

VASANTA COLLEGE FOR WOMEN

Admitted to the Privileges of Banaras Hindu University
Krishnamurti Foundation India, Rajghat Fort, Varanasi

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“The ability to observe without evaluating is the highest form of intelligence”.

— *Jiddu Krishnamurti*

Vasanta College for Women is one of the oldest college of Varanasi (estd. 1913), admitted to the privileges of Banaras Hindu University and runs under the aegis of Krishnamurti Foundation India, a world renowned foundation devoted to the cause of education. The college is recognized by UGC under section 2(f) and 12B of the UGC Act, 1956.

The college solemnizes the confluence of visionary ideals and objectives of thinkers like Dr. Annie Besant, Shri Jiddu Krishnamurti and Bharat Ratna Pt. Madan Mohan Malviya Ji. The college aims to promote value based education in order to develop overall growth of personality and ready to face the new challenges of life while discharging the responsibilities as noble citizens.

Spread over an area of 300 acres in Rajghat, the college has a picturesque campus on the banks of river Ganga, its natural environment being a constant source of inspiration. Adjacent to the Sarv Seva Sangh Campus, it is located at a distance of 17.3 Km. from BHU, 6.6 Km from Varanasi Junction and 12.8 Km. from Mughalsarai and 26 Km. from Lal Bahadur Shastri International Airport.

Academic Programs

The college incessantly serves the students with knowledge of Arts, Social Sciences, Education and Commerce along with proper emphasis on Indian culture and literature in following courses and follows the Academic Calendar of Banaras Hindu University for the same.

S.No.	Courses	Subjects
1.	Under Graduate (UG)	Hindi, Urdu, English, Sanskrit, Ancient Indian History Culture & Archaeology, Home Science, Philosophy, Geography, Music (Instrumental/Vocal), Painting, Economics, History, Political Science, Sociology, Psychology, Commerce, Education (B.Ed.).
2.	Post Graduate (PG)	Hindi, English, Geography, History, Economics, Psychology, Education
3.	Research (Ph.D.)	Hindi, English, Economics, Psychology
4.	Certificate, Diploma & Advance Diploma (UGC Career Oriented Courses)	Travel and Tourism Management, Mass Communication

In the academic session 2017-18, the college reopened on July 10, 2017. After the completion of admissions, the Principal Dr. Alka Singh welcomed the new students and introduced to them, the contributions of Dr. Annie Besant and Shri J. Krishnamurti.

Results / Merits

The college successfully maintains the glorious tradition of academic excellence. In the session 2016-17, the students passed out with flying colors. Following students secured positions in the merit list of BHU:

Sohini Chakraborty MA	Geography	▪ Prof R.L. Singh Gold Medal for securing First Position at M.A. Geography Final Examination 2017
		▪ BHU Medal for securing First Position at MA (Geography) Final Examination 2017
Ishita Sinha BA (Arts)	English	▪ Ms. Soumita Dutta Memorial Gold Medal for securing First Position at B.A.(Hons.) English Final Examination 2017
		▪ BHU Medal for securing First Position at BA (Hons.) English Final Examination 2017
		▪ Shri Durga Dutt Ishwari Dutt Prize Rs. 100/- for securing First Position at BA (Hons.) English Final Examination 2017
Sonal Singh BA (Arts)	Music Instrumental	▪ BHU Medal for securing First Position at BA (Hons.) Music (Inst.) Final Examination 2017
		▪ BHU Music Association Prize Rs. 100/- for securing First Position at B.A.(Hons.) Music Final Examination 2017
Jyoti Mishra BA (Arts)	Music Vocal	▪ BHU Medal for securing First Position at BA (Hons.) Music (Vocal) Final Examination 2017
Chaman Ara BA (Arts)	Urdu	▪ BHU Medal for securing First Position at BA (Hons.) Urdu Final Examination 2017
Surabhi Singh BA (Social Science)	Psychology	▪ Punam Memorial Gold Medal for securing First Position amongst the female candidate at the BA/B.Sc (Hons.) Psychology Final Examination 2017.

The results of different courses varied from 60% to 100%.

UG	Pass %	UG	Pass %	PG	Pass %	Certificate & Diploma Courses	Pass %
AIHC & Archaeology	82.5	Painting	60.0	Hindi	100.0	Mass Communication	100.0
Economics	84.8	Philosophy	88.9	English	87.1	Travel and Tourism Management	100.0
English	87.2	Political Science	74.1	Geography	100.0		
Geography	86.8	Psychology	86.4	Psychology	82.6		
Hindi	89.7	Sanskrit	77.8	Economics	92.6		
History	83.3	Sociology	85.2	History	85.7		
Home Science	85.7	Urdu	85.7				
Music Instrumental	100.0	B.Com.	98.7				
Music Vocal	75.0	B.Ed.	100.0				

M.Ed. Course

After grant of recognition from NCTE, the college has successfully started Master's Degree in Education (M.Ed.) with 34 students from the academic session 2017-18.

Visit of BHU Inspection Team

An inspection team from BHU visited the college on 25 October 2017 to examine the proposal sent by the college to start five more PG Courses in subjects i.e. Political Science, Home Science, Ancient Indian History Culture & Archaeology, Painting & Sociology along with B.Sc (Ag.), MBA, and French as a Degree, Diploma and Language. A Formal approval letter is awaited from BHU to start these courses.

MoU

- 15 September 2017, a MoU has been signed by the college with the International Institute of Knowledge Management (Pvt.) Ltd., Sri Lanka to be the hosting partner of the International Conference on **Future of Women'18** held on 06-07 February 2018 organized in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.
- 04 September 2017, a MoU has been signed by College with **Leaders Accelerating Development (LEAD): Ek Soch Sandbox, Deshpande Foundation, MCIIE, IIT BHU, Varanasi**. In this event Team Leader, Mr. Ajay Suman and Principal, Dr. Alka Singh, signed the MoU.

