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Campus Jottings

**Diamond Jubilee Conference of All India Philosophy Association**

The Diamond Jubilee Conference of All India Philosophy Association (AkhilBharatiyaDarshanParishad) was inaugurated at Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University on 3rd June. Ms. PriyaSethi, the Hon'ble Minister of State for Education inaugurated the conference. Organized by the School of Philosophy & Culture (SOPC) the main theme of the conference was 'Philosophy & Culture'. In the inaugural programme, the Hon'ble Minister congratulated the delegates for the Diamond Jubilee and highlighted the need for promotion of philosophy & culture in the State. She also assured that the Govt. will take make efforts to nurture philosophy as a discipline at higher education level.

Earlier, the inaugural session began with a brief welcome note by Dr. V. K. Tripathi, Director SOPC followed by Vedic chanting by the Sanskrit Scholars from University of Jammu. The President of AIPA Prof. Jata Shankar introduced the AIPA and appreciated the efforts put in by many generations of philosophers for the evolution of AIPA through decades and the service to philosophy extended by AIPA. The Chairman of the conference Dr. J. M. Dave delivered the key-note address and reminded the richness of Indian culture by highlighting its spirit of freedom of thought and expression, acceptance and openness for the opposite views and the spirit of interrogation. Prof. V. K. Bhat, Dean Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences highlighted the interdependency of cultural and philosophical activities. Prof. Sudhir K. Jain, Vice Chancellor of SMVDU highlighted that the study of philosophy positively changes the mindset and outlook of people. He also highlighted the importance of karma theory as propounded in Bhagavad-Gita. Prof. VishwaMurtiShastri, Prof. Shiv Nirmohi and Prof. KiranBakshi were the Guests of Honour

Prof. Ambika Datta Sharma announced the annual prizes of AIPA and conducted the book release ceremony and release of DarshanikTraimasik - the quarterly journal of AIPA. Dr. Anil Kumar Tewari delivered a vote of thanks. More than 300 delegates from all over the country participated in the conference.



International Yoga Day Celebrated

As part of an initiative taken by the Prime Minister of India Mr. Narendra Modi, the International Yoga Day was celebrated on 21st June 2015 where in two events were organized which were, a practice session of Yoga and an online Essay Competition on "Yoga: A Holistic Approach to Life". The practice session was convened at 5.15 a.m. wherein faculty, Staff members, their family members and students participated in the practice. Some specific Asanas practiced were; Sarvanga-Asana, Padma-Asana, Vajra-Asana, Bhujanga-Asana, Pashchimottana-Asana, Garuda-Asana, Tada-Asana, Danda-Asana, Dhruva-Asana, Dhanura-Asana, Shashanka-Asana, Anuloma-Viloma-Pranayama, Kapala-Bhati, Bhramari-Pranayama, 12 postures of Surya Namaskara, Viparita-Karmi, Jnana-Mudra etc. Mr. Gurme, a PG Diploma in Yoga from Himanchal Pradesh University and a Junior Assistant in the Security Office, was the instructor in the Yoga session. The second event, continued till ending June where participants are required to submit essay by 30th June 2015. Mr. Ajay Khajuria, Registrar, SMVDU was also present in the practice session. The event was coordinated by Dr. Anil Kumar Tewari, Asst. Prof., School of Philosophy & Culture.



National Level Training Programme for IFS Officers Held

"Good is no longer good enough. To survive in today's competitive environment, one need to excel", with this aim Five Days Training Programme on 'Embedding Managerial Excellence' for IFS Officers at Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University was inaugurated by

Prof. Sudhir K. Jain, Vice-Chancellor, SMVDU, Katra. The programme was organized by Faculty of Management with the financial support from Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change, Government of India from 22nd- 26th June, 2015. During the inaugural address, Prof. Jain emphasized on the critical relevance of the theme of the training programme in the present competitive era of uncertainty and dynamic change. Programme coordinator appreciated the regular support of Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate change, GOI to SMVDU during past few years for having the belief in conduction of such kind of training programs for IFS officers. Earlier, during the function, Director, School of Business extended warm welcome to the participating IFS officers nominated by MoEF for training programme. While introducing the aim of the training programme to the participants, Organizing Sectary of the programme underlined that it will provide an opportunity to the participants to practices new managerial skills that can contribute significantly in embedding sustainable managerial excellence in the organizations.



The training Programme comprised of various interactive sessions including stress management, performance management, effective decision making, interpersonal relations, conflict management by the resource persons prominent among them were Brig. (Retd.)K.S.Chauhan , HR Head CadilaPharma, Samba,; Major General (Retd.) Dhir, Prof. N.D. Mathur, University of Rajasthan, Dr. Anjali Nigam and Dr. Ajit Nigam.

The participants of the Programme belonged to different parts of the country including Telangana, Haryana, Jharkhand, UP, Delhi, Andhra Pradesh, Gujrat, Karnataka, Madhya Pardesh, Assam, Nagaland, etc. Whereas During this five days training programme, a field visit to the central office SHMVD Shrine Board, Katra was also made wherein Mr. M.Kumar Addl. CEO and Mr. Mohan Addl. CEO, SHMVD Shrine Board apprised the officers regarding the administrative and managerial aspects of the shrine board.



