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Dear Reader,

Academic efforts become obsolete when the theoretical knowledge gets compartmentalized from practical application. The month of October saw the University family - both the faculty and the students - getting proactively involved in the praxis dimension of what is learned. Be it the lecture by Mr. Rakesh Kanwar, Director, NRHM or Red Ribbon Club inauguration at

the University; the praxis dimension was getting due importance. The equilibrium of theory and practice in the academic pursuits had been the hallmark of Indian Education System, even from the ancient times. Let us carry forward the legacy that our ancient wise men had gracefully endowed us with.

With best wishes,

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Prof. Arvind Agrawal
Chief Editor

Mr. Rakesh Kanwar Director, NRHM, HP Govt. at SoBMS

On 3rd October, 2011, Mr. Rakesh Kanwar, Director, NRHM, HP Govt. delivered a lecture on the essential qualities required in a management student.

Mr. Kanwar discussed that to be a successful manager one has to be MBA not in thoughts but in action too. He ought to be a complete

package of knowledge, honesty, leadership and team work. He exhorted the students to read books as books are the best friends of a student. During his lecture he shared his life experiences with the students. Prof. Y.S. Verma, Dean, SoBMS extended a deep sense of gratitude to Mr. Kanwar for his visit

and experience sharing. The lecture added to the learning curve of the SBMS students.



Mr. Kanwar delivering
the lecture

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Faculty and Students at the launch of Red Ribbon Club



Prof. Agrawal Donating Blood



Prof. Agrawal Pinning the Red Ribbon to Mr. Shabab Ahmad

Red Ribbon Club Launched with Record Blood Donation

October 4, 2011 marks a great significance for the Department of Social Work as they organised various events in the university campus.

First the Department of Social Work organised a Blood Donation camp in which a total number of 85 donors participated. It was a very special event because this Blood Donation Camp holds the record for the highest number of donors in any blood donation camp organ-

ised by any higher education institution in Kangra district so far.

On the same day Prof. Arvind Agrawal, Dean, School of Social Sciences formally launched the Red Ribbon Club — a club formed with the aim to encourage dialogue among the youth and protect them from HIV. On the occasion Prof. Arvind Agrawal pinned Red Ribbon to Dr. Saurabh Sharma (HoD, Pathology, Dr. RPG Medical College,

Tanda), Dr. R.K Sood (District Aids Programme Officer) and Mr. Shabab Ahmad (Assistant Professor of Social Work).

Later Dr. Saurabh Sharma delivered a lecture on “The Misconceptions about Blood Donation”. He motivated young people to come forward and donate blood and also contribute to the clearing of misconceptions and myths about blood donation.

Workshop on software packages at LIS



Dr. H.P.S. Kalra (right) at the workshop

The Department of Information and Library Sciences organized a Workshop on Joomla and Drupal Content Management on October 4th & 5th, 2011. Library & Information Science students attended this workshop

for both the days. Dr. H.P.S. Kalra, Head, DLIS, Punjabi University, Patiala was the resource Person. Dr. Kalra trained the students to create & manage contents with the help of both these open source content manage-

ment software packages. Prof. Inder Vir Malhan, Dean, Department of Information and Library Sciences thanked Dr. Kalra for his efforts. Prof. Y.S. Verma, Co-ordinator TAB graced the occasion by his presence.

Discursus

The School of Humanities and Languages in collaboration with School of Social Sciences started a weekly forum titled “**Discursus**” on October 19, 2011 in the presence of Professor Arvind Agrawal, Dr. Khem Raj, Assistant Professor and students from different departments. Prof. Arvind Agrawal chaired the first

session of Discursus. The aim to launch the weekly program was to provide a platform to the faculty, research scholars and students to present their ideas, research papers and to provide inter-subjective stimulus. The first speaker of Discursus was Mrs. Shruti Sharma. She presented her speech on

“Foucauldian Perspective in the works of Shakespeare”. Professor Agrawal appreciated the efforts of the students and research scholars who presented their research on different topics. He said that these type of sessions should be organized in the university on regular basis to increase inter-subjective stimulus.

AIDS Awareness Skit by Social Work Students

Under the banner of Red Ribbon Club, students of Social Work Society performed a skit on the theme HIV Prevention at the ‘War Memorial’ at Dharamshala on 18th October 2011. The aim of the play was to sensitize the masses about HIV/AIDS, the stigma associated with it and to create awareness among the people about the cause and prevention of HIV. The event was a great success as many students from other colleges and universities attended the awareness campaign. The event was covered by both electronic as well as print media. Students along with Mr. Shabab Ahmad took pledge for donating blood at least ten times in their whole life span. Students also motivated audiences to come forward and donate blood at regular intervals they also helped people by clearing their doubts over blood donation.



**Red Ribbon Club Team
at the War Memorial**

Book Club Constituted at SoBMS

A Book Club was constituted on 17th October 2011, with the objective of providing a forum to the students where they review the books they have read and have found these books as the right food for a student’s brain. The idea of the book club was conceptualized by the students of SoBMS and Mr. Satish Thakur, student SoBMS was chosen as the president of the club. Further students are also encouraged to donate books to the club, which they have found interesting. The club emphasizes on discussing best-sellers that help to draw management lessons from them. Dr. Aditi Sharma, Assistant Professor was chosen as the convener of the Book Club. Prof. Y.S. Verma, Dean SoBMS appreciated the students’ initiative.



Students performing Skit

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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.

Shri Rakesh Kanwar – A Brief Profile

Shri Rakesh Kanwar qualified for Himachal Pradesh Administrative Services in 1992. He currently serves as Mission Director, NRHM, Shimla and is holding additional charge of the post of Director, LAC, Shimla, He also holds additional charge of Special Secretary (Finance) to the Govt. of HP, Shimla. He served as State Project Director, Sarv Shiksha Abhiyaan, Himachal Pradesh, Shimla and as Special Secretary (MPP& Power) to the Government of Himachal Pradesh, Shimla. He also held additional charge of the post of Special Secretary (Revenue-Disaster Management Cell) to the Government of Himachal Pradesh, Shimla. He also served as Director Health, Art and Culture, Himachal Pradesh Shimla.



Shri Rakesh Kanwar

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