Chronicle

An online quarterly Newsletter

Happy New Year 2009

Vice Chancellor wishes all the members of the University Community and their family members a very Happy New Year 2009

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Editorial

Welcome to the online newsletter of SMVD University!

After being dormant for some time the newsletter is back with a fresh, newsy and refurbished look. Christened as "Chronicle", it encapsulates the landmark events of the past year.

It is said "Every revolution was first a thought in one man's mind". The past year has witnessed the metamorphosis of Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University as a hub of academic, cultural and intellectual renaissance. Construction of the state of the art 'Matrika' Auditorium & new academic blocks, First Convocation, MOU's with national and international bodies, technical festivals. SMVDU has, therefore, carved a niche for itself on the national as well as on the international platform under the dynamic stewardship of the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, Prof N. K. Bansal.

Chronicle will continue to bring all such events for you on quarterly basis. I must acknowledge the assistance rendered by the staff of Publication & Media Cell in putting together this issue. Thank You Prince Rajan.

Have a promising and a fulfilling year ahead.

Vandhana Sharma

Welcome to Chancellor

Vice chancellor and his team accords a warm welcome to H.E. Sh. N.N.Vohra, the Chancellor SMVD University. His Excellency held numerous prestigious positions in the Government of India during his career, is a Life Member of the Indian Institute of Public Administration, United Services Institute, Institute of Defence Studies and Analysis and International House of Japan, Tokyo and has been writing and lecturing on issues relating to National Security and Governance and has edited over a dozen books. We are sure that under his guidance the University will rise to newer heights

Vice Chancellor's Message

Building an institution is a passion and success comes only with committed efforts of every one, who are involved in such a noble task. There can't be a more satisfying effort than taking part in such a venture.

Inauguration of New Academic Block

His Excellency Sh.N.N.Vohra, the Governor of J&K and the Chancellor of the University, inaugurated the New Academic Building of the University located on its beautiful campus at Kakryal on 18th October, 2008.The building houses the Schools of Architecture, Computer Sciences and Engineering, Communication and Engineering, Mechanical Engineering and the School of Biotechnology. The Governor complemented the Vice Chancellor, Prof N K Bansal, the Faculty and the members of the staff for their devotion in steering the University to progress and building up impressive infrastructure

development. He noted with satisfaction that the roll of the University has now touched the 1100 mark.

The Bio-Informatics facility in the School of Biotechnology created with the help of Department of Biotechnology, Govt. Of India with the initial seed money of Rs. 20.00 lacs was inaugurated by the Chancellor.

MATLAB Short term course

A national level three days short-term course on 'M A T L A B^{TM} Applications in Electronics, Electrical & Computers' was organized by the School of Electronics & Communication Engineering, from 7-9th Nov. The course was inaugurated by Dean Student welfare SMVDU, Prof. R.S Misra on 7th of Nov-2008. The other member present on the occasion were Dean College of Engg, SMVDU Prof. M.L Garg, Director School of Electronics and Communication Engg, Prof. SK.Puri, Course Coordinators Mr. SB.Kotwal & Mr. A.K.Pandit and other faculty members of SMVDU. Topics covered during the course ranged from MATLAB programming to specialized focus on graphics applications, Signal Processing applications, Communication technologies etc. Special focus was also given to the SIMULINK link in MATLAB. Various resource persons shared their expertise in using MATLAB including a special guest lecture on speech processing & synthesis using MATLAB^{TM} by Prof. Praveen Lehana. The course was attended by the participants from various colleges across the country. The valedictory function on 9th Nov-2008 was attended by the Chief Guest Dr. R.K.Abrol, Director (Retd.) CEDTI, Jammu, who handed over the certificates to the participants.

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Convocation Time at SMVDU

The first historic Convocation of the university was hosted on 25 April, 2008 with the chanting of slogans, academic procession, a galaxy of distinguished personalities and above all an address by Dr. Manmohan Singh.

