

SWAMI VIVEKANANDA UNIVERSITY

ZEPHYR

a newsletter from the Department of Education



ABOUT THE DEPARTMENT

The Department of Education at Swami Vivekananda University, Barrackpore, provides transformative and innovative learning experiences by cultivating and nurturing the future pioneers of our society. Since its foundation, the department has been working tirelessly to prepare Education students so that they can sustain the complex globalized fraternity. The faculty members of the Education Department of Swami Vivekananda University hold higher degrees in the field of Education and possess years of experience in teaching Education students.

With their years-long experience and sheer dedication, they vow to impart quality knowledge to every student who wants to prosper in their career. The department is especially remarkable in conducting constructive debates, seminars, special lectures, and workshops to nurture the hidden skills of every student. Students are further encouraged to join relevant companies for internship programs. Not only that, but the Education Department of Swami Vivekananda University trains its students to face and handle social injustice and inequality with compassion, humbleness, and professionalism.

FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

As we embark on this literary journey with the inaugural edition of "Zephyr," the newsletter of the Education Department at Swami Vivekananda University, it is with great joy and anticipation that I welcome you to the Editor's Column.

"Zephyr," named after the gentle breeze that carries the whispers of knowledge, seeks to be a harbinger of inspiration, enlightenment, and intellectual camaraderie. In the hallowed halls of academia, our collective pursuit of wisdom unfolds like the delicate dance of leaves in the wind, each page a testament to the intellectual vitality within our academic community.

In this column, we aspire to foster a space for contemplation, dialogue, and celebration of the scholarly achievements that define our academic tapestry. May "Zephyr" be a beacon, guiding us through the vast realms of education, where the winds of inquiry propel us towards greater understanding.

With profound gratitude and enthusiasm,

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MAM Sameem, a distinguished faculty member and Coordinator of the Internship Training Unit at the Department of English Language Teaching, South Eastern University of Sri Lanka, delivered a captivating discourse on Academic Writing during a Live Webinar hosted by Swami Vivekananda University's Department of Education on February 28, 2023. Addressing an audience of erudite Research Scholars, Sameem's articulate insights illuminated the intricacies of scholarly writing. His eloquent expressions not only demystified the art of academic prose but also inspired a profound appreciation for the nuanced craft. The webinar served as an intellectual nexus, fostering a vibrant exchange of ideas, and undoubtedly enriched the scholarly pursuits of the discerning participants.

Dr. Siti Nazuar Sailin, the erudite Deputy Dean of Awang Had Salleh Graduate School of Arts and Sciences at Universiti Utara Malaysia, graced a Live Webinar organized by the Department of



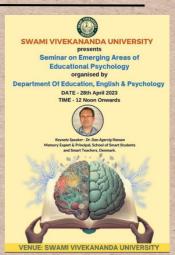
Education at Swami Vivekananda University on March 31, 2023. The insightful session, titled "Crafting Impactful Research Presentations Using CRAP Design Principles," provided a roadmap for Research Scholars to elevate their scholarly discourse. Dr. Sailin, with her profound expertise, delved into the nuances of effective presentation design, employing the CRAP (Contrast, Repetition, Alignment, Proximity) principles. Her eloquent delivery not only captivated the audience but also empowered the scholars to enrich their research narratives through visually compelling and impactful presentations.

On May 10, 2023, the hallowed halls of Swami Vivekananda Universitu resonated with intellectual (Dr.) fervour as Prof. Akbaruddin Ahmed, the esteemed Chairman of Policy Research Centre, Bangladesh, and Vice-Chancellor (Retd.) of Darul University, Islan graced the institution with his illuminating discourse on

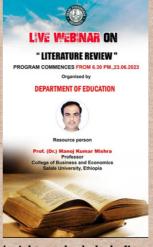


"Multidisciplinary Approaches to Education." The symposium, orchestrated by the Department of Education in collaboration with the Department of English, unfolded a tapestry of insightful perspectives that transcended disciplinary boundaries. Attended by an audience predominantly comprising eager Research Scholars and students from pertinent departments, the session served as a beacon for intellectual exploration and academic enlightenment, fostering a rich tapestry of knowledge exchange. Prof. Ahmed's erudition and the event's multidimensional discourse left an indelible mark on the academic landscape, inspiring a pursuit of holistic educational paradigms.

