

VASANT KANYA MAHAVIDYALAYA ANNUAL REPORT 2020-2021

A Brief History

Inaugurated on 10th July, 1954 by Dr. C.P. Ramaswamy Iyer, the then Vice-Chancellor of Banaras Hindu University, Vasant Kanya Mahavidyalaya, a postgraduate institution has withstood the challenges of time to leave its imprint in the world of women's education only due to the fact that it draws sustenance from the vision of Dr. Annie Besant, Mahamana Madan Mohan Malaviya, Dr. Rohit Mehta and others who worked to link up education with culture and balance freedom with responsibility. With a holistic approach, the college has adopted the motto "education as service", so that the students become responsible citizens, able to serve the community. The academic, co-curricular and extra-curricular events brace the young girls to face, understand and address the challenges of an ever-changing society.

A group of extremely efficient, committed and qualified teachers under the able administration of open-minded Principals have successfully tried to achieve the goals for which the college has been established. The college at present is teaching 15 subjects in Arts and Social Sciences streams at UG level viz. *English, Sanskrit, Hindi, Philosophy, AIHC & Archaeology, Music (Vocal), Music (Instrumental), Painting, Home Science, History, Political Science, Sociology, Psychology, Economics and Geography*; PG in *Hindi, English, Home Science, Sociology, Psychology, AIHC & Archaeology, Economics, History, Political Science, Philosophy and Sanskrit*.

Ph.D. scholars are enrolled in five subjects viz. *Hindi, English, Home Science, Psychology and Sociology*. Post graduation in *AIHC & Archaeology, Economics, History, Political Science, Philosophy and Sanskrit* and *Geography* at the UG level was introduced during this session. The college also runs two certificate courses under self-financing scheme -*Spoken English and Fashion Designing*.

V.K.M. has 47 qualified and competent faculties who have been appointed as per U.G.C. norms. As the pursuit of excellence happens to be a continuous process, workshops, seminars, lecture series, faculty development programmes are held from time to time. These upgrade the information and efficiency of the teachers. The outcomes of such positive endeavors reflect on the quality of teaching.

A. Appointments and Promotion

In the academic session 2020-2021, a librarian and six teaching staff were appointed in various subjects. Guest Faculty were appointed in three subjects. 13 Faculty members were promoted to various Academic Levels under Career Advancement Scheme. Ph.D increment was given to eight faculty members-and two non-teaching staff were given MACP (Modified Assured Career Progression).

B. Admission

The college is fortunate to have students from many states of India as the admission is done through an All India Entrance Test conducted by BHU. It follows the reservation policy of the Government of India and SC/ST, OBC and PH are accordingly admitted in various UG/PG courses.

In the academic session 2020-2021, 1507 students were enrolled in the undergraduate courses and 484 in post-graduate courses. At present the total number of Research Scholars enrolled under the supervision of our faculty members is 39. One research scholar was admitted in the Deptt. of Home Science and three research scholars were enrolled in the Department of Psychology in this session. Two research scholars from the Department of Sociology were awarded Ph.D. in this session.

C. Academic Activities

During the COVID-19 pandemic to carry on educational activities and life-skill programmes regularly, innovative and virtual platforms were used to conduct curricular and extra-curricular activities.

Programmes Organized by Various Committees

IQAC and NAAC

- An online “Two Day lecture Series” was organized on 11th and 12th June, 2020 on "New Assessment and Accreditation Policy of NAAC" by IQAC and NAAC. Prof. A.Vaishampayan, Emeritus Professor & Vice Chairman (IQAC), BHU, Former Director, Institute of Agricultural Sciences, BHU delivered his lecture on 11.06.2020, Dr. Binu Thomas, Associate Professor, Deptt. of Computer Application, Coordinator- IQAC, Joint Director of Marian Institute for Teaching-Learning and Evaluation, Kuttikkanam, Kerala and Prof. S.C. Sharma, Director, National Assessment and Accreditation Council, Bangalore were the resource persons on 12.06.2020.

- On May 16 & 17, 2020, a “Two Day International Webinar” was held on “Challenges in Higher Education Post-Covid-19”. In his keynote address, Prof. Ravindra Rana, Department of Economics, North West University, South Africa discussed the challenges of online education due to lack of basic facilities in India. Dr. Prasenjit Biswas, Associate Professor, Department of Philosophy, NEHU, Shillong said that in the lack of interdisciplinary approach and free speech, students are becoming passive listeners. Prof. Kalpalata Pandey, Vice Chancellor, Jannayak Chandrashekhar University, Ballia pointed out that Covid has affected all three aspects of education- entrance, teaching and examination. Dr. Ramesh Chandra Sharma, Ambedkar University, Delhi said that the

sudden lockdown due to the pandemic has disrupted the in depth study of books and has led to education without deep contemplation.

- An awareness programme for non-teaching staff was organized on 18 May, 2020 on “Managing Personal & Professional Life during Lockdown due to Covid-19”. Dr. Sandeep Kumar, Associate Professor, Department of Psychology stressed on the importance of being optimistic during the pandemic and gave useful suggestions to maintain a work-life balance during the pandemic. Dr. Anshu Shukla provided important information about Covid-19 and showed easy techniques to make masks and sanitizers.

E-Alumni Meet

On 6th June 2020, an international e-Alumni meet was organized in which the alumni of the college, holding important places in various disciplines, were awarded Certificate of Appreciation by the Organizing Committee. On this occasion, Prof. Kalpalata Pandey, VC, Jannayak Chandrashekhar University, Ballia, Dr. Shalini Singh, Station Incharge, Sant Kabir Nagar, Miss Anupriya Chatterjee, Playback singer and Miss Nikita Gaund, Civil Judge, were felicitated. The programme was enlivened by the interactions of alumni from across the country and abroad.

