

OCEAN SHELL

THE SOCIO-CULTURAL ACADEMIC FORUM

On 2016, Department of Sociology at Vasant Kanya Mahavidyalaya established the forum named “Ocean Shell”. The name “Ocean Shell” was chosen for this socio academic forum as a poetic reflection of the vastness and depth of human experience, much like the ocean itself, our forum seeks to explore the intricate and varied dimensions of society, culture, and education. The “Shell” symbolizes protection, resilience, and beauty—qualities that resonate deeply within the hearts of young girls, navigating their academic journeys. Just as a shell nurtures and guards the life within it, Ocean Shell serves as a nurturing space where ideas are cultivated, voices are amplified, and each member is encouraged to discover her inner strength. This forum inspires students to dive deep into the ocean of knowledge, to cherish the beauty found in every unique shell, and to emerge from the forum empowered. The forum’s mission is to raise awareness about socio-cultural issues, promote academic growth, and foster a supportive community for students.

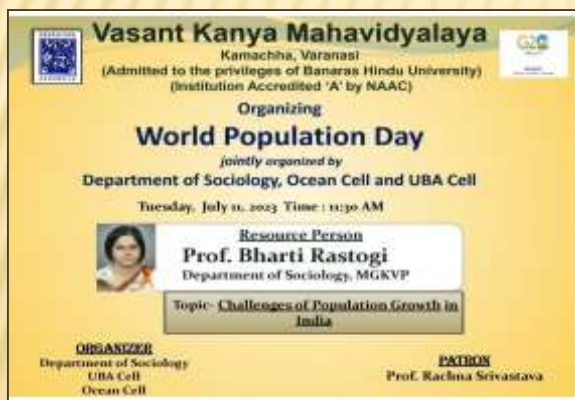
OBJECTIVES

- **Promote Socio-cultural Awareness:** Encourage a deeper understanding of diverse cultural and social practices, and foster an appreciation for the richness of different socio cultural identities.
- **Enhance Academic Engagement:** Provide students with opportunities to explore sociological theories and concepts through seminars, workshops, and discussions that connect classroom learning to real-world issues.
- **Community Service and Outreach:** Organize outreach programs that apply sociological principles to address community issues, such as gender equality, education, and social justice, through volunteer activities and partnerships with local organizations.
- **Foster Inclusivity for overall development of students:** Create a welcoming and inclusive environment where students from different backgrounds can share their experiences, fostering mutual respect and understanding.
- **Encourage Critical Thinking:** Stimulate intellectual curiosity and critical thinking by engaging members in debates, discussions, and research on contemporary social issues.
- **Interdisciplinary Collaboration:** Encourage collaboration with other departments and clubs within the college to explore the intersections of sociology with other academic disciplines, such as psychology, economics, and political science.

ACTIVITIES IN SESSION 2023-24

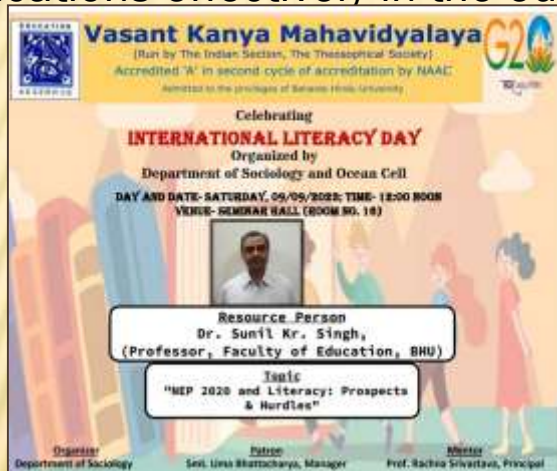
Activity-1 (11/07/2023)

World Population Day is an annual event celebrated globally to draw attention to population related issues and promote awareness about their impact on various aspects of society. This year, Department of Sociology, Vasant Kanya Mahavidyalaya organized a lecture to commemorate World Population Day on July 11th 2023. The objective was to emphasize the significance of addressing population challenges and exploring opportunities for sustainable development.



Activity-2 (09/09/2023)

The Department of Sociology in collaboration with Ocean Cell: A Cultural and Academic Forum at Vasant Kanya Mahavidyalaya organized the International Literacy Day on September 09, 2023. The lecture 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



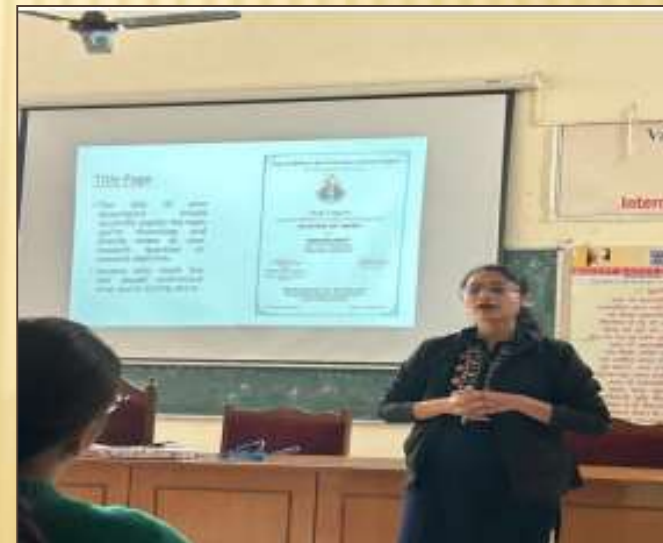
Activity-3 (11/11/2023)