National Seminars/Workshops

- March 16-17, 2018: Two days National Seminar on **Gandhi: Champaran and Beyond** was sponsored by **Gandhi Smriti and Darshan Samiti, Rajghat, New Delhi** under the Ministry of Culture organized by Dept. of History. The chief guests of the seminar were Prof. Raj Mohan Gandhi, Historian and Biographer, Michigan State University, USA and Prof. Ramjee Singh, Former Vice Chancellor, Jain Vishva Bharati University, Jalandhar, Rajasthan, Sri Sachchidanand Sinha, Socialist Thinker and writer, Muzaffarpur, Prof. Sucheta Mahajan, Centre for Historical Studies, School of Social Science, JNU and Prof. Rajeev Sangal, Director, IIT, BHU. Other eminent speakers were Sri Kumar Prashant, Gandhi Peace Foundation, New Delhi, Sri Arvind Mohan, Journalist, New Delhi, Sri Aflatoon, General Secretary, Samajwadi Janparishad, Varanasi, Sri Sunil Sahastrabudhey, Chairperson, Vidyashram, Sarnath, Varanasi, Sri Narayan Muni, Social Activist, Bokane Kala, East Champaran, Bihar, Ms. Shubha, Banwasi Seva Ashram, Sonbhadra, UP, Sri Amarnath Bhai, Former President, All India Sarva Seva Sangh, Varanasi. Ms. Sujata Choudhary, Eminent Writer, Bhagalpur, Bihar, Prof. Awadesh Pradhan, Dept. of Hindi, BHU, Prof. Ashok Kaul, Dept. of Sociology, BHU, Prof. Malabika Pande, Dept. of History, BHU, Prof. Radha Bhatt & Ms. Asha, Kasturba Mahila Utthan Mandal, Lakshmi Ashram, Kausani, Uttarakhand, Sri Shatrughan Jha, Founder, Vishwa Manav Seva Ashram, Narkatiyaganj, Bihar, Prof. Rakesh Pandey, Dept. of History, BHU, Prof. Bimal Kumar, Govind Ballabh Pant Social Science Institute, Allahabad, Dr. Saurabh Vajpeyi, Dept. of History, Deshbandhu College, University of Delhi, Ms. Sujata Choudhary, Eminent Writer, Bhagalpur, Bihar, Dr. Jagdish N. Sinha, Former Associate Professor, Dept. of History, Univ. of Delhi, Prof. R.P. Dwivedi, Director, Gandhi Adhyayan Peeth, MG Kashi Vidyapeeth, Varanasi.
- February 23 - 24, 2018: Two days National Seminar on **"Enhancing the Quality of Teaching, Learning and Evaluation in Higher Education"** organized by Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC), Vasanta College for Women sponsored by **National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC), Bangalore**. The seminar was graced by academicians and scholars like Prof. K.P. Pandey, Director, SHEPA, Varanasi & Former Vice Chancellor, Mahatma Gandhi Kashi Vidyapeeth, Varanasi, Prof. N. Samten, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, Central Institute of Higher Tibetan Studies, Sarnath, Varanasi, Prof. Harikesh Singh, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, Jai Prakash University, Chhapra, Prof. R. P. Shukla, Dean & Head, Faculty of Education, BHU. Other key speakers were Dr. Shardini, Former Chairman, National Council for Teacher Education, New Delhi, Dr. Jagdish Singh, Secretary, Pradesh Shaikshik Sangh, Varanasi, Prof. Seema Singh, Faculty of Education, BHU, Dr. Deena Nath Singh, Former President, Pradesh Shaikshik Sangh,

Varanasi, Prof. Gopal Prasad Nayak, Faculty of Education, Mahatma Gandhi Kashi Vidyapeeth, Varanasi, Dr. Garima Singh, Head, Dept. of Education, UP College, Varanasi, Dr. J. P. Srivastava, Principal, Institute of Education, SHEPA, Varanasi, Prof. Sunil Kumar Singh, Faculty of Education, BHU, Prof. B.K. Tripathi, Director, Inter University Centre for Teacher Education, BHU, Prof. Kalplata Pandey, Faculty of Education, Mahatma Gandhi Kashi Vidyapeeth, Varanasi, Prof. Rashmi Choudhary, Faculty of Education, BHU, Prof. K.S. Mishra, Faculty of Education, Allahabad University, Prof. Saroj Pandey, Director, School of Education, IGNOU, New Delhi

- 29 Jan. to 2 Feb., 2018: A National Workshop on **Artist in Residency** by Prof. Hanuman Kambli, Principal, Goa College of Fine Arts, organized by Vasanta College for Women in collaboration with **Lalit Kala Akademi, Lucknow**.

Invited/Guest Lectures

- August 11, 2017: A workshop on **Embroidery through Advance Techniques** organized by Dept. of Home Science.
- August 17, 2017 : A lecture on **Indian Aesthetics** was delivered by Prof. Tapan Shankar Bhattacharya, Dept. of Sanskrit, Jadavpur University, West Bengal, organized by Dept. of Sanskrit and English
- August 23, 2017: A special lecture on **Concept of Philosophizing** was delivered by Prof. R.P. Sinha, Patna University, organized by Dept. of Philosophy.
- August 23, 2017: A guest lecture on **Economic Reality** by Prof. Rakesh Raman, Dept. of Economics, BHU, organized by Dept. of Economics.
- August 25, 2017: A lecture on the **Creative Arts: through Verbal and Visual** by Mr. Siddharth Menon, Principal, Rishi Valley School and Trustee, KFI.
- August 28, 2017: A special lecture on **Globalization and role of Mass Communication** by Dr. Baa Lakhendra, Dept. of Mass Communication, BHU, organized by Dept. of Mass Communication and Journalism
- 28 August to 2 Sept. 2017: A workshop on **Choreography** by Ms. Swati Atmanathan, trained Bharatnatyam Dancer and also an Alumnus of Vasanta College.
- August 31, 2017: An interaction with students on the topic **Art of Poetry and Painting** Mr. Siddharth Menon, Principal, Rishi Valley School and Trustee, KFI organized by dept. of English.
- September 1, 2017: A lecture on **Kalidasa and Abhijananasakuntalam: Ek Drishti** by Dr. Hema Krishnan, Former Lecturer, Dept. of Sanskrit, VCW organized by Dept. of Sanskrit.
- September 13, 2017: A poetry reading program on **Tambai Gandh ki Kavita** by noted Adivasi poet Jacinta Kerketta, organized by Dept. of Hindi.
- September 14, 2017: A lecture and interactive talk on '**Contemporary Art** by Mr. Remi Couple, Ecole-Des, Beaux Arts, Aix-En-Provence, France, organized by Dept. of Painting.
- September 15, 2017: A lecture on **Chhanda: Prayog and Uchharan** by Dr. Kamala Pandey, former Head, Dept. of Sanskrit, VKM, organized by Dept. of Sanskrit.
- September 16, 2017: A talk on **GST in Recent Context** by Chartered Accountant Vishal B. Ashar, organized by Dept. of Economics and Commerce.
- September 20, 2017: An extension lecture on **Public Administration and Globalization** by Dr. Abhinav Sharma, Associate Professor, dept. of Political Science, BHU, organized by Dept. of Political Science.

