

Vasant Kanya Mahavidyalaya
Kamachha, Varanasi
Annual Report
2017-18

Established in 1954, Vasant Kanya Mahavidyalaya is situated within the premises of the Theosophical Society at Kamachha, Varanasi. It has a glorious past having been the *Karmabhumi* of none other than the great visionary, Dr. Annie Besant. Adopting the motto "Education as Service", the college seeks to blend the seemingly opposite principles of tradition and modernity. It aims to fructify the physical, intellectual, moral, spiritual and aesthetic capacities of its students and instill in them a love for discipline. Accredited 'A' by NAAC in 2017 and admitted to the privileges of Banaras Hindu University, it has been able to carve a niche for itself among the topmost institutions of Varanasi dedicated to women education, by way of its excellent academic result and various cultural and extra-curricular activities. The college runs Ph.D., Post-graduate and Undergraduate courses as well as Certificate Courses sanctioned by UGC.

Academic Achievements –

In the academic session 2017-18, 1260 students were enrolled in the undergraduate courses and 288 students were enrolled in the Post-graduate courses. In UG 1223 students and in PG 266 students appeared for the semester end examination. The College runs two Certificate Courses in Fashion Designing and Spoken English. This session 15 students were enrolled in Fashion Designing certificate course and 8 students in Spoken English certificate course. In the current session, 6 new Research Scholars were enrolled, 2 each in the Department of Hindi, Home Science and Sociology. At present the total number of Research Scholars enrolled under the supervision of our faculty members is 66.

Scholarships, Medal and Prizes –

Each year, prestigious scholarships and one gold medal, awarded by alumni and retired teachers of the College, are given to meritorious students. During 2017-18, the following prizes and scholarships were given-

S.No.	Scholarship Name	Student Name	Class	Subject
1.	Late Leelawati Devi Smriti Puraskar	Anjali Ranjan	B.A. III	Psychology
		Bushra Obaidullah	B.A. III	Home Sc.
2.	Late Ramti Devi & Dr. Balkrishna Dubey Smriti Puraskar	Shalu Kumari	B.A. III	English
		Neha Rai	B.A. III	Philosophy
3.	Late Sushil Narayan Dubey Smriti Scholarship	Rashmi Goel	B.A. III	Economics
		Swati Sneha	B.A. III	Economics
4.	Rani Smt. Lokeshwari Devi Smriti Puraskar	Kavita Srivastava	B.A. III	Home Science
5.	Triveni Devi and Kishori Raman Prasad Memorial Prize	Astha Jaiswal	B.A. II	Political Science
6.	Late Ramnath Vyas Scholarship	Akanksha Kumari	B.A. II	History
		Akanksha Rai	B.A. II	Economics
7.	Late Prabha Ramnath Vyas Scholarship	Sadhna Kumari Gupta	M.A. I	Home Science
8.	Late Shri Shiv Mangal Pandey Scholarship	Urvi Mishra	B.A. I	Social Science
9.	Roop Narayan Attrey Memorial Scholarship	Km. Jyoti Rani	B.A. I	Arts

10.	Late MV Kalvint Smriti Puraskar	Rashmi Dubey	B.A. III	Music (Vocal)
11	Pt. Radheshyam Sharma Scholarship	Richa Tiwari	B.A. III	Psychology
		Kajal. Tiwari	B.A. III	Hindi
12	Smt. S.K. Dar Scholarship	Deepika Kumari	B.A. II	Sociology
		Rashmi Singh	B.A. III	Philosophy
		Kshama Rai	B.A. I	English
13	Smt Radha Sinha Memorial Scholarship	Srija Tiwari	B.A. III	English
		Swati Sneha	B.A. III	Economics
14.	Late Laldhari Pathak Smriti Puraskar	Suryanshi Garg	B.A. III	AIHC & Arch.

Six students of the College were awarded BHU gold medal in the 100th convocation of BHU for securing highest marks in their respective subjects -

- Suryanshi Garg , AIHC & Archealogy
- Kumari Nandini , Philosophy
- Rita Kumari Yadav, Painting
- Kavita Srivastava, Home Science
- Angira Tiwari, Sanskrit
- Divya Singh, Hindi

COLLEGE LIBRARY

This session, 723 books were added in the library, out of which 593 were text books and 130 reference books. At present, the total number of books in the library is 26288 (24346 text books and 1942 reference books). Apart from this, the library subscribes to 11 journals, 19 magazines, 8 daily newspapers and has 79 CDs. The teachers can access e-journals through NLIST by INFLIBNET. A presentation was made by Sri Brijesh Kumar Chaurasia, Professional Assistant, on 15.02.2018 regarding Digital Library and its benefits for the faculty and staff of college. Two book fairs were organized on 25-26 September, 2017 and 7-9 December, 2017.

LECTURES

Various lectures, workshops and visits were organized, both at the UG and PG levels, to impart latest information to the students and to spread awareness regarding the recent trends. The details are as follows:-

Department of AIHC & Archaeology

- On 25.08.2017 an interdepartmental guest lecture for the students of B.A. III year on *Historiography* was delivered by Mr. Shashikesh Kumar Gond.
- A workshop was organized on *Heritage Conservation and Sustainable Development* in collaboration with INTACH on 27.10.2017.
- A lecture on *History of Kashi* by Dr. Subhash Chandra Yadav was delivered on 16.03.2018.
- A class seminar for the students of BA part III on *Palaeography and Epigraphy of Ancient India* was held on 20.03.2018.
- A Group Discussion was organized on 18.04.2018 for the students.

