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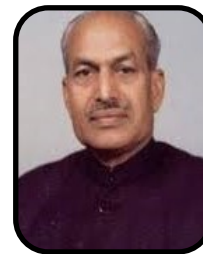
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Campus Jottings

J&K Vice Chancellors' Forum Meeting

J&K Vice Chancellors' Forum meeting was held in the SMVDU campus on 24th January 2016. In addition to several important decisions, all the Vice Chancellors of the Universities in J&K signed an MoU which includes exchange of faculty and scientific & technical information, formation of research groups, joint supervision of Post-graduate and Ph.D. students, jointly organizing events such as conferences, workshops, and training programs as well as training of students of all the Institutions as per the facilities for promoting academic and research co-operation and collaboration on bilateral or multilateral basis. On this occasion, a farewell was also given to Prof. I. A. Hamal, Former Vice Chancellor, BGSB University who handed over charge to his successor recently, Prof. A. R. Trag, the outgoing Vice Chancellor of Islamic University of Science & Technology, Awatipura and Prof. Sudhir K. Jain, the outgoing Vice Chancellor of SMVDU University, Katra (J&K).

SMVDU Pays Homage to Gen. K.V. Krishna Rao Former Governor of J&K



The University condoled the sad demise of the former Governor of J&K (1989-1990, 1993-1998) & Chairman, Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine Board, Gen. K. V. Krishna Rao, who left for his heavenly abode on 30th Jan. 2016. His visionary planning resulted into subsequent creation of Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University through Legislative Assembly Act in Aug. 1999. The Vice Chancellor, Faculty, Staff and Students of the University paid homage to Gen. K.V. Krishna Rao and prayed for the departed soul to rest in peace.



Republic Day

The 67th Republic Day of India was celebrated in the premises of Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University with pomp & show. The Vice Chancellor Prof. S. K. Jain unfurled the Tricolor at the Inauguration Pavilion in the presence of Registrar, Deans, Directors, faculty members, staff and students. In his address, Prof. Jain extended his warm greetings to everyone present on the auspicious occasion of Republic day. He advised everyone to work constructively and help India to achieve new heights. The flag hoisting was followed by a cultural program in which sparkling performances by students were presented in Matrika Auditorium such as skit presented by Theatre Club, SMVDU; patriotic songs, poetry and group dance by Vikalp students.



Workshop on Constitution of India

Department of Philosophy & Culture organized a One-Week Workshop on the “Constitution of India” from 18th – 25th Jan. 2016 to enrich the understanding of the Constitution of India amongst students. The one week workshop was an interactive and significant platform for participants. Former State Information Commissioner and Professor and Former Dean (Retd.) Faculty of Law, University of Jammu, Prof. S. K. Sharma delivered a special lecture on the Constitution of Jammu & Kashmir in the workshop. In his lecture, Prof. Sharma briefly covered the history of formation of the Constitution of Jammu & Kashmir, highlighted the main features and the crux of Article 370 of the Indian Constitution and dispelled a number of confusions about it. The Vice Chancellor, Prof. Sudhir K. Jain presided over the lecture and gave relevant inputs with a call for relooking into the matter of permanent resident-ship and land acquisition related provisions keeping in view the future economic growth of State so as to generate huge employment for the youth of State which is a dire need of the time. The session was followed by extensive discussion by faculty, students and research scholars. Prof. M. L. Sharma, Professor (Retd.) from SKIMS, who was sharing the dais with other dignitaries, also offered valuable comments. Mr. Sumanta Sharma, Dr. Ashoka Tarai, Dr. Surendra Singh were also present. Dr. V. K. Tripathi, Director, Department of Philosophy & Culture and organizer of the workshop presented vote of thanks. The workshop concluded with a special Lecture by Mr. M. K. Sharma, II Additional Sessions Judge, Jammu who spoke on the topic “Indian Judicial System”. In his lecture Mr. M. K. Sharma described Constitution, its goals and challenges and dwelt over the data available with the apex court, the number of pending cases with the Supreme Court. He also enlightened the participants about the ‘mediating’ process in which a mediator facilitates the sitting of the parties which leads to the decision that is acceptable to both parties. The lecture was followed by a Valedictory Session for giving away the participation certificates. The participation certificates to the participants were given by guest speaker Mr. M. K. Sharma. Mr. Vineet Dubey stood first, Mr. Ubaid Bashit stood second and Mr. Abhinav Shukla and Mr. Rishabh Suri secured third position and Mr. Chandan Maurya was given consolation prize. The event concluded with a vote of thanks by Dr. V. K. Tripathi.



