



UPCOMING EVENTS

- Two week ISTE Workshop on Control System
- Refresher Course in Experimental Physics

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Campus Jottings



22nd Academic Council held

The twenty second meeting of the Academic Council of SMVDU was held in the university campus on 10th October, 2014 under the chairmanship of Vice Chancellor Prof. Sudhir K. Jain. A number of innovative and progressive measures were initiated to improve and enrich the academic programmes being offered by the university. Besides modifying the Academic System Rules & Regulations, re-structuring of the Council of Students Affairs, introduction of Professional Development Assistance (PDA) for faculty members, the university has also started Post Doctoral Fellowship programme. The members of the council also deliberated over significant issues related to expansion of the university particularly ten years academic perspective plan upto the year 2025; admission of NRI/Foreign seats to various degree programmes of university, granting assistantship to Research scholars in each school; establishment of UGC Human Resource Development Centre, Nano-Technology Cell and Technology Business Incubation Centre in the university.

Prominent academicians from different areas of discipline attended the meeting as External members. All Deans, Directors, Librarian attended the meeting as Ex-officio members & Sh. Ajay Khajuria, the Registrar of the university as Secretary of Council. The External members who attended the meeting were Prof. Sunil Kale HoD, Mechanical Engineering Department, IIT Delhi, Prof. Ratnamala Chatterjee, Department of Physics, IIT Delhi, Prof. Manoj K. Panda, Director, Institute of Economic Growth, University of Delhi, Prof. Suneet Tuli, Dean, R&D, Center for Advance Research in Electronics, IIT Delhi, Prof. Rakesh Mohan Joshi, Chairperson International Collaborations Indian Institute of Foreign Trade, New Delhi.

Seminar on "Accountancy and Commerce Education in India: Contemporary Issues and Challenges"

School of Business, SMVDU and the Board of Studies, Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI) conducted a joint seminar on "Accountancy and Commerce Education in India: Contemporary Issues and Challenges" on 09th -10th October, 2014. The two day seminar was hosted by Jammu & Kashmir

Photo of the Month



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Branch of ICAI and was held at SMVDU. CA. Amarjit Chopra, Past President, ICAI and Chairman, National Advisory Committee on Accounting Standards (NACAS) was the chief guest and Prof. Sudhir K. Jain, Vice Chancellor SMVDU was the Guest of Honor. Nationally renowned tax expert and academician Dr. (CA.) Girish Ahuja was one of the dignitaries present on the occasion as a resource person.

While speaking on the occasion CA. Amarjit Chopra commented on the need to realign the Indian Accounting Standards with the International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS).



Prof. Sudhir K. Jain underlined the growing importance of accounting and financial experts and advised the participants to develop the deep understanding of various tax laws. Nationally acclaimed Tax Guru Dr Girish Ahuja discussed the intricacies of various Indian Tax laws. CA. Deepak Kumar Gupta, Assistant Director of Board of Studies (BOS), ICAI, CA. Akhilesh Singh, CA. Raghav Aggarwal and Dr. Sanjay K. Mishra were the key resource persons for the seminar. CA Vikram Garg, Chairman

Rashtriya Ekta Divas Observed

Commemorating the Birth Anniversary of the great visionary and leader Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, Rashtriya Ekta Divas was observed on 31st October 2014 in SMVDU campus. On the occasion, the campus was full of events which witnessed enthusiastic participation from faculty, staff and students. Early in the morning, the students made a 'Run for Unity' at 7.00 am, which began with



message of unity and address to students about the contribution of Sardar Patel. The students of the School of Languages & Literature discussed and debated on the life of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel. On the exuberant lead from the Office of

the Registrar, the Rashtriya Ekta Divas Pledge was taken by all students and staff at 11.00 am simultaneously in all classes, administrative building and various sections/ departments. A special session for Rashtriya Ekta Divas Pledge was



conducted for all faculty of the University at 4.30 pm in the Lecture Hall D. The pledge ceremony was conducted by Prof.V.Verma, Dean, Faculty of Sciences. A Panel Discussion on "India as a Nation and Challenges to Integrity: With Special Reference to the Contribution of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel" was organized by School of Philosophy and Culture, School of Languages & Literature, Mind Meet Forum and School of Innovation and Community Development. Dr. V. K. Tripathi, Mr. Sumanta S. Sharma, Asst. Professors SOPC, Mr. Pabitra Jena, Asst. Prof. School of Business, Mr. Tanish Singh Slathia EEC 4th Year student were the panelists. Mr. Gurpreet Singh from MBA 1st year made a notable contribution to the discussion on the occasion.

Faculty Update

Dr.Vandhana Sharma delivered a plenary talk on "Dowry Practices in Jammu and Kashmir: Through a Gender Lens". in a national seminar on Dowry Deaths: Gender Prejudiced Practices in India Today organized by Central University of Jammu on 28th Oct,2014.

Dr. Swarkar Sharma, Assistant Professor, School of Biotechnology has been awarded Young scientist Start-up research grant award in Life Sciences from Department of Science and Technology, Govt of India. The award is given to newly appointed young faculty in India with an outstanding research background. The award carries a research grant of approx 25-30 lakh that would be used to characterize genetic components predisposing population groups of Jammu and Kashmir to Type 2 Diabetes.

Dr.Shafaq Rasool ,Asstt Prof.,SBT attended two days Group Monitoring Workshop (GMW) at GITAM University, Vishakapatnam on 25th & 26th September, 2014, organised by DST (SERB).

Dr.Shafaq Rasool presented the progress of the work done under Project PR-54 entitled "Exploring Myxobacteria from the state of J&K for novel enzymes and secondary metabolites" funded by DST,GOI.

Student Update

Jahnvi Tiwari; Ashish Singh; Ashish Yadav; Dr Rakesh K. Jha, "Sustainable Power Production and Purification of Water," Advances in Computing, Communications and Informatics (ICACCI), 2014 International Symposium on Women in Computing and Informatics Sept.,2014.https://www.researchgate.net/publication/266390720_Sustainable_Power_Production_and_Purification_of_Water

The students who have been selected in the E-yantra competition which is an initiative to spread education in embedded systems and Robotics by IIT Bombay sponsored by Ministry of Human Resource Development through the National Mission on Education through ICT (NMEICT) are: Shivam Khare,Abhishek Chauhan, Ankit Tyagi,Shubham Kumar Pandey, Bhupendra Pratap,Anubhav Tewari,Akash Singh, Yuvraj Bhatnagar

Food for Thought!

"Before you quit, try. Before you talk listen. Before you react, think. Before you criticize, wait. Before you move on, forgive."

- Author Unknown

Contributed by:
Mr. Girdhari Lal Sharma

The World Outside..

Why we Laugh?

Humans and higher apes have all been observed to experience laughter and humor. Since we all share a common evolutionary ancestor, there would have to be a reason why we share this behavioral trait. But the reason why? Research has shown that humor causes a response in the nervous system that's similar to our fight or flight response: blood vessels dilate, heart rate increases and there's a release of epinephrine. Once we start laughing and smiling, blood pressure drops, oxygen levels increase and endorphins flood the body. This can lead to relaxation, and social bonding. So this may be the key to humor and laughter: social bonding, which obviously would give animals a huge evolutionary advantage.

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Alumni Corner.



Tarun Sharma| MBA
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"The two years in SMVDU provided me with knowledge that was relevant to appreciate management, business and a career in the corporate sector. Surely, what it gave was necessary for one to get started in this competitive era. The faculty and the peers of Management department have always taught me to strive for the best. Thanks to SMVDU for making me what I am"