Women Study Cell ‘Udaan’

A Seven Day International Workshop, from 21st to 25th July, 2020 was organized on “Stay Home, Stay Safe: Exploring Gender Equality in the New Normal”. In the workshop, Dr. Archana Thakur, Joint Director, UGC, New Delhi shed light on various women empowerment programmes organized by UGC and discussed the directives for educational institutions for physical and mental development of women. Dr. Ranjana Sharma, Director, CSR, New Delhi, shared her views on gender discrimination and domestic violence. Dr. Aruna Boota, Psychiatrist, New Delhi, said that gender discrimination and mental harassment are socially unacceptable. Dr. Manju Agrawal, Professor and Head, Amity University held that gender discrimination prevents women from reaching their full potential. Dr. Puneet Gavli, Specialist, Digital Forensics, Information Security and Fraud Investigation gave an insightful lecture on cyber security and how to prevent cyber crime. Dr. Meenakshi Ingole, Assistant Professor, Department of Education, Delhi University discussed gender inequality and cyber crime and shed light on the role of family in society. Nidhi Bansal, Senior Director, Programme Operation Quality and Learning, New Delhi, discussed how family can change social hierarchy. Ms. Ranjana Gaur, Director, Social Work and Research Centre, Varanasi discussed child abuse and the role of guardians in preventing it. Dr. Anu Bhal Mehra, Associate Professor, Department of Law, New Delhi gave information on laws for eradicating abuse of women. Sri Jayant Bhatt, Advocate, made the participants aware of gender discrimination laws. Dr. Amar Singh, Post-doctoral Fellow, Germany discussed that division of labour should not be on physical attributes but on values and thoughts. Miss Shilpi Sen, Journalist, discussed how women can use media in productive and non-productive ways and how they can improve their image with help of media. Sri Snehi Ranjan, Editor,

Rashtriya Sahara highlighted in his lecture that women should be given equal opportunities in education so that they can make their own path.

Student Advisory and Discipline Committee

On 06.06.2020, the Student Advisory and Discipline Committee organized a one-day webinar where students were informed about nutrition, mental health and job opportunities. Dr. Meenakshi, Magadh University outlined the symptoms and remedies of mental stress. Dr. Meenakshi Bajpayee, Assistant Professor, Arya Mahila PG College discussed the importance of being positive during a change in life pattern. Dr. Renu Singh, Assistant Professor, Gujrat University discussed the need of a balanced diet and nutrition during the pandemic. Dr. Surabhi Singh, Sardarkrushinagar Dantiwada Agriculture University, Palanpur, Gujrat also addressed the students.

Parents-Teacher Meeting

On 11.10.2020, an online Parents-Teacher Meeting was organized in which 250 parents participated. Principal Prof. Rachna Srivastava discussed the necessity of online lectures during COVID-19, fee payment and how to consult scholarly articles and journals online. Parents expressed their satisfaction with the college.

Unnat Bharat Abhiyan

- Ministry of Human Resource Development started Unnat Bharat Abhiyan in 2014 and our college got associated with it in 2018. Various programmes for spreading awareness on social issues and development of villages are organized by the college. The five villages adopted by the college are Badagaon, Khushipur, Kukaraha, Badiasanpur and Paharigaon

In the session 2020-2021 the following activities were undertaken

- An online lecture on “New Education Policy 2020 and its Impact” was organized on 24.09.2020. Dr. Vibha Joshi, Vasanta College for Women Rajghat was the Keynote Speaker on this occasion.
- A banner of Unnat Bharat Abhiyan was approved by the Principal, Prof. Rachna Srivastava. The banner carried the names and brief details of villages adopted by the college.
- On 6-12-2020 the cell was expanded and 9 new faculty members were included.
- On 17.03.2021, 50 students of the college went on a field tour of Badiasanpur where they conducted a survey of the village and interacted with students of Mahadeo PG college, Badiasanpur. The students planted neem and mango saplings in the village and carried an

awareness programme among the villagers. A conference on New Education policy was also held at Mahadeo PG College, Badiasanpur.

D. Lectures and Workshops

Lectures, workshops and visits were organized, both at the UG and PG levels by different Departments to impart latest information to the students and to spread awareness regarding the recent trends so as to enlighten and empower them in their academic pursuits.

Department of AIHC & Archaeology

Online lectures were organized to impart knowledge to students on various topics. They are-

- "Introduction to Archaeology was organized on 24.05.2020. The resource person of this event was Dr. Tejas Madan Garge, Director, Department of Archaeology and Museum, Mumbai.
- "Science and Technology in Ancient India" on 27.05.2020. Dr. Vibha Tripathi, Professor Emeritus and Former Head, Ancient Indian History Culture & Archaeology, BHU, Varanasi graced the occasion.
- "Indo-Islamic Monuments Built Along the Highway of 16th Century" on 29.05.2020. The resource person was Dr. Vandana Sinha, Director, Centre for Arts & Archaeology, American Institute of Indian Studies (AIIS), Gurugram.
- "How the Destiny of Ancient Dwarka, Lothal, Dholavira and Others was Shaped by Sea Level Fluctuations" on 01.06.2020. The resource person was Dr. Rajiv Nigam, Scientist Emeritus, Former Dy. Director & Head of Geological Oceanography and Marine Archaeology, NIO, Goa.
- An interactive talk was also organized on 25.05.2020. The resource person on this occasion was Dr. Rakesh Tewari, Director General (Retd.), Archaeological Survey of India, New Delhi.

