



Campus Jottings

Republic Day Celebrated



The 69th Republic Day was celebrated with fanfare and gaiety. Vice Chancellor Prof. Sanjeev Jain took the guard of honour given by the security staff and unfurled the National Flag at 10am at the Inaugural plaza. In his public address, he highlighted that the present day education system has a great onus as it has to enrich and equip the upcoming generation with adequate skills and acumen for self-employment. Knowledge has to be translated into services; it has to be directed towards solving the problems of our society. He also congratulated the faculty and staff of the University for showing a missionary temper for taking the University to the heights it deserves. Further, he briefed about the new projects for infrastructure development, new academic programs, and new facilities which are rapidly coming up. He also expressed satisfaction over the NBA accreditation achieved by the School of Business this year. The students presented a cultural program on the occasion, in which Palak Sharma and group presented a song; Theater Club presented a mime directed by Raghav Thakur, Anurag Sharma presented a *bhajan*, Ipsila Verma and group presented a musical performance. The kids of faculty and staff and the kids of Vikalp program also presented cultural performances. Certificates were given to the various winners of in-house events and to the participants of the 7 Day Workshop on Indian Constitution organized by the School of Philosophy & Culture, which was coordinated by Dr. Anil K. Tewari. On the occasion, Prof. D. Mukhopadhyay, Dean Faculty of Management & Dr. Yugal Khajuria, Dean of Students, faculty, staff and members of families were present. Dr. V.K. Tripathi, President BCA welcomed all guests and Dr. Rakesh Kumar, Vice President BCA presented vote of thanks. The cultural session was conducted by Kushboo Julfi and Paras Dubey.

Everyday Is A New Opportunity
To Have A Fresh Start.
Happy New Year

2018

UPCOMING EVENTS

- National Conference on Emerging Trends in Material Science-2018 from 7th – 8th Feb, 2018
- FDP on Sustainable Design and Manufacturing from 12th -16th Feb, 2018
- International Conference on Economic Growth and Structural Changes from 23th - 24th Feb, 2018

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Workshop on Research Methodology

A Five-Day National Workshop on “Research Methodology & Current Research Trends” from 22nd -26th January, 2018 was organized by School of Languages and Literature. Prof. Sudhir Pandey from Ahmedabad University, Gujarat and Prof. Hemanga Dutta, Post-Doc. (MIT, Cambridge US) from Department of Linguistics and Contemporary English, EFLU, Hyderabad were the resource persons. There were sixty participants, including local participants and delegates from different States. Dr. Anurag Kumar, Assistant Professor, School of Languages and Literature and the convener of the National Workshop, presented the welcome address. Dr. Amitabh Vikram Dwivedi, Head, School of Languages and Literature and the coordinator of the event presented the inaugural address. Dr. Varun Kumar Tripathi, Dean, Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences presented the formal address and highlighted the significance of such workshops on research. In his address, he also congratulated Dr. Amitabh Vikram Dwivedi and his entire team for enthusiastically organizing such valuable events. Ms. Isha Malhotra, Assistant Professor, School of Languages and Literature concluded the session by proposing the vote of thanks.



Workshop on IPR and Patent Filing

Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University Technology Business Incubation Centre, Startup Cell SMVDU under TEQIP-III and IP Management Standing Committee (IPMSC) SMVDU conducted a free workshop on know-how of IPR and patent filing procedures on January 23, 2017.

The workshop was conducted by Dr. Sachindra Pandey and Mr. Anupam Trivedi of K&S Partners, New Delhi, a TIFAC Govt. of India approved firm. The firm deals with all aspects of Intellectual Property rights



including patents, designs, trademarks, copyright, geographical indications trade secrets and related matters. The main objective of this workshop was to increase the awareness of patent filing and its various aspects like how to search, draft including filing and prosecution procedure etc. SMVDU-TBIC also provides support to inventors from the State, to incubate their idea at SMVDU with financial support as well as exploitation of the IP support facility to seek patenting of their ideas. In continuation, SMVDU-TBIC is constantly supporting the Startups and potential entrepreneurs in the state keeping in view, the enormous capabilities especially in sectors of Engineering (Electronics, Robotics, E-commerce, GSM/GPRS based Technology, Alternative Energy Management, Biosensors), Information Technology, Architecture, Biotechnology, Healthcare, Agriculture, Horticulture, Handicrafts Hospitality & Tourism etc. TBIC Manager Ms. Nikita Jain and Secretary Mr. Vicky Kaw facilitate Incubatees. The focus of the team is on fostering entrepreneurial environment in the State of J&K.

