



UPCOMING EVENTS

- Two Days National Level Management Development Program on Creating Highly Effective Family Businesses from 22nd - 23rd Oct, 2016.

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Campus Jottings

National Seminar on Abhinavagupta concludes



A National Seminar on “Abhinavagupta: The Genius of Kashmir” was organized by the Dept. of Philosophy & Culture in collaboration with the Indira Gandhi National Center for the Arts, New Delhi, from 3rd - 4th September, 2016. As this is the millennium year of Abhinavagupta, a great saint and noted philosopher of the Kashmir Shaivism tradition, IGNCA is conducting national seminars at four distinct places in India this year, this one being the first in series. The seminar was inaugurated with a welcome note by Dr. V. K. Tripathi, Head, Dept. of Philosophy & Culture, a theme presentation by Dr. Anil Kumar Tewari, presentation about IGNCA by Dr. Advaitavadini Kaul, address by Dr. N. D. Sharma from IGNCA, keynote address by Dr. Bharat Gupta, Trustee IGNCA and Inaugural Address by Prof. Shiv Nirmohi.

Total seventeen papers were presented by scholars from all across the country and a range of topics were covered including Abhinavagupta's contribution to aesthetics, poetry, linguistics, epistemology, metaphysics, soteriology and spiritual aspects of his philosophy. The importance of his contribution to Indian theater arts, his influence on the later philosophical thinking and spiritual practices and shaping the Indian philosophy of art was also highlighted. The seminar was enriched by presentations by Prof. Ram Pratap, former Head of Sanskrit Dept. University of Jammu, Prof. Ram Bahadur Shukla from Sanskrit Dept. University of Jammu and a number of research scholars from the same dept. Dr. Krishna Murari Mani Tripathi and Dr. D. Dayanath, Dr. Ratan Pandey, Dr. Nigam Pandey from Rashtriya Sanskrit Sansthan, Jammu, Dr. Rajneesh Shukla from JNU, Dr. Amitabh Vikram Dwivedi from Dept. of Languages and Literature SMVDU, Dr. M. M. Chaturvedi, Dr. Anil K. Tewari and Dr. V. K. Tripathi from Dept. of Philosophy & Culture also presented papers. The seminar concluded with a report presentation by Dr. Anil K. Tewari, a valedictory address by Dr. Bharat Gupta and Dr. Shiv Nirmohi, a vote of thanks by Dr. V. K. Tripathi and a concluding prayer 'Bhairava-stotra' by Dr. Advaitavadini Kaul. The IGNCA officials also expressed their satisfaction on the meticulous organization of the seminar and expressed their willingness to have more collaborative activities with the Department of Philosophy and Culture, SMVDU. The IGNCA is also considering publication of selected papers in edited Millennium Volume on Abhinavagupta.

Teachers' Day Celebrated



Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University celebrated Teachers' Day on 05th September, 2016. The Program was organised by Department of Mechanical Engineering to pay tributes to the teachers who have made us to stand at present position. During this day long celebrations, a video presentation on the life of Dr. S. Radhakrishnan and other great teachers was presented by Dr. Balbir Singh, Assistant Professor, Department of Mechanical Engineering, SMVDU. Messages by former Vice Chancellors of SMVDU were also read during the session. The Coordinator of the event, Dr. Balbir Singh gave a presentation on the theme titled "Quality Improvement in Higher Educational Institutions". Prof. V. Verma, Dean College of Engineering, was the chief guest on the occasion. The chief guest highlighted the role of a teacher as a model to shape the future of the youth. The chief guest later felicitated some retired teachers from adjoining areas of SMVDU who shared their teaching experiences with the audience. Those who were felicitated included Sh. Charandass Sharma (Retd. Head Master), Sh. Baj Singh (Retd. Senior Teacher), Sh. Madan Lal Anand (Retd. Senior Teacher) and Sh. Kaka Ram (Retd. Head Master). Professor V.K Bhat, Dean, Faculty of Management and Sciences felicitated Dr. Shailla Cannie, Principal, Shrine Board Nursing College, Kakryal, Mr. Sanjay Sharma, Principal, DPS Kakryal, Mr. Lal Chand, Principal, Govt. High School, Panthal and Mr. Labbi Kumar Principal, Green Field Public School, Kakryal for their contribution in spreading literacy among students from Kakryal and surrounding area of Katra region. The event ended with oath ceremony by all the teaching fraternity with a mission to work for society and nation at large.