Department of English

An online lecture series was organized by the Department in collaboration with English for Nation, New Delhi from 20.08.2020 to 26.08.2020 in which the following topics were discussed:

- "Literary Studies and Computer" on 20.08.2020. The resource person was Prof A. K. Mishra, IIT-BHU, Varanasi.

- “Panini and Formal Methods in Linguistics” on 21.08.2020. The resource person was Prof. G.N. Jha, JNU, New Delhi.
 - “COVID-19 and Curriculum Transaction” on 22.08.2020. The resource person was Prof. C.B .Sharma, IGNOU, New Delhi (Former Chairman, NIOS, NOIDA).
 - “Cultural Trauma and Pandemic” on 24.08.2020. The resource person was Prof .Sanjay Kumar, Department of English, BHU .
 - “COVID-19 and Gender” on 24.08.2020. The resource person was Prof S. Chitra, Yonphula Centenary College, Royal University of Bhutan, Bhutan.
 - “Knowledge Production in and post COVID-19 World” on 26.08.2020. The resource person was Dr. Sayan Dey, Assistant Professor, Yonphula Centenary College, Royal University of Bhutan, Bhutan.
 - “Writing Academic Assignments and Research Proposals” on 11.10.2020. The resource person was Dr. Ashish Kumar Pathak, Assistant Professor, Department of English, BHU.
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- International Mother Language Day was celebrated by the Department on Feb. 20, 2021. 25 poems in English, Hindi and other regional languages were presented during this programme. Dr. Bandana Jha, Associate Professor, Department of Hindi, Vasanta College for Woman, Rajghat was the Keynote Speaker who discussed the importance of one’s mother tongue and highlighted the nuances of Maithili.
 - A Poetry Fest was held on March 19, 2021 to celebrate “World Poetry Day”. Prof. Ranu Uniyal, University of Allahabad was the Chief Guest on this occasion. Various poets from India and abroad participated in the poetry fest in both online and offline mode.

Department of Hindi

Online Lectures were held on the following topics:

- “राम विलास शर्मा की आलोचना पद्धति” on 15.06.2020. The resource person was Dr. Kamlesh Verma, Associate Professor, Department of Hindi, Pt. Deen Dayal Upadhyay Rajkiya Balika Mahavidyalaya, Sewapuri, Varanasi.
- “हिंदी साहित्य के रीति काल पर पुनर्विचार ”on 16.06.2020. The resource person was Dr. Prabhat Kumar Mishra, Associate Professor, Department of Hindi, Assam University, Silchar.

Department of Home Science

Online Lectures were held on the following topics:

- "Natural Dyes & Dyeing Process" on 11.5.2020. The resource person was Dr. Divya Ojha, Academic Associate, Fashion Design School of Vocational Education and Training, IGNOU, New Delhi.
- "Techniques of Visual Merchandising in Fashion Retailing" on 18.5.2020. The resource person was Ms. Lali Priya, Assistant Professor, Amity School of Fashion Technology, Lucknow.
- "Embroidery: Folk Art of India" on 20.5.2020. The resource person was Dr. Jyoti Joshi Academic Consultant, Department of Home Science, Uttarakhand Open University, Haldwani.
- "Indian Folk Art on Fabric: Appreciation and Enterprise" on 21.5.2020. The resource person was Dr. Anima Jamwal, Assistant Professor, Isabella Thoburn College, Lucknow.
- "Fundamentals of Fashion Design" on 23.5.2020. The resource person was Dr. Divya Ojha, Academic Associate, Fashion Design School of Vocational Education and Training, IGNOU, New Delhi.
- "Emerging Need of Technical and Smart Textiles" on 16 June 2020 in which Dr.(Mrs.) Ekta Sharma, Assistant Prof. & Incharge, Department of Textiles and Apparel Designing, Etheling College of Home Science SAUATS, Prayagraj, was the resource person.
- "Role Of FSSAI in Shaping Healthy India Nutritional Security Through Millets" on 16th October, 2020 to observe World Food Day, Dr. Rachana Srivastava, Women Scientist (DST), Department of Community Medicine & School of Public Health, PGIMER, Chandigarh and Dr. Richa Agrawal, Consultant Nutritionist, Young and Fit, New Delhi were the resource persons.
- Testing of Colour Fastness of Textile Material, Lecture Cum Demonstration and Online Visit of Textile Testing Lab on 4 Dec. 2020 and 8 Dec. 2020 by students of MA I and MA III. Shree V.K. Vyas, Reader, Textile processing, IIHT, Khedapalli, P.O. Bardol, Bargarh, Odisha was the resource person.
- "Personal and Psychological Factors Affecting Entrepreneur's Effectiveness" on 1st Dec. 2020 by Dr. Rangana Tiwari, Assistant Professor, Department of Psychology, C.M.P.P.G. College, University of Allahabad.
- "Marketing Management and Sales Promotion" on 3rd Dec. 2020 by Mr. Amriteh Tiwari, Self Employed, MBA Marketing, Noida, UP.

- "Management Techniques" on 4th Dec. 2020 by Dr. Neha Pandey, Assistant Professor, Department of Journalism and Mass Communication, BHU.
- "Financial Management" by Dr. Vaibhav, Assistant Professor, Faculty of Commerce, BHU.

A National Webinar on "Food and Nutrition in the present Scenario of COVID-19" discussed the impact of COVID-19 On Policy Action To Deliver Sustainable Healthy Diets For All; COVID-19 Management Through Indigenous Foods And Practices and Nutrition Information Management (NIM) Surveillance And Monitoring In The Context Of COVID-19. Creating A Healthy Food Environment In COVID-19 on 13 & 14 May, 2020 and was graced by the following esteemed guests- Ms. Urvashi Prasad, Public Policy Specialist, Office of Vice Chairman, NITI Aayog, Govt. of India; Dr. Neeru Nathani Head, Department of Swasthavritta and Yoga, Faculty of Ayurveda, Institute of Medical Sciences, Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi; Prof. Ratan Kumar Srivastava, Department of Community Medicine, Institute of Medical Sciences, Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi; Dr. Seema Puri, Associate Professor, Institute of Home Economics, University of Delhi. 250 participants benefitted from the webinar.

