



Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University  
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## USIEF organizes outreach program in SMVD University

To commemorate International Education Week (IEW) Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University in association with United States India Education Foundation (USIEF), the Fulbright Commissioner in India that offers information on US higher education and administers Fulbright-Nehru fellowships for teaching and research in US, organized an outreach program on 'seeking admission in US Universities' and 'Obtaining Fulbright Fellowships' at Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University, Katra.



Vice Chancellor of SMVDU Prof Bansal chaired this session.



Prof Bansal in his inaugural address asked the students and faculty members to make use of this opportunity to get an insight into the various opportunities that are offered by USIEF for higher studies and research in US Universities. He said that time has come for us to explore possibilities to train our students at international level and this outreach program and similar activities should be our focus in future. The University has students from 20 states of the country.

Dr Sudarshan Dash and Ms Shevanti Narayan from USIEF, Delhi spoke on study and fellowships opportunities Fulbright fellowships are available in a wide range of disciplines for researchers, professionals, faculty members and also for students. USIEF staff provided tips on how to make a strong application and what are the aspects that the selection committee looks for in an aspiring student. USIEF also offers a unique FLTA program which provides opportunities to teach Bengali, Gujarati, Hindi and Urdu in the US. Currently applications are being accepted for FLTA till December 15, 2008. The education advising staff of USIEF provided an overview of US higher education and described the process of completing a successful admission cycle.

IEW is a joint initiative of the US Department of State and the US Department of Education.