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## Editor's Desk

This January CUHP completed three years of its existence and it was celebrated with an enlightening lecture of an eminent art historian, Padma Shri and Padma Bhushan Prof. B. N. Goswamy. The students and the faculty showed great sense of empathy and sensitivity by not organizing colourful activities as usual due to very unfortunate and shameful incident of 16<sup>th</sup> December, 2012 responsible for brutality on a young girl in Delhi.

On this day, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor delivered a surprise gift to the students, faculty and staff in the form of appointment of Prof. Yoginder S. Verma, the most dynamic and affable face of CUHP as Pro - Vice – Chancellor.

CUHP felicitated the designer of its University Logo, Mr. Akshay Khatri on 29<sup>th</sup> January, 2013 in TAB. Once

again CUHP students of MSW were selected to monitor National Pulse Polio Surveillance Programme in Himachal Pradesh. In addition to this, selection of its two MSW pass outs of CUHP in Tata Institute of Social Sciences brought smiles on the faces of students of CUHP.

CUHP fraternity is excited as CUHP is going to complete one full cycle of academic programme in February 2013 culminating into its first convocation on February 28, 2013. The university is gearing itself to prepare for this Red Letter Day.

With best wishes for the happy onset of spring.

*arvind agrawal*

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## GUEST PROFILE-Padma Shri and Padma Bhushan Prof. B.N. Goswamy

A distinguished art historian, Prof BN Goswamy is a leading authority on Indian art and is Professor Emeritus of Art History at the Panjab University, Chandigarh. His work covers a wide range of Indian art and is recognised, especially in the area of Pahari painting, as having influenced serious critical thinking. Recipient of many honours including the Jawaharlal Nehru Fellowship, the Reitberg Award from Switzerland for outstanding research in Art History, the Padma Shri (1998)

and the Padma Bhushan (2008) from the President of India, Prof. Goswamy has written extensively and has been responsible for major exhibitions of Indian art in Paris, San Francisco, Zurich, San Diego, and Frankfurt. As Visiting Professor, he has taught at Universities of Heidelberg, Pennsylvania, California (at Berkeley and Los Angeles), Zurich, and Texas (at Austin), and lectured extensively at Museums and Universities in Europe, the US, and India.



*Prof. BN Goswamy honored by Hon'ble VC Prof Furqan Qamar*

## Indian Art is full of Wonders: Prof. Goswamy

'Indian art is full of wonders and it is a right time to discover these wonders' said the noted Art Historian and Padma Bhushan and Padma Sri Prof. B.N. Goswamy while addressing the students and faculties of Central University of Himachal Pradesh on the Third Foundation Day Celebrations on 21<sup>st</sup> January 2013.

While delivering his Foundation Day Lecture on 'The Sense of Wonder: The World of the Indian Painter', Prof. Goswamy, an Emeritus Professor of Art History at Panjab University, Chandigarh said that questions are the crux of life. The question which a painter has in his mind and which he tries to answer through his paintings reflects the sense of wonder of the painter himself.

One's capacity to question and his keenness to search answers for those questions make him understand the mystery of art. Every act of imagination is touched by a question. As an art critic and art restorer you need to develop a strategy of seeing. The sense of wonder of an artist and the expression of this wonder in his paintings shows all the levels of imagination and recreation. While talking about the importance of

Indian art, Prof. Goswamy explained that a painting or a work of art is not a casual collection of images, it is actually a well visualized imagination and interpretation of deep thinking. While showing some master pieces of Indian Art, Prof. Goswamy urged that art should be viewed as small slice of the whole universe free from time and space.

Prof. Goswamy emphasized that it is very important how we see images. The interpretation of images in various forms needs to be done with utmost care. While addressing the students on the Third Foundation Day of Central University of Himachal Pradesh, Prof. Furqan Qamar, Vice-Chancellor of the University said that it is ironical that the entire higher education focuses more on professional aspects of education. Universities should play a bigger and prominent role in the social upliftment of society. The vision of the universities should also be prepared in the social context and inspiration for which could be drawn from various art forms too. Universities should always have a broader vision.



