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## Editor's Desk

The University has been receiving a large number of eminent persons on its campus. Most drawn from the best universities of the country travelling all the way to Dharamshala to participate in the meetings of the Selection Committee in various disciplines.

The experts visiting the University have also included those coming to participate in the meeting of the Board of Studies of different Departments. Many Departments of the University used the opportunity to also organize special lectures and workshops for the benefit of their faculty and students.

Courtesy Indian National Science Academy (INSA) and Indian

Institute of Science Education & Research (IISER) Mohali, the University had the honour of receiving on its campus Professor Shamsher Ali, an eminent Physicist and former Vice Chancellor of many universities in Bangladesh. Professor Ali delivered a public lecture on Innovative Methods of Science Teaching which was attended by a large number of students and faculty of the University.

Commencing from 14th September 2012 the University organized one week of activities for promotion and popularization of Hindi on its campus. The Hindi week commenced with inaugural function on 14th September which was graced by such luminaries as Professor Ganga Prasad Vimal, Professor



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Jasbir Jain, Professor Gurup-desh Singh and Professor Anisur Rehman. The week concluded on 22nd September at the Temporary Academic Block.

## Professor Shamsher Ali delivers a Public Lecture

Professor Shamsher Ali of Bangladesh who was visiting India to participate in the meet of the National Academies of Sciences in the SAARC countries, visited the Central University of Himachal Pradesh on 11th September 2012 and interacted with students and faculty of the University on the Innovative Methods of

Teaching Science and Mathematics. Professor Shamsher Ali was introduced to the audience by Professor Kunj Bihari Joshi, Dean School of Physical & Material Sciences of the CUHP and was welcomed by the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor Professor Furqan Qamar.



## Hindi Week Celebrated



Hindi Week Celebration

CUHP launched Hindi Week Celebrations on 14th September 2012. The inaugural function was held at the Camp Office of the University at Dharamshala and was presided over by the honøble Vice Chancellor, Professor Furqan Qamar. Professor Ganga Prasad Vimal, former Professor of Hindi at JNU and former Director Hindi Sansthan, was the Chief Guest. Professor Anisur Rehman of Department of English, Jamia Millia Islamia, Professor Jasbir Jain, former Professor of English, University of Rajasthan and Professor Gurupdes Singh

of the Department of English of G. N. D. University, Patiala graced the occasion as Guests of Honour.

The function was attended by the staff members of the University and was conducted by Shri Sanjay Singh, the Hindi Officer of the University. Professor Yoginder Verma, Dean School of Business read out the message of Shri Kapil Sibal, Honøble HRM, whereas Dr. Roshan Lal Sharma, Dean, School of Humanities & Languages read out the message of Honøble Home Minister. Shri

B.R. Dhiman, Finance Officer and Registrar (additional charge) presented the report highlighting the progress of implementation of Raj Bhasha Prasar in the University.

During Hindi Week, a number of activities were organized for the staff and students of the University including essay competition. The concluding function was held on 22nd September 2012 at the Temporary Academic Block at Shahpur. Professor Yoginder Verma Coordinator TAB was the Chief Guest.



Teachers' Day Celebration

## Teachers' Day Celebrated with Gusto

The students of SBMS I & III semester greeted all the teachers affectionately and respectfully on Teachers' Day. A fun-filled surprise was in store for teachers in the programme that was held in the premises of TAB. Teachers were honoured by students with special cards made for this special occasion. Each teacher was given

a unique customized card as a symbol of their untiring efforts in shaping the future of the students. The students also held an Antakshri Competition for the teachers in which five teams of teachers from various disciplines participated enthusiastically. A beautiful cake in the shape of a book was ordered by students and cut by the teachers,

accompanied with refreshments. It was an overwhelming experience for the teachers who felt touched by this gesture of the students. All Programmes of Studies celebrated Teachers' Day in their own departments separately. Overall, it was a memorable and an unforgettable day for the teachers as well as the students.

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*"Education is not the filling of a pail but the lighting of a fire."*  
- William Butler Yeats

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## Mr. B.S. Baswan visits the University



Hindi Week  
Screening of A Feature Film

Former Education Secretary, Government of India, visited the site for the Dhauladhar Campus of the University and also the Temporary Academic Block (TAB) of the Central University of Himachal Pradesh on 1st September 2012.