Department of Music Vocal

- Students of the Department performed on the occasions of Republic Day, Saraswati Puja, International Women Day and Alumni Meet.
- The Department organized a special lecture by Prof. Rajesh Kelkar, Head, Department of Theatre, Vadodara on November 10, 2020. The programme was attended by Manager, Principal, teachers and students of music vocal.
- Two Days Webinar dated 4-5 January, 2021 was organised on Music in Contemporary Time: Beauty, Psychology & Technology. The inaugural session commenced with floral tribute to Dr. Annie Besant. Ms. Hemlata (BA III Year) performed Kulgeet Prof. Rachna Srivastava, Principal, VKM, in her welcome address, discussed the spiritual aspect of music. It inculcates an optimistic approach and gives physical emotional balance during such times. In her address Mrs. Uma Bhattacharayya, Manager VKM discussed the importance of music nurturing of our creative state and how music propagates the moral values in present. The Resource persons on this occasion were Prof. Rajeshwar Acharya, Sri Chintan Upadhyay, Dr. Madhurani Shukla, Prof. K.Shashikumar, Dr. Ramshankar, Prof. Shruti Sandolika, Shri Prem Kumar Shivrupen and Dr. Vidhi Nagar.

- On 1.03.2021, the programme "Vasantiki" was organized by Jnana Pravaha. The programme was based on "Gulab Badi, a popular musical tradition of Varanasi.
- Students also visited the museum of musical instruments.

Department of Sanskrit

- An online lecture was organized on 04.06.2020 on the topic “सांख्य दर्शन में प्रमाण मीमांसा” The resource person was Dr. Kamala Pandey, Former Head, Department of Sanskrit, Vasant Kanya Mahavidyalaya, Kamachha, Varanasi.

Department of Economics

The following online lectures were organized:

- On 15.01.2021, “Comparative Analysis of New Classical and New Keynesian school of thought” by Prof. Rakesh Raman, Department of Economics, BHU on 15.01.2021.
- By Dr. Mayank Kumar Singh, DAV PG College was organized on “Dual Demand Theory” 28.01.2021
- Lecture by Dr. Mayank Kumar Singh was organized on 4.02.2021 on “Comparative Analysis of Hicksian and Slutsky’s Indifference Curve”.
- Three lecture series were organized by Department of Economics in which Dr. Mayank Kumar Singh delivered his lectures on “Econometrics Methodology and OLS” from 5.04.2021 to 17.04.2021, on “Heteroscedasticity” from 10.05.2021 to 28.05.2021 and “Auto Correlation from 3.06.2021 to 26.06.2021
- From 03.07.2021 to 06.07.2021, a lecture series was held on “Incidence of Taxation” by guest speaker Dr. Yogita Beri, VCW, Rajghat, Varanasi.

Department of History

Lectures were organized on the following topics:

- “Evolution of Indian Foreign Policy since Independence to Era of Liberalism” on 10.06.2020. The resource person was Prof. Keshav Mishra, Head, Department of History, Faculty of Social Sciences, BHU.
- “Issue of Identity Politics: Communalism, Regional & Caste Consciousness, Dalit Politics” on 10.06.2020. The resource person was Prof. A. Gangadharan, Professor, Department of History, Faculty of Social Sciences, BHU.

- “World between two World Wars: With Special reference to Russia” on 11.06.2020. The resource person was Dr. Sanjeev Kumar, Associate Professor, Department of History, Vasanta College for Women, Rajghat, Varanasi.
- "Content & Contours of Fascism" on 12.06.2020. The resource person was Dr. Niraj Kumar Singh, Assistant Professor, Department of History, CMP College, Allahabad.
- An Online Lecture was organized on Basic Tenets & Principles of Nazism on 13.06.2020. The resource person was Dr. Kamlesh Kumar Tiwari, Assistant Professor Department of History, Government Girls Degree College, DLW, Varanasi.
- Prof. Keshav Mishra, Head Deptt. of History, BHU delivered a lecture entitled "Impact of Liberal and Socialist Thought" on 28th Jan 2021.
- Dr. Ram Prakash Sharma, Assistant Prof. and Head Deptt. of History, S.P. Jain College, Sasaram delivered lecture entitled "Ideas of National and Social Regeneration" on 29th January 2021.
- Prof. Kaushal Kishore Mishra, Deptt. of Political Science, Dean FSS, BHU delivered a lecture entitled Nationalist Thinker -Veer Sawarkar on 3rd Feb., 2021.

Department of Political Science

- One Day International Webinar on “Pandemic - Covid-19: Challenges to India’s Foreign Policy” was organized on 26th May, 2020. The inaugural address was delivered by Prof. Swaran Singh, Professor and Chairperson, Centre for International Politics, Organization and Disarmament, School of International Studies, Jawahar Lal Nehru University, New Delhi who discussed India’s positive role in G20. In his Keynote address, Prof. Harsh V. Pant discussed Indian Foreign Policy and Sino-India and Indo-Nepalese relationship. In the valedictory session Prof. Sanjay Srivastava, Department of Political Science, BHU discussed the need of India to be prepared for changing global politics in the time of pandemic.
- An online lecture by Prof. T. P. Singh, Department of Political Science, BHU on the topic “Environmentalism” was organized on 22.01.2021.
- Prof. T.P. Singh delivered a lecture on “Social Constructivism” on 30.01.2021

- An Online lecture by Prof. K. K. Mishra, Dean, Faculty of Social Sciences, BHU, Varanasi on the topic “Dharmashastron aur Nitishastron ka Rajniti mein Mahatva” was organized on 6th Feb, 2021.
- An Online lecture by Dr. Preeti Singh, Head and Associate Professor, Department of Pol. Sc., VCW, Rajghat on the topic “Shukra Niti aur Nitishastra” was organized on 22.02.2021.