*Prof BN Goswamy Delivering the Foundation Day lecture on the Foundation Day*



## CUHP CELEBRATES ITS THIRD FOUNDATION

On January 21 2013, University celebrated its third foundation day in a spirit that was different and devoted towards a Social Cause. The heinous Delhi Gang rape incident that shocked the entire Nation at the end of year 2012, marked this occasion as a right platform and opportunity by CUHP fraternity to give the events an entirely different perspective with the theme of "Re-visioning of Women Empowerment". On 18th January 2013, University organized Declamation Competition and Street Play

Competition (Nukkad Natak) on issues related to Eve Teasing, Sexual Harassment, Female Foeticide, Dowry and Laws on crimes against Women in India. University witnessed a plethora of enlightened views towards these women centric social issues and some very impressive performances which received fair amount of appreciation. University also held a painting competition with the theme of "Paint for CUHP" which again witnessed a huge and enthusiastic participa-

tion of students across disciplines as well as the faculty members. On 21st January, a guest lecture was organized, in which the Art Historian and Padma Bhushan and Padma Shri Awardee Prof. BN Goswamy addressed the students and faculty members of the University. He delivered a lecture on 'The Sense of Wonder: The World of the Indian Painter'



*Students expressing themselves on "Re-Visioning Women Empowerment" on Third Foundation Day*

## 7<sup>th</sup> Financial Committee Meeting Held

On 15 January 2013, the Vice Chancellor extended a warm welcome and thanked each member for sparing their valuable time to attend the meeting which was held at the India International Centre, New Delhi. The Vice-Chancellor gave a brief account of the developmental activities of the University. He informed that hopefully the University will be able to get the land transferred in its name during the current financial year. He informed that the University has prepared the 12th Five Year Plan Proposals of the University which were placed before the Academic Council and Finance Committee and approved by the EC, and were sent to the UGC. After this, the Agenda was taken up for discussion where the report about the action taken on the

decisions of 6th meeting of the Finance Committee held on 09.06.2012, was placed before the Committee for kind perusal of Hon'ble members. The action taken for the adoption of CVC guidelines for Compliance to quality requirements of e-Procurement Systems and, Consideration of Indian Agents, for strict compliance was discussed. The matter was placed before the Finance Committee as a reporting item for ratification of the action taken. Progress of expenditure, Minutes of the Building Committee along with the Abstract of cost of building projects and a note on progress of overall construction of the building projects was discussed as desired by the UGC. The Budget Estimates of the university for the year 2013-14 and revised estimates for

2012-13, have been prepared by the Finance Officer in terms of the provisions of Statute 7(7)(c), contained in The Second Schedule of the Central Universities Act 2009. Under the guidance and supervision of the Vice-Chancellor these were placed before the finance committee. The Annual Accounts of the University for the year 2011-12 were prepared by the Finance Officer in terms of the provisions of Statute 7(7)(c) which were presented to the Finance Committee in terms of Statutes 17(7) contained in The Second Schedule of the Central Universities Act 2009. The matter of enhancement of fixed salary of the persons appointed by the University on short term contract basis was placed before the Finance Committee for its consideration



*Financial Committee and Executive Council Meeting*



## 9th Meeting of Executive Council Held

9th Meeting of the Executive Council was held on 15 January 2013 at 02:00 PM at India International Centre New Delhi. According to the agenda of the meeting the following matters were taken for discussion, reporting and ratification, consideration and decision. Confirmation of the minutes of the 8th meeting of the Executive Council held on 17 October, 2012 and the Executive Council was reported about the action taken on the decisions of its 8<sup>th</sup> meeting. Matter regarding appointment of Prof. Aejaz Masih, Dean, Faculty of Education, JMI,

New Delhi as member of first School Board of School of Education in place of Prof. Geetha Nambissan. Action taken regarding revival of offer of appointment which has lapsed with respect to Dr. Ravinder Singh and Dr. Jitendra Singh appointed as Assistant Professor in Mathematics. The EC was reported about the action taken by the Vice-Chancellor to grant extension in joining time to Dr. Gautam Mukherjee selected as Registrar of the University. The matter regarding facility of staff car to the Registrar and Finance Officer of the University was also placed. The Recommendations of the

Selection Committees for the position of Assistant Professors in the discipline of Journalism & Creative Writing and New Media Communication, were placed before the Executive Council. Recommendations of the Finance Committee made in its 7th meeting held on 15 January, 2013, were placed before the Executive Council. The proposal for the appointment of Prof. Yoginder S. Verma, as Pro-Vice-Chancellor, was placed before the Executive Council.

