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Vision

Establishment of a scientific and technical University of Excellence to nurture young and talented human resource for the service of Indian Society and world at large preserving the integrity and sanctity of human values.

The mission of the University is the pursuit of education, Scholarship and Research at the highest levels of Excellence.

Mission

Objective

Provide education and training of excellent quality both at undergraduate and postgraduate levels.

Ensure that the university achieves and maintain an international standing in both teaching and research.

Promote study and research in new and emerging areas and encouraging academic interaction of the faculty and students at national and international levels.

Encourage close collaboration with industry and facilitate the application of research for commercial use and for the benefit of society.

National Conference on “Bhartiya Bhasha Pariwar” Organized at SMVDU

Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University (SMVDU), Katra, organized a One-Day National Conference on “Bhartiya Bhasha Pariwar: Recentering India's Mother Tongues in Knowledge, Culture, and Policy.” The event was jointly organized by the School of Languages and Literature and the Indian Knowledge System Cell, SMVDU, in association with Bhartiya Bhasha Samiti, Ministry of Education, Government of India. The conference was inaugurated by the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Pragati Kumar. The inaugural session was graced by Shri Sanjeev Verma, Chief Electoral Officer, UT of Jammu and Kashmir, as the Guest of Honor. In his address, he highlighted the democratic significance of Indian languages and the contemporary challenges of language politics in public life. One of the Conference Coordinators, Dr. Anurag Kumar, welcomed the dignitaries and participants, underlining that Indian languages are not merely cultural repositories but also foundations of knowledge creation and democratic participation. Dr. Ashutosh Vashishtha, Chairperson, IKS Cell, and Dr. Amitabh Dwivedi, Dean, Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences, also addressed the gathering, emphasizing the importance of reintegrating Indian mother tongues into education, research, and policymaking. The academic sessions featured distinguished invited

speakers, including Dr. Amitash Ojha (IIT Jammu), Dr. Anil Kumar (Central University of Himachal Pradesh), and Dr. Subhash Chander (University of Jammu), who shared their scholarly insights on the role of Indian languages in knowledge production, cultural preservation, and social transformation. The conference brought together eminent scholars, faculty members, and students from across the country and concluded with a call for strengthening Indian languages through education, translation, digital resources, and policy frameworks that treat languages as complementary rather than competitive.



UGC-Supported 17th NEP Orientation & Sensitization Program Begins at SMVDU



The 17th NEP Orientation & Sensitization Program, an 8-day online training initiative under the aegis of the Malaviya Mission Teacher Training Centre (MMTTC) at Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University (SMVDU), Katra, commenced on 8th September 2025. This program is being conducted as part of the University Grants Commission's (UGC) efforts to facilitate effective implementation of the

National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 through capacity-building and awareness among faculty across higher education institutions. The inaugural ceremony was marked by an enthusiastic virtual gathering of academic participants and eminent speakers. Ar. Abhiney Gupta, Program Coordinator, formally welcomed the participants and faculty members, setting a collaborative tone

for the sessions ahead. This was followed by an address by Prof. Sharda Potukuchi, Deputy Director, MMTTC-SMVDU, who provided an insightful overview of Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University and its commitment to academic excellence and NEP integration. Prof. Suparn Sharma, Director, MMTTC-SMVDU, delivered the inaugural speech, wherein he elaborated on the vision of the Malaviya Mission and the pivotal role of NEP 2020 in transforming India's higher education landscape. He emphasized the policy's focus on holistic, multidisciplinary, and skill-based education, aimed at fostering innovation, equity, and greater flexibility in teaching methodologies. Prof. Sharma also took the opportunity to extend heartfelt gratitude to Prof. Pragati Kumar, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, SMVDU, for his unwavering support, guidance, and encouragement, which have been instrumental in the successful implementation of MMTTC

initiatives. The program would comprise of technical sessions by distinguished resource persons and educationists who would delve into various components of NEP 2020, including Holistic Knowledge Systems, Indian Knowledge Systems, Higher Education and Society, Skill Development, ICT and much more. The program aims to sensitize faculty to the paradigmatic shift introduced by the NEP and equip them with practical strategies for implementation in their respective institutions. Over the course participants will engage in interactive lectures, panel discussions, and reflective sessions focused on fostering a learner-centric, inclusive, and future-ready academic environment. The MMTTC at SMVDU continues to play a pivotal role in contributing to national goals by empowering faculty through structured training and development initiatives aligned with the vision of the NEP.

Skill Hub Centre SMVDU Distributes Certificates under PMKVY



The Skill Hub Centre of Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University (SMVDU) distributed certificates to the successful trainees of the Electrician Domestic Solution course conducted under the Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PMKVY). Addressing the trainees, the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor of SMVDU, Prof. Pragati Kumar, congratulated the participants and emphasized the importance of skill-based education in empowering youth and enhancing their employability. He stated that such initiatives not only provide technical knowledge but also open new avenues for self-reliance and entrepreneurship. Dr. Sanjay Sharma, Coordinator, Skill Hub Centre, highlighted the

continuous efforts of SMVDU in aligning with national initiatives like PMKVY. He mentioned that the university is committed to providing quality training to the local youth and ensuring that they are industry-ready. The Skill Hub Centre at SMVDU has been actively engaged in offering vocational training programs to support the vision of "Skill India," thereby contributing to the holistic development of society.

SMVDU Hosts Rangyug's Acclaimed Dogri Play Chanchlo



The Board of Cultural Activities (BCA), Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University (SMVDU), organized the staging of Rangyug's much-acclaimed Dogri play Chanchlo at the Matrika Auditorium. The audience comprised faculty members, students, theatre enthusiasts, members of the cultural fraternity, and dignitaries. Dr. Rakesh Thusoo, President BCA, and Dr. Rahul facilitated the guests, while the smooth conduct of the event was ensured by SMVDU's cultural clubs Aayojan and Prishtbhoomi. Chanchlo, originally written in Hindi by eminent playwright Nadira Zaheer Babbar (Sakubai) and adapted into Dogri by RJ Dr. Juhie Mohan, was designed and directed by veteran theatre personality Shri Deepak Kumar. The gripping 90-minute performance by RJ Dr. Juhie Mohan held the audience spellbound with her commanding stage presence and emotionally charged portrayal of the lead character. Vice Chancellor, SMVDU, Prof. Pragati Kumar, hailed the initiative, remarking: "We are delighted to host Rangyug and their remarkable production Chanchlo. Theatre has the power to not only entertain but also to sensitise society to deeper

issues. This play has highlighted unspoken struggles while celebrating the strength of the Dogri language. Such initiatives enrich the cultural environment of our university and inspire students to engage with the arts and carry forward the responsibility of preserving our linguistic and cultural heritage." Director of Rangyug, Shri Deepak Kumar, stated: "Chanchlo is not just the story of one woman but of countless voices from the margins. Through this play, Rangyug attempts to hold a mirror to society, encouraging reflection and collective responsibility. We are grateful to SMVDU for providing this platform and to the students and faculty for their overwhelming response." The story of Chanchlo portrays the resilience and struggles of a domestic worker navigating displacement, exploitation, and survival, making it both a poignant theatrical experience and a strong commentary on contemporary social realities. The performance was received with a standing ovation and heartfelt appreciation, acknowledging Rangyug's efforts in preserving and promoting Dogri language and culture.