Two Days National Level MDP

Two Days National level Management Development Programme on 'Developing Individuals as an Instrument for Organization Excellence' concluded at School of Business, Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University, Katra on 10th September, 2016. Designed to provide a guide to develop sustainable excellence in organization through actualization of human potential in all roles and at all levels, the Management Development Programme aimed to enlighten the role and relevance of individuals in enhancing organization excellence. The programme focused to train middle level management employees of manufacturing industries, service sector, and others. The participants appreciated the contents and modalities of the programme and expressed that such kind of programmes expands the horizon of their learning by giving them a new lines of thinking and rejuvenate them for new and challenging work assignment. During the inaugural ceremony of the programme, Dr. Supran Kr. Sharma, Programme Coordinator & Associate Professor, School of Business, extending the warm.



Welcome to the participants, emphasized that this kind of programme facilitates in honing the skills of individuals in enhancing organization excellence on the one hand and on the other hand academia-industry interface beneficial to both the sides also becomes stronger. He also briefed the participants about the contents of programme. During the inaugural ceremony Dr. Ashutosh, Associate Professor, School of Business also emphasized on the constructive role of these type of MDPs for senior level industry peoples.

Comprising of 10 sessions, the programme included discussions and interactions on topics like organization excellence, conflict handling, rational decision making, collaboration and team work, workplace spirituality, stress management, motivation and interpersonal communication. The programme had participation from various organizations including HDFC Bank Ltd., Emcure Pharmaceuticals Ltd., Zuventus Healthcare Ltd., Chenab Textile Mills, J&K Bank Ltd., SGT University, Gurgaon, Axis Bank Ltd., Cadila Pharmaceuticals Ltd., Century Plyboards (I) Ltd., SMVDSB, Katra, TVS Filters, Dabur India Ltd., Amar Ujala, etc.

Software Freedom Week Celebrated



The Software Freedom Day, observed on the 3rd Saturday of September every year globally was celebrated weeklong at the Department of Computer Science & Engineering at SMVD University Katra from 12th – 17th sept, 2016. The goal of this celebration was to educate the students, faculty and staff members about the benefits of using high quality FOSS in education, at home, business, and everywhere! The Event was inaugurated on 12th of September 2016 by the Vice Chancellor of the University Prof Sanjeev Jain, who highlighted the importance of using Free and open source solutions and stressed on to cut down costs and increase security and privacy. The Dean Faculty of Engineering conveyed the importance of different applications available online and their usage in industry. The Convener of the function Dr. Ajay Koul emphasized on awareness and easy migration of various applications from closed source to open one. The event proceeded with a hangout session from Ed Cable, Director, Mifos Initiative, a U.S. based micro financing organization. The first workshop of FOSS which emphasized on the various options available in open source and how important it is to every one of us in our day to day lives, Web technologies workshop highlighted upon the basics on how to make a website and web applications using open source software's. Python workshop made the students aware about the fact that every IT company is moving to the world of open source and using Python as one of their language for software development. Internet Security workshop showed the meaning of ethical hacking and also about how the students can contribute to make the network more secure using the open source applications. Linux workshop attracted the students as they witnessed there are various operating systems other than Windows and it is very easy and interesting to work on them. Around 150 open source enthusiasts participated in the workshops. The other hangout sessions were conducted by Christopher Clark, CEO, Chris Dev who shared his knowledge about Python and about how his organization works & Gulliam Catelli, an entrepreneur. He shared his life events of being a student of the university and what inspired him to work hard for Gsoc. He also highlighted some hacks which could help the students to work for Gsoc & outreach programs. The winners of the competitions were awarded with certificates, trophies and goodies on the concluding day.