The Prime Minister had all the praise for the vision statement and mission document of SMVDU and said that it has established a strong reputation for excellence and for a focus on science, technology, management and other modern fields of education. He said he was impressed that the university is striving to nurture the skills and talents of youth and promoting service to society, to humanity and the world at large. He said the Government should support the efforts of SMVDU by providing necessary infrastructure particularly in terms of road and bridge connectivity.

In his address, the former Governor Lt. Gen (Retd) S K Sinha said that it was a great moment for the university to have been inaugurated by the then President Dr A P J Abdul Kalam, who also took the first class of the management students. 'It is again a privilege to have the scholar Prime Minister, Dr Manmohan Singh amid us to deliver the first Convocation Address", he added. In his address, Vice Chancellor Prof N K Bansal gave an overview of the University and said it is currently engaged in imparting advanced education and research programmes in Energy, Manufacturing & Automation, Electronics & Instrumentation, Computer Sciences, and Executive M.B.A. and has become a center for educational excellence, attracting students from all over the country. He added that the secular outlook of the university is reflected through the fact that there are students from 16 states of the country representing almost all the cultures, faiths and languages etc who are admitted through All Indian competitive examinations and on merit only. The University has 14 Schools involved in quality education and research in engineering, management, sciences, philosophy, culture and languages, he maintained.

Inauguration of Auditorium

Matrika auditorium of the university was inaugurated on 8 March, 2008 by Lt. Gen. (Retd.) S. K. Sinha, former Chancellor of SMVDU. Inaugurating the state of the art Auditorium "Matrika" in the campus Lt. Gen. said impossible has been made possible by the dedicated effort of Vice Chancellor, Professor N. K. Bansal and his team. Describing Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University as a flag ship of Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine Board, Lt. gen. Sinha said that apart from hard work and dedication of all, the blessings of the Mata have been always there to achieve achievement after achievement.

Speaking on the occasion Vice Chancellor, Prof. N. K. Bansal, gave a detailed account of the team sprit in translating the vision of the Chancellor into reality. Prof. Bansal also dwelt on the growth and evolution of the University and said that it is on the path of excellence in every sphere. He described the Auditorium as one of the best and said hardly any University possesses such a facility within short span of three years of its inception.

The inaugural session was marked by a high profile musical extravaganza organized by J&K academy of art culture & languages in collaboration with Govt. Women's College Gandhi Nagar, Jammu.

Second Alumni Meet

The second Alumni Meet 'Sanklap' was organized by the students of College of Management on 16th January 2008. The Alumni demonstrated enthusiasm and a great spirit of camaraderie at a function held in the campus. Alumni from all parts of the country turned back the pages of time and came back to their Alma mater.

Vice-Chancellor, Professor N.K. Bansal heartily congratulated the alumni on their success at workplaces and appreciated their gratitude to their alma mater. He called for active participation on regular basis from all alumni to create an atmosphere of kinship between alumni members. He wished all the alumni to achieve greater heights of success in their career and life.

The alumni presented a colorful dance performances, skits and songs followed by the post-Lohri celebration with bonfire and dance party adding glitter to the event.

Summer Course

The School of philosophy & Culture organized a Ten-Day Summer Course on the theme "Language and Knowledge Representation: The Method of Indian Logic" during May 21 30, 2008. Altogether forty persons across country participated in the course. It was financially supported by the Indian Council of Philosophical Research, New Delhi. Prof. V. N. Jha and Prof. Mrs. Ujjwala Jha of the University of Pune were the two instructors for the Course.

Titiksha 2008

The annual technical festival of SMVDU Titiksha was inaugurated by the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor Prof. N.K.Bansal on 18 Oct 2008. This festival was initiated to give a boost to the techno-culture of the region and also to give the budding technocrats a platform to test their mettle. These three days were full of events in which various technical colleges and universities participated with full enthusiasm. It provided immense exposure to the students who also got an opportunity to explore their genius and creativity. The festival was marked by various intra and inter university events like C and C++ programming, JAVA Programming, 8O85 Programming, ELECTRONIC HUNT, ROBO WARS, LINUX TROUBLE SHOOTING, COUNTER STRIKE, PRESENTATIONS, RANGOLI, HELICAL COMPLIMENTATION, and MIND CONUNDRUMS etc. From this list one can discern the informal events which were an attraction in themselves for providing the students from different institutions a forum to know each other better, make friends and learn from

