### Institutional Distinctiveness: Indian Knowledge System

### Details of activities contributing to the revival of Indian Knowledge System

The document contains details of the activities taken up by various forums of the college including Sarjana, Sanskrit Matri Mandalam, Udaan, Unnat Bharat Abhiyan, and NSS which contribute to revival of the Indian Knowledge System and its effective dissemination among students.

### **Two-day International Seminar**

As an important initiative to trace the roots of ancient Indian wisdom a two-day International Seminar (in Hybrid mode), on the topic 'From Ancient Wisdom to Modern Marvels, Development of Science and Technology in India Through the Ages', was jointly organized by Dept. of AIHC & Arch. and Dept. of History on Nov. 24-25, 2023.

The objective of the seminar was to examine how India's rich cultural heritage has contributed to the growth of science and technology, including how traditional knowledge system has influenced modern innovations, global significance of India's contributions to science and technology, showcasing instances where Indian innovations have had a profound impact on the world and to analyze how advancements in science and technology have influenced India's socio- economic landscape touching upon areas like education, health care, agriculture, and industrial growth.



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**Two-Day International Seminar** On From Ancient Wisdom to Modern Marvels: Development of History of Science and Technology in India, Through the Ages

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#### About The College

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#### Theme of the Seminar

Ancient Indian science and technology demonstrate a remarkable legacy of innovation and intellectual curiosity that has left a lasting impact on global knowledge systems. The study of these achievements provides valuable insights are achievements provides valuable insights or mese activevenents provides valuable insights into the history of human progress. This seminar represents a dedicated effort to conduct a theorough and enlightening journey on this hustorically significant subject. Its primary goal is to beoaden our current understanding of nocient science and technology and ignite curiosity thereof, addon with accessing its effect on the world. It places particular emphasis an showcasing the relevance of ancient Indian scientific knowledge in shaping global bistory and its profound influence on contemporary facilitate meaningful discussions among experts from a wide array of fields, including history, antheneology, anthropology, astronomy, mathematics, architecture, health, medicine, wellness and many more, It will also serve as a platform for sharing research methodologies employed in the study of ancient Isatia, science and technology. These methodologies and technology. These methodologies encompass the interpretation of ancient tests, analysis of artefacts.

#### Objectives

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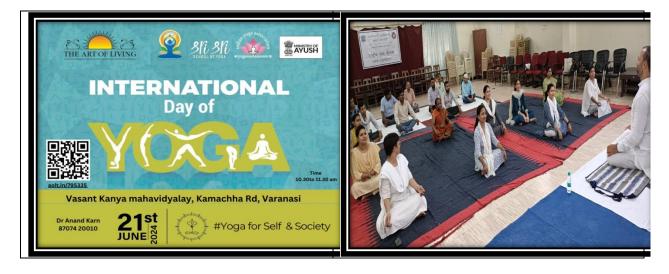
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### International Yoga Day 2023-24



# वीकेएम की पांचों इकाइयों में योग दिवस पर विशेष कार्यक्रम

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योगासन, प्राणायाम, ध्यान आदि की विशेषताएं बताते हुए समस्त शिक्षक-शिक्षिकाओं एवं छात्राओं से कई महत्वपूर्ण आसान और प्राणायाम कराये। कार्यक्रम में महाविद्यालय की प्राचार्य प्रोफेसर रचना श्रीवास्तव भी मौजूद रहीं। कार्यक्रम में एन.एस.एस कार्यक्रम अधिकारी डॉ पूर्णिमा सिंह, डा. आरती कुमारी, डा. शुभांगी श्रीवास्तव, डा. वर्षा सिंह ने अपनी महत्वपूर्ण भूमिका निभाई।



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The Department of Sociology in collaboration with Ocean Cell: A Cultural and Academic Forum at Vasant Kanya Mahavidyalaya organized the International Literacy Day seminar on September 09, 2023. The seminar convened to delve into the prospects and obstacles surrounding the implementation of the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020. It sought to facilitate a comprehensive understanding of the policy's potential benefits and challenges, fostering dialogue and collaboration to navigate its implications effectively in the educational landscape.



### Librarian<sup></sup>'s Day

2023-24



### NATIONAL YOUTH DAY/ VIVEKANAND JAYANTI





The 69<sup>th</sup> Foundation Day of the College was celebrated to commemorate its establishment, honor its history and achievements, and foster a sense of community and pride among students, faculty, alumni, and staff.