- September 25, 2017 : A lecture on **Environmental and Ecological Consciousness in Modern India** by Dr. Sanjay Mangala Gopal, Dept. of Mechanical Engineering, Veermata Jijabai Technological Institute, Mumbai, organized by Dept. of History.
- October 22, 2017: A lecture on **Demonization and Economy** by Prof. Kiran Barman, Former Head, Dept of Economics, BHU, organized by Dept. of Economics.
- October 28, 2017: An extension lecture on **Fact Value Dichotomy** by Prof. Sanjay Srivastava, Dept. of Political Science, BHU, organized by Dept. of Political Science.
- November 02, 2017: A lecture on **Indian Aesthetics: Bharatmuni and Anandvardhana** by Prof. R.N. Rai, Former Head, Dept. of English, BHU, organized by Dept. of English.
- November 06, 2017: Special lecture on **Attirampakkam** by Prof. Shanti Pappu and Dr. Kumar Akhilesh, Director, Sharma Centre for Heritage Education, Chennai, organized by Dept. of AIHC & Archaeology.
- November 11, 2017: Special lecture on **Bhartiya Itihaas Lekhan Aur Kal Ki Avdharana** by Prof. Dinesh Kumar Ojha, Dept. of AIHC & Archaeology, BHU, organized by Dept. of AIHC & Archaeology.
- November 18, 2017: Lecture on **Learning Styles** by Prof. Seema Singh, Faculty of Education, BHU, organized by Dept. of Education.
- November 25, 2017: Lecture cum demonstration on **Information and Communication Technology in Education** by Shri K.D. Mishra, Doordarshan Kendra, Varanasi, organized by Dept. of Education.
- January 17, 2018: A lecture on the topic **Vaishwik Paridrishya me Vartmaan Hindi Ki Sthiti** by Prof. Karunashankar Upadhyay, Mumbai University, Mumbai, organized by Dept. of Hindi.
- January 25, 2018: A lecture on **Women Depicted in Ajanta Painting** by Prof. P.D. Jagtap, North Maharashtra University, organized by Dept. of AIHC & Archaeology.
- February 02, 2018: A special lecture on **General Health** by Dr. R.B. Singh, Deen Dayal Upadhyay Hospital, Varanasi.
- February 07, 2018: A special class on **Future Prospect as Radio Jockey** by Ameen Rizvi, Production Head, Radio Mirchi, organized by Dept. of Mass Communication and Journalism.
- February 14, 2018: A lecture on **Dhrupad Sangeet ki Parampara** by Pandit Raj Shekhar Vyas, Renowned Musician, Rudraveena, Udaipur, organized by Dept. of Music.
- February 17, 2018: A lecture on **Motivation in the Context of Human Resource Management** by Dr. Ashish Kr. Dubey, Dept. of Psychology, Patna University, organized by Dept. of Psychology.
- March 07, 2018: A lecture on **Research Methods** by Dr. Anshula Krishna, VCW organized by Dept. of Home Science.
- March 13, 2018: A lecture on **Theory and Text: Postmodernism and Beyond** by Banibrata Mahanta, Associate Professor, Department of English, BHU, organized by Dept. of English.
- March 18, 2018: **Vocal Concert** by Sri T.M. Krishna in college auditorium.
- March 20, 2018: A lecture on **The Concepts of Prans and Pranic Rejuvenation** by Prof. Rajeshwar Singh, Muzzafarpur University, Muzzafarpur, Bihar, organized by Dept. of Philosophy
- March 22, 2018: A lecture on **Stri Vimarsh** by Dr. Rekha Setthi, Indraprastha College, University of Delhi organized by Dept. of Hindi.

- March 22, 2018: A lecture on **Finance** by Shri Premchandra, Guest Faculty, Rishi Valley School, KFI, Bengaluru, organized by Dept. of Commerce.
- March 22, 2018: Lecture on **The Concept of Mind** by Dr. Nandini, Dept. of Philosophy, MGKVP, Varanasi, organized by Dept. of Philosophy.
- March 24, 2018: A lecture on **Character, Strength and Virtues** by Dr. Purnima Awasthi, Dept. of Psychology, BHU, organized by Dept. of Psychology.
- April 03, 2018: A lecture on the topic **Literature and Criticism** by Dr. N. Sharda Iyer, Former Associate Professor, VCW, organized by dept. of English.

World Poetry Day: The Dept. of English celebrated World Poetry Day (declared by UNESCO) on 21 March, 2018. On this occasion eminent poet and critic Sukrita Paul Kumar, University of Delhi recited her poems in English which was simultaneously translated by Prof. Rekha Sethi, noted Translator and Educationist, Indraprastha College for Women, University of Delhi in Hindi. The event was also graced by budding poets of different colleges affiliated to BHU. Another important aspect of the event was the poetry recitation by host of young poets in different Indian languages like Bhojpuri, Urdu, and Sanskrit.

