

Events of the Year

Hon'ble Chancellor Inaugurated New Hostel Blocks



Sh.N.N. Vohra, Hon'ble Governor of J&K & Chancellor SMVDU visited the University and held extensive discussions with Prof. Sudhir K. Jain, Vice Chancellor of the University, to review all the important aspects of functioning of this important institution of higher learning, the only residential University in the State.

The Hon'ble Chancellor also undertook a round of the University and inaugurated the extension blocks of the hostels on 31st August, 2014. The Basohli Boys Hostel now has another 75 beds and the Vaishnavi Girl's Hostel has a block of 89 new beds. He also visited different rooms & the facility provided and gave valuable suggestions for

improvement.

The Hon'ble Governor was briefed by Prof. Sudhir K. Jain, Vice Chancellor, Prof. V. Verma, Dean Faculty of Engineering and Mr. Ajay Khajuria, Registrar, about various ongoing projects in the University, the budgetary issues, the new Schools to be opened, the vacancies to be filled etc. The Governor suggested the VC to strengthen access control and install CCTV cameras at various identified points for round-the-clock monitoring and surveillance. He also reiterated his directions about the care of the main lawns and the lawns appurtenant to the hostel buildings and for flowering shrubs and trees to be planted in the entire campus.

SMVDU Conferred Best Upcoming University-2015 Award

Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University was selected for the conferment of the "Best Upcoming University-2015 Award". Prof. Sudhir K. Jain, Vice Chancellor of the University received this award on behalf of the University during the National Seminar on Higher Education on 24th April, 2015 at New Delhi organized by the Centre for Education

Growth and Research. The award was presented by the Chief Guest Ms. Meenakshi Lekhi and Sh. J.P. Narain Yadav (Former Union Minister of State, GoI) both being Members of current Lok Sabha.

The Vice Chancellor attributed this award to the hard work put in by the University

functionaries and stakeholders, including faculty, students & Staff members, under the able guidance of Shri N. N. Vohra, Hon'ble Chancellor of the University and Hon'ble Governor J & K State.

The Vice Chancellor expressed the view that SMVDU will eventually rank among the top few Universities of the Country in due course of time, for which all are working very hard and with sincerity.



Dr. Jitendra Singh inaugurated Workshop



Workshop on Innovation and Entrepreneurship Development through Incubation in Jammu and Kashmir State was inaugurated by Dr. Jitendra Singh, Hon'ble Minister of State (Independent Charge) Science and Technology; Minister of State (Independent Charge) Earth Sciences; Minister of State in the Prime Minister's Office; Minister of State Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions; Department of Atomic Energy; and Department of Space on 30th August, 2014 in the Matrika Auditorium of Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University.

Earlier, in his inaugural address, the Chief

Guest, Dr. Jitendra Singh said that Indian students belong to the most hard working lot in the world and what is required is to tap them young so that an independent aptitude can be developed in them without any pressures and directions from parents. In the welcome address, Prof. Sudhir K. Jain, Vice Chancellor, Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University, highlighted the strengths of SMVDU and said that the university has infrastructure and potential to do wonders.

Prof. S.K. Joshi, Former Director General, CSIR, the Guest of Honor of the occasion, delivered the keynote address and chaired

the round table session. A National Perspective on Innovation, Entrepreneurship and Incubation was presented by Shri H. K. Mittal, Advisor & Member Secretary NSTEDB. Prof. V. Verma, Dean Faculty of Engineering presented the vision for TBIC.

Sh. Ajay Khajuria, Registrar of the University, Deans, Directors, faculty members, staff members and students were present on the occasion. Dr. Ashutosh Vashishtha, the coordinator of the workshop, presented the vote of thanks.

Independence Day Celebration

The 68th Independence Day of India was celebrated by SMVDU community on 15th August, 2014. The auspicious flag hoisting ceremony was performed by the hon'ble Vice Chancellor of the University, Prof. Sudhir K. Jain who unfurled the Indian Flag at the inauguration pavilion in the University campus. Registrar of the University, Deans and Directors, faculty, staff and students participated in the ceremony. Speaking on the occasion, Prof. Jain urged the SMVDU

community to realize the significance of independence and to strive for excellence. The flag hoisting was followed by a scintillating cultural programme presented by the students of the University under the guidance of cultural coordinator, Mr. Anil Bhardwaj. Based on Indian struggle for independence and the vision of freedom fighters of India, a skit, group dance and poetry recitation were the main highlights of the programme.

Workshop on “Credit Research and Analysis”

One Day Workshop on “Credit Research and Analysis” was organized by Faculty of Management on 24th August, 2014. The objective of the workshop was to equip participants with the knowledge of the 'Fundamentals of Credit Analysis'. The participants of the workshop were scholars and students specializing in the area of Financial Management. Dr. Sanjay Kumar

Mishra, Asst. Prof., FOM, Shri Vikas Gupta, Manager (Credit Analyst) in Small and Medium Enterprise Unit (SME Unit) of State Bank of India, and Shri Aditya Koushal, Probationary Officer (SME Portfolio), Canara bank acted as resource persons during the workshop. Dr. Sanjay Kumar Mishra was also the coordinator for the workshop.

ICSSR Sponsored International Conference



Two day ICSSR sponsored International Conference, “Shifting Paradigms in Applied Economics and Management: Course Correction” was organized by Faculty of Management, SMVDU from 1st-2nd August, 2014. The conference strived to provide a cross platform for exchange of ideas involving the best and the most accomplished in the business of Economics and Management, especially in the present environment of massive economic, political and social upheaval. Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, SMVDU, Prof. Sudhir K. Jain presided in the inaugural occasion as the Chief Guest. Prof. D. Mukhopadhyay, Dean, Faculty of Management welcomed the participants.

Prof. Rajah Rasiah, University of Malaya, was the key note speaker who discussed the significance of Southeast Asian experience with respect to the Asian and global financial crisis.

The Guest of Honor, Prof. Kuldeep Kumar from Bond University, Australia, discussed the prevalence of fraud and corruption and their impact on the performance in select cases. Mr. Vibhakar Khajuria, Cluster Head, Jammu region, J&K Bank, one of the sponsors of the event, was also present as Special guest. The Conference evoked tremendous response with around 150 academicians and scholars from India and abroad, participating in the Conference.

Training Workshop for IFS Officers



Sponsored by Ministry of Environment & Forest and Climate Change, Government of India and organized by Faculty of Management, SMVDU, a two day training workshop on 'Individuals as Catalysts for Organisation Excellence' was held on 18th & 19th September, 2014. Nineteen IFS officers participated in the workshop. Mr. Abhay Kumar, Retd. Principal Chief

Conservator of Forests was the guest of honour motivated the participants to evolve their individual capacity for the excellence of society. While interacting with the participants Prof. Sudhir K. Jain, Vice Chancellor, SMVDU called upon the role of Forest Service Officers in creative engagement for the protection of environment.

