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## Editor's Desk ....

Dear Reader,

Students of various departments honoured their teachers by celebrating Teachers' Day. It was a heart-warming and emotional experience for all.

For the Dept. of Social Work, a very important milestone was achieved when six of its MSW students were appointed under NRHM making a maiden entry into the NRHM Programme under implementation in the State of Himachal Pradesh.

The School of Travel, Tourism and Hospitality Management celebrated 'Tourism Week'

which is being organized every year. Innovative programmes and competitions were organized within the campus. Sanitation and cleanliness drives were organized in nearby communities to mark an environment friendly Tourism Week.

The School of Journalism, Mass Communication and New Media initiated a new academic venture for its students titled 'Quiz League'.

Students of the Department of Social Work participated in the National Pulse Polio Surveillance programme conducted by WHO as External Monitors. Six stu-

dents also participated in the Summer School held at Jagori, Dharamshala, along with international interns. Other achievements of the university include the visit of Prof. Agrawal to France to deliver a talk in the World Congress on "Sociology of Law & Political Action". Representative of CUHP also won awards on the occasion of Hindi Diwas held at Dharamshala. Best wishes for another activity filled month.

*arvind agrawal*

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## TEACHERS' DAY CELEBRATED

Students of various departments of the Central University of Himachal Pradesh celebrated Teachers' Day on the 5th September 2013, organized to celebrate the birth anniversary of Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan—the great Philosopher and Educationist. The MBA students organized programmes in the presence of the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor who was the Chief Guest

of the occasion.

The day started with the welcome speech by Shilpa Guleria, MBA 3<sup>rd</sup> Semester followed by a beautiful poem recited by Sakshi Dhanaik, MBA 1<sup>st</sup> Semester. Shubhrat Sharma and Isha Negi acted as the Master of Ceremonies. All the Deans and faculty members of SBMS were present in the programme.

The function started with welcoming worthy guests by presenting them with flowers and greetings. As part of entertainment for teachers and students, Shivam Puri (MBA 3<sup>rd</sup>) and Shagun Sood (MBA 3<sup>rd</sup>) hosted the Antakshri programme which was organized for the teachers. A group dance was performed by the MBA's 1<sup>st</sup> Semester students while

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## TEACHERS' DAY CELEBRATED

Shubham Gupta performed a Solo dance. The Hon'ble Vice Chancellor gave blessings to the students and delivered a speech to inspire one and all. A vote of thanks was offered by Anita Rana of MBA 3<sup>rd</sup> semester. The function ended with cutting of a cake followed by light refreshments. It was really a good effort by the students and they made it special for all the teachers as well.



*Guru Govind dou khade kake lagu paya  
Balihari Guru aapne Govind diyo batay*

- Sant Kabir



**A Painting by Wasi-Ur Rahman, an MSW Student  
dedicated to Teachers**



**Dept. of Travel & Tourism celebrating Teachers' Day**

## TEACHERS' DAY CELEBRATED IN FULL COLOURS

## MSW Students make Maiden Entry into NRHM

It was a major achievement for the Department of Social Work at CUHP when 6 (six) of its Alumni made maiden entry into the National Rural Health Mission (NRHM) under implementation in Himachal Pradesh as **Medical Social Workers**. Four of the students belonged to the 2012 batch while the rest from 2013 batch. In fact one of them topped the merit list. The selections were based on written tests and interview. It is a proud moment for the entire CUHP community. The following students who got appointed have been listed in the order of merit:

1. Ms. Bandhu (2012 Batch) - **First Rank**
2. Mr. Asheet Parihar (2012 Batch) - **Fourth Rank**
3. Ms. Ruby Sharma (2013 Batch) - **Fifth Rank**
4. Ms. Meenakshi Mehta (2012 Batch) - **Sixth Rank**
5. Ms. Anjali Thakur (2012 Batch) - **Ninth Rank**
6. Mr. Hoshiar Singh (2013 Batch)

Two more students were also placed in the waiting list for appointment, in case of further vacancies.

It may be noted that the students of the Department of Social Work during the course of their professional

training are provided with ample opportunities to gain practical experience in the field of health, women & child development, drug de-addiction as also in various other sectors related to rural and social development. As part of theory, the Master of Social Work programme consists of two courses related to health and mental health which give strong foundation to the budding social work professionals.