SMVDU in Collaboration with JKEDI Hosts Bootcamp to Promote Startup Ecosystem in J&K

Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University (SMVDU) successfully hosted a Bootcamp through its Technology Business Incubation Centre (SMVDU-TBIC) and Entrepreneurship Development Cell (EDC) in collaboration with the Jammu and

Kashmir Entrepreneurship Development Institute (JKEDI). The event began with an address by Dr. Sanjay Mohan, CEO, SMVDU-TBIC, who provided an overview of the incubation center's initiatives. This was followed by Prof. K. R. Jha, Vice



Chairperson, SMVDU-TBIC, who highlighted the university's efforts in fostering entrepreneurship and innovation among youth. Sh. Chand Kishore Sharma, Joint Director, JKEDI along with his team, Shri Zahid Ali Dar (Project Manager), Mr. Sorab Mengi (Assistant Manager), and Shri Abilash Kumar Braroo (DNO) shared insights into the various programs and policies undertaken by JKEDI to strengthen the startup ecosystem in Jammu and Kashmir. The Bootcamp witnessed enthusiastic participation from students and faculty members of SMVDU and nearby institutions. Several innovative ideas were pitched by participants, which were evaluated by a panel of experts for shortlisting to the next

round of the Startup Idea Challenge. The event concluded with a formal vote of thanks to the authorities of SMVDU and JKEDI for their support in making the program a success. The Bootcamp not only provided a platform for budding entrepreneurs to showcase their ideas but also motivated the youth to actively contribute to the region's entrepreneurial landscape. Extending his greetings, the Vice-Chancellor of SMVDU, Prof. Pragati Kumar congratulated the Managing Committee members and faculty coordinators of SMVDU-TBIC for organizing the initiative, emphasizing that such efforts are the need of the hour in nurturing innovation and startups.

SMVDU Hosts 6th International e-Conference on "Interdisciplinary Perspectives on Humanity, Crisis, and Change"

The School of Languages & Literature and the Indian Knowledge System (IKS) Cell of Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University (SMVDU), in collaboration with the Department of History, Humanities, and Society, University of Rome Tor Vergata, Italy, and New Literaria: An International Journal of Interdisciplinary Studies in Humanities, inaugurated the *6th International e-Conference on "Interdisciplinary Perspectives on Humanity,

Crisis, and Change". The two-day conference brings together eminent scholars, researchers, and academicians from across the globe to deliberate on pressing concerns of humanity, crises, and the possibilities of imagining sustainable futures through interdisciplinary engagement. The inaugural session was graced by the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor of SMVDU, Prof. (Dr.) Pragati Kumar, who delivered the inaugural



address. In his speech, he emphasized the transformative role of the humanities in responding to global challenges such as climate change, displacement, inequality, and cultural crises. He urged scholars to use the power of critical thought and interdisciplinary dialogue to envision inclusive and humane futures. Earlier, Prof. Elisabetta Marino of the University of Rome Tor Vergata introduced the Department of History, Humanities, and Society and highlighted the importance of Indo-Italian academic collaboration. Dr. Amitabh Vikram Dwivedi, Dean, Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences, SMVDU, in his welcome address presented an overview of the School of Languages & Literature and the IKS Cell, emphasizing their contribution to interdisciplinary and indigenous knowledge systems. The conference convener, Dr. Subhankar Dutta (Associate Professor, NIT Warangal, and Associate Editor, New Literaria), welcomed the participants and provided a brief outline of the conference objectives. The inaugural session concluded with a

Vote of Thanks delivered by Dr. Anurag Kumar, Head, School of Languages & Literature, SMVDU, who expressed gratitude to the distinguished speakers, participants, and organizing team for their support in making the event possible. Over the next two days, the conference will feature keynote lectures, plenary sessions, and parallel paper presentations by internationally renowned scholars, including Prof. David Higgins (University of Leeds, UK), Prof. Kaori Mori Want (Konan Women's University, Japan), Prof. Sudhir Chella Rajan (IIT Madras, India), Prof. Smriti Singh (IIT Patna, India), and many others. Topics will range from environmental humanities and climate justice to rethinking cultural narratives and exploring the intersections of tradition and modernity. The conference provides a vibrant platform for global academic exchange and affirms SMVDU's commitment to advancing interdisciplinary research and international collaboration in the humanities.

SMVDU Faculty Participated in Review Workshop on Unnat Bharat Abhiyan at IIT Jammu

Dr. Bharat Bhushan Jindal, Coordinator, UBA Cell, and Dr. Sunny Kumar Sharma, Member, UBA Cell, Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University (SMVDU), participated in a one-day Review Workshop on Unnat Bharat Abhiyan (UBA) organized by IIT Jammu, the Regional Coordinating Institute (RCI). The workshop aimed to facilitate knowledge sharing, provide updates on UBA activities, and review the progress of Participating Institutions (PIs). During the session on Achievements and Experiences of Participating Institutes, Dr. Bharat Bhushan Jindal presented a detailed report on the initiatives undertaken by the SMVDU UBA Cell in its adopted villages. The presentation emphasized community outreach, capacity-

building programs, and developmental activities



aligned with UBA objectives. Dr. Jindal

highlighted the introduction of a Value-Added Subject on Community Engagement and Social Responsibility, through which undergraduate students gain exposure to village life and understand the challenges faced by rural residents. This initiative is in line with the ethos of the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020. He also showcased both in-house and off-campus activities, with special mention of the University's efforts to highlight UBA initiatives under its

extension activities on the institutional website. The presentation was widely appreciated by participants from other institutions, who described it as an eye-opener. The workshop concluded with an interactive Q&A session, and the participation of SMVDU faculty members reflected the University's strong commitment to contributing meaningfully to rural development and nation-building through UBA.

The Journey Begins: TARANG Society Kicks Off with Inaugural Orientation of 2025



The Department of Electronics and Communication & Tarang: The Electronics Society of SMVDU conducted the Introductory session of TARANG in LT-1 Hall at Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University (SMVDU). This event marked a significant milestone for students passionate about the ever-evolving field of electronics. The session was graced by the presence of esteemed faculty members, including Dr. Vikram Singh, Faculty Coordinator of TARANG. Their insights ignited a spirit of collaboration and innovation among the students. The faculty members emphasized the importance of practical application, encouraging students to bridge the gap between theory and real-world implementation. The Head Team of TARANG, consisting of Saksham Bhardwaj and Anubhav Shukla, played a pivotal role in bringing the vision of the society to life. They elucidated the society's aims, objectives, and functioning, providing a clear roadmap for aspiring members. Additionally, they shed light on the vast array of domains within electronics. Following this, the chapter leads explained their specific domains

individually. The VLSI chapter was detailed by Shrikant Jha and Harsh Mishra, the Electro Innovators chapter was presented by Ankit Vashisht, Abhishek Sharma, Priyanshu Kumar, Dhruv Sharma, and Mohit Verma, and the DSP chapter was explained by Ritik Kumar and Mihit Saxena. The Head Team also emphasized that TARANG is an inclusive space where individuals can develop their overall personality and hone valuable skills. The event was also enriched by the experiences of past coordinators, including Harsh Pratap Singh, Sunny Singh, and others. They shared their journey with TARANG, motivating students to take part in sessions regularly and show active participation to make the most of the opportunities offered by the society. Special thanks to the Head of the Electronics and Communication Department, Dr. Anil Bhardwaj, for their guidance, and the TARANG Management Team: Ankit Vashisht, Tarun Kumar, Uday Pratap Singh, Rahul Yadav, and Ashish Kumar Pandey for making this event successful.