Educational Tours

- Students of B.A. III year visited Bharat Kala Bhawan on 24.01.2018, Kardameshwar Mahadev Temple on 10.02.2018 and Gurudham Temple on 16.03.2018.

Achievements

- Suryanshi Garg was awarded BHU gold medal for securing highest marks in BA and B.Com in the session 2016-17.
- Deeksha Bharti of B.A. Part III qualified CDS pre. Exam.

Department of Economics

Achievements

- Ms. Chanda Kannaujia and Ms. Chandini Srivastava (2015 pass out) qualified NET and NET JRF respectively.

Department of English

- Dr. Banibrata Mahanta, Department of English, BHU, delivered a lecture on *Contribution of Stephen Greenblatt and Caroline Spurgeon to Shakespearean Criticism* on 07.04.2017.
- On 28.08.2017, a lecture on *Creative Writing* was delivered by Mr. Antarix Bhardwaj, creative writer and motivational speaker.
- Poetry Festival *Symphony of Peace* was organized on 21.02.2018 for students as well as for faculty members. Nearly 70 poets presented their poems.

Achievements

- Ms. Soni Yadav of M.A. Final year qualified NET examination and Ms. Neha Verma (2016 pass out) qualified NET JRF.

Department of Home Science

- **National Nutritional Week** was organized from 01.09.2017 to 07.09.2017. Dr. Garima Upadhyay and Ms. Priyanka were the coordinators. A series of activities were organized during this week :-
 - On 01.09.2017, **Slogan Writing** and **Poster Making** Competitions were organized, in which 100 students of B.A. I, II and III participated. Ms. Bushra Abdullah of B.A. III year and Ms. Ankita Pathak of B.A. II year were declared winners of Poster Making and Slogan Writing respectively.
 - In order to impart Nutrition Education, a community visit for students of B.A. III year to the slum area at Khojwan was organized on 04.09.2017.
 - On 06.09.2017, **Cooking Demonstration** and **Recipe Competition** were conducted by the students of B.A. III year. 30 students participated. Ms. Lalita Yadav of B.A. II year secured first position.
 - The concluding session of the Nutrition Week was held on 07.09.2017. On this occasion a lecture on **Antioxidants and its therapeutic implications** was delivered by Dr. Suneeta Asthana, Dietitian, Galaxy Hospital, Mahmoorganj, Varanasi. It was an interactive session in which 100 students of B.A. I, II and III year participated. The programme was attended by the Principal and all the faculties of the Department.
- A lecture on **Job opportunity in the field of Textile & Fashion designing** was organized on 08.02.2018. The resource persons were Mr. M.M.Tiwari, Asst. Director, NITRA, Ghaziabad and Sri Sanjay Gupta, Scientific Officer.
- A workshop on **Cooking, Baking and Food Preservation** was organized from 11.09.2017 to 19.09.2017. Ms. Asha Rouniyar, Coordinator, Food Preservation Centre, Bhojubeer, Varanasi was the resource person. 30 students participated in the workshop.
- A workshop on **Sketching** under various skill up-gradation programmes was organized on 30.08.2017. The resource person was Mrs. Amrita, a freelancer and alumna of the College. 25 students of M.A. I year and Fashion Designing benefitted by the workshop.
- A workshop on **Jewellery Design** was conducted by Ms. Padma, on 27-28 December 2017 for the students of Fashion Designing.

- A workshop on **Stencil Printing** was conducted by Ms. Garima on 2-3 November, 2017, for the students of Fashion Designing.
- A workshop on **Draping and Stitching for Fashion Designing Course** was conducted on 26.10.2017 for the students of Fashion Designing.
- A workshop on **Pattern Making** was conducted by Ms. Pooja Singh on 6 & 11 November, 2017, for the students of Fashion Designing.
- A workshop on **Warli Printing** was conducted by Ms. Manisha on 29 & 31 December, 2017, for the students of Fashion Designing.
- A workshop on **Madhubani Painting** was conducted by Ms. Kanchan Yadav, Research Scholar, on 17.01.2018. 25 students of M.A. I year and of Fashion Designing benefitted by the workshop.
- A workshop on **Stencil Printing** was conducted by Ms. Sadhana, P.G. student of Home Science on 17.01.2018.
- A workshop on **Block Printing** was conducted by Ms. Garima Mourya, student of Home Science on 17.01.2018.
- A workshop on **Free hand Printing** was conducted by Ms. Sumaiya, alumna of V.K.M on 15.02.2018. 30 students of M.A. I, II and B.A. III year benefitted by the workshop.
- A seven day workshop on **Product Development** was held from 02.04.2018 to 07.04.2018 by Ms. Divya Ojha, Ms. Pooja Kanodia and Ms. Neha Kumari, research scholars of the Department. 50 students of Fashion Designing, B.A. III year and M.A. I Year participated.
- Two research scholars of the Department, Ms. Divya Ojha and Ms. Pooja Kanodia, conducted a workshop on **Surface Ornamentation** in Vasanta College for Women, Rajghat on 13 & 14 March, 2018.

