



## UPCOMING EVENTS

- Five Day National Workshop on Research Methodology & Current Research Trends from 22<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> Jan, 2018
- Five Days Training Program - Effective Decision from 29<sup>th</sup> Jan - 2<sup>nd</sup> Feb, 2018

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## Campus Jottings

3<sup>rd</sup> Inter-State (North-Zone) Declamation Contest

The 3<sup>rd</sup> Inter-State (North-Zone) Declamation Contest for Silver Rolling Trophy instituted by Hon'ble Governor Sh. N. N. Vohra was organized on 2<sup>nd</sup> December. The topic of the Declamation Contest was "Are the vastly diverse and multi-cultural societies in our country an asset or a liability in the rapid reduction of poverty and delivery of equitable governance?"

37 students from various universities and colleges of J&K and the neighbouring states participated in this Contest. The team comprising Ansab Amir Khan and Shajar Hasab Abidi of Aligarh Muslim University won the Best Team trophy.

The 1<sup>st</sup> prize was won by Shivika Thakur of Jammu University; 2<sup>nd</sup> prize by Ansab Amir Khan of Aligarh Muslim University and 3<sup>rd</sup> prize by Mokshi Sharma of Central University of Jammu. Governor N. N. Vohra and First Lady Mrs. Usha Vohra participated in the Valedictory function of this contest.



In his observation, Governor noted with satisfaction that the number of students who had participated in the contest had been progressively going up, particularly the number who are from outside the State. He urged the Vice Chancellor to ensure even larger participation of students from the far off and rural areas within J&K in the next Declamation Contest. Referring to the topic of the Declamation Contest, Governor observed that the chosen subject is significantly relevant in the contemporary context and emphasized that the students must sincerely think about the challenges facing the country and make up their minds to contribute towards a New India marked by equity in governance, reduction in poverty, much higher levels of literacy, communal harmony, public order and rapid economic growth. Governor congratulated Prof. Sanjeev Jain, Vice Chancellor, and Dr. V.K. Tripathi, President Board of Cultural Activities for organizing the Declamation Contest. Governor announced a special cash prize of Rs. 5100 for Paras Dubey, a student in the Department of Economics, in the University, who presented a very graceful classical dance on the occasion. The participants were adjudged by a three member Jury comprising Dr. Garima Gupta, Assistant Professor, Department of English, University of Jammu; Dr. Sapna Sangra, Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, University of Jammu; Dr. Anurag Kumar, Assistant Professor, School of Languages and Literature SMVDU.

### One-Week FDP on 'Research Methodology'



One-Week Faculty Development Program on “Research Methodology” organized by Human Resource Development Centre (HRDC) on 4th December 2017. 19 participants enrolled for the program. Dr. Shailla Cannie, Principal, Shri Mata Vaishno Devi College of Nursing was the Chief Guest in the inaugural ceremony. Welcoming the Chief Guest and participants to the occasion; Prof. D. Mukhopadhyay, Director HRDC encouraged the participants to explore this opportunity of learning with full zest and vigour. Dr. Sushil K. Mehta, Head School of Business SMVDU detailed about the importance of Research Methodology in the current education scenario and expressed hope for the success of the program, also wished the great learning experience for participants. Dr. Deepak Jain, Course Coordinator made the participants aware about important aspects related to program. Mr. Deo Prakash, Assistant Director HRDC and Mr. Samir Vohra, Technical Officer HRDC, were also present on this inaugural session.

### Seminar on Applied Linguistics

A Two-Day National Seminar on Applied Linguistics & Literary Studies was organized from 6<sup>th</sup> - 7<sup>th</sup> December 2017. Eighty participants from 13 universities and 7 States would presented their papers and posters during the Seminar. Distinguished English Language Teaching (ELT)

Expert and President Award Winner for Teaching Methods Prof. Anima Chakraverty graced the occasion as the Chief Guest. Dr. Rajnish Mishra, Professor JNU, New Delhi, was the Key-note Speaker. Prof. Mishra enlightened the audience with an interacting session on an interface



between Linguistics and Literary Studies. Dr. Varun K. Tripathi, Dean Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences laid emphasis on capturing the ideas in an anthology or book form. Dr. Amitabh V. Dwivedi, Head of the School, welcomed the guests and participants. A vote of thanks was presented by the Convener and Organising Secretaries: Dr. Anurag Kumar, Dr. Ranbir Kaur and Ms. SimranPreet Kaur respectively.