SMVDU Organizes Internal Hackathon Under Smart India Hackathon (SIH) in Collaboration with IEEE Student Branch, SMVDU



The School of Computer Science & Engineering (SoCSE) at Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University (SMVDU) successfully organized an Internal Hackathon, as part of the Smart India Hackathon (SIH) initiative. The event was conducted in collaboration with the IEEE Student Branch, SMVDU. The primary objective of the internal hackathon was to identify and nurture innovative student teams to represent SMVDU at the national level of the Smart India Hackathon 2025. A total of 28 multidisciplinary student teams submitted their problem statements and proposed solutions. Shortlisted teams were invited to participate in the hackathon, where they worked intensively on real-world challenges related to social welfare, automation, sustainability, and digital transformation. The event was held under the leadership of Dr.

Sunanda, Head of the School of Computer Science & Engineering, who served as the Convenor. The organizing team included Dr. Sonika Gupta, Assistant Professor, and Dr. Pooja Sharma and Dr. Naveen Kumar Gondhi, Associate Professors and IEEE Student Branch Coordinators at SMVDU. Faculty members from SoCSE and IEEE Student Members played a pivotal role as mentors and organizing committee members, providing guidance and technical support to the participants. The internal hackathon successfully fostered a culture of innovation, teamwork, and problem-solving among students, while also promoting research and development on campus. The shortlisted teams from this event will go on to represent SMVDU in the national-level Smart India Hackathon 2025.

SMVDU and SPIC MACAY Jointly Host Padma Vibhushan Pt. Sajan Mishra at Katra



The Board of Cultural Activities (BCA), Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University (SMVDU), in association with SPIC MACAY, organized a captivating Hindustani classical vocal recital by Padma Vibhushan Pt. Sajan Mishra and his son Pt. Swaransh Mishra at the Matrika Auditorium, SMVDU. The maestros were accompanied by Shri Harnam Singh on Tabla and Dr. Harminster Singh on Harmonium. The father-son duo enthralled the audience with their musical brilliance, commencing the evening with *Raag Malhaar* and later rendering devotional bhajans dedicated to Mata Jagdamba. The performance was deeply appreciated by the audience, which comprised faculty, staff, and students of SMVDU, along with children from nearby villages. Prof. Pragati Kumar Sinha, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor of SMVDU, graced the occasion as the Chief Guest. In his address, he expressed gratitude to the artists for visiting the campus and inspiring the audience with their art. He also encouraged students to nurture an appreciation for classical music, emphasizing its role in holistic education and personal growth. Mr. Suresh Sharma, retired District and Sessions Judge and Coordinator of SPIC MACAY Jammu, introduced the organisation and its mission to the

gathering. He highlighted that SPIC MACAY (Society for the Promotion of Indian Classical Music and Culture Amongst Youth) is a voluntary movement dedicated to preserving India's intangible cultural heritage through classical music, dance, crafts, yoga, meditation, and more, with active chapters in over 8,000 towns worldwide. On behalf of the university, the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor felicitated the distinguished guests with souvenirs of *Mata ka Darbar*. Speaking on the occasion, Dr. Rakesh Thusoo, President, BCA, highlighted the significance of Hindustani classical music in shaping personality, refining thought, and influencing actions. The programme was ably coordinated by Dr. Rahul Sharma, Vice President, BCA, who delivered the vote of thanks, acknowledging the support and encouragement of the university authorities in facilitating such cultural initiatives. Backstage arrangements were managed by AYOGEN under the guidance of Dr. Poonam, Cultural Coordinator, SMVDU. The event proved to be a memorable confluence of devotion, tradition, and culture, leaving the audience deeply inspired.

SMVDU's School of Architecture Hosted Prof. Jit Kumar Gupta for Seminar on Green Buildings

School of Architecture and Landscape design (SoALD), Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University (SMVDU), Katra in its endeavour to experiential and field-based learning, continue to host eminent personalities of the Architectural profession in the interest of students. Prof. Jit Kumar Gupta, retired senior town planner of UT of Chandigarh and an eminent academician who continue to inspire generations of students across India and many international universities, visited SoALD for the seminar on Green buildings. Pertinent to mention that he was also in the academic council of SMVDU in its initial years and has been a constant inspiration since the inception of SoALD in 2006. Seminar on 'green buildings' is the first event hosted by SoALD after its landmark leap in the NIRF rankings announced. The event was formally commenced by the introductory address from Ar. Abhiney

Gupta, Head of the school. Apart from introducing the speaker formally, he stressed upon the relevance of Architects in current times. He also



elaborated the key reforms the school has inculcated to face current industry demands and in the profession of Architecture. Speaking on the occasion, Prof. Pragati Kumar, Hon'ble Vice-chancellor SMVDU and chief Guest of the event,

urged to sensitise the topic of green buildings across disciplines as it is the need of the hour. He expressed his confidence on the exponential growth of SoALD, which is already visible in the consistent accolades of faculty & students, coupled with the career progression of its Alumni. Organizing more of such programs through eminent speakers was also stressed upon. Prof. Jit Kumar Gupta sensitised the students of all batches about the green buildings-their role, need and relevance in current world order, and specially vis-à-vis the sustainable development goals. The presentation was equipped with relevant real-world examples specially from Chandigarh, from where he hails from. The highlight of the session was the concluding part

dealing with the simple design methods that students can carry forward towards green building designs of different typologies and in different climatic contexts. Students of all batches attended the event with great purpose and saw a fruit interaction between speaker and students after the format presentation. Ar. Navin Gupta, Associate head of SoALD and organising secretary of the event delivered a vote of thanks. All the attendees of the event including faculty and staff expressed their thankfulness to Prof. Jit Kumar Gupta, for accepting the invitation to deliver the seminar despite age and travel restrictions. SoALD is honoured for his continuous contributions in different aspects of teaching and learning in the last two decades.

Two-week Student Induction Program 2025 for New Entrants begins at SMVDU



Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University (SMVDU) started its Student Induction Program (SIP-2025) with an energetic inaugural session held at the university campus. The program, aimed at welcoming and orienting new students, gathered faculty members, dignitaries, and newcomers in an atmosphere of inspiration and academic enthusiasm. The event began with a warm welcome to the guests by Dr. Shafaq Rasool, Associate Dean, Academic Affairs (Non-Engg.), followed by the National Anthem and the ceremonial Lamp Lighting & Saraswati Vandana led by the students. Prof. (Dr.) Balbir Singh, Dean

of Academic Affairs, highlighted the importance of holistic education and student engagement at SMVDU. A documentary showcased the university's achievements, facilities, and vision. Deans and Heads then shared the ethos and opportunities, welcoming new students. The inaugural address by Prof. Pragati Kumar, Vice-Chancellor of SMVDU, urged students to embrace discipline, innovation, and values as key to their studies. Prof. Kumar emphasized the university's role in developing responsible global citizens. The Student took Oath designed by Dr. A. P. J. Abdul Kalam, was a solemn pledge of integrity, hard

work, and service to society. The event was meticulously planned by Dr. Bharat Bhushan Jindal, Associate Dean, Academic Affairs (Engineering). Dr. Shafaq Rasool delivered the Vote of Thanks, extending gratitude to all dignitaries, faculty members, and students. She also expressed her sincere appreciation to the entire organising team of the Student Induction Program, the Academic Affairs section, and the

Universal Human Values Cell, SMVDU. The event concluded with the National Anthem, motivating and inspiring the gathering. The Student Induction Program will continue till September 15, 2025, featuring interactive sessions and activities aimed at fostering the students' academic readiness, cultural integration, and personal growth.

