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Dear Reader,

August always has a feeling of grandeur attached to its arrival; its opulence is multifaceted. It invites us to cherish the golden memories of our Independence. It works as a time machine for all of us Indians, to feel once again the agonizing, blood-filled, life-sacrificing; yet non-violent days, months and years of our great freedom struggle. At CUHP too, we were on the high notes of singing to the patriotic heart beats offered by the National Anthem, as the Vice Chancellor hoisted the Tri-color national flag. August also witnessed the visit of the Governor of Nagaland & Manipur, His Excellency Dr. Ashwani Kumar.

As the days got busy with regular classes, after the summer holidays, the University offered a

warm welcome to the new comers to various post graduate programmes. The new comers add vigour and vitality to the corridors and class rooms of this great center of learning. The month also witnessed an International Conference on "Social Rights, Social Justice and Social Policies" being collaboratively organized by the Department of Social Work and German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD), wherein research scholars from Germany, Malaysia, Afghanistan and India presented various research papers. Third Semester Students of various departments arrive after their successful summer internship programmes. Board of Studies meeting that was conducted at the Department of Social Work added momentum to the researchers' academic aspira-



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tions.
My best wishes for an activity filled, futuristic and scholastically thrilling academic year!

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Blessings to the New Batch of Students by His Excellency the Governor of Nagaland and Manipur Dr. Ashwani Kumar

The Hon'ble Governor of Nagaland and Governor-Designate of Manipur, His Excellency, Dr Ashwani Kumar interacted with the newly admitted students in the Central University of Himachal Pradesh in an orientation programme for students of the PG Programmes for the academic year 2013-14, at the conference hall of the Temporary Academic Block of the University at

Shahpur on Thursday, 2nd August 2013.

Interacting with the students and faculty members of CUHP during the orientation programme, the Governor said that there is no short cut to success. It can only be achieved through hard work, honesty and obedience, he said. According to him, H₂O, is the formula for success in life, where the first 'H'



stands for hardwork, second for honesty and 'O' for obedience. Emphasising on the importance to be honest and hardworking at the same time, one without the other is will not make

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the success formula. “Working hard without being honest will not help to achieve success in life”, he said.

Urging the students to be adaptable to changing situations, he said that adaptability is also important in achieving success. Explaining the idea to the students through the example of water, he said water is capable of adapting to different shapes based on the shape of its container. If you put blue ink in the water, it turns blue. “So adapting to suit conditions is important in life, if you are seeking achievement”, said Dr. Ashwani Kumar.

However, there is a need to keep ones identity and character intact despite the ability to adapt, he said. “Even if you put ink or sugar to water, it is possible that the water



can be changed back to its pure form. So being adaptable is important, but the same time one should be careful about not changing his or her basic character”, he added.

Emphasising on the importance of good education institutions, he said that schools are the temples of learning. Remembering his school days in Nahan, he said that the schooling was very important for him since it had given the values and principles of life for becoming a better human being. “I was never taught those values and principles from any of other institutions I attended”, he said.

Addressing the gathering,

Vice Chancellor, Prof. Furqan Qamar said that this is the time to move towards innovative student centric, multidisciplinary approach in higher education. “While developing the curriculum and academic structure of the university we have focused on this approach”, he said.

During the orientation programme, Pro Vice Chancellor Prof. Yoginder S Verma, welcomed the Chief Guest His Excellency Dr Ashwani Kumar and his lady wife and other dignitaries. Dean and Proctor, Dr. Roshan Lal Sharma gave a brief introduction of the university to the guests

and new students. Dean Student Welfare and Provost, Prof. H R Sharma proposed the vote of thanks.

His Excellency Dr Ashwani Kumar and his Lady Wife later planted saplings in the campus as part of the programme.

Registrar, Dr. Gautam Mukherjee, Finance Officer Dr. B R Dhiman, Deans of different Schools, Heads and faculty members of various departments of the university were present.



Vice Chancellor handing – over the University’s Logo to His Excellency The Governor of Nagaland and Manipur



Independence Day Celebrated at Central University Himachal Pradesh



Vice Chancellor Hoisting the National Flag



Faculty and students of the Central University of Himachal Pradesh celebrated the 67th Independence Day of the nation at the Temporary Academic Block of the university at Shahpur on Thursday, 15th August 2013. Celebrations started with Vice Chancellor, Prof. Furqan Qamar hoisting the national flag in the university.