#### **ANNIES BESANT JAYANTI- 2023-24**



### Sanskrit Matrimandalam

Following lectures were organized by the Department of Sanskrit under the aegis of Sanskritmatrimandalam

- भारतीय आचार .परम्परा में पञ्चमहायज्ञ (Panchmahayajna in Bharatiya Achaar Parampara) A Lecture organized on 06.05.2023 by Dr.Nairanjana Shrivastava, H.o.D, AIHC & Arch. VKM to make the students aware of the importance of Panchmahayajna as social responsibility. 54 students got benefitted by the lecture.
- संस्कृत \_अध्ययन में आजीविका के अवसर (Vocational opportunities in Sanskrit) was organized on 03.08.23. Prof.Gopabandhu Mishra, Ex. V.C. Shrisomnath Sanskrit Vishwavidyalaya, Gujrat was the distinguished speaker in the event. He discussed about the job opportunities available for Sanskrit students. 82 students got benefitted by this lecture.
- साहित्य का स्वरूप और उपयोगिता (Sahitya ka swaroop aur upyogita). The lecture was organized on 28.11.23 in which Prof.Rajiv Ranjan Singh, Ex. Dean, S.S.V.V were the guest speaker. He made a description of the form and utility of Sahitya according to poetics. 25 students attended the lecture.
- साहित्य का लक्ष्य (Sahitya ka lakshya). The thoughtful deliberation was given on 29.11.23
- by Prof.Rajiv Ranjan Singh, Ex. Dean, S.S.V.V to acquaint the students with the goals of Sahitya. 24 students got benefitted by his lecture.
- Vagvardhini Sabha a component of sanskritmatrimandalam organized कालिदास महोत्सव (Kaalidas Mahotsava) on 20.12.23 under the able guidance of Gangaratna Acharya Kamla Pandey,President,Sanskritmatrimandalam and Dr. Shanta Chatterjee, H.o.D, Sanskrit, VKM. Such programs make students aware of the rich cultural heritage of Sanskrit, which has had a profound impact on Indian and world literature. 50 students participated in this event.
- Sanskrit Matrimandalam in Collaboration with Math Tulsidas gaddisthal, Bareli, organized श्रीमद्भगवद्गीता जयन्ती (Shrimad Bhagavat Jayanti) on 23.12.23 to promote the values of the Shrimad bhagavadgeeta, such as self-discipline, self-control, and self-realization and selfless service of society among the student. Dr. Kamala Pandey, President, Sanskritmatrimandalam, and Swami Neerajnayan Das, Mahanth, Acharya Brahmaswaroop, M.T.G, Bareli presided the event. 30 students participated in the event
- A two-day workshop of Sanskrit translation संस्कृतानुवाद कार्यशाला was organized on 02.04.24 and 03.04.24 by Prof. Ramakant Pandey, H.O.D, Vyakaran, S.V.D.V, BHU
- to harness the skill of translation from Hindi to Sanskrit and vice-versa. 52 participants were enrolled in this workshop.
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- An Educational visit to Janana Pravah, Centre for Cultural studies and Research, Samneghat, Varanasi on 06.05.24 to make aware about the benefits of Vedic Yajnas. The visit was coordinated by Dr. Manju Kumari. 16 students joined this trip.

• कालिदास छन्दोगानप्रस्तुति में प्रतिभागिता (Participation in Kaalidas Chhandogaan presentation) The students visiting Janana Pravah on 06.05.24 also presented the rhythmic enchanting of the verses





#### SARJANA 2023-24

During the session 2023-24, Sarjana, the cultural forum of Vasant Kanya Mahavidyalaya, successfully organized 23 competitions for the students. Competition covered wide variety of activities such as Essay-writing, Education, Mehandi design, Rangoli making, Vocal music both classical and folk, Dance, Theatre, Business planning, Debate collage, Poetry recitation, Turn-coat, Photography, Logo designing and Documentary making.

Relevant topics were assigned for various competitions, e.g. the topic for Poster making was 'Banaras in 2050' and for Essay-writing 'Mission chandrayan-3'. Debate was conducted on the topic 'How cinema, reels and OTT are affecting the Indian youth.' Education focused on 'the improvement of transgender', 'alternative/renewable source of energy', and 'importance of greeting elders'. Turn-coat addressed the issue of 'plastic ban'.





