



UPCOMING EVENTS

- Four-week Training Programme on Enrichment of Administrative Skills/Methods from 27th June – 24th July, 2022.
- Business Plan Competition Sponsored by Higher Education Department, Jammu & Kashmir on 1st December, 2022.

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Campus Jottings

SMVDU Conducts Workshop on POSH Act, 2013



To inform the stakeholders on gender equality, harmony and safety at work place, a one day workshop was organized by the Internal Complaint Committee (ICC), Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University (SMVDU), on 'Prevention of Sexual Harassment at Work Place POSH Act' in Maatrka Auditorium. Dr. Sharada Potukuchi, Presiding Officer, welcomed all the participants and invitees. Dr. Surinder Singh detailed the outline of the workshop and its benefits. Mr. B. K. Bhatia Member of the ICC and student members Ms. Gargi, Ms. Priya Lazwara and Ms. Minerva assisted in organizing the workshop. Invited experts: Ms. Meenu Padha, Advocate & Member ICC, SMVDU; EPFO (J&K and Ladakh); J&K and Ladakh High Court; Dr. Monika Narang, Sr. Assistant Professor & Member, JUICCASH Committee, University of Jammu; and Adv. Suyash Singh, Advocate, Criminal Lawyer, Delhi High Court conducted the technical sessions. The message regarding concern for gender equality, safety, misconceptions of gender and harmony at workplace through education and understanding of POSH Act, 2013 were highlighted in the workshop.

Prof. (Dr.) Ravindra Kumar Sinha, Vice-Chancellor, SMVDU and the Chief Guest of the event, appreciated conducting such activities. He emphasized that mother is the first teacher for a child and values imparted by her determine the nature of the society. He reiterated that sexual harassment is a problem often encountered in workplaces and violates the women's right to equality, life and liberty. Sh. Nagendra Singh Jamwal, Registrar, SMVDU, encouraged the team and helped provide required administrative support. The proceedings were conducted by Ms. Priya Lazwara student of MBA and Dr. Sunanda, Member, ICC presented the vote of thanks.



Delegation Thanks VC, SMVDU for Dogri and Hindi Courses

A delegation of writers, poets and intellectuals led by Mohan Singh Slathia, writer and Sahitya Academy awardee and President Duggar Manch met Prof. R K Sinha, Vice-Chancellor, Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University, and thanked him for introducing of post graduate course in the Dogri language. The delegation hailed the decision of LG Manoj Sinha in introducing Dogri course in SMVDU which would help in promoting Dogra language, heritage and culture. The Vice-Chancellor, SMVDU, informed the delegation that the new courses in Dogri and Hindi are being launched in pursuance to New Education Policy NEP which lays great emphasis on promotion of regional languages.

Dr. Sushma Rani, Dr Sarita Khajuria, and Rakesh Verma were also part of the delegation.



Four-week Training Programme on Administrative Skills Inaugurated at SMVDU

A month-long training programme on enriching administrative skills was inaugurated at Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University on 27th June 2022. The programme was organized by the Directorate of Quality Assurance (DQA), SMVDU, for administrative officers to enhance their administrative skills. Prof. Ravindra Kumar Sinha, Vice-Chancellor, Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University was the Chief Guest of the inaugural event. Dr. A. K. Das, Director DQA, introduced the concept and course contents of the Training Programme. He emphasised the importance of hands-on training to be provided on various topics to the participants, including Establishment Rules, Taxation, Audit, Laws related to women empowerment, RTI, Stress Management, Leadership Skills, Contract Management, Time Management and Attitude Building, etc. Sh. Neeraj Gupta, Finance Officer and Registrar, SMVD University addressed participants and emphasised the good administrative skills and knowledge required for the fulfilment of statutory obligations of an institute, which could only be achieved by trained administrators. The Chief Guest, Prof. Ravindra Kumar Sinha, Vice-Chancellor, SMVDU appreciated the team for organising such a unique program for Assistant Registrar, Deputy Registrar level officers, and desired that in this changing scenario such programmes should be organised frequently for updating knowledge and administrative skills.