Hindi Diwas: Hindi Diwas was celebrated on September 14, 2017 by Dept. of Hindi. This event was graced by Mr. Johans Lapping, Translator, Multiple Language Expert and Indologist and Sri Vijay Chhabra, Translator, Multiple Language Expert, KFI.

World Photography Day was celebrated on August 19, 2017 on the theme of 'Nature Around Vasanta College', conducted by Dr. Rajesh Chaurasia, Dept. of Philosophy, VCW.

International Mother Language Day: To celebrate the International Mother Language Day, a program was organized on February 21, 2018. In this program not only teachers but students too participated with great enthusiasm. The program turned out to be of great significance as it became the platform to have the glimpse of India's rich multilingual tradition. Here Dr. Luna Moni Das briefly talked on Linguistic Diversity and Multilingualism. In this program various Indian languages like Marathi, Gujarati, Bengali, Oriya, Rajasthani, Sindhi, Maithili, Bhojpuri, Malayalam, Telugu, Assamese, and other regional languages were performed.

J Krishnamurti Study Centre

J. Krishnamurti Study Centre is the first centre on J. Krishnamurti in India sponsored by University Grants Commission, New Delhi. The purpose of the centre is to promote the teachings of J. Krishnamurti. Throughout the year the Centre has organized **Meditation and Dialogue** every Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday for students, teachers and non-teaching staff. Students get enrolled in the month of August for the Certificate Course. The Course revolved around the book **Think on These Things**. For the Certificate Course sessions are held every Monday and Tuesday. The Centre is open for all students from any discipline on other days, i.e. Wednesday to Friday. There have sessions with the students of Dept. of B.Ed. every week around the book **Education and the Significance of Life**. On 28 August 2017, A lecture on **K's Vision** was delivered by Mr. Siddharth Menon, Trustee, Krishnamurti Foundation India. A workshop was organized on 12 January 2018 for the non-teaching staff of the college. On 22 February 2018, a lecture was delivered by Prof. P. Krishna on **Krishnamurti Vision on Education** for the teaching staff of the college.

Placement /Counseling Activities

College helps each student in exploring placement opportunities by inviting various companies for campus recruitment of students who are in the final year of the programme and are likely to graduate and postgraduate at the end of the academic year. The final placements, at the college, are a result of very systematic interaction with the industry and continuous career counseling of the students. The details of the invited company/industry and the selected candidates are as follows:

- 24 April 2018 : In the campus placement program, 23 UG and PG final year students have been selected on the post of Field Officer by the **Utkarsh Small Finance Bank** participated by 35 students of the college. This activity was conducted by Sri Ratnesh Mishra, Regional HR of the Bank. Following students were selected in the interview.

S. No.	Name	Class	S. No.	Name	Class
1	Vijeta Singh	BA IIIrd Year	13	Garima Tripathi	BA IIIrd Year
2	Shraddha Jaiswal	BA IIIrd Year	14	Shivanjali Singh	B Com Final Year
3	Anusha Shivangi	BA IIIrd Year	15	Supriya Pandey	BA IIIrd Year
4	Sakshi Ranjan	B Com Final Year	16	Aradhana	BA IIIrd Year
5	Manu Manjusha	BA IIIrd Year	17	Shruti Saran	BA IIIrd Year
6	Bhawana	BA IIIrd Year	18	Parul Srivastava	B Com Final Year
7	Ritika Singh	BA IIIrd Year	19	Nisha Singh	B Com Final Year
8	Raj Shree Rani	BA IIIrd Year	20	Debika Mondal	BA IIIrd Year
9	Neha Dubey	BA IIIrd Year	21	Km Aarti Sonkar	B Com Final Year
10	Dristi Kumari	BA IIIrd Year	22	Madhuri Kumari	BA IIIrd Year
11	Amrita	BA IIIrd Year	23	Zehra Tabassum	B Com Final Year
12	Priyanka Gupta	BA IIIrd Year			

- 17 April 2018: A campus placement program has been organized by the Placement drive of **Tata Consultancy Services (TCS)** in the college for UG and PG, final year Students. Dr. Himanshu, HR-General Manager, TCS, Indore, Ms. Neha Kumari, HR and Sri Prashant, HR has taken the interview in four rounds. Following twenty eight students have been selected by TCS drive.

1	Adya Chandra	BA IIIrd Year (Economics Hons.)	15	Shreya Srivastava	B.Com IIIrd Year
2	Monika Chabra	BA IIIrd Year (Sociology Hons.)	16	Parul Srivastava	B.Com IIIrd Year
3	Anchal Poddar	B.Com IIIrd Year	17	Shivanjali Singh	B.Com IIIrd Year
4	Pragya Singh	B.Com IIIrd Year	18	Apurva Singh	BA IIIrd Year
5	Priya Kumari	BA IIIrd Year (English Hons.)	19	Saumya Chandel	B.Com IIIrd Year
6	Vidushi	BA IIIrd Year (Economics Hons.)	20	Tanu Sawaika	B.Com IIIrd Year
7	Neevati singh	BA IIIrd Year (English Hons.)	21	Komal Gyanchandani	MA (Psychology) Final Year
8	Aradhana Gupta	B.Com IIIrd Year	22	Anushka Sharma	MA (Psychology) Final Year
9	Neha Kumari Gupta	B.Com IIIrd Year	23	Jaya Rani Mahato	B.Com IIIrd Year
10	Shraddha Jaiswal	B.Com IIIrd Year	24	Supriya Pandey	BA IIIrd Year (AIHC Hons.)
11	Harsha Jaiswal	BA IIIrd Year (English Hons.)	25	Zehra Tabassum	B.Com IIIrd Year
12	Neha Singh	MA (Economics) Final Year	26	Anushree Mukherjee	B.Com IIIrd Year
13	Saumya Mishra	B.Com (2016-17 batch)	27	Aastha Kakra	BA IIIrd Year (English Hons.)
14	Anusha Shivangi	BA IIIrd Year (Political Science Hons.)	28	Abhaya Pandey	B.Com IIIrd Year

- 15 February 2018: Ms. Kalpana Bisht, (MA, History) is selected as Associate – Field Institute based in Rudraprayag – Uttarakhand as a part of Azim Premji Foundation for Development.

