

VASANTA COLLEGE FOR WOMEN

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

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"There is no end to education. It is not that you read a book, pass an examination, and finish with education. The whole of life, from the moment you are born to the moment you die, is a process of learning".

— Jiddu Krishnamurti

Vasanta College for Women is one of the oldest colleges 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. It 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.

From a humble beginning it has now become a post graduate college and has earned a reputation for excellence in educational, cultural and intellectual activities and the current student strength is more than 2000. The institution focuses on the overall development of girls to enable them to become responsible citizens. Students from various states like Bihar, Jharkhand, Chattisgarh, Madhya Pradesh, West Bengal, Rajasthan, Delhi and North East India benefit from the educational facilities provided by the college.

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.), French*
2.	Post Graduate (PG)	Hindi, English, Geography, History, Economics, Psychology, Education, Home Science*, Political Science*
3.	Research (Ph.D.)	Hindi, English, Economics, Psychology
4.	Certificate, Diploma & Advance Diploma (UGC Career Oriented Courses)	Travel and Tourism Management, Mass Communication,
5.	Part time Diploma	French*

*Commence from session 2019-20

In the academic session 2018-19, the college reopened on July 09, 2018. After the admissions, the Principal welcomed the new students and introduced them to the contributions of Dr. Annie Besant and Shri J. Krishnamurti.

Results / Merits

The college successfully maintained the glorious tradition of academic excellence. In the session 2017-18, the students passed out with flying colors. Following students secured positions in the merit list of BHU:

Krishna Kumari MA	Geography	▪ Prof Kashi Nath Singh Memorial Cash Prize Rs. 3333/- for securing highest SGPA in MA, Geography (III Sem). Final Examination, 2018 offered Spl. Paper GRM 303 A Geography of Rural Settlements (at the end of IV-Sem).
Rashmita Singh MA	Geography	▪ Prof Kashi Nath Singh Memorial Cash Prize Rs. 3333/- for securing highest SGPA in MA, Geography (III Sem). Final Examination, 2018 offered Spl. Paper GRM 303 A Geography of Rural Settlements (at the end of IV-Sem).
Km. Nahid BA (Arts)	Urdu	▪ BHU Medal for securing First Position at BA (Hons.) Urdu Final Examination 2018

The results of different courses varied from 64% to 100%.

UG	Pass %	UG	Pass %	PG	Pass %	Certificate & Diploma Courses	Pass %
AIHC & Archaeology	88.5	Painting	75.0	Hindi	100.0	Mass Communication	100.0
Economics	88.6	Philosophy	64.7	English	96.3	Travel and Tourism Management	100.0
English	81.6	Political Science	87.2	Geography	100.0		
Geography	100.0	Psychology	93.3	Psychology	96.3		
Hindi	92.0	Sanskrit	66.7	Economics	100.0		
History	100.0	Sociology	81.3	History	100.0		
Home Science	84.8	Urdu	91.7				
Music Instrumental	NA	B.Com.	100.0				
Music Vocal	80.0	B.Ed.	100.0				

New Course Approval

The Executive Council, BHU has granted its approval to start four new PG Courses i.e. Home Science, Political Science, AIHC & Archeology, Sociology and BA (Hons.) and Part Time Diploma Course in French from the academic session 2019-20. However the college will start PG in Home Science, Political Science and UG & Diploma in French from Academic session 2019-20 and other two PG Courses from next academic session.

Proposal for New Courses

The college has sent the proposal to BHU to start Bachelor in Fine Arts (BFA), Three Year UG Diploma Course in Computer Application and certain Diploma/PG Diploma Courses in the college under Self Financing Program from the academic session 2020-21.

New Appointments

The college has appointed three permanent non - teaching staff in Library i.e. Mr. Puneet Srivastav as Semi Professional Assistant, Mr. Anurag Kumar Tiwari as Library Assistant and Mr. Akhilesh Kumar as Library Clerk. The college has also appointed three teachers on contractual basis i.e. Dr. Rajiv Kumar Jaiswal in Department of AIHC & Archeology and Dr. Rachana Pandey & Ms. Priyanka Chakraborty in Department of English.