## Two-Day National Workshop on Stylistics and the Teaching of Literature

A Two-Day National Workshop on Stylistics and the Teaching of Literature was organized from 8<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> December 2017. More than hundred participants, including in-house students, research scholars and participants outside universities & colleges participated in the event. Distinguished Prof. Rajnish Mishra, JNU New Delhi graced the occasion as the Chief Guest, besides English Language Teaching (ELT) Expert and President Award Winner for Teaching Methods Prof. Anima Chakraverty and Prof. Veerendra Mishra, Banasthali Vidyapeeth University and Dr. Garima Gupta, University of Jammu were the Expert Resource Persons. The event started with a lamp-lighting ceremony and Saraswati Vandana. Prof. Varun K. Tripathi, Dean of the School laid emphasis on organizing such events in future too. Dr. Amitabh V. Dwivedi, Head of the School, welcomed the guests and participants and wished all two days of interesting and beneficial program. A Vote of thanks was presented by the Convener and Organising Secretaries: Dr. Anurag Kumar, Dr. Ranbir Kaur and Ms. Simran Preet Kaur respectively.



## Skill Development Training to Students

As a part of its flagship mission towards skill development of final year B.Tech. Students, School of Mechanical Engineering organized a five days Workshop on Ultrasonic Testing Level-II, in collaboration with MSME, Technology Development Centre, Agra from 13<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> Dec, 2017. Dean Faculty of Engineering, Prof. V. Verma motivated students to develop professional skills to fetch better career prospects and self placement. Dr. Balbir Singh, Head, Department of Mechanical engineering, coordinator for this workshop highlighted the importance of Non - destructive testing in industries. This certification will help students to start consultancy work as well as to facilities them to work in quality control and maintenance wings of power plants and mechanical based industries. Mr. Chetan Somani, UT Level –III certified, resource person of MSME Agra conducted theoretical and practical session to students, faculty and staff members of School.



## TechAspect Solutions recruited 08 Engineers

TechAspect Solutions a leading digital transformation agency serving organizations globally with superior enterprise digital experience, commerce, and marketing solutions conducted a pool campus drive on the campus. A team of Technical and HR Panelists from TechAspect conducted the Campus Drive for 2018 passing out students. Students from GCET Jammu, MBS Jammu, MIET Jammu and BGBSU Rajouri participated in this pool campus drive at SMVDU. After passing through a rigorous campus selection process consisting of Online Test, Group Discussion, Technical Interview and HR Interview 08 students were declared finally selected out of a pool of 100 students by the TechAspect Recruitment Team. Dr. Sanjeev Kumar Jain, Vice Chancellor, Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University congratulated all TechAspect final selects and advised them to be sincere, hardworking and honest to their work after joining.



## World Philosophy Day celebrated

Philosophy is the study of the nature of reality and existence, of what is possible to know, and of right and wrong behavior. The International World Philosophy Day was introduced in 2002 by UNESCO (the UN Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization) with the objective to renew the national, sub-regional, regional and international commitment to philosophy. Keeping in view the objective, the School of Philosophy & Culture orga-