## Activities of session 2022-23



### Sanskrit Matrimandalam

Under the aegis of Sanskrit Matrimandalam the following activities were organized during the session

- Vagvardhini Sabha organized a workshop on 17.08.22 to enhance the ability of students to speak and write Sanskrit fluently. Dr. Kamla Pandey, President of Sanskritmatrimandalam was the main resource person of the event. A total of 79 students participated in the activity.
- Vagvardhini Sabha organized another workshop titled 'Kanthastha Sutrpatha Evam Gadyapath competition for students on 10.09.22 under the supervision of Dr. Kamla Pandey, President of Sanskritmatrimandalam to acquire proficiency in the correct pronunciation of Panini's sutras and Sanskrit prose.
- A ten-day long workshop on Chhandogan was organized from 01.04.22-09.04.22. the objective of the workshop was to acquaint the students with the metrical pronunciation of

different verces of Sanskrit and Hindi. Prof.Rajiv Ranjan Singh,Ex.Dean, Faculty of Shramanvidya, S.S.U, Varanasi, and Dr. Rajesh Sarkar, Assistant Professor, Department of Sanskrit, BHU were the resource persons in this workshop. A total of 55 students participated in this workshop.

 Vagvardhini Sabha organized a special session on Kavyashastra (Poetics) presentation by students on 06.02.23 to develop the ability to discuss poetics. Dr.Brihaspati Bhattachary, H.O.D, Sanskrit, V.C.W, Rajghat, Varanasi was the chief guest of the session. 57 students participated in this activity.



### Sarjana

In the academic year 2022-23 college cultural forum Sarjana organized 22 competitions in various categories. The theme for this year's competitions was 'Reigning with Smile'. This year Sarjana included few new-age competitions such as Stand-up Comedy, Logo making, Documentary film, Music Composition, Business Planning, Picture-Story Narration, Zero Waste along with traditional ones such as Mehandi, Rangoli making, Dance, Singing, Debate, Turn coat, Elocution, Poetry-recitation, GK quiz, Essay -writing , Theatre, etc. 32 Topics/theme for competitions covered a wide rage of subjects, i.e. Developing Kashi, NEP 2020, Re-writing of History, Urban stress, Freedom & Discipline, Confusion & Excellence, Decay of libraries, Importance of philosophers in the society, E- commerce, Climate change, Eco- tourism etc.





### International Yoga Day

Two days Yoga Conference was organized from 20.06.2022 to 21.06.2022. Prof. Rachna Srivastava, Principal, VKM addressed the students highlighting the importance of Yoga for physical and mental wellbeing. Dr. Bala Lakhendra, Programme Co-ordinator, NSS, BHU expounded benefits of Yoga in everyday life. Dr. Anand Karn instructed the volunteers about various Yoga postures and student exercised Yoga under his instruction on both days of the programme. Dr. Dharmendra Mishra elaborated on "Yoga ke Dwara Pratibha Parishkar" and discussing Personality Development through Yoga. Dr. Dipika on the second day discussed the Importance of Yoga for healthy lifestyle.

### World Heritage Day

World Heritage Day was celebrated on 19.04.23 with **Lecture** on 'Heritage Changes' by Dr. Subhash Chandra Yadav, Regional Archaeological Officer, Varanasi region (U.P.) State Archaeology Department. A Calendar was prepared with photos contributed by the students of the department.

### International Mother language day

International mother language day was celebrated on 21.02.2023 by the department of English, Hindi and Sanskrit in collaboration with Kashi Tattva Sabha. Prof. Alka Singh, Principal, VCW was the chief guest of the event. Hundred students of the college participated in the event.



### Tulsidas Jayanti and Nanddas Jayanti

Tulsidas jayanti and Nanddas Jayanti were celebrated on 02.09.2022. Prof. Chandrakala Tripathi, Former Principal of Mahila Mahavidyalaya and a well-known name in Hindi Literature delivered a talk on the 'Sagun Bhakti Sahitya'



### Kajri Mahotsava and Holi Mahotsava

Kajri Mahotsava was celebrated on 16.08.2022 in which 46 students of B A vocal Music and soft skills participated and gave melodious rendition of Banarasi and Mirzapuri Kajri. Besides this the department of vocal music also organized Holi Mahotsava on 04.03.2023. Various traditional songs were presented by the students on this festive occasion.







#### **Annie Besant Birth Anniversary**

### 1<sup>st</sup> October 2022

175<sup>th</sup> Birth Anniversary of social reformist and visionary Dr. Annie Besant was celebrated in VKM PG College jointly by Progression of Annie Besant Spirit Committee and five units of NSS, VKM. A dedication of flowerpetals was done in the morning assembly in the Theosophical Society premise. Later, volunteers of National Service Scheme offered floral tribute to Dr. Annie Besant in the Annie Besant Hall of Theosophical Society and took out a Women Education Awareness Rally from Dr. Besant's residence "Shantikunj" which ended with a tour of Kamachha, Birdopur and Sidhgiribagh areas.