Fairs & Exhibitions

- **Diwali Mela** was organized on 13.10.2018. Beautiful diyas, candles and decorative items prepared by the students of the Department were displayed and appreciated.
- A two day Handicraft exhibition **Sui-Dhaga** was organized on 11-12 April, 2018. The exhibition was inaugurated by Dr. Latika Khan, former Head, Department of Home Science, Mrs. Uma Bhattacharyya, Manager, VKM and Dr. Rachna Srivastava, Principal, VKM. Students of B.A. and M.A. (Home Science) and Fashion Designing exhibited various items based on their syllabus. Hand-made sling bags, jewellery, dress material and other decorative items were the main attraction of this exhibition. Dr. Sangita Deodiya, Head, Department of Home Science, informed that the main aim of this exhibition was to prepare students for internship and placements.

Educational Visits

- Seven students of M.A. I and II year visited Scrapshala, Ravindrapuri, Varanasi on 16.03.2018.
- Eight students of M.A. I and II year visited Pantaloons Store, Bhelupur Varanasi for training in fashion merchandizing.
- Forty-five students of M.A. I and II year visited Indian Institute of Carpet Technology, Bhadohi on 23.02.2018.
- Thirty students of B.A. III year visited Poddar Andhvidyalaya School, Durgakund, Varanasi on 16.02.2018.
- Students of B.A. III year visited Bimalchand Ghosh Deaf and Dumb School, Chhoti Gaibi, Varanasi on 08.05.2018.

Department of Hindi

- Two Day Seminar on आज का सामाजिक-राजनीतिक संकट और कबीर का काव्य was organized on 23.04.2018.

Achievements

- Ms. Sushma, research scholar, under the supervision of Dr. Shashikala, was selected for the post of Lecturer, PGT in Kendriya Vidyalaya, CRPF Amerigong, Guwahati (Assam).

Department of Music (Instrumental & Vocal)

- A lecture cum demonstration session on "पाठ्यक्रम के रागों का तुलनात्मक अध्ययन एवं उनकी बंदिषों के विभिन्न प्रकार" was organized on 10.04.2018. The resource person was Prof. Pushpa Basu, Former Head, Faculty of Performing Arts, BHU.
- A lecture cum demonstration session was organized under **Sangeet Sanchetna** on 12.02.2018. The resource person was Prof. Richa Kumar, Department of Music Vocal, Mahila Mahavidyalaya, BHU.
- Students of B.A. III year participated in **Lok Sangeet Karyashala**, organized from 4-10 September, 2017, under the auspices of **Kashi Kalash**.
- A one day workshop on **Sangeet Chintan** was organized under the auspices of INTACH and V.K.M on 04.11.2017. Pandit Vinayak Torvi from Bangalore was the resource person.
- Students of B.A. III year attended **Dhrupad Mahotsav** organized by Faculty of Performing Arts, BHU.

Educational Visits

- Twenty one students of B.A. II & IV Semester of Music Instrumental visited Faculty of Performing Arts, BHU on 06.02.2018 under **Acharya Smriti Saptah**.
- The students of Music Vocal attended "पूर्वाचार्य संगीत समारोह" on 09.02.2018.
- Students visited **MS Subbalaxmi Centenary Commemoration Exhibition** organized by Faculty of Visual Arts, BHU on 12.12.2017.

Achievements

- Students participated in the Inter College Competition, **Spandan** held in BHU and came out with flying colours :
Light Vocal Solo – II Prize
Western Vocal Solo – I Prize
Western Group Song – III Prize

Department of Painting

- A painting exhibition was organized in the college on 05.01.2018. Paintings of Sri Lambodar Nayak, Associate Professor, VKM, were displayed and appreciated.

Department of Political Science

- A lecture on **Electoral Reforms in India** was organized on 10.04.2018. Prof. Sonali Singh, Dept. of Political Science, BHU was the resource person.

Achievements

- Ms. Saumya Rai , Ms. Kirti Singh and Miss Ragini Singh, all pass out students of the year 2015 qualified NET examination.
- Ms. Bineeta, a pass out student of the Department was appointed as lecturer in Education Faculty, BHU.

Department of Philosophy

A seven day workshop was organized on **The role of Yoga in resolving problems of modern life style** from 11.04.2018 to 17.04.2018. Chief Guest was Prof. Krishnakant Sharma, former Dean, Faculty of Sanskrit Vidya Dharm Vigyan, BHU. On 12-13 April, 2018, Dr. Anand Karn conducted Yoga session for the students and explained the importance and benefits of Surya Namaskar.

On 16.04.2018, students participated in the yoga session under the direction of Sri Yogesh Bhatt. He advised the students about the importance of Pranayama (Anuloma-Viloma and Kapal Bhati) and gave them the basic teaching of Be busy and be healthy. The other resource persons were Dr. Anita Chowdhury, Gynaecologist and Prof. K.M. Tripathi. The workshop report was presented by Dr. Mamta Mishra, Coordinator of the workshop. The certificate of participation was given by Principal and the Chief Guest.