A lecture on Counseling and Guidance has been organized by Dr. Ved Prakash Rawat, Dept. of Psychology, VCW on 15 October 2017 and a Motivational lecture on **Employment Opportunity in Indian Air Force** by Wing Commander Mr. Ashish Khanna is organized on 24 August 2017.

Medha: Medha (a Lucknow based NGO working in the field of career advancement and training of life skills) was invited for an orientation program on August 02, 2017 to make the students more employable by imparting training through Career Advancement Bootcamp (CAB). In the Medha's Bootcamps program, **Education to Employment** 72 students have been registered and 52 students have completed 30 hours program and were certified and joined internship. Their methods include lectures, learning by doing and mock interview sessions followed by industrial talk of Mr. Ratnesh Mishra, the HR Zonal Head at Utkarsh Small Finance Bank. Under industrial visit, Medha students visited retailer Pantaloons and Big Bazar to learn about retail from employers themselves.

Leaders Accelerating Development (LEAD): Under the banner LEAD, Deshpande Foundation, certain important projects were initiated. First project was on **Women Education and Female Hygiene** was undertaken by Pooja Varma, Rani Bano, and team. Second project was LEAD Village run by VCW LEADers Aditi Arun, Mandavi Singh, Stuti Verma, Abhiha tabsum, Twinkle Singh, Kavita and team. Third important project was **No Helmet No Parking** led by Mandavi Singh. Fourth project **Daan Utsav** was led by Khushboo Maurya. Fifth project focused on **Swacchata** led by Vaishali and Khushboo Kumari. LEAD members were awarded and recognized for their special contribution. **Yuwa Summit (National Award)** was given to Mandavi Singh by **No Helmet No Parking** in the presence of dignitaries like AADHAR CARD Founder and INFOSYS Non Executive Chairman Mr. Nandan Nilekani, American entrepreneur and founder Dashpande Foundation Mr Gururaj Deshpande, Founder and CEO Big Bazar Mr. Kishor Kumar. Other awards include:

Best LEADer	: Mandavi Singh for No Helmet No Parking
Best Social Initiative	: Pooja Verma for Women Education
Best Team	: Aditi Arun, Mandavi Singh , Stuti Verma, Abhiha Tabsum, Twinkle Singh, and Kavita
Best Supporting College	: VCW

Internal Complain Committee (ICC) activities

- On October 14, 2017, A lecture on **Gender Sensitization at Workplace** for Teaching, non- Teaching and Support Staff by Mr. Ajay Suman, Deshpande Foundation
- A dialogue on **Sexual Harassment at Workplace** was organized on 6 January 2018. The key speakers were Prof. (Dr.) Geraldine Forbes, Professor of History, State University of New York Oswego, New York, USA and Sidney Leopard Greenblatt, Retired Associate Professor of Sociology, Drew University, and International Student Advisor, Syracuse University, New York.
- March 28, 2018: Legal Awareness Program by Legal Aid and Service Clinic, Faculty of Law, BHU, organized by Internal Complaint Committee (ICC) for students.

Faculty Achievements

- Dr Anshula Krishna, Dept. of Psychology presented a research paper in an International Conference on **32nd Cross Cultural Psychology** held in Poland during July 19 to July 23, 2017.
- Dr. Alka Singh, Principal of the college, Dr. Manjari Shukla and Dr. Rachna Pandey, Dept. of English, participated and presented research papers in the International conference on **Future of Women** held at Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, on February 06-07, 2018. Dr. Alka Singh has been awarded best paper presenter.
- Dr. Amrapali Trivedi, Dept. of Home Science was invited by **Public Service commission, MP** for paper moderation on December 29-30, 2017.
- Dr. Bandana Jha has been nominated as Member, Executive Council, H.N.B. Garhwal University, Srinagar (Uttarakhand)
- Dr. Seema Srivastava, Dept. of Psychology delivered a lecture on **Role of Emotions in Education** at KFIO, Chennai.
- Dr. Sanjay Varma, Dept. of Music (Instrumental) played **Raag Lalit**, a devotional **Chal man ganga Jamuna Teer** and **Dadra in Bharvi** in the program **Subah-e-Banaras** organized by District regional Cultural committee, Varanasi on April 22, 2018 at Assi Ghat. Dr. Varma also played **Mohan Veena** in the program **Naad Niranjnam** held at famous Tirupati Balaji Temple, Tamilnadu on May 30, 2018.
- Dr. Mohd Akhtar, Dept. of Urdu has published one book entitled **RajenderSingh Bedi ke Afsane: Intekhab Aur Mutaleat**. He also has been awarded UP Urdu Academy Award on his book **Urdu Afsaane Ki Amali Tanqeed**
- Dr. Richa Singh Dept. of Psychology delivered two Radio Talks on **Relevance of Joint family in Present Context and The Festival of deepavali and its Mythological Significance** on October 31, 2017 and March 28, 2018 respectively. . She also went to KV, Mughalsarai as subject expert.
- Dr. Ved Prakash Rawat, Dept. of Psychology went to KV, BHU as subject expert.
- Mr. Brihaspati gave a radio talk named **Mahamansaam Mahamanastvam** aired on Akashvani on 19th dec 2017.
- Dr. Shreya Pathak, Dept. of History delivered a lecture **Annexation of Benaras Under Company's Rule (1775)** on April 02, 2018 at DAV PG College.
- Dr. Bilambita Banisudha Dept. of Music (Vocal) performed Classical Music in Concert on **Memory of Pt. Anokhelal and Bidushi Siddheshawari Devi** on December 25, 2017, organized by Avartan. She also performed in International Gathering in KFI on January 01, 2018.
- Dr. Subhash Meena, Dept. of Psychology published one book entitled **Research Statistics: A Complete series of Non- Parametric Test**
- Mr. Hanuman Prasad Gupta, Dept. of Music (Vocal) gave a performance at H.R.T (Atomic Research Centre), Allahabad. He also has been the member of judicial committee in SPANDAN 2018.

