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Another experienced academician, Prof. H.R. Sharma from Economics joins CUHP. Several workshops were organized for the students and young faculty by inviting experts and experienced professors. To provide Research Scholars of this university a strong grounding on academic writing and ethical codes to be followed in research, a 6-day workshop

was organized. Visitors from the "Art of Living" gave a demonstration on *yogic kriyaen* and the techniques to relieve stress.

The Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, Prof. Furqan Qamar spoke to the students and the faculty at length inspiring them to excel in academics and assuring all of the best of academic & infrastructural support in the days to come.



Prof. Arvind Agrawal
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With best wishes,

arvind agrawal

Professor H.R. Sharma joins CUHP

Professor Hans Raj Sharma joined Central University of Himachal Pradesh on 9th March, 2011 as Head, Department of Economics and Public Policy and Director, Centre for Entrepreneurship and Innovation.

Dr. Sharma specializes in Agricultural Economics and Rural Development, has more than 80 publications and has com-

pleted 7 research projects. He has also been part of 13 International and 20 National seminars/conferences and has been conferred with many awards and honours like National Merit Scholarship for Master's Degree, Govt. of India, Vice Chancellor Appreciation Award, 2002 and Anamitra Saha Prize awarded by Indian Soci-



ety of Agricultural Economics, Mumbai for best paper published in Indian Journal of Agricultural Economics during the year 2006.

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Workshop on Academic Writing and Literary Theory



Commencement of the six days workshop



Lecture on Academic Writing by Prof. Harish Narang



RD Students in session with Prof. Narang

From March 03, 2011 to March 09, 2011, Professor Harish Narang, a retired English Professor from JNU, New Delhi and an eminent scholar in the field of English literature, was on a visit to the Central University of Himachal Pradesh as a guest faculty to the School of Humanities and Languages. He delivered special lectures to the recently admitted students of Ph. D. (English) and also organized a workshop on 'Academic Writing' which was attended by the students of all the disciplines and departments. On the first day of his visit, he made the students of RD Program understand how to prepare a proposal / concept note for organizing a university-level seminar/conference. He also assigned them the task of documenting a concept note on 'Literature, Culture, and Society.' Prof. Narang also distributed an essay on the folk dances in India to all the students present and asked them to summarise it in 200 words of their own.

On the second day, the Prof. Narang delivered a lecture on 'Post-colonialism and Literary Studies in India' to the research students and explained to them how the literary studies in India have not still decolonised themselves as far as the syllabi of the various Indian universities are concerned. On Friday, a workshop was conducted on how to sketch a mind-map on a certain topic asserting its importance in creative as well as formal writing. Prof. Narang showed a mind-map prepared by him to all the students. In the evening session, he asked the students to develop a mind-map on 'global-warming' as an exercise of the workshop. To develop the teaching aptitude of research scholars, the visiting Professor allotted them the task of evaluating

the workshop assignments of the PG students which they performed skilfully and enthusiastically. Dr. Narang resumed his interaction on Monday. In his interaction with the RD students, he made them learn how to prepare an abstract for a scholarly paper and after a discussion on the topic, he assigned the students an exercise of preparing an abstract of the given research paper. He also delivered a lecture on 'Report Writing' and then made the students prepare a feasibility report on the possibility of holding cricket-world-cup matches at Dharamshala cricket stadium. On 8th March, he provided cues to prepare a synopsis for a research article and also made them acquainted with the general proceedings of a national/international seminar. In the first session of the workshop of the day, he delivered an illuminating lecture on 'plagiarism' in research and in the post-lunch session, he explained how to abstain from the legal and ethical crime of plagiarism.

On the last day of his honourable presence at CUHP, Prof. Narang guided the research students to prepare a synopsis for a PhD thesis. In the workshop, he introduced the scholars to the various ways of acknowledgement in research writings and explained the MLA Style methods of parenthetical as well as bibliographical citations in a scholarly paper. With his best wishes to all the students, he bid good-bye. Prof. Narang's enlightening and scholarly visit to the varsity will surely inspire the CUHP community in their academic ventures.

Workshop by the team of Art of Living

The Central University of Himachal Pradesh organized a session by “Art of Living” at its lecture hall on 10th March 2011 at 3 P.M. The members associated with the forum presented a workshop regarding Youth Empowerment, Personality Development & Importance of Yoga. At the first instance, Mr. Santosh gave everybody a glimpse of the requisites of the modern day youth. He talked about zeal, vigour, passion and dedication that the youth must imbibe in them so as to reach their goals. Thereafter, he proceeded to issues regarding concentration & confidence in life. Afterwards, the other members of the group emphasized on the importance of “Yes+ course”, which has revolutionized the lives of

many across the world. They also recommended people to join the proposed course and learn “Sudarshan Kriya” which according to them is the way to build self-confidence & personality. In an effort to draw the attention of students towards the significance of exercises in life, they gave a demonstration on some fair and light exercises that would act as stress-busters. They also informed the students about the “yes+ course” that was going to be organized at Dharamshala. Thereafter, they bid everyone good-bye and an intellectually worthy event thus came to an end.



In a session with the team of Art of Living



Workshop on Stress Management

The students of School of Business and Management Studies, organized a workshop on Stress management on 22nd March 2011. Hon'ble Vice Chancellor accompanied by all the faculty members attended the workshop. The workshop highlighted on the various reasons that lead to stress, its consequences on our lives and the various ways to effectively cope with the same. Some time tested solutions like music therapy and socialization were also suggested by the students in order to reduce and relieve stress.



Ways to manage stress

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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.

First Interaction of Hon'ble Vice Chancellor with RD students

Prof. Furqan Qamar, the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor met for the first time with the first batch of the research scholars of the varsity on 11th March, 2011. The interaction took place in the Conference Hall and was also attended by other senior administrators-cum-academicians of the university. A brief introduction by each student was followed by a lively session of talks focusing on various issues faced by larger academic scenario as well as by new entrants. Prof Qamar greeted the students and drew their attention to the opportunities and responsibilities faced by them in higher education. He told that there is a deficiency of teachers (approx. 0.2 million) in higher educational institutes across the country, and despite this fact there are people who remain unemployed even when they possess requisite qualifications. The reason behind such unemployment is lack of quality in the realm of higher education. This gap between requirement and availability can only be filled by quality higher education and research. Prof Qamar told the students that it is this quality of education and research that CUHP is going to impart and for that RD students must work hard. He also accepted the fact that initially, infrastructure is not as per requirements but these impediments are temporary and will be surmounted as soon as possible. Later the students asked questions regarding hostel and library facilities, faculty recruitment, etc. which were answered by him. Finally, Prof. Qamar wished the students well and asked them to give their best for their career as well as the varsity. Students, in turn, thanked the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor and other delegates for sharing their precious time and valuable inputs.



**Hon'ble Vice Chancellor
Prof. Furqan Qamar**