In the college seminar hall the programme started with Kulgeet and Annie Besant Eulogy. Principal, Prof. Rachna Srivastava said that Annie Besant was a great personality whoinitiated social and educational reforms for the people of India and other parts of the world and students can learn a lot in their lives from her honesty and uprightness. Manager, Smt. Uma Bhattacharyya highlighted her immense contribution in the field of education especially for women and her cooperation to Pt. Madan Mohan Malviya in founding Banaras Hindu University. A short play "Charaiveti" directed by Dr.Nairanjana Srivastava was staged by the students on this occasion portraying an event from the life of Dr. Annie Besant and J.Krishnamurty. Dr. Shubangi Srivastava, Asst. Professor, Hindi, expressed her views on Annie Besant's Concept of Education.

Prof. Meenu Pathak, Co-ordinator of the Value Added Course on "Self Realization through Theosophy" presented details of the activities organized in the session 2021-22. Students shared their experiences about their learning and beneficial outcome of the course. Certificates were distributed to the students on successful completion of the course. The programme was attended by students and staff of the college. Dr. Manju Kumari anchored theevent and formal vote of thanks was delivered by Dr. Nairanjana Srivastava.





### **Guest Lectures**

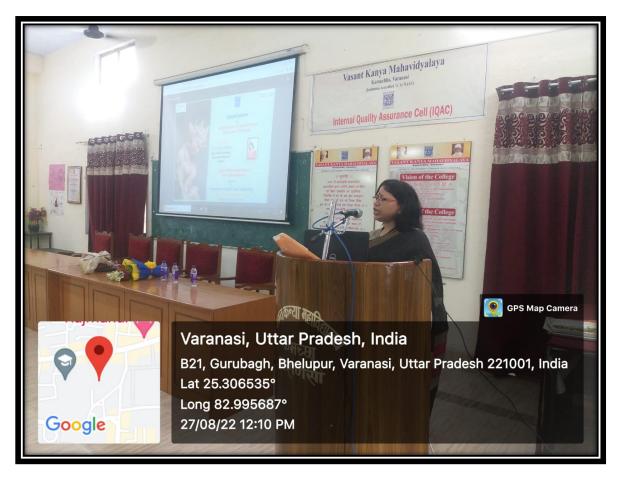
3. A Lecture on 'Kashi ke Devalaya' by Dr. Anshu Shukla, dept. of Home Science on 24.08.22. Attended by 44 students.

4. Lecture on 'Myth & History' by Prof. D.K.Ojha, dept. of AIHC & Arch. on 25.08.22. Attended by 139 students.

5. Lecture on 'A Brief Survey of Ancient Indian Sculptural Tradition of India' by Dr. Arpita Chatterjee, dept. of AIHC & Arch. on 27.08.22. Attended by 109 students

A lecture on Yoga and its different aspects was organized by the department of philosophy on 15.07.2022 by Shri Rishi Kumar Santosh. 82 students attended the lecture.

Lecture on 'Yoga in Srimad Bagvatgita' was organized by the department of philosophy on 17.11.2022. the lecture was given by Prof. Jyotsana Srivasatava.



### Workshops and Educational visits to Historical sites

Department of Painting arranged an educational visit to Dashashwamedh Ghat (22 & 24 Dember, 2022) and Bharat Kala Bhavan (10 & 11 January, 2023) to educate students about the traditional art forms of India

One day geographical excursion of Sarnath, Varanasi was organized by the department of Geography on 22.12.2022

Varanasi Heritage Walk on 27.02.22 was jointly organized by department of AIHC& Arch., VKM and VCW, Varanasi. Attended by 25 students of B.A. part III.

Seven Day Workshop on Shrimadbhagwatgeeta Path Karyashala was organized by the department of Philosophy from 09.12.2022 to 16.12. 2022. 175 students attended the same.



### Sanskrit Matrimandalam 2021-22

The committee has organized three series of online workshops for inculcating conversation skills in Sanskrit Language namely ई -संभाषण शिशिर श्रंखला. These programmes were conducted from 07.06.21-13.06.21, 15.06.21-21.06.21 and 23.06.21-30.06.2021 respectively.

Besides this the committee also organized ईाग्वशधिनी सभा in collaboration with साििभौम संस्करत संस्थान dated on 16.01.22. The resource persons were Dr. Arvind Kumar Tiwari, Sri Shambhu Tripathi, Sri Rajkumar Mishra, Sri Chandrakant Dutt Shukla and Dr. Saroj Kumar Pandey. 47 participants attended the program.