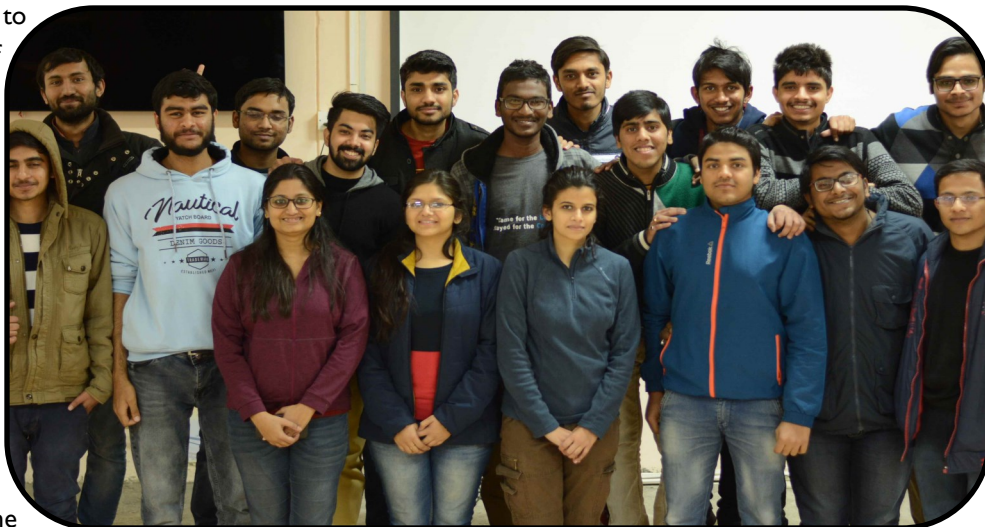
World Hindi Day celebrated

The Hindi Cell organized the celebration of World Hindi Day (Vishva Hindi Diwas) on 10th January 2018. The celebration began with the invocation of Dr. Anil K. Tewari, Nodal Officer of the Cell, regarding the need of celebrating this Day. He informed that it is meant for popularizing Hindi language in the world and above all enabling the language to be adopted in the study of science and technology. To showcase the possibility, a presentation on the relevance of solar energy was made by Vibushit Gupta, Rudraksh S. Gupta and Nipun, M. Tech students of School of Energy Management. They informed that the Central Government provides 70% subsidy for the installation of solar panels for household purposes. In the end, Nikhil Khajuria, B. Tech student of School of Mechanical Engineering cited his Hindi poem titled “Behan”. The event concluded with a vote of thanks by Mr. Vivek Kumar, student Coordinator of the event.



Linux Week conducted

With the emergence and growth rate of Technology in today's world it is advantageous to know the tit-bits of the various fields of the IT industry and have an exposure to it at student life itself. To make sure of the same, Members of FOSS@SMVDU organized "Linux Week", a peer teaching-learning event which focused upon making the students of B.Tech. comfortable with the Linux Environment and aware about the world of Free and Open Source Software (FOSS) which we use in our daily lives in some or the other way. The event was attended by around 60 B.Tech. Students. They also witnessed a Special Guest Session in which the



student interacted with 3 experts working in IT industry, who also empower Women in Tech by running Indian Chapters of Various International Groups like PyLadies, LinuxChix etc. Pushplata Ranjan, Senior Software Engineer at Essentia SoftServ & Leader of PyLadies Delhi, Shivani Bhardwaj, Software Engineer at Essentia & Organizer of LinuxChix India and also an alumna of SMVDU, and Priyal Trivedi, Full Stack Developer at Analytics Vidhya & Organizer of LinuxChix India were the Guest Speakers. The organizing team included the Students of 2nd & 3rd Year of School of Computer Science & Engineering who have knowledge and experience of Linux & FOSS. The event was a great success and gave the students hands on experience on Linux Environment along with the utmost needed industry exposure. More events are promised to be organized by the FOSS@SMVDU & Code-Club team.