Celebration and Day Observed

SMVDU Organized Cycle Rally on World Bicycle Day

The NSS unit and Board for Sports Activities organized a Cycle Rally to celebrate "World Bicycle Day". The event started with the Vande Maatram song by students. The Vice-Chancellor, SMVDU, Prof. R.K. Sinha, flagged off the rally. He also addressed the gathering on the importance of cycle riding and emphasized that cycle riding should be a daily activity for everyone. Dean Student Welfare, Dr. Hari Govind Mishra; NSS Programme Officer, Dr. Rajiv Kumar; President BSA, Dr. Parvez Slathia, Security Officer, Mr. Surender Singh were also present during the event. The rally started at



6:30 am in the morning in which around 50 cyclists from the campus participated in the event and around 100 students marched past with cyclists raising slogans. The event ended with the National anthem.

Plantation Drive in SMVDU on World Environment Day

Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University (SMVDU) organized a plantation drive for the 2022 on World Environment Day on 5th June 2022. The drive was inaugurated by the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. (Dr.) Ravindra Kumar Sinha (Padma Shri) along with Sh. Navneet Singh (IFS), Additional Chief Executive Officer, SMVD Shrine Board. On this occasion, several types of plants including Pipal, Neem, Palash, Amla, Ashok, Loquat, Kaut, Bela, etc. were planted by the dignitaries present. Dean, Faculty of Science Prof. Ashok Sharma, Dr. M. Sharada Potukuchi, Dean, Academic Affairs, Dean, Faculty of Management, Dr. Supran Sharma, and several Heads of Schools and Sections participated in the drive. The plantation drive was facilitated by Sh. Vinay Khajuria, ACF, SMVD Shrine Board, Sh. Surinder Singh, Security Officer, SMVDU, Foresters from SMVDSB Sh. Hitesh Khajuria and Sh. Chander Kumar, Forest Watcher Sh. Subash Chander along with the helping staff members from SMVDSB Sh. Sunil Kumar, Sh. Sunil Tagotra, Sh. Ram Lal, Sh. Mohd. Sadiq, and SMVDU members of housekeeping. The drive concluded with light refreshment at the VC Residence. A vote of thanks was presented by Dr. Madhu Mangal Chaturvedi, Faculty I/c, University Social Responsibility, SMVDU.



SMVDU celebrates the 8th International Yoga Day

The NSS unit of SMVDU in collaboration with the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, Regional office Jammu celebrated the 8th International Yoga Day. Vice-Chancellor SMVDU, Prof. R.K Sinha, was the chief guest of the event. The

Yoga session was conducted by Mr. Gurmel, Yoga instructor. The session started with a welcome address by Dr. Rajiv Kumar, NSS Program Coordinator in which more than 400 participants attended the session. A cultural group from the Central Bureau



of Communication (CBC) Jammu presented two cultural performances on the occasion. A quiz session was also organized in which the winners received prizes. A yoga performance comprising different yoga patterns was also performed by Shubham and the group. A yoga awareness rally was also organized and flagged by Vice-Chancellor SMVDU to aware people of yoga. The event was sponsored by the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, Regional Office Jammu. Dean of Student Welfare Dr. H.G Mishra, Shri Madan Gopal, FPO, Anantnag, Shri Ravinder Vaishnavi, CBC, Jammu, Dr. Balbir Singh, and other faculty and staff members were also present during the session.

External Expert

Special Lectures on World Environment Day Organised at SMVDU

Special lectures were organised on World Environment Day at School of Biotechnology, Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University (SMVDU) for undergraduate and postgraduate students by eminent speakers, Prof. Ravindra K. Sinha, Vice Chancellor, SMVDU; Prof. Anil K Raina, Former Head, Department of Environmental Sciences, University of Jammu and Mr. O.P. Sharma, Retd. IFS. The year 2022 marks the golden jubilee (50 years) of World Environment Day and theme for the year is "Only One Earth" with Sweden as host country. Prof. Sinha emphasized the role of day-to-day activities in conservation of water, electricity, etc. and explained that how these small acts can go a long way in protection of our environment. Prof. Raina talked about sustainable development methods that can be easily adopted and the need to realign the current development process so that the availability of natural resources can be ensured for the future generations. Mr. Sharma in his ppt presentation discussed the vivid biodiversity of flora and fauna of Jammu & Kashmir, detailing how extinction of species is progressively accelerating and impact of biodiversity in different aspects of human life. Dr. Sharda Potukuchi, Head, School of Biotechnology (SoB), was the Convener and Dr. Preeti Sharma, Faculty, SoB, was the Organizing Secretary of the event. Dr. Parvez Singh Slathia, Co-organizing Secretary, delivered the vote of thanks. The event also included the plantation of saplings of *Terminalia bellirica* (baheda) and *Hymenodictyon orixense* (Bridal Couch tree) to mark the occasion.