Promotions under CAS

In this session, ten teachers have been promoted under UGC Career Advancement Scheme (CAS). Dr. Bilambita Banisudha and Dr. Mahesh Kumar Meena have been promoted from Assistant Professor (Stage I to II), Dr. Jai Singh, Dr. Mohammad Akhtar, Dr. Anjana Singh, Dr. Saurabh Kumar Singh, Dr. Sushila Bharti and Dr. Preeti Singh from Assistant Professor (Stage II to III) and Dr. Manjari Jhunjhunwala & Dr. Meenu Awasthi from Assistant Professor to Associate Professor (Stage III to IV).

Student Satisfaction Survey

College has conducted online Student Satisfaction Survey and a focused group discussion, a project undertaken under National Resource Centre for Education (NRCE) NIEPA, New Delhi on 22-23 April 2019 respectively. It is an important project under NRCE to understand the satisfaction along important dimensions of student's academic progress in colleges and universities in India. National Resource Centre for Education (NRCE), established at National Institute of Educational Planning and Administration (NIEPA) under the Pandit Madan Mohan Malaviya National Mission on Teachers and Teaching (PMMMNTT), envisaged to address comprehensively all issues related to teachers, teaching, teacher preparation and professional development.

MoU

Apart from DAV PG College, Arya Mahila PG College and SHEPA, LEAD Foundation and Medha the college has signed MoUs/create linkage with more organizations/NGO's to enrich the teaching at UG/PG Level and undertake collaborative researches, academic activities and scholarly exchange. In this session the college has signed MoU's with followings:

- 21 May 2018: An 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 2nd International Conference on **Future of Women'19** held on 14-15 February 2019 organized in Colombo, Sri Lanka.
- 11 January 2019: An MoU has been signed by college with **Sampark**, a voluntary organization registered in 1991 under the Societies Registration Act 1960, for the fruitful engagement of students in social development activities. Vasanta College students may apply for full-time/part-time and home-based internships at Sampark during the period of their summer vacation or any other suitable period. The internships will be oriented towards working in rural communities.

Seminar/Workshops/Conferences

- 25 September 2018: A one day workshop on **Use of MS Excel and SPSS in Economics**, by Prof. GP Singh, Dept. of Statistics, Institute of Science, BHU, organized by Dept. of Economics.
- 16 October 2018: International Workshop "**Challenges of Diasporic Literature**", was organized jointly by Dept. of Hindi and English. The Key Speakers were Prof. Rajnish

Dhawan Dept. of English, University of Fraser Valley, Abbotsford, BC and Prof. Saran Ghai, University of Toronto, Canada.

- 12-18 November 2018: A seven day International Workshop on “**Pedagogy and Performance: From Text to Stage**”, organized by Dept. of English. The main speakers were Prof. Sonjoy Dutta Roy, University of Allahabad, Prof. RN Rai, Dept. of English, BHU, Dr. Rajnish Dhawan, University of the Fraser Valley, Canada, Mr. Sudhanva Deshpande, Jana Natya Manch and Dr. Gautam Chatterjee, Scholar in Dramatics, Varanasi.
- 09 Feb. 2019: One day International Seminar on “**Going Glocal: Gender Issues in the New Millennium**”, organised by Dept. of English in collaboration with Women’s Research Centre, Central University of Oklahoma, USA and Intersections, BHU. The key speakers were Dr Lindsey Churchill, Women’s Research Centre, University of Central Oklahoma, USA, Dr Diana Pardo, Women’s Research Centre, University of Central Oklahoma, USA, Dr. Vivek Singh, Dr. Rahul Chaturvedi, Dr. Pravin Patel, Dr. Amit Upadhyaya and Dr. Umesh Kumar, BHU.
- 15 - 16 February 2019: Two days workshop on **How to do things with Language**, organized by Department of Sanskrit and English. The main speakers were Dr. Sanjukta Ghosh, Associate Professor, Department of Humanistic Studies, IIT, BHU and Dr. Anil Thakur, BHU.

