Introducing Universal Human Values at PTU (Oct'2010 – Dec'2013)

CHRONOLOGY

2010 - NRCVEE presents work on Human Values at the meeting of the Board of Governers, IIT Delhi

27 October – 4 November 2010 – VC & key PTU team attends the 8-day Teachers' Orientation Program (TOP) at IIT Kanpur

November 2010 – PTU VE Cell is formed. Dr. Rajneesh Arora is chairperson, Dr R. P. Bhardwaj is Convenor. Jitender Narula and Balmukund Meena join PTU VE Cell. Dr. Jagmeet Bawa joins PTU VE Cell...

11-12 December 2010 - National Seminar on Integrating Human Values in Technical



Education is organized by Punjab Technical University, Jalandhar in collaboration with IIT Delhi, IIT Kanpur, SSUN Delhi & IIIT Hyderabad. It is held at NIT, Jalandhar. The honourable Governor of Punjab & Chancellor PTU, Sh. Shivraj Patil inaugurates the seminar and provides his best wishes. There are 322 participants from 13 states. VC's, Chairpersons. 50 Directors/Principals. The emergent view from this deliberation:

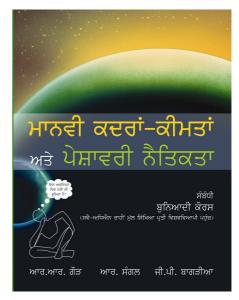
"To ensure happiness & prosperity and their continuity for all human

beings, the transition to human consciousness is essential. This requires a dedicated effort to implement humanistic education at a mass scale. This can be initiated by the introduction of appropriate value education inputs based on right understanding in the present academic curricula. The urgency of this task has to be adequately realized; and accordingly efforts are to be made commensurate with the

need. The evolution at the personal level has to be given priority. Further, the efforts are to be directed towards evolving the new models for the holistic alternative and appropriate policies, programs and systems. Let us join hands to make the cherished transition possible!"

January 2011 – Three 1-day workshops for directors are held at Bathinda, Mohali and Jalandhar. The need for value education is well felt and there is strong commitment amongst the directors

1-8 February 2011 – First PTU Teachers' Orientation Program held at a collaborating university, LPU



8 February 2011 – An Advisory Committee is formed with Dr. S. P. Singh as chairperson, Dr. H. S. Bedi, Sh. Satnam Manak, Dr. S. B. Singh, Prof. Dharmendra Ubha and Dr. Achroo Singh as members. The curriculum for the foundation course is approved. The committee suggests localization, translation of teaching material and that the course should be taught and examination held in Punjabi, Hindi & English

February & March 2011 - Six 2-day awareness workshops are held for directors and teachers. 98% of participants indicate that this subject is really required for their students and teachers

May to July 2011 – Teachers' are selected and oriented. Several 8-day Teachers' Orientation Programs (TOP) are planned. In the first 5 workshops, 331 teachers from 237 colleges & 47 PTU officers attend. The response is quite warm and encouraging

June 2011 – Work on localization starts for the Teachers Manual & Text Book to be translated into Punjabi by a team of Punjabi language experts with the guidance of Dr. Sarabjit Singh Mann

17 June 2011 – A meeting of vice chancellors is organised at Hyderabad in collaboration with IIIT Hyderabad. 22 VCs attend. HPTU decides to introduce the foundation course in their university

July 2011 – The Human Values course is launched in every college

12 August 2011 – Under the leadership of Dr. Buta Singh, the Board of Studies approves the human values curriculum. It is to be run as a regular essential credit course (3-0-0), i.e. 28 lecture-sessions and 14 tutorials (practice-sessions). Teaching and examination is encouraged in Punjabi, Hindi and English

2011 – Several colleges form Value Education Cells at their college

28 September 2011 – A 1-day workshop for directors is held at PTU Jalandhar. It is followed up with a half-day discussion with the key people at the university. The university vision is refined "to be one of the best technical universities in South Asia by 2015" by facilitating development of responsible and competent people for society

6-8 October 2011 – A National Seminar is held at Ujjain in collaboration with Ujjain Engineering College & SSUN, Delhi

28 November 2011 – A 1-day workshop is held at Panchkula for vice chancellors of Haryana, Punjab and Himachal Pradesh. This is arranged in collaboration with the department of technical education, department of higher education. Government of Haryana, **HPTU** DCRUST. The chief secretary of Haryana attends and expresses strong interest and support