nized the World Philosophy Day on 14<sup>th</sup> December, in which noted Philosophers from Jammu region like Prof. Baidyanath Labh from Dept. of Buddhist Study University of Jammu, Prof. Ram Bahadur Shukla and his students from Dept. of Sanskrit University of Jammu, Prof. Shiv Nirmohi, a noted scholar of culture from the region, Dr. P. P. Singh, professor of Philosophy from GCW Parade, Dr. Bhupendra Hira, a scholar of Buddhist Philosophy and a lot of students from Govt. Higher Secondary School Panthal, participated. Dr. Anil Tewari from School of Philosophy & Culture and the organizer of the event, welcomed the participants, Dr. V.K. Tripathi, Head of the School explained to the participants the message of UNESCO on the occasion. Mr. Sumanta Sarathi Sharma, Dr. Madhu Mangal Chaturvedi, Prof. Labh, Prof. Shukla, Prof. P.P. Singh and Prof. Nirmohi addressed the participants. Prof. Labh highlighted the need for the consistency between principles and praxis, as we often know what is good and virtuous but we fail to practice when it comes to our lives. Dr. Dinesh Singh Jamwal from GDC Akhnoor, Dr. Varun Sharma from GCW Gandhinagar, Mr. Sanjay Kumar from GCW Udhampur, Mr. Ritu Raj, Ms. Bilquees Jan from Punjabi University Patiala, and a number of faculty, staff, research scholars, students and members from the families participated in the celebration. The event was sponsored by Indian Council of Philosophical Research (ICPR), New Delhi.

## Cultural Evening under 'Ek Bharat Shreshth Bharat'

Second cultural evening under 'Ek Bharat Shreshth Bharat' mission held at Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University on 15th December. 'Ek Bharat Shreshth Bharat' is a mission for cultural exchange among various States and Union Territories of India launched by the Prime Minister Narendra Modi. The State of Jammu & Kashmir is paired with the State of Tamil Nadu. More than 100 students of Tamil Nadu through Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan (NYKS) participated in the event. Dr. V.K. Tripathi president BCA welcomed Sh. S.S. Kashyap Deputy Director NYKS, Sh. Sajjad Ali Shah District Youth Coordinator NYKS and Mrs. Bimlesh Sharma from NYKS, other guests and audience. Sh. S.S. Kashyap, in his address, highlighted the importance of cultural exchange and the objective of the mission.



Rishab Raina, Khushboo Zulfi and team presented Stage Drama, Raghav Gupta and team presented vocal performance, Anmol and team presented Western Vocal, Ashutosh Khajuria and group presented bhangra and Soumi Das mesmerized the audience with classical solo dance performance on the note 'ayigirinandini.' The students from NYKS also presented cultural items. The event was witnessed by a number of faculty, staff, students and members from the families. Dr. Yugal Khajuria Dean of Students, Dr. Rakesh Kumar Vice President BCA, Mr. Rajiv Atri President Board of Sports Activities, Mr. Samir Vohra AR Academics, Mr. Gaurav Jamwal Cultural Instructor were also present on the occasion. Mr. Vivek Soni Cultural Secretary coordinated the show. Prof. Zahoor Ahmed Chatt, Director Colleges, Higher Education Dept. J&K Govt. conveyed his good wishes.



## International Case Study Conference

The International Case Study Conference (INCSC-2017) was organized by School of Business from 11-13 December, 2017. The conference was organized to create an understanding and appreciation for the qualitative research and case based methodology in the learning and decision making. The Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, Dr. Sanjeev Jain was an inspiration behind this conference. The conference was inaugurated by Prof. Manoj Joshi, Director, Center of VUCA Studies Lucknow and Prof. D. Mukhopadhyay, Dean Faculty of Management, SMVDU. Prof. Manoj Joshi congratulated the School of Business for taking such innovative steps. Prof. Mukhopadhyay said that School of Business is committed for the knowledge creation and dissemination. The Convener of the workshop Dr. Saurabh welcomed the guest and informed about the necessity of case based research as a decision making tool for the managers, administrators and the researchers. Dr. Sushil K. Mehta, Head, School of Business,



congratulated the participants and wished them wholesome learning. He said that the participants shall have national and international exposure and would be benefitted with the workshop and technical sessions in the conference. Dr. Rashita Taggar, the organising secretary of the conference thanked all the participants. She informed that 45 cases and papers on qualitative research have been selected for the conference. Experts from countries like Japan, UAE would present their views in this 3-days conference. The members of the advisory board of the conference included Prof. Ahinandan Jain, IIM Ahmedabad, India; Prof. Rudiger Kauf, Mann, University of Nicosia, Cyprus; Prof. Arundaditya Sahay, BIMTECH, India; Prof. Sanda Renko, University of Zagreb, Croatia; Prof. Jantima Banjongprasert, Silpakorn University Bangkok, Thailand; Prof. Albert Wocke, the University of Pretoria's, Gordon Institute of Business Science, South Africa. The conference is supported by J&K bank as an alliance partner. Other sponsors included AquaSure by A.K. Sons, Aroma restaurant, Pargal confectionery and snacks Jammu. Day 1 of conference was closed with a session of "Fun with Case Methods" by Prof. Manoj Joshi.