Two Days National Level MDP on “Strengthening Lending Decisions to MSMEs”

J&K Bank Sponsored Two days National Level Management Development Program on “Strengthening Lending Decisions to MSMEs” was held on 17th - 18th Sept., 2016 at Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University, Katra. Organized by School of Business, SMVD University, the program aimed to equip participants with necessary skills, perspective and strategies to enable them to build a sustainable and healthy MSME credit portfolio. The program witnessed participation of officers from various banks like Jammu & Kashmir Bank, Canara Bank, Punjab National Bank, HDFC Bank Ltd., Axis bank Ltd., Bank of Maharashtra etc. During the inaugural ceremony, Dr. Sanjay Kumar Mishra, Program Coordinator and Assistant Professor, Department of Business briefed the participants about the program. Guest of Honour of the program Shri Arvind Gupta, Vice President, J&K Bank Ltd. enumerat-



ed the role of MSME sector in nation development and the opportunities they offer to the banking sector. Shri Ashok Kumar Gupta, Former, Executive Director, Canara Bank and key note speaker for inaugural session outlined the key challenges and contemporary issues facing the banking sector in India. He called upon the bankers as ‘trustees of public funds’ and highlighted the need to encourage SMEs to meet the aspirations of our country. The program witnessed sessions from eminent resource persons including Shri Ashok Kumar Gupta, Former, Executive Director, Canara Bank on lending tactics, pre-sanction and post sanction due diligence and mentoring and monitoring of MSMEs, Shri Jayant Keskar, Deputy General Manager, IDBI Bank Ltd. Mumbai, deliberated on trade finance. Dr. Ashutosh Vashistha, Associate Professor, Department of Business discussed the linkage between the Bank’s capital adequacy and permissible lending, and Dr. Sanjay Kumar Mishra talked on understanding and scrutinizing the projections of MSMEs.

SMVDU-TBIC conducts events to tap potential entrepreneurs in J&K

SMVDU-Technology Business Incubation Center Society (SMVDU-TBIC), in association with Entrepreneurship Development Cell, and School of Business, SMVDU organized a hands-on workshop a hands-on training workshop on “How to write a good business proposal” on 18th Sept, 2016. The resource person for the workshop was Dr. Suparn K. Sharma, Associate Professor, School of Business, SMVDU. SMVDU-Technology Business Incubation Center Society (SMVDU TBIC) is established at the university, with the Grant-in-aid jointly from NSTEDB, DST, MoST, Government of India and Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University. The main objective of the Incubation center is to identify potential Entrepreneurs, especially in the State of Jammu-Kashmir, nurture and support innovations, develop technology based ideas into independent self-sustaining business. SMVDU-TBIC received around 40 innovative business proposals and after 3 rounds of screening, 7 startup ideas have already been shortlisted as incubatees from the state and identification of more is in process. SMVDU-TBIC conducted two rounds of screening and has recommended 3 startups for the Startup India benefits, which are now duly recognized by the Gol and are proving to be excellent businesses. Dr. Swarkar Sharma is the Interim-CEO of SMVDU-TBIC with Dr. Ashutosh Vashishtha as the coordinator. SMVDU-TBIC has its application portal open 24x7 for preliminary applications through their website (www.smvdutbic.org).