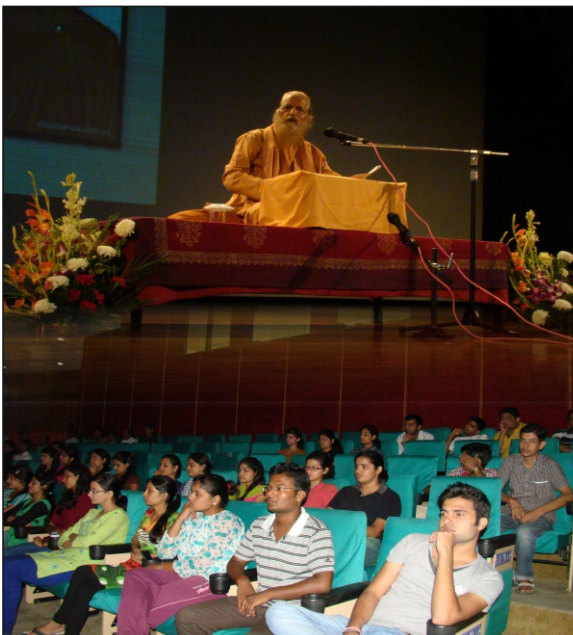
Two Day Management Development Programme



Two day Management Development Programme on 'Strengthening Lending Decisions to MSMEs' was in the University on 13th September, 2014. Organized by Faculty of Management, the programme aimed at equipping the participants with necessary skills, perspectives and strategies to enable them to build a sustainable and healthy MSME credit portfolio. The programme witnessed participation from officers of

Jammu and Kashmir Bank, State Bank of India, HDFC Bank, Canara Bank, Syndicate Bank, Axis Bank, ICICI Bank, J&K Grameen Bank and Oriental Bank of Commerce. The various aspects of MSME lending were deliberated by Prof. D. Mukhopadhyay, SMVDU, Prof. Manoj Kumar, Flame School of Business, Pune, Dr. Vikas Srivastava, IIM Lucknow and Dr. Sanjay Kumar Mishra, SMVDU.

Session on Kriya Yoga



A special session on “Kriya Yoga for a Peaceful, Happy and Tension-Free Life” was organized by School of Philosophy & Culture on 2nd September, 2014. H. H. Swami Nityananda Giri Ji, a renowned ascetic of the Yogoda Satsang Society (YSS), was the resource person who introduced the importance of Kriya Yoga to the participants. While emphasizing the difference between scientific and spiritual knowledge, he also highlighted the importance of happiness in individual's life. Prof. Sudhir. K. Jain, Vice Chancellor SMVDU also graced the occasion. Session concluded with a vote of thanks by Dr. V. K. Tripathi, Director In-charge, School of Philosophy & Culture.

SMVDU Students Placed in L&T Infotech

L&T Infotech a Global Information Technology Services company visited the University from 3rd - 6th September, 2014 for Campus Recruitment of final year students. A pool of about 180 students from across the State of Jammu & Kashmir including Jammu

University, MIET Jammu, BGSBU Rajouri, & Govt. College of Engineering (GCET) Jammu appeared in this Joint Campus drive. All participating students passed through rigorous recruitment stages including an Online Test, Group Discussion, Paragraph



Writing, Technical & HR rounds of Interviews. Finally 21 students of which 12 from Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University; 12 are from GCET, 02 are from MIET and 06 Jammu University have been declared selected by the L&T Infotech.

Mr. Joji George-Manager Campus Recruitment from L&T Infotech called upon the Vice Chancellor, SMVDU Prof. Sudhir K.

Jain and briefed about L&T Infotech campus recruitment plan. Prof. Jain congratulated final selects from all the participating institutions and wished them successful career in L&T Infotech. Prof. V. Verma Chairman Placements SMVDU thanked all the members from L&T Infotech Campus recruitment team and Student & Faculty Coordinators from all the participating colleges.

BOCA-SMVDU Organizes Talent Hunt

The Board Of Cultural Activities under the supervision of its President Dr. V. K. Tripathi & Vice-President Mr. Anil Bhardwaj organized "Talent Hunt" competition for the first year batch(UG & PG) 2014 on 15th September 2014. The competition was meant for encouraging the new talent & finding the multi-talented students .More than 100 students participated in the various categories of music, dance, literary & fine arts. 10 students namely, Karan Sapolia, Akash, Kaushal Suman, Swapnil, Sahil



Thappa, Divya, Aman, Shalini, Sonal and Nidhi were adjudged the winners . These

contestants will now be competing for the titles “Mr. & Miss. Fresher-SMVDU-2k14” at

the much awaited Concordance-2k14 (fresher's day).

Hindi Divas Celebrated

The Board of Cultural Activities- SMVDU celebrated the Hindi Divas on 14th&15th Sept. 2014 by organizing “Hindi Kavya Sandhya”. About 25 students took part in the event in which they recited self-composed as well as other poets' poems. The event was officiated by Dr. Varun K. Tripathi & Dr. R. K. Jha. The student co-coordinators were Ashwani Singh (Cultural Sec.), Danish

Siddiqui & Shubham Tiwari. The participants also deliberated upon the marginalization of Hindi by Govt. Offices and lack of pride and interest among academic institution for promotion of Hindi. Participants also pondered over the history and the present situation of making Hindi as national language.

TCS Selects 46 Engineering students



Recruiting engineering students of high quality, TCS visited SMVDU for selecting engineering students from the current batch. TCS selected a total of 46 students for recruitment from the current batch thus signaling the start of Campus Recruitment-2015 program at SMVDU. The students passed through a rigorous On-line written test followed by multiple interview sessions. Campus Recruitment Team from TCS was extremely pleased with the selections made and expressed his appreciation of the facilities at SMVDU.

Prof. Sudhir. K. Jain Vice-Chancellor,

SMVDU congratulated the selected students and said that the university is continuing towards its objective of preparing manpower of high quality and integrity in the field of Engineering, Sciences, Management & Humanities. Prof. V. Verma Chairman Placements complimented the T&P Faculty & Student Coordinators, Placement Officer SMVDU and the volunteers for the good show. He further stressed that the students should prepare for other placement opportunities which are expected to materialize shortly.

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.

Seminar on “Accountancy and Commerce Education in India”



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 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 Honour. 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.



22nd Executive Council Meeting



Under the chairmanship of Sh. N. N. Vohra, Hon'ble Governor of J&K state and the Chancellor of the University, 22nd meeting of the Executive Council of the University was held on 21st November, 2014. The meeting approved setting up of Technology Business Incubation Centre at SMVDU, establishment of Nano-Technology Cell and admission for NRI/foreign students in the various programmes offered by the University. The meeting also approved setting up of School of Economics under Faculty of Management for introducing five year M. Sc. (Economics) Integrated Programme and inclusion of mother's name in the academic qualification and related certificates issued by SMVDU

such as provisional certificate, migration certificate, degree etc. Referring to the establishment of an Academic Staff College at SMVDU, the Governor advised the Vice Chancellor to pursue the matter with the UGC so that this institution comes up at the earliest.

Prof. Sudhir K. Jain, Vice Chancellor of the University, in his presentation, gave details of the achievements of the university in varied arenas after the last meeting of the Council. He also dwelt on the efforts being made to improve the existing infrastructure and the initiatives taken in the fields of teaching and research and the draft Action Plan for the future growth.

World Philosophy Day

The School of Philosophy & Culture celebrated the World Philosophy Day on 28th Nov, 2014. On this occasion, a half-day seminar on the theme "Thought Process and Intuition" was organized. The seminar was dedicated to Dr. Vidushi, a beloved colleague & doctor who recently passed away. Dr. Anil K

Tewari, while presenting the theme of the seminar said that thinking is inherent in the very existence of human life; thinking is a way of seeing things in relation. Our thoughts construct our perspective and our perspectives shape the world we see. Dr. Madhu Mangal Chaturvedi spoke on

“Thinking in Philosophy” and said that language is a tool of thinking and philosophy is explication of language. Mr. Sumanta S. Sharma gave his talk on “Thought Process in

Inference” and elaborated upon inferential procedure. Dr. V. K. Tripathi in his concluding talk on “Emotions and Thought Process” emphasized how emotions shape our thinking.

