



UPCOMING EVENTS

National Seminar on Recent Trends in Mathematical Sciences from 8th - 9th Oct. 2015

Earthquake Hazard: Basic Approaches, Field Investigations and Modeling from 10th-16th Nov. 2015

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Campus Jottings

National Seminar on Economics of 'Make in India'

The two day National Seminar on "Economics of Make-in-India" organized by School of Economics, Faculty of Management, in collaboration with the Indian Economic Association was inaugurated in Matrika Auditorium on 29th Sept. 2015. Smt. Priya Sethi, Minister of State for Education, Culture and Information was the Chief Guest & the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Sudhir K. Jain, chaired the session. In his address, the Vice



Chancellor emphasized on the real meaning of Make-in-India and added that we should be Job creators rather than Job seekers. In the inaugural address, Smt. Priya Sethi highlighted the vision of Make-in-India and the path of development of the country. Mr. Ashutosh Sareen, Vice President, J & K Bank, Zonal Office, Jammu spoke about the services available from the J & K Bank. Dr. Anil Kumar Thakur, General Secretary and Treasurer IEA spoke about the objectives of IEA. Dr. Deepti Taneja, Public Relations Officer of Indian Economics Association threw light on the theme of the Seminar. Prof. V. K. Bhat, Dean, Faculty of Management delivered the formal welcome address.

The Seminar evoked tremendous response with good number of academicians and scholars from different parts of India. Dr. Kakali Majumdar Local



Organizing Secretary, I/c Director, SoE delivered the vote of thanks.

Foundation Day Celebration

Celebrating the spirit of achieving academic excellence, the Foundation Day of Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University was observed in a mood of retrospection, introspection and future vision and re-vision in the Matrika auditorium on 1st September, 2015. It was on 1st September, 1999 that the University Act was notified and the existence of the University came into being. On this occasion a “*Faculty-Student Brainstorming Session on Achieving Academic Excellence*” was held in the presence of the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Sudhir K. Jain, Deans, Directors, Registrar, Faculty, Staff members and Students. The session was coordinated by Prof. V. Verma, Dean, Faculty of Engineering who invited Prof. Sudhir K. Jain, Vice Chancellor SMVD University to inaugurate the occasion. While addressing the audience, the Vice Chancellor stressed upon the essentials of excellence such as achievement, motivation, priority to hard work, and developing competence and other significant parameters of seizing quality of learning and teaching. Prof. V. Verma continued the session by asserting on the importance of team work. Prof. Mukhopadhyaya, Dean, Faculty of Management discussed the various domains of Management prevalent presently in the University. The session was taken over by Prof. V.K. Bhat, Dean, Faculty of Sciences who underlined the importance of time management and right direction for achieving one’s goals. Dr. Vandhana Sharma, Dean, Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences drew attention towards the relevance of education, its challenges and avenues in the University. Mr. Bhupendra Singh, the General Secretary of Students’ Affairs Council was the last speaker in the session who laid importance on the motive of life to move ahead in one’s career and future. The session concluded by an interactive session wherein, the students also participated enthusiastically suggesting the importance of teachers as the torch bearers in the lives of students.



24th Academic Council Held

The Twenty-fourth meeting of the Academic Council of University was held in the University campus on 18th September, 2015. Chaired by the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Sudhir K. Jain, the Council reviewed the action taken on the decisions taken in the 22nd & 23rd meeting of Academic Council which were ratified in the Executive Council. The action taken was followed by deliberations & recommendations on adoption of UGC Choice Based Credit System; review of Students Merit-cum-Means Scholarships; starting M.Tech.(Renewable Energy) full-time programme; introduction of Inter-University credit transfer. Further, the Council deliberated over constitution of School Research Committees in all Academic Schools in view of the fact that each School in the University has grown in terms of faculty & research, therefore, instead of existing Faculty Research Committees, School Research Committees will enhance research output administratively. The Council also deliberated & recommended various other academic enhancements in curricula for ratification in the Executive Council. Another significant decision taken in the meeting was creation of position of Dean of Faculty Affairs and modification in the mission statement of University so as to make it more applicable to society. Certain other important student friendly decisions were taken in the meeting like creation of position of Research Associate which will prove beneficial for the young Ph.D. students.