- Dr. J.N. Goswami, Dept of Music (instrumental) has attended a Music Instrumental Workshop in Belgium during 1 June - 3 July 2018.

Students Support Activities

- August 11, 2017: A workshop on **Embroidery by Advance Techniques** by Usha Sewing Machine, organized by Dept. of Home Science.
- August 21, 2017: An Orientation Program was organized on for the new students. In the program students were informed about the different activities of the college like Annual festival, sports, Gender Sensitization Cell, Career and Guidance Cell, NCC, Library, Mass Communication and Travel and Tourism Management etc.
- August 30, 2017: **CL InQuizitive Minds** : A written Quiz at College Level, Selected students represented the college at City and Regional Level Varanasi, organized by IQAC, NSS and Alumni Association.
- September 01, 2017: Poster Exhibition on **Understanding the French Revolution** by the students of Dept. of History.
- September 01, 2017: Participation in debate competition named **Bhartiya Darshan me Sanskrit Ka Yogdan**, organized by National Book Trust and Indian Public Movement.
- September 07, 2017: A group discussion amongst students on **Supreme Court's Verdict on Triple Talaq**, organized by Dept. of Political Science.
- September 13, 2017: Competition on **Kanthastha Stotra Path** by the students of Dept. of Sanskrit.
- September 18, 2017: **Talent Show** for newly admitted students were organized.
- September 20, 2017: **Jaipuria Quiz League** was organized for students.
- September 23, 2017: A dialogue for students on **Hind Swaraj**, organized by dept. of Political Science.
- October 06, 2017: A student seminar on **Public Administration**, organized by Dept of Political Science.
- October 09, 2017: A student seminar on **Contemporary Issues in Indian Government and Politics**, organized by Dept. of Political Science.
- October 11, 2017: A workshop on **Care of Oven** was organized by Dept. of Home Science.
- October 20, 2017: A debate competition on **GST in India**, organized by Dept. of Economics.
- A National Level Essay Contest **Damodarshree: National Award for Academic Excellence**, organized by S.S. Khanna Girls Degree College, Allahabad.
- November 07, 2017: The college students secured 3rd position in Interfaculty English Literature Quiz Competition, organized by Dept. of English, BHU.
- November 13, 2017: A student seminar on **Government and Politics of Nepal and Malaysia** by Dept. of Political Science.

- February 05-10, 2018: The students of Dept. of Education involved themselves in **Community Work** through NGO (**Sankalp**).
- February 08, 2018: TECHNEX 2017 organized by IIT, BHU conducted an aptitude test **KRACKCAT** for the students in the Dept. of Commerce.
- February 15, 2018: Upama Sinha participated in **Prayag Sangeet Samiti** and secured 1st position in String Instrumental (age group 15-30).
- February 12-20, 2018: Students participated in the College's Annual Youth Fest **Jhankar**. In the fest events like essay writing, elocution, debate, quiz, singing, dancing, skit, mime, mehendi, rangoli, painting, collage, sketch, and spot photography were performed.
- March 12, 2018: A workshop on **Blood Pressure and Sugar**, organized by Dept. of Home Science.
- March 13, 2018: 2nd Students' Colloquium in which more than 16 participants from affiliated Colleges of BHU participated, organized by Dept. of English. Dr. Banibrata Mahanta, Associate Professor, Dept. of English, BHU, delivered the keynote address.
- 12-16 March 2018: Seventy Three students participated in 31 events of BHU Inter-Faculty Youth Festival **Spandan 2018**. The students performed well and got 1st prize in Cultural Procession, 2nd prize in Folk Dance, 2nd prize in Choreography, 2nd prize in Mehendi, 3rd prize in Expression, 3rd prize in Skit, 3rd prize in Mime, 3rd prize in Group Song (Indian) 3rd prize in Elocution (English), and 3rd prize in Classical Vocal.
- April 04-05, 2018: Students of Dept. of AIHC & Archaeology organized **Archaic Exhibition** from 10000 B.C. to 1000 A.D.

Library

The college Library is fully computerized with barcode facility. Issue and return of books are done with barcode scanner. The library has an Online Public Access Catalog (OPAC) facility for the students and teachers. The database can be accessed at our OPAC. The Library has digitized old BHU Question papers and created database for B.A., B.Com, B.Ed., and M.A. students. The teachers have donated their publication for Institutional repository for our library. The Knowledge Center is equipped with 41 computers and two WIMAX connections with 2 mbps speed for INTERNET service for the students. Three printers are available for the readers. The Teacher's & Research Scholar's Room is also equipped with 7 computers with Internet facility. The Center provides the Infrastructure facility for computer and Internet services for students and teachers. The total collection of the library till 31st March 2018 is 43,656. The library has created Periodical Section and subscribed 42 Journals, 12 magazines and 10 newspapers. The text book and reference book sections are providing text book and reference book to the users for their academic work. Library Photocopy section is also providing its service to the users. The library subscribed NLIST service of INFLIBNET which offers online access to **6,000+ ejournals and 31,35,000+ ebooks**. The library also registered college in National Digital Library of India which provides a single window search facilities to act as a one-stop shop for all digital resources.

The college library organized User Education Programme in the month of August 2017 for BA I, B.Com I, B.Ed I, M.Ed I Year, and MA I Year students. The library also organized Information Literacy Programme for the students of Post Graduates, Education and research scholars about the access of Internet, open access journals and research methodology in

the month of January 2018. The Library will be upgraded with RELIANCE 4G WIFI in the academic year.