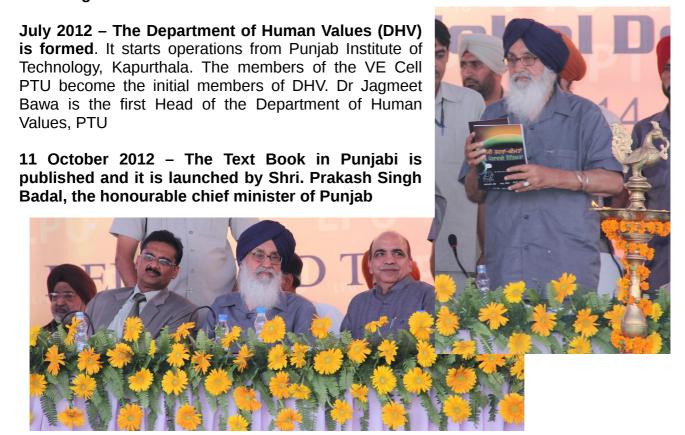
ਭਾਗ -ੲ भाग - स Section C 5x6 ਇਸ ਭਾਗ ਵਿਚ ਪੰਜ ਪ੍ਰਸ਼ਨ ਹਨ। ਸਾਰੇ ਪ੍ਰਸ਼ਨਾਂ ਦਾ ਉੱਤਰ ਦੇਣਾ ਲਾਜ਼ਮੀ ਹੈ। नोट : इस भाग में पांच प्रश्न हैं | सभी प्रश्न अनिवार्य है | There are five questions in this section. Attempt ALL questions. ਪਸ਼ਨ 3. ਹੇਠ ਲਿਖਿਆਂ ਵਿਚੋਂ ਕਿਸੇ ਇਕ ਪਸ਼ਨ ਦਾ ਉੱਤਰ ਦਿਉ:: प्रश्न 3. निम्नलिखित २ में से किसी एक भाग का उत्तर दें । Q3. Attempt any one part: ਮੁਚਲੀਆਂ ਮਨੁੱਖੀ ਇਛਾਵਾਂ ਕੀ ਹਨ? ਇਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਇਛਾਵਾਂ ਦੀ ਪੂਰਤੀ ਲਈ ਪ੍ਰੋਗਰਾਮ ਨੂੰ ਉਦਾਹਰਣਾ ਸਹਿਤ ਸਪਸ਼ਟ ਕਚੋ। मानव की मूल चाहना क्या है ? इन्हें पूरा करने के कार्यक्रम को एक उदहारण देकर स्पष्ट करें | What are the basic human aspirations? Detail briefly on the program to fulfil them with one ਆਪਣੇ ਜੀਵਨ ਦੀਆਂ ਕੋਈ ਪੰਜ ਇਛਾਵਾਂ ਲਿਖੋ? ਆਪਣੀਆਂ ਇਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਇਛਾਵਾਂ ਨੂੰ ਤੁਸੀਂ ਆਪਣੀ ਮੁਢਲੀ ਇੱਛਾ ਨਾਲ ਕਿਵੇਂ ਸੰਬੰਧਿਤ ਕਰੋਗੇ? अपने जीवन की पांच चाहना लिखिए | आप इन पांच चाहनाओं को अपनी मूल चाहना से किस तरह सम्बन्धित पाते हैं , समझाइए | Write down any five aspirations in your life. How do you relate each of your aspirations to your basic aspiration

Dec 2011 – Exams in Human Values are held in 3 languages, viz. Punjabi, Hindi and English. The results are about 90%

December 2011 – VE Cell PTU introduces 6-Month internship. 2 interns join initially. This is the beginning of social Internship

6-8 January $2012-1^{st}$ International Conference on Human Values in Higher Education is held at IIIT Hyderabad in collaboration with IIIT Hyderabad and IIT Kanpur. Royal university of Bhutan decides to include the foundation course in their curriculum

January 2012 – HV teachers introduce small Social Projects as assignments, further enriching the course



