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Editor's Desk

Dear Reader,

March began with scintillating, pulsating Cultural Festival. In March, university marched ahead with yet another significant Memorandum of Understanding (MoU). This time it was with IHBT, Palampur. We also had a distinguished visitor Professor from Germany on International Women's Day. March also brought good news of our 14 students successfully qualifying UGC-NET Exam and another 10 students getting selected by a renowned NGO

PRADAN for Post-study apprenticeship-cum-jobs. March also had the serious business of mid-term exams.

Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor began a new tradition of formally recognizing and appreciating efforts of teaching and non-teaching members of Central University of Himachal Pradesh family towards successful organization of Convocation.

With best wishes,

arvind agrawal



CUHP Vice Chancellor, Prof. Furqan Qamar exchanges documents with Dr. P. S. Ahuja, Director IHBT, flanked by Prof. Y.S. Verma, PVC, CUHP on the occasion of signing of MoU between CUHP & IHBT

MoU between Central University of Himachal Pradesh and IHBT, Palampur

A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on Collaboration in Higher Education and Research was signed between the Central University of Himachal Pradesh (CUHP) and Institute of Himalayan Bio-Resource Technology (IHBT), Palampur on March 21, 2013 at the University Temporary Academic Block in Shahpur. The two institutions resolved to initiate collaborative research and development programmes in the areas of Computational Biology, Bioinformatics, Environmental Sciences and Biological Sciences. Students of CUHP would benefit from collaborative projects and activities aimed at academic exchange and joint research.

Dr. P. S. Ahuja, Director, IHBT, Palampur, signed the MoU with Prof. Furqan Qamar, Vice Chan-

cellor of Central University of Himachal Pradesh (CUHP) and Mr. B. R. Dhiman, Registrar (CUHP). Chief Scientists Dr. Arvind Gulati & Dr. Anil Sood representing IHBT; Dean, School of Social Sciences Prof. Arvind Agrawal, and Dean, Earth & Environmental Sciences and Life Sciences Prof. A. K. Mahajan signed as witnesses. Prof. Y.S. Verma, PVC (CUHP) and other Deans and Heads of Departments, faculty members and students of the university were present on the occasion. Preceding the signing of MoU, two young faculty members of CUHP, Dr. Mush-taq and Dr. Yusuf Akhtar made impressive presentations.

On this occasion, Vice Chancellor of Central University of Himachal Pradesh, Prof.

Furqan Qamar said that the MoU formalises and strengthens two years of interaction and support offered by IHBT to the University. He also expressed hope that the MoU will benefit both the institutions in the future and will achieve new milestones in the realm of research and development.



Presentations during signing of MoU

Central University of Himachal Pradesh celebrates post-convocation cultural programmes



The Central University of Himachal Pradesh celebrated its post-convocation cultural programme 'Utkarsh – A Cultural Extravaganza' in honour of the First Batch of Students & Degree recipients of the university at its Temporary Academic Block at Shahpur on Friday, 1st March 2013. Udbhava, the Cultural Society of CUHP, organized the programme.

Students performed different cultural programmes including the traditional and folk art forms of Himachal Pradesh, Punjab, Kashmir and other Indian states. Kashmiri dance, Himachali folk song, Rajasthani dance, Nati, semi-classical dances, Pahari songs, skits, and a fashion show of different ethnic costumes of different parts of India were performed during this cultural fest.

Prof. Harbhajan Singh Soch, former Vice Chancellor of Guru Nanak Dev University, Amritsar was the Chief Guest of the function. The Chief Guest congratulated the students for selecting traditional and cultural forms from different states of India to perform at the function. **"If we can nurture such harmony and equality in the country, India will be a different place"**, he said.

Addressing the gathering, Prof. Yash Paul, Professor and Dean, Technology Research and International Cooperation, Apeejay Stya University, Sohna, Haryana, the Guest of Honour, urged the students to preserve the traditional knowledge of the country and to adapt it for modern use. "Students should try to club traditional knowledge from our country with the modern education", he said.

Vice Chancellor of the university, Prof. Furqan Qamar, Pro-Vice Chancellor, Prof. Yoginder Singh Verma, Deans and Heads of various Schools and Departments and other guests were present in the function.



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CUHP STUDENTS WORK WITH VILLAGE COMMUNITIES

A critical concern of research undertaken in different research institutions/universities is its mismatch with the actual issues/problems faced by the common people at the grassroots. While interaction between the industry and research institutions is being promoted continuously, not much has been done to promote close interaction between the research on social issues and the felt needs of the community. It is against this background that the Central University of Himachal Pradesh (CUHP) has institutionalised the concept of Community Lab and made it as an essential component of its academic programme. The purpose of Community Lab is,

inter alia, to promote continuous interaction and flow of knowledge between the University and the people at the grassroots that would be mutually beneficial to the common people & the students, researchers, and academicians of the university.

