



UPCOMING EVENTS

- Resurgence 2014, Annual Cultural and Sports Festival
- Training Programme for Students: College to Corporate Training on Soft Skills

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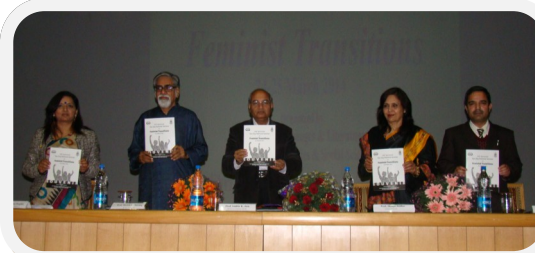
Campus Jottings

L&T Infotech for Campus Placement

L&T Infotech, a Global Information Technology Services company, visited Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University from 15th-17th March, 2014 for Campus Recruitment of students. A pool of 307 students from across the State of Jammu & Kashmir appeared in this Joint Campus drive. Students from University of Jammu, MBSCET Jammu, MIET Jammu, BGSBU Rajouri, & Govt. College of Engineering (GCET) Jammu participated in this Campus exercise. The participating students passed through rigorous recruitment stages and finally 15 students (SMVDU-05, GCET-02, MBSCET-03, MIET-04 and JU-01) were selected by the L&T Infotech.

National Seminar on Feminist Transitions

School of Languages and Literature and Gender Sensitization Committee against Sexual Harassment, SMVDU organized a National Seminar on "Feminist Transitions" on 24th-25th March, 2014. Dr. Vandhana Sharma, Director SoLL coordinated the whole event. Vice Chancellor of the University Prof. Sudhir K. Jain inaugurated the seminar on 24th March, 2014. Ms. Simranpreet Kaur, research scholar conducted the proceedings of the inaugural programme. As part of the seminar, an exhibition on an artistic representation on Feminism by a young budding artist



of Jammu Agrima Malhotra was also inaugurated during the inaugural ceremony. Prof. V K Bhat, Dean Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences was the chairperson of the seminar. The keynote speaker was Prof. Manju Jaidka from Punjab University Chandigarh and Chairperson Chandigarh Sahitya Akademi. Academics and scholars from across the country participated in the seminar. Dr. Neeru Sharma, AP, School of Languages and Literature proposed the vote of thanks.

Workshop on Computer Network Using CCNA

One week online Workshop on "Computer Network Using CCNA" was organized by Network Centre & School of Computer Science in collaboration with NITTTR Chandigarh from 10th-14th March, 2014 under the Project of Ministry of IT, Gol. The workshop primarily focused on the latest networking technologies and their use in an enterprise environment. Dr. Naveen Kumar Gandhi, Coordinator & Director I/c, Network Centre, facilitated the conduction of workshop.



Chancellor Inspects All Terrain Vehicle

Sh. N.N. Vohra, Hon'ble Governor of J&K and Chancellor of SMVDU inspected the All Terrain Vehicle (ATV) designed by team, "MECHANIX" of the School of Mechanical Engineering of the University. The ATV is capable of treading the untrodden, be it mud, hills or gravels and is all set to proceed to the next phase i.e. fabrication according to the virtual design.

Workshop on Basic Econometrics

One week National Workshop on "Basic Econometrics" in collaboration with the Indian Econometric Society (TIES) was inaugurated by the Vice Chancellor Prof. Sudhir K. Jain in the university campus on 3rd March, 2014. Speaking on the occasion Prof. Jain called for judicious and rational use of economic tools and applications. Dr. K. Shanmugan, Treasurer TIES contributed remarkably by emphasizing the need and importance of such type of short term courses in the institutions like SMVDU. Prof. (Retd.) R. K. Rana of KU, Kurukshetra who was Guest of Honour of the function highlighted the "Young Dividend" present in the workshop. More



than 65 participants attended the workshop. Mr. Ajay Khajuria, Registrar of the University and Prof. D. Mukhopadhyay, Dean, Faculty of Management were also present on the occasion.

Workshop on Bioinformatics

A two days workshop on "Recent Advances in Genomics and Proteomics", funded by Department of Biotechnology, Gol was conducted at School of Biotechnology from 26th-27th March, 2014. Vice Chancellor of the University,

Prof. Sudhir K. Jain inaugurated the event and Prof. V. Verma, Dean FoE and coordinator BIF, SMVDU welcomed all the participants. Dr. Neel Sarover Bhavesh, Staff Scientist ICGB, New Delhi, Dr. Vikram Singh, Central University of Himachal Pradesh, Mr. Gagandeep Singh from IHBT (CSIR) Palampur and Dr. Amit Nargotra from IIM (CSIR) Jammu were among the experts from various national institutions and Dr. Ekta Rai, Dr. Narendra K. Bairwa, Dr. Swarkar Sharma, Mr. Inderpal Singh, Ms. Shagun from School of Biotechnology, SMVDU were the resource persons from SMVDU. Around 70 delegates from various institutions and universities participated in the event.

