



## UPCOMING EVENTS

- Two Day Management Development Program on Human Resource Management for Excellence in Business (7<sup>th</sup>- 8<sup>th</sup> Feb, 2015)
- Five Day Workshop on Enhancing Research Skills in Philosophy (16<sup>th</sup>- 20<sup>th</sup> Feb, 2015)

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## Campus Jottings



## 66th Refresher Course in Experimental Physics

The "66th Refresher Course in Experimental Physics," sponsored by the three National Science Academies viz., Indian Academy of Sciences (IASc), Bangalore, Indian National Science Academy (INSA), New Delhi, the National Academy of Sciences, India (NASI), Allahabad was organized by the School of Physics from 10<sup>th</sup>-25<sup>th</sup> December, 2014.

The inaugural of the event was addressed by Academies' observer from Goa University Prof. K.R. Priolkar, Director, School of Physics Dr. Jitendra Sharma as the Course Coordinator, and Dean of Students Dr. Yugal Khajuria as the Course Director. The two-week refresher course attracted faculty participants from Physics and Engineering background selected from



different parts of the country while also allowing fewer postgraduate and doctoral level students to gain hands-on experience on advanced experiments at post-M.Sc. level, with low cost kits developed for the Indian Academy of Sciences, and manufactured by Ajay Sensors and Instruments in Bangalore. The course also benefitted from the expertise offered by Dr. Vivek Kumar Singh, Dr. Vinay Kumar, Mr. Pankaj Biswas and Dr. Ram Prakash from School of Physics as resource persons.

Editorial Team wishes a very Happy New Year to everyone



May the new year  
Bring these wishes to all of you  
Warmth of love, comfort of home  
Joy for your children,  
Company and support of family n friends  
A caring heart that accepts  
N treats all human beings equally  
Enrichment of knowledge n  
Richness of diversity  
Courage to seek n speak the truth  
Even if it means standing alone  
Hopes n dreams of a just world n  
The desire to make it happen  
A light to guide your path  
Helping hands to strengthen unity  
Serenity n peace within your mind,  
Heart n soul  
Food for thought n soul  
A hand to hold

## Faculty Update

Professor V. Verma, Dean, Faculty of Engineering delivered Invited Lecture on 10<sup>th</sup> December 2014 at the Two-week DBT-sponsored Short-Term Training Course (STTC) on Bioprocess engineering for young/mid-career scientists and UG/PG teachers of Biotechnology and Life Sciences conducted by School of Biotechnology, University of Jammu.

Dr S. K. Wanchoo, Director I/c School of Innovation and Community Development was invited to attend the IRIS National Fair 2014 at Ahmedabad from December 4<sup>th</sup> -7<sup>th</sup> Dec, 2014.

Dr. Anil K. Tewari, Asst. Prof. SOPC gave a talk on "Some Ethical Consideration in Sports" in the World Philosophy Day celebration seminar held at GCW Gandhinagar on 4<sup>th</sup> Dec, 2014.

Dr. Varun K. Tripathi acted as a Jury Member in the North Zone Declamation Competition held at GCW Gandhinagar on 12<sup>th</sup> December 2014.

Dr S. K. Wanchoo, Director I/c School of Innovation and Community Development was invited as Evaluator for second time in a row for the 22nd National Children Science Congress by NCSTC, Department of Science & Technology, GOI. The congress was held at Bengaluru from 26<sup>th</sup>-31<sup>th</sup> Dec, 2014.

Dr. Sharada M. Potukuchi and Mr. Parvez S Slathia, Asst. Professors, School of Biotechnology, SMVDU, in the capacity of Resource Persons, delivered Invited Lectures on 15th December 2014 at the Two-week DBT-sponsored Short-Term Training Course (STTC) on Bioprocess engineering for young/mid-career scientists and UG/PG teachers of Biotechnology and Life Sciences (Botany/Zoology, Environmental Sciences Biochemistry/Microbiology/Food Technology, and other allied subjects) conducted by School of Biotechnology, University of Jammu.

