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Editor's Desk

August 2012 has been an eventful month. Hon'ble Minister for Human Resource Development, Shri Kapil Sibal launched the Hindi website of the University on 5th August 2012 during the Vice Chancellors' Retreat held at Chandigarh.

The long-awaited news appointing Shri Arun Maira as the first Chancellor of the University was received in this month to the great joy of the University fraternity. The University shall indeed bene-

fit greatly from the rich and vast experience of a person of the stature of Shri Maira.

Students and staff of the University celebrated the Independence Day with gusto. The occasion was graced by Professor Pramod Tandon, former Vice Chancellor NEHU and Member of the National Advisory Council.

The University began its academic session as planned and a series of events were held.



Professor Arvind Agrawal
Chief Editor

Shri Kapil Sibal Hon'ble HRM Launches the Hindi Website of CUHP

Shri Kapil Sibal, Hon'ble Minister for Human Resource Development launched the Hindi website of the University on 5th August 2012 during the Vice Chancellors' Retreat held at Chandigarh.

The University had been working on its Hindi Website for quite sometime and as luck would have it, it got ready for the launch just a few days before the Vice Chancellors' Retreat organized by the University Grants Commission at Chandigarh.

Hon'ble Minister was kind enough to agree to the request of the Vice Chancellor to launch the Hindi Website on the occasion.

While it is mandatory for the University to have its website in Hindi, the same has been prepared to facilitate information communication to a large number of people who prefer to receive information in the national language.

The website provides all the details about the University in Hindi and most of the documents including the Annual Report and

Annual Accounts have been rendered into Hindi. The University strives to translate all the documents in real time in Hindi and upload on the website for information of the public at large.



Mr. Arun Maira appointed first Chancellor



Vice Chancellor addressing the Orientation Programme

His Excellency the President of India, in his capacity as the Visitor of the University, has appointed Mr. Arun Maira, Member, Planning Commission as the Chancellor of the Central University of Himachal Pradesh for a period of five years. As per the Central Universities Act 2009, the Chancellor presides over the Convocation of the University and chairs the meeting of the Univer-

sity Court. Internationally renowned for his professional and academic contribution, Mr. Maira's appointment as Chancellor is likely to immensely benefit the Central University and the university fraternity is obviously jubilant. The Vice Chancellor Professor Furqan Qamar called Mr. Maira as soon as he received the official communication from the

MHRD to congratulate him and to seek time to brief him about the progress made by the University since its inception and also to share the Vision and action plan of the University.

The Vice Chancellor made a courtesy call to the Hon'ble Chancellor on 21st August 2012.



Independence Day Celebrations

University Celebrates Independence Day

India's 65th Independence Day was celebrated with patriotic fervour in the Temporary Academic Block of the Central University of Himachal Pradesh on 15th August 2012. The Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, Prof. Furqan Qamar was the Chief Guest for the occasion. He unfurled the National Flag and delivered a moving and

motivating speech on the occasion reminding the gathering that we must cherish our freedom and channelize our energies in positive and constructive ways. He also motivated the students to realise their dreams by becoming academically sound. He was accompanied by Prof. Tandon and Prof. Asif Ali. The students presented patriotic songs

remembering the national heroes who laid down their lives for the motherland. Prof. Y.S. Verma, TAB Coordinator, Sh.B.R. Dhiman, Finance Officer & Registrar, Deans and Heads of various Schools & Departments, faculty members and students were present on the occasion.

"We must cherish our freedom and channelize our energies in positive and constructive ways"

*- Prof. Furqan Qamar
addressing students on the occasion of Independence Day*

Selection for Faculty in Full Swing



Orientation Programme in Session

The process of holding Selection Committee meetings for appointment of Assistant Professors in various disciplines commenced on 11th August 2012. In a marathon exercise the University has notified dates for Selection Committee meetings during the months of August—November 2012. The process began with the Selection Committee meeting in

Computer Science/Information Technology on 11th August. This was followed by the meeting in Computational Biology/Bioinformatics (13-14th August 2012) and Tourism & Travel Management (23-24th August 2012). A series of Selection Committees are scheduled for September 2012.

While the schedules are gruel-

ing but no one is complaining simply because of the overwhelming response from a very large number of candidates.

The University has been working hard to attract the best talents to hold faculty positions across all disciplines. Its efforts to evolve an extremely objective and transparent process is being greatly appreciated.

Selections for the post of first Registrar held

31st August 2012: Dharamshala Selection committee for the post of the first Registrar of the University was held on 31st August 2012 at the Camp Office of the University at Dharamshala.

The vacancy had arisen due to the resignation of Dr. K.D. Lakhanpal who had joined as the first Registrar of the University on 1st April 2011.

As per the Central Universities Act 2009, the first Registrar of

the University is to be appointed by the President of India in his capacity as the Visitor of the University. The Act further provides that in case any vacancy arises before completion of the term of the first Registrar the same shall have to be filled up for the remaining period by the Visitor.

To facilitate the process, the University is required to advertise the posts and hold selection committee to recommend a

panel of at least three names to the Visitor.

