has agreed and a fresh

Consent of Affiliation has already been conveyed to the USIEF to facilitate the scholar in obtaining Visa.

During her affiliation, Dr. Arlene Plevin will be involved in short-term teaching assignments in the Department of English & European Languages and the Department of Social Work besides guiding Research Degree students. She will also be simultaneously carrying out her independent research on “(Re)Movable Place and Community: Sustainability in Exile and the Classroom”.

Dr. Plevin’s travel, housing and maintenance expenses shall be borne by USIEF according to the Fulbright-Nehru Grant norms. The University shall provide her office space, access to university academic infrastructure,



Dr. Arlene Plevin

Computer Lab etc. There shall be no financial liability or commitment on the part of the CUHP. The University may, however, facilitate her in making arrangements for her accommodation and if required may have to provide local transport facility to reach the academic block. Prof. Arvind Agrawal, Dean, School of Humanities and Languages coordinated the entire process.

Men’s Hall of Residence becomes functional

January 7: The University hired a furnished building at Kangra to be used as Men’s Hostel. The hostel has provision to accommodate 110 students and is equipped with all the required modern facilities. The building is located in beautiful and serene environment which is ideal for pursuing serious studies and research.

Facilities for both indoor

and outdoor games like table tennis, badminton, volleyball, and a fully equipped gymnasium are being developed.

It also has internet facility. It is proposed that the students shall run the mess of the hostel on cooperative basis having liberty to decide menu of their own choice. The university will provide transport facility from hostel to TAB Shahpur.



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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.

Guest Profile — Dr. Arlene Plevin

Dr. Arlene Plevin earned her Ph.D. in English from the University of Washington with focus on writing theory and eco-criticism. She received a M.F.A. in poetry from the University of Iowa's Writers' Workshop. In 2002, she was awarded a Fulbright Lecturer position in Taiwan and taught eco-criticism and writing at Tamkang University in Taipei. Her essays on eco-composition, environmental justice, eco-criticism and the teaching of writing have been published in collections by SUNY Press, Rutgers University Press, Wayne State University Press, and others. For three years, Dr. Plevin served on the board of the Association for the Study of Literature and Environment (ASLE). She has been a member of "Curriculum for the Bioregion", a Washington State initiative to create writing curriculum on sustainability and was nominated for Washington State Environmental Educator of the Year in 2008. Currently, she is a tenured Professor at Olympic College, where she is on the Sustainability Task Force. Her other academic work includes research on globalization for a college textbook on writing and reading, for which Dr. Plevin composed the Instructor's Manual. Dr. Plevin has received awards and grants for her poetry, including one from the Washington D.C., Commission on the Arts and Humanities. She also received a National Endowment for the Arts Fellowship in Arts Management. Prior to pursuing an academic career, Dr. Plevin was a writer/editor for the National Wildlife Federation and Director of Publications for the League of American Bicyclists. Dr. Plevin's Fulbright-Nehru research "(Re) Movable Place and Community: Sustainability in Exile and the Classroom," focuses on the intersections of Diaspora, displacement, and the teaching of sustainability. Dr. Plevin plans to teach in and near communities formed in exile and more long term communities in order to research how their daily practice, literature, and educational institutions reveal sustainability concepts. How does being uprooted reveal itself in practice and relationship to the land? What could this knowledge offer others seeking to live sustainably? What does local teaching and its tools (literature) suggest about sustainability? Pursuing these questions in an educational setting will further her research in identity-making—and what that means for teaching sustainability.



Dr. Arlene Plevin
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