Three Day Workshop on ‘Research Methodology and Data Analysis’ Inaugurated

Workshop on ‘Research Methodology and Data Analysis’ was organized by Human Resource Development Centre (HRDC), Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University from 26th- 28th Sept, 2016. Thirty Two participants including Research Scholars, Faculty of SMVDU

registered in the workshop. Mr. Vinod Vaid, Branch Head, J&K Bank, SMVDU Branch inaugurated the workshop. Welcoming the participants to the inaugural ceremony of the workshop, I/c Director, HRDC Prof. (Dr.) D Mukhopadhyay encouraged the participants to exploit this opportunity of learning to the fullest extent with full zest and vigour. Dr. Deepak Jain, Course coordinator gave brief description about the workshop whereas Dr. Meenakshi Gupta, Organizing Secretary detailed the session plans of three days. The workshop witnessed an enthusiastic response from faculty and scholars.



Third Meeting of IQAC Held

The third meeting of Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) was held on 26th Sept., 2016 at SMVD University, Katra. Prof. Sanjeev Jain, Vice Chancellor, SMVDU chaired the meeting. Prof. V. K. Bhat, Director IQAC gave the details of activities of IQAC that include conduct of student feedback, question paper review, organization of workshops etc towards the improvement in quality culture of the University. Dr. Varun Tripathi, secretary IQAC presented the agenda. The points discussed during the meeting include organization of workshops on enhancement of management skills and computer skills for non-teaching staff of SMVDU, Professional Development Assistance (PDA), and incentives for outstanding performance to faculty members, staff, analysis of feedback and other activities. Details of action taken with respect to previous decisions were also discussed. The other members who attended the meeting include Sh. Rajiv Chawla, Chairman, IamSME Faridabad, Dr. M. K. Kumar, Additional CEO SMVDSB, Coordinators of various affairs of IQAC including Sh. Shadi Lal Pandita, Dr. Jyoti Sharma, Dr. Amit K Pandit, Sh. Subrata Deb and Dr. Ajay Koul; Sh. Ajay Khajuria, Registrar, Sh. Vinod Sharma, Dr. Sumeet Gupta, Dr. Ashutosh Vashishtha, Dr. Sharada M. Potukuchi & student representatives.



MoU Signed between Reliance JIO and SMVDU

To Improve Academia -Industry collaboration for enhancing the skill sets of SMVDU faculty and students an MoU is signed between Reliance JIO and Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University, Katra. The Jio Agreed to collaborate in funding State of art Lab with field experience and research on latest, upcoming technologies and standards to SMVDU Students. The MoU paved the path for collaborative research and training. The SMVDU shall be the nodal center for many manpower training and certificate programs for successful career in the communication arena which has high dynamics and expansion.

The MOU was signed by the Registrar, SMVDU, Mr Ajay Khajuria and Mr. Bala Subramanian, Vice President, Jio in presence of the Vice Chancellor, Prof Sanjeev Jain . Dr Amit K Pandit was nominated as Single point for Contact (SPOC) for further implementation of the MoU. He informed that this is the first in entire J&K. SMVDU is already covered under Jio 4G and having COCP and IOIP relation.





Hindi Pakhwada Concludes

The Hindi Cell in collaboration with the Board of Students Publication (BSP) of Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University (SMVDU), Katra celebrated Hindi Pakhwada from 14 – 28 September 2016. The celebration was inaugurated on 14th September by Prof. Sanjeev Jain, Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, SMVDU. Various competitive and fun events such as Story & Poem Writing, Hindi Pitch Competition, Essay Writing, Handwriting Competition, Extempore, and Debate were organized during the fortnight. The celebration concluded on 28th September with a Kavi Sammelan and other cultural programs. The chief guest of the valedictory session was Prof. V.K. Bhat, Dean, Faculty of Sciences, SMVDU and Prof. Shiv Nirmohi from Panthal graced the occasion as the guest of honour. Prof. Raj Kumar, Head, Department of Hindi and Other Indian Languages, Central University of Jammu and Dr. Chanchal Dogra, (retd.) Principal, MAM College, Jammu were the invited poets in the Kavi Sammelan. Internal poets included Dr. Amitabh Dwivedi, Asst. Prof., Department of Languages and Literature, Vivek Kumar and Shubham Mishra from Electronics and Communication Engineering, Manglam Mishra, Computer Science and Engineering, Paras Dubey, Department of Economics and Anurag from the Department of Architecture and Landscape Design.