Department of Psychology

- Lecture on *Attention – Nature and Types* by Dr. Tryambak Tiwari, Asst. Professor, Deptt. of Psychology, BHU was organized on 15.09.2017 for the students of M.A. II year
- Lecture on *Methods of Neuroscience* by Dr. Yogesh Arya, Associate Professor, Deptt. of Psychology, BHU was held on 16.10.2017 for the students of B.A. III year.
- Lecture on *Neuro-cognitive Rehabilitation* by Dr. Jay Kumar Ranjan, was organized on 09.03.2018 for the students of M.A.II year.
- Lecture on *Methods of Neuroscience* by Dr. Yogesh Arya, Associate Professor, Deptt. of Psychology, BHU was held on 19.03.2018 for the students of M.A. II year.
- Lecture on *Factor Analysis* by Dr. Urmila Srivastava was held on 05.04.2018 for the students of M.A. II year.

Educational Visits

- 22 students of M.A. I year and II year visited Sri Hanuman Prasad Poddar Andh Vidyalaya, Durgakund, Varanasi on 16.02.2018.
- 25 students of B.A. III year and M.A. II year visited IMS, BHU on 23.03.2018.

Internship Programmes

Internship in *Clinical Psychology* was undertaken by 05 students of M.A. II Semester and 05 students of M.A. IV semester in the month of June 2018.

The Internship was undertaken in the cities mentioned below :-

1. Gauhati Medical College, Bhangagarh, Gauhati
2. Sevac Mental Health and Human Rights Research Centre, 135A, Vivevakananda Sarani, Kadamtala, Purbachal, Thakur Pukur, Kolkata, W.Bengal.
3. Institute of Psychiatry, 7 D.L.Khan Road, Kolkata.
4. Central Institute of Psychiatry, Kanke, Ranchi, Jharkhand.
5. Probal Drug De-Addiction and Mental Hospital, SP-21, Sector-C, Chetan Vihar Colony, Aliganj, Lucknow.
6. The Psychiatry Department, Tihar Jail, New Delhi
7. Department of Psychology, IIT Guwahati, Ashadeep Society, Guwahati, Assam.
8. Dr. Siddhant Kumar (M.S.P.T), Umeed Rehabilitation Centre, Lucknow.
9. Deva Institute, Durgakund, Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh.
10. Calcutta National Medical College, 32, Gorechand Road, Beniapukur, Kolkata, W.B.

DEPARTMENT OF SANSKRIT

- *Sanskrit Vagvardhini Sabha* was organized on 18.08.2017 by Sanskrit Matrimandalam, and presided over by Dr. Kamala Pandey. Dr. Shanta Chatterjee, Dr. Manju Kumari and Dr. Deepmala addressed the students on this occasion.
- *Sanskrit Sambhashan Shivir* was organized from 09.03.2018 to 21.03.2018. Shri Ganesh Krishna Shastri from Sanskrit Bharati was the resource person.
- Lecture on *Sankhya Darshan* was delivered by Dr. Kamala Pandey on 19.04.2018.
- Students participated in *Kalidas Shloka Antakshari* organized by Jnana Pravaha on 19.02.2018.

Educational Visits

- Students visited Jnana Pravaha on 19.02.2018.

Achievements

- Ms. Tripti Yadav qualified JRF and Ms. Swati Yadav qualified NET.

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY

- Lecture on *Research Design in Social Research* by Prof. B.Mohan Kumar, G.B.Pant University of Agriculture and Technology, Pantnagar, was held on 28.08.2017 for the students of B.A. III year and M.A I and II year.

CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

The various cells of College organized different activities, programmes and workshops throughout the session to enable the students and staff to enhance their educational, professional and personal skills under the aegis of the Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC).

- **EK BHARAT SHRESTHA BHARAT**

Under the cultural exchange programme introduced by Government of India, MHRD, cultural exchange between U.P. and Arunachal Pradesh was decided upon by BHU. An introductory programme was organized on 15.5.2017 at K.N.Udupa Auditorium, BHU. Twelve students of the college, belonging to Arunachal Pradesh participated in the event.

- **ONE DAY WORKSHOP ON PROJECT FORMULATION**

A one day workshop on "Project Formulation" was organized on 01.05.2017 for the faculty members of the college. The Chief Speaker was Prof. Harikesh Singh, Vice-Chancellor, Jaiprakash University, Chapra. The programme was organized by Dr. Indu Upadhyay, co-ordinator, IQAC.

- **ONE DAY TRAINING PROGRAMME**

The one day training Programme *To Sensitize Youth towards Human Rights of Elderly* was organized, sponsored by National Human Rights Commission on 31 October 2017. The programme was convened by Dr. Indu Upadhyay, Department of Economics and compered by Dr. Anshu Shukla, Department of Home Science. In her welcome address Principal highlighted the importance of youngsters to understand the emotional, physical and economic needs of ageing people. Her welcome note was followed by convener's address where she briefly introduced the theme emphasizing the link between youth and elderly. The first session was chaired by Dr. I.S. Gambhir, Head, Division of Geriatric,IMS, BHU. In the second session resource person was Dr. Rakesh K. Tripathi, Assistant Professor and Clinical Psychologist, Department of Geriatric Mental Health, KGMU, Lucknow. The programme ended with an interactive session to raise awareness, stimulate creativity, innovation and engagement of the stakeholders forming target group. Ms. Ranjana Gaur, of NGO SARC and Senior Citizens from Senior Citizen Forum were the resource persons.