Addressing the gathering of students and faculty members of the university, Prof. Furqan Qamar said that while celebrating the Independence Day, one should not forget that education is the backbone of the country.



“It is through education that our country is going to achieve peace and prosperity on all fronts”, he said.

Proposing the vote of thanks in the function, Pro-Vice Chancellor, Prof. Yoginder S. Verma said that the freedom fighters who have sacrificed their life and career for achieving the freedom for the country were not looking for material freedom only. “We should get free from our own selfishness, then only we will get the real independence”, he said.

During the celebrations, students from

different departments of the university sang patriotic songs and performed skits. The Registrar, Dr. Gautam Mukherjee, Finance Officer, B. R. Dhiman, Deans and Heads of the different schools and departments were also present at the function.



Students Performing during Independence Day Celebration

Board of Studies Meeting of Social Work

The Department of Social Work held the 2nd Board of Studies (BoS) of Social Work on August 29, 2013 to at 9.00 AM in TAB, Shahpur. The agenda for the BoS were the following— (a) Approval of allotment of Research Supervisors for two RD students; (b) Change in pre-requisites of certain courses of social work; (c) To deliberate further on the social work courses and seek approval. The meeting was attended by Prof. Arbinder Kohli, Former Professor of Social Work, Jamia Millia Islamia and Prof. Sanjai Bhatt, Professor and Head, Department of Social Work, University of Delhi as Subject Experts; Prof. Yoginder S. Verma, Dean SoBMS, Prof. H. R. Sharma,

Head, Department of Economics and Public Policy and Dr. Asutosh Pradhan, Associate Professor, Dept. of Social Work. Prof. Arvind Agrawal, Dean School of Social Sciences and Head, Department of Social Work acted as Chairman & Convenor of the BoS.

The BoS approved the names of Prof. Arvind Agrawal and Dr. Asutosh Pradhan as Approved Research Supervisors for RD Programmes for Mr. Javaid Mir and Mr. Jomon Varghese respectively. It also approved the synopsis of 3 research scholars registered in the department.

International Conference on Social Rights, Social Justice and Social Policies

Living in the third millennia has made human kind aware of the ever green dynamism that exists and thrives between social rights, social justice and social policies. This nourishes democracies in the world and keeps the democracies traverse through the struggles hitherto unseen. A peculiarity of these ideas is that they are realistic in the day to day lives of ordinary human beings. This fact can only be studied in an indepth manner; i.e., by letting the person narrate about it from his/her life experience.

Narrative interview / biographical policy analysis as developed by Fritz Schutze is widely used, in this regard, by qualitative researchers globally. The International Conference, jointly organized by Central University of Himachal Pradesh, German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) and Fachhochschule Frankfurt am Main, University of Applied Sciences, Frankfurt proved to be an excellent intellectual platform for sharing experiences of researchers who used the method of Narrative Interview, to highlight issues of social rights, social justice and social policies. The Conference saw budding social researchers, sharing their experiences in conducting the narrative interview, from countries Malaysia, Afghanistan, Germany and India.

Inaugural Session

The Conference was held on 29th August 2013 at Temporary Academic Block of Central University of Himachal Pradesh. The conference commenced with the



Inaugural Function chaired by Prof. Furqan Qamar, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor of Central University of Himachal Pradesh. A warm welcome was given in the form of bouquets to the participant students and

teachers of Frankfurt University of Applied Sciences, National University of Malaysia and Kabul University by the host students of Dept. of Social Work, Central University of Himachal Pradesh. Prof Arvind Agrawal, Head, Dept. of Social Work and Dean, School of Social Sciences welcomed the International guests from three Universities and urged them to visit often. He extended a special welcome to Hon'ble Chief Guest, Prof. Dr. Dagmar Oberlies from Frankfurt University of Applied Sciences. He also welcomed Prof. Furqan Qamar, the Chairperson of the Inaugural Session and the Guest of Honour, Prof. Yoginder S. Verma, the Pro - Vice Chancellor of Central University of Himachal Pradesh.

Prof. Yoginder S. Verma addressed the inaugural session and emphasized on the importance and relevance of Social Rights, Social Justice and Social Policies in Indian context. Prof. Dr. Oberlies, in her address, highlighted the theme and significance of the International Conference. Later, Chairperson, Prof. Furqan Qamar shared his views with the gathering and wished all the best to the participants of the conference. This marked the beginning of the International Conference. The vote of thanks for the Inaugural Session was proposed by Dr. Asutosh Pradhan, Associate Professor, Dept. of Social Works.