Workshop on Indian Constitution Organized

A Ten-Day Workshop on Indian Constitution was organized by School of Philosophy & Culture from 16th – 25th Jan. to create awareness among the students regarding the principles and provisions of Indian Constitution and Indian Political System. This is in pursuit of preparing an informed and responsible citizenry for a better future of our Nation in which 20 students from various streams of university participated. The main topics were the Historical Background of Indian Constitution, Preamble, Union and its Territory, Citizenship, Fundamental Rights, Directive Principles of State Policy, Fundamental Duties, Executive, Legislature and Business of the Union and also a survey of the Constitution of Jammu & Kashmir State. The resource persons of the workshop included Dr. Varun Kumar Tripathi, Assoc. Prof., Dr. Anil Kumar Tewari and Mr. Sumanta Sarathi Sharma, Asst. Profs., SoPC along with two students, Mr. Ratandeep Sharma and Mr. Abhinav Shukla, who were the winner and runner of the last year's workshop. The workshop concluded with a quiz to assess the level of learning of the students. The prizes were distributed by Prof. D. Mokhopadhyay, Dean, Faculty of Management, in the presence of Dr. Yugal Khajuria, Dean of Students, Dr. Varun Kumar Tripathi, President, Board of Cultural Activities (BCA) and the workshop coordinator Dr. Anil Tewari among the students for their excellent performance in the test. Mr. Akshit Gupta got First Prize and Mr. Sandeep Kumar Tiwari got Second Prize. Mr. Kumar Vaibhav and Mr. Abhishek Kumar shared Third Prize. Two students Mr. K.V. Harishankar and Ms. Palak Magal were given Consolation Prizes.



National Youth Day Celebrated



The School of Philosophy & Culture organized an interactive session on “Exchanging Ideas for Transforming India” to celebrate 155th Birth Anniversary of Swami Vivekananda, the sage and visionary of modern India, on 12th January 2018. The session was moderated by Dr. Anil Tewari, Asst. Prof., SoPC. He began by saying that the event is organized to encourage the students to learn about the life, ideals and philosophy of Swami Vivekananda and apply them in their lives so as to become a valuable and harmonious part of not only the Indian society but also of the whole world. Students and faculty members of different Schools of the University participated in the event and exchanged their ideas. The interaction was followed by a meditation session.

Training Program for IFS Officers



“Choices made whether good or bad follow you forever and affect everyone in their path one way or another,” was the aim of one-week training program on “Effective Decision Making” for Indian Forests Services (IFS) officers, inaugurated on 29 Jan. The programme was organized by School of Business, Faculty of Management, with the financial support from Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change, Government of India. Describing the resources and scenic beauty of University, Prof. D. Mukhopadhyay, Dean, Faculty of Management, welcomed the participants and mentioned the relevance of theme of training program. Program Coordinator Dr. Jyoti Sharma extended warm welcome to the participating IFS officers nominated by MoEF for the program. She appraised the participants about the event. While introducing with the aim of the program, she underlined that the program will provide a helping hand to the participants to get an understanding about the different aspects of problems, generation of creative solutions, and deciding of which solution most closely matched their needs. Registrar Prof. V.K. Bhat congratulated the organizing team for regular conduction of such kind of programs at SMVDU. The training program comprised various interactive sessions which will be conducted by eminent resource persons to highlight a variety of creative problem-solving and decision-making tools and techniques and to develop successful and effective solutions. One day field visit will also be the part of the program. The IFS officers participating in this program belong to 19 different States of India including Gujrat, Karnataka, Madhya Pardesh, Assam, Chattisgarh, Maharashtra and J&K etc.

SMVDU Signs MoU with Department of Wildlife Protection, J & K

Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University Katra has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Department of Wildlife Protection, J & K Govt. to provide professional services pertaining to Architecture and Landscape design work of the proposed Jamboo Zoo complex at Jagti, Nagrota Jammu. The MoU has been signed by Prof. V. K. Bhat, Registrar, Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University, Kakryal Katra and Mr. Vinay Khajuria, Wildlife Warden, Jamboo Zoo, Department of Wildlife Protection J & K. Dr. V. S. Senthil Kumar, IFS, Conservator of Forests (Wildlife), Dr. Yugal Khajuria Dean Student Welfare and Ar. Abhiney Gupta, Asst. Prof. from School of Architecture and Landscape Design were also present. Both the parties shall try to promote the design and development of the proposed zoo complex on green and sustainable pattern.



