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CUHP Students Elect Student Representatives

Students of the Central University of Himachal Pradesh voted to elect representatives to the Student Council during the elections held in the campus on Wednesday. From 20 schools, 30 candidates were nominated, of which candidates from 12 schools won unopposed. For the remaining three schools - MBA, Humanities, Journalism – elections were held, which witnessed a voter turnout of 68.87 percent.

Kashish Sood, Basudev Swain (School

of Business & Management Studies), Surender Kumar, Sonu Kumar (School of Humanities & Languages and School of Education), Ajay Rohilla (School of Journalism, Mass Communication & New Media) won the student's verdict.

With the election results declared, student council has got 20 elected members. The remaining 20 members, who are nominated based on academic performance, will be shortly selected.



Students of School of MBA celebrate victory as the election results are declared at CUHP on Wednesday.

of Earth & Environmental Sciences), Devender Kumar (School of Life Sciences), Sandeep Kumar, Hardeep Sharma, Vijay Kumar, Anil Kumar Rana (School of Mathematics, Computers & Information Sciences), Sumeet Bharti, Anu (School of Physical & Material Sciences), Devinder Kumar, Tarunvir Wasan (School of Social Sciences), Santosh Kumar (School of Tourism, Travel & Hospitality Management) were elected unopposed.

From the three schools where elections were held, Harnek Singh, Mandeep Kaur, Sanjeev Kumar, Avtar Singh, Sahil Dhawan (School

Vice Chancellor, Prof. Y.S. Verma congratulated all the winning candidates and said elections are the base of vibrant democracy.

Dean of Student Welfare, Prof. H. R. Sharma said that the elections were peaceful. He also said that the future course will be discussed in the first Student Council meeting scheduled to be held on October 18.

According to university authorities, of the 30 nominations filed, 3 candidates withdrew their nominations. Nomination of 4 candidates were rejected on scrutiny.

Shahpur CHC lacks facilities, authorities yet to respond

By Shradha Sharma

The patients coming for treatment in Community Health Centre (CHC) Shahpur are facing many problems due to the apathy of the officials. Here, the ECG machine is not functioning for over two months and patients are compelled to take ECG reports from private clinics at higher prices.

Doctors here are allegedly sending patients to private facilities for taking ECG reports, which creates problems for them, especially to poor patients. "Though the doctors are cooperative, when they refer us to private clinics for different medical tests, it puts big burden on our pocket", said a patient at CHC on condition of anonymity.

The problems faced by the patients at CHC don't end here. They have to stay in unhygienic conditions. Particularly, the toilets are in bad shape. "The toilet emits foul smell as they are not cleaned regularly. It becomes tough to use them in the morning as they overflow at that time", said an attendant with a patient. "It increases the danger of patients getting infected with some other diseases, instead of recuperating here", he added.

The hospital caters over 10 panchayats in the region, having a population of over one lakh. It has a capacity of 30 beds. According to ward sister Rita Sharma at the CHC, there is an ultrasound machine, an x-ray machine and an ECG machine to examine patients.

When contacted for response on the issue, Block Medical Officer, Dr. Pradeep Sharma, said that there is a shortage of staff which is directly affecting the cleanliness and functioning of the hospital. Commenting on the issue of the malfunctioning of the ECG machine, he said that the requests to higher authorities fell on deaf ears. "We raised this issue many a time with higher officials but did not get the positive result yet", he said.

CUHP turning into a hub of diverse cultures across India

By Priya Yadav

Teacher – "You have to submit your assignment by tomorrow only."

HOOODI BABA !!!!! and whole class laughed.

This is not a scene of a comic movie but of a class with all Himachali but one Bhopali student. And the phrase 'Hoodi Baba' blurted by the Bhopali student made everyone laugh. In Central University of Himachal Pradesh (CUHP), this is not the case of just one class. Every classroom, canteen, hostel are witnessing some sort of hilarious moments as student and faculty from different regions of the country are coming together.

Since students of every State are coming in CUHP for higher studies, they are bringing their culture, custom, language, dialect and accent.

Kanika, 1st year MBA student, from Jaipur influenced by Himachali dialects tries to

include some words in her conversation with Rajasthani accent, which creates an environment of easiness amongst her friend circle. "I



Students from across the country comes together in CUHP campus. (Photo: Nishant Badwal)

loved local language and I have learnt few words like, 'Motikhup', 'Kalol', 'Fitte muh', 'Adiye'. People get amazed when I use those words to address them," says a jubilant Kanika.

