



UPCOMING EVENTS

- **One-week online Faculty Development Program on "Mathematics and its Application in Science and Engineering" from 27th September – 01st October, 2021.**
- **Five-day online Training Program on "Stress, Health and Life Style Management" from 25th – 29th October, 2021.**
- **One-day workshop on NEP 2020: The Educational Outcomes of 21st Century Schools" on 30th October, 2021.**

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Campus Jottings

SMVDU Signs MoU with JMC under Smart City Project

Mr. Nagendra Singh Jamwal (KAS), Registrar, Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University and Ms. Avny Lavasa (IAS), Municipal Commissioner, Jammu Municipal Corporation,

signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for developing landscape projects across Jammu city in collaboration with the consultancy services from Institutional Architectural Consultancy Cell of School of Architecture and Landscape Design of SMVD University. Ar. Aditya Kumar Singh, Landscape Architect & Head of School, along with Ar. Abhiney Gupta, Ar. Navin Gupta

and other faculty of the School would render the consultancy that will deliver highly informed quality landscape designs and developments. The landscape projects envisaged by the JMC are the part of the Jammu Smart City Projects under the Smart Cities Mission, envisioned by Hon'ble Prime Minister, Sh Narendra Modi Ji. The main objective the Smart Cities Mission is to promote cities that provide core infrastructure, clean and sustainable environment, and to provide a quality life to citizens through the application of 'smart solutions' within the realm of Global Sustainable Development Goals. The Vice Chancellor, Prof. R.K. Sinha, congratulated the School of Architecture & Landscape Design, for this collaborative agreement.



SMVDU Recognized as Green Champion

Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University has been recognized as a Green Champion for the Reasi District of Jammu & Kashmir for the Academic Year 2020-21 by Mahatma Gandhi National Council of Rural Education (MGNCRE), Ministry of Education, Govt. of India. The recognition certificate was received by the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. R.K. Sinha, in the presence of Deputy Commissioner, Reasi, Shri S. Charandeep Singh in an online workshop. In his address, Prof. Sinha thanked the Chairperson, MGNCRE, Dr. W. G. Prasanna Kumar and other officials of the Council for the recognition of the successful adoption and implementation of the Swachchhata Action Plan at the SMVDU



and they would also come forward to work in this direction. He also promised to extend support of the district administration for activities related to cleanliness, waste management, conservation of water and economical usages of energy resources. The program was coordinated by Dr. Pallavi Kaul, Programme Coordinator, MGNRCE, and the vote of thanks was delivered by Ms. Arzoo Tanwar, MGNRCE.

Workshop on GFRs & e-Purchase Processes Organised by FDC-SMVDU

A one-day workshop on "Dynamics & Advances in General Financial Rules (GFRs) & e-Purchase Processes" was organized at SMVD

University by Faculty Development Centre-SMVDU, under Pandit Madan Mohan Malviya National Mission on Teachers and Teaching (PMMNMTT) Scheme. In the inaugural address, the Chief Guest of the function, Padma Shri Prof. R.K. Sinha, Vice-Chancellor, Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University, welcomed the participants, and asked them to learn about GFR 2017,



and the e-procurement process. He also acknowledged the contribution of the National Informatics Centre for arranging resource persons for this workshop. The Guest of Honour of the inaugural session, Sh. Nagendra Singh Jamwal (KAS), Registrar, SMVDU, briefed the participants about the importance of the program. Sh. Jamwal emphasised that such programs will be instrumental in providing a better ecosystem, and the execution of the purchase process, sponsored projects, etc. at SMVD University.