SMVDU's School of Architecture and Landscape Design Secures 23rd NIRF Rank



Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University's School of Architecture and Landscape Design (SoALD) has achieved a remarkable milestone by securing the 23rd rank in the prestigious National Institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF) 2025, marking a significant recognition of its excellence in architectural education and research. This achievement reflects the visionary leadership and unwavering support of Prof. Pragati Kumar, Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor of SMVDU, whose guidance has been instrumental in steering the School towards academic distinction. Shri Manoj Sinha, Hon'ble Lieutenant Governor of JKUT and Chancellor- SMVDU also congratulated Vice-Chancellor for the achievement. The dedication and relentless efforts of the SoALD faculty have played a pivotal role in shaping the department's growth and fostering an environment of innovation and creativity. The accomplishment is also attributed to the architectural community at large, including the Indian Institute of Architects (IIA), J&K Chapter, whose continuous collaboration and professional inputs have

enriched the academic ecosystem of the School. Special appreciation goes to the students of SoALD for their hard work and passion, the alumni for their consistent support, and the external collaborators, visiting faculty, external examiners, and jurors whose valuable critiques and guidance have helped the department achieve this feat. Expressing gratitude on the occasion, Ar. Abhiney Gupta, Head of SoALD, and Ar. Navin Gupta, Associate Head of SoALD, extended heartfelt thanks to the faculty, students, and the wider architectural fraternity for their contributions. They emphasized their commitment to holistic growth of the department and expressed confidence that with the continued support of faculty, collaborators, and stakeholders, SoALD will further strengthen its position as one of the country's leading architecture schools. With this achievement, SoALD reaffirms its dedication to providing cutting-edge architectural education while nurturing innovation, sustainability, and excellence in the built environment.

Student Induction Program for Batch 2025 ECE Successfully Organized at SMVDU



The School of Electronics and Communication Engineering (SoECE) organized the Student Induction Program for Batch 2025 ECE marking a significant beginning for the new entrants. The event was moderated by Ms. Ayukta Raina, who ensured the smooth conduct of the sessions and meaningful interactions. The program began with an address by Dr. Anil Kumar Bhardwaj, Head, SoECE, who warmly welcomed the students and highlighted the importance of building a strong academic foundation along with professional skills. Prof. Asok De, Bharti Airtel Chair Professor, shared valuable insights on the importance of skills in shaping careers, stressing that academic knowledge must be complemented with practical expertise to thrive in today's competitive world. In an inspiring session, Prof. Sumeet Gupta spoke on how individuals can transform their lives through self-discipline, continuous learning, and the right mindset. Dr. Vikram Singh emphasized the critical role of time management, advising students to balance academics and personal growth efficiently. Dr. Purnima further highlighted the importance of organizing life with effective

time skills, encouraging students to prioritize tasks for long-term success. Dr. Shashi Bhushan Kotwal introduced students to Feynman's learning technique, explaining how simplification and teaching others enhances understanding. Adding a practical perspective, Mr. Swastik Gupta shared thought-provoking insights on various aspects of engineering, motivating students to explore beyond textbooks and embrace innovation. The event was also graced by the presence of dedicated staff members, including Mr. Bhawani Singh, Mr. Sanjeev Wadhawan, Mr. Munish Singh, Mr. Deepankur Gupta, Mr. Pankaj Kataria, Mr. Gaurav Kumar, along with other staff members of SoECE, whose support added to the success of the program. The overall coordination and management of the event were efficiently handled by Mr. Sanjeev Suri, Office Assistant, SoECE. The induction program successfully set the tone for the academic journey of the new batch, combining motivation, skill development, and life lessons. It concluded with an interactive Q&A session, leaving students inspired and better prepared for their upcoming endeavors.

Celebrations and Days Observed

श्री माता वैष्णो देवी विश्वविद्यालय में हिंदी पखवाड़ा 2025 का शुभारंभ

श्री माता वैष्णो देवी विश्वविद्यालय (SMVDU), कटरा में आज हिंदी पखवाड़ा 2025 का शुभारंभ उत्साह और उल्लास के साथ किया गया। यह पखवाड़ा 15 सितम्बर से 30 सितम्बर 2025 तक विश्वविद्यालय में आयोजित किया

जा रहा है। इसका आयोजन हिंदी प्रकोष्ठ, SMVDU द्वारा किया गया है, जिसका उद्देश्य विश्वविद्यालय की शैक्षणिक, प्रशासनिक एवं सांस्कृतिक गतिविधियों में हिंदी के प्रगतिशील प्रयोग को प्रोत्साहित करना है। उद्घाटन सत्र

की अध्यक्षता माननीय कुलपति, प्रो. प्रगति कुमार ने की। अपने उद्घाटन संबोधन में उन्होंने हिंदी को भारत की भाषाई और सांस्कृतिक विविधता की सेतु भाषा बताते हुए कहा कि उच्च शिक्षा, अनुसंधान और प्रशासन में हिंदी के प्रयोग को बढ़ावा देना समय की आवश्यकता है। इस



अवसर पर हिंदी प्रकोष्ठ के नोडल अधिकारी, डॉ. अनुराग कुमार ने स्वागत भाषण देते हुए पखवाड़े की रूपरेखा प्रस्तुत की। उन्होंने बताया कि इस दौरान निबंध लेखन, वाद-विवाद, कविता पाठ, प्रश्नोत्तरी प्रतियोगिता, कार्यशालाएँ और सांस्कृतिक कार्यक्रम आयोजित किए जाएँगे। कार्यक्रम में विद्यार्थी सचिव, सुशील कुशवाहा ने

भी विद्यार्थियों की ओर से सक्रिय सहयोग और उत्साहपूर्ण भागीदारी का आश्वासन दिया। सत्र में संकाय सदस्यों और

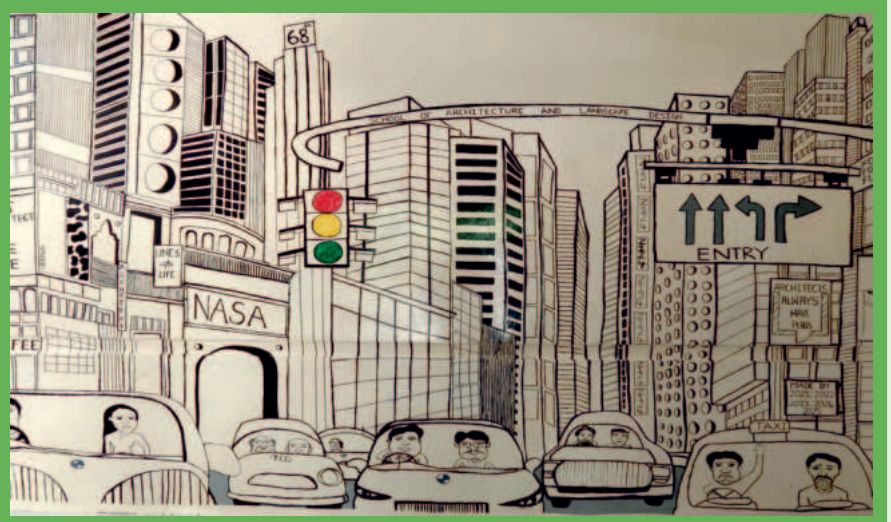
विद्यार्थियों की उत्साहपूर्ण भागीदारी रही। हिंदी पखवाड़ा का समापन 30 सितम्बर 2025 को समापन समारोह के साथ होगा, जिसमें विभिन्न प्रतियोगिताओं

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68th NASA Day Celebrated at SMVDU

The School of Architecture and Landscape Design (SoALD) at Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University (SMVDU) celebrated the 68th NASA Day with great enthusiasm and creativity. The National Association of Students of Architecture (NASA India) is one of the largest student organizations in the world, connecting over 300 architecture colleges across India. It serves as a dynamic platform for learning, collaboration, and idea exchange through conventions, competitions, and workshops. This year's celebration at SMVDU was themed "Living Memory: Wall of Expression", emphasizing collective creativity and lasting impact. The event was organized under the guidance of Ar. Abhiney Gupta (Head, SoALD), Ar. Navin Gupta (Associate Head, SoALD), Ar. Vinod Kumar (NASA Faculty Coordinator), and with the active involvement of all faculty members and students of Unit Z124. The day commenced with an

orientation session for first-year students, introducing them to the legacy and vision of NASA India. The highlight of the celebration was a Wall Painting Activity at the department's front



entrance. Students collaborated to transform a blank wall into a vibrant mural—a symbolic representation of NASA's 68th year. The artwork reflects the spirit of unity, imagination, and teamwork, serving as a "living memory" and a

visual legacy for future batches. The faculty extended heartfelt gratitude to Prof. Pragati Kumar, Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor of SMVDU, whose visionary leadership continues to propel

the university toward excellence. This celebration not only fostered creativity and collaboration but also reinforced the culture of innovation and expression at SoALD.