## Prof. Deepshikha Kotwal Deliverd Lecture on 'Women's Writings'

The School of Languages & Literature organized an Extension Lecture on "Women's Writings" by Prof. Deepshikha Kotwal, HoD, Department of English, Central University of Jammu.

Prof. Kotwal talked about a shift in Literary Discourse from men-oriented literature towards women-oriented literature with reference to the concept of room of one's own. Following that, Prof. Kotwal distributed the certificates to the Students participated in National Seminar and Workshop held during 06-09 December 2017. Prof. Kotwal also



appreciated the posters made by the Students of the School on various literary and academic themes. She appreciated the efforts made the students for their upcoming research topics for Master's Dissertations. She also interacted with the School's faculty members: Dr. Anurag Kumar; Dr. Ranbir Kaur; and Ms. Simran Preet Kaur. The Vote of Thanks is presented by Dr. Amitabh Vikram Dwivedi, the Head of the School.

## Campus Placement Drive by HDFC Bank

HDFC Bank Ltd., a leading private bank, conducted a campus placement drive on 18 Dec. 2017. A Campus Recruitment Panel comprising of Cluster Head Mr. Sachin Mahajan, HR Mr. Sajad Ali and Mr. Anuj Mahajan Branch Manager Katra conducted the Campus Drive for MBA students of SMVDU. After passing through a rigorous campus selection process consisting of Online Test, Technical Interview and HR Interview, 06 students were declared selected for Final Employment and 06 students from MBA first year for Summer Training 2018 by the HDFC Campus Recruitment Panel. The selects for Summer Training have been offered with stipend and Pre-placement offers (PPOs). Dr. Sanjeev Jain, Vice Chancellor, congratulated all final selects and advised them to be sincere, hardworking and honest to their work after joining. He also asked the students to give their best in their job so that to contribute in the growth of the business of recruiting organization and the nation a whole.

## Workshop on Productivity and Efficiency Analysis



A Five day Workshop on 'Productivity and Efficiency Analysis' was conducted by School of Economics from 18<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>th</sup> December 2017 at Matrika Auditorium. Prof. D. Mukhopadhyay, Dean Faculty of Management was the Chief Guest of the inaugural program. The formal welcome to the gathering was given by Dr. Pabitra Kumar Jena, Head, in-charge, School of Economic. Dr. Kakali Majumdar, Principal coordinator of the Workshop also welcomed the guests and experts as well as participants and provided a briefing regarding the programme, focusing on the plan and need for this five day event. All the participants introduce themselves thereafter. Offering hearty greetings to the dignitaries and the participants, the chief guest, Prof. Mukhopadhyay explained the importance of the Workshop and its importance and implication in the area of applied Economics. He congratulated the organizing team of School of Economics for conducting the event and had words of encouragement to continue with such activities that will, besides providing a creative platform for exchange of ideas and innovative thinking, add value to the development of the University in general and the School of Economics in particular. This Workshop was designed to impart knowledge on Productivity and Efficiency Analysis in the context of empirical research. The objective of this workshop was to cover important models and methods for productivity and Efficiency Analysis. The workshop also aimed to train the participants to work with the related statistical software like DEAP, R and E views. The Workshop evoked great response with good number of academicians and scholars from different regions of India registering for participation. The resource persons invited for the workshop are some of the eminent personalities and experts in the field of Productivity and Efficiency Analysis and have an enviable background. The inaugural session concludes with vote of thanks by Dr. Kirtti Ranjan from School of Economics.