Faculty Update

Faculty Conducted Training at NIFTEM

Dr. Supran Kumar Sharma, Associate Professor, School of Business, was invited as a resource person to conduct training sessions in the area of marketing management & marketing support available to MSME units in the Department of Science and Technology sponsored national level Faculty Development Programme organized by National Institute of Food Technology Entrepreneurship & Management Kundli, Delhi. Government of India conceptualized the National Institute of Food Technology Entrepreneurship & Management on persistent demand of the food industry to have an apex body as "One Stop Solution Provider" for the various problems of the sector. It is catering to the needs of various stakeholders such as entrepreneurs, industries, exporters, policy makers, government and existing institutions. The Programme witnessed participation from variety of research and educational institutes of national repute. By defining the Entrepreneur in a new perspective and with the concepts of Guerrilla Marketing, Ambush Marketing, Viral Marketing etc, Dr. Sharma contributed by contrasting between entrepreneurial marketing and traditional marketing. While emphasizing the importance of new business development in comparison to new product development, the process of risk analysis and hedging has been deliberated. With the help of empirical illustrations and by using case-based and video analysis methodology along with lecture sessions, he also highlighted the role of digital and social marketing for small entrepreneurs for instant, long-lasting and effective response.

Faculty members attended FDP at MNIT Jaipur

In pursuance of the mission for training, the faculty members at best of National and International levels; Ar. Navin Gupta, Ar. Abhimanyu Sharma and Ar. Anoop Sharma, Faculty members in SALD attended one week Faculty Development Program (FDP) at MNIT Jaipur in Dec. 2017. The title of the program was "Energy efficient Building Design" and Department of Architecture and Planning, Malviya National Institute of Technology (MNIT) Jaipur organized it. The program was organized in



collaboration with Council of Architecture's Training and Research Council (COA-TRC). The faculty development program was participated by faculty members and professionals from all across the country and more than 25 faculty members of different institutions in addition to practicing Architects attended it. The program focused upon various energy efficient guidelines related to contemporary building design. The experts of the area from MNIT Jaipur and various Govt. and Pvt. Agencies elaborated the various key features involved in present day energy conscious Design and Architecture. The energy efficient building Code (ECBC) was the main crux of the program. The facilitators also introduced various energy simulation software like 'Design-Build' and 'E-Quest' during the program. The main coordinator of the course Dr. Nand Kumar conducted special sessions of the energy conservation techniques of the Rajasthan Architecture. Dr. Tarush Chandra, Head of Architecture department-MNIT Jaipur delivered the concluding address of the course and congratulated one and all for successful and healthy interaction during the course.

Prof. Rajeev Garg delivered Key-Note address in National Seminar

Dr. Rajeev Garg, Professor and Head of School of Architecture and Landscape Design, was invited as Eminent Speaker in National Seminar organized by Apeejay School of Planning in Noida during 12th-13th January, 18. The National Seminar of Two days duration was organized on the theme "Architecture Theory and Praxis". In an interactive session entitled 'Rifts Challenges and Divergences in Architecture Education & Profession'; Dr. Garg presented his views and strategies to be adopted for Bridging GAPS in Academics and Profession of Architecture. He mentioned that multidimensional and effective training is necessary for all faculty members to contribute better in architectural education. His thoughts on uplifting standards of architectural education by adopting Learners Oriented Approach through an Outcome Based Curriculum were well received by the participants. Prof Vivek Sabherwal, Director Apeejay School of Planning and Architecture, Ar Vijay Garg, Vice President CoA, Ar. Balbir Verma, Former President IIA, Ar Yatin Pandya, Eminent Architect and Ar. Anurag Verma, Professor of Apeejay School of Planning and Architecture were also present and participated during the interactive concluding session. The faculty/staff members of the School also extended their warm appreciations for the successful deliberations of Dr. Garg in the seminar.



Dr. Rakesh Kumar delivered expert lecture at GGM Science College

Dr. Rakesh Kumar, Assistant Professor, School of Mathematics, delivered an Invited Talk in the 4th National Conference in Mathematics on Mathematical Sciences and Applications at GGM Science College, Jammu during 19th -20th January, 18. He also chaired one Technical Session. Dr. Kumar discussed his ongoing research work on Queuing Systems with Retention of Reneging Customers. The audience enjoyed the talk and got very much interested in the applications of such queuing systems. It is expected that some new research collaborations may take place in near future. Dr. Rakesh expressed his thanks to The organizers of the conference for inviting him in this national meeting.