## GUEST LECTURE BY DR. SHAHNAWAZ, DIRECTOR UNIGIS

On 11 January 2013, Dr Shahnawaz, Director UNIGIS Austria, delivered a talk in Central University of Himachal Pradesh on "Geoinformatics Application in Earth and Environmental Sciences". This Lecture was attended by M.Sc. and RD Students and faculty members of Department of Environmental Sciences, School of Earth and Environmental Sciences, Centre for Computational Biology and Bioinformatics, School of Life Sciences and School of Library Sciences and Informatics on 11.01.2013. Dr. Shanawaz expressed potential for collaboration between his institution and Central University of Himachal Pradesh in the areas of Geoinformatics in the field of Earth Sciences, Environmental Sciences, Spatial Management and Climate change analysis.

## Guest Lecture on Building up Positive Attitude by Sh. S.R. Mardi

The Management Society of School of Business and Management Studies, Central University of Himachal Pradesh, Dharamshala organized an expert lecture on the topic: Positive Attitude building on 10-01-2013 by Sh. S.R Mardi, Additional DGP (CID & Prisons). Sh. Mardi was accorded a floral welcome by the management students.

Sh. Mardi said the attitudes are formed through education, experience, environment and expectations. Once attitudes are formed it is very difficult to change them unless there is a strong will of the individual to change them. He told about the twelve most important right attitudes that an individual must have, i.e. loving one's profession and excelling in it,

no procrastination, not to rely on appearances as they may be deceptive, being grateful, continuous updating of knowledge, positive thinking, staying away from negative influences, forgive and forget, accepting what cannot be changed, starting day with physical activity, the managing failures and keeping ego at bay. He stressed upon the need to be patriotic towards one's country and practicing one's profession with commitment and passion.

Prof Yoginder S. Verma, TAB Co-ordinator and Dean, SBMS chaired the session and emphasized the importance of positive attitude in the professional development of students. Dr. Sanjeev Gupta,

HOD, Department of Accounting and Finance, Dr. Aditi Sharma, Dr. Bhawna Bhardwaj, Dr. Gitanjali Upadhyay, Dr. Manpreet Arora, Dr. Mohinder, Mr. Ajay, Mr. Ashish Nag, Mr. Chaman Lal, Mr. Md. Atif and Mr. Sarvesh and other faculty members from School of Tourism, Travel and Hospitality Management, Department of Economics were also present during the lecture.

The students expressed their gratitude to Sh. S.R Mardi for enlightening them on the importance of positive attitude in life and for sparing his valuable time to guide them on various facets of attitude building in life.



Sh. SR Mardi delivering lecture on Positive Attitude



## Meeting of the Deans with the Vice Chancellor

On January 7, 2013, the Vice Chancellor held a meeting of the Deans at the Temporary Academic Block with the agenda to review the preparedness and progress in the commencement of 2nd Semester of the Academic Session 2012-13, to discuss and plan the Third Foundation Day Activities of the university and for the organization of the first convocation of the University.

Shri B.R. Dhiman, Convener of the meeting, introduced the agenda and invited the Vice Chancellor to Chair the meeting. The Vice Chancellor welcomed all members present and wished them a Happy and Prosperous New Year. He took a quick review of the preparedness and appreciated the efforts made by all the Deans and their faculty colleagues for ensuring that the time table was prepared in advance and that the registration of students for courses was completed on time. He expressed satisfaction on the commencement of classes on the very first day of the beginning of the Semester. Following the introductory remarks by the Vice Chancellor, the Agenda items were taken up for discussion. The tradition of celebrating the Foundation Day on 20th January, the University this year was modified in solidarity with the victim of the heinous crime committed in Delhi and the ensuing protest against the perpetrators of the crime. It was decided that the CUHP would not like to organize cultural programs at this juncture. However, the Coordinator TAB, DSW and Proctor will hold discussions with the students in this regard and plan to hold the celebrations in a different manner with "Re-visioning Women Empowerment" as the theme.

The Vice Chancellor briefed the members that the university had commenced the process of holding the first Convocation of the University. Necessary approval of the Academic Council and the Executive Council was taken in their previous meetings.