Dogri play 'Bawa Jitto' staged at Matrika Auditorium

Internationally acclaimed Dogri play 'Bawa Jitto' was staged on 23rd November at Matrika Auditorium, SMVDU. Prof Sudhir Kumar Jain, Vice Chancellor, SMVDU was the chief guest on the occasion. Based on the supreme sacrifice of a great Devotee of Shri Mata Vaishno Devi, the current series was supported by Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine Board.



A true representative of the traditional performing arts heritage, culture and folk lore of the Shri Mata Vaishno Devi hills, the play Bawa Jitto based on a folk tale of Aghar Jitto

(Katra) is scripted by Late Prof Ram Nath Shastri. The sustenance of this play is supported by SMVDSB in the larger interest of the preservation, promotion and propagation of the cultural heritage of the region.

66th Refresher Course in Experimental Physics

The “66th Refresher Course in Experimental Physics,” sponsored by the three National Science Academies viz., Indian Academy of Sciences (IASc), Bangalore, Indian National Science Academy (INSA), New Delhi, the National Academy of Sciences, India (NASI), Allahabad was organized by the School of Physics from 10th-25th December, 2014.

The inaugural of the event was addressed by

Academies' observer from Goa University Prof. K.R. Priolkar, Director, School of Physics Dr. Jitendra Sharma as the Course Coordinator, and Dean of Students Dr. Yugal Khajuria as the Course Director. The two-week refresher course attracted faculty participants from Physics and Engineering background selected from different parts of the

Republic Day Celebration

On the occasion of 66th Republic Day, Tricolour was unfurled by Prof. Sudhir K. Jain, Vice Chancellor of Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University at the Inauguration Pavilion,

university campus, Katra on 26th January, 2015 in the presence of Registrar, Sh. Ajay Khajuria, deans, directors, faculty members, staff and students. In his address, Prof. Jain

greeted the SMVDU fraternity on the day of tremendous significance and said that India is emerging as one of the progressive nations because it has one of the best constitutions of the world and the need of the hour is to enhance the pace of work in the country so that it can compete with other developed nations particularly the ones which gained independence in 1940s and 1950s.

Emphasizing the significance of time, the Vice Chancellor advised everyone to make conscientious effort to be time-bound in accomplishing any task. Highlighting various progressive measures taken by university like

Professional development assistance for faculty, summer semester for students and expansion of the infrastructure and buildings of university, the Vice Chancellor urged SMVDU fraternity to monitor their progress individually by introspecting whether one is an asset or a liability on the university. A scintillating cultural programme was presented by students in the Matrika auditorium under the guidance of cultural coordinator Mr. Anil Bhardwaj, Asst. Professor, School of Electronics and Communication engineering.

National Conference on Orchids

National Conference on Orchids Science and Commerce: Integration of Medicinal Orchids, Sustainable Development and Societal benefits was inaugurated at Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University on 13th Feb, 2015. This three day Conference was organized jointly by School of Biotechnology, Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University and The Orchid Society of India (TOSI), Panjab University, Chandigarh. An orchid show was also organized on the sidelines of the conference.

Dr. A. K. Bhatnagar, Former Professor, University of Delhi and President, TOSI welcomed the delegates. He stressed the need for collaborative projects on orchids and establishment of orchid reserves. Dr. Promila Pathak, Professor of Botany, Panjab University and Secretary of TOSI and Organizing Secretary of the conference highlighted the activities and achievements of the society which was conceived over the last three decades and briefed about the conference. Prof. Sudhir k Jain, Vice Chancellor Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University presided over the inaugural ceremony.

Prof. V. Verma, Director SBT, Dean, FOE, SMVDU, while welcoming the delegates



presented the highlights of the University. Shri K.K. Sharma, Director Floriculture, J&K highlighted the uniqueness of J&K State in having a dedicated department of Floriculture. Mr. A. K. Singh, PCCF, J&K while delivering the inaugural address, highlighted the challenges faced in protecting and conserving the orchids in the State. Dr. O. P. Sharma, APCCF, J&K delivered the keynote address. Dr. Sharda Potukuchi, from SBT was the local organizing secretary. A painting competition on Orchids was held for young talents as part of the Conference. There was an enthusiastic participation from neighbouring schools, SMVD University students and underprivileged children who are part of the VIKALP initiative of SMVD University.

VC Flags off Team Mechanix for SAE BAJA 2015

The Vice Chancellor Prof. Sudhir K. Jain flagged off the Team Mechanix led by Mr. Varun Dutta, Assistant Professor and Mr. Mir Irfan Ul Haq Assistant Professor for participation in SAE BAJA 2015 international event at Indore. SAE BAJA event is an annual event organized by the SAE INDIA (Society of Automotive Engineers) in which various technical minds from across the country come together for



showcasing their intellectual skills for a common task. Team Mechanix SMVDU holds the distinction of being the only team from the state of J&K to participate in International BAJA SAE 2015 event at National Automotive Testing and R&D Infrastructure Project (NATRIP) facility, Pitampore Indore (M.P). The event involves showcase of teams of undergraduate engineering students, where the design and fabrication skills are assessed at a common platform every year globally by the Society of Automotive Engineers.

The task offered is Design and Fabrication of an All Terrain Vehicle (ATV). The Vice

Chancellor congratulated the team members for the successful fabrication of the ATV (All Terrain Vehicle) and lauded the efforts put in by the Director, faculty, students and the workshop staff especially the staff associated with the automobile lab Mr. Chandan Kumar, Mr. Shugal Kishore and Mr. Kewal Sharma. Registrar, Mr. Ajay Khajuria and Dean Faculty of Engineering Prof. V. Verma conveyed best wishes to the team. Director, School of Mechanical Engineering Dr. Ankush Anand briefed all the dignitaries present on the occasion about the SAE BAJA event.

Management Development Program

Faculty of Management organized two days Management Development Program on the contemporary issues of 'Human Resource Management for Excellence in Business' on 7th and 8th February, 2015. The program witnessed participation from various industrial organizations like Sun Pharma Laboratories Ltd., United Phosphorus Ltd., Coromandel International Ltd., Saraswati Agro Chemicals (I) Pvt. Ltd., Sarveshwar

Organic Foods Ltd., Grauer & Weil (I) Ltd, SDS Ramcides Crop Science Pvt. Ltd., Vision India Staffing Pvt. Ltd. among others. Spread through two days, 7th-8th February, 2015, the program witnessed sessions from eminent resource persons. Brigadier K.S. Chauhan, GM HR and Administration, Cadila Pharmaceuticals discussed 'Human Resource Management for Excellence in Business: Issues and Challenges'. Prof.



Meenu Paul, Punjab University Chandigarh deliberated on 'Legal Framework for Human Resource Management' and 'Statutory Compliance Needs in HRM'. Ms. Swarnalatha Jagarlapudi, Associate Professor, Administrative Staff College of

India, Hyderabad, discussed 'HR Audit: Designing and Implementation Issues' and various cases on labour laws. Dr. Arti Devi, Assistant Professor, SMVDU talked about 'Management of Industrial Relations'.

