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## Editor's Desk

Hello Readers

I am back with my team presenting the May buzz of CUHP. The colourful flight of Udaan, the nostalgia of our out-going students, the impressive and memorable Em-pressa Fiesta, the brain tickling quiz, the contribution of visiting scholars, May had it all!

The Annual Function held brought to fore the creative potentials of students. The organizing skills that are essential and critical to arrange a

wide-range of programmes were self-evident and visible in the successful holding of various events. The hard work that has gone into the preparations for the various events performed was evident. The students with active guidance of the faculty gave their very best to make the function successful. The parents of students, invited guests, the Chief Guest of the occasion, including students and faculty enjoyed every bit of the colourful events, and some very hilarious moments during some performances.



**Prof. Arvind Agrawal**  
Chief Editor

Read on to have a colourful voyage through the achievements of CUHP and its soaring new heights.

## Quiz on CUHP: *Meri CUHP Main Hi Janoo*

The Department of English & European Languages of the Central University of Himachal Pradesh organised '*Meri CUHP Main Hi Janoo*' - a university wide Quiz Contest on general awareness about CUHP 02nd May 2012. Dr. Arlene Plevin (Fulbright-Nehru Visiting Faculty at CUHP) was the Guest of Honour while Prof. H.R. Sharma, Dean, Student Welfare, was the Judge for the event. Dr. Roshan Lal Sharma, Dean, School of Humanities & Languages chaired the event. The quizmasters asked questions pertaining to various facts about and

facets of CUHP that were hitherto unknown to most of the participants. Some questions were fun-oriented while others provided interesting information. Out of the five participating teams Team-1 (Virochan & Anshul) representing the students of MBA, Semester-4 was the Winner while Team-4 (Akash Aggarwal & Alka Lalhall) representing the Students of MBA, Sem II was the Runner-Up. The Chair, the Judge, and the Special Guest congratulated the winners on their victory and the Department for planning and conducting the event.



**Competition**  
in progress

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Role Play in progress



Vice Chancellor  
Addressing the Participants



Business Quiz



Students participating in  
AD Mad



Students at Workshop  
on Creative Writing

## Empresa Fiesta 2012

7th May: The Management Society of School of Business and Management Sciences hosted a Management Fest namely 'Empresa Fiesta: An exposition of management talent' in CUHP. The idea of the fest was conceived by the Management Society in consonance with its vision to advance the practice of management as a professional discipline, encouraging personality development for managing organizations'. The following competitions were held in Empresa Fiesta:

Business Quiz, Business Plan, Creative Marketing, Rhetorica Role Play, Treasure Hunt etc. A total of twelve Business Schools from across the State participated in the various competitions that were held at the Temporary Academic Block of CUHP. In the morning session, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor Prof. Furqan Qamar, Chief Patron Management Society declared the competitions open and wished good luck to all the participants. The competitions went on for the entire day in different

class rooms and seminar hall under the supervision of the Associate Professors deputed for the purpose. The Chief Guest for the day, Mr. R.S. Gupta, DC Kangra at Dharamashala, joined the event in the second half and was given a warm welcome by the university. He enjoyed the Role Play competition and in the end awarded trophies and certificates to the winners of different competitions. In his valedictory address he congratulated the university and also gave his choicest wishes for its future.



**Winners of Empresa Fiesta - from left to right**  
Central University of Himachal Pradesh; Govt. Degree College Dharamshala;  
Himachal Pradesh University Business School, Shimla.

## Joining of Regular Faculty at CUHP

The following faculty members joined the university during the month of May 2012:

Dr. Pradeep Kumar : Associate Professor , Department of Mass Communication & Electronic Media

## Workshop on Creative Writing Held

A Creative Writing Workshop was organized by the Dept. of English & European Languages in the Seminar Hall on 15th May 2012. It was sponsored by the United States India Education Foundation (USIEF), and was conducted by Dr. Arlene Plevin, a Nehru-Fulbright Visiting Faculty. Dr Plevin is a Master of Fine Arts degree holder from Iowa Writer's Workshop which is one of the best creative writing courses in

the world. In all, 65 participants along with the faculty members and RD scholars participated in the two hour workshop. Dr. Plevin started the workshop and elaborated upon the importance and purpose of creative writing. She then engaged the participants in actual creative writing for one hour which turned out to be a very playful, interesting, lively, fun filled and deeply insightful activity. In the 2<sup>nd</sup>

half of the session, Dr. Plevin distributed a few of her favourite poems and read them and delved deep into her own aesthetics of a good poem. She read two of her own poems as well. At last, Dr. Roshan Lal Sharma, Dean, Dept. of English & European Languages, heartily thanked everyone for taking part, and especially Dr. Plevin for successfully conducting the workshop.