Alumni Association

In the endeavours to take the college to greater height alumni play a pivotal role. Alumni Meet which was held on February 17, 2018 and attended by 300 alumni approximately provided a platform and a bridge between the old and the present. The Association honoured its most senior members like Prof. Jyoti Verma, Dept. of Psychology, Patna University, Mrs. Shehnaz Hussain, a noted Journalist, Mrs. Purna Agrawal and Dr. Kusum Giri, retired teacher of the college. They shared their invaluable experiences and passed a new energy to present generation. Apart from the Alumni Meet the Association took initiative for more activities related to Institutional Social Responsibility (ISR). A Blood Donation Camp was organized on August 29, 2017 in collaboration with Deen Dayal Upadhyay Hospital, Varanasi. In this Camp all the registered members were invited. The Camp was a great success. As an initiative to provide a platform and exposure to our recently passed out students, the Association referred its members to Deshpande Foundation Fellowship Program with value added scholarship. The Association also organized a Plantation Program on September 06, 2017 under which a Medicinal Garden with more than 100 Ayurvedic plants was developed in the college premises. The General Body Meeting of the academic year 2017-18 was held on February 02, 2018 various prestigious members took part and suggested the ways to connect maximum numbers of Alumni across the nation and abroad. The Association is making endeavours to have regular Blood Donation Camps and to conduct program like Each One Teach One. On April 03, 2018, an interaction on the topic Value Based Education by Dr. N. Sharda Iyer, Former Associate Professor, VCW organized by Alumni Cell.

National Cadet Corps (NCC)

In the academic session 2017-18 the college started NCC Wing in which 38 students were enrolled. From November 2017 to February 2018, 30 classes were conducted by officers like Sr. GCI Shruti Srivastava and Sushila Verma in which students were involved in different NCC activities such as drill practice, weapon training, and map reading. There was also a visit by the Commanding Officer (CO) Col. GRK Sesha Saito 28 UP Girls Bri. NCC, BHU, Varanasi. Painting competition was conducted on January 16, 2018 by NCC Wing on the topic **Save Flora and Fauna for Better Health**.

National Social Service (NSS)

Five Units of NSS of Vasanta College for Women actively participated in events like seven days NSS Camp from March 22, 2018 to March 28, 2018. The students visited the school Achchut Patwardhan, Kotwa and with the help of the same the students made village women aware of education, health, and domestic violence. They also visited the places like Kotwa, rajapur, Saraimohana, and Laal Khan ka Raja, Rajghat where public awareness programs such as Health, Beti Bachao, Beti Padhao, Literacy Mission, Environment, and Pollution were campaigned. The main attraction of the camp was the Kolkata based NGO DAATRI which works in the field of Stem cell. In this program students were made aware of Stem Cell and related hereditary diseases and treatment. In the last of the camp there has been a cultural program in which the chief guest was Dr. P.K. Sharma, Coordinator, NSS, BHU. On February 21, 2018, a special lecture on **Women Related Health Problems: Causes and Remedies** was delivered by Dr. Anjali Rani Lakhotia, Associate Professor, Department of Gynaecologist, Institute of Medical Science, BHU.

Sports

This year college students participated in different sports activities at different level with plethora of enthusiasm, energy and sportsmanship. Priya Kumari was selected to participate and represent our country in 10th WKF Youth and Training Camp held in Croatia from July 26 – July 02, 2017. She not only participated in the Karate Championship which was held at Kolkata at National level but also secured Gold medal in it. She was first from Uttar Pradesh to receive Gold medal in Karate. This year, five students of the college, played at National level in different events. Shreya Singh participated in Inter-University in Handball, Shikha Singh in Volleyball, and Pallavi in Chess Tournament organised by T.M. University, Bhagalpur. Three students of the college Anjali Kumari, Deepshikha Belwal, and Princy Kumari were selected and participated in the 10th Open- National Taekwondo Championship held from September 15th-17th, 2017 in Jammu and Kashmir.

Students also participated in various Inter-Faculty sports events like Volleyball, Basketball, Yoga, Handball, Taekwondo, Wushu and Chess organised at University level from September to January, 2017-18. Total 57 students participated in Inter-Faculty matches and on the basis of their performance, eight students were selected in BHU Team for the Inter-University matches at National level. The selected participants were Shreya Singh and Shabnam Bano for Handball, Shikha Singh for Volleyball, Bharti Bathwal and Anupriya for Basketball, Neelem Yadav for Swimming, Priya Kumari for Wushu, and Pallavi for Chess.

College girls participated in Inter-Faculty Paralympic Games 2018 held at BHU from February 16 - 18, 2018 where 4 students participated in events like Badminton, Carrom, Chess, Tri-Cycle Race, etc. Sunita Devi secured second position in Tri-Cycle and first position in Carrom and Archana Ray secured third position in Badminton. College also participated in various tournaments organised by the different educational institutions of the district. The team participated in 2nd Smt. Vidya Devi Memorial Basketball Tournament organised by Arya Mahila Post Graduate College, Chetganj from February 22– 23, 2018. They also participated in Blavatsky Volleyball Tournament and Mary Kom Kabaddi Tournament organised by Vasant Kanya Mahavidyalaya (VKM), Kamachcha. The college also organised Basketball match with Arya Mahila Post Graduate College and Rajghat Besant School.

With the purpose to motivate students to participate in different sports events, the college organised **Annual Sports Day** on February 12, 2018. This was inaugurated by Shri. S.N. Dubey, Manager, Vasanta College for Women, KFI, followed by welcome speech by Dr. Alka Singh, Principal. The event commenced with lighting of torch and March past, by the teams of NCC, Social Sciences, Arts, Commerce and Education participated with full enthusiasm and zeal. The celebration of the event included Aerobic performance, Saree Drill, Yoga and Taekwondo demonstration. Games like Tug-of-War, Musical Chair, 4 x 100 m. Relay Race, etc., were also organised for the teachers and the staff members of the college with overwhelming response. The event ended with the distribution of trophies, medals and certificates to the students for securing winning position in different events that included Basketball, Volleyball, Kabaddi, Badminton (Singles and Doubles), Athletics (100m, 200m, 400m, 800m, 1500m), Shot-put, Discus, Javelin, and Long Jump.