He further informed that in consultation with the Chancellor, it has been decided to invite HH The Dalai Lama as the Chief Guest on the occasion. The Office of HH has already agreed to the request of the University to be the Chief Guest and accordingly the Convocation shall be held on 28th February 2013. The meeting ended with a Vote of Thanks to the Chair by Mr BR Dhiman, Finance Officer and Registrar of the University.

## Participation of MSW Students in National Pulse Polio Surveillance

The Department of Social Work for the third consecutive time was involved in the National Pulse Polio Surveillance Programme in Himachal Pradesh to ensure its proper and effective implementation. 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 would be specially 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.

## THREE DAYS TRAINING PROGRAMME IN CUHP CONCLUDED

School of Education, CUHP Organized three days' training and orientation programme for the Research Investigators of the ICSSR sponsored research project on educational status of different social group with, specific focus on Scheduled Tribes during January 18-20, 2013. The Research Study is headed by Dr. R.S. Tolia, former Chief Secretary of Uttarakhand, Chief Information Commissioner and coordinated by Professor N.C. Dhoundiyal of Kumaon University, Nainital and Dr. Manoj K Saxena, Central University of Himachal Pradesh, Dharamshala. This study is a part of National Research Investigation, taken by the Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR) to prepare State wise report of Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribes. The Present Study shall focus on Himachal Pradesh and Uttarakhand. In this training Programme, total sixteen Research Investigators of five districts of Himachal Pradesh participated. The

Valedictory Function was held on 20.01.2013. The Chief Guest of this function was Prof. Furqan Qamar, Vice Chancellor of Central University of Himachal Pradesh. In his address Prof. Qamar emphasised on the authenticity of the data which is to be collected by Research Investigators. Guest of Honour, Prof. Y.S. Verma explained that for a good research you do not have to collect a numerical data but one has to go through the real situations and to involve yourself to get genuine data. Dr. R.S. Tolia, Project Director expressed his concerned about the whole hearted efforts of the research investigators. In the beginning Dr. N. C. Dhondiyal gave a brief overview of the whole project. The convenor of the Programme Dr. Manoj Kumar Saxena shared the report of this training programme with the learned gathering. Dr. Arbind Kumar Jha, Dean, School of Education, CUHP proposed a vote of thanks.



*Training program conducted by Dr RS Tolia*



## Felicitations to Honor Mr Akshay Khatri– CUHP Logo Designer

On January 29, 2013 Mr Akshay Khatri was felicitated and honoured in a session attended by Registrar and Finance Officer Mr BR Dhiman, Prof Arvind Agrawal, Prof HR Sharma, Prof TI Khan Jamali, Faculty members and the Research Scholars of the University. The session was chair by Pro– Vice Chancellor Prof YS Verma. The Chief Guest Mr Akshay Khatri was awarded with twenty five thousand rupees, an appreciation certificate, *Himachali Topi* and *Shawl*. Mr Khatri explained the core concept and operating manual of the CUHP's logo design.



*Honoring CUHP Logo Designer,  
Mr. Akshay Khatri*



## World Hindi Day, 2013 celebrated in CUHP

As part of Central University of Himachal Pradesh initiative to promote Hindi in the University, a seminar was organised on the occasion of World Hindi Day on 10.01.2013 at the Seminar Hall, TAB, Shahpur on "Global Context of Hindi and its Future". Distinguished speakers Dr. Om Awasthi, Former Professor (Hindi), GNDU, Amritsar, Dr. Sushil Kumar Phull, eminent Hindi scholar and writer and Dr. Roshan Lal Sharma, Dean, School of Humanities and Languages & Procter, CUHP delivered their lectures about the strengths and global spread of Hindi. Shri Chandrakant Singh, Asstt. Professor (Hindi),

Dr. Sayema Bano, Asstt. Professor (Hindi), Smt. Sneha Sharma, Hindi Officer, UCO Bank and Shri Ajit Singh, Hindi Officer, AIR, Dharamshala also expressed their views on the subject.

Needless to state that World Hindi Day is being celebrated worldwide on 10th January of every year. On the initiative of Late Prime Minister Smt. Indira Gandhi, the first World Hindi Conference was organised on 10th January, 1975 in Nagpur by Rashtrabhasha Prachar Samiti, an organization established by Mahatma Gandhi. In 2006, to commemorate this day, the Hon'ble Prime Minister

Dr. Manmohan Singh declared this day, i.e., 10th January to be celebrated as World Hindi Day.