The introduction of the course on Community Lab enables students to apply theoretical knowledge acquired in the classrooms to real life situations in the community. This provides an opportunity to students to realign their research and capabilities to seek answers to questions critical for improving the well-being of the community. It also contributes to the development of appropriate interventions in various aspects of peoples'

socio-economic and cultural life that includes agriculture, health, education, environment, energy, finance, nutrition, labour markets, local level political institutions etc. The baseline data generated shall enable students, among other things, understand what works with community and what does not, the felt needs of the community, nature of interventions that are required and the areas in which the University can make direct or indirect contribution towards improving the well being of the community. This documentation would be of huge significance to different stakeholders, namely, policy makers, scholars, academicians and agencies engaged in community work.

In this context, the students of the

Department of Economics and Public Policy visited the villages falling in Nareti and Prei Panchayats which have been selected under the community lab programme. A comprehensive questionnaire has been prepared to collect basic information/data on different aspects of household economy such as family, education, land use pattern, cropping pattern, inputs use, sources of finance, sources of employment, consumption pattern, and so on. The students shall be visiting the selected villages and households on every Saturday and Sunday for data collection.



Students with the village community

Samvad 2nd Ed. Released

Students of School of Mass communication, Journalism and New Media released the **second edition** of 'Samvad', a monthly newsletter as part of their practical training. Pro-Vice Chancellor, Prof. Yoginder S. Verma released the newsletter at a function held in the department. Talking to students on the occasion, he appreciated the sincere efforts put by them to

come out with the newsletter. Urging them to go on with the initiative and to include news stories from the immediate neighborhood of the campus, he said that practical experience will give students an opportunity to get more knowledge, especially in fields like Journalism.

Dr. Manukonda Rabindranath, Dean of the School of Journal-

ism, Mass Communication and New Media proposed the Vote of Thanks. Head, Department of Mass Communication and Electronic Media, Dr. Pradeep Nair; Head, Department of Accounting and Finance, Dr. Sanjeev Gupta; faculty and students of the School of Journalism, Mass Communication and New Media were present.



SAMVAD, Newsletter Released

Campus Recruitment by PRADAN on the invitation of Dept. of Social Work

PRADAN is a reputed national level NGO having presence in different states in India viz. Jharkhand, Bihar, Chattisgarh, Odisha, Rajasthan etc. in the field of sustainable agriculture, enterprise development, watershed management, micro-credit, etc.

The Dept. of Social Work made concerted efforts to invite members from PRADAN for a Campus Recruitment Drive. After a sustained effort of regular contact over email & phone, March 13-14, 2013 was decided for the conduct of a combi-

nation of written test, group discussion and personal interview. A two member team from the H.R. Dept. of PRADAN visited CUHP Campus and conducted the recruitment process. A total of 73 students appeared in the recruitment process of which 41 got through in the written test which shows the potential of our CUHP students. After the G.D. & personal interview 10 students were finally selected from MBA, MSW, MSc., MA-Eco., & Environmental Sciences. These are: Gurjeet Singh

Rattan, Vishal Chadha, Mohd. Shariq, Nancy Sharma, Rishab Awasthi, Gautam, Sachin Pathania, Hoshiyar Singh, Vijay Kumar, and Munisha Sharma.

The selected students on successful completion of their course after their 4th semester shall be posted as Apprentice for one year with an initial stipend of Rs.15,000/- per month, along with accident insurance coverage up to Rs.2 lakh and modest free accommodation as perks.



Campus Recruitment in Process





MSW Students performing a Skit on International Women's Day

Dept. of Social Work Celebrates International Women's Day

The Department of Social Work and Social Work Society in CUHP celebrated the International Women's Day on 8th March 2013. This programme was organized in collaboration with two reputed NGOs working in Dharamshala - Young Womens IDEA and EduCARE India. Prof. Furqan Qamar, Vice Chancellor of CUHP was the Chief Guest, Prof. Hanns Wienold, Munster University, Germany; Mr. B. R. Dhiman, Registrar, CUHP and

Mr. B.S. Bhullar, Director, Edu-CARE India were the Guests of Honour.

A total of 7 research and theoretical papers were presented on topics ranging from women's status in contemporary society, domestic violence, status of Muslim women, female child abuse, legal issues, women's empowerment etc. by the faculty and students of the department. Student Interns from various countries representing Young

Women's IDEA and EduCARE India shared their experiences of interventions done in the field in India. Prof. Arvind Agrawal, Head, Dept. of Social Work delivered the Presidential Address, Ms. Ambreen Jamali welcomed the guests and Dr. Asutosh Pradhan, Associate Professor, delivered a Vote of Thanks. Students of the department under the guidance of Mr. Shabab Ahmad, Asst. Professor, organized and coordinated the event on behalf of Social Work Society.