Renowned memory expert, Dr. Dan Agervig Hansen, captivated the intellectual enclave of Swami Vivekananda University during a seminal lecture on "Emerging Areas of Educational Psychology" on April 2023. Hosted 28. by Department of Education in collaboration with the Departments of English and Psychology, the event unfolded as a symphony of erudition. Dr. Hansen, Principal of the School of Smart Students and



Smart Teachers in Denmark, seamlessly amalgamated scholarly insight with practical applications. The virtuoso discourse resonated with the discerning minds of Research Scholars and students from pertinent departments. Hansen's eloquence and profound understanding of memory dynamics left an indelible mark, shaping the educational psychology discourse for the intellectually curious audience.



Prof. (Dr.) Manoj Kumar Mishra, esteemed Professor from Salale University, Ethiopia, delivered a captivating discourse on "Literature Review" during a Live Webinar meticulously orchestrated by Swami Vivekananda University's Department of Education on 23rd June 2023. Engaging the intellects of the Research Scholars in attendance, Prof. Mishra delved into the intricacies of literature review with profound

insights and scholarly finesse. His erudition illuminated the path for the aspiring researchers, unravelling the essence of comprehensive literature synthesis. The session, enriched by Prof. Mishra's expertise, provided an intellectual feast for the discerning minds, fostering a profound understanding of the pivotal role literature review plays in scholarly pursuits. Zephyr Edition #1

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On the insightful webinar held on 13.07.2023, Prof. Cliff Ransom Wendell B. Lilangan, Chairperson of the Department of Social Sciences and Philosophy at Angel University, Holy Philippines, graced the virtual platform to delve into "The Social Sciences Paradigm in Research." The erudite discourse,



organized by Swami Vivekananda University's Department of Education, was an enriching experience for the esteemed audience, primarily composed of Research Scholars from the relevant department. Prof. Lilangan's profound insights illuminated the intricate intersections of social sciences and research, fostering a deeper understanding among scholars. The event served as a beacon, guiding the intellectual compass of attendees toward a more nuanced and comprehensive approach to social sciences research.

In a captivating Live Webinar hosted by the Department of Education at Swami Vivekananda University on August 25, 2023, the esteemed Dr. S.M. Sarwar Morshed, an erudite faculty member at the World University of Bangladesh and Visiting Faculty at University Liberal of Arts, Bangladesh, shared his profound insights "Focus Group on Discussion." The session. meticulously coordinated by Dr. .



Morshed, also holds the distinguished position of Coordinator at the Ministry of Cultural Affairs, People's Republic of Bangladesh. The eloquent discourse, tailored for the erudite audience of Research Scholars from the concerned department, unveiled a tapestry of intellectual discourse, weaving together academia and practical perspectives. Dr. Morshed's address proved to be an enriching and enlightening experience, fostering a spirit of scholarly dialogue and academic excellence

ACADEMIC COLLABORATION

The Department of Education, in collaboration with the Centre for Teachers' Professional Development (CTPD), India, and Siddhinath Mahavidyalaya, Purba Medinipur, West Bengal, orchestrated a transformative ten-day international capacity development programme on Research in Practice from April 20 to May 3, 2023.

Distinguished Resource Persons, including Dr. Udayan Mondal from Bankura University, Dr. Shyamasree Sur, Head of the Department of Education at Siddhinath Mahavidyalaya, Dr. Sk. Md. Ali of Savitri Girls' College, Prof. (Dr.) Sanjay Kumar, Principal of Saraswati College of Professional Studies and President of CTPD, India, Prof. (Dr.) Prarthita Biswas from Swami Vivekananda University, Dr. Subhadeep Mazumder, Head of the Department of Education at Swami Vivekananda University, Dr. Piyali Ghosh from Savitri Girls' College, and Prof. (Dr.) Manoj Kumar Mishra from Salale University, Ethiopia, enriched the programme with their invaluable insights.



The Valedictory Session, graced by Chief Guest Dr. Uma Ghosh, Principal of Siddhinath Mahavidyalaya, marked the culmination of this intellectually enriching initiative. The programme not only fostered international collaboration but also provided a platform for cross-disciplinary knowledge exchange. The Department of Education is proud to have facilitated this significant event, nurturing a culture of academic excellence and research-driven pedagogy. The collaborative efforts of all stakeholders have undoubtedly contributed to the elevation of educational practices and scholarship.

