

Recent accolades & accomplishments of Research Staff

- Prof. S. P. Bansal, Director of the Institute, attended Second International Tourism Congress on “*Contemporary Tourism: Practices and Innovations*” held at Dubai from 10th to 13th September, 2010. During the conference he chaired the technical session on Tourism Marketing Issues.
- Prof. S. P. Bansal delivered the Keynote address and chaired the Technical session on “*Tourism Development and future vision in two day international conference on Sustainable Tourism-2010: Prospects and Challenges for India*”, organized at Chennai in the month of August, 2010.
- Prof. Bansal was selected as one of the panelist in CMS VATAVARAN Wildlife Traveling Film Festival & Environment Forum organized at Gaiety Theater, Shimla. Prof. S. P. Bansal received *Rashtriya Vidya Saraswati Award, 2010* conferred by International Institute of Education and Management for outstanding achievement and remarkable contribution in the field of education. His paper got published in the reputed international journals. Following papers have been published:
 - Perceptions of Tourist: A case Study of Uttarakhand, in the *International Journal of Hospitality & Tourism Systems*;
 - Successful Ecotourism Practices- Role of Stakeholders in *Tourism Science Review- An International Journal printed in Greece*
 - Determinants in Tourism Destination Choice in *International Tourism and Hospitality Research*
- Prof. S. P. Bansal has recently completed a UGC funded major research project entitled “Evaluating Ecotourism in the Natural Areas of Himachal Pradesh for Sustainable Tourism Development.” He also rendered his expertise as Chief consultant in the *Socio-Economic & Baseline Survey and SIA survey of Kashang Hydro-electric project Stage I, II & III* funded by Himachal Pradesh Power Corporation Limited, Himachal Pradesh.
- Prof. S. P. Bansal, Director, IIHS & Dr. Pankaj Gupta attended “Contemporary Issues of Science, Technology and Environment Programme” organized by H. P. State Council for Science Technology and Environment on 10th November, 2010
- Dr. V. K. Santvan made a project presentation entitled “Comprehensive Study of the Impact of Investment on Watershed in Himachal Pradesh” on 11th October, 2010 at NIRD Hyderabad.
- Dr. V. K. Santvan and Dr. Randhir Singh Ranta made their presentation on 9th November, 2010 for undertaking project from Khadi & Village Industries Commission on Physical verification of PMEGP units.
- Dr. V. K. Santvan & Dr. Pankaj Gupta attended a one day workshop on “IPR’s and Biotechnology” organized by H. P. State Council for Science Technology and Environment on 13th December, 2010.
- Dr. Randhir Singh Ranta attended 13th International Conference of the International Network for Philosophy and Psychiatry (INPP) on the theme “Real People: The Self in Mental Health and Social Care” being organized from 28th to 30th June, 2010 at Manchester, United Kingdom and presented his paper on “*Role of Indigenous Institutions of Local Deities in the Mental Health of people of Naor Valley*”. He also attended 1st International Conference on “Indigenous and Cultural Psychology” organized at Yogyakarta, Indonesia from 24th to 27th July, 2010.
- Dr. Randhir Singh Ranta and Dr. Baldev Singh Negi attended the six days training programme on “Use of Information Technology for Rural Development” from August 23-28, 2010 organized by National Institute of Rural Development, Hyderabad. Both of them also attended the five-day long *Winter School* on “Understanding India’s Strategic Environment & Security Challenges” organized by “*Doon University*” at Dehradun from 14th December to 18th December, 2010.

- Dr. Randhir Singh Ranta along with Dr. Joginder Singh Saklani & Dr. Baldev Singh Negi submitted reports of *Socio-Economic & Baseline Survey and SIA survey of Kashang Hydro-electric project Stage I* funded by Himachal Pradesh Power Corporation Limited, Himachal Pradesh. Dr. Randhir Singh Ranta & Dr. Baldev Singh Negi have completed their project on “*Psycho-social Analysis of Displaced People: Evaluation of Rehabilitation & Resettlement Policies in the Tribal Areas of Himachal Pradesh*” to the Institute of Tribal Studies, H.P. University, Shimla.
- Dr. Pawan Kumar Attri attended a training workshop on “Management & Leadership Development” organized by National Academy of Administration, Mussorie from 16th -21st August, 2010. He also attended a training workshop on “Climate Change and Carbon Mitigation” organized by Forest Research Institute, Dheradun from 6th to 10th September, 2010.
- Dr. Baldev Singh Singh participated in three weeks long Summer School on “Sustainable Habitats in India” organized by German Technical Cooperation and German Academic Exchange Service in collaboration with School of Habitat Studies of Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Mumbai, from 5th April to 23rd April, 2010.
- Dr. Bhawani Singh attended International workshop on “*Hindi ka Vaishvikaran*” in Nepal. He has also attended Seminar on “*Hindi Navlekhan mai Bhasha Saranchana*” at Palwal, Haryana and ICSSR, New Delhi.
- Dr. Pushpa Thakur attended a workshop on “Role of Scientists in Biodiversity Conservation” organized by “Wildlife Institute of India” at Dehradun from 25th to 29th October, 2010.
- Dr. Pankaj Gupta submitted reports of *Socio-Economic & Baseline Survey and SIA survey of Kashang Hydro-electric project Stage II & III* funded by Himachal Pradesh Power Corporation Limited, Himachal Pradesh.
- Dr. Nitin Vyas completed his doctorate in Tourism in the month of December, 2010.
- Sh. Kuldeep Singh has undertaken the task of making documentaries on *Lok Awaas Yatra* and ‘*Shaand*’ of Kotkhai. His paper on “*Bhunda in Himachal Hill*” has been selected for presentation in Portland State University, USA in the month of June. His paper entitled, “*Bhunda in Himachal Hill-Relevance of Age-old festival in today’s society*” has been selected for presentation to be held in Osaka Japan in the month of March 2011.
- Dr. Joginder Singh Saklani completed his project entitled, “An assessment of Implementation of NAREGA Scheme in Sari Panchayat of District Mandi “. The same has been internally published by the Institute. Dr. Rakesh Singh has also completed his project entitled, “An assessment of Implementation of NAREGA Scheme in Deoth Panchayat of District Bilaspur“.
- Nitin Kalayania, student of Diploma in *Pahari* Miniature Painting got first prize of Rs. 5000 for his miniature painting in a state level competition organized by Department of Art, Language and Culture, Himachal Pradesh.