Mr. Baswan was visiting Dharamshala in connection with a confidential assignment found

time to see the land identified for the Dhauladhar Campus of the University and also to see the facilities and infrastructure of the University at its Temporary Academic Block at Shahpur.

Mr. Baswan was the Education Secretary and later Consultant at the Planning Commission and was actively involved in conceptualizing the Prime

Minister's Agenda for Higher Education as announced on 15th August 2007. Establishment of 16 new Central Universities, 8 new IITs, 7 new IIMs and a host of other new institutions were the major components of the announcements.

## Selections for the Faculty continues

Marathon schedule of holding selection committee meetings for the post of Assistant Professors in various disciplines that commenced from August 2012 continues in September 2012 as well.

During the month of September 2012, the University planned and successfully held Selection Committee Meetings in the disciplines of Business & Management Studies (Accounting & Finance, Marketing & Supply Chain Management, Human

Resource Management & Organisational Behavior and Entrepreneurship), English, Mathematics, Library & Information Sciences, Economics and Social Work

It is encouraging that the University had not only received a very large number of applicants across all disciplines and categories and had decided to call a minimum of 20 candidates for each post, the response of the candidates has also been overwhelming as quite a good num-

ber of candidates called to appear before the Selection Committee did actually turn up.

A meticulously planned approach to screening and short-listing of candidates with total transparency by uploading the list of candidates, dates of selection committee and information through post and by email well in advance are the measures that have been greatly appreciated by all.



**Hindi Week Celebrations**  
Participants Engrossed in the  
General Knowledge Competition

## Selection of the CoE Postponed

Selection Committee meeting for the post of Controller of Examination which was scheduled to be held on 22nd September 2012 had to be postponed due to unavoidable administrative reasons. Fresh date, time and venue shall be announced to the candidates in due course of time.

University had fixed the meeting of the selection committee

well in advance and had issued call letters by post and email to all the applicants who were found eligible as per the advertised qualification.

The Selection Committee for the post of Controller of Examination, as per the Statutes of the University comprises the Vice Chancellor, an Expert nominated by the President of India in his capacity as the Visitor of

the University and an Expert nominated by the Executive Council of the University.

In response to its advertisement, the University had received a large number of applications and the Screening Committee had found that quite a few of them met the minimum eligibility requirements and accordingly these candidates were called for interview.



**Hindi Week**  
Distribution of Prizes to Winners

## BOS Meetings Held

Past two months have seen a number of eminent persons and experts visiting the University to participate in the meeting of the Board of Studies of different Departments.

So far, the Departments of Social Work, Economics, English,

Mathematics, Library Science, Environmental Sciences, Journalism & Creative Writing, Mass Communication & Electronic Media have already held meetings of their Board of Studies.

Board of Studies are the statu-

tory bodies of the University and consist of the Head of the Department as Chairman and two experts from outside the University and two faculty members of the University belonging to the allied, cognate and related discipline.



**Hindi Week**  
Concluding Function

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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.*

## Professor Shamsheer Ali — A Brief Profile

Born in Kushtia, Bangladesh, in 1940, Dr. M. Shamsheer Ali obtained his Master of Science (MSc) degree in Physics from the University of Dhaka in 1960 and PhD in Theoretical Nuclear Physics from Manchester University, UK in 1965. Dr. Ali, well known as the Founder Vice-Chancellor (1992-96) of Bangladesh Open University, had also served as Professor of Physics at University of Dhaka from 1982 to 2006. Prior to teaching, he had worked at the Pakistan and Bangladesh Atomic Energy Commission for about 21 years in various important positions including Directorship of Atomic Energy Centre, Dhaka (1970-78).



Professor Shamsheer Ali

Dr. Ali has been elected as President of the Bangladesh Academy of Sciences for the period 2004-2008. He is currently the Vice-Chancellor of Southeast University. His special interests include: Popularization of Science and Technology (delivered and conducted more than 300 talks on Radio and Television including some on BBC as a communicator of Science and Technology); Science and Development Issues in the Third World; Synthesis of Science and Religion.

Some of Dr. Ali's published books include: (i) Scientific Indications in the Holy Qur'an (published by Islamic Foundation, Dhaka, 1990, 1995, 2000); (ii) Muslim Contributions to Science and Technology (published by Islamic Foundation, Dhaka, 1996); and (iii) Brain Twister (Delightful Mathematics), published in 2002 (ISBN: 984-32-0319-4).