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The Central University of Himachal Pradesh community was looking forward to June 2012 with lot of expectation and excitement as it was going to mark the successful passing out of its first batch of post graduate students. It was to be in a way the first step successfully taken to realize the dream envisioned by its leader, Prof. Furqan Qamar in to operational reality.

However, this spring in the steps of CUHPians was rudely halted by an unfortunate accident that snatched away a dear student from amidst us. The way CUHP community, the students, teachers, administration expressed its grief, deep feeling of bereavement and solidarity in a very solemn and poised manner did give us an indication that the

university community has imbibed the spirit of its visionary.

University community wishes its fourth semester students all the good luck for a new life ahead after their post graduate degree.

Good luck and adieu.

**Prof. Arvind Agrawal**

**Chief Editor**

## Obituary

June 2012: A pall of deep sorrow and gloom descended on the entire CUHP family due to the unfortunate and sad demise of a dear student, Thakur Lal Singh. The university was deeply grief stricken and pained at the untimely end of a promising life. We carry memories of a smiling bright boy in our saddened hearts. It was a black day for the university. Thakur Lal Singh, a student at the School of Business & Management Studies, drowned in a gorge while he went to swim along

with his fellow students. He hailed from Kullu and was doing MBA from the university. The Vice Chancellor on behalf of CUHP family, including all students, faculty and staff, expressed deep condolence to the bereaved family and prayed to the Almighty to give enough strength to them to bear this irreparable loss. The university remained closed the following day. CUHP prays to God to let the departed soul rest in peace. The DSW, faculty

members and students went to the village of the deceased student to pay homage at the funeral. A floral wreath was placed on the pyre on behalf of the Vice Chancellor and CUHP.



CUHP condoling at unfortunate demise

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## End-Semester Examinations conducted



Work in progress at the Office of the CoE

End semester Examinations were conducted for all the postgraduate programmes running in the university, in June 2012 as per the academic calendar framed by the Academic Council of the university. The Coordinator TAB, Prof. Y.S. Verma holds an additional charge of Controller of Examinations of the university.

The End-Semester Examinations are a part of the continuous evaluation system of

the students and carry 50% academic weightage for every Programme of Study offered.

Due to limited number of classrooms and faculty the examinations were held in two shifts, each of three hours duration, one in the morning and the other in the evening. The university bus service was accordingly rescheduled so as to make it convenient for the commuters. In spite of the tight schedule, the faculty showed tremendous com-

mitment towards evaluating the answer sheets of the students within two days after the examinations ended.

As part of a transparent system, the students were then showed their answer-scripts for their satisfaction so that errors if any, could be rectified in mutual consultation. The completion of the examination process marked the successful completion of yet another academic year for the university.

## University holds FEAT successfully

The Common Entrance Examination (FEAT) for admission to the 2012 Academic Session in various PG programme of Studies offered at CUHP were held on 10th June 2012. In total 1700 applications were received for 14 Departments under 9 Schools. After screening, 1512 appli-

cants were found eligible for appearing in the FEAT written examination. Interviews were conducted for those who successfully cleared FEAT. A total of 1117 candidates attending the Personal Interviews for which various various interview boards were formed from among the Fac-

ulty Members of the University. These Interviews were held between June 25-29, 2012. Publication of the results of the FEAT Written Test and Interviews were published on the university website for the convenience of the candidates. The entire process of FEAT went on smoothly.

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*"It is impossible for a man to learn what he thinks he already knows"*

*- Epictetus*

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## On The Job Training of 2nd batch of SBMS



An MBA Intern at Devyani International Limited, Gurgaon

The main purpose of such placement is to develop familiarity with actual business environment and to sensitize students to the peculiarities of organizational dynamics. During the eight-week placement, the students are expected to equip themselves with latest knowledge about the business and practical skills such as communication,

interpersonal relations, team building, leadership and decision making. They get the opportunity to observe and critically examine the implementation of the management concepts learnt during the two semester's exhaustive study. Summer Placement is of 4 credits. The students were provided with a carefully structured training manual. Mr

Ashish Nag & Mr. Sanjay Thakur, Assistant Professors, SBMS, were the summer placement coordinators from the Training and Placement cell of the university. Devyani International Limited, Gurgaon, PepsiCo, HDFC Chandigarh & ITC Chandigarh were some of the organizations, the students interned with.

## World Environment Day Observed

5 June 2012: The World Environment Day was observed by the School of Earth & Environment Sciences at the Temporary Academic Block of the University at Shahpur. Like every year the United Nations Environment Programme, one of the bodies of United Nations, picks up a theme for the World Environment Day. This year it

was "Green Economy: Does It Include Us?". A discussion was held with the faculty and students of the school which highlighted that the quest for development, reflected in rapid urbanization, increase in vehicular population etc. has broken all previous records. The problems like environmental pollution, depletion of ozone, global

warming, melting of ice glaciers, increase in sea levels and the threat to biodiversity was the result of the developing economy. The discussion made all to think in terms of environmentally sustainable economic development. The honorable Vice Chancellor, Prof. Furqan Qamar, released a logo prepared by UNEP.



A Student taking part in an event on World Environment Day

## Field visit of New Media students

The Second Semester students of New Media visited Dainik Jagaran media unit of Kangra District to understand the process of news gathering by reporters and know the editing process carried out in the unit.

The Editor-in-Charge of the media unit explained the technicalities and process of editing the news. The students also visited all other departments of

the organization. The students were introduced to the staff of other departments in the media unit and they explained to them about their work in the respective departments. The Editor-in-Charge after discussions with students at length, answered all the queries and accompanied them to the printing division. The In-charge staff explained to the

students how the plates of each page will be inserted and will take the final form of news paper. The students gained a lot of practical information from the visit. The Dean, School of Journalism, Mass Communication and New Media, Dr. Rabindranth and Dr. Archana Katoch, Faculty Member accompanied the students.



Field visit to Dainik Jagaran Kangra unit, H.P.

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*"We have a choice to make during our brief visit to this beautiful blue and green living planet to hurt it or help it"*

**- Ray Anderson  
Founder of Interface Inc.**

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*"...if it was up to me to have government without the press or the press without government, I would prefer the latter"*

**- Thomas Jefferson**

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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 interdisciplinary 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.*

## IMPORTANT EVENTS

- The Sixth Meeting of Finance Committee was held on 09.06.2012 in New Delhi.
- The Seventh Committee of Executive Council was held on 09.06.2012 in New Delhi.
- The Executive Council in its seventh meeting constituted the Screening Committee for screening of applications and short-listing of candidates to be called for interview in various disciplines for the post of Assistant Professor
- On the recommendation of the Academic Council the Executive Council in its Seventh Meeting approved the constitution of School Boards and Boards of Studies for various schools and departments in the University.
- The Executive Council of CUHP in its Seventh meeting in 09.06.2012 in New Delhi approved the appointment of Dr. Roshan Lal Sharma, Associated Professor in English as the Proctor of the University for a period of three years to assist the Vice Chancellor for maintenance of discipline and disciplinary action relating to the students.