Dr. Suparn Kumar Sharma, Coordinator, FDC-SMVDU & Dean, Faculty of Management and Chairman of the workshop, emphasized the role of digitalization in providing transparency to a system and training in the e-procurement process. He also informed that FDC-SMVDU is also going to conduct a number of training programs in the offline mode. Further, he emphasised that general financial rules are applicable to all situations involving public finances, and it is the need of the hour to make aware and sensitize the colleges/universities faculty members, office bearers and staff members about them. In the inaugural ceremony, Dr. A. K. Das, Program Coordinator of the workshop and Director, Quality Assurance Cell, SMVDU, welcomed the participants and emphasized the importance of the e-procurement process. Ar. Aditya Kumar Singh, Convenor of the workshop and Head, SoALD, introduced the participants to the program. Dr. Rashi Taggar, Co-convenor of the workshop moderated the inaugural session. Dr Deepak Jain, Program Co-coordinator and Dr. Vinod Singh, Organizing Secretary, thanked dignitaries and the resource person, Mr. Sumit Kapoor, Senior Programmer, NIC, J&K. Around 240 participants with diverse specializations enrolled in this workshop including participants from IIHS, KU Kurukshetra, Arni University, Harivandana College-Rajkot, DEI, Dayalbagh, Agra Central University of Jammu Govt. Degree College Kathua, etc. The resource person, Mr. Sumit Kapoor, introduced the participants to the e-Procurement System of Jammu and Kashmir. He also explained various critical points for floating and execution of an e-tender, such as the importance of Digital Signature Certificate, BoQ types, extension/cancel of a tender. He demonstrated the the smooth process with a minute description, and also briefly overviewed the key features of GFRs. The participants interacted with the resource person and requested the FDC-SMVDU to organise contemporary tools office management and procurement processes in future.

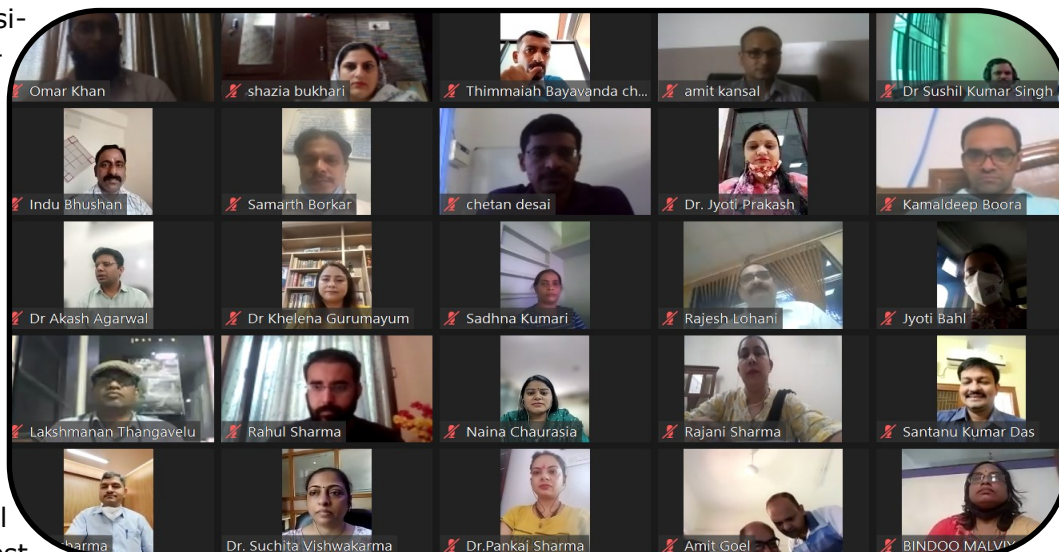
Fit India Freedom Run 2.0 Held at Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University

Fit India Freedom Run 2.0 was organized at Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University campus under the aegis of the Fit India Movement. The event was the part of a nationwide fitness campaign launched by the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports in the ongoing "Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav", the celebration of 75 years of Indian independence. The aim of the event was to create awareness among the citizens to add at least half an hour of physical activity in their daily routine with the motto "FITNESS KA DOSE AADHA GHANTA ROZ". More than 40 participants including faculty, staff and their family members participated in the run conducted at SMVD University. The run was followed up by an exercise session and pledge by the participants to devote half an hour daily to physical exercise. The event was a result of constant motivation by the Vice-Chancellor, Padma Shri Prof. R.K. Sinha, and the able guidance of Registrar, Sh. Nagendra Singh Jamwal (JKAS). The run was organized by the Sports Wing of the university under the supervision of Mr. Parvez Singh Slathia, Incharge Sports & Nodal Officer, Fit India Movement, SMVDU. The run and exercise sessions were conducted by Mr. Balbir Singh and Mr. Sumit Sharma, Sports Coaches, SMVDU.