The Kavi Sammelan was very ably conducted by Vivek Kumar. It was followed by enthralling song and dance performances by the students and the wards of faculty and staff. The cultural performances included mesmerizing presentation of Bharat Natyam by Neha Sharma and Sunidhi Bhatia under the guidance of Mrs. Nidhi Atri. Faculty kids Hotrika, Varnika and Sharvi also influenced the audience with their cute performances. After the performances, prizes and certificates were distributed among the winners of various competitions by Prof. Bhat. The remaining prizes and certificates of the Annual Cultural festival were also distributed under the guidance of Dr. Varun Kumar Tripathi, President, Board of Cultural Activities. The valedictory concluded with a vote of thanks by Dr. Anil Kumar Tewari, Nodal Officer of Hindi Cell and President, BSP. The celebration was coordinated by Dr. Tewari and Dr. Amitabh Dwivedi, Vice-President, BSP.

Faculty Update

Prof. (Dr.) V. Verma, Head, DoBT & Dean, Faculty of Engineering have attended and delivered on the topic "Plant Tissue Culture and Genetic Engineering" on 8th & 10th September, 2016 at (SKUAST-J), Chatha, Jammu and Prof. Verma was the Guest of Honor in the Valedictory function.

Dr. Ajay Koul, Assistant Professor, Department of Computer Science and Engineering presented Paper titled " Projection profile based Ligature Segmentation of Nastaleeq Urdu OCR " presented at International Symposium on Computational and Business Intelligence at olten Switzerland on 6th of September 2016.

Dr. Sharada M. Potukuchi, Associate Professor, Department of Biotechnology Delivered a Plenary Lecture on "Career Opportunities for Women: IPR and Entrepreneurship" pp: 37, during the "4th J&K Women Science Congress " organized by Govt. College for Women, Gandhinagar, Jammu on 1st Sept. 2016.

Dr. Sharada M. Potukuchi, Associate Professor, Department of Biotechnology Delivered an Invited Expert Lecture on “Plant Tissue Culture in Medicinal Plants: Techniques and Applications” during the 10 days “National Training Programme on Plant Tissue Culture Techniques in Quality Planting Material Production and Crop Improvement” organized by Department of Biotechnology, Sher-e-Kashmir University of Agricultural Sciences and Technology, Jammu on 6th Sept. 2016.

Dr. Sharada M. Potukuchi, Associate Professor, Department of Biotechnology Organized Hands-on Training at Plant Tissue Culture Lab, Block A, DoBT and visit to various labs of DoBT for 21 Trainees attending “National Training Programme on Plant Tissue Culture Techniques in Quality Planting Material Production and Crop Improvement” from Department of Biotechnology, Sher-e-Kashmir University of Agricultural Sciences and Technology, Jammu on 8th Sept. 2016.

Dr. Kamni Pathania, Assistant Professor, Department of physics Participated and presented a paper titled "An overview of X-ray Crystallography and crystallographic investigations of (4Z)-2- Phenyl- 1- {(E)-[4-(Propan-2-yl)benzylidene]-amino}-4- (thiophen-2-yl) methelydene]-1H- imidazole-5(4H)-One in 4th J &K, Women Science Congress at Govt. College for Women, Gandhi Nagar, Jammu, 1-3rd Sept., 2016.

Dr. V. K. Tripathi presented a paper titled The Epistemology of Pratyabhijna in the National Seminar on ‘Abhinavagupta: The Genius of Kashmir’ held from 3rd -4th September, 2016 in collaboration with Indira Gandhi National Center for the Arts (IGNCA), New Delhi.