## ICICI Bank picked students

ICICI Bank Ltd. a leading private bank conducted a Campus Placement Drive at the University on 20<sup>th</sup> December. A Campus Recruitment Panel comprising of Business Head Mr. Vivek Gupta, HR Ms. Mehak Mittal conducted the Campus Drive for MBA students. After passing through a rigorous campus selection process consisting of an Online Test, Group Discussion, Technical Interview and HR Interview, 06 students were declared selected for Final Employment by the ICICI Bank Campus Recruitment Panel. Vice Chancellor Dr. Sanjeev Jain congratulated all ICICI Bank final selects and advised them to be sincere, hardworking and honest to their work after joining. He also asked the students to give their best in their job so that to contribute in the growth of the business of recruiting organization and the nation a whole.

## Faculty Update

### Faculty awarded Prof. D.R. Gadgil Memorial Annual Prize

Dr. Kirtti Ranjan Paltasingh, Assistant Professor, School of Economics was awarded 'Prof. D.R. Gadgil Memorial Annual Prize' for the most outstanding article published in ArthaVijnana by a single author below the age of 40 years for the article for the year 2016, entitled as "Role of Education in Technology Adoption: Evidence from Paddy Growers in Odisha" (Vol. LVIII, No. 1, March 2016, pp. 1-18). The award carries a cash amount of Rs 10,000 and a citation. The journal ArthaVijnana is published by Gokhale Institute of Politics and Economics, Pune. Dr. Paltasingh's research interests are broadly in Agricultural Economics and Development Economics. He has published more than 15 research papers in journals of National and International repute.



### Faculty invited as Resource Person; Chaired a Session

Dr. Amitabh V. Dwivedi, Head, School of Languages & Literature and a Linguist, chaired an academic session at GDC Udhampur in a Two-Day National Conference on 'Routing the Rootless: Exploring the Literatures on the Indigenous Cultures' on 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2017. During the interactive session, ten paper presenters, including college lectures and research scholars, presented their papers on Indigenist Cultures, Dalit Studies, and Decolonized Methodologies. Dr. Dwivedi emphasized that such activities are important for establishing a culture of knowledge sharing among academicians and research scholars. Further, he thanked the convener Prof. Anuradha Kalsi and the organizing secretary Prof. Kamaldeep Kaur for inviting him as a Resource Person.



### Faculty members presented papers in Princeton University and Louisiana State University Conference

Dr. Amitabh V. Dwivedi and Dr. Anurag Kumar, the faculty members of School of Languages and Literature presented their papers on Rethinking Translation and Dalit Humanism & Counter public respectively in XX International Conference on Humanities Across Cultures organized by Princeton University & Louisiana State University in collaboration with Forum on Contemporary Theory. The sessions were chaired by Prof. Gayatri Chakraborty Spivak, University of Columbia, Prof. Hans Ulrich, Stanford University, Prof. William Pederson and Prof. Simon Gikandi, Louisiana State University, and others. More than hundred delegates participated from Africa, Latin America, US, Europe, and South Asia.



### Dr. Rajeev Garg joined as Professor in Architecture

Prof. Rajeev Garg joined as Professor in School of Architecture and Landscape Design. Prof. Rajeev Garg is a Graduate of Lucknow University and Doctorate from IIT Roorkee. He has experience of more than two decades in the field of architectural academics and profession. Apart from having academic association with premier institutions like Aligarh Muslim University, National Institute of Technology Hamirpur, Indian Institute of Technology Roorkee and Galgotias University Uttar Pradesh, Dr Garg has worked with leading national and international corporate such as TATA Consulting Engineers Limited and JACOBS Engineering. Dr. Garg has 2 Books, 1 Manual and more than 20 technical & research papers to his credit. Having a passion for teaching, he aspires to give new direction and dimension to academics and profession of architecture in India through his forthright approach. It is pertinent to mention that the School was established in 2006 as the only school of architecture imparting degree level architectural education in the State of Jammu and Kashmir. Amid limited teachers availability in Architecture; School was looking for a seasoned academician at the post of Professor from last few years and Dr. Garg's exceling academic and professional profile is the best thing in the context for the School and University at large for future prospects. Vice Chancellor of the University Dr. Sanjeev Jain and Dean Faculty of Engineering Prof. V. Verma extended their best wishes to Prof. Garg for successful endeavors at SMVDU. Head, School of Architecture along with faculty/staff members of the department also extended a warm welcome to the professor on his joining in the University.



