



Himachal Pradesh University Alumni Association
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A meeting of Governing Council of Himachal Pradesh University Alumni Association was held on 11th Oct, 2021 in the Committee room of Hon'ble Vice Chancellor of Himachal Pradesh University at 11 A.M. Prof. Sikander Kumar Hon'ble Vice Chancellor and Chief Patron of the HPU Alumni Association chaired the meeting.

Following members attended the meeting:

1. Prof. Sikander Kumar, Vice Chancellor, Himachal Pradesh University and Chief Patron HPU Alumni Association
2. Prof. CL Gupta, Director Indian Institute of Advanced Study, Shimla
3. Prof. Kamal Jeet Singh, Vice Chancellor, Madhusudan Law University, Cuttack
4. Prof. V.P. Sharma, Former Professor of English, Himachal Pradesh University
5. Prof. Sunil Gupta, Chairman Himachal Pradesh Higher Education Council Shimla
6. Prof. Suresh Kumar, Former Professor of Management, Himachal Pradesh University, Shimla
7. Prof. NK Bisht, Former Professor Economics, Himachal Pradesh University, Shimla
8. Prof. Arvind Kalia, Dean of Studies, Himachal Pradesh University, Shimla
9. Prof. Anita, Professor of Psychology and Deputy Director IQAC Himachal Pradesh University, Shimla.
10. Prof. Khem Raj, Professor of Mathematics and Treasurer HPU Alumni Association
11. Prof. Kuldeep Kumar, ICDEOL (Commerce) and Vice President of HPU Alumni Association
12. Dr. Umesh Kumar, Department of Law, Joint Secretary of HPU Alumni Association
13. Dr. Joginder Singh Saklani, ICDEOL (Pol.Sc.), Joint Secretary of HPU Alumni Association
14. Dr. Priyanka Vaidya, Associate Professor of English, ICDEOL, Himachal Pradesh University
15. Dr. Geetanjali Thapar, Assistant Professor, Himachal Pradesh University Business School, Ava Lodge, Shimla

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16. Prof. Manoj Sharma, Deptt. Of Economics, Member of HP Alumni Association
17. Dr. Sunita Devi, HPUDES (Hindi), Member HPU Alumni Association
18. Prof. P.K. Ahluwalia, Former Professor of Physics, Himachal Pradesh University Shimla and President HP Alumni Association
19. Dr. Ramesh Kumar, Associate Professor of Chemistry and General Secretary HPU Alumni Association

- i. At the outset chief patron extended warm welcome to all the worthy members present in the meeting. Former Professor and President of Alumni Association Prof. P.K. Ahluwalia gave a presentation, An Appraisal of HPU Alumni Association, and highlighted the various activities being undertaken in the past and presently. He also briefed the council members about the various events and activities planned to strengthen the connect of the Alumni with the University.
- ii. Former Vice Chancellor of Himachal Pradesh University and Patron of Alumni association, Prof. A.D.N. Bajpai attended the meeting through online mode and appreciated the various activities planned by the association and work being undertaken by the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor Prof. Sikander Kumar. Further he gave suggestions to increase the reach to the Alumni and suggested that association must include various Dignitaries given Honorary Causa degrees from time to time by the Himachal Pradesh University in the Alumni Association.
- iii. Former Professor and Patron of the association Prof. C.L. Gupta, Director of Indian Institute of Advanced Study suggested various activities in order to increase the interaction with the Alumni and also wanted that each department and institute of the university must identify their notable alumni and seek help from them.
- iv. Prof. Sunil Gupta, Chairman State Higher Education Council of Himachal Pradesh and Patron of the association emphasized on starting different Alumni chapters across Himachal Pradesh, India and Globe. He further added and desired that association must convene meetings on regular basis in order to analyse and evaluate the progress of its activities and initiatives being undertaken under its chapters.
- v. Former Professor V.P. Sharma stressed on face-to-face interactions and meetings with students of the University and alumni in order to strengthen the network of alumni with the University
- vi. Professor Kamaljeet Singh, Vice Chancellor Madhusudan Law University Cuttack, gave various suggestions with respect to increase the reach and seek financial

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support from the alumni, Govt. and various other agencies to increase the resources of Alumni Association.

