



## UPCOMING EVENTS

- **TEQIP-III Sponsored: International Conference on Mechanical Engineering and Allied Sciences from 14<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> Sept, 2018**
- **Entrepreneurship Awareness Camp (EAC) from 27<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> Sept, 2018**
- **National Doctoral Student Conclave, on 18<sup>th</sup> September 2018**

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## Campus Jottings

### FDP on Application of Data Science Inaugurated

A five-day Faculty Development Program on 'The Applications of Data Science and Machine Learning' was inaugurated at the School of Computer Science and Engineering, SMVDU. The inaugural session was chaired by Dr Sumeet Dua, Professor at Louisiana Tech University, USA, while the Dean, Faculty of Engineering, SMVDU, Prof V. Verma was the guest of honour and Dr. Baij Nath Kaushik (HoD, SoCSE), the coordinator for FDP. The session was attended by faculty members and students from within and outside the university. Dr Sumeet Dua delivered the keynote address on 'Interdisciplinary Paradigms and Applications of Big Data Science: Opportunities and Challenges'. He briefed the participants on the various issues faced by Data Scientists and how the importance and significance of Data Science has increased in various fields over the period of time. Dr Dua also explained how with the amount of data we generate; Big Data plays a significant role in dealing with those problems that arise with the generation of such data. The session concluded with a discussion about how Big Data Analysis plays a role in the field of Bioinformatics and medical sciences. The FDP will span over a period of 5 days and will introduce the participants to a variety of powerful open-source tools which are used to analyses data and conduct other data science operations.

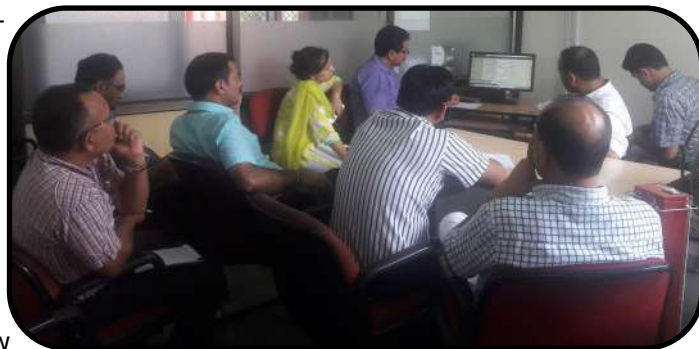
### SMVDU Pays Condolence to Former Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee

A condolence meeting was held at Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University, Katra at Open Fountain Area for the former Prime Minister of India, Late Sh. Atal Bihari Vajpayee who passed away yesterday at the age of 93. Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, Dr. Sanjeev Jain; Registrar Prof. V. K. Bhat, Deans and HoDs, faculty members, staff and students offered their condolence to the departed souls and observed silence. Also, it was declared that the academic and administrative work shall remain suspended to pay homage to the noble soul. During his tenure as the Prime Minister of India, Sh. Atal Bihari Vajpayee captivated the nation with his charismatic personality and also his wit and oratory.



## Training Session Organized on PFMS

The Finance Section of Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University in collaboration with Jammu & Kashmir Bank organized a training session on Public Finance Management System on 8<sup>th</sup> August, 2018. The J&K Bank made arrangements for imparting training to all officials for the better implementation of PFMS in the university. The training session was conducted by Mr. Rahul Jamwal of J&K Bank, along with Mr. Rohit and Mr. Vinay, operational managers PFMS, State Project Management Unit, Muthi, Jammu. The officials of the Finance Section were greatly benefitted from the training session, while having an overview of online payments under PFMS along with its implementation. Mr. Romesh Singh, KAS, Finance Officer, SMVDU and Coordinator of the event motivated his staff through his active participation, along with Mr. Vinod Belowo, Branch Head, J&K Bank, SMVD University. The session ends with a vote of thanks presented by Mr. Romesh Singh to Jammu & Kashmir, Bank and its personnel.



