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Prof. Surendra. P. Singh,
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visits NTS-India, CIIL on 13th September, 2010

The NTS-India, a Central Scheme of MHRD, Govt. of India was initiated as a mission to evolve centralized mechanism to cater to the evaluation requirements of the country and also to advise the Government of India on academic auditing to account for the huge amount of public funds spent on education.

It aims at evolving *National and Regional Norms* and establishing *Benchmarks* of quality for the academic courses, institutions and individuals at all the Seven Levels of General Education. It also proposes to develop instruments of evaluation (tools and scales) to start with the disciplines of Languages, before extending the same to other disciplines. These instruments will be standardized through 60 Regional Field Units (RFUs) of NTS being established under 30 regions covering 18 States/ UT's across the country. The RFUs have been created to build up national consensus, dissemination of information, preparation of tools and scales, administering them in the field, collecting data and making of analysis before standardizing the tools and scales.

In order to get the critical views and suggestions of the top academics of the country and of those involved in the policy making at the National and State levels, NTS has been organising interactive and consultancy meetings with a few selected academic dignitaries. More than 15 such dignitaries including Vice-chancellors, Directors, Chairman/Members of Recruitment agency, Decision makers in the government departments (both Central and State) have already visited NTS-India and gave their valuable views and suggestions. Under this series the next luminary who is visiting is Prof. S.P.Singh, Advisor, State Planning Commission Govt. of Uttarakhand & former VC, HNB Garhwal University on 13th September.

About the Chief Guest



Prof. S.P. Singh is a renowned educationist, ecologist and currently Advisor to the State Planning Commission, Govt. of Uttarakhand, Dehradun and former Vice-Chancellor of HNB Garhwal University, Srinagar-Garhwal, Uttaranchal.

He has served as Prof. and Head of the Dept. of Botany, Kumaun University, Nainital (1987-2005). Prof. Singh has nearly 4 decades of Teaching and Research experience and guided 35 Ph.D scholars. As a prolific writer Prof. Singh has authored more than 170 books and articles published in prestigious national and international journals.

He was involved in *curriculum framing* and *syllabi development* as Convener, Board of Studies, Kumaun University, Nainital for over 15 years. As a Vice Chancellor he was instrumental in designing innovative courses and introduced changes in pedagogy.

Prof. Singh has also participated in the UGC sponsored programme for developing *Question Bank* as an external expert and he was also the coordinator for *National Accreditation and Assessment Committee* of Kumaun University. He has also contributed to the *designing of courses*.

He is a proud recipient of many awards and honours such as: Fellow of Indian National Science Academy (FNA), Fellow of National Academy of Science, India. Apart from this he has also been honoured with many International awards.