The Department of Sociology at Vasant Kanya Mahavidyalaya, Kamachha, Varanasi, in collaboration with OCEAN CELL organized Debate on “Same- Sex Marriage” on November 11, 2023. By commemorating this event, we aim to raise awareness about the legal, social, and cultural dimensions of same-sex marriage. The debate provide a platform to students for discussing the various perspectives surrounding the topic, fostering a deeper understanding of the issues faced by the LGBTQ+ community, and promoting inclusivity and equal rights for all individuals regardless of their sexual orientation.



Activity-4 (22/12/2023-23/12/2023)

The Department of Sociology at Vasant Kanya Mahavidyalaya, Kamachha, Varanasi, in collaboration with OCEAN CELL organized a workshop on Dissertation on December 22-23, 2023. This workshop is a crucial step in the academic journey of students, preparing them for successful research projects and contributing to their overall academic and professional development.



Activity- 5 (01/10/2023)

The Department of Sociology at Vasant Kanya Mahavidyalaya, Kamachha, Varanasi, in collaboration with OCEAN CELL organized a lecture on World Elderly Day on October 1, 2023. World Elderly Day, celebrated on October 1st, is an important occasion dedicated to acknowledging and honoring the contributions of older adults to our society. It serves as a reminder of the respect and care that elderly individuals deserve and highlights the issues they face, such as health care, social isolation, and economic insecurity. The theme of the lecture, "Embracing Wisdom, Building Bridges," underscores the importance of valuing the knowledge and experience of our elders while promoting stronger connections between generations.



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Celebrating World Elderly Day
Organized by
Department of Sociology and Ocean Cell: A Socio-Cultural Academic Forum
Sunday, 01-10-2023, 01:00 PM, Online Mode

**WORLD ELDERLY DAY OF
OLDER PERSONS**

RESOURCE PERSON
Prof. Arvind Kumar Joshi
Senior Professor
Former Head and Dean, Faculty of
Social Sciences, BHU

Topic: "Embracing Wisdom, Building Bridges"

Google Meet Link: <https://meet.google.com/qmz-lqum-hjc>
Google Form: <https://forms.gle/r7qPYJ3P1Qjgqg8H>

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STUDENT
Prof. Ramesh Srivastava, Principal



Activity- 6 (30/12/2023)

The Department of Sociology at Vasant Kanya Mahavidyalaya, Kamachha, Varanasi, in collaboration with OCEAN CELL and Guidance and Counselling Cell organized a lecture “Navigating Career Paths for Professional Success in Sociology and Social Sciences” to aware students about the scope of Sociology.

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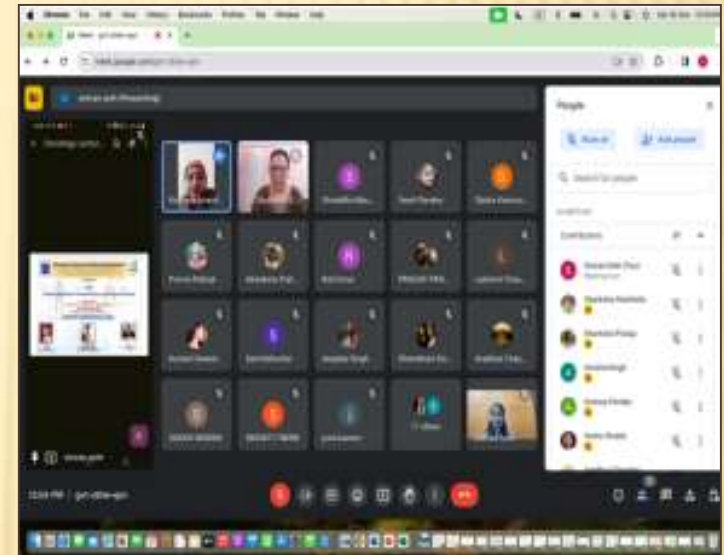
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DAY AND DATE- 30 DECEMBER 2023; TIME- 12:00 NOON
GOOGLE LINK- <https://meet.google.com/wyt-dmkr-qde>

Speaker:
Hina
Department of Sociology

Guest:
Dr. Shikha Sinha
Ph.D., M.A., Social Worker
M.A., M.Phil., P.H.D. (Social Work)

Host:
Prof. Rachna Srivastava,
Principal



Activity- 7 (28/11/2023)

The Department of Sociology at Vasant Kanya Mahavidyalaya, Kamachha, Varanasi, in collaboration with OCEAN CELL, organized a group activity on the topic "Contribution of Auguste Comte in Sociology." The primary objectives of this activity were to explore and discuss Auguste Comte's pioneering role in establishing sociology as a distinct academic discipline, to encourage critical analysis of his theories and their relevance to contemporary sociological thought, and to promote collaborative learning among students through group discussions. Additionally, the activity aimed to help students understand the impact of Comte's ideas on modern sociological theories and practices, while also enhancing their presentation skills by engaging them in group presentations and discussions.