- vii. Professor Arvind Kalia, Dean of Studies and worthy Vice President suggested that alumni membership can be made a part of the admission process and a graduate of the University at the time of the graduation becomes automatically a life member of the HPU Alumni Association. He also suggested that alumni cell must organize the get togethers of pass out students so that interaction of Alumni with the parent institution can be strengthened. He also suggested that we must go for chapters at district level.
- viii. The other members including Former Professor Suresh Kumar, Dr. Rakesh Negi, Dr. Priyanks Vaidya, Prof. Manoj, Dr. Sunita, Prof. Anita, Prof. Umesh, Dr. Joginder Singh, Dr. Chaman Lal Banga, Prof. Khem Chand, Prof. Kuldeep Kumar Atri also agreed that first and foremost priority of the association must be to increase the number of members of the association and they all gave various valuable suggestions for the same. Dr. Geetanjali suggested that the alumni association can adopt a village and work together for the welfare of the society.
- ix. Former Professor N.S. Bisht appreciated Hon'ble Vice Chancellor's efforts for helping the alumni Association in various activities and thanked him for providing a separate office to the office bearers of the Alumni Association. He also suggested that we must keep a regular touch with the Alumni by different means like social media, print media and mobile communication. He further suggested that every activity of the alumni association should be well documented so that we can put our record with all proofs and documents to NAAC and other Accreditation Agencies.
- x. Dr. Ramesh Thakur, General Secretary of the Alumni Association suggested that local chapters should be encouraged. He also suggested that we can also have some Reunions at places like Delhi, Chandigarh, and other different prime locations to strengthen our connect and network with the alumni. He further added that alumni can help in providing placements, internships, and mentorship to the existing students as many of our Alumni are working in industries, academic institutions and in various NGOs. He further added that financial support is very important to make this association progressive so members can be given recognition on the basis of the amount they donate to the association in designating them Diamond, Platinum, Gold, Silver, Bronze members. We can also initiate certain scholarships, awards and Chairs in the name of Alumni who will be helping University with significant

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financial support. He also said that a collage of notable alumni should be highlighted on the website and the page of the association.

xi. Prof. P.K. Ahluwalia proposed following action plans for immediate implementation in tune with the good possibility of their success

- a. Make All Divyang alumni of the University Life members of the HP Alumni association
- b. Upgradation of the website pages of Himachal Pradesh University Alumni association
- c. Make HPUAA more visible by activating/ creating social media accounts of on Facebook, Instagram and twitter.
- d. Start following reach out programs to get each and every alumnus of the University *via zoom platform*
 - a. HPU Golden Jubilee Lectures
 - b. My University My Memories (Mera Vishv-Vidyalaya Meri Smritiyan)
 - c. Greet the Teacher Meet the Teacher
 - d. Membership Campaign for the Alumni association by launching a program through current members and Alumni Coordinators as EACH ONE, REACH TEN for TWO WEEKS to increase the current number of members.

xii. After taking suggestions from all the members present at the meeting Following decisions were taken Unanimously

A discussion given above led to the following decisions:

- a. that Divyang alumni of the University will be made members for life without any membership fee.
- b. that association will organize following programs on regular basis namely
 - a. *My University My Memories*
 - b. *Meet the Teacher Greet the Teacher*
 - c. *HPU Golden Jubilee Lectures* by eminent Alumni and dignitaries. I
 - d. A mega meet of alumni association be organized in November, 2021.
 - e. a membership drive with the motto *each one, reach ten for ten weeks*. It was aimed that the alumni coordinators of different department will also participate in this program with their respective alumni. A target of making new 5000 alumni as members of the alumni association was fixed by end of November.

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- f. That Association will plan schemes to roll out for the University to start some sort of corpus fund to raise members indulgence with the University and the most important stake holders i.e., students.

xiii. In his concluding remarks Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor encouraged everybody to take the pledge to make the alumni association active so as to connect a large group of old students emotionally, physically and virtually to give their support to the growth of the students and improving quality infrastructure as is being done world over. He emphasised that regular activities be conducted by involving the patrons of the alumni association and current life members for which a time bound schedule be drawn. He further underlined that for the upcoming NAAC visit we should be ready in every sense with the complete record of activities of the association. He also suggested that a big event with respect to the new education policy 2020 can be organised in the auditorium in the month of November 2020. To facilitate the working of the HPU Alumni Association Hon'ble Vice chancellor assured the Governing Council that funding will be no problem and would be provided by the university as and when required. He further added that Governing Council members should meet more often and the members who were not present in the meeting should also be made aware of the importance of this very important association who have a life time sense of belonging to there Alma Mater. In the end he thanked the association for its effort and asked everybody to work together and amicably for the progress of this association as well as the university.

(xiv) Purchase zoom platform for online events.

In the end Prof. P.K. Ahluwalia thanked the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor and the Hon'ble members of the Governing Council for sparing their valuable time to attend this meeting at a short notice and give their suggestions to invigorate the HPU Alumni Association. He hoped that their guidance will be available to the Association in future as well.

Meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair.

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