## DSRC Meeting of Languages & Literature Held

The School of Languages & Literature, a leading and research oriented department of Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University, conducted its Doctoral Student Research Committee (DSRC) meeting on 18<sup>th</sup> August 2018 for the current semester. Prof. Nagendra Kumar of IIT, Roorkee was present as the external expert member, including supervisors, co-supervisors and in-house faculty members. The scholars of the school gave a power point presentation, and informed the DSRC members about their progress for the last semester of the academic year 2017-18, i.e. January to July, 2018. Their presentations included discussions about in-house achievements, seminars/conferences/workshops attended, paper presentations, publications, NPTEL as well as GIAN courses. Prof. Kumar appreciated the efforts of the scholars and remarked that they were very active and up-to-date in their research areas. He further commented that Dr. Amitabh V Dwivedi, Head of the School, along with other faculty members, had a very positive influence upon the students. Further, Prof. Kumar believed that the scholars in their guidance have a bright and secured future. Dr. Dwivedi, the Chairperson of the DSRC, presented a vote of thanks to Prof. Nagendra Kumar for sparing his valuable time.



## Seminar on Intellectual Property Rights Organized



With an aim to promote entrepreneurial attitude in Jammu & Kashmir, the Technology Business Incubation Centre (TBIC), popularly known for its committed work 24x7, and labelled as an ambassador of change, at Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University, Katra organized one-day seminar on 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2018 on 'Importance of International Property Rights'. Many eminent speakers and entrepreneurs, such as Sh. Rakesh Wazir, President Hotel & Restaurant Association; Dr H P Kumar, Advisor, PHDCCI and Former Chairman & Managing Director, NSIC; Sh. Sukhdeep Singh Assistant Controller of Patents and Designs, Office of Controller General of Patents, Designs & Trade Marks. Govt of India; Mr. Sandeep Aggarwal & Dr. Mandira Roy, Directors Adastra IP presented their views on intellectual property and procedures, as reported by Dr. Swarkar Sharma, CEO, TBIC, SMVDU. Dr. Sanjeev Jain, Vice-Chancellor, SMVDU congratulated the TBIC team for the event, and suggested that such seminars should be organised often. Ms. Kanchan Zutshi, Secretary, Committee on MSME, PHD Chamber presented the vote of thanks to the speakers.

### Cultural Society Jammu Performed Dogri Play

The 'Hill Thespian' theatre group of the cultural society, Jammu performed a Dogri play, namely 'Sanskar' in Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University's Matrika Auditorium on 27 August 2018. The play falls under the black comedy genre, featuring an ancient Dogri ritual that is performed by ladies, named as 'marasn', similar to the popular Bollywood film, Rudali, who are specially called to sing 'loaniyan', a song in which the qualities of the person who died remembers and people mourns. The play was actually a satire, highlighting how materialistic tone overpowered emotions, and even before the cremation began many disputes cropped up between the grandsons. Notably, Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University is famous for promoting indigenous languages & culture of Jammu & Kashmir region. The play was thoroughly enjoyed by the faculty and staff members, including their family, and students; however, the satiric tone of the play succeeded to penetrate the audience psyche and left them thoughtful.



## Celebration & Day Observed

### 72<sup>nd</sup> Independence Day

As India celebrated its 72<sup>nd</sup> Independence Day enthusiastically, so did Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University, Katra. Dr. Sanjeev Jain, Vice-Chancellor, SMVDU, hoisted the tricolour, and with this Independence Day events started. His address highlighted university's achievements in the field of teaching, research, startups and placements to faculty and staff, students and research scholars, security personnel and nearby villagers. Further, Dr. Jain emphasized on how the meaning of freedom is to be best understood in positive and progressive way. Following that, a grand celebration was organised in the university's Matrika



Auditorium with patriotic songs, play performance and dance by the students and the kids of SMVDU fraternity and nearby villages. The best performers of the Yoga Day were awarded, followed by distribution of sweets which culminated the day.

### World Sanskrit Day 2018

World Sanskrit Day was celebrated at the School of Philosophy & Culture today. The event was conducted and coordinated by Dr. Anil Tewari, Head, School of Philosophy & Culture. There were lectures and discussions during the event in which the faculty and research scholars of School of Philosophy & Culture and School of Languages and Literature took active participation. The event begun with the invoking of Goddess Saraswati, the goddess of knowledge and learning and was followed by the introductory lecture By Dr. Tewari. He deliberated upon the importance and significance of the day and talked about how it has contributed in shaping cultures across the globe. It was followed by another lecture given by Dr. Amitabh Vikram Dwivedi, Head of School of Languages and Literature, who came across a linguistic study of Sanskrit and how it connects with most of the Indo-Aryan & Indo-European languages. The event was concluded on a positive note to take up an initiative to organize workshops and courses on Sanskrit to develop and understanding and awareness among the students regarding the language.