National Level FDP on Entrepreneurship Development Inaugurated at FDC-SMVDU

A two-week online National Faculty Development Program on 'Entrepreneurship Development' was inaugurated at SMVD University. The FDP was organized by Faculty Development Centre-SMVDU under PMMMNMTT Scheme in collaboration with the School of Business and Entrepreneurship Development Cell (EDC), SMVDU, and sponsored by DST-NIMAT Project. A total number of 54 participants from Indian States enrolled in the FDP program. In inaugural speech, the Chief Guest,



Prof. R.K. Sinha, Vice-Chancellor, SMVDU, expressed the need for entrepreneurial skills. Earlier, the Guest of Honour, Sh. Nagendra Singh Jamwal (KAS), Registrar, SMVDU, briefed the participants about the University, and its achievements. Dr. Suparn Kumar Sharma, Coordinator, FDC-SMVDU & Dean, Faculty of Management, highlighted the achievements of FDC-SMVDU, and informed about other future events. Dr. Saurabh, Head, School of Business, welcomed all delegates on behalf of the Organizing Committee. Dr. Ratna Chandra, Faculty, School of Biotechnology and Coordinator of the Programme, welcomed the participants and outlined the various pedagogical aspects of entrepreneurship to be induced in the programme. The other members present during the inauguration, including Dr. Jyoti Sharma, Faculty, School of Business and Co-coordinator of the programme; Dr. Rashi Taggar, Organizing Secretary; Dr. Deepak Jain, Co-Convenor; Dr. Kamini, Joint Organizing Secretary; Dr. Kamaldeep and Dr Rahul Sharma, Co- Organizing Secretaries. Dr. Syeda Shazia Bukhari, Co-organizing Secretary, delivered the vote of thanks.

One-week Faculty Development Program on Universal Human Values Begins at SMVDU



A weeklong online Faculty Development Program (FDP) on "Incorporating Universal Human Values in Education" (18-22 August 2021) was organised by the Faculty Development Center (FDC), approved under PMMMNMTT scheme of the Ministry of Education, Government of India, New Delhi, in collaboration with the School of Philosophy & Culture (SoPC) at Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University (SMVDU). The inaugural session began with a welcome address by Mr. Sumanta Sarathi Sharma, I/C Head, SoPC and Convener of the FDP. The Chief-Guest of the program Prof. (Dr.) V.K. Bhat, Dean, Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences, highlighted the role of human values in the betterment of personal and social life. He emphasized that human values are an essential part of our life. Dr. Anil Kumar Tewari, Faculty, SoPC and Organizing Secretary of the FDP, delivered the vote of thanks. The sessions of the FDP were conducted by the Faculty of SoPC, SMVDU and Mr. Sanjeev Chopra, Member, Cell for Human Values and Transformative Learning, SCERT, Delhi. The participants of the FDP were teachers of schools, colleges and universities from Indian States and the Faculty of SMVDU.

SMVDU Faculty Bags National Architecture & Interior Design Excellence Award

Ar. Aditya Kumar Singh, Head, School of Architecture & Landscape Design, SMVD University was awarded the prestigious National Architecture & Interior Design & Conference 2021-Global Edition Award for Quality Education & Infrastructure under the category of most promising & leading Architecture School of the year 2021 by Beginup Research Intelligence Private Limited, Bengaluru. The Vice-Chancellor, Prof. R.K. Sinha, congratulated the faculty for the achievement. He wished that the School of Architecture and Design would bring more laurels to the university, while making a niche amongst other Architecture Institutions.