### Dr. Narendra awarded project by SERB

Dr. Narendra Kumar Bairwa, Assistant Professor, School of Biotechnology has been awarded a project of about 50 lakh by SERB – Science and Engineering Research Board, New Delhi, an arm of Dept. of Science and Technology, Govt. of India. He will be working on "Engineering of Pro-biotic Yeast for Human Therapeutics". It is pertinent to mention that Dr. Bairwa is a Ramalinga Swami Fellow and his research areas are Genome Stability Regulation, Protein-Protein interactions for drug development, and Genome-editing technologies etc. Vice Chancellor Prof. Sanjeev Jain congratulated Dr. Bairwa on this achievement.



### Papers Published/Presented/Invited Talks



Dr. V.K. Tripathi, Head, School of Philosophy & Culture, delivered a lecture on “The Psycho-genesis of Human Behaviour: The Way The Buddha Taught It”, on 18th Dec. 2017, in the Interdisciplinary Three Weeks Refresher Course in Behavioural Sciences in PG Dept. of Psychology, University of Jammu, organized w.e.f. 11<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup> Dec. 2017.

Dr. V.K. Tripathi, Head, School of Philosophy & Culture, delivered a talk on “Why Philosophy? Why Kashmir Shaivism? Why Gen-Next?” in a seminar organized on the theme “Udyamo Bhairavah: Kashmir Shaivism for GenNext” by ‘Panun Kashmir’ on 29<sup>th</sup> Dec. 2017 at Jammu.

Dr. V.K. Tripathi, Head, School of Philosophy & Culture, delivered a talk on “Ethics in Research” on 30 Dec. 2017 in the General Orientation Program conducted by Dept. of Statistics, University of Jammu.

Dr. Manoj Kumar Gupta, Associate professor, School of Computer Science and Engineering attended Training -Workshop on Adobe Experience Manager (AEM) Software from 11<sup>th</sup> -13<sup>th</sup> Dec, 2017 conducted at project lab, Department of Computer Science and Engineering, SMVDU Katra.

Dr. Abhishek Gupta, Assistant professor, School of Computer Science and Engineering attended Training -Workshop on Adobe Experience Manager (AEM) Software from 11<sup>th</sup> -13<sup>th</sup> Dec, 2017 conducted at project lab, Department of Computer Science and Engineering, SMVDU Katra.

Mr. Deo Prakash, Assistant Professor, School of Computer Science and Engineering attended Training -Workshop on Adobe Experience Manager (AEM) Software from 11<sup>th</sup> -13<sup>th</sup> Dec, 2017 conducted at project lab, Department of Computer Science and Engineering.

Dr. Rakesh Kumar, School of Mathematics delivered two lectures on Hypothesis Testing-I (z-Test, t-Test) and Hypothesis Testing-II (F-Test, ANOVA) in One Week Faculty Development Program on Research Methodology at H.R.D.C, Shri Mata VaishnoDevi University from 4<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> December, 2017.

Kumar Rakesh, Sharma Sharma (2017) "Transient Analysis of a Multi-server Queuing Model with Discouraged Arrivals and Retention of Reneging Customers", Analytical and Computational Methods in Probability Theory (ACMPT 2017) Lecture Notes in Computer Science, vol 10684. Springer, pp. 54-64.

School of Mechanical Engineering organized 5 days Skill development workshop on ‘Ultrasonic Testing Level-II’ conducted by MSME, TDC, Agra from 13<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> Dec. 2017 for final year B.Tech. students, staff and faculty members of School.