MSW STUDENTS GOT JOB PLACEMENTS

Students of Department of Social Work brought laurels to the University by getting placed into various renowned organizations all over the country.

Amit Kumar Verma and Vishal Soni were placed with the Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Mumbai, with a starting salary of Rs.30,000/- per month. Anjali, Ankita Chaud-

hary, Asheet Parihar, Bandhu, Manish Kumar, Minakshi Mehta, Naveen Kumar, Pankaj Puri, Sandeep Kumar Bharmoria, and Mangal Singh were among the other passed-out students who were successfully placed in various organizations like Integrated Institute of Rural Development, Shimla; International Institute of Health Management, New

Delhi; PRAGYA (NGO), Himachal Gyan Vigayan Simiti; PGI Chandigarh and many more. Students were placed as HR executives, Project officers, Field Investigators and as Labor Welfare officers. Vice Chancellor Prof. Furqan Qamar congratulated the students and the department for their excellent efforts and achievements.

INNOVATIVE INITIATIVES: Campus Dialogue

Students of the School of Journalism, Mass Communication and New Media under the aegis of Media Society started a fresh academic initiative titled "CAMPUS DIALOGUE". As part of this innovative programme, an open Panel Discussion was held under the theme "Cultural Representation through Media: Cultural Imperialism or Cultural Plurality". Discussions and deliberations highlighted the impact of the media on Indian society. This event is proposed to be a regular feature and would be held on every Friday on various national and international issues. The idea is to discuss, share and learn from the opinions of each other. Every

session would end with the concluding remarks of an expert on the subject or from a related discipline invited from the university.

Pro-Vice Chancellor Prof. Y.S Verma was the Chief Guest on the occasion and commended the Faculty & students for starting such an innovative venture. He reiterated that such opportunities provided to students help in instilling confidence for public speaking and expressing one's views in larger forums in future. Dr. Roshanlal Sharma, Dean, School of Humanities and Languages spoke on the need of preservation and promotion of indigenous cultures and warding off the ill-effects of Western Culture.

In the first event of the 'Campus Dialogue', Dr. Asutosh Pradhan, Associate Professor in the Dept. of Social Work gave the concluding remarks and stressed on the need to focus on the most marginalized and vulnerable sections of society. He gave a clarion call to the youth present to be sensitive to the problems and issues of the downtrodden so that their representation in the mainstream media is adequate. Only then can problems and issues faced by the poor, dalits and tribals be brought to mainstream discourse.

Students of the school and other departments including Research Scholars took active part in the deliberations.

MID SEMESTER EXAMINATIONS CONDUCTED

The Mid-Term examinations of all the Departments of CUHP were conducted in the month of March. The examinations commenced on 11th March 2013 and concluded on 19th March 2013. Students resumed their classes immediately after the examinations.



UGC-NET QUALIFIED STUDENTS (DEC. 2012)

Student Editors: A New Member Joins

The following students qualified UGC-National Eligibility Test (NET) held in Dec. 2012:

1. Mr. Chiranjeet Banerjee (MBA Gen.) - JRF
2. Mr. Vishal Chadha Batch 2011-13 (MBA Semester IV)
3. Ms. Alka Lalhall Batch 2011-13 (MBA Semester IV)
4. Mr. Gautam Sharma Batch 2011-13 (MBA Semester IV)
5. Mr. Hoshiar Chauhan Batch 2011-13 (MSW Semester IV)
6. Mr. Jagdish Raj Saini (RD Scholar Management)
7. Mr. Sachin Kumar (RD Scholar, Management)
8. Mr. Avinash Rana (RD Scholar, Management)
9. Mr. Kamal Gupta (RD Scholar, Management)
10. Ms. Jitender Kaur (RD Scholar, Management)
11. Mr. Amit Katoch (RD Scholar, Management)
12. Mr. Sandeep Bharmoria 2010-12 (MSW)
13. Ms. Shivani Mahajan Batch 2010-12 (MBA IFS)
14. Ms. Shailja Batch 2010-12 (MBA IFS)



Ms. Aditi Sharma

IV Semester MBA,
New Student Editor replaces
Ms. Surbhi Sood.
Ms. Surbhi could not continue
due to her personal reasons.

WORKSHOP ON HINDI NOTING AND DRAFTING

It is mandatory for all Central Government Offices to organise a quarterly workshop on subject related to the official language—Hindi, to create awareness for use of Hindi in the Central Government Offices and remove the hurdles being faced in its progressive use.