### Sarjana 2021-22

In this session 'Sarjana' organized 14 competitions which included Business Planning, G.K. Quiz, Comic Strip, Mimicry, Mono Acting, Photography, Photo Story Writing, Music Direction, Logo Designing and Web Banner Making. three series of online workshops for inculcating conversation skills in Sanskrit Language namely 'E-Sambhashan Shivir Shrinkhala'. These programmes were conducted from 07.06.21-13.06.21, 15.06.21-21.06.21, 23.06.21-30.06.2021 respectively.



#### 2021-22

### International yoga day

On the occasion of International Yoga Day on June 21st 2021, an online session on Yoga was organized under the guidance of Dr Anand Karna, the yoga instructor of the college, this session was organized at 7:00 am and 6:00 pm. The above sessions were started with prayer and finetuning. After that different types of asanas were taught including Pranayama. International Yoga Instructor and Fitness Trainer Shri Praveen Pathak gave a special lecture on the importance of Yoga. A total number of 109 people including students and teachers participated in the programme.



### 2021-22

### Valmiki Jayanti 2021-22

Valmiki Jayanti was Celebrated by the ^okXof/kZuh lHkk\* on 28.11.2021. Dr. Sarika Jyotishi, Assistant Professor, Dhirendra Mahila PG College was the Guest Speaker on the Occasion. 70 students of UG attended this online program.

### Matri Bhasha Diwas

Matri Bhasha Diwas A collaborative special program was organized by the Department of Hindi, English and Sanskrit on the occasion of International Mother Language Day, in which independent writer and critic Shri Vimlendu Kumar Singh gave a special lecture, mentioning the importance of mother language in daily life. In the program, 30 students also presented their compositions in Hindi, English and Sanskrit language.

### Tulsi Jayanti

On the occasion of Tulsi Jayanti 11.08.2021, Prof. Umapati Dixit, chief speaker, highlighted. The importance of Ramcharitmanas. Citing examples from Ramcharitmanas he explained the values of Ramritmanas is detail.

### **National Youth Day**

National Youth Day was organized by the Youth Day Committee on 12.01.2022 in Vasant Kanya Mahavidyalaya, Kamchha, Varanasi in virtual mode. On this occasion, the Chief Guest Swami Dayapurnanand ji, Ramakrishna Mission, Varanasi, spoke on the topic 'A discussion on the life of Swami Vivekanand's Teaching and His Thoughts on Nation Building'.

### **Annie Besant Day**

174th Birth Anniversary of social reformist and visionary Dr. Annie Besant was celebrated in VKM PG College on Oct. 1st, 2021 with joy and enthusiasm. Prof. Rachna Srivastava, Principal VKM welcomed the august gathering and said that Dr. Besant has been an epitome of 28 truthful life who inspired generations to walk on the path of truth, without compromising benevolence. Mrs. Uma Bhattacharyya, Manager VKM, explained in good detail real meaning of truth as reflected in the behavior of Dr. Besant. She explained the motto of Theosophical society "Sattyaannasti Paro dharmah" (There is no religion greater than truth, Shantiparva in Mahabharat ) which gives supreme weightage to truth. A video- presentation was shared on the occasion which showcased 'A Tour To Theosophical Society' prepared with the help of Prof. Swarvandana Sharma, Head, dept. of Music(vocal), VKM. It was intended that everyone be aware of the rich heritage of Theosophical Society, Indian Section, Varanasi campus

### Lectures

- Department of AIHC organized an online lecture on the 'Inclusive Jain art of Mathura' on 21.09.2021. The lecture was delivered by Dr. Arpita Chatterjee, Dept. of AIHC & Archaeology, BHU. The number of participants here were 95.
- An online lecture on Heritage conservation: Challenges and Opportunities was also organized by the department of AIHC on 20.11.2021 to celebrate the Heritage Week. The lecture was delivered by Dr. Subhash Chandra Yadav, Regional Archaeological Officer, Varanasi circle. The lecture was attended by 60 participants.
- An online lecture on vkt dk le; vkSj jkepfjrekul dh mikns;rk was organized on 11.08.2021. The lecture was delivered by Prof. Umapati Dixit. The number of participants here was 96.
- An online lecture on विद्यार्थियों के व्यक्तित्व निर्माण में डॉo सर्वपल्ली राधाकृष्णन की भूमिका was organized on