SMVDU Receives a Certificate of Excellence from AICTE-Internshala

During difficult time of COVID-19 pandemic outbreak, the AICTE-Internshala has been playing a vital role in providing hands-on experience to students through internships and training. Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University is engaged in all activities of AICTE and Internshala. In the year 2021, SMVDU has been ranked 166th among 1530+ participating colleges in India, and 54th in amongst 343 institutions in North Zone for its efforts to provide internships to the students through AICTE-Internshala portal. The Placement Officer of SMVDU encouraged and managed the registration of 2332 students till date, and out of 5028 applications (1st April-31st July 2021), 101 students have got internship offers. Shri Mata Vaishno Devi



University received the Notable Mention Award-Jammu and Kashmir from AICTE-Internshala second time in a row on the occasion of AICTE-Internshala Internship Day-2021 on 25th August 2021. Padma Shri, Prof. R.K. Sinha, Vice-Chancellor, Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University, applauded the efforts of B.K. Bhatia, Placement Officer, and handed over the AICTE-Internshala Certificate of Excellence to him. Prof. Sinha further said that besides Internships, SMVDU is also facilitating the students in their employment. Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University students got 189 Placement Offers during the year 2020-21 in reputed companies like Infosys, TCS, Wipro, Cognizant, PWC, Escorts Ltd., Godrej & Boyce, Sonalika Tractors ICICI Bank, SBI Life Insurance Ltd., Bosch Ltd., HCL Technologies, etc.

SMVD University Organises Webinar on Environmental Toxins in Association with Indian Fertility Society

The ICMR-CAR, School of Biotechnology, Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University (SMVDU) in association with Indian Fertility Society (IFS), New Delhi conducted a webinar on "Environment Toxins: Where are We Heading?". Prof. R.K. Sinha, Vice-Chancellor, Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University, Katra, presided as the Chief Guest, and addressed the participants. He briefed about the ill effects of chemical toxins. Dr. Sudha Prasad, President, IFS, and Dr. Neena Malhotra, Secretary-General, IFS, chaired the session. The keynote speakers



for the occasion were Dr. Gauri Devi and Dr. Nymphaea Walecha. Dr. M. Gauri Devi, Director of the Gauri Hospitals and Ridge IVF Centre, talked about the declining fertility rate in humans due to environmental toxins. Dr. Nymphaea Walecha talked about substance abuse in India, and reiterated how such products damage human health, particularly reproductive organs. Dr. Sharada, Coordinator of the event, presented a vote of thanks to all dignitaries, and delegates for making the event successful.

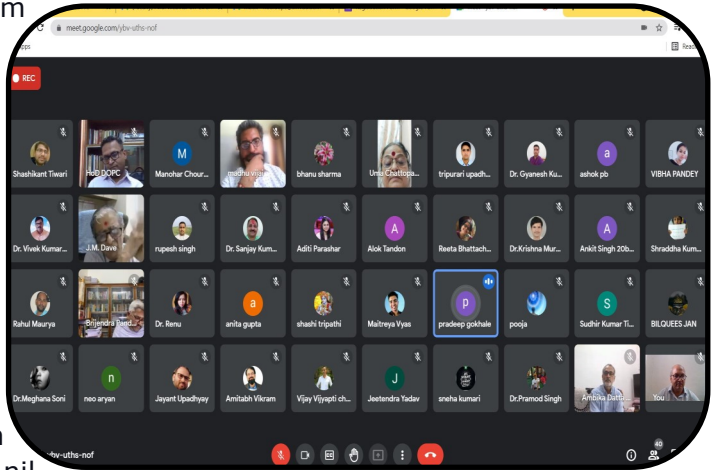
Two-day Covid 2nd Dose Vaccination Drive Concluded at SMVDU.