Papers Published/Presented/Invited Talks

Sandeep Bhogal and Sunil Kumar (2018), published a Research Paper in January, 2018 on " Study on Non Response and Measurement Error using Double Sampling Scheme " in the Journal of Statistics Applications & Probability Letters. J. Stat. Appl. Pro. Lett. 5, No. 1, 43-52 (2018)

Dr. Ram Prakash, Assistant Professor, School of Physics has attended Short Term Course (STC/FDP) on "Optical Fibres: Potential and Applications (ICT32)" organized by Department of Applied Science at National Institute of Technical Teachers Training and Research (NITTTR), Chandigarh from 18th - 22th December, 2017. The course was also attended by various participants from 9 nodal centers of different parts of the country through ICT.

Sachin Kumar Gupta, S. H. Alsamhi and R. K. Saket, "Comparative Performance Analysis of AODV for CBR & VBR Traffic under Influence of ART & DPC", IEEE 11th International Conference on Industrial and Information Systems (ICIIS), IIT Roorkee, India, Pp: 112-117, Dec-2016. DOI: 10.1109/ICIINFS.2016.8262917

S. H. Alsamhi, Sachin Kumar Gupta, and N. S. Rajput, "Performance Evaluation of Broadband Service Delivery via Tethered Balloon Technology", IEEE 11th International Conference on Industrial and Information Systems (ICIIS), IIT Roorkee, India, Pp: 133-138, Dec-2016.

Dr. Ram Prakash, Assistant Professor, School of Physics, published a Paper entitled "Photoemission studies on (111) textured Cr doped Eu₂O₃ thin film" co-authored by Sandeep Kumar, Ram Prakash, R. J. Choudhary and D. M. Phase; Journal of Alloy and Compounds 738 (2018) 233-238. "Publisher: Elsevier B.V., Impact Factor: 3.133; DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jallcom.2017.12.133>.

Ummer Amin Sheikh, School of Mechanical Engineering, attended an International Conference on Composite Materials and Structures (ICCMS-2017) organized by Indian Institute of Technology Hyderabad India during 27th – 29th December 2017. He presented a research paper titled "Three Dimensional Large Deformation Elastoplastic Analysis by FEM using Total Lagrangian Approach". He is currently working under the guidance of Dr. Azher Jameel, Assistant Professor, School of Mechanical Engineering. The conference was attended by the delegates from all over the world.

Professor D.B Lata and Dr. Balbir Singh attended "Consultative meeting on Skill Gap Analysis & Skill Roadmap for J&K" on 4th Jan 2018, organized by Mission Directorate J&K State Skill Development Mission in collaboration with National Skill Development Corporation at R&B Guest House, Gandhi Nagar Jammu.

Dr. Balbir Singh, Dr. Ashutosh Vashisht and Dr. Rakesh Jha attended one day Regional workshop on "University Enterprise Architecture Framework" on 12 Jan 2018, organized by NIC at ICSSR, Panjab University, Chandigarh.

Dr. Balbir Singh attended 5 days workshop "ZED Master Trainer Training Programme", 15th -19th Jan, 2018 organized by QCI empanelled Allied Boston at Topic Institute, Gurugram, Haryana.

Dr. Pabitra Kuamr Jena, Assistant Professor, School of Economics published a paper titled Role of Infrastructure for success of Make in India Programme: An Empirical Analysis in *The Indian Economic Journal*, Special Issue Related to Sectoral Performance in Agriculture, Manufacturing and Service Sector, pp. 122-131, Listed in ABDC Ranking.

New Appointments

Prof. Latta joined as Head, School of Mechanical Engineering

Prof. Devdas Bikulal Latta joined as Head of the School of Mechanical Engineering. Prof. Latta has a vast teaching and research experience of around 30 years. He has previously served in BIT Mesra, Ranchi. Prof. Latta is specialized in Thermal and Internal Combustion Engines. Apart from one book, he has published around 25 research papers both in International and National journals of high repute. Prof. Latta has completed 04 sponsored projects. He is also serving editorial board member and reviewer of various international journals. The faculty members of School of Mechanical Engineering, SMVDU welcomed Prof. Latta in the School.



