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UPCOMING EVENTS

- 4th Convocation
- Screening of movie in the Sanskriti Kaksh, every Sunday at 3 P.M.

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Vice Chancellor

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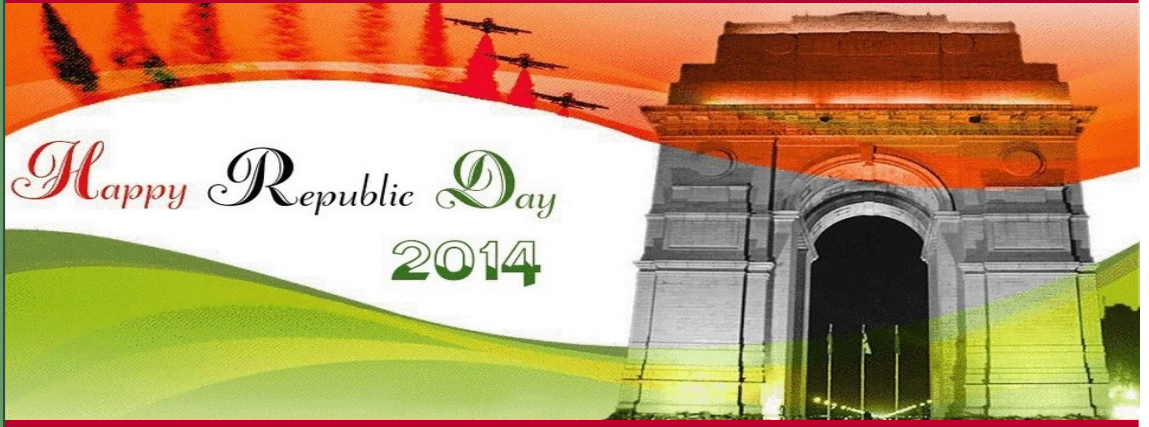
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Campus Jottings

Tricolour Unfurled in Campus

On the occasion of 65th Republic Day, Tricolour was unfurled by Prof. Sudhir K. Jain, Vice Chancellor at the Inauguration Pavilion, university campus on 26th January, 2014, in the presence of Registrar, Ms. Roop Avtar Kaur, all deans, directors, faculty members, staff and students.



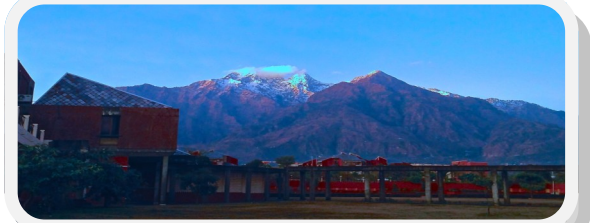
Swami Vivekananda's 150th Birth Anniversary Celebrated

Office of the Dean of Students and Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine Board arranged a function on 12th January



2014 to celebrate the 150th Birth anniversary of Swami Vivekananda. On the occasion, a cultural programme

Photo of the Month



"A view of snow-clad hills from campus"

Contributed by: **Dr. Swarkar Sharma**

was organized in which children from the nearby villages as well as Udampur and Reasi district participated. In a separate event, School of Philosophy & Culture organized a discussion on "Vivekananda's Message to the Youth", to commemorate the birth anniversary of the great sage.

A Two Week ISTE Workshop on 'Signals and Systems' was successfully conducted by Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University, Katra in collaboration with IIT, Kharagpur. The workshop was conducted under the National Mission on Education through ICT (MHRD, Govt. of India) at Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University, Katra during 2nd-12th January, 2014.

National Voters' Day Celebrated

Office of the Dean of Students and School of Philosophy & Culture (SOPC) in collaboration with the District Administration of Reasi, organized the celebration of National Voters' Day on 25th January 2014. A message of Mr. V. S. Sampath, Chief Election Commissioner of India, was screened on the occasion. The screening was followed by a symposium which started with the address of Hon'ble Vice Chancellor Prof. Sudhir K. Jain.

Workshop on IPR Sensitization

The School of Business in association with MSME Development Institute, Jammu, organized a one day sensitization program on Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) – Challenges and Practices on 28th January, 2014. Prof Sudhir K. Jain delivered the inaugural address. The welcome address was delivered by Mr. Virender Sharma, Director, MSME Development

Institute, Jammu. The resource person of the workshop was Mr. D C Gabriel, a senior attorney in K&S partners, Delhi, who explained in detail the importance of registering patents to protect Trademarks, Products and Processes.