NSS Volunteers Celebrated International Day of Sign Languages

The National Service Scheme (NSS) unit of Shri



Mata Vaishno Devi University (SMVDU) Katra celebrated the International Sign Language Day with enthusiasm and awareness building activities. The day is celebrated to raise awareness about the importance of sign language and promote the rights of deaf and dumb

persons. It reminds us that everyone should have a chance to communicate and be understood. On this occasion, NSS volunteer Ms. Tanisha sharma addressed the gathering and briefed the audience about the basic rules of Indian Sign Language (ISL). The session was highly interactive with active participation from the audience. Participants not only gained insights into the structure of ISL but also learned various basic signs used in everyday communication. The initiative reflected the University's commitment to spreading awareness and fostering sensitivity towards special persons in society. NSS SMVDU plans to organize more such events in future to encourage togetherness and ease of communication for every.

External Expert

Dr. Atul Kothari delivers an Expert lecture on Significant Role of Bharatiya Knowledge Tradition in Character Building at SMVDU

A special lecture on "Charitra Nirman evam Vyaktitva Vikas ki Bharatiya Sankalpana" was organized at the Matrika Auditorium of Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University. The chief guest of the event was Dr. Atul Kothari, National Secretary, Shiksha Sanskriti Utthan Nyas. The program commenced with the lighting of the ceremonial lamp and Saraswati Vandana. Thereafter, Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor Prof. Pragati Kumar welcomed the Chief Guest, Dr. Atul Kothari, and in his address emphasized that the objective of the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 is not limited to making students employment-oriented, but also to ensure their holistic development. He also highlighted the special efforts made by Dr. Kothari in the successful implementation of NEP. In his address,

Chief Guest Dr. Atul Kothari stated that the successful implementation of the National



Education Policy requires the active participation not only of teachers but also of students. Through NEP 2020, we have the opportunity to build





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citizens who are Indian in thought, intellect, and conduct. He further added that for national resurgence, it is essential to integrate Bharatiya knowledge traditions at every level and in every sphere of education. Such integration, he remarked, would naturally instill Bharatiya values in society and among citizens. On this occasion, Dr. Kothari was presented with a memento in the form of a portrait of Mata Bhagwati by the Hon'ble

Vice Chancellor. The vote of thanks was delivered by Prof. Ashutosh Vashishth, Dean, Faculty of Management, and the stage proceedings were conducted by Dr. Anurag Kumar, Head, School of Languages and Literature. The program witnessed the gracious presence of Deans of various faculties, Heads of Departments, section in-charge, faculty members, staff, and students of the University.

Expert Session on Unnat Bharat Abhiyan Organized at SMVDU

Unnat Bharat Abhiyan Cell of Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University (SMVDU) organized an expert session under the Student Induction Program to sensitize newly admitted



undergraduate students and those enrolled in the Community Engagement and Social Responsibility, a value-added course about rural development and social responsibility initiatives. Mrs. Jeyoti Kaul, Outreach Assistant, IIT Jammu, delivered an expert talk on the Scope of Unnat Bharat Abhiyan (UBA), highlighting its objectives, activities, and the process of village adoption under the initiative. She emphasized that UBA, an important program of the Ministry of Education (formerly MHRD), aims to involve higher educational institutions in the process of holistic rural development, thereby strengthening the social responsibility of

academia towards the community. SMVDU has adopted five villages in the vicinity of the University under the umbrella of UBA to address local challenges and contribute to their sustainable development. Dr. Bharat Bhushan Jindal, Coordinator, UBA-SMVDU, appreciated the insightful talk delivered by Mrs. Kaul and assured the Regional Coordinating Institute (RCI), IIT Jammu, that SMVDU would leave no stone unturned in ensuring the success of UBA by contributing effectively towards the upliftment of rural residents and addressing their pressing concerns. In her concluding remarks, Mrs. Kaul also assured full support from RCI, IIT

Jammu, to SMVDU whenever and wherever required. UBA Cell members Dr. Sunny Kumar Sharma and Dr. Amit Kumar Sinha also actively participated in organizing the event. Student members Ms. Rydhm Rajput, Mr. Akarshan Sanmotra, Ms. Saloni Singh, Ms. Bhaavna, and Ms. Anooshi Wangoo also attended the event. The event was well-organized and smoothly coordinated by the UBA Cell, SMVDU. Nearly 450 students actively engaged in the discussion, showing strong interest in rural transformation and social responsibility. The session offered valuable guidance to students, inspiring them to

Prof. Chandrasekar, VC, CLUJ Inspires Students on Future Readiness

The School of Business, Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University (SMVDU), organized an interactive session with Prof. (Dr.) K. S. Chandrasekar, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, Cluster University of Jammu, as the distinguished resource person. The program began with a warm Welcome

Address by Prof. Ashutosh Vashishtha, Dean, Faculty of Management. In his address, Prof. Chandrasekar highlighted the importance of adaptability, agility, and analytical thinking for future readiness. He encouraged students to enhance listening skills, strengthen



communication, and complement their MBA curriculum with MOOCs to remain updated. He also shared examples of successful Indian and global leaders and entrepreneurs, suggested insightful books, and conducted interactive activities to help students discover their personality traits and leadership styles. The session saw enthusiastic participation from MBA and DYD students of SMVDU. Following the program, Prof. (Dr.) Pragati Kumar, Hon'ble Vice

Chancellor, SMVDU and Prof. (Dr.) K. S. Chandrasekar, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, Cluster University of Jammu interacted with the faculty members of School of Business. The event concluded with a formal Vote of Thanks by Prof. Jyoti Sharma. The session was successfully coordinated by Dr. Rashmi Taggar, who expressed her gratitude to the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, SMVDU, for inspiring and supporting such initiatives.