SMDVU conducted a two-day, 2nd dose COVID Vaccination Drive for the age group between 18 and 45 years, to stop the spread of COVID-19. Under the Chairmanship of Padma Shri, Prof. R.K. Sinha, the SMVDU vaccination team of Dr. Anju Sharma, In-charge Medical Officer, and Mr. Surinder Kumar, Security Officer, led by Nodal Officer, Dr. Balbir Singh, Dean Students Welfare, successfully completed a two-day drive covering more than 460 participants following COVID guidelines and social distancing. All faculty, students and staff members along with their dependants residing in university got vaccinated. All members of outsourced employees, including house-keeping, security, and mess staff along with vendors and constructions workers also got the 2nd dose of vaccination. This vaccination drive was supported by Dr. Rajiv Sharma, CMO, Reasi, Dr. Gopal Dutt, BMO, Katra. The Vice Chancellor, Prof. R.K. Sinha and Registrar Mr. Nagender Singh Jamwal (JKAS) complimented CMO, Reasi and BMO, Katra, Dr Balbir Singh, Dr. Anju Sharma, In-charge MO, SMVDU, and her team (Ms. Shilpa, Ms. Basanti Mr. Vijay Kumar Mr. Vinod Kumar and Mr. Manish Sawhney) for providing continuous support to all stakeholders of the SMVDU. Special thanks was conveyed to the team of Smt. Swarna Devi and Smt. Raj Kumari, CHC Katra, Mr Rishi Kumar, Mr Kundan Vijay, Mr Avdhesh Gupta, Mr Surinder Singh, Dr Neha Sethi, Dr Gurpreet Soodan, Ms Amanpreet Kour and Mr Jaswant Singh.

3rd ICPR Study Circle Meet Held at SMVD University

The School of Philosophy & Culture (SoPC) at SMVD University, Katra (J&K), organized the 3rd ICPR Study Circle Meeting on 29th August 2021 from 11 am to 2 pm. The topic of the discussion was "Ramayana ka Satya aur Mahabharata ka Dharma", which was delivered by Prof. Ambika Datta Sharma, Dr. Harisingh Gour Vishwavidyalaya, Sagar, (M.P.). The discussants of the event were Dr. Anil K. Tewari, Dr. Madhu M. Chaturvedi, and Mr. Sumanta S. Sharma, faculty members of SoPC. Around 100 participants from different parts of the country attended the session. Prof. Sharma gave an in-depth analysis of 'dharma' and 'truth'. The erudite scholar of Indian Philosophy mesmerized the gathering with witty remarks and apt analogies. The lecture concluded with a question-and-answer session coordinated by Dr. Anil K. Tewari and Dr. Madhu M. Chaturvedi, who were also the Organizers of the event. Mr. Sumanta S. Sharma (Head, SoPC) thanked the speaker and the participants.



Celebration and Day Observed

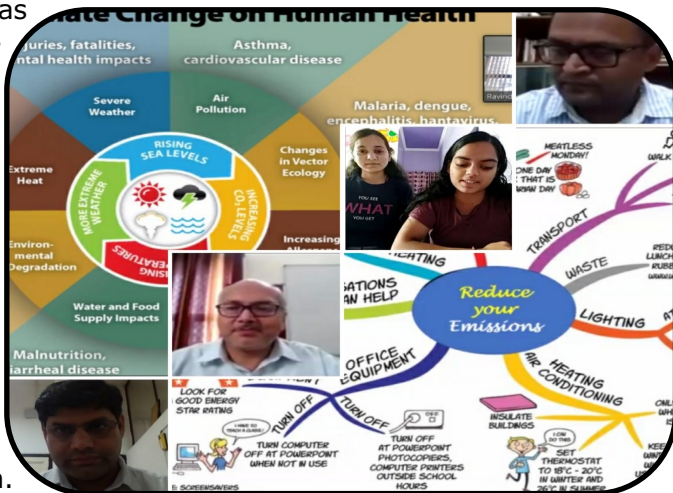
75th Independence Day Celebrated at Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University

With the flag hoisting ceremony followed up by singing the national anthem, the 75th Independence Day was celebrated at Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University (SMVDU), Katra. Prof. RK Sinha, the Vice-Chancellor, unfurled the national flag and addressed a large gathering comprising research students, faculty and staff members and their kids, and security personnel. Prof. Sinha emphasized that the university has achieved a niche among the top-class universities in a nascent period of 17 years, and it is our responsibility to make it better each day. He also congratulated the faculty members for quality teaching and research, and urged them to inculcate the values among students. Further, he highlighted that SMVDU students and alumni are placed in reputed organizations, and students get excellent placement.