After a short tea break, the Technical Sessions of the conference began, where the participants presented the report of Narrative Interviews that they had conducted in their respective countries for the Conference. This session began with the presentation by Dr. Aatreyee of Jagori, Dharamshala. She presented her research titled, 'Accessing Economic and Social Rights of Litigants in the Subordinate Courts of India.'

Technical Session I – Presentations by Afghan Students

The students from the University of Kabul were first to present the interview reports. They had interviewed people from different walks of society in Afghanistan like a police officer, an ordinary resident, a disabled person and a lady who had lost her husband in war. The session was chaired by Prof. A. S. Kohli, Retired Prof. & former Head, Dept. of Social Work, Jamia Milia Islamia, Delhi. After the presentations of the Afghan students, their accompanying teacher Prof. Baryalai Hakimi, Associate Professor, Kabul Uni-

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versity summarized the interviews in context of Afghan society. He shared some of the problems that the Afghan students had to face while conducting research in Afghan society. Then, the chairperson of the session Prof. A. S. Kohli reviewed the presentations of the Afghan students.

Technical Session II – Presentations by German Students

This session was followed by Narrative Interview Reports presented by the students of Frankfurt University of Applied Sciences. Their interviews touched the issues of German Society, like healthcare system, education system and condition of women. The session was chaired by Dr. Sanjai Bhatt, Professor & Head, Dept. of Social Work, University of Delhi, Delhi. After the presentations of the German students, their accompanying teacher, Prof. Dr. Dagmar Oberlies summarized the interviews in context to German society. She said, despite being a rich and developed society, Germany faces certain social issues like gender discrimination. She described Germany a 'country in transition'. It

was followed by review of Prof. Sanjai Bhatt and he mentioned about the significance of the use of Narrative Interviews in research work. The presentation of German students was followed by lunch break after which the rest of the presentations followed.

Technical Session III – Presentations by Indian Students

Now it was the turn for the host students of School of Social Sciences of Central University of Himachal Pradesh to present their interviews. The session was chaired by Dr. Bhagwan Singh, Associate Professor, Dept. of Marketing & Supply Chain Management, Central University of HP and Dr. Surjeet Surroch, Head, department of Sociology, Government College, Palampur. The interviews of Indian students revolved around domestic violence, gender discrimination, struggles of minority community and challenges faced



by differently-abled people. Prof. Arvind Agrawal summarized the interviews presented by the Indian students and talked about how the interviews reflected upon the exclusive areas of Indian society. Dr. Ajay Meena, Post Doctoral Fellow, Department of Sociology, University of Rajasthan, Jaipur and Dr. Sajit Jakhar, Post Doctoral Fellow, Department of Sociology, University of Rajasthan, Jaipur made their reflections on the presentations. Later the chairpersons of the session reviewed the presentations of the Indian students.

Technical Session IV – Presentations by Malaysian Students

Last to present the Narrative Interviews were the students of National University of Malaysia. This session

was chaired by Dr. M Rabin-dranath, Dean, School of Journalism and Mass Communication, Central University of Himachal Pradesh and Dr. B P Badola, Head, Department of Sociology, Govt. College of Teachers' Education, Dhar-amshala. The presentation of Malaysian students began with a short introduction of their country which was followed by the interview reports. After the presentations

Dr. Kartini Aboo Talib of National University of Malaysia summarized the presentations of her students and discussed the interviews in the context of Malaysian society. She said that these interviews were a preliminary study and more respondents needed to be interviewed. The chairpersons of the session also reviewed the presentations and thanked the presenters. With this Technical Sessions of the conference came to an end and the day headed towards the closing ceremony.

Concluding Ceremony

In the closing ceremony the participants of the conference were awarded certificates by Prof. Dr. Dagmar Oberlies accompanied by Prof. Arvind Agrawal and other professors from the guest institutions and universities. Prof. Arvind Agrawal proposed a vote of thanks.

Summer Internship of MBA Students

The students of the School of Business and Management Studies undertook their Summer Internship from 24th June to 17th August 2013 in reputed business & corporate organisations as part of their 3rd semester course curriculum requirement.

Summer placement is an integral part of MBA Programme of Studies of Central University of Himachal Pradesh. No management programme can be complete without hands on experience of decision making situation. 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 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 op-

portunity to observe and critically examine the implementation of the management concepts learnt during the two semester's exhaustive study. It is also a process of developing their confidence and personality. The industry too gets benefited by getting fresh ideas, perspectives and problem solving approaches. With conceptually strong manpower, the institutions would get the insights through the projects undertaken by the students.