In compliance to this provision, a Hindi Workshop on Hindi Noting & Drafting was organised on **13.03.2013** for the em-

ployees of Camp Office of the University. During this workshop, important aspects of Noting & Drafting and its significance in official work were explained to them. The important formats of letters on which discussion was held included Personal letters, Commercial letters, Demi-Official Letters & Official Letters & Correspondence including Application, Circular, Memo-

randum, Office Order, Notices and Notification.

The Hindi Officer, Mr. Sanjay Singh, conducted the workshop. All the employees actively participated in the workshop and their doubts pertaining to different formats of letters were resolved. The enthusiasm and commitment of the Resource Person and Participants were commendable.

Appreciation Function on the successful organization of the First Convocation



Convenors, Faculty & Staff of various Committees of First Convocation being felicitated by the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor



Hon'ble Vice Chancellor being presented a symbolic token of gratitude on behalf of the Faculty & Staff of CUHP



On 22nd March 2013, Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Furqan Qamar laid foundation of a new tradition to recognize and appreciate the efforts of Central University of Himachal Pradesh Team of teaching and non-teaching members towards successful organization of the Convocation. All the Central University of Himachal Pradesh Team members were given appreciation letters and Convocators of various committees were honoured with mementos of the university. The faculty & staff in turn thanked the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor for the warmth and appreciation he bestowed. This programme was followed by high tea.

Meeting of Official Language Implementation Committee (OLIC)

To ensure the compliance of Official Language provisions of the Union, the Official Language Implementation Committee has been constituted in CUHP, which reviews the progress of Official Language Hindi in CUHP and suggests measures to achieve the Annual Targets of Official Language.

In this regard, the meeting of OLIC for the quarter January-March 2013 was held on 21.03.2013 at TAB, Shahpur. The meeting was presided by its ex-officio Chairman Shri B. R. Dhiman, Registrar, CUHP. Other members present in the meeting were Prof. Yoginder S. Verma, Pro-Vice Chancellor & Dean, School of Business and Management Studies; Prof. Arvind Agarwal, Dean, School of Social Science; Prof. H. R. Sharma, Dean Students' Welfare & Head, Department of Economics and Public Policy and Shri Sanjay Kumar Singh, Hindi Officer (Member Secretary).

The committee members reviewed and deliberated on following issues of the Agenda:

- Unicode Hindi Software for computers
- Noting in Hindi
- Purchase of Hindi books in Library
- Distribution of English-Hindi Dictionary to all Deans and Head of Departments
- Review of display of Citizen Charter, Public Notice Boards etc. bilingually
- Codes, Manuals, Procedural Literature etc. in Hindi
- Incentive Scheme for Employees for doing official work in Hindi
- Compliance of targets of Annual Programme 2012-13 issued by Department of Official Language
- Status of knowledge of Hindi Typing, Hindi Stenography & Hindi Language
- Review of CUHP's quarterly Hindi Progress Report of quarter ending 31.12.2012
- Feasibility of establishing 'Directorate of Hindi Medium Implementation' in CUHP, a suggestion given by Member of Hindi Advisory Committee, MHRD.

The committee resolved to take every possible step and make all efforts to achieve the targets of Annual Programme 2012-13 issued by Department of Official Language, Ministry of Home Affairs so that the provisions of Official Language Policy of the Union may be implemented at the earliest.

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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.

Prof. Hanns Wienold: A PROFILE

Prof. Hanns Wienold, born on 1944, was a Professor of Sociology and Methods of Social Research at the University of Münster, Germany before superannuation. His core academic concerns are industrial sociology, labour union, adult education, small farmers, migrant labour, environmental development etc. Since 1974, Prof. Wienold has been engaged in trade union education.

He has worked extensively in India and carried out his field Work in Palampur on Changar Area under a research collaboration with C.S.K. Agricultural University, Palampur. Research findings and analysis of the same could be found in his book titled, 'Life and Death in the Country: Small farmers in India and Brazil'. In this book he raises following questions - "Are the days of the small and micro agricultural producers counted in the regions of the south? Are there other ways out of the debt trap other than suicide? Based on many years of field research in India and Brazil, the author examines the survival of smallholder rural households in a cut-throat competitive world of transnational agribusiness.

He has written several books and research articles including the following:

1. *Life and Death in the Country. Small farmers in India and Brazil.* Westfälisches Dampfboot Verlag, Münster, 2007.
2. *Empirical Social Research.* Westfälisches Dampfboot Verlag, Münster 2000.
3. *Society in Marx.* Westfälisches Dampfboot Verlag, Münster, 2001.
4. *Dollares and Dreams.* Westfälisches Dampfboot Verlag, Münster, 2009.