Dr. A. K. Tewari presented a paper titled Abhinavagupta’s Gitarthasamgraha in the National Seminar on ‘Abhinavagupta: The Genius of Kashmir’ held from 3rd-4th September, 2016 in collaboration with Indira Gandhi National Center for the Arts (IGNCA), New Delhi.

Dr. M. M. Chaturvedi presented a paper titled Pranik Solution to the Problem of Interaction in the National Seminar on ‘Abhinavagupta: The Genius of Kashmir’ held from 3rd-4th September 2016 in collaboration with Indira Gandhi National Center for the Arts (IGNCA), New Delhi.

Dr. Ankush Anand, Asstt Prof., Deptt. of Mechanical Engineering participated in 3rd International Conference on Biotribology”, ICoBT-2016, held at Imperial College London, U.K, from 11th -14th Sept, 2016 and Presented a Research Article "A holistic framework for selection of biomaterials for some biotribological applications”.

Dr. Vinay Kumar, Department of Physics, and his group published paper entitled “Thermoluminescence response of 120 MeV Ag⁹⁺ and γ-ray exposed LiMgBO₃:Dy³⁺ nanophosphors for dosimetry”, Ceramics International (2016) Publisher : Eslevier ScienceDirect ; Imapct Factor : 2.758; Online first ; DOI: <http://dx.doi.org/10.1016/j.ceramint.2016.08.191>

Dr. Vinay Kumar, Department of Physics, and his group published paper entitled “Investigation of thermoluminescence response and trapping parameters of 120 MeV Ag⁹⁺ and γ-ray exposed NaSrBO₃:Dy³⁺ phosphor for dosimetry”, Journal of Alloys and Compounds, Volume 691(2017), pages 919-928, Publisher : Eslevier ScienceDirect , Imapct Factor : 3.01 ; DOI: <http://dx.doi.org/10.1016/j.jallcom.2016.09.002>

Student Update

Savita Sharma, Research Scholar, DoBT, presented a Research paper titled, “Development of Protocol for Efficient Micropropagation of *Boerhaavia diffusa* L. Using Shoot tip Explants” pp: 36, at 4th J&K Women Science Congress (JKWSC), Govt. College for Women, Gandhinagar, Jammu; from 1st-3rd Sept. 2016; co-authored by Neha Rani, Anuja Koul, Jyotsna Sharma and Sharada Mallubhotla.

Anuja Koul, Research Scholar, DoBT, presented a Research paper titled, “Computational propensity of Bacoside A3 a key metabolite of *Bacopa monnieri*: Potential therapeutic target in Alzheimer’s disease” pp: 37, at 4th J&K Women Science Congress (JKWSC), Govt. College for Women, Gandhinagar, Jammu; from 1st-3rd Sept. 2016; co-authored by Shagun Sharma, Jyotsna Sharma, Vijeshwar Verma and Sharada Mallubhotla.

Jyotsna Sharma, Research Scholar, DoBT, presented a Research paper titled, “Effect of Nutrient Supplements on *in-vitro* Regeneration in *Kickxia ramosissima* (Wall.) Janch” pp: 19, at 4th J&K Women Science Congress (JKWSC), Govt. College for Women, Gandhinagar, Jammu; from 1st-3rd Sept. 2016; co-authored by Sourabh Sharma, Anuja Koul, Savita Sharma, Raju Shankarayan and Sharada Mallubhotla.

Research scholar selected for travel grant by the International Congress on Yeast to represent the SMVDU in “14th International Congress on Yeast” organised at Awaji Yumebutai, Hyogo, Japan

Ms. Meenu Sharma research scholar, Department of Biotechnology, working under the supervision of Dr. Narendra K Bairwa and co-supervision of Prof. V.Verma has been selected for the 30,000 JPY travel grant to present her paper in the 14th International Congress on Yeast organised in Hyogo, Japan from 11th -15th September, 2016. Ms. Meenu Sharma presented research paper on transcriptional regulation of the cell cycle transitioning factor during stress condition. The 14th International Congress on Yeast was sponsored by the International commission on yeast as part of the International Union of Microbiological Societies (IUMS). The meeting has been organised once every four years. The meeting provides the opportunity for sharing latest knowledge on the yeast metabolism, genetics, regulation, food and beverage application, bio fuel production and clinical applications.