Faculty/Staff Update

Talk Delivered

Dr. Sanjay Mohan Delivers Expert Talk on Innovation and Startup Ecosystem Enablers at MIET Jammu



Dr. Sanjay Mohan, Associate Professor at the School of Mechanical Engineering, SMVDU, and CEO of SMVDU-TBIC, delivered an insightful talk on *Innovation and Startup Ecosystem Enablers* at Model Institute of Engineering and Technology (MIET), Jammu. The event was attended by a vibrant gathering of students, scholars, and faculty members and was organized by MIET

Jammu. Dr. Surbhi Sharma, along with her team, extended a warm welcome to Dr. Mohan on his visit to the institute, creating an atmosphere of cordiality and collaboration. During his session, Dr. Mohan elaborated on the basics of startups and entrepreneurship, emphasizing how young innovators have transformed creative ideas into successful enterprises. He shared several

inspiring examples of young entrepreneurs who, through perseverance and innovative thinking, have established themselves as industry leaders. The interaction also focused on the critical role of the SMVDU Technology Business Incubator Centre (SMVDU-TBIC) in fostering a culture of innovation and entrepreneurship among students and aspiring entrepreneurs. Dr. Mohan apprised the audience of the significant initiatives taken by the Vice-Chancellor of SMVDU to promote and strengthen the startup ecosystem within the university and the region. Furthermore, he highlighted various government initiatives aimed

at promoting entrepreneurship, including the recently launched YUVA Scheme by the Jammu & Kashmir Government, explaining its purpose and importance in empowering the youth to take up entrepreneurial ventures. The session concluded with an engaging Q&A interaction, where students raised pertinent questions regarding startups, funding, and incubation support, fostering a deeper understanding of the entrepreneurial journey. This event marks a significant step in creating awareness and motivating the next generation of innovators and entrepreneurs in Jammu & Kashmir.

Faculty members of SMVDU delivered lectures at Tata Steel Workshop

Under the umbrella of Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) of TATA STEEL Ltd. With School of Architecture & Landscape Design of SMVD University for Industry-Academia interface & exchange, three Faculty experts from different domains have delivered professional Lectures to the Construction Industry professionals at the National Workshop organised by the HSC Fortune, the channel partner of the TATA TISCON at Jammu. The TATA STEEL, one of the global steel industry leader has been continuously innovating in the Green steel making process in collaboration with the Technical Research & Development wings of the Higher Education Institutes in the country. Ar. Aditya Kumar Singh, Landscape

Architect & Associate Professor at School of Architecture & Landscape Design has tinkered the Practicing Architects & Engineers with the economic optimization of the residential projects specially in relation to the Critical Design time & initial cost of the projects. Dr. V.K. Dogra, Associate Professor & Head of School of Civil Engineering has apprised the audience with the significance of the use of sustainable materials in order to achieve the SDG goals. He stressed upon the application of GREEN STEEL which is only being manufactured by the TATA TISCON today. Dr. Manoj Kumar Gupta,



Professor of Computer Science at School of Computer Science & Engineering has introduced the latest new normal of Artificial Intelligence (AI) in the construction industry. He has emphasized upon the constant growth of AI tools for solving the needs of architectural professional practice. The Workshop has been successfully coordinated by Mr. Sunil Raina, Marketing Manager & Mr. Ammu Chiatanya, Sales Manager TATA TISCON. It is pertinent to mention that

SMVD University has been constantly imparting the quality higher technical education since 2004 and has achieved 23rd NIRF 2025 rank in Architecture among the approximately 400 schools of architecture across the country. Prof. PRAGATI KUMAR, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor has congratulated & encouraged the distinguished

faculty members for their continuing Outreach efforts towards the industry at various levels. Under his visionary leadership, the faculty of SMVD University aspires to bridge the industry academia collaborations for enhancing National competitiveness.

Publications/Paper presented

SMVDU's Architecture Faculty Secures the ANRF International Travel Award

Ar. Anoop Sharma, Faculty at School of Architecture and Landscape Design (SoALD), Shri Mata Vasihno Devi University (SMVDU) Katra secures the prestigious ANRF (Anusandhan National Research Foundation) international travel award. ANRF acts as an apex body under MoE, Govt. of India to provide high-level strategic direction to scientific research in the country. ANRF rewarded the grant to support Ar. Anoop's research work dissemination among experts audience during an eminent international scientific event in Croatia to be held during October 2025. The ANRF's grant is yet another testimony of the exceptional work being carried out at SoALD, SMVDU in the academia, research and professional spheres. Ar. Anoop Sharma is currently working on the 'resource efficiency in constructions' with special focus on 'embodied impacts and conservation through design and policy advocacy'. With this award, Ar. Anoop is due to receive feedback on his work as well as collaborative opportunities on offer with the leading laboratories and experts from academia



and industry during the scientific event. He also expects to chair a scientific session of the event during his participation. The award covers the overall air travel and VISA support required to attend the event in-person. Before this award, Ar. Anoop has already earned the scholarship award on conference registration fee, amounting to nearly 800 Euros from the conference organizers, which is only rewarded to one researcher per country. In his interaction with the media cell SMVDU, Ar. Anoop owes the success to the support rendered by the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor and administration of SMVDU. He specifically appreciated the support of Head-SOALD Ar. Abhiney Gupta in always supporting the faculty endeavours. Faculty members, staff and students of SoALD congratulated Ar. Anoop Sharma for this feat. Being a part time doctoral research candidate, Ar. Anoop also appreciated the motivation by his mentor and lab-mates at IIT Roorkee in shaping his ongoing research work and preparing the grant proposal.

SMVDU Faculty Presented Paper at POLY-CHAR 2025, Mauritius

Dr. Pankaj Biswas, Assistant Professor at the School of Physics, Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University, presented his research on "Optical Characterization and Upconversion Luminescence in $\text{KSrVO}_4:\text{Er}^{3+}$ " at the international conference POLY-CHAR 2025, recently held at the University of Mauritius. His presentation focused on developing nanocomposite films of the $\text{KSrVO}_4:\text{Er}^{3+}$ phosphor embedded in PMMA and PVP polymers for solar cell applications. These luminescent up-shifting layers, applied to the rear of solar cells, enhance efficiency by converting near-infrared photons into usable light—a key strategy for improving silicon-based solar devices. POLY-CHAR 2025, co-organized by the Centre for Biomedical and Biomaterials Research (CBBR),



Mauritius, and the Wits Advanced Drug Delivery Platform (WADDP), South Africa, brought together experts from 21 countries including USA, Japan, Germany, India, and South Africa. The conference highlighted the convergence of polymer science and nanobiotechnology to tackle global challenges in healthcare, sustainability, and advanced materials. The event also reinforced Mauritius' role as a growing scientific hub in the Indian Ocean, fostering international collaboration and innovation.

Student Update

SMVDU Student Wins National Poem Competition

Ananya Kotwal, a final-year student of the School of Architecture and Landscape Design, Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University (SMVDU), has brought laurels to the University by winning the National Poem Competition on "Unani Medicine for Innovative Health Solutions", organized by CCRUM under the Ministry of AYUSH in collaboration with MyGov. Her poem was selected from among nearly 500 entries nationwide for its originality and creative portrayal of the holistic essence of Unani Medicine. The School of Architecture and Landscape Design at SMVDU, which was



recently ranked 23rd in the NIRF Rankings, has always encouraged its students to unfurl their creativity and excel in diverse fields beyond academics. The Vice Chancellor of SMVDU, Prof. Pragati Kumar, along with Ar. Abhiney Gupta (Head, School of Architecture and Landscape Design), Ar. Navin Gupta (Associate Head, School of Architecture and Landscape Design), and all faculty members of architecture, congratulated the student on this outstanding achievement and wished her a bright future.