## External Expert

### Dr. Neog from JNU Delivered Special Lecture

School of Philosophy & Culture at Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University organized a special lecture by Dr. Bhaskarjit Neog, Asst. Prof., Centre for Philosophy, School of Social Sciences of Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi. He spoke on "Moral Responsibility: Individual vs. Collective". The talk was focused on the behavior of people when they are in group. He remarked that for any individual effort, a person carries I-Intention and when the same person performs in group, the intention can be called We-Intention. Whereas in the I-Intention, a person 'intends to' certain things, in the We-Intention, the persons forming the group 'intend that' something is done. The talk was attended by the students and faculty members of different streams. The lecture was concluded with a vote of thanks by Dr. Anil Tewari, Head, School of Philosophy & Culture.



### Neetha Gilganchi Inspired New Entrants

On the second last day of the induction program at SMVDU, Mrs. Neetha Gilganchi, an accomplished soft skills trainer, addressed the newly admitted B. Tech students of various streams. She was introduced by Dr. Anil Tewari, Head, School of Philosophy & Culture, to the students. Mrs. Gilganchi interacted on an inspiring theme "Attitude of Gratitude." She pointed out that there is a general tendency of taking the readily available things for granted. We are more after the things which are not with us so much so that we simply forget to see the relevance of the things at our disposal, she said. She cautioned that it

should not mean that we should be complacent with whatever we have, instead we must long for the improvement over existing situation, but not at the cost of the value of the present. We should live every breath of our life fully with a sense of gratitude for whatever we have, she exhorted.



Mrs. Gilganchi also conducted a brief activity engaging the students to demonstrate how the pre-conditionings tend to overpower our perception. In the end, Dr. Tewari thanked her for the inspirational talk, and presented a vote of thanks.

### **Prof. Razdan, Jammu University Delivered Lecture**

Prof. K. B. Razdan, from Jammu University, delivered a lecture on 'Archetypal Criticism' in School of Languages and Literature, SMVDU. He gave a short introduction on archetypal criticism and its significance in the field of literature. Also, he discussed modern literary critics, such as Northrop Frye, Ihab Hassan, and their works which turned out to be of notable contribution in literary criticism. He, further, dwelled upon various enlightening concepts like apocalyptic and demonic imagery, demonic parody of the divine world, mythos of seasons etc. Moreover, he also deliberated upon renowned modern writers such as W. H. Auden W. B. Yeats, T. S. Eliot and alike. The session was extremely helpful and informative for the students. Dr. Amitabh V. Dwivedi thanked Prof. Razdan for his words of wisdom, and Dr. Ranbir Kaur presented a vote of thanks.



### **Louisiana Tech University Professor's Address**

Prof. Sumit Dua of Louisiana Tech University addressed at the second day of the five-day Faculty Development Program (FDP) on 'Applications of Data Science and Machine Learning' from 6<sup>th</sup> -10<sup>th</sup> August, held at the School of Computer Science and Engineering, SMVDU. Prof. Dua talked about the use of Data Science in Medical Data Analytics. Further, he discussed the issues and challenges in Medical



Data Analytics, and how Data Science and Machine Learning provide tools and algorithms for solving medical data analytics problem. Also, he briefed the participants on the various issues faced by Data Scientists today and how the importance and significance of Data Science has increased in various fields over the period of time. The session concluded with a discussion on how Big Data Analysis plays a role in the field of bioinformatics and medical sciences. The session was attended by the faculty members and students from within and outside the university.