Department of Psychology

Lectures on the following topics were organized:

- “The Uniqueness of Indian Psyche and Its Relevance in Enhancing the Mental Immunity in Indian People” by Prof. Krishna Kanta Sharma, Former Dean, SVDV, BHU was organized on 17.06.2020
- “Attention: Nature and Mechanism” was organized on 1.02.2021 in which Dr. Trayambak Tiwari, Assistant Professor, Department of Psychology, BHU addressed the students of MA Previous.
- “Research Design in Psychology” was organized for MA Previous students on 05.02.2021. Dr. Tushar Singh, Assistant Professor, Department of Psychology, BHU addressed the students.
- Dr. Purnima Awasthi, Assistant Professor, Department of Psychology, BHU delivered a lecture on “Character Strength and Virtues” for students of MA Previous.
- Dr. Jay Singh, Assistant Professor, Department of Psychology, BPD Govt. PG College, Kanker, Chandigarh delivered a lecture on “Variables Sampling and Data Collection” for students of MA Previous.
- On 24.02.2021, Dr. R. P. Gupta, Assistant Professor, Department of Psychology, TD College, Jaunpur delivered a lecture on “Data Analysis: Interpretation and Reporting Research” for students of MA Previous.
- From 20-27 March, 2021, Dr. Seema Srivastava, Associate Professor, Department of Psychology, Vasanta College for Women, Rajghat delivered a series of lectures on “Communication and Non-Verbal Communication” for students of BA VI Semester.
- Webinar on “Psycho-Social Well Being” was organized by the Department in which eminent guests, Prof. H. S. Asthana, Head, Professor, Department of Psychology, BHU; Prof. Rakesh Pandey, Former Head, Department of Psychology, BHU; Dr.

Satyagopal, Head and Associate Professor, Department of Psychology, DAV PG College and Dr. Rakesh Tripathi, Associate Professor and Clinical Psychologist, KGMU, Lucknow presented their views.

- One Day Orientation programme was organized on “Turning Challenges into Opportunities: Getting Future Ready with Online Course and Internship Programme” on 28.07.2020 in which Ms. D. D. Maheswari, Senior Consultant, Business Planning and Management, New Delhi addressed the students.
- On 10.10.2020, the Department organized a National Webinar on “Mental Health Day”. Prof. S. K. Gambhir and Dr. Tulsi delivered their lectures on mental well-being on this occasion

Department of Sociology

Lectures on the following topics were organized:

- “Deconstruction: An Approach to Understanding Social Reality” on 27.05.2020. The resource person was Dr. Supriya Singh, Assistant Professor, Department of English, VKM, Kamachha.
- "Globalisation and Social Exclusion in Indian Society" on 01.06.2020. The resource person was Dr. Ashish Anshu, Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, Govt. Degree College, Ganai Gangoli, Pithoragarh, Uttarakhand.
- “Role of Social Sciences and Social Scientists in Contemporary India” on 22.06.2020. The resource person was Prof. D. R. Sahu, Professor, Department of Sociology, University of Lucknow.

N.S.S.

In seven-day National Service Scheme camp which was centered on the axis of *Azaadi ka amritmahotsav*, students of the college took the resolution of transforming into a warrior from a student. The event started on March 18 and concluded on March 23, 2021. Keeping in mind the points and issues directed by Prof. Bala Lakhendra, Coordinator of National Service Scheme, Banaras Hindu University, many emerging topics were covered in this camp.

Within the purview of the objectives of the camp, the goal of all-round development of volunteers was achieved. The five units of National Service Scheme working in Vasant Kanya Mahavidyalaya, selected five wards in Varanasi viz. Birdopur, Bhelupur, Nagwa, Bhadaini and Nawabganj and carried out various campaigns and activities in the area.

Dr. Indu Upadhyay, expert speaker, addressed the volunteers on the first day on the topic 'Environmental Protection and Promotion'. Her views on the environmental consequences of the agricultural sector stirred the consciousness of volunteers. Earlier, while planting trees to enhance the green aura of the college, Principal Prof. Rachna Srivastava pointed out that the enthusiasm of volunteers needs to be channelized towards this topic. She also stressed pealed that this spirit of service should be practiced in everyday life.

The sub-themes of the second day of the camp were '*Yuva Shakti Udbodhan*' and 'Golden Thoughts of *Dandi Yatra*'. Smt. Uma Bhattacharya, Manager, Vasant Kanya Mahavidyalaya ignited the flame of self-consciousness among the youth. She discussed the importance of the 3 'Bs' Breath, Belief, and Balance and stressed on developing them. Dr. Rajesh Verma, subject expert, delivered a lecture on *Dandi Yatra* by Mahatma Gandhi. He laid special emphasis on the purpose and route of the *Dandi Yatra*, paying special attention to its relevance in the contemporary situation.

The third day of the camp focused on the nature and features of the Constitution. Subject expert, Shri Umesh Chandra, former Chief Engineer, Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited, introduced the volunteers to the various elements of the Constitution. According to him, it is necessary for a sincere volunteer to have the knowledge of the constitution for national interest. The second topic was 'Management of Mental Stress'. Dr. Shubhra Sinha, subject expert, made the volunteers aware about the increasing stress and mental disorders. She focused on how to reduce mental stress and create a state of balance in the midst of the severe crisis of the pandemic.