Dr. Rakesh Jha joined as Associate Professor

Dr. Rakesh Jha, a leading specialist in the wireless technology joined as an Associate Professor, in the School of Electronics and Communication Engineering. Dr. Jha is leading numerous researches in wireless communication, power optimizations, wireless security issues and optical fiber communication. He has received his PhD degree from NIT Surat, India. M. Tech from NIT Jalandhar, India. He is an author of most popular article on IEEE Xplore including all IEEE Transactions/Journal since last two years. He has published more than 40 Journal Papers out of which more than 20 are in SCI Journal including IEEE Transactions, IEEE Journal, Elsevier, Springer, Taylor & Francis, Hindwai etc. He has published papers Interference including ITU-T, IEEE ANTS, INDICON, IEEE ANTS, and APAN. Dr. Jha's concept related to router of Wireless Communication has been accepted by ITU (International Telecommunication Union) in 2010. He has received young scientist author award by ITU in Dec 2010. He has also received APAN fellowship in 2011 and 2012. He is a member of IEEE, GISFI and SIAM, International Association of Engineers (IAENG), ACCS (Advance Computing and Communication Society), CSI etc.



Students Update

Students qualify UGC-NET

Tahir Fazal Choudhary, S/O Fazal Hussain Rahi of village Panihad, Tehsil Koteranka, District Rajouri, has qualified the UGC National Eligibility Test (NET) in Economics, the result of which was declared by UGC recently. He is currently a 4th year student of Five Year Integrated M.Sc. Economics Course at Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University Katra, and has done schooling from International School Rajouri. Vice Chancellor Dr. Sanjeev Jain, Head of the School of Economics Prof. B. Kamaiah, and all faculty members of the School congratulated Mr. Tahir.



Mrs. Sunali Bindra, D/o Saroj & Anil Bindra and W/o Karan Gupta, qualified the UGC National Eligibility Test (NET), the result of which was declared by UGC recently. She is currently pursuing her Ph.D. in School of Business under the supervision of Dr. Saurabh & Dr. Deepak Jain at Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University, in the area of dynamic capabilities. Head School of Business, SMVDU, Dr. Sushil Mehta applauded the efforts of the student. Vice Chancellor Dr. Sanjeev Jain, congratulated Mrs Sunali Bindra and said that the University provides the platform and all suitable support for achieving the academic excellence.

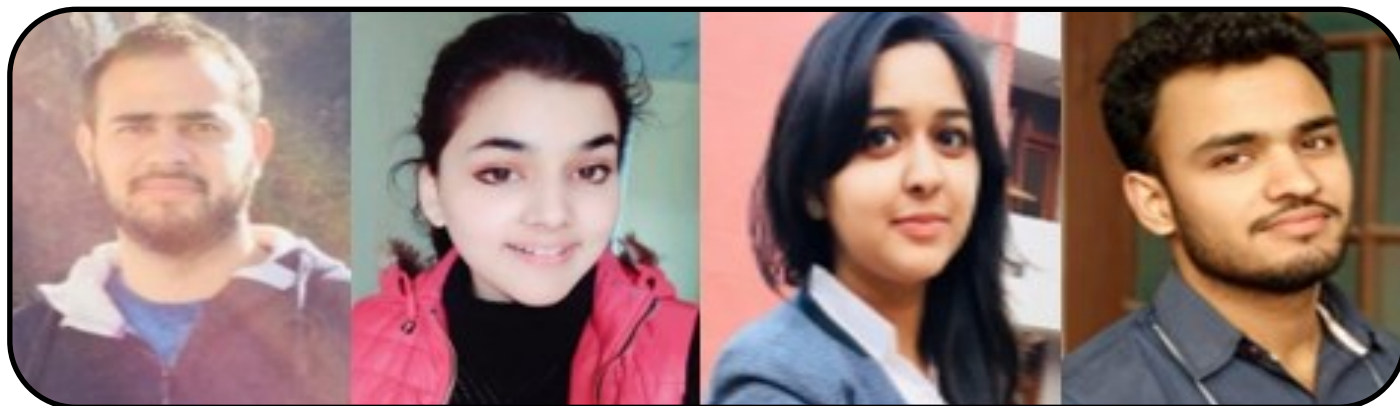


Devtulya qualifies JRF

Mr. Devtulya Chander S/O Hirdesh Chander, R/O Poonch Lines Muthi Jammu, has qualified the UGC CSIR National Eligibility Test (NET) and also the Junior Research Fellowship. Currently, he is pursuing M.Sc. in Biotechnology in the School of Biotechnology at Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University, Katra. He did his B.Sc. from GGM Science College, Jammu. Prof. V. Verma, Head School of Biotechnology and other faculty, members of the School congratulated Mr. Devtulya.