06.09.2021 to celebrate teachers day. Dr. Tripti Rani Jaiswal was the Chief Speaker on the

occasion. 100 students attended the programme

- The department of vocal music organized a special e-lecture on 'Hkkjrh; laxhr dh fo'o ;k=k' on 19.04.2021. Prof. Rajesh Kelkar, Dean, Faculty of Performing Arts, M.S. University, Baroda, Gujarat was the chief speaker. 68 students were connected to the virtual programme.
- The faculty and the students of Music (Vocal) Department presented a special program named 'Pawas Parva' on 12.09.2021 to celebrate the zeal of the rainy season. Students presented songs of various musical styles commonly sung in rainy season as per Indian tradition. Bhajan on Sri Krishna Janmashtami were also rendered.
- Department of Philosophy organized an International periodic e-lecture series between 19.08.2021 to 22.02.2022. Five lectures were organized in the series.
- The first one was on 19.08.2021 in which professor Anand Mishra, South Asian Institute, Heidelberg University, Germany delivered lecture on 'Different Aspects of Classical Indology'. 50 students were connected online.

- On 30.09.2021 another online lecture was delivered by Prof. Rajiv Ranjan Singh, Sampurnand Sanskrit University, Varanasi on 'Indian Philosphy and it's Tradition'. 56 students participated in the lecture.
- On 18.10.2021 Prof. Balganapati Devrakonda, Delhi University gave lecture on 'Knowing and Doing: Insights from Bhagavad Gita to Lead a Life of Action with Knowledge'. The online session engaged 75 students.
- The lecture by Prof. Rishikant Pandey, Former Head, Allahabad University, Prayagraj on 'The Concept of Yoga: with Special Reference of Gita and Yoga Philosophy', was organized to celebrate world philosophy day on 18.11.2021. It attracted online presence of 105 students.
- Fifth lecture of the series was held on Research Opportunities in Vedic Science' on 22.02.2022 by Prof. Upendra Tripathi, 10 Acharya, Ved Vibhag, SVDV and Coordinator in Vaidik Vigyan Kendra, BHU, Varanasi. 95 students attended the talk.
- Another lecture was organized by the department of Philosophy titled 'Philosophical Reflection on National Education Policy' on 24.03.2022 by Dr. Jayanti P. Sahoo, Associate Professor, Dept. of Philosophy, Janki Devi Memorial College, New Delhi.
- A lecture on 'Conflict Resolution and Peace: Gandhian Approach' was organized by the Dept. of Political Science on 18.11.2021. guest speaker was Prof. Sonali Singh, Dept. of Political Science, BHU.

### Workshops and Educational Visits

- Department of AIHC organized an Archaeological site visit to village Babhaniyav on 21.03.2022 under the supervision of Prof. A.K. Singh, Dept. of AIHC & Archaeology, BHU, who also delivered an on-site lecture to the participants. 45 students were benefitted from this exercise.
- Organized a two-week long programme to celebrate Hindi Diwas which was inaugurated on 14.09.2021. A special lecture on ^oS'ohdj.k o fgUnh dh pqukSfr;k; rFkk fgUnh dh oSf'od fLFkfr\* was delivered by Dr. Usha Sharma, Sofia Bulgaria in a session chaired by Prof. Chandrakala Tripathi, MMV, BHU. The fortnight was concluded on 30.09.2021 with a lecture by Dr. Varsha Rani on ^Lor a=rk dk ve`r egksRlo vkSj fgUnh\* 100 participants took part in various activities conducted during the fortnight. Prize 7 distribution was done by Smt. Uma Bhattacharyya, Manager and Prof. Rachna Srivastava, Principal, VKM on 26.10.2021
- Department of Painting organized a one-day National e-workshop on 'Shanjhi Folk Art' in collaboration with the department of painting Vasanta College for Women, Rajghat, Varanasi on 26.10.2021. The resource person was Acharya Sumit Goswami, Folk Artist, Vrindavan, Mathura. 42 students participated in this workshop
- A workshop on Òkjrh; laxhr esa g¨Ykh lEcU/kh jpuk,; with special reference to Musical compositions of Pt. Balwant Rai Bhatt was organized in the Vasanta College for Women, Varanasi where students of department of Vocal Music, Vasant Kanya Mahavidyalaya also participated and learned the delicacies of Raag Vrindavani Sarang and Raag Malkons. The program was organized on 25.03.2022. 50 students were benefited by the workshop.

### Sanskrit matrimandalam

- 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.
- 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.
- 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

### 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, mehandi, 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.

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### **International Yoga Day**

• 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 eprogramme.