- 1 December 2012 DHV initiates a PhD Program in universal human values. Eight students enrol with two guides, Dr. Jagmeet Bawa and Dr. Gagandeep Sharma
- 1-3 December 2012 3-day workshop at NITTTR Chandigarh for vice chancellors, chairpersons and directors of Punjab and Himachal Pradesh. Deliberations are held on further work on social projects and PhD in universal human values
- 5-12 January 2013 DHV volunteers to initiate human values workshops in Himachal in collaboration with HPTU. An 8-day Teachers' Orientation Program is organized for teachers from HPTU & PTU at Sunder Nagar

16-18 Feb 2013 – 2nd International Conference on Human Values in Higher Education is held at IIIT Hyderabad in collaboration with IIIT Hyderabad and Royal university of Bhutan. MHRD starts to take notice. Hon'ble Minister MHRD, Dr. Pallam Raju and Secretary Higher Education MHRD, Sh. Ashok Thakur, participate actively. Subsequently guided by Secretary, AP Higher Education, Sh. Ajay Mishra, The Andhra Pradesh CCE (Commissionate of Collegiate Education) introduces the foundation course in 17 universities in AP under the leadership of commissioner Ms. K. Sunitha

15 July 2013 – A 1-day sharing session is held at VC office, PTU. 60 directors, teachers and students share their experiences with VC and DHV team. The initial impact is quite encouraging

August 2013 – After graduating from PTU, three students begin to work on socially relevant projects with IASE Sardarshahar (Rajasthan) & IIT Delhi on a one-year scholarship

18 September 2013 – Dr. Rajneesh Arora shares the universal human values work at PTU at the 1-day workshop organized by MHRD at IIT Delhi for directors of IITs and NITs. MHRD has since recommended that "IITs, NITs and other institutions should explore introducing a foundation course on Human Values at their respective institutions"



12-13 October 2013 – A 2-day workshop for teachers is held in Punjabi at Doaba Khalsa College, Doaba

30 December – 5 January 2014 – A 7-day workshop for students is held in Punjabi at Nirmal Kutiya, Seechewal, Sultanpur Lodhi under the aegis of NSS & DHV (PTU) in collaboration with Sant Balbir Singh Seechewal-ji



28 Feb – 2 March 2014 – Sh. Madan Mohan Mittal, Minister of Technical Education, Government of Punjab inaugurates the 3rd International Conference on Human Values in Higher Education (ICHVHE2014) at PTU. It is attended by 100 senior educationists from SAARC nations, Bhutan, Bangladesh, Nepal, Pakistan, Sri Lanka and 13 states from India. As a direct result, two universities in Pakistan and the Atmiya Group of Institutions, Rajkot initiate curricular inputs on universal human

values in their academic environments.



August 2014 – The International Resource Centre for Universal Human Values & Ethics (IRC-UHVE or the centre) is established at Punjab Technical University after 3 years of rigorous effort of evaluating the veracity and effectiveness of the Universal Human Values approach to value education. The centre enrolls 11 students from 6 Indian states in 2 PG programs – a 2-Year M. Tech. in Holistic Development, Systems & Technologies and a 1-Year Post Graduate Diploma in Universal Human

Values & Ethics. The overall idea is to develop such people with the vision and competence to develop a humane society.



27-29 March 2015 – PTU organizes the 4th International Conference on Human Values in Higher Education at Gedu, Bhutan in collaboration with IIIT Hyderabad, IIT (BHU) Varanasi and Royal University of Bhutan. It is attended by 120 distinguished educators from 10 countries working in various fields – academia, government, civil society, foundations, and many others. The participants included 33 Government Policy Makers, Chancellors, current Vice

Chancellors, former Vice Chancellors, Pro-Vice Chancellors, and over 85 Institute Directors, Champions and leaders of human values education, heads of government and non-government agencies, leaders in the justice system, professors, research scholars, thought leaders, students and many others.

Her Majesty the Queen Mother Ashi Dorji Wangmo Wangchuck blesses the event "we must do everything we can to propagate universal human values education in higher education; and that the motivation should be for the 'Greater Common Good'".

Dr. A. P. Singh, Dean Research & Industrial Linkages, Punjab Technical University shares the overall progress in implementing universal human values in higher education between ICHVHE2014 and ICHVHE2015, i.e. in the last one year. He first reads out the encouraging messages of Sh. Madan Mohan Mittal, Minister of Technical Education, Government of Punjab, as well as that of PTU VC, Sh. Rakesh Verma, IAS, Secretary Technical Education, Government of Punjab.