Students win RBI Policy Challenge



Students of School of Economics, Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University won the RBI Policy Challenge-2017 regional round competition. The team comprised of Mr. Vimarsh Padha, Mr. Snehin Gupta, Ms. Manvi Gupta and Ms. Suphal Sharma under the guidance of Dr. Pabitra Kumar Jena, Assistant Professor, School of Economics. The team has qualified for the Zonal round of the competition to be held at New Delhi on 2nd February, 2018. The above team would get Rs. 10, 000 as cash prize for qualifying in Regional round. The contest is organized annually by The Reserve Bank of India in order to spread awareness regarding financial matters and promotion of better understanding of monetary and economic issues. This is a national level competition for undergraduate and postgraduate students. Vice Chancellor Prof. Sanjeev Jain & Head of the School of the Economics, Prof. B. Kamiah and all faculty members of the School congratulated students.

Aasif Ali Bhat awarded with ICSSR Fellowship

Mr. Aasif Ali Bhat S/O Muzafar Ahmad Bhat, Ph.D. student of School of Economics, Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University, has been awarded with ICSSR Doctoral Fellowship administered through Institute of Public Enterprise (IPE). He is working in the field of Community Tourism under the supervision of Dr. Kakali Majumdar, Assistant Professor, School of Economics. The Head of the School Prof. B. Kamaiah and the faculty members of the School congratulated the scholar for his achievement and wished him success for future.



Students participate in Jaipur Literature Fest

Students of the School of Languages & Literature, Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University, Aaradhana Bandral and Akshay Rayna attended the Jaipur Literary Festival, the largest Free Literature Festival in the world held at Jaipur from 24th-29th January, 2018. During the 5 Day Event, students got a chance to interact with world's renowned Nobel laureates, Man Booker Prize winners and prominent literary figures like Shashi Tharoor, Homi Bhabha, Dipanker Gupta, Anurag Kashyap and Amish Tripathi. These writers had sessions on "Banned in India", "Whose Interpretation is it Anyway?", "Manto: The Man and the Legend", "Republic of Rhetoric: Free Speech in India", "Prisoners of Conscience", "Why I am a Hindu", etc. It is pertinent to mention that Jaipur Literary festival brings together some of the renowned academicians from and across the South East Asia and the world. It was an enriching and vibrant experience for the students.



Students present papers in National Conference at Udhampur



The M.A English students, namely Ayushi Sharma, Pooja; Pallavi Thakur, Sonali Sharma, Shiwali Sharma, Priya Pawar, and Jasdeep Singh of the School of Languages & Literature at Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University presented papers in a two-day National Conference on "Multidisciplinary Approach to Gender Studies", organized by Dept. of English at Govt. College for Women, Udhampur. The presented papers were on the themes, such as Indian Chick Lit; Ecology and Eco-feminism; Gender and Literature; Feminist Texts. The HoD of the School, Dr. Amitabh V. Dwivedi, reported that such presentations would be immensely helpful for the students as they are writing their Master's Dissertation this semester. Further, he thanked the organizers for conducting a National Conference on such a relevant topic.

Study Tour to Chandigarh and Shimla by the students of B.Arch.

36 students of VIII semester of B.Arch. program at School of Architecture & Landscape Design went for a study tour to Chandigarh and Shimla from 18th to 22nd January, 2018. The tour was escorted by Ar. Aditya Kumar Singh, Associate Professor, SoALD and Ar. Souroovee Dutta, Assistant Professor, SoALD. The tour, as part of their academics; focused upon study Sector 17, Chandigarh, in detail as live case study for their current architectural design studio problem. The students were instructed to study Sector 17 from its urban design as well as architectural perspective and the design impact on overall planning of the 'City Beautiful', Chandigarh. Ar. Surinder Bahga, Chandigarh-based architect-councilor (Chandigarh Municipal Corporation) and Michael Ventris