हिन्दी पखवाड़ा समारोह आयोजित

श्री माता वैष्णो देवी विश्वविद्यालय में हिन्दी पखवाड़े के उपलक्ष्य में 14-28 सितम्बर 2015 के मध्य अनेक कार्यक्रमों का आयोजन किया गया। इनमें हिन्दी स्वरमान, लिखावट, कविता रचना, निबन्ध लेखन, वाद-विवाद आदि प्रतियोगिताओं का आयोजन किया गया जिसमें बड़ी संख्या में विद्यार्थियों और कर्मचारियों ने भाग लिया। 24th सितम्बर 2015 को कला, संस्कृति एवं भाषा अकादमी, जम्मू-कश्मीर के सौजन्य से एक कवि सम्मेलन और मुशायरे का आयोजन किया गया। इसमें रियासी जनपद के जाने माने कवि और शायरों ने अपनी रचनाओं से लोगों का मन मोह लिया। इस समागम की शुरुआत डॉ० अमिताभ द्विवेदी के हाल में ही प्रकाशित काव्य-संग्रह “चिनार का सूखा पत्ता” के विमोचन से हुई। कार्यक्रम के मुख्य अतिथि विश्वविद्यालय के माननीय कुलपति प्रो० सुधीर कुमार जैन तथा विशिष्ट अतिथि कुलसचिव श्री अजय खजूरिया थे। इसकी अध्यक्षता हिन्दी और डोगरी के जाने माने लेखक प्रो० शिव निर्मोही ने किया। अकादमी के अधिकारियों में अतिरिक्त सचिव डॉ० अरविंदर सिंह अमन, अकादमी की द्विमासिक पत्रिका शीराजा की संपादक श्रीमती अजरा चौधरी, सहायक संपादक श्रीमती रीटा खटयाल, कार्यक्रम के समन्वयक श्री अशोक गुप्ता आदि उपस्थित थे। 28 सितम्बर 2015 की शाम को हिन्दी पखवाड़े का समापन समारोह हुआ जिसमें अनेक विद्यार्थियों ने रंगारंग सांस्कृतिक कार्यक्रम प्रस्तुत किया। इस कार्यक्रम में पुरस्कार वितरण और विद्यार्थियों के उत्साह वर्धन के लिए विश्वविद्यालय के माननीय कुलपति प्रो० सुधीर कुमार जैन मुख्य अतिथि के रूप में विद्यमान थे। हिन्दी पखवाड़े के आयोजन में छात्र-प्रतिनिधियों में अभयदीप, हिमांशु गर्ग एवं नयन तिवारी की विशेष भूमिका उल्लेखनीय है। यह आयोजन छात्र कल्याण अधिष्ठाता डॉ० युगल खजूरिया, छात्र सांस्कृतिक गतिविधि बोर्ड के अध्यक्ष डॉ० वरुण कुमार त्रिपाठी, छात्र प्रकाशन बोर्ड के अध्यक्ष डॉ० अनिल कुमार तिवारी एवं छात्र प्रकाशन बोर्ड के उपाध्यक्ष डॉ० अमिताभ विक्रम द्विवेदी के निर्देशन में सम्पन्न हुआ।



Software Freedom Day Celebrated

Software Freedom Day is a worldwide celebration of Free & Open Source and Software. Being an Alma Mater of numerous Open Source Contributors and Supporters, SMVDU was a part of SFD 2015 celebrations at 124 different venues worldwide this year. The SMVDU went a step ahead in celebrations and extended this fiesta to a whole week from 21st to 27th September. Information about various events and official registration for the various events were done through the official website of SFD created by SMVDU students: <http://sfd.smvdu.net.in>. Inauguration of the event was done by the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, Prof. Sudhir K Jain. Dr. Ajay Kaul, Director, CSE & the Convener of the event Mr. Anuj Mahajan, Assistant Prof. CSE were also present during the inaugural ceremony. In the inaugural address, Prof. Sudhir K Jain highlighted the importance of FOSS software in the technological era. Dr. Ajay Kaul and Mr. Anuj Mahajan of the event enlightened the audience with their knowledge on FOSS and the vision for the School of CSE. Mr. Atul Mishra, a final year CSE student, introduced the importance of FOSS, why should we use it and opportunities for students in this field. The SFD celebrations included workshops on Linux, GitHub, Network Security, Android, Web Technologies, and Python along with competitions by students and a special Guest Lecture by Mr. Navdeep Singh Gill, Founder & CEO at XenonStack, RayCare and Founder at Spartan Startups X.



