IIAS to showcase century old 3-D picture of Shimla

Indian Institute of Advanced Study (IIAS) will shortly add a rare resource to its photo gallery, a three dimensional photograph of Shimla clicked in 1905.

"The distinct 3-D photograph picture is of the Mall and is believed to be rare, as 3-D technology was very new to India in 1905.

"Negotiations are on with the owner of the photograph and we are hopeful of getting it", Peter Ronald D'Souza, who relinquished the charge of IIAS Director today, told reporters here.

D'Souza, who remained as the Director at IIAS for five and half years, said the institute's photo gallery will have some rare images of Shimla dating back to the Raj days.

He said, IIAS has got the country's acclaimed photographer Aditya Arya for curating the photo gallery and the Rs 18 lakh project was expected to be in place by October.

Two rooms at Viceregal Lodge, earlier housing the administrative wing, have been vacated and renovated to set up the gallery.

D'Souza said the International Centre for Human Development, being set up under United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) at IIAS, would be functional very soon.

A policy paper of IIAS produced in collaboration with Tata Energy and Resources Institute (TERI) has been adopted by the Uttarakhand government in its exercise for rebuilding flood ravaged areas of Kedarnath and Uttarkashi, he said.

Dr Chetan Thakur, professor of History in Himachal University, who is also a member of the governing body of IIAS, will succeed Ronald D'Souza as acting director.