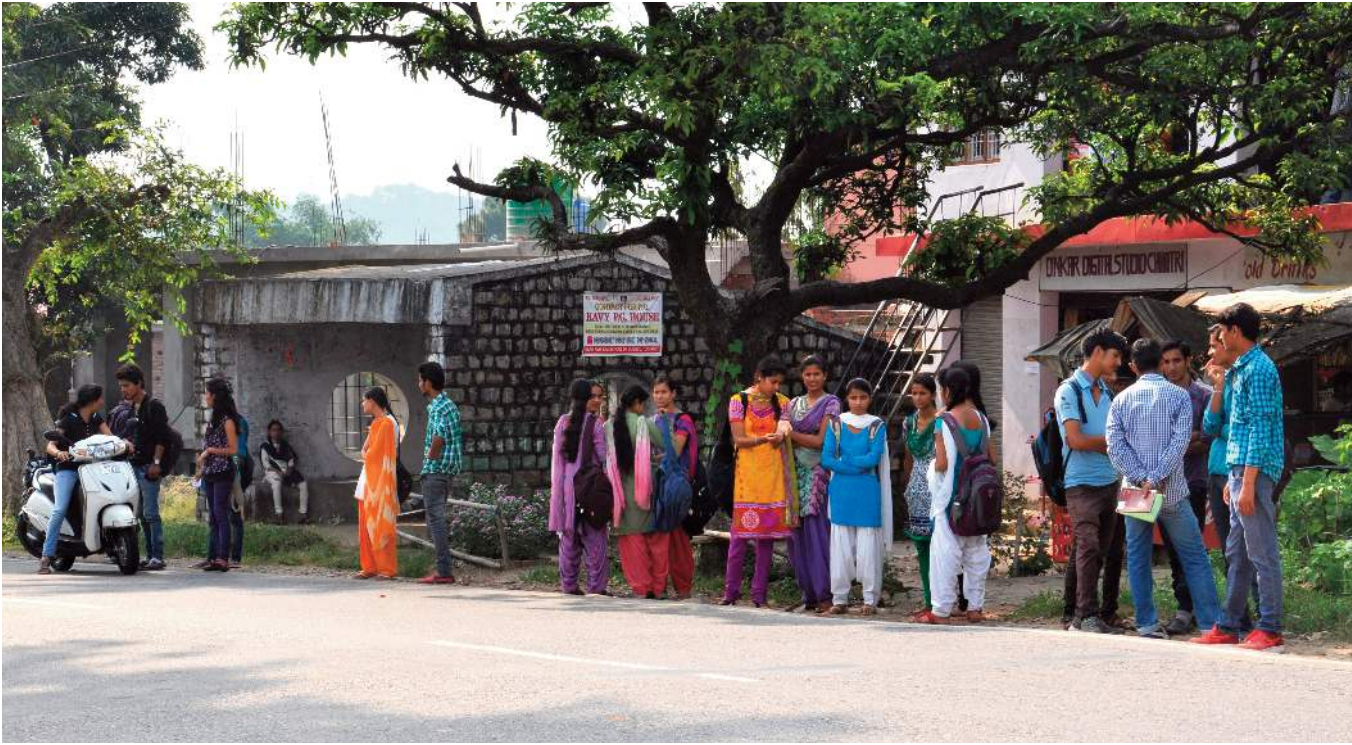
Deeksha, 1st year Msc Mathematics

student, couldn't believe her when she heard, "Ji Shukriya", when she passed the attendance sheet to his classmate Shakir Hussain from Jammu & Kashmir. "I never thought that someone can be so formal and Urdu, I just loved it", she said.

It's not that only language and culture which is fascinating students. But for out-stationed students climate of Himachal is appealing and creating a soothing effect. Mohammad Fardeen, 1st year MBA student from UP feels almost home here. "Charming weather and scenic beauty of Himachal is breath taking and warm behaviour of local people is like home away from home", he says.

Sharing of culture is not just limited to students. Teachers and other staff members are too enjoying the diversity, as the university has faculty members from almost every state from Kerala to Jammu and Kashmir.

Eve teasing rampant near Chattri bus stop



Students waiting for bus at Chattri bus stop near Central University of Himachal Pradesh on Tuesday. There are complaints that eve-teasing is rampant at Chattri bus stop and its premises.

By Priya Yadav

Anjali *, a 21-year-old student at the Central University, decided never to go to her rented house, half a kilometre away, alone. She took that decision after confronting something which she thought, only happens in metro cities.

One day on her way to PG, she found that two boys on a bike were stalking her. "Two boys were following me", recalls Anjali. "They stopped at one point and gazed at me and when I crossed them, again they started their bike and stopped at some distance and were continuously staring at me", she said.

This is not something happened with Anjali only. Nearly every girl is facing the same situation in the premises of the higher education institutions functioning in the small village of Chattri.

Chattri Bus stop, close to Central University of Himachal Pradesh campus and Shahpur Degree College, is becoming a hub of eve –

teasers.

Another student of Central University of Himachal Pradesh, encountered the same problem. Shivani, a 21-year-old media student said, "When I was waiting for bus to go to Dramman, four boys in a car with loud music were passing by very close to me again and again, giving vulgar expressions".

Being on the Pathankot - Mandi National Highway which leads to many popular tourist places in Himachal Pradesh, it witnesses a huge rush. And because very few buses stop here, girls have to wait for long time which adds to the problem.