Prof. P. Deb of Tezpur University Delivers a Lecture at SMVDU



School of Physics, SMVD University organized an expert lecture by Prof. Pritam Deb, a renowned Professor at the Department of Physics, Tezpur University. Prof. Deb delivered a talk on "Materials Science: Touching the Horizon and Feeling Beyond" and introduced audience to the upcoming area of Mesoscopic Physics besides Magnetism in low dimension, Surface Nanoscience, Electronic Structure Calculation, and many other areas of contemporary research. He emphasized the role of nanoparticle engineering in developing futuristic applications of tremendous importance for society. The lecture was well received by the participants, particularly the students. He motivated students to take up challenging problems and go beyond their normal capacities so as to make a niche of their own in times to come. Prof. Deb appreciated the work being done by the faculty and students of the School of Physics, SMVD University.

Faculty/Staff Updates

SMVDU Faculty Bags Certificate of Merit at Indian Institute of Architects (IIA) Convention

Ar. Abhiney Gupta, Faculty of School of Architecture and Landscape Design (SoALD), Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University (SMVDU), was awarded a certificate of merit for the outstanding contribution to Indian Institute of Architects (IIA) activities during the year 2021-22 by the IIA President, Ar. C.R. Raju in the recent annual convention - NATCON 2022, a national level event from May 14 to 16' 2022 organized by the Telangana Chapter of the Indian Institute of Architects. The IIA (Estd. 1917) is a national body of Indian Architects, and it is playing a major role in promoting the profession of architecture by organizing and uniting the Architects of India to promote the aesthetic, scientific and practical efficiency of the profession both in practice and in education. The Vice-Chancellor, SMVDU, Prof. Ravindra Kumar Sinha, Registrar SMVDU, Mr. Narinder Jamwal (JKAS), and Head, SoALD, Ar. Aditya Kumar Singh, along with faculty members of SoALD & fellow IIA Architects congratulated the faculty for his achievement.



Student Updates

NSS, SMVDU Participated in 'National Integration Camp' at NSUT Delhi

NSS volunteers of SMVDU participated in a week 'National Integration Camp' which was held at NSUT, Delhi. Only two NSS volunteers (01 girl and 01 boy) from each University were allowed in these camps. Each camp had 200 NSS volunteers to undertake the scheduled activities. Sharnam Khajuria and Anmol Sharma participated in this national level event. During the camp, they were a part of various activities like Yoga, road safety awareness, First Aid, painting competitions, etc. and they also got to attend various guest lectures from known entities. They represented the culture of Jammu and Kashmir during the cultural events through dance, music, poster making, speech, debate and skit. The students got an exposure to a great extent which will definitely motivate the future members of the organisation in the University to represent Jammu and Kashmir and the University in the upcoming National Integration Camps. The National Integration Camp (NIC) is organized every year and the duration of each camp is seven days with day-night boarding & lodging.



Industrial Visit to Baglihar Hydro Electric Power Project

An Industrial visit was organized for the students of 3rd-year Electrical Engineering (EE), Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University, on 08 June 2022 to Baglihar Hydro Electric Power Plant, Chandrakote, Ramban. The visit turned out to be informative and enriching. The visit was organized under the guidance of Dr. Manish Sabraj, Head, EE, SMVDU, and the faculty Dr. Gyanesh Singh, Mr. Gaurav Kumar, and Ms. Pooja Sharma. At BHEP, everyone was guided to the powerhouse complex wherein an enthralling interactive session along with a briefing on the machines was given. The session turned out to be absolutely



fun as well as a journey through the practical knowledge and technology behind hydropower plants –its advantages over other generations, the generation, controlling and the insulation scheme, etc. The session was followed by a brisk question-answer round. Throughout the session, the students were guided and briefed by Mr. Sanjay Bhagat, XEN, BHEP.