Workshop on Enhancing Research Skills in Philosophy



The School of Philosophy and Culture organized Indian Council of Philosophical Research, New Delhi sponsored five day workshop on “Enhancing Research Skills in Philosophy” from 16th–20th February, 2015. The inaugural session was presided by the Vice Chancellor Prof. Sudhir K. Jain and the Guest of Honour was Prof. P. Jaitley. Dr. V.K Tripathi Director, SOPC welcomed all guests.

Mr. Ashok Tarai, Organizing Secretary introduced the concept note of the workshop. Prof. Jetli highlighted Philosophy as an epitome of academic activity. Prof. S.K Jain emphasized Philosophy as a discipline that permeates every other discipline and mode of enquiry. At the end of the inaugural session, Dr.A.K. Tewari delivered the vote of thanks.

TITIKSHA 2K15



TITIKSHA 2K15 the annual technical festival of SMVDU was inaugurated by the Vice Chancellor Prof. Sudhir K. Jain on 20th February, 2015 in the Matrika Auditorium. In his inaugural address, Prof. Jain lauded the efforts of students to organize a technical event which is a hallmark of any premier technical institution as it fosters team spirit and competitive spirit in students. Comprising of events in five different categories viz. Electronics and Communication, Computer

Science & Engineering, Mechanical, Biotechnology and Ozone, the main highlights of the fest were Robo- Matrix, Public Manch, Hitch Hiking, Tech Hunt, Innovatia and various gaming events namely Counter Strike, Need for Speed- Rivals, EA Sports FIFA and DOTA-2. The Fest was sponsored by Grill Inn, indya Technologies, Siya Ram Bade Dayaalu Hai, Giga Soft and Dominos

North-Western Philosophy Teachers' Meet



The School of Philosophy and Culture organized “North-Western Philosophy Teachers' Meet”, sponsored by Indian Council of Philosophical Research (ICPR), New Delhi from 25th – 27th February, 2015. The inaugural session was presided over by Prof. Sudhir K. Jain, Vice Chancellor, University and the Guest of Honour was Dr. M. P. Singh, Member Secretary, ICPR New Delhi. Prof. Ved Kumari Ghai and Prof. V. K. Bhat presided over the function.

Dr. P. P. Singh from Govt. College for Women, Parade, highlighted the concern over the least interest of student for opting Philosophy in higher education in the state of J&K despite there are around two and a half thousand

students opting the subject at UG level in different colleges of the state. Also, there is only one university (SMVDU) that offer PhD in philosophy in the State. He expressed his concern over the state govt.'s callousness in filling the 9 vacant positions in philosophy at college levels. Dr. V. K. Tripathi, Director, SOPC welcomed all guests. Dr. A. K. Tewari, Coordinator introduced the concept note of the meet. Dr. Singh highlighted the significance of Philosophy as a discipline. Prof. Sudhir. K. Jain emphasized the need of Philosophy in every walk of life. Prof. Ghai explained the importance of moral teachings in day to day conduct. The session concluded with a vote of thanks proposed by Mr. S. S. Sharma.

North-Western Philosophy Teachers' Meet



A Three day National Science Seminar on the theme “Extensive Applications of Nuclear Technology for Welfare and Public Awareness” was held from Feb 25th-27th, 2015 organized jointly by School of Physics, Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University (SMVDU), Katra and Hindi Vigyan Sahitya Parishad (HVSP), Bhabha Atomic Research Centre (BARC), Mumbai.

Prof. Sudhir K. Jain, Vice Chancellor, was the Chief Guest at the Valedictory ceremony. About 16 special talks on various topics like nuclear energy and its multiple uses, desalination and water purification, radiation technology, food security and its safety,

nanomaterials and its use in drug delivery, accelerator and its applications, waste management etc. were presented in the seminar. The Seminar was attended by a galaxy of scientists, faculty and students.

Beside technical sessions, activities like poster session and an educational skit on the theme Electricity ki duniya ka CEO (Clean Energy Option) was presented by the students of SMVDU. A quiz competition was also organized in which Mr. Deepak Jha and Mr. Karan Sapolia of B.Tech (CSE) emerged winners and were facilitated with Gold medal and certificates.

Seminar on “Contemporary Business & Economic Opportunities in North East Region”

ICSSR North-Western Regional Centre Sponsored One Day Seminar was held on 6th March, 2015 on “Contemporary Business & Economic Opportunities in North East Region: Issues & Challenges”. Vice Chancellor, SMVDU, Prof. Sudhir K. Jain, gave the Inaugural address. Prof. Jain, pioneer in Intellectual Property Rights



Education in India, emphasized upon the need Geographical Indication for the economic development for local business of north-western region. Prof. D. Mukhopadhyay, Dean, Faculty of Management and Chairman of the Seminar, welcomed the audience. Dr. Ashutosh Vashishtha, Director, School of Business briefed the participants about the Department and University. Prof. Dipankar Sengupta,



Head of Economics Department of Jammu University, who was the Keynote speaker, discussed the strategies to enhance economic growth of the North-Western states.

45 papers were selected for the seminar for presentation. The papers were received from TBS, Commerce Department, Udhampur campus of Jammu University, SMVD University, BGSB University, Pacific University, Udaipur, Guru Nanak Dev University, Amritsar. The seminar details were given by Mr. Pabitra Kumar Jena, the coordinator of the Seminar and vote of thanks was delivered by Dr. Rashi Taggar, the organizing secretary of the Seminar.

Workshop on “Bio-Informatics: Approaches in the – omics Era”

A two days workshop on Bio-informatics: Approaches in the – omics Era”, funded by Department of Biotechnology (D B T) , Government of



India was conducted at School of Biotechnology (SBT), Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University, Katra from 10th -11th March, 2015.

Prof.V. Verma, Co-ordinator Bio-Informatics Infrastructure Facility, SMVDU welcomed all



the participants and apprised the gathering about the scope of the workshop in this important area of research. He gave a detailed overview of the history of bio-informatics in India particularly the BTISNet system of DBT. He further highlighted the

activities of the Bio-Informatics Infrastructure Facility (BIF) centre of SMVDU. Mr. Ajay Khajuria, Registrar, SMVDU in his address apprised the gathering about the progress made by the university in different spheres of academics. The proceedings of the inaugural function were carried out by Mr. Parvez Singh

Slathia, Assistant Professor, SBT. Dr. M.M. Kumar from SciGenome, Kerala was the resource person for the technical session. He delivered a lecture on the Next Generation Sequencing (NGS) Strategies and its applications.

Two Days Workshop on “Camera for Social Change”

A two Day Workshop on “Camera for Social Change” was organized by NSS, Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University concluded yesterday late evening from 28th Feb– 1st March, 2015, Mr. Tripurari Nath Tiwari and his three members' team from Delhi visited the campus to conduct the workshop. 40 students from SMVDU took part in the events. The students were divided in 6 groups and were introduced to script-writing, taking shots, editing, and all other components of film making. The themes chosen by different groups were based upon

social issues. The acting, direction, shot-taking and editing were practised by students' teams only. The workshop was a fully activity-based and all the participating students worked very hard to complete their films within one day. The submitted films were critically evaluated by the resource persons. The workshop was targeted to build trained groups of students to cover all kinds of events and activities on the campus as and when required. Dr. V. K. Tripathi, Coordinator NSS, delivered a vote of thanks.