Concordance 2015

The Annual Fresher's meet CONCORDANCE 2015 was celebrated with great zeal and fervour in the Matrika auditorium of University. Concordance in SMVDU is an occasion for cordial get together of seniors and juniors besides being an initiative of the senior students to provide a platform to the freshers' to showcase their talent. The Board of Cultural Activities of the Students' Council, which is one of the student-empowering initiatives of the University organized the programme. The Vice Chancellor, Prof. Sudhir K. Jain, Registrar, Deans & Directors and faculty members also attended the function which was organized under the aegis of the Board of Cultural Activities. Mr. Anand Upadhyay, welcomed the audience by reciting his creativity in the form of poetry to energize the gathering and highlighted the features of being a student of SMVDU. The schedule had many events such as Dance, Song, Folk song depicting J&K's culture followed by an enthusiastic Drum Solo performance by the Mr. Nayan Tiwari, Mr. and Ms. Fresher's crown were given to Mr. Raghav and Ms. Akriti.

Faculty Update

Prof. V.Verma, Dean, Faculty of Engineering & Director, School of Biotechnology, SMVDU, Katra was nominated to attend Two-Day National Seminar on Quality Concerns in Higher Education from 10th -11th Sept, 2015 at Central University Kashmir, Srinagar. Prof. Verma chaired the session on ICT in Education wherein 8 papers were presented by faculty from various institutes & universities participating in the seminar.

Prof. V.Verma, Dean Faculty of Engineering & Director School of Biotechnology, SMVDU, Katra being a members of the high level RESEARCH COUNCIL of National Botanical Research Institute (CSIR), Lucknow was invited to attend its 44th RC meeting on 19th -20th Sept. 2015. The meeting was chaired by Prof. S.K. Sopory, VC, JNU, New Delhi, scientists from various research fields presented their research work. The interaction with the scientists of NBRI was very useful and the ideas & data would be shared with the faculty of School of Biotechnology of the university for updating their information & data.

Faculty Publications & Conference Paper Presentations

Prof.(Dr.) D. Mukhopadhyay, Dean , FOM & Dr. Pabitra Kumar Jena, Assistant Professor, SOE published a paper entitled " Autonomy in Higher Education: some Critical Reflections" in the University News-A Weekly Journal of Higher Education", Vol. No. 53 Issue No-33, pp 6-10.

Dr. Pabitra Kumar Jena, Assistant Professor, SOE & Debi Prasad Bal, Research Scholar, IIT Hyderabad published a paper entitled " An Econometric Analysis of Willingness-to-Pay for Evaluating the Economic Value of Bhitarkanika National Park" in the Journal of Tourism, Vol. No 15, Issue 1 &2, pp. 37-50.

Mr. Azher Jameel, Assistant Professor, SME published a paper entitled " Fatigue crack growth in presence of material discontinuities by EFGM" in the International Journal of Fatigue 81 (2015) 105–116.

Publications by Non-Teaching

Mr. Deepak Sharma , Technical Assistant, School of Computer Science and Engineering, presented a research paper in "National Conference & Exhibition on emerging and Innovative trends in Engineering Technology" held in Government College of Engineering and Technology Jammu ,15th -16th Sept. 2015.

Students Update

Mrs. Ruchi Shah, a research scholar in the School of Biotechnology has been awarded the Women's Scientist Research grant by DST-Govt. of India in the field of Life Sciences. The "Women Scientists Scheme-A (WOS-A)" is for research in basic and applied sciences by the Department of Science and Technology (DST) for providing opportunities to women scientists. In this project, she will be carrying out "Gastric carcinoma research in population of Jammu and Kashmir" under the guidance of Dr Swarkar Sharma, Assistant Professor, School of Biotechnology, SMVDU.

The students of School of Architecture and Landscape Design B.Arch (semester-V) visited the Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Narayana Super Speciality Hospital, Kakryal, Katra, Jammu & Kashmir for their Building services class, they were accompanied by Ar. Abhimanyu Sharma and Ar. Snehal Sharma, Faculty of SALD.

Students of Semester-V of School of Architecture & Landscape design (SALD), visited GGM Science College which was known as Prince of Wales College before Independence. Study Visit was conducted to do the onsite measurement of GGM Science College buildings in order to prepare detailed Architectural Drawings for their Measure Drawing course (B. Arch, Sem-V). Study visit was partially sponsored by INTACH, Jammu chapter headed by Mr. S N Sahni who also accompanied the students for the entire day and also gave a motivational talk to students regarding importance of conservation of Heritage Buildings and the role being played by INTACH in this context. Ar. A K Singh, Ar. Abhimanyu Sharma, Ar. Snehal Sharma and Ar. Tahir Ahmed of SALD coordinated and accompanied the study visit.



World Outside

A full day on Pluto is approximately 153 hours long (6.39 Earth-days). The 'New Horizons' spacecraft photographed the dayside and night side of the dwarf planet Pluto when it flew past its closest approach with Pluto in July 2015. The result is not just beautiful, but also holds the first hint of alien weather on the distant world.