each other. Thus the three days proved to be pure adrenaline. A special incentive for the students in general and participants in particular was guest lecture by Sun representative Pachleshwar Nayak on "DISTRIBUTED COMPUTING". The valedictory was held on 20 Oct 2008 which was marked by pulsating cultural events, the star attraction being R J Manas. It also included the prize distribution ceremony where

the prizes were distributed by Madam Bansal, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor Prof. Bansal, Dean of Students Prof. R.S. Misra, and Coordinator Titiksha Mr. Yatheshth Anand.

SRIJAN-08

School of Architecture and Landscape Design celebrated SRIJAN-08 (Evolution), first Architectural festival of Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University on the occasion of World Architecture Day 2008 i.e Monday 6th Oct., 2008. This day, also celebrated as World Habitat Day, was inaugurated by The Hon'ble Vice Chancellor Prof. N.K.Bansal, Theme for this years' celebration was "Child be the architect of better future" in honour of late Italian architect, "Giancarlo Lus". The day which belong to the world's architects and the public, is a celebration of the importance of good design in achieving sustainable, healthy and culturally rich environments as well as appreciation of world architecture.

Tripartite MOU signed

In its unflinching march towards excellence, Prof. N. K.Bansal, Vice Chancellor Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University signed a tripartite Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Laval University, Quebec Canada and Prathista Industries Secunderabad India. The MOU between Laval University SMVDU Prathista Industries aims at developing teaching and research resources as well as the promotion of International collaboration on the basis of equality and mutual assistance. Amongst its mode of cooperation the agreement includes the exchange of Professors, students, joint research activities, pedagogical and scientific documents and joint programmes and publication.

After signing the MOU, Prof. Bansal, a renowned Energy Scientist himself commented that the motto of collaboration is to use research for marketable technology for clean environment. He emphasized that since the University has already signed many MOU's with National and International Institutions / Industries but this MOU will provide another significant leap to the research activities of SMVD University.

Mr. Sai Ram, CEO and MD Prathista Industries Ltd. shared his plan of setting up a manufacturing unit of Prathista Industries in J&K. Moreover, he said that MOU will benefit the students immensely by their training and recruitment at Prathista Idustries.

On this occasion Prof. V.Verma, Dean College of Sciences said that this MOU will give act as a bridge between the academia and Industry as it is imperative for the students of Industrial Bio Technology to get a first hand industrial exposure.

Workshop on ' National Bamboo Mission'

A Day-long workshop on National Bamboo Mission organized by the School of Biotechnology, Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University in collaboration with the State Forest Research institution Jammu, was held here at university campus.

The Vice Chancellor, SMVDU Professor N.K.Bansal, inaugurated the workshop while Principal Secretary

Agriculture Production Mrs. Sonali Kumar presided over it . The programme started with the invocation and lighting of the ceremonial lamp.

Speaking on the occasion, Prof. Bansal under scored the importance of Bamboo production in giving a boost to the economy & spoke about its various utilities . Prof.Bansal expressed the hope that the deliberations of the workshop will lead to concrete work plan for Bamboo cultivation and assured of all possible assistance by the SMVDU in this task.

Mrs. Sonali Kumar Principal Secretary Agricultural Production who has launched the National Bamboo Mission in the state talked about the initial hiccups in bamboo Mission in the state and further highlighted the role of biotechnologists so that the best technology and techniques can come up and administration can ensure the well being of farmers. She said such sponsored Schemes will immensely benefit the people of the state.

In his welcome address Director state forest Research Institute R.D.Tiwari gave an overview of the wide application and economic importance of Bamboo. He also spoke about the aims and objectives of the National Bamboo mission.

The Workshop was attended by experts of Agriculture, Forest department & Faculty Members SMVD university.