Workshop on Cyber Safety Conducted



To make today's youth aware of Cyber Crime problems, the NSS in collaboration with School of Computer Science, Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University organized a workshop on "Cyber safety and Social Issues" from 11th -12th March, 2015. Mr. Rakshit Tandon veteran and expert in the field, serving as advisor to different govt. agencies and ministries and other organization across the world, was the resource person on the occasion. Mr. Rakshit Tandon is also the Director of ABR Information Security Solutions Pvt. Ltd, as

well as a consultant for cyber crime department for Delhi and Haryana Police.

Dr. V. K. Tripathi introduced the workshop emphasizing the need for cyber security in India followed by Dr. Ajay Kaul, Director School of Computer Science, who made students aware of the looming cyber threats being faced today. During the workshop Mr. Rakshit Tandon discussed various cases of cyber crimes like online stalking, bullying and sexual predation against minors, which has recently become a major problem in Indian cyber space.

Women's Day Celebration

International Women's Day observed worldwide as an occasion to take stock of progress made towards achieving gender equality and women's empowerment was celebrated in a thought-provoking and literary style by the School of Languages and Literature and Gender Sensitization Committee against Sexual Harassment on 11th March, 2015. On this day, the School held series of activities ranging from poetry

recitation by students highlighting the significance of women's role in society to deliberations on global theme of day. Dr. Vandhana Sharma, Director of the School spoke on 'Re-thinking Women's Empowerment and Gender Equality in 2015' and research scholars of the School, Simranpreet and Quleen Kaur gave a presentation on 'Workplace Harassment: Gender Sensitization and Challenges'.

Workshop on Competence Building in Food Processing Industry in J&K



Three Day Workshop on 'Competence Building in Food Processing Industry in J&K', sponsored by National Mission of Food Processing (NMFP) GOI, was inaugurated in the School of Business, Faculty of Management, Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University, on 18th April 2015.

The Chief Guest for the programme was Shri Khurshid A. Ganai, Finance Commissioner & Secretary, Industries and Commerce J&K. The Vice Chancellor SMVDU, Prof. Sudhir K. Jain graced the occasion in presence of Shri Kifayat Hussain Rizvi, Managing Director, JK SIDCO; Prof. D. Mukhopadhyay, Dean Faculty of Management and entrepreneurs in food processing of Jammu and Kashmir region. The workshop was organized to provide a common platform where all food processing unit entrepreneurs of J&K, various stakeholders and experts from academics and industry could come together to discuss the roadmap for growth and

development of the FPI in the state. Beside this, the workshop also aimed to infuse and enhance the entrepreneurial acumen and professionalism of the unit holders by focusing towards the benefits of technology, innovation, quality practices, human resource development etc.

While emphasizing the importance of the theme, the Vice Chancellor SMVDU, Prof. Sudhir K. Jain, called for more entrepreneurial venture to create better employment in J&K. Prof. D. Mukhopadhyay, Dean, Faculty of Management expressed that the food processing sector can take ahead the mission for 'Make in India'. Dr. Ashutosh Vashishtha, Director, School of Business expressed his gratitude towards JKSIDCO and National Mission of Food Processing for providing the platform for the event and also to all the participants from various organizations for participating in the workshop.

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The School of Philosophy and Culture (SOPC), Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University organized “Textual Workshop on Sankara Advaita Vedanta”, sponsored by Indian Council of Philosophical Research (ICPR), New Delhi from 16th – 31st March, 2015. The Director of the workshop, Prof. V.N Jha (Retd. Professor, University of Pune) covered and explained the conceptual repertoire of Sankara Advaita Vedanta. Vedanta Parisbhasha of Dharmaraja Adhvarindra (translated and annotated by Swami Madhavananda) was the referred text.

The chief guest of the valedictory session was Prof. Sudhir K Jain, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, SMVD University and the Guest of Honour

was Prof. V. N. Jha ,Workshop Director. Prof. V. K Bhat Dean, Faculty of HSS, Prof. Shiv Nirmohi, Retd. Professor, Dr. Anil K Tewari ,Workshop Coordinator and Dr. V. K. Tripathi, I/C Director, SOPC also shared the dais. Dr. A. K. Tewari presented a brief report on the textual workshop. Prof. Jha asserted that tradition does not spread dogmatism rather it promotes evidence based knowledge and rejects anything that is unnecessary. Prof. Bhat reiterated his stand on the inability of English language to embrace the veracity of Indian languages. Prof. Nirmohi pointed out at the immense capacity of this region for higher studies.

Central Mass Array Facility conducts Hands-on Training Workshop

Central Mass Array Facility at School of Biotechnology conducted a Hands-on Training workshop on the system from 8th–10th April, 2015. The aim of the workshop was to expose various researchers to the applications of the system in various niches of biotechnology and enable them to exploit the system in their research work for greater impact and better research. In addition, Dr. Paras made a few presentations and provided updates on upcoming technologies

in life Sciences like Affymetrix Next Generation Microarray System, PacBio RS II Next Generation Sequencer and NanoString Technologies, USA. The facility at SMVDU currently has four major research projects from various funding agencies, including grant from National Geographic Society USA. Experts from Agena Biosciences USA, Dr. Paras Yadav and Mr. Yogesh Pandey in association with Dr. Swarkar Sharma, Asst. Prof. SBT

Resurgence 2015



The youth festival, which was inaugurated on 3rd April by the Vice Chancellor Prof. Sudhir K. Jain, included Theatre, Music and Dance events, and various Sports events. The Intra-University sport events were conducted from 18th February to 2nd April. The other cultural events commenced with a sparkling display of art Rangoli by all houses in the morning on 3rd April, 2015. Resurgence 2015 the Annual Cultural and Sports Festival of Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University, Katra concluded with a beguiling performance by the Qawwali team. Sh. Balwant Thakur, Director Natrang and Director ICCR, was the chief guest of the valedictory function organized in the Matrika auditorium at 6:00PM on 6th April. He congratulated the winning teams and gave away the trophies and certificates along with the prizes to the participants and winners.

In the valedictory function, Dr. V. K. Tripathi, President BCA, informed about the cultural events which started with Spot Hidden Talent way back in the month of February and in the early March, Essay Writing was conducted. After these events the stress shifted on the events like Face Painting, Mea Culpa, Street Play, etc. The next stage of events started after the Minor-II exams with English Debate and subsequently all the other cultural events which also includes Youth Parliament and Creative writing with Flash Drama. Resurgence was a huge success with great participation, passion and enthusiasm. While presenting a brief report on the organization of cultural events, Dr. A. K. Sharma, President BSA and Dr. Sandeep Bhogal, Vice President, BSA introduced the spectrum of sports events that showcased Resurgence 2015.

1st National Case Study Conference

1st National Case Study Conference was organized by the School of Business, Faculty of Management from 24th-26th April, 2015. The case study conference was first of its kind in disseminating the information about the case study methodology in research & business. Mrs. Nishi Sharma, Vice President, J&K Bank was the chief guest of the inaugural function of the conference. Dr. Saurav, convener of the conference briefed the audience about the conference. Around 22 papers were selected for presentations from various streams. More than 50 participants had come from all over India to participate in

the conference. Prof. D. Mukhopadhyay, Dean, Faculty of Management said that case study methodology is important to understand the dynamic business world. He said that this conference has resource persons from IIMs and leading institutions of India including Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University. Mrs. Nishi Sharma, Vice President, J&K Bank stressed upon the necessity of case based analysis for solving real world issues. Dr. Ashutosh Vashishtha, Director, School of Business welcomed the guests and Dr. Jyoti Sharma delivered the vote of thanks.