Pitara

Pitara: A club of Nascent Minds was inaugurated in the college on March 08, 2018. The creative club is a platform for young minds to showcase their talent pertaining to different disciplines. The club desires to utilize the potential of young budding minds. There has been three meets (on every fortnight) for the club in the even semester, each depicting a different facet of students' talent. It aims to explore the hidden talent of students across disciplines. Apart from academics, it is a students' space to understand life.

Scholarship

Many of our students and researchers were awarded UGC / National Fellowships like **Soumitri Bag** (MA, Psychology), Indira Gandhi National Scholarship for Single Girl Child, **Jitendra Jatav** (Economics), Junior Research Fellowship (JRF), **Meera** (Hindi), Senior Research Fellowship (SRF) and **Neha Gaur** (Hindi), Senior Research Fellowship (SRF), **Gagan Prit Kaur** (Psychology), Maulana Azad National Fellowship etc.

The college has also given the scholarships among the needy/Meritorious students by its own funds or donation. The details are as follows:

S.No.	Name of Scholarship	Amount	No. of Students
1	Achyut Patwardhan Scholarship	1000/- each	57
2	Prema Srinivasan Scholarship	5000/- each	10
3	B.Ed. Meritorious Students Scholarship	2600/- each	2
4	P. Sankar Rao Scholarship (for Music students)	5000/- each	4
5	Vasanta College Scholarship	5000/- each	35

Educational Tours/Visits

A nine days educational tour from March 08 - 16, 2018 to Chandigarh, Shimla, Kullu, Dharmshala, and Manali was organized for the students. An eight days educational tour from March 09 - 16, 2018 to Rajasthan (Jaipur, Mount Abu, Jaisalmer, Jodhpur) was organized for the students of Travel and Tourism Management, Mass Communication and B.Ed. October 11, 2017: The students of Dept. of Education visited Sarnath as part of their educational trip. On February 17, 2018 the students of Dept. of Economics went for Industrial visit to Banaras Beads Ltd. Students of AHC & Archaeology visited Cultural Heritage Sites like Gurudham Temple, Kardemeshwar Mahadev Temple, and Bharat Kala Bhawan. On February 23, 2018, the students of Dept. of History went for an excursion to Lakhaniyadari, and Ahraura in Mirzapur district where students visited the shrine dedicated to Bhandari Devi, 300B.C. stone inscription with Buddha message of service to humanity engraved on it in Brahmi script. They also had the opportunity to see Ashokan Pillar and Rock cut painting of pre-historic period. On March 24, 2018 the students of Mass Communication and Journalism visited Lakhaniya Dari, Chuna Dari, Ahraura, and the temple of Bhandari Devi in order to promote and learn about tourism and Journalism. They also visited printing press of national newspaper **Amar Ujala** and had meaningful dialogue with the editorial of the newspaper **Amar Ujala** on April 07, 2018.

Collaboration for Medical Treatment

Apart from Heritage, Apollo and Galaxy, an MoU has been signed with ASG Eye Hospital, Mohmoorganj, Varanasi to avail Cashless Medical Treatment for Eye under CGHS Scheme for teachers and non-teaching staff of the college.

Vasantashram: The Hostel

The girls of Vasantashram participated in various activities throughout the session with immense enthusiasm and zeal. The year commenced with introduction and welcome of Fresher's batch. With the purpose to inculcate the qualities of leadership and managing skills and to give students' representation, new Managers were selected in the beginning of the session that includes Assembly, Mess, Library and Sports Managers. This was followed by celebrations of various festivals throughout the year like Janmashtami, Diwali, Saraswati Pooja and Holi. Girls participated in one day workshop to prepare organic colors for Holi and the same was used by them for festive celebration to avoid use of chemicals. Various Vocational Courses were organized for the girls like Grooming classes, Music classes

(Instrumental and Vocal both) and ten days Taekwondo Training Programme by Varanasi Taekwondo Association for basic defensive skills. A group of girls also got training of Chau dance and attended Chau mask making workshop organized by Artist Sri. Tarapada and his team under the banner of SPIC MACAY. Six students also attended State Convention of SPIC MACAY held in Vrindavan from 13-15 October. Other than weekly assembly of Vasantashram girls on every Thursday with the Warden and Superintendent to discuss over various issues related to Ashram girls, dialogue sessions were also arranged twice a week in Phase I and once a week in Phase II with Sri. Chaitanya Nagar, Resource person, J. Krishnamurti Study Centre, Vasanta College for Women. Interactive sessions were also organized for the girls throughout the academic session with Sri. S.N. Dubey, Manager, Vasanta College for Women, Dr. Siddharth Menon, Principal, Rishi Valley School, Andhra Pradesh and renowned Carnatic Music Vocalist, Sri. T.M. Krishna. The girls were also fortunate to attend the enthralling performance of T.M. Krishna accompanied by his team on March 18, 2018. The annual activities ended with a farewell party for the final year students on April 02, 2018.

SPIC Macay

A Chhau Dance Workshop conducted by the initiative of SPIC Macay, Varanasi from 15-21 August 2017, by Mr. Parapad Rajak and Group from Chhau Dance Academy, Purulia. A Sitar presentation (Indian Classical Music) was also played by Pt. Kushal Das on 12 April 2018:

Farewell

In this academic session four senior teachers Dr. Anshula Krishna, Dept. of Psychology, Dr. Sushma Joshi, Dr. Asha Rani Chaturvedi and Dr. Saroj Bageshwari, Dept. of Education got retired along with Mr. Narsingh Prasad, two bus staff Shri Jaynath Ojha and Shri Lal Sahab retired. A farewell program was organized on May 01, 2018 for them. The college has also offer farewell to Mr. Pramod Singh, Senior Assistant and Ms. Sujata Gupta, Semi Professional Assistant. At the end of the session a farewell party was organized for the students on April 25, 2018. On this occasion Dr. Alka Singh, Principal of the college extender her best wishes to the students. The students shared their experiences too. Various cultural programs were performed by the students as well.

In this session, Dr. Preeti Sinha, former Lecturer, Dept of Philosophy has passed away. The college has pray for the departed soul and offer condolence.

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