## Librarian's Day

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## **Youth Day**

• 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

### Annie Besant Jayanti

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 Yaday, Associate Professor, Department of Hindi, VKM and composed by Dr. Meenu Pathak, Head, Department of Music Instrumental (Sitar), VKM. 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. In her key note address, Dr. Bina Singh, HOD, English Department, VKM, reiterated the spiritual symphony of Annie Besant's thoughts. 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.

### International mother language day

• Antar-rashtriya Matribhasha Diwas As per the directives of UGC, the International Poetry Fest "Resurging Spirt" 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.



### **Guest Lectures**

- An online lecture was organized by the Department of Sanskrit on 04.06.2020 on the topic "सािंख्य दशान मेंप्रमाण मीमािंसा" The resource person was Dr. Kamala Pandey, Former Head, Department of Sanskrit, Vasant Kanya Mahavidyalaya, Kamachha, Varanasi
- An Online lecture by was organized by the department of Political Science on the topic "Dharmashastron aur Nitishastron ka Rajniti mein Mahatva" on 6 th Feb, 2021.Prof. K. K. Mishra, Dean, Faculty of Social Sciences, BHU, Varanasi was the guest speakerhere.
- An online lecture titled "The Uniqueness of Indian Psyche and Its Relevance in Enhancing the Mental Immunity in Indian People" was organized by the department of Psychology on 17.06.2021 in which Prof. Krishna Kanta Sharma, Former Dean, SVDV, BHU was the guest speaker.



### **One – day National Seminar**

One Day Seminar on Understanding Statecraft and Inter-State Relations in Kautilya''s Arthashastra A one-day seminar on "Understanding Statecraft and Inter-State Relations in Kautilya''s Arthashastra'' was organized on 28th February, 2020 by Vasant Kanya Mahavidyalaya. It was the part of a project sanctioned under the IMPRESS scheme of ICSSR, entitled "State-craft, Mandal Theory and Six-fold Policy in Kautilya''s Arthashastra: The Contemporary Relevance.'' Key note speaker was Colonel P.K. Gautam, Consultant, Institute for Defense Studies and Analysis. Chief Speaker was Prof. Rakesh Upadhyay, Bharat Adhyayan Kendra, Banaras Hindu University along with Prof. Rachna Srivastava, Project Director and Principal, Vasant Kanya Mahavidyalaya.



### Sanskrit matrimandalam

- The Vagvardhini Sabha was organized from 13.09.19 to 23.09.19.The Vagvardhini Sabha commenced in the presence of Chief Guest Dr. Kamala Pandey and Mrs. Jayshree Shukla on 13.09.2019. In all 60 students were present. It is a seminar conducted by the students. The students were trained in reciting sholka. Students of BA Part 2 and BA Part 3 benefitted from this training.
- A lecture on "Vedant Darshan" was organized on 13.02.2020. Dr. Kamla Pandey was the resource person.
- Dr. Kamala Pandey organized an e-lecture on "Praman in Samkhya Darshan" on 04.06.2020 in which some students from BA Part 1, BA Part 2 and BA Part 3 participated.
- Sanskrit Matrimandalam organized Chandogaan Workshop from 10 Jan 2020 to 29 Jan 2020. Resource persons were Dr. Kamala Pandey, Dr. Hema Krishnan (VCW), Dr. Vikash Dixit. The topic of the workshop was "Shashtartha Mahvidya". The students were trained to properly and correctly recite Sanskrit shlokas and chhand. In this training programme students of BA PArt 1, BA Part 2 and BA Part 3 VKM participated along with students of the Department of Sanskrit Faculty of Arts and Research Scholars of Prachya Vidya.
- YouTube Channel of Sanskrit Matrimandalam was inaugrate

### Sarjana

Events of Sarjana 2019-20 were organized in two phases. Phase I started on 18th Sept 2019 and continued till 21st Sept 2019. whereas Phase II was organized in the Feb 2020 from 6 to 8 Sixteen literary and fine art events were organized in Phase I including Photography, Cartooning, Documentary making, Collage, Poster - making, Mehandi, Rangoli, Essay writing, Speech, Poetry recitation, Elocution, Debate, Group discussion, Turncoat, Quiz, and Business Planning. The events of Phase II were devoted to visual arts. Competitions of vocal music, instrumental music, theatre and dance took place in this Phase. The cultural fest was inaugurated by the former Principal of Sunbeam School, Ms. Anuradha Bhatia and the valedictory session was graced by the famous theatre artist Shri Rati Shankar Tripathi. Overall 350 students participated in the various events of Sarjana.