The selection committee for the post of the first Registrar comprise the Vice Chancellor as Chairperson and two experts nominated by the President of India in his/her capacity as the Visitor of the University.

The Selection Committee was held on 31st August 2012 and it finalized the panel of names for submission to the Visitor



A Meeting in Action

Workshop on Development Communication

School of Journalism, Mass Communication and New Media organized a workshop on "Current Trends in Development Communication by using Technology Advancements."

Prof. Arbind Sinha of the Mudra Institute of Communication (MICA), Ahmedabad and Prof. Kasim of AJK Mass Communication Research Centre of Jamia Millia Islamia University, New Delhi were the two key Resource Persons. In a lively presentation based on real life experiences, Prof. Sinha spoke on the role and importance of Development Communication in transforming the society. He quoted few examples of Satellite Instructional Television Experiment popularly known as SITE one of the pioneering projects on Television by Government of India in the early days of Television.

Prof. Kasim's presentation dwelt upon the possi-

bilities that the technology revolution in information communication has opened and its impact on the society. Drawing hugely from his vast and varied experience in the field of Television Production, he addressed important issues of new media technologies, social networking and its ramifications.

Dr. M. Rabindranath, Dean of the School welcomed the resource persons and participants of the workshop and Dr. Roshan Lal Sharma, Dean, School of Humanities and Languages and Dr. Pradeep Nair, Head Department of Mass Communication & Electronic Media also presented their views.

The workshop was attended by the students from the Schools of Journalism, Mass Communication & New Media, Social Sciences and Humanities & Languages.



Workshop on Development Communication

University holds 3rd Orientation Programme for Freshers

Continuing with its tradition, the Orientation Programme for the third batch of students admitted to various programmes of studies of the University commenced on 1st August 2012. Since the number of students admitted to different programmes of studies this year was more than three hundred, the Orientation Programme was organized in two batches. Following the registration of students, each batch of the students was briefed about the unique curricular framework, pedagogy and examination system which is followed by the university. Students were also briefed and sensitized about the importance of creativity, innovation, discipline, anti ragging provisions, and workplace environment. Orientation Programme spanning over three days immediately after the commencement of the academic session is aimed at making students fully informed about the academic policies and practices of the university and concludes with the registration of students for various courses and commencement of classes. Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, as per the tradition, addressed all the batches of students on 1st August 2012. The programme was coordinated by Professor Yoginder Verma, Coordinator TAB with active support, cooperation and collaboration of Deans and Heads of Schools and Departments.

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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 Chancellor of the University – A Brief Profile

Mr. Arun Maira is a Member of the Planning Commission where he is responsible for facilitating the shaping of policies and programs relating to industrialisation and urbanisation in the country, and tourism. He combines hands-on leadership experience, consulting and thought-leadership as an author and speaker on the subjects of leadership and organisation transformation. He writes regularly in the leading Newspapers and business journals. He has authored several books, which include "Shaping The Future: Aspirational Leadership in India and Beyond" by John Wiley's & Sons in 2001; "Remaking India: One Country, One Destiny" by Response Books in 2004; "Discordant Democrats: Five Steps to Consensus" by Penguin Books in 2007 and "Transforming Capitalism: Business Leadership to Improve the World for Everyone" by Nimby Books in 2008.



Mr. Arun Maira

Arun Maira was a member of the Tata Administrative Services and worked in several senior positions in the TATA Group in India and abroad until 1989. He served on the Board of Tata Motors (then called TELCO) from 1981 to 1989 and worked with Arthur D. Little Inc (ADL), the international management consultancy, in the USA from 1989 to 1999, and consulted with companies across the world on issues of growth strategies and transformational change. During this time he was Managing Director of Innovation Associates, an Arthur D. Little subsidiary, Leader of ADL's North American Manufacturing Practice and Leader of ADL's World-wide Organization and Strategy Practice. He returned to India in 2000 and was Chairman of The Boston Consulting Group in India until April 2008. Arun Maira has advised clients across a wide variety of industries in many countries on issues of strategy and organisation. He has worked with clients in North America, Europe, South America and Asia in industries ranging from automobiles, steel, and oil, to pharmaceuticals, and financial services. He has also advised Governments and international agencies on leadership processes to accelerate development.

Prior to his appointment in the Planning Commission, Arun Maira has served on the boards of several large Indian companies, like Tata, Birla, Godrej, Hero, and Mahindra Groups. He has been a Member of The CII National Council for many years, as well as Chairman of several of CII's National Councils, including the National Council for Corporate Governance, and Chairman of CII's Leadership Summit. Arun Maira was Chairman of Save the Children, India, and Chairman of the Axis Bank Foundation. He has served on the boards of several Indian and international management education institutions. He was also on the boards of the Indian Institute of Corporate Affairs, the India Brand Equity Foundation, and the Public Interest Foundation, as well as a trustee of WWF India, the World Food Program India Trust, and Aspen India.

Arun Maira was born in Lahore on 15 August 1943. He received his M.Sc. and B.Sc. in Physics from St Stephen's College, Delhi University.