

Student's Corner

Discussion Forum

With the aim of developing interpersonal and communication skills among the MBA students, the Institute started a Discussion Forum for the students. The concept of Group Discussion is a part of the regular academic curriculum. In order to smoothly run the activities of this forum, Dr. Randhir Ranta, Course Coordinator, divided the class into six groups. These groups are named as *Kiran* of Himalaya, *Pragati*, *Unnati*, *Jagruti*, *Jigyasa* and *Utkarsh*. This forum organized number of activities, including presentations and debates.

Exposure visit to Sukori Panchayat

On 2nd October, 2013, Institute in collaboration with State Institute for Rural Development (SIRD) Shimla organized an exposure visit for the MBA (Rural Development) students in *Gram Panchayat Sukori* located in *Kandaghat* block of district Solan. The main objective of the visit was to familiarize the students with the process of *Gram Sabha* meeting and convey them about the significance of *gram sabha* for rural masses. The students actively participated in this meeting.

MBA Students Visited SIRD

The students of MBA (RD) visited State Institute of Rural Development (SIRD) on 15th October, 2013. The purpose of the visit was to provide a practical experience of SIRD working. Sh. Anupam Kashyap, Additional Director, SIRD, interacted with the students. Sh. Kashyap stressed on the need of having a well-defined future vision for working in rural areas. He further elaborated that rural development is a multi-dimensional field which requires a complete knowledge of rural and dedicated attitude to work for the cause.

Teacher's Day Celebrations

Teachers' Day, which is celebrated to mark the birth anniversary of former President of India Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan, was celebrated with gaiety in the Institute. Prof. A.D.N. Bajpai, Vice-Chancellor, HPU, was the Chief Guest of function. He addressed the students on the occasion. "Teachers help in guiding and molding the students to become the future citizens of the country," he said. He guided them to concentrate on their career with a focused vision. The students entertained their teachers and acknowledged their contributions.

Other Achievements

- Institute is proud to acknowledge the achievements of MFA students, who have been recognized at state level. Students of MFA participated in Youth festival in the month of September, 2013 and brought laurels to the Institute. Mr. Devinder Sharma got first prize and Mr. Baldev got second prize in on the spot painting/ poster making competition. Savita Sharma got third prize in Photography. Mr. Devinder Sharma received first prize in painting competition on the theme fashion organized at Kali Bari, Shimla.
- Students of other courses also continued the tradition of intense involvement in academic activities. Students of M. Sc. made presentations during the classroom seminars organized

every Saturday. These students participated in one day seminar organized by Himalayan Forest Research Institute (HFRI) on the occasion of Himalayan Day. The theme for this year's Himalayan Day was "SAVE HIMALAYAS SAVE SELF".