### CSIR-IITR Scientist Delivered Lecture

The School of Biotechnology, a leading and research oriented School of Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University (SMVDU), Katra organised an expert lecture of Prof. Ashok Pandey, a CSIR-Indian Institute of Toxicology Research Scientist (IITR), where he gave a talk on "Biomass to Biofuels: Production of Liquid Biofuels from Agro-industrial Residues", while briefing on the role played by CSIR-IITR, Lucknow and highlighting the various research projects that could be undertaken by a bio-scientist. The expert lecture, under the lecture series by eminent professors, was attended by the faculty members, research scholars, students of the School, and it was an enriching experience for them, as reported. Further, Prof. Pandey talked about the innovations made in the field of Biofuels. Prof. V. Verma, Dean, Faculty of Engineering, SMVDU presented a vote of thanks to Prof. Pandey for his words of wisdom. The organisers, namely Dr. Indu Bhushan, Mr. Arvind Yadav and Dr. Sharada Potukuchi were much obliged and thanked the professor-scientist for sparing time from his busy schedule.



### Prof. Sen of SGSITS Delivered Lecture

The School of Physics at Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University (SMVDU) Katra, organised an expert lecture by Prof. P. K. Sen on the topic titled, 'Lasers and Semiconductor Nanophotonics'. Prof. Sen, HoD, Applied Physics at SGSITS, Indore is an eminent academician who has more than 150 published research papers in his credit. Furthermore, the professor has guided twenty-two PhD candidates in various fields of Physics. During the talk, Prof. Sen discussed the aspects of the fabrication and application of nanostructures and devices that help to understand or harness and utilize the behavior of light. The wise physicist has delivered more than 50 invited talks across and outside India on topics, such as Laser Physics, Nonlinear Optics, Semiconductor Nano-Technology, and alike. The interactive talk was attended by the faculty members and research students. Prof. A. K. Sharma, HoD, Physics at SMVDU presented a vote of thanks to Prof. Sen for sparing the valuable time and for the words of wisdom.



### Emeritus Prof. Deshpande Addressed SMVDU Students

Emeritus Prof. M. V. Deshpande of AcSIR-CSIR who is also an adjunct faculty of School of Biotechnology at Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University addressed and interacted with faculty, students & scholars during three-day guest lecture series on 'Opportunities in Biotechnology: Research and Development to Entrepreneurship' during 23-25 August 2018. The lecture generated a very healthy interaction between the expert professor and participants present, as reported by Prof. V. Verma and Dr. Sharda, the coordinators of the event. The purpose of organising this lecture series was to spread an awareness amongst the B. Tech., M. Sc. students and research scholars of Biotechnology about the scope of Biotechnology in developing commercial ventures such as start-ups, innovation centers, entrepreneurs, etc. Notably, School of Biotechnology at SMVDU is a leading research oriented department where faculty members regularly publish quality research in top-notch journals, including *Nature*. Dr. Sanjeev Jain, VC, SMVDU congratulated the school with a message that such events should be organised often.



## Dr. Aksa Rao Addressed Students

Under expert lecture series, School of Languages & Literature at Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University organised a lecture on 'Tess of the d'Urbervilles' today by Dr. Aksa Rao, an eminent teacher at GDC, Bishnah, University of Jammu. Considering that, good teaching is a key influence on student learning, this is a third lecture under this series. Previously, senior Prof. K. B. Razdan of University of Jammu and Prof. Deepshikha Kotwal of CU, Jammu had delivered



their lectures. Dr. Rao highlighted that major themes and phases of this 19th century Hardy's fictional masterpiece in an interactive session. Dr. Ranbir Kaur, convener of the event, reported that students were highly motivated and felt privileged for getting such opportunities at SMVDU. The lecture was attended by faculty members, students, and research scholars. Dr. Amitabh V. Dwivedi, Head of the School and Coordinator of the event, presented the vote of thanks.

## Faculty/Staff Update

### Faculty Awarded Fellow Membership of Prestigious IEI

Dr. Balbir Singh, Associate Professor, School of Mechanical Engineering at Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University (SMVDU), Katra was awarded fellow membership of Institution of Engineers, India (IEI), Kolkata, which is the largest Indian multi-disciplinary professional body of engineers. Earlier, Dr. Singh had served the Indian Air Force (IAF) for sixteen years, prior to joining the SMVDU in 2001, and he specialised in advanced machining, quality control and maintenance. Notably, Dr. Singh had also received training for Six Sigma Green Belt and ZED Master Trainer. Being quite active in teaching and research activities, Dr. Singh regularly involves himself in promoting industry-academia relation, besides working on productivity enhancement based projects. Dr. Singh gave the credit for this achievement to Indian Air Force (IAF) and Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University (SMVDU) for providing him a learning platform to excel in all spheres of life.