SMVDU SCHOLARS WIN 1st IInd & IIIrd Prize at Dwitya CRAB-E-CON

Four Scholars from Department of Biotechnology, SMVDU brought laurels to University by bagging prestigious award at dwitya CRAB-E-CON 2016 (Lung Cancer Update) held recently at Hotel Fortune Inn Revera Jammu. Dwitya CRAB-E-CON was jointly organised by North Zone Association of Radiation Oncologists, LBN Radiations of Hope ROH (Cancer care foundation), Department of Biotechnology SMVDU, and Maharishi Dayanand Hospital & Medical Research Centre. This cancer conference was inaugurated by the chief guest ,Minister for Health and Medical Education of the state , Shri Bali Bhagat. He laid stress on importance of such type of conferences and lauded the initiative of the organisers to have such a prestigious conference in city of Jammu. Renowed Oncologists from all over India were involved in conceptualizing the idea of the conference, which discussed lung cancer thread bare including research and treatment from normal to high end technical advances. The First prize in Poster presentation was bagged by Ms. Sonali Verma, Research Scholar, SMVDU, Second Prize was won by Mr Inderpal Singh, Research Associate, SMVDU and Third prize was bagged by Ms Divya Bakshi, Research Scholar. The LBN SCROLL OF HONOUR was bagged by Gh Rasool Bhat, Research Scholar, Department of Biotechnology SMVDU. Dr Deepak Abrol, Convener and Organising secretary CRAB-E-CON congratulated the awardees and appreciated their contribution towards making conference a great success. Prof. Vijeshwer Verma, Head, Department of Biotechnology, SMVDU also congratulated the students on their performance.



Educational Trip

The third year students of the Department of Architecture and Landscape Design along with their faculty members, Ar. Manu Rajput, Assistant Professor and Ar. Tahir Ahmad, Assistant Professor, went on a three day educational trip to Himachal Pradesh from 23rd, August, 2016 The group visited the Heritage Village - GARLI, residing in the peaceful foothills of Kangra Valley, Dharamshala, HPCA, Himachal Pradesh Cricket Association Stadium. Mcloedganj or Little Lahasa, a famous tourist spot near Dharamshala .A thorough study of the historical significance, architectural styles prevalent, building construction techniques, joinery details , overall village sections and planning , its circulation , area zoning , the census details , ongoing cultural activities , their occupations , climatic analysis were documented efficiently and their flaws as well as positive aspects were noted upon. The trip was an interactive and knowledgeable affair of the architecture of Himachal Pradesh.

Site Visit

On Friday, the 16th of September, 2016, third year students of Department of Architecture and Landscape Design (DoALD) visited the Krimchi Temple Complex, Udhampur. The group was accompanied by Ar. Aditya Kumar Singh (HoD, DoALD), Dr. V.K. Tripathi (HoD, DoPC), Ar. Manu Rajput, DoALD, and Ar. Tahir Ahmad, DoALD. It is one of the oldest temple complexes of Jammu, which were constructed in the 11th- 12th century AD and consists of 4 large and 3 small temples dedicated to Lord Shiva, were studied upon. The local people call this group of temples as Pandava temples and hold the belief that the temples were originally built by them during their exile period. Some scholars date these temples to second century AD built by Kushan ruler on his way to Kashmir. These temples showcase great architectural marvels of their times and their intensive study showcased the intrinsic details of carvings, astounding planning and breathtaking construction techniques used.