Translators' Orientation Programme for Knowledge Text Translation in Dogri Held

Organized by School of Languages and Literature in collaboration with National Translation Mission, Central Institute of Indian Languages, Mysore, the five days Orientation Programme for Knowledge Text Translation in Dogri was inaugurated by Prof. Sudhir K. Jain, Vice Chancellor, Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University in the SanskritiKaksha of University campus on 2nd June, 2015. The programme was a part of Government of India scheme to establish translation as an industry in general and, to facilitate higher education by making knowledge texts accessible to students and academics in Indian languages in particular. Prof. LalitMagotra, Convener, SahityaAkademi and former President DogriSanstha delivered the key note address and Sh. Shailender Singh, SSP and SahityaAkademi awardee Dogri writer was the Guest of Honor.

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

Ms. IshaMalhotra, Assistant Professor, SOLL delivered the formal vote of thanks and research scholars of the SOLL, Quleen, Simranpreet, Kamaldeep, Subah Gandhi, Priyanka and KomalRakwal conducted the proceedings.



Bore Wells Inaugurated

Prof. Sudhir K. Jain inaugurated two bore well of capacity 4000 gallons per hour at JajjarNallah to facilitate the water need of the SMVD University Campus. Boring cost of these two wells amount to 25 Lakhs. With the functioning of these two bore well water storage capacity of SMVDU will increase from existing 2.5 Lakhs litre to 7.5 lakhs litre. Prof. Sudhir K. Jain along with Registrar, Mr. AjayKhajuria, Finance Officer, Mr. R. K. Khajura and other University Officials also reviewed the functioning of other dug wells, Pumps Rooms and future expansions as well as Protection Work around the existing facilities. The University Engineer, Mr. Kamal Sharma & I/c, Water Supply, Mr. SumeetGandotra briefed about the functioning of water supply system to the University Officials.

Two Week ISTE Workshop on Environmental Studies

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

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



Expert Lecture on Nanoscience and Nanotechnology at School of Physics

In the series of distinguished lectures organized by School of Physics, Padma Shri Prof. K.L. Chopra, ex-Director IIT Kharagpur delivered two lectures entitled “Nanoscience and Nanotechnology” and “Nurturing Innovations and Entrepreneurship in R&D for Academia” today at SMVDU. In his talk, Prof. Chopra emphasized the need for shifting to “make in India” efforts rather than the present endeavors focused at “make for India.” The much hyped demographic dividend of the country can be translated into knowledge pool through innovations and entrepreneurships only. The lecture ended with fruitful discussions on the upcoming Technology Business Incubation Centre (TBIC) at SMVDU.



Expert lecture in Number Theory at School of Mathematics

On 1st June, 2015, School of Mathematics organized an expert lecture on “Convolution sums of the divisor function and representation numbers of certain quadratic forms” by Prof. B. Ramakrishnan, Harish-Chandra Research Institute (DAE), Allahabad. Prof Ramakrishnan is an eminent mathematician in the field of number theory. He is a fellow of National Academy of Sciences, India. Director of School Dr. A. K. Das welcomed Prof Ramakrishnan and introduced him with other faculty members of the school. In the lecture, Prof Ramakrishnan spoke about the contribution of famous mathematicians like Ramanujan, Euler and discussed recent developments made in the field including his own contribution. The lecture was attended by all faculty members, research scholars and M.Sc. students.

Faculty Update

Prof. D. Mukhopadhyay Visited Eastern Mediterranean University, North Cyprus

Twenty Fourth Annual World Business Congress of International Management Development Association, USA hosted by Eastern Mediterranean University, Famagusta, North Cyprus was held during May 27th -31st, 2015 where Prof. D.Mukhopadhyay, Dean FoM, SMVDU presented a paper entitled “Adoption of Banking Technologies in Jammu and Kashmir Region of India: An Empirical Study Jointly authored by Prof.D.Mukhopadhyay and Dr. Pabitra Kumar Jena, Ass.Prof, SoE SMVDU in the said Congress. The theme of the Congress was “Regional and International Competitiveness: Defining National and Governmental Drivers of Productivity, Efficiency, Growth and Profitability”.

Prof. D. Mukhopadhyay & Dr. Pabitra Kumar Jena, Asst. Prof, SOE published a paper entitled “Adoption of Banking Technologies in Jammu and Kashmir Region of India: An Empirical Study” Chapter in a Edited Book on “International Competitiveness: Defining National and Governmental Drivers of Productivity, Efficiency, Growth and Profit Edited by Erdener Kaynak & Talha D. Harcar, ISBN No: 1-888624-14-0.

Sumanta S. Sharma, Assistant Professor SOPC, attended Special Summer School on Disaster Management from 18-05-2015 to 06-06-2015 at UGC Human Resource and Development Centre, Himachal Pradesh University, Shimla.

Talks Delivered by Faculty

Dr. Vandhana Sharma, Director, SoL&L was resource person in 5 days Translators’ Orientation Programme on Knowledge Text Translation in Dogri organized by National Translation Mission, Central Institute in Indian Languages and School of Languages and Literature, SMVDU and conducted a session on “Translatability of Literary Texts: Issues and Challenges” on 3rd June, 2015.

Dr. Vandhana Sharma, Director, SoL&L was Resource Person in a Refresher Course for Personal Staff of High Court Judges at State Judicial Academy, Jammu and delivered a talk on “Enhancing Writing Skills in English” on 25th June, 2015.

PRO Awarded

Mr. RajanBadyal, Public Relation officer of University was felicitated by J&K state Integration & Public Relation society for his outstanding and remarkable contributions in the field of societal integration and Public Relations in different spheres of life. Smt. PriyaSethi, Hon’ble MOS Education, culture and information J&K, who was chief guest on the occasion honoured Sh. Rajan Badyal in an impressive function organized at Press club Jammu.