The fourth day of the camp was dedicated to the ideologies of Mahatma Gandhi. Prof. R. P. Dwivedi, Gandhi Study Peeth, Mahatma Gandhi Kashi Vidyapeeth, was invited for the special lecture. He encouraged the volunteers to walk on the path of truth, equality, peace and fraternity under the concept of 'India of dreams' proposed by the Father of the Nation. Further, Ms. Sarita Mishra, District Coordinator, Filaria Awareness Program made the volunteers aware of the causes and prevention of Filaria. After the lecture, a cultural program was presented by the volunteers. Song, dance and street plays were presented in the program.

On the fifth day, along with yoga practice, Ms. Shraddha Dixit, a volunteer of Unit 5, encouraged the students by performing martial arts. On the occasion of World Poetry Day 21.03.2021, volunteers rendered poetic presentations on various themes such as: woman, father, mother and nature were used as themes of the poems.

Strengthening mental health was emphasized on the sixth day of the camp. Dr. Tushar Singh, Department of Psychology, BHU subject expert, made the volunteers aware of mental first aid and trained them for the situations to come. In psychological first aid, the important rules of 'Look', 'Listen' and 'Link' were introduced. Dr. Manju Kumari, Program Officer Unit-IV apprised the volunteers about the history of the National Service Scheme and motivated them to carry forward the spirit of NSS even more proud. The sixth day was observed as *Martyrs' Day*. Dr. Shashikesh Kumar Gond, Program Officer Unit II, re-awakened the memories of the brave hearts who sacrificed their lives for freedom. Valedictory function was organized on the last day of the camp. The programme was successfully concluded with everyone's cooperation and participation.

E. Student Centric Activities: Learning and Growing

Sarjana

Sarjana, 2020-21 was organized in a virtual mode from 21st to 25th February 2021. Students participated in 15 different events including essay writing, business planning, poetry

recitation, speech, turncoat, cartooning, collage, mehendi, poster – making, photography, documentary, vocal music (classical and folk), instrumental music, theatre, creative dance, choreography, classical and folk dance.

Overall, 150 students participated in the various events of Sarjana. The enthusiasm of the students regarding the participation was commendable. All of them were honoured with a certificate of participation.

Sports

Inter District Karate Championship was organized on 20th Dec. 2020 in which a number of students of Vasant Kanya Mahavidyalaya participated. The following students were declared winners.

1. Gold-Sakshi Gupta of BA Part III
 2. Silver-Manisha Maurya BA Part II and Ritu Jaiswal BA Part III
 3. Bronze- Awantika Maurya, Kadambini Kumari, Khushboo Kumari, Diksha Jaiswal
- Annual Sports was not held due to Covid-19 restrictions

Scholarships

Scholarships Awarded by the College - Session : 2020-21		
Sr. No.	Name of Institutional Scholarships	Awarded to
1	Smt Prabhnath Vyas Smriti Puraskar	Ms. Deepshika Verma M.A. II (Home Sc.)
2	Late Leelawati Devi Smriti Puraskar	Ms. Isha Tiwari B.A. III (Psy. Hons.)
		Ms. Ankita Kumari Maurya B.A. III (Home Sc. Hons)
3	Late Sushil Narayan Dubey Smriti Puraskar	Ms. Urvashi Kumari Gupta B.A. III (Economics Hons.)
		Ms. Fatma Farheen B.A. III (Economics Hons.)
4	Late Ramti Devi & Dr. Balkrishna Dubey Smriti Puraskar	Ms. Pragya Mahapatra B.A. III (Philosophy Hons.)
		Ms. Harshita Pandey B.A. III (Philosophy Hons.)
5	Smt. Sheela Sahasrabudhey Sanskrit Puraskar	Ms. Annapurna Malviya B.A. III (Sanskrit Hons.)
		Ms. Poonam Maurya B.A. III (Sanskrit Hons.)

Sanskrit Matrimandalam

1. Commemorating World Sanskrit Day, erudite scholars discussed the intricacies of pronunciation of Sanskrit language. They introduced the significance of sound in language to students and encouraged them to learn English.
2. Sanskrit Matrimandalam and Acharya Vasudev Dwivedi Memorial Committee brought to light the historical views of the scholars on 'Kavyashastra' and discussed the personality and contribution of Acharya Vayunandan Pandey.
3. To increase the Sanskrit extempore skills of students, an 'e-Sambhashan Shivir' series was organized from 18/02/2021 to 25/02/2021, in which they were introduced to the basics of practical usage of Sanskrit in sentence formation and exercise.

F. Eminent Visitors to the College

From time to time, eminent guests visited the college and shared their valuable thoughts and experiences with students and faculty members. A brief list of such visitors is given below:

S.no	Eminent Guests	Designation
1.	Prof. Swaran Singh	Professor and Chairperson , Centre for International Politics, Organization and Disarmament, New Delhi
2.	Prof. A.Vaishampayan	Emeritus Professor & Vice Chairman (IQAC), BHU, Former Director, I. Ag. Sc., BHU
3.	Prof. Ravindra Rana	Department of Economics, North West University, South Africa
4.	Prof. Kalplata Pandey	Vice Chancellor, Jannayak Chandrashekhar University, Ballia
5.	Prof. S.C. Sharma	Director, National Assessment and Accreditation Center, Bangalore
6.	Prof. Krishna Kanta Sharm	Eminent Scholar & Former Dean, Faculty of SVDV, BHU
7.	Prof. C .B .Sharma	IGNOU, New Delhi (Former Chairman, NIOS, NOIDA
8.	Prof. Harsh V. Pant	Professor of International Relations at King's College London

G) Number of Ph.D Awarded-**Department of Sociology under
Dr. Anuradha Bapuly- 03**

Miss Amita Gaud
Miss Jyoti Patel
Miss Priyanka Tiwari

**Department of English under
Dr. Niharika Lal-01**

Mr. Prabhat Gaurav

H) NET / JRF /GATE/ CSIR etc.