SMVDU Students Visited Dabur Plant Bari Brahmana



An industrial visit to Dabur India Limited, Bari Brahmana (Jammu) was organized by Mr. B.K. Bhatia, Training & Placement Officer, SMVDU, for the 3rd year students of B.Tech (Mechanical Engineering) and 1st year students of M.Tech (Smart Manufacturing). The Dabur India plant at Bari Brahmana is a state-of-the-art, fully automatic facility producing popular consumer products including Real Juices, Hajmola tablets, and others. During the visit, the students were warmly welcomed and guided by Mr. Nitin Sonkar (Unit Head), Mr. Sanjay Bhasin (HR Head), and Mr. Pradeep (Sr. Production Executive). They

interacted with the students and provided a detailed tour of the plant. The live exposure to an automation-driven production line helped students gain hands-on understanding of the flow process—from raw material input to final packaging ready for transportation. Such experiential learning offered valuable insights into modern manufacturing systems, automation, and quality control. The School of Mechanical Engineering (SoME), SMVDU, which offers B.Tech in Mechanical Engineering with Honors in 3D Printing, Robotics and Automation, is committed to preparing students to meet

evolving industry requirements. The School also runs an M.Tech program in Smart Manufacturing, designed to equip students with Industry 4.0 skills aligned with future industrial needs. Students of both the degree programs were on this visit. The visit was coordinated under the guidance of Prof. Balbir Singh, Dean, Academic Affairs, with the objective of enhancing student exposure to industrial automation. The faculty team comprising Dr. Yatheshth Anand (Head,

SoME), Dr. Amit Sinha (Assistant Professor), and Mr. Sugul Kishor (Senior Technical Assistant) accompanied the students, assisting in field-based learning and exploring opportunities for industry-linked projects, internships, and collaborations. Such initiatives reinforce SMVDU's commitment to fostering industry-academia partnerships and enhancing students' readiness for professional careers.

SMVDU DYD Students Visit CSIR-IIIM Jammu



Students of the Design Your Degree (DYD) program, first and second year, from Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University (SMVDU), Katra, visited the Indian Institute of Integrative Medicine (CSIR-IIIM), Jammu on September 26, 2025. The educational trip was part of the Open Day celebrations at IIIM, aimed at encouraging young minds toward entrepreneurship, innovation, and research-driven growth. During the visit, students interacted with scientists and practitioners across multiple disciplines. They witnessed live demonstrations in Plant Biotechnology, Pharmacology, Fermentation Technology, Technology Business Incubation (TBI), Discovery Informatics, Value Addition, Quality Control & Quality Assurance (QCQA), and advanced Instrumentation, including sophisticated facilities such as NMR and HPLC. A key highlight was the introduction to modern plant tissue culture techniques for conserving rare germplasm, alongside an exploration of the Herbarium where valuable specimens, seeds, and plant parts are systematically preserved. The

focus was placed on MSME entrepreneurship, startup culture, and the role of innovation in driving future economic growth. CSIR-IIIM, Jammu, is internationally recognized for its expertise in natural products and herbal drug development, blending traditional knowledge with modern validation techniques for global healthcare solutions. The visit was facilitated under the guidance of Dr. Zabeer Ahmed, Director, CSIR-IIIM Jammu; Dr. Vidushi Abrol, TBI Division Manager; and Dr. Saurabh Saran, Sr. Principal Scientist, IIIM Jammu, in collaboration with Prof. Balbir Singh, Dean (Academic Affairs) & University Coordinator UHV-Cell, SMVDU. The students and faculty extended gratitude to Prof. (Dr.) Pragati Kumar, Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, SMVDU, for encouraging such experiential learning opportunities. The trip was led by Prof. Sharada M. Potukuchi, DYD Nodal Officer and Professor, who highlighted how such initiatives align with DYD's philosophy of *'explore today to shape tomorrow and master your vision.'* The DYD program at SMVDU emphasizes holistic

development through assignments, projects, and field visits rather than conventional

examinations, offering students a platform to cultivate creativity, critical thinking, and

Ms. Swadha Kailoo Ph.D Scholar SMVDU presents research work at Prestigious Genomics India Conference 2025

Ms. Swadha Kailoo, Ph. D scholar from the Molecular Biology Lab, School of Biotechnology, Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University (SMVDU), recently represented the university at the prestigious Genomics India Conference 2025, held at the Indian Institute of Science (IISc), Bengaluru, from 12th-14th August 2025. Ms. Kailoo presented her research titled "From Frozen Genes to AMR: Harnessing Psychrophilic Metagenomes for Novel Antimicrobials" as a poster presentation. Her work explored the metagenomic mining of cold-adapted Western Himalayan microbes for potential novel antimicrobials, blending functional screening and next-generation sequencing techniques, a topic of high relevance amid the global AMR (antimicrobial



resistance) challenge. The participation enabled Ms. Kailoo to engage with domain experts and obtain hands-on training in NGS workflows, strengthening both her academic skill set and the visibility of SMVDU in high-impact scientific forums. Ms. Kailoo has expressed her heartfelt gratitude to her supervisor, Dr. Shafaq Rasool, for her continuous encouragement and support in her academic and research journey. Ms. Kailoo has also thanked Prof. Pragati Kumar, the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, SMVDU, for their support in providing this opportunity to present and engage with eminent scientists and peers at the national forum. SMVDU congratulates Ms. Kailoo on her representation and wishes her continued success in her research endeavours.

SMVDU Organizes Hands-On Training Program on Programming Fundamentals for Govt. High School Students

The School of Computer Science and Engineering (SCSE), in collaboration with the NSS wing of Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University (SMVDU), has launched a hands-on training program on Programming Fundamentals for school students. The initiative saw the enthusiastic participation of 42 students from Government High School, Sirah. The program is structured as a four-week series, with students attending sessions once a week. Designed to introduce young learners to the world of computers and programming, the initiative aims to foster digital literacy and spark interest in the field of computer science among rural students. The first session of the program focused on imparting elementary computer literacy, where students were familiarized with basic computer operations, usage, and essential applications. The session was inaugurated by Dr. Sunanda, Head, School of Computer Science and

Engineering, and Dr. Rajiv, NSS Coordinator, who jointly briefed the students on the objectives and



long-term benefits of the training. Dr. Sonika and Dr. Kamaldeep, faculty members from SoCSE and SoEE, conducted the hands-on training, ensuring an engaging and interactive learning experience for the students. The necessary lab setups were efficiently managed by lab staff Mr. Naveen Kumar and Mr. Himmat Raj, ensuring smooth conduct of the practical sessions. A dedicated team of NSS student volunteers along with the volunteers from the School of Computer Science and Engineering also actively assisted during the session, helping participants grasp key concepts

with ease. The program concluded with an interactive question-answer session, where students enthusiastically participated and clarified their doubts. The initiative reflects

SMVDU's ongoing commitment to community outreach and capacity building in the region, empowering the youth through knowledge and skill development.

NSS

NSS SMVDU Organized Old Clothes Collection and Distribution Drive under Sewa Parv

NSS unit of SMVDU organized old clothes collection and distribution drives in university



campus under the "Sewa Parv" Campaign. Every year university volunteers collect old clothes, toys and books from staff members and distribute it to underprivileged community including class

four employees and construction workers in the campus. The drives were organizing to inculcate

the values like sharing among volunteers. The clothes were first segregated according to their size and then people were allowed to choose the clothes as per their requirement. Many male and female workers along with their small children benefited from the donation drive. The event was successfully conducted by the NSS volunteers. NSS Programme Coordinator, Dr. Rajiv Kumar and co-coordinator Dr. Kamaldeep appreciated the

efforts of volunteers for the Sewa Parv initiative.

NSS SMVDU Spread Knowledge Through Book Donation at Panthal School under "Sewa Parv"

In a remarkable step towards promoting education and nurturing young talent, the National Service Scheme (NSS) unit of Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University (SMVDU) organized a book donation drive at Government Senior Secondary School, Panthal. The initiative aimed to extend academic support to students from Classes 9 to 12, particularly those preparing for higher studies and competitive examinations. As part of the drive, NSS volunteers donated NEET and JEE preparation books for Class 11 and 12 students, subject books for Classes 9 and 10, and around 200 notebooks to assist with their daily academic needs. This contribution was met with enthusiasm and gratitude from both students and faculty of the school, who acknowledged the importance of such support in bridging resource gaps faced by many learners in rural areas. Education is one of the most powerful



tools for empowerment and even small contributions can create a long-lasting impact in shaping the aspirations of students. The donation holds special significance as it provides students access to quality learning materials that can motivate them to aim higher and prepare confidently for future challenges. By addressing the academic needs of the youth, the initiative reflects the true spirit of

the NSS motto, "Not Me, But You," fostering values of selfless service, community development, and nation-building. School authorities thanked NSS SMVDU team for the initiative.