Most of the students belonging to the first, second and third batches also got an opportunity to participate in the **National Pulse Polio Surveillance Programme** conducted in Himachal Pradesh to help in ensuring proper and effective implementation. Students were deployed in most of the districts of H.P. viz. Una, Solan, Kangra, Mandi, Bilaspur, Sirmour, Shimla, Hamirpur, Bilaspur and Chamba, as "External Monitors" to verify and crosscheck the effectiveness of the polio vaccination rounds. Such experiences in the field of health have helped the students to succeed in the interviews held by NRHM. Some of the students also opt for undertaking research in the field of health as part of their curriculum.

## Quiz League organised by the School of Journalism, Mass Communication and New Media

"An investment in knowledge pays the best interest." These words of Benjamin Franklin motivate many generations of the world. The best way of acquiring knowledge is sharing with each other. In an effort to bring different minds together and share Knowledge, School of Mass Communications organized a Quiz League in the university Campus on 27<sup>th</sup> September. Quiz league in-

cluded five teams named University Challengers, The Back Benchers, Rising stars, Himachali Jaguars and The Black Panthers. Various questions from national, international issues, and socio economic issues were asked by host Aman Gupta, a student of New Media who put a lot of effort in designing the questionnaire for the participants.

Other than participants and students, University faculty also participated with full interest in the event. The quiz included four rounds and elimination of each team after a single round. To keep active participation of audiences in the event, it also included a question for audience after every round. The back benchers were the undisputed winners of the event who were awarded

prizes by Dr. Rabidranath Manukonda and Dr. Pardeep Nair. Both of them encouraged the efforts of the students and motivated students to keep up the momentum of initiatives.



## TOURISM WEEK CELEBRATED BY THE TOURISM SOCIETY



The Tourism Society of Central University of Himachal Pradesh Dharamshala celebrated Tourism Week (20-27 September 2013). The theme of World Tourism Day 2013 was **"TOURISM AND WATER"** protecting common future.

This was a combined effort of students and faculty members of the School of Travel, Tourism and Hospitality Management who organized various events based on the theme.

The Inaugural Function of Tourism Week was held on 20<sup>th</sup> September and Prof. Yoginder S. Verma inaugurated the function. Students of the university, hailing from various departments, showed their talent in events that were held on the occasion. Events & competitions organized were Collage-making, Photo Caption and Rangoli.

A cleanliness drive was organized on 21st September. Tree Plantation was done by the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor of Central Uni-

versity of Himachal Pradesh on 23rd September and a declamation competition was held on the same day.

A workshop on "Home Stay" was also organized by the Tourism Society in which various owners of Home Stays from various places like Kangra, Dharamshala, Palampur and Chamunda took part.

Himachal Inter School Quiz competition and



National Tourism Quiz were also organized in which various schools and colleges participated constituting CSKV Palampur, SSU Palampur, Govt. College, Dharamshala, BIHM Dharamshala, Govt. College Shahpur and Dronacharya College, Rait.

The Valedictory Programme of the Tourism

Week was held on 25th September 2013 in which Prizes were distributed by the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, Prof. Furqan Qamar, and Registrar Dr. Gautam Mukherjee of Central University of Himachal Pradesh.

On 27<sup>th</sup> September 2013 the Tourism Society also organized the "Atithi Samman" programme at various places that included Gaggal Airport, Kangra and Dharamshala Bus Stand. Intra univer-

sity games were also organized like Badminton, Volley ball, and Table tennis in which various students of CUHP participated.

Dr. Suman Sharma, Assistant Professor,

Dept. of Tourism & Travel Management, acted as the Convener of the Tourism Week Programme. Other faculty members who made the programme a success were Dr. Sunderaraman, Mr. Arun Bhatia and Mr. Debasis Sahoo, Assistant Professors in the department.