Dr. Pabitra Kuamr Jena, Assistant Professor, School of Economics published a paper titled “Foreign Direct Investment Inflows in Multi Brand Retailing: A Case Study of New Delhi and Mumbai City” in *Indian Journal of Economics*, Volume Number-XCVII, Issue Number-385(Centennial Issue) listed in ABDC Ranking

## Students Update

### Student wins Best Student Parliamentarian Award

Paras Dubey, a M.Sc. Economics 3<sup>rd</sup> year student won the Best Student Parliamentarian Award in the Global Energy Parliament, held from 9<sup>th</sup> -10<sup>th</sup> December 2017 at Thiruvananthapuram. The award is the biggest student award of the event. The Parliament was organized by noted IVPT - Isa ViswaPrajnana Trust, which holds Consultative Status to the United Nations ECOSOC for its work in education and social service. It has its units in India, Australia, France, UK, USA, Germany, Spain and many other countries. People from 20 different countries participated in the Parliament and renowned personalities like Lokh Sabha Speaker, Chairman of ISRO, former Governor of Andaman and many more were speakers there. The Global Energy Parliament is a unique venture for humanity to create a more sustainable, peaceful and happy future – all based on the science of energy. Experts in all fields participate as Members of Parliament or Ministers who are responsible for portfolios in their field of study and work. It passes resolutions which are submitted to governments around the world and international organizations like the United Nations. The Parliament provides training in the concept of energy, training in parliamentary procedures, a global forum to meet and discuss with like-minded people, memberships in the Global Energy Parliament, with opportunities to represent GEP in other forums like the United Nations and awards for Best Parliamentarian (Student & Adult), Best Submission, etc. Dr. Sanjeev Jain, Vice Chancellor SMVDU, congratulated Paras Dubey for bringing laurel to the University.





### Student selected for Global Partnership Summit

Mr. Nipun Sharma, a student of School of Energy Management, has been selected for 'Youth Leaders @Global Partnership Summit 2017' organized by Indo-Japan collaboration which is to be held on 11<sup>th</sup> December at New Delhi, in which around 1000 delegates from across the globe, reputed speakers and Indian Govt. bureaucrats and Union Ministers are participating to have a common voice for the partnerships and potential of youth. Mr. Nipun will be representing the university and as a delegate will present the policies prepared by him. The theme of Youth Summit is 'One Youth One Culture'. The summit is a platform to integrate ideologies, initiatives, projects, processes, people and policies. It allows for global partners to share knowledge, expertise and resources and works towards a common objective of establishing an Alternative Development Model (ADM) framework.



### Athletics team SMVDU participated in AIU Championship

Athletics team participated in All India Inter-University Athletics Championship held at Guntur, Andhra Pradesh. Both, men and women team are participating in this national level competition. The said championship is going to be organized from 12<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> December, 2017. Vice Chancellor, Prof. Sanjeev Jain gave his best wishes to the team. Total 12 members including 7 boys and 5 girls are representing SMVDU in this tournament. Dean of students, Dr. Yugal Khajuria, In-charge Sports, Mr. Rajiv Kumar, Administrative officer, Mr. Vinod Sharma and Sports Coach, Mr. Sucha Singh were present during the ceremony.



### Vice Chancellor honored University Football team for winning district Football tournament

SMVDU Football team won "Mata Vaishno Devi Football Tournament" organized by 06 BN CRPF camp Dheerti, Reasi. Total 8 teams participated in this event and matches were played on round robin pattern. Every team played with all other participating teams. SMVDU team got 1st position in this tournament and remained undefeated throughout the tournament. Vice Chancellor Prof. Sanjeev Jain honored the winners for their performance and also gave his best wishes for the upcoming events. Vice Chancellor also announced cash prize for all team players. Dean of Students Dr. Yugal Khajuria, Director Sports Shrine Board, Sh. Ashok Sharma, In-charge Sports, Mr. Rajiv Kumar, Administrative Officer, Mr. Vinod Sharma, Sports Coach of University Cp. Sucha Singh (Asian games medallist) were also present during the honouring ceremony.