Two students of M.A. II year of the Department of Sociology qualified NET examination in the session

I) Celebration of Important Days and Anniversaries

Besides holding curricular, co-curricular and extra-curricular activities, College also promotes the sense of discipline and respect for tradition, eminent personalities and values among its students by celebrating various days and jayantis.

International Yoga Day

International Yoga Day was celebrated on 21.06.2020 disseminating the fact that yoga can contribute in a holistic way to achieve an equilibrium between mind and body. An e-lecture cum demonstration was organized and students and staff of the college participated with full interest and enthusiasm.

Tulsi Jayanti

Tulsi Jayanti was celebrated on 7.08.2020. Relevance of Manas in present scenario was discussed. About 100 students of UG and PG and staff participated in the e-programme.

Librarian's Day

Librarian's Day was celebrated on the occasion of 128th Birth Anninversay of Padmshri Dr. S. R. Ranganathan (Father of Library Science) on 10th August 2020.To commemorate the occasion, the contribution of Dr. S. R. Ranganathan in the field of Library Science and development of Indian Librarianship was discussed. The programme was attended by staff.

Youth Day

158th Birth Anniversary of Swami Vivekananda was celebrated as Youth day on 11th January, 2021. Students were asked to write an essay on Swami Vivekananda and submit the same online.

World Photography Day

On the occasion of World Photography Day, a one-day workshop on "Fashion Photography" was organized by the Department of Home Science on 19.08.2020. Students of M.A. and Fashion Designing attended the workshop.

Progression of Annie Besant Spirit

The 173rd birth anniversary of Dr. Annie Besant was celebrated jointly by Indian Section, Theosophical Society, Kashi Tattva Sabha and VKM, Kamachha on October 1st 2020 in the prestigious seminar hall of the college. The function was organised in both online and offline mode and connected members of TS and KTS from across the country.

The program started with paying floral tribute to the portrait of Dr Besant and was followed by 'Annie Besant Eulogy' written by Dr. Asha Yadav, Associate Professor, Department of Hindi, VKM and composed by Dr. Meenu Pathak, Head, Department of Music Instrumental (Sitar), VKM. The musical presentation was played in recorded form to avoid close contact in the days of pandemic. A documentary on Indian section of the Theosophical Society was also presented, prepared by two students of the college Shreya and Sumul Garg for the College Fest 'Sarjana'.

Speaking on the relevance of the vision and works of Dr. Besant in present times, Manager of VKM, Mrs. Uma Bhattacharyya highlighted the importance of her fight for reclaiming freedom for India. She pointed out to light that Dr. Besant was totally Indian at heart although born as a foreigner. She was a true champion of the belief that only Indian culture can stand against the ravages of time and before the world should be made aware of its rich cultural heritage and also Indians themselves should realize their unbeatable legacy of knowledge and selfless service. Mrs. Bhattacharyya said that in the uncertainties of the present times, we must read Dr. Besant in order to understand how India can convert challenges into opportunities by practicing religious harmony, tolerance and the rich tradition of knowledge. She beautifully explained Dr Besant's faith in truthfulness, selfless service and universal brotherhood. She emphasized that Theosophical Society believes in 'Education as Service' following which, one can become a part of world peace and harmony.

In her key note address, Dr. Bina Singh, HOD, English Department, VKM, reiterated the spiritual symphony of Annie Besant's thoughts. Dr. Besant. She pointed out that although Annie Besant was the product of a different socio-cultural scenario, she remains relevant even to the present day because of her universal spirit and finding unity in diverse human experiences.

In her Presidential address, Prof. Rachna Srivastava, Principal, VKM, asked the gathering to understand the message of 'Universal Prayer' which contains a strong message of unity in diversity and universal brotherhood. She held that religious harmony is the need of the hour as we are guided by our false ego and misleading sense of superiority. Giving practical examples from everyday life, she related tolerance and selfless service to humanity in the present context. Dr. Nairanjana Srivastava, convener of the programme presented vote of thanks.

Antar-rashtriya Matribhasha Diwas

As per the directives of UGC, the International Poetry Fest “Resurging Spirit” was held on 22.03.2021. Approximately 50 poets from India and abroad presented their poems in the festival. Prof. Ranu Uniyal, Head, Dept. of English, Lucknow University was the Chief Guest. Prof. Molly Joseph from Kerala, former Head, Dept, of English, Kerala was the Guest of Honour. The programme was organized by Dept. of English.

J) Placement Services and Training Programmes

Guidance and Counselling Cell

Apart from rendering regular counselling services to students, the cell organized student centric programs during the session 2020-21.

- On 28.01.2021, an e-lecture on *Careers in teaching* was organized. Dr. Shashikesh, Assistant Professor, Deptt of History was the resource person.
- On 29.01.2021 an e-lecture by Prof. P.C. Shukla, Former Dean & Head, Department of Education, BHU, was organised on job opportunities.
- On 10.02.2021, an e-lecture on *Preparing for a Successful Career: How to make CV and Face Interview* was organized in which Dr. Tushar Singh, Assistant Professor, Deptt of Psychology, BHU, was the resource person.

Placement Cell

The cell enlightened and educated the final year students of BA and MA about different job opportunities available to them. Out of those, 18 students of M.A. (H.Sc) joined 8 weeks internship in December, 2020 in Indian Institute of Gem and Jewellery Design, Varanasi and 1 in NITRA.