ACTIVITIES ON THE  
OCCASION OF  
TOURISM WEEK

## Participation of MSW Students in National Pulse Polio Surveillance

Students of the Department of Social Work, for the fifth consecutive time, participated in the the National Pulse Polio Surveillance Programme in Himachal Pradesh as “External Monitors” for ensuring the effective implementation of the National Pulse Polio Campaign. A total of 22 students were selected, who were deployed in various districts viz. Una, Solan, Kangra, Mandi, Bilaspur, Sirmour, Shimla, Hamirpur, Bilaspur and Chamba, as “External Monitors” to cross verify and check the effectiveness of the polio vaccination rounds. The students visited high risk areas such as urban slums, brick kilns, and areas where migrant populations are found. A Training Session was organised

on 17 January, 2013 in the University Seminar Hall to acquaint the participants in filling-up of various formats and the methodology of monitoring the pulse polio programme. Dr. G. P. Dwivedi, Surveillance Medical Officer, Shimla, representing the World Health Organization (WHO) acted as the resource person. This type of collaborative monitoring has twin objectives: the students of the department are exposed to the field of public health that goes hand-in-hand with the field work practicum as also to add value to the Pulse Polio Campaign for the eradication of Polio in India.

## MSW Students attend Summer School at Jagori NGO

Selected students of the Department of Social Work attended a Summer School Camp organised by Jagori—an NGO located at Sidhbari, Dharamshala, from 30th August 2013 to 8th Sept. 2013. This programme was sponsored by the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) and Fachhochschule Frankfurt am Main, University of Applied Sciences, Frankfurt. MSW Students and RD Scholars who took part in the Summer Camp were Mr. Anil Kumar, Mr. Unmesh Mehra, Mr. Mohammad Sajid Khan, Ms. Yang Chan Dolma, and Ms. Bindu Rani, RD Scholar.

The Summer School was also attended by other international students from Kabul University, Afghanistan, Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia, Malaysia and Fach-

hochschule Frankfurt am Main, Frankfurt University of Applied Sciences, Germany.

The program was designed to teach the participants the methodology of qualitative research. Professor Dr. Dagmar Oberlies from Frankfurt University of Applied Sciences, Germany was the supervisor of the program. She coordinated the whole program. The students got to know about Narrative Interview and the different techniques of interpretation of the narrative data. In February 2014, a follow up of this workshop was also decided to be held. It was a great learning experience and cultural sharing between the participants from these four nations.

## HINDI DIWAS OBSERVED

The Central University of Himachal Pradesh celebrated Hindi Diwas on 16<sup>th</sup> September 2013 and Hindi Week from 16<sup>th</sup> September to 20<sup>th</sup> September 2013. The inaugural function was held at the Temporary Academic Block, Shahpur and was presided over by the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, Professor Furqan Qamar. Professor Yoginder S. Verma, Pro-Vice-Chancellor graced the occasion as Guest of Honour. The Deans and HoDs of the University were invited to attend the function as Special Guests. Shri Chandra Kant Singh, Assistant Professor, Department of Hindi & Indian Languages read out the message of Dr. M. Mangapati Pallam Raju, Hon'ble HRM, whereas Dr. Roshan Lal Sharma, Dean, School of Humanities & Languages, CUHP read out the message of Shri Sushil Kumar Shinde, Hon'ble Home Minister. Dr. Gautam Mukherjee, Registrar presented the report highlighting the progress of implementation of Official



Language Hindi in the University.

On Hindi Diwas, a 'Kavya Sangoshti' was also organised in which poets viz. Dr. Om Avasthi, Former Professor (Hindi), GNDU, Amritsar; Dr. Roshan Lal Sharma, Dean, School of Humanities & Languages, CUHP; Shri Pavendra Pawan, Former Principal, Govt. School, Nagrota; Shri Navneet Sharma, Editor, Himachal Pradesh, Dainik Jagran; Dr. Sayema Bano, Assistant Professor, Department of Hindi & Indian Languages, CUHP; Shri Chandra Kant Singh, Asst. Professor, Department of Hindi & Indian Languages, CUHP; Ms. Richa Rana, Alumni, CUHP; and scholars & students of CUHP Ms. Asha Sharma; Mr. Ravi Kumar Gaur; Ms. Asha Kumari; Ms. Shalini Kumari; Ms. Puja Devi and Ms. Asha Sharma recited their Ghazals and meaningful poems on different aspects of life.