### Research Scholars Participated in GIAN Course at AMU

Research Scholars Ravi Parihar, Tanima Anand, Ayushi, and Akanksha Sharma attended One Week GIAN Course on 'Languages Endangerment and Allied Topics' organized by the Department of Linguistics, Aligarh Muslim University, Aligarh from 18<sup>th</sup> -24<sup>th</sup> December 2017. During the GIAN Course, World renowned linguists Prof. Nicholas Ostler, Chair, Foundation for Endangered Languages, Prof. Panchanan Mohanty, Chair, Linguistic Society of India, and Padmashree Awardee Prof. Anvita Abbi, (Retd. JNU, New Delhi) delivered their talks on issues in data collection; the wonder of foreign languages; roots of endangerment; lingua franca; mother tongues; language succession; language endangerment and multilingualism; and how to collect lexicon and make multilingual dictionary. It is pertinent to mention that the emphasis of this course was on the need of teaching mother tongue and saving indigenous Indian languages. All the Research Scholars have been working on the Documentation of Sarazi; Tense, Aspect and Mood of Dogri; Historical Hindi; and the Semantics of Pahari languages and also learned to work on PRAAT Software and how to make a dictionary. All the research scholars also pursuing their Ph.D under the supervision of famous linguistic, Head of School Dr. Amitabh V. Dwivedi. Vice-Chancellor Prof. Sanjeev Jain congratulated Ravi Parihar, Tanima Anand, Ayushi, and Akanksha Sharma for attending the one week course.



## Research Scholar presented paper in International Conference

Mr. Vivudh Gupta, Research Scholar, School of Mechanical Engineering presented a paper titled 'Study of Latest Trends in Hybrid Electric Discharge Machining Process - A Review' in 4<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Industrial Engineering (ICIE-2017) organized by Department of Mechanical Engineering, Sardar Vallabhbhai National Institute of Technology, Surat, in association with Indian Institution of Industrial Engineering, Mumbai, held from 21<sup>st</sup> - 23<sup>rd</sup> Dec. 2017. Dr. Balbir Singh, Head of the School of Mechanical Engineering and other faculty members congratulated Mr. Vivudh Gupta.

Mr. Rajat Kumar, B.Tech Mech.Engg 4<sup>th</sup> semester presented paper on 'Experimental Investigation of Electrical Discharge Machining on AA2014/Al2O3 Composite using Taguchi Approach" under guidance of Dr. Balbir Singh, Associate Professor, School of Mechanical Engg., at International Conference on Technology and Trust (ICTT 17) ,Greater Noida Institute of Technology, Greater Noida from 28<sup>th</sup> -29<sup>th</sup> Dec, 2017

Mr. Umesh,, M.Tech (M&A) student presented paper on " Reduction of Defects in Automobile Filter Industry using Six Sigma Approach" under guidance of Dr. Balbir Singh, Associate Professor, School of Mechanical Engg., at International Conference on Technology and Trust (ICTT 17) Greater Noida Institute of Technology, Greater Noida 28<sup>th</sup> -29<sup>th</sup> Dec, 2017

Shalok Bharti, M.Tech. (M&A) student, School of Mechanical Engineering has been published research paper in International Journal of Science and Research (IJSR) on topic Advancement in Forging Process: A Review.

## ALUMNI CORNER

**Ms. Maanvi Chawla**

**Batch 2007**

**School of Architecture & Landscape Design**

Heritage, culture and anthropological aspect of architecture caught my interest in the 4<sup>th</sup> year of my B.Arch. course at SMVDU, which was aided by sensitive, effective leadership of the founding director of the Architecture School, Prof. C. L. Razdan. Me and my cohort, the student batch of 2007, initiated and organized several School events like the first college architectural fest Srijan 2008 and the first Zonal NASA in 2010 to be hosted in J&K State. As the 2<sup>nd</sup> batch to graduate from SALD, we understood the hustle it takes to make a place among well-known schools and most importantly to make your own - a lesson we all have taken into our careers today.

Studying at Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University offers a setting that many young people may not desire but need; the exclusivity of the location allows one to focus and let thinking mind process knowledge. Being physically away from the architectural fabric of the cities also made me want to push the envelope more aggressively, e.g., using all my vacations for internships and professional conferences I could land. One such internship took me to the field of heritage conservation.



Currently, I am pursuing a self-tailored Masters program in Historic Preservation at the University of Florida, which includes science courses to enable my training in materials conservation. During the 5 years between architecture education at SMVDU and now the Master's at University of Florida, I worked in Indian firms including the Indian National Trust for Art and Cultural Heritage (aka INTACH) making heritage inventories, condition assessments, measured drawings; the most significant being the work done for the Post-Flood Damage Assessment of heritage buildings of Srinagar after the 2014 floods in Kashmir.