Cricket Match between SMVDSB & SMVDU

A cricket match was organized between the employees of Shri Mata Vaishno Devi



Mandeep K. Bhandari, Chief Executive Officer, SMVDSB, inaugurated the match. The match was won by the team of SMVDSB.

Shrine Board and the staff of Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University by Office of the Dean of Students on 18th January 2014 in the university stadium. Prof. Sudhir K. Jain, the Vice Chancellor and Dr.

Faculty Highlights

Prof. Sudhir K. Jain, the Vice Chancellor, has been bestowed the best Member of Indian Society for Training and Development for distinguished services, for the year 2012-13. He received the award at the Inaugural Session of the 44th ISTD National Convention held on 30th January, 2014 at Pune.

Dr. Varun Kumar Tripathi, Assistant Professor, School of Philosophy &

Culture (SOPC) participated in the General Orientation Programme organized by the Academic Staff College, Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi, U.P., from 03rd-30th January, 2014.

Dr. Vivek Kr. Singh and Dr. Ram Prakash, Assistant Professors, School of Physics, have attended a “Two-week ISTE Workshop on Signal and Systems” conducted by IIT Kharagpur under the National Mission on Educa-

tion through ICT (MHRD, Govt. of India) at Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University, Katra during 2nd-12th January, 2014.

Dr. Anil Kumar Tewari and Mr. Suman-ta S. Sharma, Assistant Professors, SOPC, were invited to present research papers in the National Seminar on "The Concept of Religion in the Contemporary Indian Thought" organized by the Govt. Hamidia Arts and Commerce College, Bhopal, M.P., from 10th - 11th January 2014.

Student Update

Students Qualified J&K SLET

Ms. Kamalpreet Kaur from the School of Languages and Literature and Ms. Simran Raina from the School of Philosophy and Culture qualified J&K State Level Eligibility Test (SLET) for lectureship.

Debate Competition on National Voters' Day

Thirteen students from Engineering, Management, Science, and Humanities streams participated in the debate. Mr. Shubham Tiwari, of CSE won the first prize. The second prize went to Mr. Gaurav Singh, of ECE and the third prize was shared by Mr. Rohit Kumar, Mr. Sudhakar Kumar, both from ECE and Ms. Komal Raina of SBT.

Students Participated in 'Indian Student Parliament'

A group of 10 students from SMVDU participated in the 4th 'Bhartiya Chhatra Sansad' (Indian Student Parliament) organized by the MIT-School of Government, Pune from 10th-12th January, 2014, supported by UNESCO (Chair for Human Rights,



Democracy, Peace & Tolerance), Union Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports of the Govt. of India & Ministries of Higher & Technical Education and Sports & Youth Welfare of the Govt. of Maharashtra under the National Service Scheme (NSS).

Aditya Ranjan, of CSE qualified the online coding and Quiz competition, organized by “Code Instruct”, a leading education provider in the field of Computer Science and Information Technology, held on 18th January, 2014.

Team "StarX" of CSE consisting of Akshay Pratap Singh, Rishabh Shukla, Sunny Kumar and Suryakant Bharti represented SMVDU in ACM International Collegiate Programming Contest (ACM-ICPC) online round and advanced to ICPC regionals, out of more than 1800 teams.



“Thoughts have power; thoughts are energy. And you can make your world or break it by your own thinking”

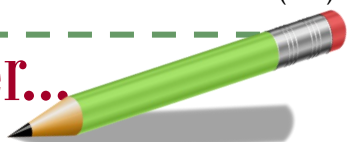
Susan L. Taylor
(American editor, writer, and journalist.)

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(SOPC)

Alumni Corner...

Ishaan Ratanpal | B.Tech
Ogilvy & Mather,
Advertising Executive

"Currently pursuing Branding & Advertising as a career, I believe the most important lesson that SMVDU has taught me is to keep



striving for what you want to achieve with relentless passion, perseverance, honesty and hard-work. The faculty and the environment provided me the confidence to harness my hidden potential, which would not have been possible otherwise. ... ”



The World Outside..

Bharat Ratna, is the India's highest civilian award. Until 2011, the official criteria for awarding the Bharat Ratna was 'for the highest degrees of national services. This Service includes, artistic literary and scientific achievements, as well as recognition of public service of highest order'. In December 2011, the Gol modified the criteria to allow sports persons to receive the award. So far three eminent scientists have been awarded Bharat Ratna: Sir C.V. Raman, Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam and Professor C.N.R. Rao.

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