7th PAC Meeting on Himalayan Glaciology

7th meeting of Programme Advisory Committee (PAC) on Himalayan Glaciology was held on 14th-15th May 2015 at School of Innovation & Community Development (SICD). The meeting was inaugurated by Prof. Sudhir K. Jain, Vice Chancellor, SMVD University. Speaking on the occasion Prof.

Jain complimented SERB and appreciated the efforts being made in promoting the R&D activities in this important and specialized area. Prof. Anil V Kulkarni, Distinguished Visiting Scientist, Divecha Centre for Climate Change, Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore and chairman of the PAC



highlighted the achievements that have been made in the area of glaciology research in the country after the formation of the PAC a few years back. Dr. P. Sanjeeva Rao, Scientist G, Science and Engineering Research Board, Department of Science & Technology, Technology Bhawan, New Delhi gave detailed presentation on the mandate of SERB. Dr. S. K. Wanchoo was the Coordinator for the programme. Some of the eminent attendees were Dr. Ajai, Brahm

Prakash Professor, Space Application Centre, ISRO, Ahmedabad, Prof. A L Ramanathan, School of Environmental Sciences, JNU, New Delhi, Shri Arun Chaturvedi, Director, Glaciology Division, Geological Survey of India, Lucknow, Shri Ashwagosha Ganju, Director, Snow and Avalanche Study Establishment, DRDO, Chandigarh, Dr. U K Sharma, DST, GOI, New Delhi and Dr. Harish Chandra Nainwal, HNBG Univeristy, Uttarakhand.

Hands-on Workshop on Advance Imaging

Two-day advance workshop on “Modern Development and Applications in imaging techniques ”was held on 26th-27th May, 2015 in the School of Biotechnology. Dr. Rakesh Kumar and Dr Swarkar Sharma, from School of Biotechnology in association with M/S Leica Microsystems organized the workshop. The focus of the workshop was to give hands-on training to the students and faculty on the latest technology in the field of imaging. Special microscope (DMi8) was

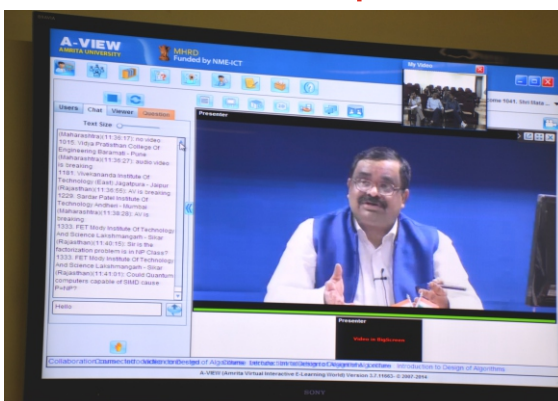
shipped to SMVDU from Mumbai for the training purpose. Fifty delegates participated in the workshop, which included faculty from Schools of Biotechnology, Physics, Economics & scholars from School of Biotechnology. Faculty from Department of Pathology, Government Medical College, Jammu Dr Jyotsna Suri and Dr Sindhu Sharma also participated in the workshop. The workshop started with detailed lectures by Mr. Bhaskar B. N. Shetty, National Product



Manager, Widefield microscopy and Mr. Madhukar Chaudhari, National Product and Application Manager CLSM from Leica regarding the basics of microscopy to advance Imaging techniques like Laser

micro-dissection and confocal microscopy along with super resolution imaging. They also provided hands-on training on DMi8 and DM-3000 microscopes.

Workshop on Introduction to Design of Algorithms



School of Computer Science and Engineering in collaboration with IIT, Kharagpur conducted two weeks ISTE STTP on “Introduction to Design of Algorithms” under the coordination of Mr. Manoj Kumar as Workshop Coordinator, and Mr. Sudesh Kumar as Remote Centre Coordinator. The workshop, one in the series, has been conducted under National Mission on Education through ICT (NMEICT) project

sponsored by MHRD, Govt. of India. The workshop was targeted to train the faculties in various aspects of Algorithm Design so as to enhance their skills in teaching & research. The workshop included online activity equivalent to one week from 27th April to 24th May and one week physical participation from 25th May to 30th May, 2015. The workshop comprised of assignments, lectures, Quizzes and discussions on various topics among

participants. The Lectures including inaugural and valedictory functions were live broadcast from IIT, Kharagpur using A-view Software to Remote Centres. During the

workshop, Lectures were delivered by the Prof. Partha Pratim Chakrabarti, Director, IIT Kharagpur along with other faculties of IIT, Kharagpur.

Diamond Jubilee Conference of All India Philosophy Association



The Diamond Jubilee Conference of All India Philosophy Association (Akhi IBharatiya Darshan Parishad) was inaugurated at Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University on 3rd June. Ms. PriyaSethi, the Hon'ble Minister of State for Education inaugurated the Conference organized by the School of Philosophy & Culture (SOPC) In her Inaugural speech, the Hon'ble Minister congratulated the delegates of the Diamond Jubilee Conference and highlighted the need for promotion of philosophy & culture in the State. Earlier, the Inaugural Session began with a brief welcome note by Dr. V. K. Tripathi, Director SOPC followed by Vedic chanting by the Sanskrit Scholars from University of Jammu. The President of AIPA Prof. Jata Shankar introduced the AIPA and appreciated the efforts put in by many generations of philosophers for the evolution

of AIPA through decades and the service to philosophy extended by AIPA. The Chairman of the Conference Dr. J. M. Dave delivered the key-note address and reminded the richness of Indian culture by highlighting its spirit of freedom of thought and expression, acceptance and openness for the opposite views and the spirit of interrogation. Prof. V. K. Bhat, Dean Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences highlighted the interdependency of cultural and philosophical activities. Prof. Sudhir K. Jain, Vice Chancellor of SMVDU highlighted that the study of philosophy positively changes the mindset and outlook of people. He also highlighted the importance of karma theory as propounded in Bhagavad-Gita. Prof. VishwaMurtiShastri, Prof. Shiv Nirmohi and Prof. KiranBakshi were the Guests of Honour

International Yoga Day Celebrated



As part of an initiative taken by the Prime Minister of India Mr. Narendra Modi, the International Yoga Day was celebrated on 21st June, 2015 where in two events were organized which were, a practice session of Yoga and an online Essay Competition on "Yoga: A Holistic Approach to Life". The practice session was convened at 5.15 a.m. wherein faculty, Staff members, their family members and students participated in the practice. Some specific Asanas practiced were; Sarvanga-Asana, Padma-Asana, Vajra-Asana, Bhujanga-Asana, Pashchimottana-Asana, Garuda-Asana, Tada-Asana, Danda-Asana, Dhruva-Asana,

Dhanura-Asana, Shashanka-Asana, Anuloma-Viloma-Pranayama, Kapala-Bhati, Bhramari-Pranayama, 12 postures of Surya Namaskara, Viparita-Karmi, Jnana-Mudra etc. Mr. Gurme, a PG Diploma in Yoga from Himanchal Pradesh University and a Junior Assistant in the Security Office, was the instructor in the Yoga session. The second event, continued till ending June where participants are required to submit essay by 30th June 2015. Mr. Ajay Khajuria, Registrar, SMVDU was also present in the practice session. The event was coordinated by Dr. Anil Kumar Tewari, Asst. Prof., School of Philosophy & Culture.