NSS SMVDU organized a Poster Making Competition during "Swachhata Pakhwada"

NSS SMVDU organized a Poster Making Competition during "Swachhata Pakhwada" through colors and creativity, students spread awareness about the importance of cleanliness, saving nature, and protecting our planet. Let's join hands to make Earth a cleaner and greener place to live!



NSS SMVDU organized a paper bag-making event



NSS SMVDU organized a paper bag-making event to promote eco-friendly living. Students participated enthusiastically in the activity. Together, they prepared around 500 paper bags, which will be donated to local shops to reduce the usage of plastic. A small step towards a

sustainable tomorrow.



NSS SMVDU Katra volunteers celebrated NSS foundation day



NSS SMVDU Katra volunteers celebrated NSS foundation day with a cultural evening named Sampda. Volunteers presented various

performances including poetry, story telling, singing, dancing etc.

NSS SMVDU Katra initiated Sewa Parv Campaign by donating stationery items

NSS SMVDU Katra initiated "Sewa Parv" Campaign by donating stationery items and fruits to Govt. High School, Sirah students in Panthal block. Volunteers donated around 150 notebooks with pencils, colors to the school students. Vice Chancellor Prof. Pragati Kumar also attended the said event and motivated students to excel in life with hardwork in studies and learning by serving community. School authorities thanked University



authorities for their continuous support.



NCC

SMVDU Cadets Selected for Prestigious All India Vayu Sainik Camp (AIVSC) at Bangalore

Six Air Wing NCC cadets from Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University (SMVDU) have brought laurels to the university by being selected to attend the prestigious All India Vayu Sainik Camp (AIVSC) to be held at Bangalore. The selected cadets are Charvi Thakur, Saher Sharma, Shivangi Raina, Vibhasna Sharma, Kritika Chandel, and Mukti Porwal. The cadets successfully cleared a rigorous selection process conducted by the Air Wing of NCC. Prior to the AIVSC, they also underwent an intensive Pre-AIVSC Camp which played a crucial role in preparing them for the national-level event. During this training, they were groomed in physical training, weapon training, drill practice, skeet shooting, firing practice, flying practice on micro-light aircraft, and aero-modelling. Dr. Varun Dutta, NCC Coordinator, SMVDU, and Ms. Kirti, In-charge – Air Wing, SMVDU, provided constant guidance, motivation, and support to ensure the selection of their cadets for this prestigious camp. Prof. Pragati

Kumar, Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, SMVDU, and Sh. Ajay Sharma (JKAS), Registrar, SMVDU congratulated the selected cadets and extended



their best wishes for their participation at the national level.

SMVDU NCC Sports Meet 2025 Inaugurated

Mr. Gourav Kapoor S/o Sh Rajinder Paul Kapoor and Anjana Kapoor R/o Jammu student of M.Tech

Batch 2024 from School of Mechanical Engineering, Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University



qualified Graduate Aptitude Test of Engineering (GATE) in Production & Industrial Engineering conducted by IIT Roorkee, the result of which is declared by the National Coordination board (NCB)-GATE. He has secured All India rank 413 with 39.67 marks in general category with the cut off marks being 35.6. Dr. Yatheshth Anand, Head School of Mechanical Engineering along with other faculty members congratulated on his remarkable achievement and wished him all the best for future endeavors.

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wished him all the best for future endeavors.

Ph.D.

Mr. Kuljeet Singh Declares Qualified for the Award of Ph.D.

Mr. Kuljeet Singh, son of Sh. Bhart Singh and Smt. Naina Devi, a resident of Village Natna (Draman), Tehsil Rajgarh, District Ramban, has been declared qualified for the award of the degree of Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) in Mathematics by Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University (SMVDU), Katra. He carried out his research on the topic "A STUDY ON CERTAIN ASPECTS OF SOME CURVES AND SURFACES IN EUCLIDEAN SPACES" under the supervision of Dr.



Sandeep Sharma, Assistant Professor, School of Mathematics, ShriMata Vaishno Devi University, Katra, Reasi, J&K. During the course of his Ph.D., he published several research papers in highly reputed SCIE and Scopus-indexed international journals and presented his work at various national and international conferences. He also extends his heartfelt gratitude to the School of Mathematics, SMVDU, for providing the essential resources and continuous support throughout his research journey.

Tapas Sudan Awarded Ph.D. in Management at SMVDU

Mr. Tapas Sudan, son of Mrs. Suman Lata and Prof. Falendra Kumar Sudan, a Research Scholar at the School of Business, has been awarded the Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) in Management. Mr. Sudan carried out his research work under the supervision of Dr. Rashmi Taggar, School of Business, SMVDU. His doctoral thesis, titled 'Mitigation Strategies Adopted to Combat Unprecedented Supply Chain Disruptions: The Case of Indian Manufacturing Industry', investigates how manufacturing firms respond to large-scale unprecedented supply chain disruptions and



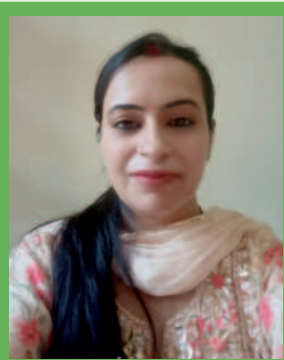
identifies strategies to strengthen resilience, optimize costs, and enhance sustainability. He was awarded the Centrally-Administered Full-

Term Doctoral Fellowship by the Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR) to work on his research thesis for the period 2022-2024. His scholarly contributions have been published in ABDC- and SCOPUS-indexed journals, including one paper in a journal with an Impact Factor of over 10. Tapas Sudan extended special thanks to Vice

Chancellor Prof. (Dr.) Pragati Kumar for inspiring him to pursue quality research.

Mantisha Gupta successfully defends her Ph.D. at SMVDU

Ms Mantisha Gupta, wife of Dr. Atul Banotra and daughter of Dr. Pankaj Gupta and Dr. Ujala Verma, has successfully completed her Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) in Electronics and Communication Engineering from Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University (SMVDU), Katra, Jammu and Kashmir. Her thesis, titled, "Reconfigurable Intelligent Touch Technology for 6G and IoT Networks", was carried out under the supervision of Prof. Rakesh Kumar Jha and Dr. Manish Sabraj. Her research focuses on developing advanced routing algorithms with network slicing techniques to enhance reliability,



reduce transmission delays and improve security in next generation systems. Her work has been published in prestigious Q1 ranked IEEE international journals and presented at reputed IEEE conferences, contributing significantly to the field of Electronics and Communication Engineering and AI and ML. Ms. Gupta expressed her gratitude to her mentors, colleagues and family for their support throughout her academic journey. She has joined as a faculty in SMVDU and now looks forward to continuing her academic and research career.

Upcoming Events

International Webinar on Visualization on nano-world on 7th Oct, 25.

AICTE-ATAL Online Faculty Development Programme (FDP) from 6th -11th Oct, 25.

Workshop on Block Chain and its Application on 11th Nov, 25.

Faculty Induction Program from 1st -29th Dec, 25.

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