Awardee from Architectural Association, London, delivered an inspirational lecture to the students in the ambient setting of the sector 17 Plaza. The students also visited Le Corbusier Museum, Sector 19; Chandigarh Architecture Museum, Sector 10 and Jeanneret Museum, Sector 5, Chandigarh which is the repositories of documents, drawings, images and models related to the creation and development of the city of Chandigarh. During visit to the museum, Ar. Deepika Gandhi, Director-Le Corbusier Centre has given insight on architectural marvels of the city and their intricate detailing through design, material & construction techniques in a modern context. Also, Ar. J.K. Gupta, Retd. Chief Town Planner, Chandigarh, interacted with students & apprised about the chronological developments in planning & design of Chandigarh and its futuristic implications. The tour also included visit to Rose Garden, Leisure Valley Garden and Sukhna Lake, three major 'lungs' of the city, to understand the urban landscape & site planning aspects. Further, the team visited the Capitol Complex to experience the masterpieces of Le Corbusier and was apprised by Ar. Pradeep Kumar Bhagat, Former Principal, Chandigarh College of Architecture, about the aspects considered by him while doing the lighting design for the buildings at Capitol Complex. After Chandigarh, the students has visited Shimla, 'The Queen of Hills' on the last day of this three-day tour, walked along the Mall Road, Ridge, Lower Bazaar area etc. and observed the spatial allocation of built-forms within the natural setting of this hill town, building typologies and their architectural character and the current ongoing urban developments. At Shimla, Ar. N.K. Negi, Chief Architect-Himachal Urban Development Authority (HIMUDA), interacted with students and thoroughly explained the aesthetically continuity of Shimla comprising of Gothic & Tudor architectural concepts to amalgamation of contemporary developments.

Research Scholar presented paper in International and National Conference

Ms. Sapana Sharma, Research Student, School of Mathematics, presented a research paper "Transient and Steady-state behavior of a two-heterogeneous servers queuing system with balking and retention of renegeing customers" coauthored with Dr. Rakesh Kumar, in the International Conference on Recent Trends in Operations Research and Statistics (RTORS-2017) at Department of Mathematics, IIT Roorkee from 28th -30th December, 2017.

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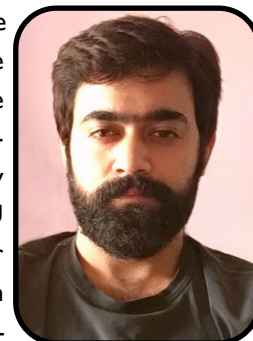
ALUMNI CORNER

Mr.Sourav Gupta

School of Architecture & Landscape Design

Pursuing Masters from Parsons School of Design, New York

Some things perhaps do not change so much for good, even over the years and may be even over decades. I once was a student at SMVDU in India and now again at Parsons (The New School, New York) - curious enough then to see and learn everything and even more curious now. During this journey, the pursuits have prospered, flourished and found more ground, purpose and integrity. No step of this journey from SALD to Parsons School of Design (NY) can be taken away - from the little things I engaged with at the Studios of School of Architecture and Landscape Design to the larger family that I became a part of in the following years at SMVDU to ultimately the international family that I have today. I am indebted to many colleagues from whom I learnt and I was lucky enough to find every chance to participate beyond my academics at SMVDU, that I got a sense of SMVDU and not just SALD in my time there. I would perhaps have come unhinged more than once if it weren't for those candid conversations in Prof. Tripathi's office where I became an absolute student who could listen to the philosophy of life and purpose. I owe additional respect for Prof. Razdaan who was then the Director of the School when I started, whose enthusiasm gave wings to many to sail through their first years of the architecture program which seemed the toughest. A few know how to lead surely and where ever I would be, I cannot be grateful enough to the current Director of my School Prof. Aditya Kumar Singh for whose mere presence in our studios started to change the dynamics of the School itself. Conversations with him invoked confidence to be independent and fearless in the work we chose to do. I hope that it continued in even better shape after I left, for I credit my most valuable experience at SMVDU to those experiences. I would name many more from whom I learnt so much. Those smaller things changed enormously the bigger instinct in me.



I am starting over again in NY, a city which even has its own minute (called a New York minute, which is supposed to be shorter than an average minute - perhaps a commentary on how one often runs short of time here), quite the opposite of SMVDU where we found recluses in the haven of trees and mountains and quiet. It seems like two very different places, but I hope this juxtaposition is something that will help me rediscover myself.