Faculty Update

Raman Fellowship Award

Dr. Vivek Kr. Singh, Assistant Professor, Department of Physics, Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University, has been awarded the prestigious Raman Post-doctoral Fellowship in USA for the year 2015-16 by the University Grants Commission, Govt. of India. The fellowship, which will be of 12 months duration, will be hosted at the Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory (LBNL) operated by the Regents of the University of California for the U.S. Department of Energy. The Laser Technologies Group at LBNL is a world-recognized group in laser-ablation chemical analysis. Dr. Singh's current research is focused on "Use and advancement of laser induced breakdown spectroscopy (LIBS) in chemical analysis and chemical imaging applications particularly in the area of Renewable Energy". This fellowship will provide an opportunity to have international collaborative research opportunity, training in advanced techniques and technologies in renewable energy and forge long-term relationship with distinguished experts in this field in USA.



Mr. Balbir Singh, Assistant Professor, SME attended AICTE recognized short term course on "CNC Machines: Operation and Programming" from 18 -22 Jan 2016 at NITTTR Chandigarh.

Sharma, Anoop Kumar (2016). Revitalizing the Urban Development Scenario- Contemporary Katra Town. *Procedia - Social and Behavioral Sciences* 216 (2016) pp. 236-248 . DOI information: 10.1016/j.sbspro.2015.12.033. (Elsevier, Science Direct).

Ankush Anand, Mir Irfan UI Haq and Karan Vohra published a paper on "Wear and Friction Behaviour of Self Lubricating Polytetrafluoroethylene Under Dry Conditions" in *Materials Focus*, Volume 4, Number 6, December 2015, pp397-508

Dr. Vivek Kr. Singh, Assistant Professor, Department of Physics attended Two-Week Faculty Development Programme on "Carving Human Recourses: Approaches & Procedures" Sponsored by the All India Council of Technical Education (AICTE), Government of India Organized by School of Business, Faculty of Management, Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University, Jammu & Kashmir during 21st December, 2015 to 3rd January, 2016.

Neharika, Vinay Kumar, Jitendra Sharma, Vivek K. Singh, O.M. Ntwaeaborwa, H.C. Swart, "Surface and spectral studies of green emitting $\text{Sr}_3\text{B}_2\text{O}_6:\text{Tb}^{3+}$ phosphor," *Journal of Electron Spectroscopy and Related Phenomena* 206:52-57, 2016, *Publisher: Elsevier, Impact Factor: 1.436*.

Students Update

Site Study Trip

Students of Department of Architecture & Landscape Design visited the proposed Live site for IIM at Jammu situated near Nagrota for their semester design problem on 19th Jan. 2016. Such Site Studies are necessary for any 'Architectural Designs' carried out by Architects in Professional Practice and in Academics. Students along with their course coordinators, Faculty members comprised the visiting team.



MBA Student's Industrial Visit

An Industrial Visit of MBA 2nd semester student of School of Business was organized to Bari Brahma Industrial area on 23rd January 2016. The visit covered two companies namely Uflex Ltd. (Unit 3) Bari Brahma and Sudhir Power Ltd, Bari Brahma. The objective of the visit was to familiarize students with the recent trends and practices in operations management. Dr. Sanjay Kumar Mishra coordinated the visit.



Ms. Jyotsna Sharma, Ph. D. Student, Department of Biotechnology working under the supervision of Dr. Sharada M. Potukuchi, Associate Professor, Biotechnology attended and presented a paper under the BEST POSTER CATEGORY entitled “*In Vitro* Regeneration, Biochemical Screening and Synthesis of Bioactive Nanoparticles from Shoot-tip Explants of *Kickxia ramosissima* (Wall.) Janch” in the Plant Sciences Section organised by Indian Science Congress Association (ISCA) at University of Mysore, Mysuru from 3rd to 7th January, 2016.

Ms. Savita Sharma, Ph. D. Student, Department of Biotechnology working under the supervision of Dr. Sharada M. Potukuchi, Associate Professor, Biotechnology attended and presented a paper entitled “Optimization of Culture Media for Micropropagation and Production of Boeravinones in *Boerhavia diffusa*” in the Five day National Conference “103rd Indian Science congress 2015” in the Plant Sciences Section organised by Indian Science Congress Association (ISCA) at University of Mysore, Mysuru from 3rd to 7th January, 2016.

SMVDU Students Attend Seminar on Human Rights

White Knight Corps organized a seminar on Human Rights on 18th December 2015 at Sangha Auditorium at Akhnoor. Centered on the theme ‘Human Rights Issues and their Impact on the Security Forces- The Road Ahead’, the Seminar was an effort by the Indian Army to increase awareness on the issues related to Human Rights and to generate new ideas through mutual exchange of experiences and thoughts of eminent participants at the seminar.

The audience of large number was drawn from a wide spectrum of the society to include officers from the Army, BSF, CRPF, JKP and Education departments along-with the large gathering of students of various age groups from different schools and Universities. Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University was also cordially invited and a group of students participated in the event, under the supervision of Mr. Samir Vohra, Assistant Registrar, (Student Affairs) and Bhupendra Pratap Singh, Gen. Secy., SAC. The proceedings were followed by an Open House Discussion. The seminar highlighted the Army’s unabated efforts in engaging all the sections of the society in their endeavor to generate awareness about Human Rights. The seminar culminated with the closing address by Lt. General NPS Hira, Chief of Staff Northern Command.