SMVDU Researcher Declares Qualified for the Award of Ph.D. Degree

Ms. Nusrat Akber has been declared qualified for the award of Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) in Economics by Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University, Katra, J&K. She has worked on the topic, titled "Capital Formation in Indian Agriculture: An Empirical Analysis", under the supervision of Dr. Kirtti Ranjan Paltasingh, Assistant Professor, School of Economics, SMVDU. Ms. Nusrat has been awarded the Centrally Sponsored ICSSR Doctoral Fellowship and Uma Lele Mentor Fellowship by the Agriculture and Applied Economics Association (AAEA). She has published research papers indexed in SCI/SCIE/SSCI, and ABDC ranked journals. One of her papers has been awarded the best paper award by the International Association of Agriculture Economists (IAAE). She has presented many research papers at international and national conferences. Prof. R.K. Sinha, Vice-Chancellor, SMVDU, and other committee members congratulated the scholar and wished her a bright future ahead



NSS SMVDU organized State Level Common Yoga Protocol session



The NSS Unit of SMVDU organized State Level "Common Yoga Protocol (CYP)" session as a countdown to 8th International Yoga Day as SMVDU has been selected to organize this CYP session by the NSS Regional Directorate, New Delhi. The chief guest of the event was Vice-Chancellor, Prof. R.K Sinha, SMVD University. The Yoga session was conducted by Mr. Gurmel (Yoga instructor), and more than 500 participants attended the session. The session started with welcome address by Dr. Rajiv Kumar, NSS Program Coordinator. A yoga performance comprising different yoga patterns was also performed by Shubham and group. The students of Government Degree College, Katra, also participated in the event along with the NSS Program Officer, Dr. Fayaz Hussain. The Dean of Student Welfare, Dr. H.G Mishra, and other faculty and staff members were also present during the session. The event took place in the Matrika Auditorium. The performers and the guests were felicitated by the Dean of Student Welfare. The session ended with the recital of the national song "Vande Mataram" by Jasmine and team.

Site Visit by SMVDU Students for Group Housing Project

The students of School of Architecture and Landscape Design (SoALD), Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University (SMVDU), visited Chowadi, Jammu to study the site and its surrounding for the architectural design of Group Housing as part of their course curriculum. The students showed keen interest in the site visit and captured the site response through photographs, videos and measurements. Ar. Navin Gupta, Assistant Professor, SoALD and Ar. Vivek Aggarwal, Assistant Professor, SoALD, accompanied the students and explained the significance of various parameters related to the physical site analysis with respect to the Group Housing Project. The students also visited an ongoing housing project at Chowadi as part of their Case Study wherein the students were apprised about the conceptual design & planning process.



Parul Priya of SMVDU Declares Qualified for the Award of Ph.D.

Ms. Parul Priya has been declared qualified for the award of the degree of Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) in English by Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University (SMVDU). The candidate has worked on the topic, titled "Transgender Life Narratives: Interrogating Structural Inequalities and Creating Counter public", under the supervision of Dr. Anurag Kumar, Faculty, School of Languages and Literature, SMVDU, Katra. Ms. Parul has published research papers in academic international journals, and also presented many papers at reputed national and international conferences and seminars.



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

Ms. Misbah Shafi has been declared qualified for the award of Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) in Electronics and Communication Engineering by Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University (SMVDU), Katra, J&K. The researcher has worked on the topic titled "Security Issues in 5G Wireless Communication Network", under the supervision of Dr. Rakesh Kumar Jha and Dr. Manish Sabraj, Faculty, School of Electronics and Communication Engineering, SMVDU. The candidate has published research papers indexed in SCI/SCIE ranked journals and has presented papers at international conferences. The candidate has expressed her gratitude to the 5G and IoTLab, School of Electronics and Communication Engineering, and SMVD University for providing all the facilities and necessary support for carrying out her research. Prof. (Dr.) R. K. Sinha, Vice-Chancellor, SMVDU, and other committee members congratulated the scholar and wished her a bright future ahead.



SMVDU Students Visit CIIT Jammu

The industrial visit was conducted by the School of Mechanical Engineering, SMVD University, at the CIIT Centre, Jammu in which forty-five students in the 2nd year along with senior professors and the workshop instructor visited the centre at Government Polytechnic, Jammu. The students from SMVDU visited all the 9 competency centres led by OIC from Tata Technologies Ltd.



and Subject Matter Experts. The CIIIT Team informed them about the competency centres. The faculty members, SMVDU, thanked the CIIIT Team for making this programme informative and interesting for the students and faculty. The visit was organized by Dr. Ankush Anand, Dr. Sanjay Mohan Sharma and Dr. Rajiv Kumar, Faculty, School of Mechanical Engineering.

