



UPCOMING EVENTS

National Seminar on Economics of Make In India from 29th-30th Sept. 2015.

Earthquake Hazard: Basic Approaches, Field Investigations and Modeling from 10th-16th Nov. 2015

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Campus Jottings

Decadal Celebrations



FIRST LECTURE UNDER EMINENT LECTURE SERIES

The decadal celebrations at SMVD University began with an eminent lecture series with a deep sense of accomplishment yet relentless pursuit of excellence in all spheres. The University was inaugurated by Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam on 19th August, 2004 who enlightened the first batch of students with his erudition and expertise. The University has grown phenomenally in the past decade in terms of student strength, infrastructure and quality teaching and research. Prof. Sudhir K. Jain, Vice-Chancellor, welcomed the First Speaker of **Eminent Lecture Series** and shared his vision of the Series for making the Decadal celebration, the real occasion for introspection, retrospection and future plan of action.

The First Lecture in the Series was delivered by Prof. D.P. Agrawal, Former Chairman, UPSC, and Former Professor & Dean, IIT Delhi. Prof. Agrawal, an eminent academician who has contributed significantly to the growth of quality technical education in the country, delivered an expert lecture on the title, "Opportunities for Graduates in the New World Order". He enlightened students about various unsung educational opportunities existing in the New World Order and the importance of self-motivation, innovation and focus amongst students. He stressed on the development of three eternal hallmarks for every student such as Timeliness, Targets and Quality. In the end, he had an interactive session with students wherein he addressed the queries raised by them. All Deans, Registrar, Directors, faculty members & students participated in the Lecture.

CONGRATULATIONS

Mr. Samir Vohra

on elevation as Assistant Registrar

WELCOME

Ms. Bhawna Mishra

Ms. Ruchika

on joining as new Assistant Registrars

Orientation Programme for New Entrants



An Orientation Programme for the students enrolled in the new academic session was held in Matrika auditorium on 4th August, 2015 in the presence of the Vice Chancellor, Registrar, Deans & Directors of all Schools. Prof. Sudhir K. Jain, Vice Chancellor welcomed the freshers and highlighted the significance of studying in a residential university which provides sea of opportunities to students for learning & growth. Prof. Jain cited several examples from the level of excellence & competence in IITs. The Registrar, Sh. Ajay Khajuria dwelt over the divine ambience of the campus, infrastructural facilities & dedicated faculty at University which provide an ideal setting for learning. Prof. V.Verma, Dean, Faculty of Engineering highlighted the significance of Engineering disciplines & their relevance in the contemporary times. Prof. D. Mukhopadhyay, Dean, Faculty of Management spoke about the importance of dedication & devotion in students life. Prof. V.K.Bhat, Dean, Faculty of Sciences highlighted the importance of discipline in students life which bears tremendous results for future growth. Dr. Vandhana Sharma, Dean, Faculty of Humanities & Social Sciences spoke about the relevance of social sciences in the present era of scientific & technological advancement by stressing on the combination of 'gyan' & 'vigyan' to overcome social evils which are plaguing mankind. The students were provided course details and their relevance in contemporary times by Directors and Associate Dean (Academics).



Prof. Shyam S. Lodha interacts with Management Students

Prof. Shyam S. Lodha, Chairman, Department of Marketing, School of Business, Southern Connecticut State University, New Haven, USA interacted with the students of School of Business and School of Economics, SMVDU on 7th Aug, 2015. Prof. Lodha underlined the significance of managers in the challenging business scenario. He emphasized on the need of managerial qualities and developing a global style in every profession. He deliberated on the value of management education and that it prepares individuals to deal with complex and ever changing world. He concluded by highlighting managerial qualities such as listening, loyalty, empathy, creativity, etc. needed in today's era.

TCS Recruits 60 Engineering Students



Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University has started with its Campus Recruitment Program with Tata Consultancy Services Ltd. (TCS) Campus Selection Process. A team of 11 Technical and HR Panellists from TCS conducted the Campus Drive for 2016 passing out students from 23rd - 26th Aug, 2015. Only Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University and Government College of Engineering & Technology, Jammu were selected for Campus Placements by TCS in which 207 students appeared in the Campus Selection Process consisting of Online Test, Technical Interview, Management Round and HR Interview. Passing through tough selection process, 60 students from SMVDU Katra and 13 students from GCET Jammu were declared finally selected by the TCS Recruitment Team.