World Nature Conservation Day Celebrated at SMVDU

The Hindi Cell organized an online discussion program on the occasion of the World Nature Conservation Day on 28th July 2021. The theme of the discussion was "प्रकृति की समृद्धि, पर्यावरण और मानव विकास". Dr. Anil Kumar Tewari, Nodal Officer, Hindi Cell, welcomed the special guest speaker, Dr. Ravindra Khaiwal, Faculty, PGIMER, Chandigarh. More than thirty students and faculty members joined the discussion. Mr. Khaiwal addressed the audience on several important issues of public concern, such as climate change, global warming, its impact on human health, pollution, etc. He talked about Covid-19 awareness, and also talked about the initiatives for COVID-19 awareness. Dr. Tewari also shared his thoughts on waste management, economic viability, and its role in pollution and contribution towards climate change and human health. Dr. Tewari presented the vote of thanks to Dr. Khaiwal, Mr. Sumanta Sarathi Sharma I/C Head, SoPC, and to all participants.



National Sports Day Celebrated at Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University

On the occasion of National Sports Day, a two-day athletic meet was organized at SMVDU, which culminated on 29th August 2021. The meet included track & field events namely, shot put, javelin throw, 100-meter sprint and tug of war. The event witnessed participation from residents of the university campus, comprising of faculty members, staff members and their family members. The meet was conducted to commemorate the birth anniversary of Major Dhyana Chand "Wizard of Hockey". The meet was a part of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav and Fit India Movement programs being conducted at the university. The winners were awarded medals in different categories viz. male, female & children under the age of 14 in all events. The Chief Guest for the medal distribution ceremony was the Vice-Chancellor, SMVDU, Prof. R.K. Sinha. The Dean, Student Welfare Dr. Balbir Singh, was also present during the ceremony. The athletic meet was organized by Mr. Parvez Singh Slathia, I/c Sports Wing & Nodal Officer, Fit India Movement, SMVDU. The organizing team comprised Dr. Kamaldeep, Vice President, Board for Sports Activities, Mr. Balbir Singh and Mr. Sumit Sharma, Sports Coaches, along with the helping staff of the Sports Wing.



Faculty/Staff Updates

Talk Delivered

SMVDU Faculty Delivers Invited Lectures on Soft Skills



Dr. Madhu Mangal Chaturvedi, Dr. Anil Kumar Tewari and Mr. Sumanta Sarathi Sharma, delivered invited lectures on 'Soft Skills' at Sher-E-Kashmir Police Academy, Udhampur held from 26-07-2021 to 30-07-2021. Dr. Chaturvedi, Coordinator, University Social Responsibility, SMVD University, delivered a talk on 'Leadership & Ethical Professional Values' which was well received and appreciated by the participants. Dr. Tewari, Coordinator, Hindi Cell, apprised partakers of 'Problem-solving and decisiveness to facilitate community interaction' through exemplars and real-life situations. This helped the participants immensely to cope up with paradoxical situations. Mr. Sharma, Head, School of Philosophy, discussed 'Psychological mapping for understanding self and others and compassion – an important attribute for modern police in their daily interactions' using the framework of human values and education.

SMVDU Faculty Delivered a Special Lecture in a Webinar

Dr. Bharat Bhushan Jindal, Faculty, School of Civil Engineering, Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University, Katra, delivered a special invited lecture on "Industrial Waste and Recycled Materials Utilization in Green Concrete and Field Applications" during a one-day webinar organized by Chitkara University, Chandigarh. The lecture on the manufacturing of Geopolymer Concrete (Green Concrete), and its utilization in the field of building construction and highways was well received by the participants. The session concluded with fruitful interactions with the participants, while responding to their questions. Dr. Ajay Goel, Professor and Head of Department of Civil Engineering, Chitkara University, thanked Dr. Jindal.



SMVDU Faculty Member Delivered an Expert Lecture in FDP

Dr Balbir Singh, Faculty, School of Mechanical Engineering, Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University, delivered an online expert lecture on " Research Trends in Hybrid Electrical Discharge Machining Process" in a two-week Faculty Development Program (FDP) on "Novel Perspective of Smart Materials, Hybrid Machining, and Additive Manufacturing (NPSHAM-2021)", 26th July -6th August 2021, organized by Department of Mechanical Engineering, NAAC Accredited Inderprastha Engineering College (IPEC), Ghaziabad. The lecture was well received and appreciated by participants and coordinators.