- **LECTURE- DEMONSTRATION SESSION ON S.P.S.S. SOFTWARE**

IQAC organized a lecture cum demonstration session on S.P.S.S. software on 10.03.2018. Students, research scholars as well as faculty of Psychology, Home Science, Sociology and Economics benefitted. The resource person was from S.P.S.S company.

- **PARENTS- TEACHER MEET**

In order to obtain regular feedback and opinion of parents/ guardians, who are one of the major stakeholders of the institution, IQAC held a Parent Teacher Meet on 03.02.2018. About 100 parents participated in the meet and gave their valuable suggestions. The programme was coordinated by Dr. Smriti Bhatnagar, Associate Professor, Department of History.

GUIDANCE, COUNSELLING & PLACEMENT CELL

- On 05.08.2017 a lecture on *Success Mantras of Life* was organized. The resource person was Dr. Sanjay Saxena, Project Director and Behaviour Scientist, U.N., Africa. In his address, he emphasized on developing scientific thinking and positive attitude and asked students to recognize their innate capabilities to decide their life goals.
- On 25.10.2017, personnel from University Employment Information & Guidance Bureau, visited the college and informed the students about *Personality Development & Career-Choice & Planning*. The resource persons were Prof. H.P.Mathur, Chief, University Employment Bureau & Placement Cell, BHU ; Priyanka Kashyap, Young Employment Bureau ; Dr. Anindita, Asst. Professor, Management Deptt., BHU and Sri Vijay Anand of Daksesh Classes, Lanka, BHU.
- On 27.1.2018 a lecture on *Importance of Computer Knowledge in different Professional Careers* was organized. Resource persons Mr. Amit Chandak , Director, UPTEC Computers, Rathyatra, Varanasi and Ms. Babita Patel, Trainer, gave information about various programmes and courses ('O' Level, 'A' Level, C++, C, MS Office, MS Excel)and their importance.
- On 24.03.2018, guidance information was given relating to government jobs. Mr. Sumedh Arora, Director, Arora Classes gave a detailed information about career options in SSC, Banking, Railways etc.

WOMEN STUDY CELL 'UDAAN'

- This session Women Study Cell 'UDAAN' and Department of Home Science jointly organized four day Skill Training Programme **Hunar** from 19.02.2018 to 22.02.2018. 300 students registered for this training programme and were trained in various skills like traditional embroidery, saree draping, hairstyles, nail art, jewellery making, pot designing, papercraft, various types of printing, bandhini, ceramic craft etc. The aim of this programme was to empower the students with skills leading to more employability. On this occasion students also exhibited their products.
- On the occasion of International Women Day on 08.03.2018, one day programme was jointly organized by 'UDAAN' and National Service Scheme (IV & V Unit). **Beti Panchayat** was organized in the first session. Prof. Rita Singh (Coordinator, Women Study Cell, BHU), Mrs. Jamuna Shukla (Chartered Accountant and member, Lions Club), Dr. Santosh Ojha (Secretary, Aagman) and Mrs. Shamita Dey (Manager, Vijaya Bank) shared their views. The programme was presided by Manager and Principal. In the second session, students benefitted by the personal experiences of the speakers Prof. Royana Singh (Chief Proctor, BHU), Ms. Tabassum (Amar Ujala) and Smt Uma Bhattacharyya (Manager, VKM), who encouraged and advised the students to balance their professional and personal responsibilities.

DIAMOND JUBILEE CELEBRATION 'VARSHA MANGAL'

The college celebrated its Diamond Jubilee on 19.08.2017. The programme commenced with **Varsha Mangal**, an expression of reverence towards Mother Nature. Students of Department of Music Vocal presented Rabindra Sangeet, Kajari, folk songs and carried out a procession representing all the five elements of nature. Trees were also planted on the occasion. Programme was coordinated by Department of Music and Painting.

In the second session, an Academic Meet on **Quality in Higher Education** was held. Chief Speaker, Prof. Prithivish Naag, Vice Chancellor, Mahatma Gandhi Kashi Vidyapeeth elaborated upon the new avenues for girls in the present education system. Guest of Honour, Sri Pulkit Khare, Vice Chairman, Varanasi Development Authority laid stress on education with cause. The programme was presided by Sri P.H.Gohil, General Secretary, Indian Section.

The concluding session was a musical evening in which renowned musician Sri Devashish Dey, along with his disciples Ms. Charulata Mukherjee and Sri Shubhankar Dey, presented mesmerizing renditions. The programme was attended by respected citizens of the city.