Special Lectures

- 08 August 2018: A lecture demonstration on **हिन्दुस्तानी संगीत में क्रियात्मक एवं सैद्धान्तिक पक्ष का पारस्परिक सम्बन्ध**, by Dr. Sangeeta Ghosh, Dept. of Music (Vocal), Mahatma Gandhi Kashi Vidyapeeth, Varanasi, organized by Dept. of Music (Vocal).
- 01 September 2018: A Lecture on **Challenges of Social Survey in Research**, by Dr. Manoj Kumar, Centre for Economic Studies and Planning, School of Social Sciences, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, organized by Department of Sociology.
- 11 September 2018: A lecture on **Breast Cancer**, by Dr. Neha Gupta, Oncologist, Apex Hospital, Varanasi, organized by Dept. of Home Science.
- 12 September 2018: A special lecture on **How to Write a Research Synopsis**, by Prof. Rakesh Raman, Dept. of Economics, BHU, organized by Dept. of Economics.
- 14 September 2018: On Hindi Diwas, a special lecture on **हिंदी के अंतराष्ट्रीय परिदृश्य**, by Prof. Anoop Vashista, Dept. of Hindi, BHU, organized by Dept. of Hindi.
- 22 September 2018: **An Investors Awareness Program**, was organized by Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI).
- 24 September 2018: A lecture on **Perspectives of Media**, by Prof. Anurag Dave, Head, Dept. of Mass Comm and Journalism, BHU, organized by TTM & Mass Communication.
- 25 September 2018: A lecture on **Personality Development**, by Prof. Pushpendu Rakshit, ITM, Kharghar, Mumbai.
- 28 September 2018: A lecture on **Charitkavya Parampara**, by Dr. Archana Sharma, Dept. of AIHC & Archaeology, BHU, organized by Dept of AIHC & Archaeology.

- 01 October 2018: A lecture on **Importance of Traditional Media in Modern Era**, by Dr. Bala Lakhendra, Dept. of Mass Comm. & Journalism, BHU, organized by TTM & Mass Communication.
- 05 October 2018: A lecture on **Intergroup Relation: Psycho-Social Perspective**, by Dr. Purnima Awasthi, Dept. of Psychology, BHU, organized by Dept. of Psychology.
- 09 October 2018: A lecture on **Discourse on Film and Literature** by Dr. Ashutosh Bhardwaj, IAS Fellow, Shimla, organized by Dept. of English
- 10 October 2018: A special lecture on **Tahqueeq aur Tanqueeq ka Bahami Rishta**, by Prof. Naseem Ahmad, Department of Urdu, Faculty of Arts, BHU organized by Department of Urdu.
- 11 October 2018: A lecture on **Understanding Politics of Nepal: The Current Scenario**, by Dr. S.B. Singh, Associate Professor, Dept. of Political Science, DAV PG College, Varanasi, organized by Dept. of Political Science.
- 12 October 2018: A lecture on **The Wasteland**, by Sri Siddhartha Menon, organized by Dept. of English
- 12 October 2018: A lecture on **News Writing and Edition**, by Shri Harikesh Singh Gautam and Ajay Verma, Bureau Chief, Doordarshan, Varanasi, organized by TTM & Mass Communication.
- 13 October 2018: A lecture on **Extempore on Stock Markets**, by Ashwini K. Singh, Regional Head, Choice India, organized by Dept. of Commerce.
- 13 October 2018: A one day workshop on **Chand** by Prof. Somnath Nene, Dept. of Sanskrit, BHU, organized by Dept. of Sanskrit.
- 20 October 2018: A lecture on **Secondary Education in Japan**, by Mrs. Sayantani Gaddam, Rajghat Besant School, Varanasi, organized by Dept. of Education.
- 30 October 2018: A lecture on **Global Marketing: Issues & Challenges**, by Prof. Bishwambhar Jha, Former Head & Dean, Faculty of Commerce, BHU, organized by Commerce Department
- 02 November 2018: A special lecture on **Fractured Past: 109 Year Diasporic Journey of a Father and Son**, by Prof. Robert H. Mahesh, College of New Rochelle, New York, organized by Dept. of History.
- 03 November 2018: A lecture on **Qualitative Research**, by Prof. Nagendra Kumar, Faculty of Education, BHU, organized by Dept. of Education.
- 19 November 2018: A lecture demonstration on **हिन्दुस्तानी संगीत में रागों का क्रियात्मक प्रयोग**, by Dr. Sangeeta Ghosh, Dept. of Music (Vocal), Mahatma Gandhi Kashi Vidyapeeth, Varanasi, organized by Department of Music.
- 8 January 2019: A talk on **Oral Narratives: Era of Independence and Partition in 1947 and Thereafter**, by Story Scholar Ms. Anachal Geeta Singh, 1947 Partition Archive, organized by Dept. of History
- 28 January 2019: A talk by Scholar Ms. Anachal Gita Singh from 1947 Partition Archive, An organization serve in the area of oral history of the era of independence and partition of India organized by Department of History.