K) New Infrastructure /Campus Development

A new building of the College, to accommodate new classes, has been constructed in the premises of the Theosophical Society, Indian Section. It comprises 11 classrooms, 3 labs, 1 staff room, 4 store rooms and is equipped with elevator and stilt parking facility.

L) Innovative Teaching and Research programmes

- Classes were conducted through online platforms and e-content was shared in the form of PDF, PPT, Youtube lectures etc. from time to time with the students.

M) Academic Collaborations / MOU

Two MOUs were signed between the college and Social Action and Research Center (SARC) and Vasanta College for Women, Rajghat, Varanasi from 1.07.2021 for the next three years, in order to develop collaboration for counselling, training and other academic activities and to promote mutual understanding.

N) Library Facilities, procurement of new books, periodicals, research publications

The college library organized a library orientation programme to make students aware of the importance of the library as an educational resource. They were informed about the different available online and offline study materials and the process to access them. They were also encouraged to make optimum utilization of library resources.

The details of the various programmes are as below:-

- Librarian's Day was celebrated on 10.08.2021 in the Reading Room of the Library. Staff of VKM attended the programme.
- Library E-Orientation Programme for students was organized on 12.03.2021.

Library Report

Total Collection till 31st March 2021	28344
Books Purchased during the Year 2020-21	501
No. of Text Book Purchased during the Year 2020-21	438
No. of Reference Book Purchased during the Year 2020-21	63
No. of Newspaper Subscribed	10 (5 English+ 5 Hindi)
No. of Magazine Subscribed	20 (9 English+11 Hindi)
No. of Journals Subscribed	09
E-Resources Through NLIST	6000+ e-journals and 31,35,000+e-books

Future Vision

- Introduction of B.Com and B.Ed in a phased manner, during next five years.
- Starting Mathematics and Statistics at UG level.
- Exploring introduction of B. Voc.
- Introduction of Skill based courses- Translation and Interpretation, mobile repairing, gardening, carpentry, sewing and knitting, dance and theatre besides already existing Certificate and Diploma courses in Fashion Designing and Spoken English.
- An ambitious project to begin a course to train Paramedical personnel in view of the health hazards being faced by the world and India today.
- Getting new posts, both teaching and non-teaching
- Starting a center for the study of Indology as well as Annie Besant Study Centre
- Motivating Faculty Members to get more Research Projects from various agencies
- Preparation of E-Content by Faculty
- Encouraging Faculty to become more technology savvy
- Establishment of Language Lab
- Redesigning of College Website

- Procuring plagiarism checking software
- Getting Employee Information System for enhanced ease of working
- Aiming for A+ grade in third cycle of accreditation by NAAC.

Pass Percentage of Students during the session 2020-21

Year	Program Code	Program Name	Number of students appeared in the final year examination	Number of students passed in final year examination	Result to be declared later (TDL)	Pass %
2021	UG	AIHC & Archaeology	46	43		93.5
2021	UG	English	42	41	1	97.6
2021	UG	Hindi	51	49		96.1
2021	UG	Home Science	20	18		90.0
2021	UG	Music (I)	2	1	1	50.0
2021	UG	Music (V)	1	1		100.0
2021	UG	Painting	4	3		75.0
2021	UG	Philosophy	24	23	1	95.8
2021	UG	Sanskrit	11	10		90.9
2021	UG	Economics	31	30		96.8
2021	UG	History	47	45		95.7
2021	UG	Political Science	46	40	4	87.0
2021	UG	Psychology	39	37	2	94.9
2021	UG	Sociology	52	49	2	94.2
2021	PG	English	34	33		97.1
2021	PG	Hindi	29	28	1	96.6
2021	PG	Home Science	19	6	1	31.6
2021	PG	Psychology	33	29	4	87.9
2021	PG	Sociology	34	31	1	91.2
TOTAL			565	517		91.5

PHOTO GALLERY

Infrastructural Enhancement

A new building comprising 11 classrooms, 3 labs, 1 staff room, 1 Research Scholar's Room, 3 store rooms, elevator and stilt parking facility constructed between 2018-21



Eminent Speakers



National Service Scheme Activities



INTERNATIONAL POETRY FEST The Resurging Spirit – 22.03.2021

Vasant Kanya Mahavidyalaya
Kamachha, Varanasi
Institution Accredited by NAAC

We are extremely privileged to invite you to an International Poetry Festival, "The Resurging Spirit" to be held on 22.03.2021, organized by Department of English, Vasant Kanya Mahavidyalaya, Kamachha, Varanasi to celebrate the occasion of International Poetry Day. Your benign presence is solicited to make the event a success.

Chief Guest: Prof. Ranu Uniyal, Head of the department of English and Modern European Languages, Lucknow University
Guest of Honour: Prof. Molly Joseph, Former Professor, St. Xavier's College for Women, Aluva, Kerala.

** Note: Link for the event will be shared later*

Patron Prof. Rachna Srivastava Principal	Organizing Secretary Dr. Niharika Lal Associate Professor, English	Convener Dr. Bina Singh Head, Department of English
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PROGRAMME

Inaugural Session : 10.15 am

1. Kalyan
2. Floral tribute to Dr. Annie Besant
3. Welcome address by Principal
4. Book Release of *Cheers to life* authored by Dr. Supriya Singh, Asst. Professor, Deptt. of English
4. Introduction to the event by Dr. Bina Singh, Head, Deptt. of English
5. Inaugural address by Chief Guest Prof. Ranu Uniyal
6. Address by Guest of Honour, Prof. Molly Joseph
7. Poetry recitation by Guest Poets
8. Vote of Thanks