"We have to wait here for long time and sometimes it happens that boys pass comments," says Pooja, a student of Shahpur Degree College, who is one among the hundreds of girl students who use Chattri bus stop every day.

(*Actual name changed on request)

Shahpur Tehsil Office in a decrepit condition

By Shivani and Priyanka

"If it did not have the clerks sitting outside with typewriters and the people thronging them, we would have taken it for a garbage dumping place", recalls Priya, a student, about her experience of going to Shahpur Tehsil office. Despite being a major government office delivering essential services to the public, it is in a pathetic condition.

The Tehsil office, situated by the side of the Patahnkot-Mandi National Highway, caters to the need of hundreds of people who visit this office every day. However, there are no seating arrangements or any such facility for the public who visits the office and had to wait for hours to get their papers done.

Officials are not better fared. The rooms, rather sheds, for those who have got one, do not have even a single fan. Less lucky ones sit outside, clacking on their age-old typewriters and shooing away the people who gather around them with requests.

The buildings in the office compound are in a dilapidated condition. "The buildings look like they will fall at any time. Moreover, the whole compound is littered with garbage, reeking with foul smell", said a villager who is one among the many who visit the office for getting necessary official documents.

Attempts to get a comment from the officials were not fruitful.



The fear I and every woman carries...

By Arjita

If at all rape existed in the animal kingdom, the female would have many ways to cope with it. If I were a female in the animal kingdom I would have found ways to stand it by changing habitat, forming alliances or through putting up resistance.

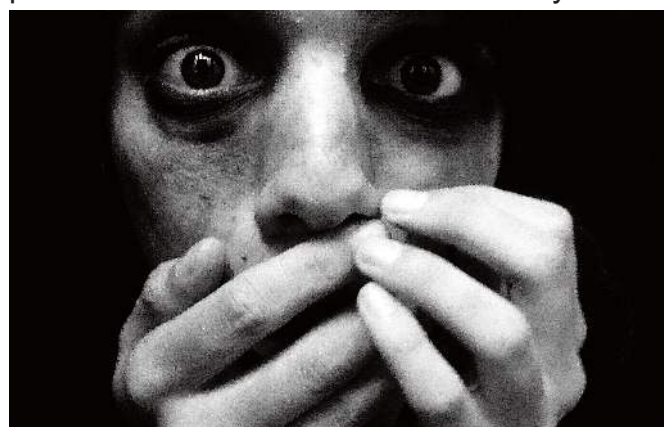
Certainly a sexually assaulted female animal would never commit suicide, she will just move on, because rest of the animal kingdom neither shames her nor cares. But when it comes to the kingdom of the most advanced animal on the planet – humen/women, it shames her and doesn't care - she is left to be shamed.

It's not a new story. *Mahabharat* and *Ramayana* didn't treat her right – be it *Draupadi's Cheer Haran* or *Seeta's Agni Pariksha*. *Yudhishtir* questioned *Draupadi* even after her death, while *Sita* asked for death herself. Where was god then? Was it not the omniscient that time? Or Has It been waiting for her to stop praying and speak up?

Do clothes matter? Saree and salwar kurta clad women are equally, probably more likely to be harassed. Does place matter? 70% Indian women face domestic violence - it happens at home. Does time matter? If it happens at home, it can happen anytime. Beware of strangers? Neighbours and relatives commit

98% of rapes in India. She is not safe, anywhere, anytime, ever. So what remains?, Eternal fear, shame and hopelessness? No. Let's get out of their regime of fear and shame.

What is widely considered as a man's prized possessions in our hu'man' society- land,



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woman, career, money - stay with time; his work can be seen. Instead, the prized possessions ordained to women - beauty and purity - fade with time, while her service and sacrifices remain invisible and intangible. So despite having equal number of men and women in the world, it looks like 'a man's world', where 'behind every successful man is a woman'.

The Indian caste system classifies the body into four parts - (1) Mouth (2) Arms (3)

Thighs (4) Feet - each corresponding to a function - (1) Intellect (2) Courage (3) Energy (4) Labor-a businessman doesn't labour, a labourer doesn't study, a teacher doesn't fight. Though she also belongs to different lineages of this hierarchy, the Indian female as a home-maker is largely confined to be the shudras of every household.

She is weak - physically, emotionally, and financially. Developing the brahmin (as half the battle is won in the mind) and the kshatriya is thus necessary for her, not to survive, but to live.

An eye for an eye leaves the whole world blind. But what if the whole world is acting blind? And deaf? And mute? Most often a harassed woman doesn't get the support she needs. "Change comes from within, do not seek it without," says Buddha. A pest at home will be a pest outside. Mothers, sisters and daughters, must overcome fear - stop him at the first blackmail, the first abuse, or the first slap. As too much love and silence can be mistaken for cowardice and submission.

When you know better, you do better. If you only know a lot, it was all for naught. We have built statues of her, now let's have some built by her.

(Views expressed in the article are personal.)