SMVDU Faculty Receives Gets MOOC Certificate from Leiden University

Dr. Ravi Parihar, Faculty, School of Languages and Literature, Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University, Katra, completed an online MOOC course of six week duration, titled "Miracles of Human Language: An Introduction to Linguistics" offered by the Centre for Linguistics, Leiden University, Netherlands. Dr. Parihar learnt about the foreign languages such as Mandarin Chinese, Tarifit Berber, Gungbe (a Nigerian language), Basque, Abruzzese (spoken in Southern Italy), and Turkish. The course on the aforesaid languages was a great opportunity for updating the linguistic knowledge, said Dr. Parihar.



Dr. Supran of SMVDU Delivers Talk at Gujarat University

Dr. Supran K. Sharma, Dean, Faculty of Management, conducted a training session on the topic, "Consequences of Covid -19 and Entrepreneurial Opportunities: An Appraisal in the Context of Indian Economy" in the UGC-Sponsored Refresher Course in 'Commerce and Management' conducted by Human Resource Development Centre, Gujarat University, Ahmedabad. The session initiated with an explanation of different phases of business cycles, strategies and policies to be formulated according to the phases and the level of economic development of the country. The training module was highly appreciated by the participants, while discussing the entrepreneurial opportunities.



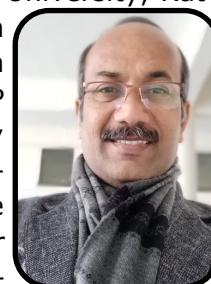
SMVDU Faculty Delivers Invited Talk on "Artificial Intelligence & Deep Learning"

Dr. Baijnath Kaushik, Faculty, School of CSE, was invited as a Resource Person at AICTE sponsored Short Term Training Program (STTP), on "Artificial Intelligence & Deep Learning" at Model Institute of Engineering & Technology (MIET), Jammu. The STTP was sponsored by AICTE under Short Term Training Program (STTP). Dr. Kaushik emphasized "Ensemble Learning Techniques: Gradient Boost and Extreme Gradient Boost Algorithm", and the use of some average values to start with predictions and construct some trees with the objective to improve the prediction or classification. The FDP was attended by 150 participants from different colleges of Jammu, and other parts of India through online mode.



Expert Lecture Delivered by SMVDU Faculty in AICTE sponsored STTP Program

Dr. Bharat Bhushan Jindal, Faculty, School of Civil Engineering, Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University, Katra, delivered an invited lecture on "Industrial Waste and Recycled Materials Utilization in Green Concrete and Field Applications" during a weeklong AICTE Sponsored STTP on "Recycling Materials in Highway Construction" from 23rd - 27th August 2021. The STTP was organized by Indo Global Colleges, Abhipur, New Chandigarh, and was sponsored by AICTE Delhi. Dr. Jindal emphasized the use of industrial and agriculture waste by-products as a replacement for conventional construction materials. The participants were made aware of the environmental issues faced due to the fastest-growing demand for cement in infrastructure. The lecture in STTP was attended by 60 participants from various universities and colleges of India. Dr. Jindal thanked the organizers for giving him an opportunity to share his knowledge.



Student Updates

Paper Presented

Ms. Shah Bags Best Paper Award at International Conference

Ms. Farah F. Shah, Research Student, School of Economics, Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University (SMVDU), bagged the Best Paper Award for a paper titled 'Antecedents to Short-Term Migration of Labour-An Empirical Investigation' at an international conference on "Sustainable Finance, Economics & Accounting in the Pre & Post Paraandemic Era", held at IIM Jammu under the aegis of Ministry of Education, GoI, University of Bradford, UK, Institute of Cost Accountants of India and the Institute of Company Secretaries of India (ICSI). The paper received the 'Best Paper Award' at the conference by ICSI on the theme of 'Sustainable Governance. The paper examined various attributes of short-term migrants and their sectoral transition in the Kashmir region, drawing on a primary multi-stage individual survey. Ms. Shah has been pursuing Ph.D. Research on 'In-migration and Labour Market Formation: A study of Jammu and Kashmir' at SMVDU, and this paper was an excerpt from her research.