### Staff Qualified for the Award of Ph.D.

Mr. Deepak Sharma, a staff member of the School of Computer Science and Engineering, Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University, Katra has been declared qualified for the award of the Degree of Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) in Electrical Engineering by National Institute of Technology, (NIT) Srinagar (J&K). He worked on the research topic, titled "Performance Investigation of a Three-Phase Improved Power Quality Converter for Supply side Perturbations" under the supervision of Dr. A. H. Bhat and Prof. Aijaz Ahmed, Department of Electrical Engineering, NIT, Srinagar. Mr. Sharma has also authored two books in Computer Science and Engineering, and he has presented and published papers in prestigious conferences and journals respectively. Mr. Sharma thanked the university for encouraging him to excel and the authorities for their kind support and cooperation.



## Papers Published/Presented/Invited Talks

Shravani and Sharma, Suparn K., (2018), "Dynamics of Financial Development and Economic Growth: Panel Data Analysis for Selected Indian States", Dynamic Econometric Models, Vol. 18 (2018), pp.5-34. (Falls in ABDC List)

Sumanta S. Sharma Assistant Professor, School of Philosophy & Culture delivered couple of special lectures at Sher-I-Kashmir Police Academy J&K, Udhampur on 30<sup>th</sup> August, 18 to the participants of one week course on "Developing Good Communication Skills, Behavior Attitude and Responsibilities of Police Towards General Public". The participating officers appreciated the contents of the lectures, entitled "Gender, Inter-Cultural and Inter-Generational Challenges in Communication" along with "Effective Use of Verbal and Non-Verbal Language to dispel anxiety and distress in managing Policing situations" and have liked the presentation style of the speaker

Dr. Rashi Taggar conducted session 'Inter-personal communication skills for improving police-public relationships' on 29<sup>th</sup> August, 2018 in a training course for Police Officers in Sher-i-Kashmir Police Academy, Udhampur, J&K

Dr. Ram Prakash, Assistant Professor, School of Physics, published a Paper entitled "Synthesis and luminescent properties of Sm<sup>3+</sup> activated lithium zinc borate phosphor" co-authored by Rubby Mahajan, S. Kumar, Ram Prakash, V. Kumar; AIP Conference Proceedings 2006, 030045 (2018); DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1063/1.5051301>.

## Student Update

### SMVDU Researcher Qualifies Prestigious CBSE-UGC NET and JKSET 2018

Kanica Sachdev, research scholar of the School of CSE at Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University (SMVDU), Katra, qualified National Eligibility Test (NET) and State Eligibility Test (SET) 2018 in Computer Science and Applications. The SMVDU students register themselves for SWAYAM/NPTEL courses every semester to acquire knowledge from esteemed professors of IITs. Moreover, the faculty members and the research students also attend GIAN/FDP courses regularly. Moreover, each school also conducts research and learning activities through its Research Club & GATE/NET Club, and also organises Comprehensive Examination to tap the progress of each student. The syllabus of Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University is designed in such a way that it assists students to appear for and qualify competitive exams like NET, SLET, GATE and alike. By qualifying such prestigious and competitive exams, the alumni as well as students of SMVDU have proved to be a real asset to the institute.



### Alumni joins School of Planning & Architecture, Bhopal and IIIT, Allahabad

Teemed with ethical teaching and integrating the sanctity of human values, the SMVDU has been nurturing young Human Resource for the service of Indian society and world at large while the focus is on the pursuit of education, scholarship and research, and its application to the society at highest international levels of excellence. Following that until, recently, Rik Bhattacharjee of 2013 Batch who in his five years B. Arch. course at SALD, SMVDU, scored 7.54 CGPA (238 credits), and competed GATE with 710 score (All India Rank 98) along with CEED 2018. The candidate successfully secured admission in Masters in Design from the prestigious School of Planning and Architecture Bhopal. Also, Adarsh Singh Chauhan (CSE 2014-2018 batch) has qualified Gate 2018 with 42 marks and gate score 552, successfully secured a seat in Indian Institute of Information Technology (IIIT), Allahabad for M. Tech. in Information Technology. Notably, SMVDU has been ranked among top 100 Engineering Institutions by the NIRF 2018, MHRD, Govt. of India, and included in Times World University Ranking List.





