

## **Press Note**

### **Haryana College Teachers' Association: Statutory Convention, 28 October, 2012**

The Statutory Convention of Haryana College Teachers' Association (HCTA) was held at DAV College for Women, Karnal. In the Inaugural Session, a state level seminar on "Quality Education: A Community Goal" was organized in which the Speaker Haryana Vidhan Sabha, Kuldeep Sharma, delivered the key-note-Presidential address. In his well heard and widely appreciated speech, Kuldeep Sharma said the role of teachers in the development of Haryana is conspicuous as in the fields of sports, civil services, IT industry and computer education the students of Haryana are making a distinct mark at the national and international level. He further said that the state had achieved several landmarks in the last 7-8 years, especially the expansion of education is a major initiative for the all round progress of the state. The speaker, Haryana Vidhan Sabha, was particularly appreciative of HCTA for its constructive approach in remaining engaged with the policy makers by suggesting concrete inputs for the betterment of the system. Earlier, Prof. TR Kundu, former Dean of Colleges, KUK, said that quality education is the need of the hour as it is a great societal imperative. Prof. Kundu said that the present govt. of Haryana has taken up the growth and expansion in education sector as its primary objective. He further said that 'quality education' is an effective equalizer and it is the collective responsibility of the policy makers, teachers and other sections of society to place it at the centre of economic progress. While expressing HCTA perspective on the theme of the seminar, Dr. Rajbir Parashar, President HCTA, said that the parameter of quality education is not merely what the market propagates and approves, instead it had wide ramifications at the cultural level. He further said that in the current phase of globalization the field of knowledge is internally destabilized and there was an urgent need to protect the diversity of languages and cultures by maintaining 'ecology of knowledge'. In the beginning, Sh. Vijay Sabharwal, representative DAV Managing Committee welcomed the chief guest. On behalf of HCTA while extending warm welcome to the guests, Dr. Narender Singh, General Secretary, HCTA, presented a detailed report on the contribution of teachers of govt. aided colleges of Haryana to the overall development of higher education in Haryana. He elaborated how HCTA had adopted an approach of consistent interface with all the stake holders. The inaugural session was coordinated by Dr. Ravinder Gasso who candidly expressed the greetings of the teachers for the Chief Guest, Sh. Kuldeep sharma. Principal of the local college was also present in the seminar. Around 400 delegates from 97 govt. aided colleges of Haryana participated in the seminar. In the end, HCTA honored the chief guest.

In the post lunch session, delegates from all over the state elected unopposed the team of office bearers for the next two years (2012-2014): Dr. Narender Singh, president; Dr. PR Tygi and Dr. Surender Rana, vice-presidents; Dr. Ravinder Gasso, General Secretary; Dr. Ram Pal Singh, Finance Secretary; Dr. Dayanand Malik and Dr. Ajay Garg as Secretaries of MDU, Rohtak and KUK respectively. The general house, earlier, passed three resolutions of organizational nature and adopted seven resolutions to be sent to the state govt. and vice chancellors of Universities in Haryana.