Summer internship also seeks to develop a productive interface between the academia and industry, wherein, both would get mutually benefitted and contribute in the development of new knowledge which will be relevant for the emerging management environment.

All the students have to compulsorily attend 2- months of training in an industrial or formal establishment to have an on-the-job exposure of pro-

fessional life and a professional work culture.

The specialisations in which students gained experience was in the field of finance, banking, marketing, human resources management, management of production operations, office management, supply-chain management, financial and insurance services, hospitality, health care and the like.

A few of the companies in which the students undertook their summer internship are the Ludhiana Stock Exchange, HDFC Bank, HPPCL, Angel Broking, Cadila Health Care Ltd., Meridian Medicare, ITC Ltd, State Bank of India, UCO Bank, RTDC, Bank of Baroda, Satluj Jal Vidyut Nigam Ltd., ACC Ltd, HPPCL, Coca Cola (Jammu), Hotel Mahindra Club , SAN Info Pvt. Ltd., UJVN Ltd, KCC Ltd., Unitech Ltd., HDFC Standard Life, Hi-Tech Satluj Ltd. Etc.

From the Visitor's Book

"It was a pleasure to visit this new university and speak with the new students. My blessings to the students and best wishes to the faculty."

- **Dr. Ashwani Kumar, Governor of Nagaland and Manipur**

"It is a great pleasure to be here, new and developing campus that is eco-friendly with breath-taking scenery. Hope that this university will achieve the vision and mission and will produce more Indian scholars and academicians."

- **Amiru Ashaff Bin & AB Rahman**

Participant in the International Conference on Social Rights, Social Justice and Social Policy

"I am very glad to be here with our German, Afghan and India friends. It is my pleasure to be part of this programme. Hope to see you guys next year."

- **Ong Song Peng, National University of Malaysia**

Participant in the International Conference on Social Rights, Social Justice and Social Policy

"I am happy to be here with my Afghan students, visiting my friend country - India!"

- **Mariam Ahmadi, Lecturer, Kabul University, Afghanistan**

Delegate, International Conference on Social Rights, Social Justice and Social Policy

"The journey has been great, challenging and worthwhile. Thank you for the warm hospitality and a progressive discussion."

- **Dr. Kartini Aboo Talib Khalid, Lecturer, National University of Malaysia**

Delegate, International Conference on Social Rights, Social Justice and Social Policy

"It was an interesting international conference. I must congratulate CUHP for organizing it."

- **Prof. A. S. Kohli, Former Professor, Jamia Millia Islamia University, Delhi**

Resource Person in the International Conference on Social Rights, Social Justice and Social Policy

"This was my pleasure visiting this University, its Professors and the students. I hope we (Kabul University) and Central University of Himachal Pradesh have close relation at the academic level in future."

Baryalai Hakimi, Lecturer, Faculty of Political Sciences, Kabul University, Afghanistan

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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.

Dr. Ashwani Kumar — A Profile

Dr. Ashwani Kumar, is currently the Governor of Nagaland and Manipur. Born on 15th November 1950, he hails from Nahan—a small village in District Sirmour of Himachal Pradesh. After passing out from the Rashtriya Indian Military College, Dehradun, he joined the Indian Police Service in 1973 and served in Himachal Pradesh till 1985. From 1985 to 1990 Dr. Ashwani Kumar worked with the Special Protection Group (SPG) responsible for the security of the Prime Minister of India in various capacities that included the position of Assistant Director in the Prime Minister's Office. He also served as Inspector

General of Police in the State Human Rights Commission at Shimla with great distinction. He enjoys an excellent reputation for enforcing rule of law and upholding human rights of weaker sections of society. He has had the distinction of working in close collaboration with INTERPOL for several years. During his service, he has earned appreciation from the Prime Minister of India and the Union Home Minister. He was awarded the Indian Police medal for Meritorious Services in 1989 and also the President's Police Medal for Distinguished Services in 1999. In August 2006, he took over the reins of the office of the Director General of Police of the State of Himachal Pradesh and brought about systemic changes in the department to instil professionalism and serve the common people in a better manner. He is also credited with the introduction of "Community Policing" in Himachal Pradesh. In July 2008 Dr Ashwani Kumar was appointed as the Director, Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI), Government of India. It was indeed a proud moment for the State of Himachal Pradesh when Dr. Ashwani Kumar became the first police officer from the State to head the CBI.

