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UPCOMING EVENTS

- INSPIRE: 10th Science Internship Camp for School Children from 22nd July, 2016 to 26th July, 2016
- 2nd International Conference on Applied **Economics and Business** from 28th July, 2016 to 29th July, 2016

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Campus Jottings

Osho Dhyana Vidhi Organized

An event of Osho Meditation Technique was organized at 5:30AM on 3rd June 2016 in the lawns behind the Guest House. The meditation was guided by Swami Raj Kumar from Osho Ashrama, Jabalpur. The partici-

pants learnt the steps of Osho Mediation such as Irregular Deep Breathing, which enables one to intake as much oxygen as one can for 5-10 minutes: Conscious Madness, which is one of the steps of catharsis meant for freeing the mind from the burden of its non-sense; Jumping up and down with Hoo! Hoo! sound till complete exhaustion, it is also an enabler of oxygen intake as well as physical exercise; Being just



witness in a state of freeze which cools down all emotions thereby preparing the mind for joy and cheerfulness; Celebration with dance and music.

International Yoga Day Celebrated

The 2nd International Yoga Day was celebrated on Tuesday, 21st June 2016 with great enthusiasm in the University. On this occasion, a Yoga and Mediation practice session was organized at 5:30 am in the lawns behind the Guest House. More than 25 faculty, staff, and their family members and students participated in the practice session. The Yoga session was led by Mr. Gurmel a Yoga Instructor. Various Asanas were

practiced. Some of the important Asanas were Ardha -chandra Asana, Sarvanga-Asana, Padma-Asana, Vajra-Bhujanga-Asana, Asana, Pashchimottana-Asana.

Garuda-Asana, Tada-Asana, Danda-Asana. Dhruva-Asana. Dhanura-Asana, Shashanka-Asana, 12 postures of Surya Namaskara, Viparita-Karmi, Jnana-Mudra etc. Dr. Varun Tripathi, Associate Professor, De-



partment of Philosophy & Culture led the practice of Meditation. The session concluded with a laughing exercise and chhachh drink in the Guest House.

Special Lecture by Prof. S. P. Pandey

Prof. S. P. Pandey, Dept. of Philosophy & Religion, Banaras Hindu University, delivered a Special Lecture of 'Values in Today's Context with reference to Bhagavadgītā, on 14th June, 2016. The Lecture was followed by an extensive discussion on the topic of contemporary relevance.



Faculty Update

Dr. V. K. Tripathi Head, Department of Philosophy and Culture submitted an e-course module under E-PG Pathshala Program of UGC on the topic "Diverse Metaphysical Views at the Buddha's Time' under the coordinator-ship of Prof. Pradeep P. Gokhle, which has been accepted.

Dr. Sunil Kumar Wanchoo, Assistant Professor, Department of Physics presented a paper during the 7th Learning International Networks Consortium Conference and pre conference workshop at Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, USA held from May 22nd -25th, 2016. LINC 2016 Conference theme was Digital Inclusion: Transforming Education through Technology.

Dr.Shafaq Rasool, Assistant Professor, Department of Biotechnology, Presented Paper entitled" Functional Metagenomics for Industrial & Environmental Applications "in the National Seminar on "Environmental Pollution: Join the Race to Make the world a Better Place" on the Eve of Observance of World Environment Day-2016 at Department of Environmental Science and Centre of Research for Development, University of Kashmir, Srinagar from 4th & 5th June, 2016. The talk was very much appreciated by the experts and was awarded first position in the oral presentation category by the judges.

Dr.Shafaq Rasool participated as Judge of a three member expert committee constituted by the organisers of the seminar on "Environmental Pollution: Join the Race to Make the world a Better Place" for the evaluation of papers presented in Poster Presentation session.

Dr.Vinay Kumar, Assistant Professor, Department of Physics, attended Agilent Workshop FTIR Microscopy and Chemical Imaging and Agilent UV-Vis-NIR Techniques for Advanced Material Characterization at Centre of Excellence Agilent Head Office, IMT, Manesar, Guraon from 9th & 10th June, 2016.

Mr.Azher Jameel, Assistant Professor, Department of Mechanical Engineering, published a Paper titled "Modeling and Numerical Simulation of Fatigue Crack Growth in Cracked Specimens Containing Material Discontinuities" in the journal "Strength of Materials" in the month of June.

Members of the Human Genetics Research Group, DBT, SMVDU published their research work in Nature Scientific Reports. Dr. Ekta Rai is the first author, Ms. Arshia Angural (Ph.D. student) is one of the co-authors and Dr. Swarkar Sharma is the corresponding Author of the paper. The major part of the work has been done in the Central MassArray Lab. The citations are:Rai E, Mahajan A, Kumar P, Angural A, Dhar MK, Razdan S, Thangaraj K, Wise CA, Ikegawa S, Pandita KK, Sharma S. Whole Exome Screening Identifies Novel and Recurrent WISP3 Mutations Causing Progressive Pseudorheumatoid Dysplasia in Jammu and Kashmir-India. Sci Rep. 2016 Jun 13;6:27684. doi: 10.1038/srep27684

Department of Architecture and Landscape Design. Ar. Anoop Sharma- Asst. Professor of the department presented his co-authored proposal about the 'Sustainability Guide to the Contemporary Housing of Indian Cities' with special reference to city like Jammu at the International Conference of Civil, Architecture and Environment Engineering held at Bangkok-Thailand on from 23rd to 24th June, 2016.

Dr.Pabitra Kumar Jena, Assistant Professor, Department of Economics attended 99th Orientation Course at UGC-HRDC, Guru Nanak Dev University, Amritsar from 25th May to 22nd June, 2016.