National Seminar on New Challenges and Avenues in Philosophy
A Two-Day National Seminar on "New Challenges and Avenues in Philosophy" was organized by the School of Philosophy & Culture from 28th-29th March 2014. Chief Guest of the inaugural function was Prof. Bhuvanesh Sharma, Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, Maharishi Mahesh Yogi Vedic Vishwavidyalaya, Madhya Pradesh and Mr. A. Khajuria, Registrar, SMVDU, was the Guest of Honor. The inaugural function was presided by Prof. V.K. Bhat, Dean, FoHSS. The welcome address was presented by Dr. V. K. Tripathi, I/C Director, SoPC. The eminent speakers in the conference included Ms. Roma Wani, Honorary General Secretary, Indian Red Cross

Society, J&K., Dr. A.V. Ravishankar Sarma (HSS, IIT Kanpur), Mr. Sumanta S. Sharma, AP, SoPC, Dr. C. Upendra (HSS, IIT Indore).

Transcendental Meditation Programme held

A five day Transcendental meditation programme was held at Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University from 24th-28th March, 2014. Prof. Bhuvnesh Sharma, Vice-Chancellor, Maharishi Mahesh Yogi Vedic Vishwavidyalaya, Madhya Pradesh, was the resource person along with Mrs. Archana Sharma. More than 30 students, staff and faculty members participated.

Faculty Highlights

Mr. Pabitra Kumar Jena, AP, SoB was invited to present research paper entitled "Relationship between Indian FDI Inflows and Global FDI Inflows: An Empirical Analysis" in the Annual Conference of Indian Association for Research in National Income and Wealth (IARNIW) held in collaboration with Directorate of Economics and Statistics, Gujarat organized by Mahatma Gandhi Labour Institute, Ahmedabad, Gujarat, from 6th-7th March, 2014.

Dr. Kamni Pathania, AP, SoP presented an invited talk on the topic "Role of hydrogen bonding interactions in thiazole structures and their activity predictions" in a "National Seminar on X-ray Crystallography and its Relevance to Crystal Engi-

neering and Drug Design" organized by the Department of Physics and Electronics, University of Jammu on 3rd March, 2014.

Faculty attended workshop

Faculty members of the School of Mathematics, Dr. A. K. Das, Dr. Sandeep Bhogal, Dr. Rakesh Kumar and Mr. Surender Singh, APs attended a one week National Workshop on Basic Econometrics at the School of Business, SMVDU held in collaboration with the Indian Econometrics Society from 3rd-8th March, 2014.

Research Team of SBT visited Himachal Pradesh

A four day tour, from 28th-31st March, 2014, funded by UGC SAP DRS-I Project was conducted by the Research Team of School of Biotechnology comprising of Dr. Sharada M. Potukuchi, Dr. Indu Bhushan, APs and Ms. Meenakshi Koul,



Project Fellow, to different regions of Himachal Pradesh for collection of soil, water and plant samples to be used as experimental material for the project.

Dr. Sharada M. Potukuchi, AP SBT and Councilor for The Orchid Society of India (TOSI), Punjab University, Chandigarh participated as a member of the National Organizing Committee for the National Conference on 'Orchids- Conservation, Improvement and Sustainable Development', organized by TOSI jointly with and at Kerala Agriculture University, Vellanikara, Thrissur (Kerala), from 13th-15th March, 2014.

Student Update

Students Participated in National Workshop

Mr. Ram Krishan and Mr. Sumeet Kumar Sharma, Research Scholars of the School of Mathematics participated in the National level workshop on "MATHEMATICA and Related Softwares" organized by the Jammu and Kashmir Institute of Mathematical Sciences, Srinagar on 24th February, 2014 to 2nd March, 2014.

Research Scholar Presented a Paper

Mr. Sumeet Kumar Sharma, Research Scholar in the School of Mathematics attended a National Conference on

Business Dynamics: Contemporary Issues and Challenges at Management School, Kathua Campus, University of Jammu, on 21st-22nd March, 2014. He presented a research paper co-authored by Dr. Rakesh Kumar, AP, School of Mathematics, SMVDU.

SBT Students Participated in National Conference

Thirty one final year students of B. Tech. (Industrial Biotechnology), M.Sc. (Biotechnology) and research scholars along with Dr. Swarkar Sharma and Dr. Sharada M. Potukuchi Aps, SBT participated and presented papers in the

Multidisciplinary National Conference "Science Colloquium" financially supported by DBT, CSIR and UGC, Gol, organized by DAV College, Jalandhar on 6th-7th March, 2014. The poster displayed by Mr. Inderpal Singh, Research Scholar, School of Biotechnology was selected as the best poster under the Biotechnology category. Posters were also displayed by Ms. Ashna Nagpal, Research Scholar and final year M.Sc. students, Ms. Komal Raina, Ms. Nikita Verma, Mr. Vishwas Bakshi, Ms. Nisha Saini & Ms. Vijaylakshmi.



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Abraham Lincoln

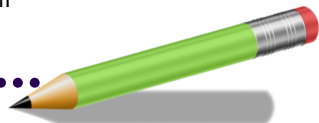
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Alumni Corner...

Quleen kaur | M.A. English
Ph.D. Scholar, SMVDU

"SMVDU has been an odyssey of intellectual experience coupled with co-curricular environment. The university had always been a source of encouragement to widen my vision and action. It has given me firm footing in this competitive

age and I have gained the potential to stand on my feet. The faculty has taught me to strive for perfection and most importantly humility along with excellence in the course of my intellectual development"



The World Outside..

Hidden ocean of liquid water discovered under frozen exterior of Saturn's moon 'Enceladus', makes it a top bet for extraterrestrial life. The findings were made recently by NASA's spacecraft 'Cassini' that has reached Saturn in 2004.

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