SMVDU Students Globally Ranked in Top 20 Position in Future Infrastructure Star Challenge 2021

A Future Infrastructure Star Challenge 2021 was organised globally by Bentley Education for student community to develop and propose an idea to change the world with innovative infrastructure projects. Students of Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University (SMVDU), B.Tech 3rd year, School of Civil Engineering, Mr. Danish Manhas and Mr. Dishank Jamwal, participated in the challenge under the guidance of Dr. Rahul Sharma, Faculty, SMVDU. The students globally ranked in the top 20 positions in the Future Infrastructure Star Challenge 2021, and were rewarded with a prize money of \$500 and a CREDLY badge. The students worked on the innovative concept of Smart Green Buildings and Flyovers, and represented a presentation along with a report. The Vice-Chancellor, Prof. R. K. Sinha, and Head, School of Civil Engineering, Dr. V K Dogra, congratulated the students.



SMVDU Student Bags First Prize in Unnat Bharat Abhiyan held at IIT Jammu

A poster making competition on 'COVID 19 Awareness' was organised by IIT Jammu under the flagship of "Unnat Bharat Abhiyan" in which students of UBA institutions of the Jammu region participated. Ms Nivedika Kher, School of Electrical Engineering, Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University (SMVDU), took part and secured the First position. The student presented an innovative poster indicating the psychological influences of COVID 19 on young students. The Vice-Chancellor, SMVDU, Prof. R. K. Sinha, highly appreciated the efforts of Ms. Nivedika Kher. Dr. Bharat Bhushan Jindal, Coordinator, Unnat Bharat Abhiyan, also congratulated Ms. Nivedika Kher for her achievement, and wished her a good luck for future endeavours.



Ms. Jyotsna Sharma of SMVDU Declared Qualified for Ph. D. in Biotechnology

Ms. Jyotsna Sharma was declared qualified for the award of the Degree of Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) in Biotechnology by Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University, Katra. She worked on the topic "Studies on regeneration, biochemical profiling and bioactivity analysis in selected medicinal plants species" under the supervision of Dr. Raju Shankarayan and Dr. Sharada M. Potukuchi, Faculty, School of Biotechnology, SMVDU.



SMVDU Student Declares Qualified for the Award of Ph.D.

Mr. Bhavneet Singh Soodan, PhD student, School of Mathematics, Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University, was declared qualified for the award of the degree of Doctor of Philosophy (Ph. D) in Mathematics by SMVDU. He worked on the topic, "A Study on Queues with Correlated Reneging", under the supervision of Prof. (Dr.) Rakesh Kumar.



SMVDU Student's Research Paper Features in STLE, USA Best Collection

A research paper related to the thesis work of Rahul Anand, a student of M.Tech. (Manufacturing and Automation), entitled "Synergism of TiO₂ and Graphene as Nano-additives in Bio-Based Cutting Fluid-An Experimental Investigation" was featured in the Society of Tribologists and Lubrication Engineers (STLE) Magazine Tribology & Lubrication Technology (TLT) in the "Editors Selection: Best from STLE Community" section July 2021 edition. The paper was the part of M. Tech. thesis of the student who worked under the guidance of Dr. Mir Irfan Ul Haq (Asst. Prof., Mech. Engg.) and Dr. Ankush Raina (Asst. Prof., Mech. Engg.), SMVDU.



SMVDU Architecture Alumni Selected for Prestigious Chevening Award

Taha Mughal, an alumnus of School of Architecture & Landscape Design, SMVDU (2015 Batch) was selected for the prestigious Chevening Awards 2021-22. With an acceptance rate of just 1.5-3% worldwide, Chevening Scholarship is an international fully-funded scholarship scheme which enables students with leadership qualities across the world to undertake postgraduate study in the universities of the United Kingdom.