Addressing in the Inaugural Function the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Furqan Qamar, stressed that Hindi has no competition with any other languages. The need of the hour is to change our attitude and make the controversy of English versus Hindi a bygone issue. Such initiative shall be beneficial for development of Hindi. He further said that the knowledge of more and more languages shows the mental capability of an individual. However,

we ought to have good knowledge of Hindi too. He suggested to the teachers to make efforts for Hindi version of their books of different disciplines. This effort of teachers shall be very useful for propagation of Hindi in real and practical sense. Prof. Yoginder Verma, Pro-Vice-Chancellor during his speech cautioned the audience not to panic about the condition of Hindi. In actual, the use of Hindi is increasing day by day in every sphere of our life.

During Hindi Week 2013, a number of activities were organized for the staff and students of the University as detailed below:

Date	Programme	Venue
16.09.2013	Hindi Diwas, 2013 Celebrations & Inauguration of Hindi Week 2013	TAB, CUHP, Shahpur
17.09.2013	Workshop on Hindi Noting & Drafting and Competition (05 Prizes)	Camp Office
18.09.2013	Workshop on Hindi Noting & Drafting and Competition (05 Prizes)	Temporary Academic Block, Shahpur
	Extempore Speech in Hindi for Teaching Employees (05 Prizes)	
19.09.2013	Extempore Speech in Hindi for PG Students (10 Prizes)	
	Picture Telling in Hindi for RD Scholars (05 Prizes)	
20.09.2013	Skit by students of Department of Hindi & Indian Languages	
	Prize distribution and Closing Ceremony of Hindi Week 2013	

During closing ceremony of Hindi Week 2013 on 20.09.2013, students of Department of Hindi & Indian Languages played a Skit on importance of Hindi. The function concluded with distribution of thirty-three cash prizes amounting Rs. 32,000/- to the winners by the Chief Guest, Professor Furqan Qamar, Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, CUHP. He congratulated the winners of the competitions. Prof. Yoginder S. Verma, Pro-Vice-Chancellor; Prof. Arvind Agrawal, Dean, SoS; Dr. Roshan Lal Sharma, Dean, SoHL and HoDs, other faculty members and research scholars & students were also present on the occasion.

## Prof. Arvind Agrawal, Dean, School of Social Sciences, delivers Lecture at Toulouse, France

The ISA/RCSL 2013 World Congress on “Sociology of Law & Political Action” was held at Toulouse, France between September 3-6, 2013. Prof. Arvind Agrawal, Dean, School of Social Sciences delivered lecture on “Sociology of Law & Political Action: Analyzing Social Movements in India” in the 4th Plenary Session on 6<sup>th</sup> September 2013.

He also chaired the session of RCSL Working Group - Law and Migration: “Law, Culture Politics and Immigration: French Case study” on 05.09.2013.

Prof. Agrawal was also nominated to coordinate and chair the working Group session on Law & Migration in the forthcoming World Congress 2014 of International Sociology Association at Yokohama, Japan in July 2014. He was also unanimously nominated as one of the three members of the international jury panel to award Adam Podogerecki Award of 2014.



Prof. Arvind Agrawal  
Dean, School of Social Sciences

## CUHP Representatives Receive Awards on the Occasion of Hindi Diwas

Every possible effort is being made to spread use of Official Language Hindi in CUHP and to implement the related provisions and rules notified in this regard. In a very short span of time, substantive progress has been made in this field. A feather in the cap of CUHP was added when Town Official Language Implementation Committee (TOLIC), Dharamshala rated CUHP as second best among Autonomous Organisations of GOI. The prize was received by Dr. Gautam Mukherjee, Registrar, CUHP on Hindi Diwas organised by Town Official Language Implementation Committee, Dharamshala on 09th September 2013.



A poem recitation competition was also held on the occasion for the member offices of TOLIC. It was a moment of pride when all first three prizes were bagged by CUHPians. Dr. Roshan Lal Sharma, Dean, SoHL; Dr. Sayema Bano, Assistant Professor (Hindi) & Shri Chandrakant Singh, Assistant Professor (Hindi) won First, Second and Third Prize respectively.

On this occasion, the students of School of Humanities and Languages presented a skit on importance of Hindi.

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*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, seventeen 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.*

## Social Work Students of CUHP with International Participants at the Summer School



**SUMMER SCHOOL AT  
JAGORI, DHARAMSHALA**



**Prof. Dagmar Oberlies  
with Participants**