Prof. Sudhir K. Jain, Vice Chancellor, Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University congratulated all TCS final selects and advised them to be sincere, hardworking and honest to their work after joining. He also asked the students to stay at least 3 to 5 years with the company so that they get specialization in their field which will also be helpful for their juniors in the university. Prof. V. Verma also congratulated the placed students and advised them to work with Team Spirit

Swami Narasimhananda conducted Spiritual Orientation

School of Philosophy & Culture, organized an interactive session on “Facing Real-Life Challenges” by Swami Narasimhananda of Ramakrishna Mission on 6th August, 2015. Dr. V.K. Tripathi, Director of the School delivered the welcome address and laid emphasis on holistic development of perspectives which refine the personality of students. Swami Narasimhananda shared Swami Vivekananda’s vision of nation and his message for youth. He emphasized on the need for inculcating certain inevitable virtues in life such as purity, patience and perseverance which the contemporary Indian youth seem to lack despite their hard work. The session provided a interactive platform where students and faculty members shared their views. On Swami Narasimhananda's suggestion, the students' community formed a Vivekananda Youth Forum for future interaction and course of action.

Expansion of EPABX

The first phase of Telephone connection (EPABX) at level IV, staff quarters of SMVD University was inaugurated by Prof. Sudhir K. Jain, Vice Chancellor by call conference facility in presence of Sh. Ajay Khajuria, Registrar, Dr. Yugal, Dean of Students, Administrative Officer, AR(S&P), I/c Telecom Section and Staff of TA. This major expansion is part of project of providing EPABX connectivity across the University campus.



Faculty Update

Faculty invited as Expert Member

Prof. V. Verma, Dean, FoE has been invited to be a member of a committee by Govt. Medical College, Jammu for the selection of the agency for the building of Biological Safety Laboratory Level 3 (BSL3). This agency will work for handling & detecting Viral infection in the suspected human samples w.p.r. to Swine Flu (H1N1) virus by molecular Biological methods.

SMVDU Faculty awarded DST Young Scientist Award Grant

Dr. Rakesh Kumar, Assistant Professor, School of Biotechnology, has been awarded Young Scientist's Award Grant from Department of Science and Technology, Govt. of India. The start-up grant has been awarded in the field of life sciences for Breast Cancer Research. Dr. Rakesh's group's current research interests are in mechanistic elucidations of different cancers and DNA damage in northern region of India, particularly Jammu and Kashmir.

Ph.D. Awarded

Dr. Surender Singh, Assistant Professor, School of Mathematics, was declared qualified for the award of degree of Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) in Mathematics on 5th Aug, 2015 by Deen Bandhu Chhotu Ram University of Science and Technology, Murthal, Haryana. He worked on the topic "Some Generalized Information and Divergence Measures and Their Applications" under the supervision of Professor P. K. Bhatia and Dr. Vinod Kumar.

Faculty Publications & Conference Paper Presentations

"S. Kumar, Ram Prakash, V. Kumar, G.M. Bhalerao, R. J. Choudhary and D. M. Phase. "Surface and spectral studies of Eu³⁺ doped α -Al₂O₃ synthesized via solution combustion synthesis"; *Advanced Powder Technology*, Vol. 26, 1263-1268 (2015) (doi:10.1016/j.apt.2015.06.009). [Impact factor: 2.638].

Balbir Singh, Jatinder Kumar, and Sudhir Kumar, "Investigation of the Tool Wear Rate in Tungsten Powder-Mixed Electric Discharge Machining of AA6061/10%SiC_p Composite", *Materials and Manufacturing Processes*, 0: 1-11, 2015, DOI: 10.1080/10426914.2015.1025965, (SCI Indexed, Taylor & Francis Group).

Dr. V. K. Tripathi attended the third spell of his Associate Fellowship at UGC-IUC, Indian Institute of Advanced Study Shimla from 1st -31st July 2015 and presented a paper on 'The Question of Karmic Teleology and Retribution: Revisiting Rajendra Prasad'.

Ar. Tahir Ahmad, Assistant Professor, SALD presented research paper on topic "Building Envelope for Passive Houses in Cold Climatic Region" at 17th IALS Conference - 2015 - Kargil, Ladakh, J&K organized by International Association for Ladakh Studies (IALS).

Ar. Anoop Kumar Sharma, Assistant Professor, SALD presented research paper on "Future Cities: Through The Methodologies of the Past" in 2nd Online international Conference -ICRTET Conference; (www.onlineconference.org.in). 26th-27th Aug-2015. Publication- (IJNTSE) "International Journal of New Technologies in Science & Engineering " (Impact factor-6.02)-August-Issue.