National Level Training Programme for IFS Officers

Five Days Training Programme on 'Embedding Managerial Excellence' for IFS Officers at Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University was organized by Faculty of Management

with the financial support from Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change, Government of India from 22nd- 26th June, 2015. During the inaugural address, Prof.



Sudhir K. Jain emphasized on the critical relevance of the theme of the training programme in the present competitive era of uncertainty and dynamic change. Programme coordinator appreciated the regular support of Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate change, GOI to SMVDU during past few years for having the belief in conduction of such kind of training programs for IFS officers. Earlier, during the function, Director, School of Business extended warm welcome to the participating IFS officers nominated by MoEF for training programme. The training Programme comprised of various interactive sessions including stress management, performance management, effective decision making, interpersonal relations, conflict management by the

resource persons prominent among them were Brig. (Retd.) K.S. Chauhan, HR Head CadilaPharma, Samba.; Major General (Retd.) Dhir, Prof. N.D. Mathur, University of Rajasthan, Dr. Anjali Nigam and Dr. Ajit Nigam. The participants of the Programme belonged to different parts of the country including Telangana, Haryana, Jharkhand, UP, Delhi, Andhra Pradesh, Gujarat, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Assam, Nagaland, etc. Whereas During this five days training programme, a field visit to the central office SHMVD Shrine Board, Katra was also made wherein Mr. M.Kumar Addl. CEO and Mr. Mohan Addl. CEO, SHMVD Shrine Board apprised the officers regarding the administrative and managerial aspects of the shrine board.

Translators' Orientation Programme for Knowledge Text Translation in Dogri



Organized by School of Languages and Literature in collaboration with National Translation Mission, Central Institute of Indian Languages, Mysore, the five days Orientation Programme for Knowledge Text Translation in Dogri was inaugurated by Prof. Sudhir K. Jain, Vice Chancellor, Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University in the SanskritiKaksha of University campus on 2nd June, 2015. The programme was a part of Government of India scheme to establish translation as an industry in general and, to facilitate higher education by making knowledge texts accessible to students and academics in Indian languages in particular. Prof. Lalit Magotra, Convener, Sahitya Akademi and former President Dogri Sanstha delivered the key note address and Sh. Shailender Singh, SSP and Sahitya Akademi awardee Dogri writer was the Guest of Honor. Speaking on the occasion, the chief guest, Prof. Jain appreciated the mission of NTM and efforts of School of Languages and Literature to organize an event on Translition which is of immense national importance in

the present times. The Guest of honor, Sh. Shailender Singh in his address highlighted the importance of Dogri as a language which can be uplifted only if every Dogri speaking individual feels pride in his/her language and contributes in real sense for making the Dogri language vibrant. The keynote speaker, Prof. LalitMagotra gave an in-depth presentation on the evolution of language and how translation has contributed in knowledge production and can further contribute in enriching societies. Prof.V. K. Bhat, Dean, Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences delivered the formal welcome address and spoke on interdisciplinary nature of the programme. Speaking about Programme, Dr. Vandhana Sharma, Director, School of Languages and Literature and Coordinator of the aim of the programme is to orient Translators and to decolonize their minds too. Mr. Sunil Choudhary, the convener from National Translation Mission, Mysore gave a presentation on the objectives and mission of National Translation Mission, Central Institute of Indian Languages, Mysore.

Bore Wells Inaugurated



Prof. Sudhir K. Jain inaugurated two bore well of capacity 4000 gallons per hour at JajjarNallah to facilitate the water need of the SMVD University Campus. Boring cost of these two wells amount to 25 Lakhs. With the functioning of these two bore well water storage capacity of SMVDU will increase from existing 2.5 Lakhs litre to 7.5 lakhs litre. Prof.Sudhir K. Jain along with Registrar, Mr.Ajay Khajuria, Finance Officer,

Mr.R.K.Khajura and other University Officials also reviewed the functioning of other dug wells,Pumps Rooms and future expansions as well as Protection Work around the existing facilities. The University Engineer, Mr. Kamal Sharma & I/c, Water Supply, Mr.Sumeet Gandotra briefed about the functioning of water supply system to the University Officials

Two Week ISTE Workshop on Environmental Studies

The School of Economics, Faculty of Management, Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University in collaboration with IIT, Bombay successfully conducted a two week ISTE workshop on “Environmental Studies” from 2nd June to 12th June, 2015. The workshop was sponsored by National Mission on Education through ICT, MHRD, Government of India. The workshop was targeted to train the faculties in various aspects of Environmental Studies so as to enhance their skills in teaching and research.

The mode of presentation was live lecture series through A-View software by the

eminent professors of IIT Bombay. The participants were teaching faculties from different Government Degree Colleges. Bemina, Srinagar & D.A.V. College for Girls, Yamuna Nagar, Haryana. It was live interaction program where participants were attended the rigorous curriculum developed by IIT Bombay. The workshop covered the Sustainable Development, Ecology, Biodiversity, Natural Resources (Food, water, energy, forest), Environmental Pollution, Social issues and Environment, Ethics, Economics and Global Climate Change.

INSPIRE Science Internship

Department of Science and Technology (DST), sponsored "Innovation in Science Pursuit for Inspired Research (INSPIRE)", Science Internship Camp was organized from 22nd to 26th July,2015. The camp started with the INSPIRE expository lecture by Prof. Sudhir K. Jain, Vice Chancellor, SMVD University on “Innovation and Patents: How and Why”. Prof. Jain introduced the participants to the area and explained how innovations have taken place progressively which has greatly impacted our lives. Dr.S.K.Wanchoo, PI, INSPIRE delivered the welcome address & highlighted the objective of the program. Another speaker was Lt. Gen.



Subrata Saha, GoC-in-C, 15 Corps, Srinagar who delivered a scintillating talk titled “Technology as a driver for the future battle field” to the participants. He introduced the attendees to the importance of



advancements in defence equipment that have taken place in recent years. Prof. S. K. Dogra, FNASc (formerly at I.I.T. Kanpur) delivered a lecture. Later an exhibition on plants and products was put on display by IIIM, Jammu.

Lt. Gen. D. S. Hooda, GoC-in-C, Northern Command mentored the attendees of the 5-day, Department of Science and Technology (DST), sponsored on Science Internship

Camp. While speaking on the occasion he said that he is privileged to get the opportunity to interact with the brightest of the students from the State. GOC-in-C, Northern Command answered the questions from the young attendees of the Camp on wide ranging aspects of science & technology, defense preparedness, training, societal responsibilities etc.

Executive Development Program for SMVD Shrine Board Employees



The five days Executive Development Program for SMVD Shrine Board employees on "Communication Skills for Effective Performance" started from 22nd July 2015. The EDP was organized by School of Business, SMVD University from 22nd - 26th July 2015. The inaugural session of the workshop was taken by Dr. Ashutosh Vashishtha, Director, SoB. He discussed the importance of creating first impression for effective communication. Dr Saurabh, coordinator of the program briefed that the module of the workshop covers both personal conduct of the employees with their body

language as well as oral and written communication. During the workshop various experts conducted session on various topics such as Day to Day Office Communication, NLP in Workplace Communication, Incorporating Emotional Intelligence, Verbal and Non Verbal Communication, Grammatical Effectiveness in Official Communication, Transaction Analysis, Communication with Positive Impact, Confidence Building For Effective Communication, Effective Listening, Conducting Self in Team.