## Student Selected for Prestigious JagritYatra

Mr. Roy Keshav Sharma, a 3rd year student of B. Tech. CSE, has been selected for Jagriti Yatra, supported by Schneider Electric Foundation. He has also been rewarded with a sponsorship for the same. Notably, Jagriti Yatra is an annual train journey that takes highly motivated young Indians and a few young people from outside India between the ages of 20 and 27, on a 15- or 18-day national odyssey. A specially hired 18 wagon train takes 450 young men and women (a few of them are student entrepreneurs, a few more are rural entrepreneurs) competitively selected out of a pool of about 40,000 applications, to meet with and learn from exceptional entrepreneurs who are developing innovative solutions to India's challenges. Many of them are unsung heroes, and the Yatra encourages the young to unleash the hero within them. It has been executed successfully for the past ten years in a row, and has established itself as a national calendar event that is a 'must go' for the young people. Mr. Roy Keshav is very excited and looking forward to seeing the new horizons.



## IIT, Madras Offers Internship to SMVDU Scholar

A good guidance makes all the difference, and Ms. Ayushi, a research scholar of School of Languages & Literature at Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University, proved it. Significantly, the diligent scholar has been offered an internship from IIT, Madras. Notably, Ms. Ayushi has been working with Dr. Amitabh V. Dwivedi, and has performed outstanding while earning a gold medal in an NPTEL course, titled 'Language and Mind' offered by Prof. Rajesh Kumar, IIT (Madras) during Jan-Apr 2018. The IIT internship will be between two and eight weeks, depending upon the performance of the research student. After the successful completion of the internship programme, the candidate will be awarded with a stipend and certificate. Further, the research candidate has been working on field linguistics, and planning to conduct research on the Punci language, spoken in Jammu & Kashmir. Dr. Sanjeev Jain, Vice-Chancellor, SMVDU, congratulated the candidate, and wished her a success in her future endeavours.



## SMVDU Researcher Defends Doctoral Thesis

Mr. Sandeep Kumar, a PhD student of the School of Physics at Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University, Katra defended his doctoral dissertation in a committee chaired by Dr. Sanjeev Jain, Honourable Vice-Chancellor, SMVDU. The oral defence of Mr. Sandeep's thesis, titled 'Growth and Characterisation of Transition Metal Doped Europium Oxide Thin Films' was conducted on 21 August 2018 at 11.30 am in the university committee room, comprising external examiner Prof. Pratima Sen of Devi Ahalya University, Indore; Dean & HoD of the School of Physics; and the supervisor, Dr. Ram Prakash as approved by the Vice Chancellor. A power-point presentation followed up with questions raised by the committee members defended by the PhD candidate during his defence. Previously, Mr. Sandeep Kumar's research was carried out at UGC DAE CSR and RRCAT, Indore under collaborative research scheme. Notably, the bright candidate has published many research papers in international SCI & SCOPUS indexed journals, and the candidate also received many awards in national conferences for his poster presentations. Mr. Sandeep Kumar thanked the committee members, particularly Dr. Sanjeev Jain, honourable Vice-Chancellor, for sparing his time and for his kind comments.



## Alumni ready to Rock Education with EngiGyan

Mr. Sumit Kumar Sah and Mr. Rahul Sharma, two brilliant alumni & entrepreneurs of Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University, Katra are ready to rock education sector with an education start-up, namely EngiGyan.