## Annual Function of CUHP : *Udaan*

The Cultural Society of CUHP-*Udbhav* organized the Annual Function - '*Udaan: Flying High is our Nature*' on 18<sup>th</sup> of May in the University Campus. The first speaker commenced the day with some lines in Hindi depicting the spirit and theme of the function, i.e. 'Flying high is in our nature'. Our Chief Guest for the day Dr. S.K. Sharma the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, Himachal Pradesh Agriculture University, Palampur was welcomed by Prof. Yoginder S. Verma, Dean, School of Business and Management

Studies. As the celebrations began, students from all the departments presented kaleidoscopic performances with a perfect blend of songs and dances that proved quite delectable. The passing-out batch showcased a musical medley depicting their journey in CUHP which was quite nostalgic and left everyone with moist eyes. In the end, the Chief Guest and Hon'ble Vice Chancellor Prof. Furqan Qamar distributed the prizes to the winners of different competitions held throughout the year

by the cultural society, *Udbhav*. Prof. Qamar also addressed the students and congratulated them for putting forth the beautiful performances and also admired the efforts of the Cultural Society. Although the day's celebrations had come to an end, students drew curtains on the celebrations only after they had danced to the tunes of the DJ. It could be anticipated from the enthusiasm of the students that the year to come would be filled with lots of success stories as flying high is in their nature.



Students Performing at the Annual Function



Editorial Board with the Vice Chancellor

## Academic Council Meets

The 5th Meeting of the Academic Council of the Central University of Himachal Pradesh (CUHP) was held on 26th May, 2012 at 3:00 PM at the Camp Office, Central University of Himachal Pradesh. The Academic Council considered the amendments proposed by the University in Ordinance No. 23 & 24 and recommended the same to the Executive Council for approval. The Academic Council approved the Panel of

indicative names of experts for each School as per Annexure-5.5A and authorized the Vice-Chancellor to make nomination of experts on the School Boards of different Schools. The Academic Council approved the proposal and authorized the Vice Chancellor to nominate any other expert(s) on the Selection Committee(s) for the post of Librarian/Deputy Librarian/Assistant Librarian. The Academic Council further au-

thorized the Vice-Chancellor to nominate any other expert(s) on the Selection Committee(s) of faculty positions in all disciplines. The Academic Council was highly satisfied with the visible achievements made by the University in this short span of time with limited resources. It appreciated the Vice-Chancellor and his small team for putting in dedicated and concerted efforts in the development of the University.

## CUHP Newsletter Inaugurated

18th May; The University Newsletter '**CUHP Chronicle**' was inaugurated by the Honorable Vice Chancellor Prof. Furqan Qamar during the Annual Function of CUHP, *Udaan*. Prof. Qamar, accompanied by the Chief Guest, Dr. S.K. Sharma, Vice Chancellor Himachal Pradesh Agri-

culture University, released the Newsletter which marked the beginning of CUHP Chronicle. The CUHP Chronicle is slated to be published every month to document and archive the various achievements of the university as also the various activities undertaken in the university. Prof. Qamar also con-

gratulated the entire Editorial Team on the successful inauguration of the first issue of CUHP Chronicle. Prof. Arvind Agrawal, Chief Editor, CUHP Chronicle, presented the Student Editors with a token of appreciation for the efforts that they had put in preparing the Newsletter.

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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 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.*

## Farewell Dr. Arlene Plevin

The School of Humanities and Languages, bade Farewell to Dr. Arlene Plevin, Nehru-Fulbright Visiting Professor. Dr. Roshan Lal Sharma (Dean, School of Humanities and Languages) accompanied by all the faculty members and research scholars of the department organized a lunch party for Dr. Plevin at a restaurant near the University. During her stay in the university Dr. Plevin was engaged in many workshops and activities organized in the university. She also undertook a short teaching assignment for the students of Dept. of English and European Languages. During her visit she took keen interest in helping the students in developing their personality and skills. Her pleasing personality looked even more charming when she wore an Indian *Saree* at the Annual Function of the University. At the end of the farewell party Dr. Roshan Lal Sharma, Dean, Dept. of English & European Languages, thanked her for being around and for everything she had done for the department as well as the university. She kindly accepted it and reciprocated the same feelings by thanking all CUHPians for their hospitality.

**Dr. Arlene Plevin**, a Visiting Nehru-Fulbright Scholar at Central University of Himachal Pradesh.

- In the U.S., Dr. Plevin is a tenured Professor at Olympic College at Bremerton, Seattle (Washington State).
- A Ph. D. in English from the University of Washington, she focused on Writing Theory and Eco-criticism.
- A Master of Fine Arts in Poetry from the University of Iowa's Writers' Workshop. In 2002 was awarded a Fulbright Lecturer position in Taiwan at Tamkang University
- Has written essays on Eco-composition (a way of looking at literacy using concepts from ecology), environmental justice, Eco-criticism, and the teaching of writing. She has published extensively.
- Dr. Plevin has received awards and grants for her poetry, including one from the Washington, D.C. Commission on the Arts and Humanities.
- 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. Arlene Plevin**