SMVDU Student Presents a paper at International Conference

Mr. Ravi Kumar Goyal, PhD scholar, School of Mechanical Engineering has presented his research, paper titled 'modelling and analysis of compound parabolic concentrator integrated box type solar cooker' authored by Ravi Kumar Goyal and M. Eswaramoorthy in the 2nd International Conference & Exposition on Advances in Mechanical Engineering (ICAME-2022) organised by the Department of Mechanical Engineering, College of Engineering Pune. The article and presentation discussed a method to enhance the performance of the solar cooker.



Pawandeep Singh of SMVDU Declares Qualified for the Award of Ph.D.

Mr. Pawandeep Singh, Research Scholar, School of Mechanical Engineering, Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University (SMVDU), has been declared qualified for the award of the degree of Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) in Mechanical Engineering. He has worked on the topic, titled "Investigation of Mechanical and Tribological Properties of Eggshell/B4C and Bone ash/ B4C Reinforced ZA-27 Hybrid Metal Matrix Composites" under the supervision of Dr R.K Mishra and Dr Balbir Singh, Associate Professors, School of Mechanical Engineering, SMVDU. Mr. Pawandeep Singh has published his research work in SCI/SCIE journals, conferences, and a book chapter and filed one patent. The candidate thanked Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University for granting the scholarship, and the Research and Development Department for necessary support along with facilities. Prof. R.K. Sinha Vice-Chancellor, SMVDU, Dr Ajay Kaul, Dean, Faculty of Engineering, Professor M. Eswaramurthy, Head, School of Mechanical Engineering and Supervisor Dr R.K Mishra and Dr Balbir Singh congratulated the candidate and wished him a bright future ahead.



ALUMNI CORNER

SMVDU holds Alumni Panel Discussion on 'On the Job Stress Management'

Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University Alumni Association and SMVDU Alumni Affairs conducted a Panel Discussion on "On the Job Stress Management". The panellists of the event were: Ms. Supriya Sharma (MBA, 2011 Batch) currently working in Yupp TV, Hyderabad, Ms. Ana Mahajan (MBA, 2006 Batch) is the Chief Manager at State Bank of India, New Delhi and Ms. Pallavi Mahajan (MBA, 2008 Batch) working as a social media Manager at Webisdome in Delhi. The event was conducted to discuss work-related stress caused by uncontrolled pressure which undermines the performance of the employer, and dealing with it while working in an organization. Dr. Sakshi Arora, President of SMVDU Alumni Association, Dr. Saurabh, Faculty I/c Alumni Affairs SMVDU, and Dr. Mir Irfan UIHaq, member secretary of SMVDU Alumni Association added their views to the panel and thanked the participation of alumni and students in the discussions.



Dr. Ankush Raina expressed gratitude towards the university and especially the Vice-Chancellor Prof. (Dr.) Ravindra Kumar Sinha, and Registrar Shri Nagendra Singh Jamwal for extending their support towards the possibility of the event. Also, he expressed special thanks to the members of the organizing committee Er. Ashish Suri, Associate Dean of Academics and Mrs. Saloni Sabharwal, Treasurer, SMVDU-AA staff and faculty members and alumni members for active participation.

SMVDU Alumnus Secures Seat at Rhode Island School of Design

Anand Upadhayay, an Alumnus of SMVD University, secured a seat at the prestigious Rhode Island School of Design (RISD) for a Master's in Architecture (M. Arch). He was one among 19 who got into the program, and the only one representing India. Anand passed out in 2016, and during his time at SMVDU, he brought laurels to the university by winning the University of Westminster international design competition. He was also awarded a 361-degree scholar for his best work by IA&B (Indian Architect and Builder), a semi-finalist for the UC Berkeley essay prize competition, and the winner of the Padma Bhushan Charles Correa Foundation Bursary twice. Going the extra mile in his academics, Anand has also worked with Padma Bhushan Shri B.V. Doshi, the first and only Nobel prize laureate of architecture from India. The Faculty members of the School of Architecture & Design congratulated Anand for his success and wished him a bright future ahead.