EXTENSION LECTURES

1) An extension lecture on " American Literature: An Overview" was held in the School of Languages and Literature on 24th Nov, 2014. In the lecture, Prof. K.B. Razdan dwelt upon the Adamic Myth and moved on to its significance in the contemporary American Literature and consciousness. All post graduate students and research scholars of the School attended the lecture.

2) School of Architecture & Landscape design organized Guest lecture & workshop

by the alumni of the school, Ar. Joel Michal (2011 batch), a postgraduate from IIT-Kharajpur. Ar. Avikal Somvanshi & Ar. Biswajit Banerjee on 24th & 25th Nov, 2014. The workshop dealt with the aspects of Visual communication, videography & the relation of Architecture with infographics & media. Further, they shared their experiences in the practical field & encouraged the students to work harder & aim for better results.

Orientation-cum-Training Programme for the Use of Data Resources



A Special Session was conducted for the students of MBA & Five years Integrated Dual Degree M.Sc (Economics) of School of Business by Mr. Pranab Bhatnagar, Head Household Survey, Centre for Monitoring Indian Economy Pvt. Ltd.(CMIE) Jaipur and Mr. Shabir Hussain Shah, Field Information Officer, CMIE, Mohali.

During that Orientation-cum training session, students of M.Sc(Economics) & MBA raised number of queries to access the available digital database infrastructure in the School of Business, Faculty of Management.

During the occasion faculty members of SOB including Director, SOB also familiarized the students about the use of available data resources and their applications, while preparing their dissertation work, other analytical reports in the area of Indian economy, Marketing Research, Business Analytics etc. Mr. Bhatnagar enlightened the students about the usage of two products of CMIE which are purchased by SMVDU including Prowess & Economic Outlook which can ensure the availability of data infrastructure more comfortably on real time basis.

Professor from University of Pretoria Delivers Lecture



The School of Electronics and Communication Engineering, organized an expert lecture on “Smart Grid features in Conventional and Renewable Power Systems” by Prof. Ramesh Bansal, Professor and Group Head (Power) in the Department of Electrical, Electronic and Computer Engineering at the University of Pretoria, South Africa.

Prof. Bansal spoke about challenges of conventional and renewable power systems and elaborated upon the latest trends in power generation and distribution including generation through small clean distributed

generations (DGs) energy sources to minimise energy losses.

The School of E&CE regularly organizes expert lectures and workshops in leading research and technology areas to ensure that the students of B.Tech, M.Tech. & Ph.D. program are kept abreast of the latest research. Earlier, Professor Bansal was welcomed by Director, School of E&CE and the vote of thanks was delivered by Dr. Rakesh K. Jha, Asstt. Professor who along with Mr. Sachin Gupta, Asstt. Professor and Mr. Ashish Suri, Asstt. Professor coordinated the visit.

Expert Lecture Series on various aspects of Power Transmission

The School of Energy Management, Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University organized an expert lecture series from 18th-23rd Feb, 2015 on various aspects of power transmission including facts of transmission system, ways to reduce energy losses and understanding quality of power supply, smart grid applications, hot line maintenance, disaster management in electric transmission system with particular reference to recent floods in the state of Jammu & Kashmir by Sh. K. R. Suri, Retd. Gen. Mgr. of Power Grid and consultant to Sterlite Power Grid Ventures. Mr. Suri spoke about challenges of

transmission systems in depth and shared his vast experience in transmission system up to 765 kV with M.Tech. (Energy Management) students. The students were exposed to latest techniques being adopted to increase viability of transmission system for comfort of society. He also elaborated upon the latest trends in power transmission and distribution to minimize energy losses. Mr. Suri was welcomed by Dr. Sanjeev Anand, Assistant Prof., School of Energy Management, SMVDU who also coordinated the full lecture series.

Vice President, Schrodinger USA visited SMVD University

R. Raghu, Vice President, Schrodinger USA visited School of Biotechnology on 25th May, 2015 to deliver a lecture on "Recent Advances in Targeted Drug Design". The main focus of his lecture was on the success of Schrodinger suite in drug discovery across the leading Pharma R&Ds. He discussed various challenges that are encountered in identification of drug able compound and their lead optimisation and how Schrodinger Suite addresses those using novel algorithms of

Water Map, Glide, Ligprep softwares. Schrodinger Suite is the world's leading suite of drug design, protein modelling, antibody design, ADME of drug (absorption, distribution, metabolism, and excretion) calculator softwares. It has a highly interactive Maestro visualisation tool that helps drug designers to study the surface physical properties of the druggable binding pocket.

Expert Lecture on Nanoscience and Nanotechnology at School of Physics



In the series of distinguished lectures organized by School of Physics, Padma Shri Prof. K.L. Chopra, ex-Director IIT Kharagpur delivered two lectures entitled "Nanoscience and Nanotechnology" and "Nurturing Innovations and Entrepreneurship in R&D for Academia" today at SMVDU. In his talk, Prof. Chopra emphasized the need for shifting to "make in India" efforts rather than the present

endeavors focused at "make for India." The much hyped demographic dividend of the country can be translated into knowledge pool through innovations and entrepreneurs only. The lecture ended with fruitful discussions on the upcoming Technology Business Incubation Centre (TBIC) at SMVDU.

Expert lecture in Number Theory at School of Mathematics



On 1st June, 2015, School of Mathematics organized an expert lecture on “Convolution sums of the divisor function and representation numbers of certain quadratic forms” by Prof. B. Ramakrishnan, Harish-Chandra Research Institute (DAE), Allahabad. Prof Ramakrishnan is an eminent mathematician in the field of number theory. He is a fellow of National Academy of Sciences, India. Director of School Dr. A. K.

Das welcomed Prof Ramakrishnan and introduced him with other faculty members of the school. In the lecture, Prof Ramakrishnan spoke about the contribution of famous mathematicians like Ramanujan, Euler and discussed recent developments made in the field including his own contribution. The lecture was attended by all faculty members, research scholars and M.Sc. students.

Expert Lecture by Prof. Kamta Prasad, Chairman, IRMED



Prof. Kamta Prasad, Chairman, Institute of Resource Management & Economic Development and Former President of Indian Economic Association delivered an expert lecture on “Environment Impact Assessment in India”. Prof. Prasad who has been a Professor of Economics at Indian Institute of Public Administration, New Delhi and I.I.T. Kanpur, is an authority on this subject highlighted the importance of Article 21 of the Constitution relating to Fundamental Right to life and the conflict between development projects and environment as well as the need to strike a balance between the two. He also emphasized the need to find out mitigation measures to offset and neutralize adverse effects of

development projects on the environment. He also gave the chronological sequence of development since 1974 when environmental clearance for mega projects was made mandatory in India. He also highlighted the importance of the detail checklists for 26 sectors as the guideline for environmental impact assessment. He also said that study of such topics is very important for all Engineering and Management graduates and appreciated the efforts of the University in terms of promoting such education under the dynamic leadership of Prof. Sudhir K. Jain, Vice Chancellor of an impressive University like SMVDU.