In a synergistic endeavour, the Department of Education joined forces with the Department of Psychology to spearhead a Cerebral Palsy Awareness Initiative. This impactful initiative, undertaken in collaboration with the esteemed Indian Institute of Cerebral Palsy, unfolded with a thoughtfully organized field visit for our students. The objective was to immerse them in a real-world understanding of the challenges faced by individuals with cerebral palsy.

The enlightening field visit proved to be an experiential journey, fostering empathy and insight among our students. Guided by experts from the Indian Institute of Cerebral Palsy, our students gained profound insights into the multifaceted dimensions of cerebral palsy. This collaborative effort not only raised awareness but also exemplified the Department's commitment to holistic education and societal inclusivity. As we reflect on this impactful initiative, we celebrate the power of education to inspire compassion and cultivate a more inclusive society.



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CONFERENCE & SEMINARS

ICMEI, 2023

Swami Vivekananda University's Department of Education hosted a transformative International Conference on "Women Empowerment & Inclusivity: Emerging Trends" from September 28th to 30th, 2023. The conference served as a vibrant platform for scholars, educators, and activists to engage in profound discussions on crucial facets of women's empowerment.

Distinguished luminaries from across the globe graced the event, offering insightful perspectives. Prof. (Dr.) Geraldine Forbes, a beacon of knowledge from the State University of New York Oswego, shared her wisdom on the evolving landscape of women's empowerment. Prof. (Dr.) Akbaruddin Ahmad, Chairman of the Policy Research Centre in Bangladesh, brought a global perspective on the role of women in higher education.

The conference delved into contemporary topics, exploring the symbiosis of women's empowerment and digital transformation in education. Prof. (Dr.) Victoria Joel, Director and Principal of Circle of Hope Academy in Namibia, highlighted sustainable development's pivotal role in advancing women's status through research, practice, and education.

Inclusivity and equity in women's education were fervently discussed, with Prof. (Dr.) Siti Naaz, Deputy Dean at Universiti Utara Malaysia, shedding light on the imperative of equal opportunities. Prof. (Dr.) Manoj K. Mishra from Salale University in Ethiopia brought a unique perspective to the representation of women's empowerment in literature.

The conference not only celebrated diversity but also fostered a collective commitment to catalyze positive change. Through eloquent expressions, the participants envisioned a future where women's empowerment and inclusivity are not mere ideals but integral components of global progress. The event's resounding success resonates as a testament to Swami Vivekananda University's dedication to advancing knowledge and fostering societal transformation.









On the auspicious day of January 13, 2024, Dr. Parimal Sarkar, an esteemed Assistant Professor from the School of Education at Netaji Subhas Open University, graced the Department of Education at Swami Vivekananda University. The erudite scholar shared profound insights on Research Methodology with the attentive postgraduate students. Dr. Sarkar's discourse was a symphony of intellectual richness, enlightening the eager minds on the intricacies of research design, data collection, and analysis. His address not only elucidated the theoretical foundations but also offered practical wisdom, nurturing the scholarly acumen of the students. Dr. Sarkar's eloquence and pedagogical finesse left an indelible mark, inspiring a new wave of enthusiasm for rigorous academic inquiry among the future torchbearers of education. The session was a testament to the invaluable exchange of knowledge that transpires in academia, fostering a culture of intellectual curiosity and scholarly pursuit at Swami Vivekananda University.

UPCOMING EVENT

In the ever-changing panorama of education, the pursuit of intellectual excellence finds its anchor in the twin pillars of knowledge acquisition and its judicious application. Bearing the evocative title, "Knowledge Acquisition & Knowledge Application: Challenges in Education," the international conference scheduled to be held from 22nd to 24th February, aspires to embark upon a scholarly odyssey, unravelling the intricacies woven into the fabric of this dynamic realm.

This conference, conceived with a discerning eye for the intellectual terrain, seeks to transcend the conventional boundaries of educational discourse. Its purpose is nothing short of cultivating a profound exploration that delves into the multifaceted layers of the educational sphere. Through this intellectual enterprise, the conference endeavours to lay bare the challenges that beset educators, scholars, and practitioners alike in their noble quest for enlightenment.

With an august assembly of minds converging on this scholarly platform, the conference aspires to transcend the ordinary and catalyse an exchange of ideas that transcends the mundane. It is an invitation to traverse the cerebral landscapes where the challenges inherent in knowledge acquisition and application become a crucible for intellectual growth.

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