INTACH WORKSHOP

The College organized an Interactive Forum for students on October 27, 2017 in collaboration with INTACH (Indian National Trust for Art and Cultural Heritage), Varanasi Chapter and HECS Division, INTACH, Delhi on the theme **For Heritage Based Sustainable Development in Your City**. The participants were trained to become heritage volunteers to spread heritage awareness in their institutions. On this occasion students and teachers from prestigious colleges of Varanasi- MMV, BHU, Vasanta College for Women, Arya Mahila PG College, Sunbeam College for Women along with VKM participated enthusiastically. The resource persons were reputable historians and archeologists of the city. The programme was for undergraduate students only. Dr. Ajay Srivastava, former Superintending Archaeologist, ASI, Dr. Subhash Chandra Yadav, Kshetriya Puratatva Adhikari and Mrs. Mudita Agrawal, architect presented their views and encouraged students to promote heritage awareness. Certificate of participation was also given to the participants by INTACH

ANNUAL SPORTS MEET

A healthy mind resides in a healthy body. Keeping this in view, Annual Sports Meet is organized in the College every year. This year it was held on 23-24 February, 2018, in which various events were organized beside Madame Blavatasky Inter-College Volleyball Tournament and Besant-Mary Kom Inter College Kabaddi Tournament. Final Match of Kabaddi Tournament was played between Dhirendra Mahila PG College and Vasant Kanya Mahavidyalaya, in which latter was declared winner. The final of Volley ball match was played between Dhirendra Mahila PG College and Agrasen Kanya PG College, won by the former. Mrs. Mridula Jaiswal, Mayor, Varanasi, was the chief guest of the inaugural session and Sri Mrityunjay Tripathi, Former International Cricketer was the chief guest of the concluding session.

SARJANA

Sarjana, is the creative forum of the College, which chisels and shapes the creativity of the students. This session it was organized in two phases, the first from 20-22 September, 2017 and the second from 1-3 February, 2018. Nineteen different competitions including debate, turn coat, speech, essay writing, business planning, photography, mehndi, rangoli, collage making, poster making, recitation and general awareness were held. About 500 students participated in these events and 175 won prizes. New competitions like photography, business planning, instrumental music and documentary film making were added. The programme was graced by Sri Rajesh Kumar, Vice Chairman, Varanasi Development Authority who advised students to be more focused and determined while opting for their goals.

The concluding session was organized on 03.02.2018, commencing with the performance of students of Music Deptt., followed by a motivating address by the Principal. Students presented various programmes like dance, mimicry and group songs. Prizes were given to students for their performances. Ms. Ananya Kanth of B.A. II year was awarded as “Sarjana Queen”. Students of B.A. II year won the running shield *Chal Vaijyanti*. The programme was well-coordinated by Dr. Sunita Dixit and Dr.Nairanjana Srivastava.

SPANDAN

The Youth Festival ‘Spandan 2018’ was organized from 12-16 March, 2018, in BHU, in which students participated in different events. In all, the College won 9 prizes. The details are as follows :

- **First Prize** – Collage Making, Mime, Western Vocal Solo
- **Second Prize** – Folk Tribal Dance, Light Vocal Solo
- **Third Prize** – Choreography, Poetry Recitation (Sanskrit), Hindi Debate, Group Song Western

NATIONAL SERVICE SCHEME

In this session, all five units of National Service Scheme organized four One Day and one Seven Day camps. Various events like debate, essay writing, speech competition, street play, cleanliness drive were organized in these camps and volunteers benefitted from social and health related talks and lectures delivered by eminent subject experts.

On 27.03.2018, in collaboration with Blood Bank, BHU, a blood donation camp was organized under the efficient direction of Prof. Jyoti Shukla and Dr. Sandeep Kumar. The volunteers were informed about the importance of blood donation and general rules thereof. On this occasion, staff and students enthusiastically donated blood. On 28.03.2018 the seven day camp concluded with a variety of programmes. Chief Guest Prof. P.K.Sharma, Coordinator, NSS, BHU, in his address, informed the students about the importance of practical knowledge gained through NSS apart from bookish knowledge.

LEADERS ACCELERATING DEVELOPMENT (LEAD)

The College has signed an MOU with LEaders Accelerating Development (LEAD), a youth development programme initiated by Deshpande Foundation in Hubballi, Karnataka and supported by Ek Soch Sandbox in Uttar Pradesh. LEAD Campus Cell is a platform for group of college students that helps them to generate and develop innovative ideas, approach and creative thinking, plan and execute ideas into action, organize guest speaker sessions and train and build entrepreneurial mindset. The purpose of the relationship between LEAD and the students is to explore possibilities for collaboration in various student-initiated projects.

An MOU was signed with MEDHA too, under which *Medha Cab Course* was conducted from 22.01.2018 to 16.03.2018.

ANURANJAN AND AVARTAN

To commemorate the Diamond Jubilee of the College, the annual function *Anuranjan* and Alumni meet *Avartan* were jointly organized on 06.04.2018. The Chief Guest was Prof. S.N.Pandey, Dean, Faculty of Arts, BHU and Guests of Honour were Prof. Jaykant Tiwari, Dean, Faculty of Social Sciences, BHU and Prof. R.P.Pathak, Deptt. of Political Science, BHU. Smt. Uma Bhattacharyya, alumna and present Manager of the college, along with Principal, Dr. Rachna Srivastava, welcomed the guests. The programme started with Ganesh Vandana, presented by Ms. Sakshi Gupta, an alumna and employee of the college. The audience witnessed a series of enthralling and mesmerizing performances by the students like western group song, solo song, folk dance and sitar-recital.