Prof. Y.S. Verma, Co-ordinator TAB & Dean, School of Business and Management Studies graced the occasion as the Chief Guest. Emphasizing the importance of Hindi, Prof. Verma explained the role of languages in the age of globalization and global competition.

Shri B.R.Dhiman, Finance Officer & Registrar briefed about the steps being taken by the University and reiterated the resolve of the University to promote Hindi in the University and gave vote of thanks.



*Speaker Prof OM Awasthi at Hindi World Day Celebrations*

## HINDI WORKSHOP ON NOTING AND DRAFTING



Noting & Drafting is a very important part of official documentation, particularly in the Government and Public Sector. Proper Noting and Drafting not only increases the pace of work, but also ensures effective communication on the subject dealt with.

Rajbhasha Karyanvayan Samiti of Central University of Himachal Pradesh, in its meeting held during September, 2012 suggested to organise a workshop on Noting and Drafting in Hindi for the non-teaching staff of the University.

The workshop held on December 20, 2012 at the Seminar Hall of the University was conducted by Sanjay Kumar Singh, Hindi Officer, CUHP.

During the workshop, the staff was imparted knowledge and training on basic concepts and various forms of Noting & Drafting in Hindi, which covered the introduction and purpose of Noting, Various features of Noting, points to be taken care of while doing Noting, format, constituents and examples of Noting, What makes a Noting good and complete, classification of official correspondence, different forms of drafting and its formats, features of skillful Noting and Drafting. An interactive discussion with participants was also held during the workshop. The participants were also made available with the study material on Noting and Drafting in Hindi and English.



*Workshop attended by CUHP Staff on Hindi Noting and Drafting*



## Placements of two Students (MSW) at Tata Institute of Social Sciences

Amit Verma and Vishal Soni, two students passed out MSW Programme of Studies in 2012 from the School of Social Science, CUHP got placed with TISS (TATA Institute of Social Services), Mumbai at an annual package of Rs. 3,60,000. TISS is an NCSR (National Corporate Social Responsibility) hub, according to the guidelines of Govt. of India for Public Sector Undertakings it is mandatory that the research work for their CSR activities should be conducted by TISS. Amit and Vishal have joined TISS as Research Programme Officers in Mumbai in this hub.

## Prof. Arvind Agrawal invited as ICSSR-Guest Professor by University of Lund, Sweden

Prof Arvind Agrawal got a prestigious offer to visit University of Lund, Sweden as “ICCR Guest Professor” for a period of nine months, i.e., September 1, 2013 to May 31, 2014.



*Prof. Arvind Agrawal offered ICCR Guest Professorship in Sweden*

## PROF. Y.S. VERMA appointed as the PRO-Vice Chancellor of CUHP

On 21 January 2013, Professor Yoginder Verma is appointed as Pro Vice Chancellor, Central University of Himachal Pradesh (CUHP). This was announced formally by Professor Furqan Qamar, Vice Chancellor, CUHP on 21.01.2013. Professor Verma is the Coordinator (Temporary Academic Block, Shahpur CUHP). He also remained Officer on Special Duty (Administration) and Special Officer (Development) in CUHP. He continues to hold the position of Dean, School of Business and Management Studies, and Controller of Examinations. Born at Jol- Lambri, village of

Hamirpur District, he started his studies in a rural school at Patlander (Sujanpur Tira). He bagged a gold medal in B. Com. by standing first in Himachal Pradesh University (HPU), Shimla (1974). After doing his MBA in 1976, he started his professional career as a Management Trainee in HPMIDC, a government corporation and thereafter he joined as Assistant Professor of Management at HPU Shimla (1977). He has ten books to his credit, including “Marketing Environment and Practices in Nepal”, “University Administration and Management”, “Consumerism in India”,

“Education in Human Values for Human Excellence”, four volumes of “Annotated Bibliography on Himalaya” and more than 100 papers/ articles, published both in national and international journals. Prof Verma is National Assessor (trained) on the panel of National Assessment and Accreditation Council, Bangalore( NAAC). He continues to be a resource person in training and development programs organized by various institutes such as NAAC, NAAA, HIPA, UGC, NGO’s and many other institutes.



*Prof Yoginder Singh Verma appointed Pro-VC*

*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.*



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