Believing that, education should be easily accessible to society, the engineers duo with the help of SMVDU Technology Business Incubation Center (TBIC) developed EngiGyan, an online education platform, with an aim to redesign the education process from the scratch, and to revolutionise the entire learning process. This platform will help working professionals to boost their professional and technical skills in computer, civil and mechanical engineering. Previously, the concept of EngiGyan was the winner of the 2nd National Business Plan competition in the year 2016 held in University of Jammu, and further selected by SMDVU-TBIC in innovation challenge 2018, powered by DST, GOI. The SMVDU-TBIC nurtures innovations, provides financial as well as legal support and helps entrepreneurs develop technology-based ideas into independent self-sustaining businesses, reported Dr. Swarkar Sharma, CEO, SMVDU-TBIC.



### Student Selected for Young Hero Award

Mr. Roy Keshav Sharma, a 3<sup>rd</sup> year student of B.Tech, Computer Science Engineering, studying at Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University (SMVDU), Katra has been selected for the Young Hero Award by the prestigious Youth Service America (YSA). The American agency reported that they are impressed by Mr. Roy's passion for empowering youth as he has become an active agent in making positive community change. Further, the YSA will highlight the profile of Mr. Roy Keshav as an everyday young hero in the national service briefing. Additionally, they will showcase his profile on social networking outlets and their blog. The YSA is full of praise for Mr. Roy Keshav, emphasizing his commendable hard work and achievements. Further, the SMVDU student will receive a certificate, and a prize money of \$250 for the community service. The student has dedicated this award to SMVDU and held the guidance of his teachers responsible for his achievement.



### Alumni & Students Qualify Prestigious NET and JKSET 2018



An institution is recognized by the quality of education imparted and eventually the achievements of its students. Likewise, bringing laurels to the respective university by reaching zenith installs in them as well as in the institution a sense of pride. The syllabus of Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University is designed in such a way that it assists students to appear for and qualify competitive exams like NET, SLET, GATE and alike. By qualifying such prestigious and competitive exams, the alumni as well as students of SMVDU have proved to be a real asset to the institute. This year the SMVDU students have come out with shining colors by qualifying such competitive exams. Vimarsh Padha, School of Economics; Devtalya Chander and Ithika Sharma, School of Biotechnology and Radhika Sharma and AmreenQadir, School of Languages and Literature have qualified CBSE NET 2018. Also, alumni and students Gourav Sharma, Bharti Magotra, Madhav Dubey, Pragati Jasrotia, Adishree Vats, Nomita, and Meenakshi from School of Languages and Literature; Gharuv Sharma and Manoj Kumar, School of Biotechnology successfully qualified JKSET 2018. Apart from the course of study, the students here are registered for NPTEL courses every semester to acquire knowledge from esteemed professors of IITs. Moreover, the faculty members and the research students also attend GIAN courses regularly. Departments like School of Languages and Literature conducts research and learning activities through its Research Club & NET Club, and also organizes Comprehensive Examination to tap the progress of each student.

# ALUMNI CORNER

**Manvi Jamwal**  
**MBA Batch: 2012-2014**  
**Entry No: 2012MBA23**



## My SMVDU

Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University provided me a platform to meet dynamic faculty members who were highly skilled and cooperative. They had been a key factor in bringing out the best in me, and frankly speaking, what am I at this juncture-it is because of them.

## My workplace and profile

I have been working as a Relationships Executive (Investments) in a leading company, namely Century Financials LLC, in United Arab Emirates. Working abroad increases the skill set and gives me an opportunity to enhance the learning part. Learning requires commitment and the ability to push through the uncomfortable feeling of not being very good until reaching competency. I quote Yeats, "Education is not the filling of a pot but the lighting of a fire." And I truly believe in this.

Thank you.

## Condolence to Staff Member

*A condolence meeting was held at Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University (SMVDU), Katra at 04.30 am today in the Central Courtyard for **Sh. Jai Karan, Workshop** Operator who untimely passed away on 17 August 2018 in a tragic road accident. Mr. Jai Karan was among one of the oldest staff members of SMVD University, having joined in January 2008. Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, Dr. Sanjeev Jain; Registrar, Prof. V. K. Bhat, Deans and HoDs, faculty members and staff, students and research scholars offered their condolence to the departed soul and observed two-minutes silence. Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor announced that one family member of late Mr. Jai Karan will be provided job, according to qualification. Further, the SMVDU administration is also looking forward to making a provision of providing free education to two daughters of the deceased staff member in SMVDU once they grow up, including other financial relief.*