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### **Hindi Diwas**

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### **Annie Besant Jayanti**

Progression of Annie Besant Spirit committee organized a programme on 1.10.2019 to commemorate the birth anniversary of Dr. Annie Besant. On this occasion Prof. Rachna Srivastava, Principal, VKM discussed the educational ideals of Annie Besant as an integral part of student life and described Annie Besant as India's true ally. On this occasion keynote speaker Dr. Swarvandana Sharma linked Dr. Annie Besant with music and presented a very important dimension of Annie Besant's life to the audience. Continuing the celebration of her birth anniversary, on 25.10.2019 an essay and poster competition was organized and the winners of the competition were felicitated by Manager, Mrs. Uma Bhattacharya and Principal, Prof. Rachna Srivastava. On this occasion Dr. Manju Kumari with the help of Annie Besant Quiz introduced the students to the life, personality and work of Dr. Annie 20 Besant.

### International mother language day

As per the directives of University Grants Commission, Antarrashtriya Matribhasha Diwas "Kashi Kavyanjali" was celebrated on 20.02.2020. The chief guest of the programme was retired Principal of Women"s College, BHU, Prof. Chandrakala Tripathi, a scholar of Hindi literature. Prof. Tripathi in her address spoke about the significance of mother tongue. She focussed on the language and silence of women and also the sweetness and beauty of Bhojpuri. The programme was celebrated with poetry recitation in Sanskrit, Marathi, Gujrati, Bhojpuri, Hindi, Urdu, English and Bangla. About 60 poems were presented. The manager of the college Mrs. Uma Bhattacharyya in her address threw light on the significance of emotions and feelings in the creativity and fluidity of language. Programme was attended by a large number of students and teachers of not only VKM but also of other local colleges.

### **Guest Lectures**

- Students participated in INTACH"s Heritage Education Programme, College Volunteer Training Workshop, organized at INTACH HECS and INTACH VARANASI CHAPTER at Arya Mahila P.G.College, Varanasi on 18.10.19.
- Students of the Department attended special lecture on "Excavations at Ayodhya (Ramjanmabhumi)", organized by Archaeological Survey on 22.01.2020. The guest speaker was Dr. B.R. Mani (Director of Ramjanmabhumi Excavation) (Ex A.D.G. ASI, Former G.D. National Museum).
- On 09.11.2019, a class seminar on "Concept and Methods of History Writing in Ancient India" was organized. Students were divided in three groups: Puranas, Ramayana, Mahabharata.
- On 13.11.2019, a class seminar on "Art and Architecture of Early Medieval India" was organized. Students were divided in three groups: Temples and Sculptures of North India; Temples and Sculptures of South India ; Temples and Sculptures of Eastern India.Guest Lectures

### Workshops and educational visits

- Students of Dept. of Political Science and Philosophy visited Sarnath on 15.02.2020.
- Students of B.A. I, II and III year of Dept of Music Vocal attended Dhrupad Mahotsav 2020 on 24.01.2020 organized jointly by Shrikant Mishra, Dhrupad Foundation, Varanasi; Dhrupad Sansthan, Bhopal and Faculty of Peforming Arts, BHU.
- Students of the Deptt of Music Vocal attended musical programme "Vasintiki", organized by GnanaPravaha, Varanasi on 01.03.2020. They also visited the museum of old musical instruments.
- Students of Deptt of Sanskrit visited Jnana-Pravaha on 21.03.2020
- Students of Department of AIHC & Arch. attended seven day workshop on "Historical Heritage of Kashi", organized by Vasanta College for Women, Rajghat, from 10.02.2020 to 17.02.2020. Speakers were Prof. Vidula Jayaswal, Dr. B.R. Mani, Prof. Maruti Nandan, Prasad Tiwari, Dr. Subhash Chandra Yadav. Chief speaker in the Valedictory Session was Prof. O.N.Singh.
- A workshop on "Applique & Techinques of Khatwa & Traditional Embroidery" was organized from 20.9.19-21.09.19. Resource person was Dr. Shrishti Purwar, IPS, Allahabad University. The workshop was attended by 30 students of M.A. II year and B.A. III year
- A workshop on "Madhubani Painting" was organized on 07.1.2020. Resource person was Ms. Manisha Soni, Alumni and Research Scholar. The workshop was attended by 20 students of Fashion Designing

• A workshop on "Warli Painting" was organized on 08.1.2020 for which our resource person was Ms. Manisha Soni, Alumni and Research Scholar, VKM. The workshop was attended by 20 students of Fashion Designing.