Nasa Day and Architectural Design Workshop

The Department of Architecture and Landscape Design organised a two day Workshop on 10th & 11th September, 2016. The interactive session was organized as part of the NASA DAY celebrations. The session was attended by the guests, Prof. Saurabh Srivastava (I/C Alumni Affairs), Ar. Aditya Kumar Singh (HOD, DoALD), Dr. V.K. Tripathi (HoD, DoPC), Ar. Vinod Kumar (Asst. Prof. DoALD & NCSC Convenor) and Ar. Bishwajit Banerjee (Guest Speaker). A welcome address by the host – HOD, Ar. Aditya Kumar Singh, was delivered followed by a note from Prof. Saurabh Srivastava. The guest speaker Ar. Bishwajit Banerjee, an alumni of DoALD, gave a brief idea about his ongoing projects, his achievements in the remarkable field. Mr. Shantam Dhingra, the Unit Secretary of NASA, explained about the various events taking place during the convention, its importance and functioning. The Ex-Unit Secretary, Bacil M. George was invited to share the experience during his tenure as the Unit Secretary. Ar. Bishwajit Banerjee discussed about architecture, the means, the methodologies, the ideas and the upcoming technological advancements and their connection with the field of ARCHITECTURE and the importance to continue the legacy ahead. Deliberations on the topic “Research is creating new knowledge.” was held with the discussion on various methodologies used for attaining the same. One-on-one discussion about the problems faced during the design process by the juniors were addressed upon. Ar. Bishwajit Banerjee was facilitated by a Certificate of Appreciation for his efforts during the workshop by the HOD, DoALD.

Site Visit for Urban Design at Railhead Zone, Jammu

On the 2nd of September, Final year students from the Department Of Architecture And Landscape Design visited Jammu for their semester project on Urban Design. They were guided by their faculty members, Ar. Aditya Kumar Singh (HOD, DoALD) and Ar. Vinod Kumar (Assistant Professor, DoALD). Students studied the various aspects of urban design in and around the rail head area and will come up with design proposals to make it better. They also interacted with various stakeholders e.g. resident of Railhead area, tourist, government and private officials and shopkeepers. They surveyed the zone on various parameters of architecture, urban design & urban planning and tried to understand the various issues of the zone.

Alumni Corner

Alumni Interactions in Department of ECE

Aman Kumar Jha a 2008 batch ECE student of the Department Electronics & Communication interacted with the current batches of the department on campus on 19th September 2016. Mr. Aman Kumar Jha was placed through campus selection in TCS in 2013, and is presently working as SAP HANA Database Administrator in TCS at Bangalore. Aman Kumar interacted with the students of ECE and deliberated on two aspects that is “what you want to be and how you would become that”. The interaction helped the students in realizing that what he or she should aim in life and what effort he or she should put to achieve the goal.



Aman also stressed the students that these four years in B.Tech are the best learning phase and the basics and knowledge the students can pave the way for the future from here. He also stressed on the students to do a lot of project work for it would help them. He also shared some of his nostalgic moments on the campus.

Ms. Surabhi Mengi
B.Tech ECE 2008 Batch
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"A saga of extraordinary and memorable journey commenced for me, when I joined SMVDU. I feel blessed for the opportunity I got and because of which what I have been able to achieve. Thinking about SMVDU automatically reminds me of the people and events, the experience I gained there shaped me for what I am today. I wish to express my highest respect and deep gratitude to SMVDU.

Education is definitely the key to success but I gained a lot more than just an education. From learning hard core engineering, to making new friends, from understanding leadership qualities, knowing the outside world, living without fear, to developing a deep love for nature, SMVDU shaped up a young mind and helped me to become prepared to face the world. It is not an exaggeration when I say I am nostalgic about the time in SMVDU. Those days were one of the best in my life. The friendships I made there continue to stand strong. It has made an evergreen impact in my mind. I cherish the times spent and will always miss SMVDU."

