



# SHRI MATA VAISHNO DEVI UNIVERSITY

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## Next Steps in the Admission Process for the Design Your Degree (DYD) Programme Round-II

**Academic Year 2026–27**

Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University (SMVDU) is pleased to announce the next stage of the admission process for the Design Your Degree (DYD) Programme for the Academic Year 2026–27.

The Design Your Degree (DYD) Programme is a unique and innovative academic initiative that empowers students to design a personalized interdisciplinary degree pathway aligned with their academic interests, career aspirations, and entrepreneurial goals. The programme is aligned with the vision of the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 and promotes flexibility, multidisciplinary learning, experiential education, and skill development.

Applicants who have successfully submitted their applications through the Samarth Admission Portal are informed that the next stage of the admission process will consist of the following components:

### Selection Process

The Phase-I admission process shall comprise:

1. **Statement of Purpose (SoP)**
2. **Evaluation of Class XII (+2) Academic Performance**
3. **Presentation**
4. **Personal Interview / Group Discussion**

### Documents Required

All applicants are required to submit the following documents **through the Google Form (link has been shared on your registered email ids)**:

#### Statement of Purpose (SoP)

The SoP should clearly describe:

- Your academic interests and career aspirations;
- Motivation for joining the DYD Programme;
- Proposed interdisciplinary areas of study; and
- How the DYD Programme aligns with your future goals.

## Supporting Documents (Optional)

- Portfolio, certificates, projects, achievements, or any other documents highlighting your academic, creative, leadership, entrepreneurial, or extracurricular accomplishments.

## Evaluation Criteria

Component	Marks	Evaluation Parameters
Statement of Purpose (SoP)	30	Originality, clarity of goals, coherence, and alignment with the DYD philosophy
+2 Academic Performance	20	Academic merit and relevance of subjects studied
Presentation	20	Creativity and articulation of the proposed interdisciplinary degree pathway
Interaction with the DYD Selection Panel.	30	Motivation, interdisciplinary thinking, communication skills, and clarity of purpose
<b>Total</b>	<b>100</b>	

## Important Dates

Date	Activity
<b>30<sup>th</sup> June, 2026</b>	Closure of Application Process for Phase-I Admissions
<b>01<sup>st</sup> -2<sup>nd</sup> July, 2026</b>	Correction Window for submitted applications
<b>7<sup>th</sup> July -12<sup>th</sup> July, 2026</b>	Submission of SoP and supporting documents if any
<b>14<sup>th</sup> July, 2026 10:00 am</b> <b>Venue: Matrika Auditorium,</b> <b>SMVDU campus</b>	Presentation, & Interaction with the DYD Selection Panel

## Important Note

Submission of SOP by the candidates is mandatory for participation in Presentation/Interaction with the DYD Selection Panel.

Adequate time has been provided to all shortlisted applicants to appear in person before the DYD Selection Panel for the interaction process. All applicants are advised to be well prepared and ensure their presence as per the schedule and timelines communicated to them.

Applicants are advised to regularly visit the University website and check their registered email addresses for updates regarding the admission process, submission links, interview schedule, and other important announcements.

We look forward to welcoming you to the Design Your Degree (DYD) Programme and helping you create a personalized academic pathway aligned with your aspirations.