The programme was attended by distinguished alumnae, former Principals – Dr.Pushpalata Pratap and Dr. Kusum Mishra, former Manager- Prof. Sushila Singh as well as Sri S.Sundaram, parents of students, teaching and non-teaching staff of the college. The programme was well coordinated by Dr.Kalpalata Dimri and Dr.Sangita Deodiya.

IMPORTANT DAYS AND ANNIVERSARY

Besides holding curricular, co-curricular and extra-curricular activities, the college celebrates important days and jayantis to promote and inculcate a sense of discipline and respect for tradition and values among students.

INTERNATIONAL YOGA DAY

The International Yoga Day was celebrated on 21.06.2017 disseminating the fact that yoga can contribute in a holistic way to achieve an equilibrium between mind and body. Dr. Geeta Bhatt, Yoga Instructor, BHU was the facilitator. Staff of the college participated with full interest and enthusiasm.

HINDI DIWAS

On the occasion of Hindi Diwas on 23.09.2017, a book by Dr. Asha Yadav, Associate Professor, Deptt. of Hindi ***Bhartiya Stree: Dasha evam Disha*** was released. The programme was presided by Prof. Chouthiram Yadav, former Head, Deptt. of Hindi, BHU. The Chief Guest was Prof. Savita Bhardwaj, Principal, Ghazipur Government Girls P.G.College.

LIBRARIAN'S DAY

Librarian's Day was celebrated on the occasion of 125th birth anniversary of Padmshri Dr.S.R.Ranganathan (Father of Library Science) on 12th August 2017. Contributions of Dr. S.R.Ranganathan in the field of Library Science and development of Indian Librarianship was discussed.

YOUTH DAY

On 12.01.2018, the birth anniversary of Swami Vivekananda was celebrated as Youth Day. Chief Speaker, Dr. Bina Singh, in her address highlighted Swami Vivekananda's conceptual consistency of religion and education. The Chief Guest on this occasion, Dr. Nitin Bansal, Municipal Commissioner, Varanasi, in his encouraging address said that the youth of India has great creative energy with the positive potential to take them to spiritual heights.

PROGRESSION OF ANNIE BESANT SPIRIT

On the occasion of Annie Besant Jayanti, various programmes were organized. The programme started with the commendation song written by Dr. Asha Yadav and rendered by the students of Department of Music. The Principal underscored that Dr. Annie Besant's insight and motivation has always provided an unvarying energy and strength to this institution. Ms. Pallavi, student of M.A. recited a poem on the youthful energy of Dr. Annie Besant. Ms. Srija Tiwari, student of B.A. III year, in her short speech highlighted the social concern of Dr. Annie Besant. Chief Speaker, Dr. Smriti Bhatnagar, Associate Professor, Department of History in her talk depicted Dr. Annie Besant as an epoch in herself. The programme was coordinated by Dr. Manju Kumari.

ANTRASHTRIYA MATRIBHASHA DIWAS

As per the directives of UGC, Antrashtriya Matribhasha Diwas was celebrated on 21.02.2018 with a ***Poetry Fest***. The programme was inaugurated by Prof. Mayashankar Pandey, Head, Department of English, BHU and Dr. Rachna Srivastava, Principal. The Principal in her address said that language is an expression of culture and laid stress on the importance of celebrating Matribhasha Diwas. The programme was presided by Smt. Uma Bhattacharyya, Manager and coordinated by Dr. Bina Singh, Head, Deptt. of English. The themes of the poems were mainly based on poverty, unemployment etc. Around 70 poems were recited.

OTHER ACTIVITIES / ACHIEVEMENTS

- On 5.8.2017, Dr. Sanjay Saxena, Project Director and Behavioral Scientist, United Nations, Africa gave an edifying and informative lecture on ***Organizational Behaviour, Managing Efficiency at the Workplace*** for teachers.
- An awareness programme ***Rubaru*** by UP Police Mahila Samman Prakoshth with the support of SAARC was organized on 09.08.2017.
- As per the directives of Faculty of Education, BHU, a two day orientation programme on 'Research Culture' was held on 23-24 February, 2018 for newly inducted research scholars of the College. Research scholars of the college attended the programme.
- A free health check up camp for students and staff was organized on 08.09.2017 under the aegis of a team of doctors and experts from Galaxy Health Care.
- A hands-on training workshop was conducted by UGC on 3.10.2017, to enable the offices of various Colleges and Universities to migrate master beneficiary data of all UGC fellowship/ scholarship

schemes on UGC-Canara Bank webportal. The workshop was organized in Mata Sundari College, New Delhi and was attended by Mrs. Bharati Chattopadhyay, Senior Assistant and Sri Chandra Kanta Chatterjee, Technical Assistant of the College.

- One day workshop on “Unnat Bharat Abhiyan” organized on 25.04.2018 at All India Council for Technical Education was attended by Sri Chandra Kanta Chatterjee.
- This year, College installed Rain Water Harvesting System in coordination with the U.P. Government.

Faculty Publications:

- Dr. Bina Singh, Associate Professor, Deptt. of English
 - edited “Ambrosia”, an anthology of poems.
 - “Siya or Simaran” (poem), in “Queen” (anthology of poems), published by Vishwabharti Research Centre, Latur, Maharashtra.
 - “Dawn of Hope”(poem), in “Spirit of India (Collection of poems)” published by Vishwabharti Research Centre, Latur, Maharashtra.