The workshop was organized by Dean, College of Sciences, prof. V.Verma & was sponsored by State Forest research Institute

During the technical sessions, detailed discussions were held with special presentations of various technical, economic and other aspects of Bamboo cultivation.

Prof. V.Verma,, Dean School of Biotechnology presented vote of thanks.

Subika Jamwal, a student of Biotechnology conducted the proceeding of the workshop.

Research & Development And Industrial Projects

1.	Title of project	Establishment of Bioinformatics Infrastructure (BIF) for the promotion of Biology Teaching through Bioinformatics
	Funding Agency	Apex Bioinformatics Centre, Dept. of Biotechnology, New Delhi
	Coordinator	Prof. (Dr) V. Verma , Dean COS
	Grant amount	Rs. 20 Lakhs
2.		
	Title of project	Establishment of Herbal Garden - Trikuta Hills at SMVD University
	Funding Agency	National Medicinal Plants Board, Ministry of Health &Family Welfare, Govt. of India, New Delhi
	Principal Investigator	Dr. Sharada M. Potukuchi , Asstt. Prof.
	Project Coordinator	Prof. (Dr) V. Verma , Dean COS
	Grant Amount	Rs. 10 Lakhs
3.		
	Title of project	Fermentative production of lactic acid from Mahua flowers
	Funding Agency	TRIFED, New Delhi
	Principal Investigator	Prof. (Dr) V. Verma , Dean COS
	Co-Investigator	Dr. Preety Sharma
	Grant Amount	Rs. 14.95 Lakhs
4.		
	Title of the Project	Performance and Prospects of Small Scale Industries in the state of Jammu & Kashmir
	Organization	ICSSR, New Delhi
	Principal Investigator	Dr. Suparn Sharma
5.		
	Title of the Project	Dynamics of Stress at Workplaces: an Empirical Study of J&K State
	Organization	AICTE, New Delhi
	Co-Principal Investigator	Dr. Suparn Sharma
6.		
	Title of the Project	Design Consultancy for Wireless Sensor Network Zighee based Product Development.
	Organization	Forbes Marshall Tech Centre (Forbes/Spirax), Pune.
	Principal Investigator	Mr. Sumeet Gupta

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University Publications

The University has been regularly publishing following publications,

Prospectus: This contains almost all the vital information with respect to the rules and regulation for admission processes etc.

UG and PG Study Courses: Course contents and other information with respect to studies and examinations are provided in the booklet.

MBA Brochure: This contains all the information about faculty and students of College of Management and is used as a medium to attract different companies to the campus for on campus placements.

B.Tech. Brochure: This is promoted by the Corporate Relations and Scientific Research Division for attracting prospective companies for placement of B.Tech. students.

Arth Anvesan: This is an annual Journal of the School of Economics.

Pratibimbha: This is an annual magazine of the University and consists of interesting and thought provoking articles from faculty and students.

Annual Report: This contains almost all the information about the university, its activities and financial matters.

Chronicle: This Newsletter consists of all the news of the preceding three months and put on the University website.

Numerous Leaflets, Booklets and Posters.

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Holiday List

Jan 8	Muharram*
Jan 26	Republic Day
Feb 23	Maha Shivaratri
Mar 10	Milad un-Nabi
Mar 11	Holi
Mar 27	1st Navratra
Apr 3	Rama Navami
Apr 7	Mahavir Jayanti
Apr 10	Good Friday
Apr 13	Baisakhi
May 9	Buddha Purnima
Aug 5	Raksha Bandhan
Aug 14	Janmashtami
Aug 15	Independence Day
Sep 21	Eid-ul-Fitar
Sep 28	Dussehra
Oct 2	Mahatma Gandhi Jayanti
Oct 17	Diwali/Deepavali
Oct 19	Bhai Duj
Nov 2	Guru Nanak's BirthDay
Nov 28	Eid ul-Zuha
Dec 25	Christmas
Dec 28	Muharram*

* Muharram falls twice in the year 2009. It is likely that there may be no Muharram holiday during 2010.