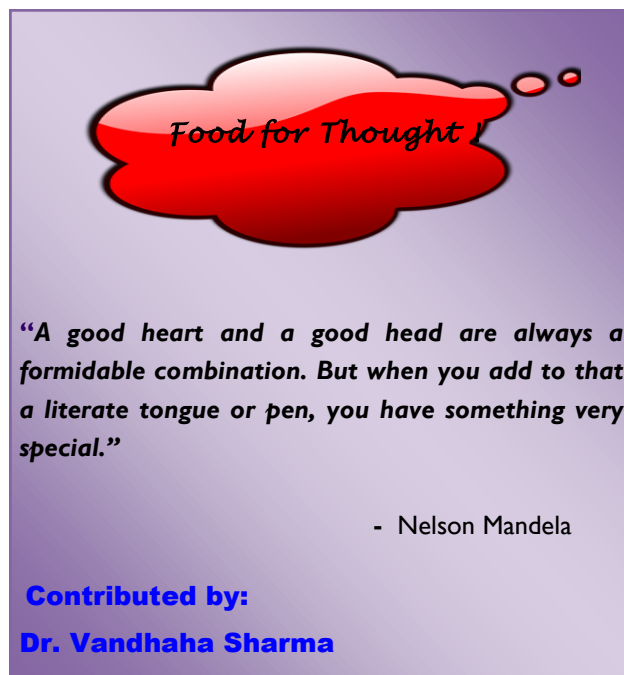
Dr. Sharada M. Potukuchi and team published "Bacoside production under the influence of abiotic elicitors in shoot cultures of *Bacopa monnieri* (L.)" their research work in Taylor & Francis Group Journal - Natural Product Research, online on 8th December 2014, co-authored by Munish Sharma, Ashok Ahuja, Rajinder Gupta. The paper can be accessed at DOI: 10.1080/14786419.2014.986657.

Dr. Sharada M. Potukuchi, Asst. Prof., School of Biotechnology, SMVDU, in the capacity of Resource Person, delivered an Invited Lecture on 15th entitled "IPR issues in Biotechnology" at the Two-week DBT-sponsored Short-Term Training Course (STTC) on Bioprocess engineering for young/mid-career scientists and UG/PG teachers of Biotechnology and Life Sciences (Botany/Zoology, Environmental Sciences Biochemistry/Microbiology/Food Technology, and other allied subjects) conducted by School of Biotechnology, University of Jammu.

Dr. Swarkar Sharma, Assistant Professor, SBT is the leading author and the only Indian associated with the study that identifies a new susceptibility gene for the spinal disorder, Adolescent Idiopathic Scoliosis (also called AIS), to be published in 2015, in a high impact International Scientific Journal "Nature Communications". The study entitled "A *PAX1* enhancer locus is associated with susceptibility to idiopathic scoliosis in females" is result of an international multi-institutional research project.

Dr. Sunil Kumar Wanchoo, Assistant Professor in Physics, and Director I/c School of Innovation and Community

Development participated in the Annual Fall Meeting of the American Geophysical Union (AGU) held at San Francisco, CA, USA from 15<sup>th</sup> -19<sup>th</sup> Dec, 2014. Dr. S. K. Wanchoo presented a co-authored poster titled "*Lithospheric Structure & Earthquakes beneath Kashmir Himalaya*". The work presented by Dr. Wanchoo during the meeting is the preliminary outcome of the collaborative research work between SMVDU-IISER, Kolkata-University of Cambridge in J&K Himalayas.



## Students Update

Ram Krishan, Research Scholar, School of Mathematics, SMVD University has participated & presented a paper titled "Products of Composition & Iterated differentiation Operators from Fractional Cauchy Transform to Weighted Bloch-type Spaces" in the National Meeting of Research Scholars in Mathematical Sciences on 8<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Dec, 2014 organized by Department of Statistics, University of Jammu.

## Alumni Corner

"The two years in SMVDU provided me with knowledge that was relevant to appreciate management, business and a career in the corporate sector. Surely, what it gave was necessary for one to get started in this competitive era. The faculty and the peers of Management department have always taught me to strive for the best. Thanks to SMVDU for making me what I am"

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