 - “The Green Light” (poem), in “Vasudha” published by Authorpress, New Delhi.
- Dr. Purnima, Assistant Professor, Deptt. of English,
 - “Green Politics, Green Poetics: The Conflict between Conservationists and Capitalists in Ron Rash’s *Serena* and *Saints at the River*” in *Why Fiction Matters*, Pencraft Publishers, New Delhi Edited by Prof. Vanashree and Dr. Anway Upadhyay
 - “Cheluvu and Delhi Safari: Movies Voicing Ecological Concern”, in *100 Years of Indian Cinema*, Astral Publications
 - “In Search of (Me)aning” (Collection of poems), under publication by New York based publishers Penite Publications.
- Dr. Indu Upadhyay, Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, Book “Distributive Justice in India”, published by RBSA Publisher, Jaipur, with ISSN. 978-81-7611-751-7
- Dr. Sangita Deodiya, Associate Professor, Department of Home Science
 - Skill Development of Girls through Computer base Training on Apparel Construction (ISSN-0040-5205, August 2017, Textile Trends)
 - “Knowledge assessment of students regarding sewing machine and clothing construction”, in “International Journal of Applied Home Science (2394-1413)”, Academic and Law Serials.
 - “Gandhi’s Khadi: A New Trend in Apparel Designing through Resist Printing and Traditional Embroidery as a value addition of Khadi Silk” (ISSN-0975-6272, ESSENCE-International Journal for Environmental Rehabilitation and Conservation, Vol, 8, Ed ,1)
 - “Eco Friendly Dyeing of Protein Yarn (wool) with Dye extracted from Natural Sources with Metallic Mordants; Optimization and Fastness Assay (ISSN-0972-9488, Asian Dyer)
- Dr. Garima Upadhyay, Assistant Professor, Deptt. of Home Science
 - “Attitudinal Perception of Adolescent girls about Food Labels: Analytical Study of Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi” in *International Journal of Family and Home-Science* 13 No. 2 or 3 May–Aug 2017 pg 187-203 ISSN: 0973-2608, General Impact Factor: 2.0854 Indexed Copernicus 2.92 (NAAS)
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 - Chapter in a book- ‘Skill Development in India: Needs and Challenges”, Pg 231-38 , in *Kaushal Vikas Bhartiya Parampara ke Nepathya me* (by Dr. Vijaylakshmi Sharma), ISBN 978-93-80550-67-1, Bharti Publications, 45, Dharmasangh Complex, Durgakund , Varanasi. First edition- 2017

- “Booklet for Nutrition Education to Primary and Upper Primary Students”, ISBN. 978-81-906751-8-5, Published by Sukriti Nikunj C-1/505, Sector –G, Jankipuram, Lucknow-226021 (U.P).
- Dr. Anshu Shukla, Assistant Professor, Deptt. of Home Science
 - “Youth Violence: The Warning Sign for Our society”, in Advance Research J. of Social Sciences (09765611) NAAS- 3.56, Hind Ag. Society
 - “The Cinema: Most popular Audio- Visual Medium to Influence Human Development”, in “100 years of Indian Cinema: Crisis and Resilience (ISBN-978-93-5222-013-7)”, Regency Publication ; Astral International Pvt Ltd.,New Delhi.
- Dr. Sunita Dixit, Assistant Professor, Deptt. of Home Science, “Skill Development of Girls through Computer based Training on Apparel Construction”, in “Textile Trends”, East Land Publications, Kolkata.
- Dr. Shashikala, Assistant Professor, Deptt. of Hindi
 - “हिन्दी आत्मकथा लेखिकाएँ: पारिवारिक एवं सामाजिक जीवन—स्त्री विमर्श के विविध आयाम, सुपर प्रकाशन, कानपुर, ISBN: 978-93-83688-19-7
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- Dr. Swarvandana Sharma, Associate Professor, Deptt. of Music Vocal
 - “पद्मश्री पं. बलवंतराय भट्ट ‘भावरंग’: एक अद्भुत व्यक्तित्व, एक अद्भुत कर्तृत्व, एक अद्भुत अस्तित्व“ संगीत कला विहार, पृ० 7, मई 2017, प्रकाशक—अखिल भारतीय गांधर्व महाविद्यालय मंडल, मिरज। ISSN-0036-4320
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- Dr. Sudha Srivastava, Associate Professor, Dr. Madhuri Agarwal, Associate Professor, Dr. R.P.Sonkar, Assistant Professor, Deptt. of Psychology
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Faculty Achievements

- Prof. Rachna Srivastava, Principal, received "***Stree Shakti Samman for valuable contribution in the field of Education***" from Arya Mahila PG College, Varanasi.
- Dr. Bina Singh, Associate Professor, English, received "***Poetic Galaxy Award***" from "The Literati Cosmos Society, Mathura".
- Dr. Renu Srivastava, Associate Professor, Political Science, received "***President Abdul Kalam Award for Excellence in Various fields***" from Global Eco Research Centre, Tamil Nadu.
- Dr. Anjulata Singh, Assistant Professor, Psychology, received, "***Academic Excellence Award-2018***" from Indian Psychological Association in 105th Indian Science Congress, 2018.