- 30 January 2019: A lecture on **Practical Aspects of News Writing**, by Shri Vishwanath Gokarnji, Eminent Journalist, Nav Bharat Times, Dainik Jagran, Hindustan, organized by TTM & Mass Comm.
- 01 February 2019: A lecture on **Gupta Coins**, by Dr. Sanjeev Kumar, Delhi, organized by Dept. of AIHC & Archaeology.
- 01 February 2019: A lecture on **Kushankalin Sikke**, by Dr. Amit Upadhyay, Dept. of AIHC & Archaeology, BHU, organized by Dept. of AIHC & Archaeology.
- 02 February 2019: A special lecture on **पूर्वोत्तर में हिंदी विषय**, by Prof. Dinesh Kumar Chaubey, Head, Dept. of Hindi, North-Eastern Hill University, Shillong, organized by Dept. of Home Science.
- 05 February 2019: An extension lecture on **Quantitative Analysis of Data**, by Prof. G.P. Singh, Dept. of Statistics, Institute of Science, BHU, organized by Dept. of Education.
- 6 February 2019: A lecture on **Weaving Peace Together**, by Prof. Anat Ben David Israel, organized by Department of English.
- 7 February 2019: A lecture on **Practical Vedant**, by Prof. Jatashankar Tripathi, Department of Philosophy, Allahabad University, organized by Dept. of Philosophy.
- 8 February 2019: A lecture on **आनुसांगिक नैतिकता**, by Prof. Ramesh Chandra Sinha, Chairman, Indian Research Council, organized by Dept. of Philosophy.
- 14 February 2019: A lecture on **बनारस घराने में सितार वादन की शैली**, by Prof. Birendra Nath Mishra, Faculty of Performing Arts, BHU, organized by Music (Vocal) Department.
- 14 February 2019: A lecture on **Rock-Cut Cave Tradition in India**, by Prof. AP Jamkhedkar, Chairman, ICHR, New Delhi, organized by Dept. of AIHC & Archaeology.
- 14-15 February 2019: A lecture on **Blood Pressure and Sugar**, by Mrs. Ira Rani, Ramkrishan Mission, Varanasi, organized by Dept. of Home Science.
- 15 February 2019: A lecture on **हिंदी कविता का पाठ एवं समीक्षात्मक संदर्भ**, by Prof. Arun Hota, Paschim Bang State University, Kolkata and a lecture on **मैथिली रामायण**, by Dr. Ramanand Jha, Famous Hindi Writer, organized by Dept. of Hindi
- 16 February 2019: A lecture on **Meeting Life Challenges**, by Dr. Pappya Chatterjee, Counsellor, Rajghat Besant School, Varanasi, organized by Dept. of Psychology.
- 25 February 2019: A lecture on **Indian Diaspora: Past and Present**, by Prof. Ghanshyam, Department of History, FSS, BHU, organized by Dept. of History.
- 26 February 2019: A workshop on **Origami Oriented Mathematics Teaching and Learning**, by Mr. Suryanarayana Ganti, USA, organized by Dept. of Education.
- 01 March 2019: A lecture on **Theatre and Performance: Its Nuances**, by Ms. Jackie McKinley, organized by Dept. of English.
- 01 March 2019: A lecture on **पूर्वोत्तर में रचित भाषा एवं साहित्य**, by Prof. Dilip Kumar Meghi, Head, Dept. of Hindi, Gauhati University, Assam, organized by Dept. of Hindi.

- 05 March 2019: A lecture on **Growth of Public Expenditure in India and its Impact on the Deficits** and a lecture on **Implications of GST: Financial Relations between the Union and States**, by Dr. Manisha Malhotra, Dept. of Economics, BHU organized by Dept. of Economics and Political Science.
- 07 - 08 March 2019: A two day workshop on **Fashion and Textiles** by Mrs. Renu Rao and Mrs. Sweta Agnihotri, organized by Dept. of Home Science.
- 08 March 2019: A lecture on **Barriers in Developing Character: Strengths & Virtues**, by Dr. Purnima Awasthi, Dept. of Psychology, BHU, organized by Dept. of Psychology.
- 08 March 2019: On International Women's Day, **Story Reading and Discussion** by Ms. Neerja Madhav, Famous Writer, organized by Dept. of Hindi.
- 09 March 2019: A lecture on **Stress Management**, by Prof. Abhay Krishna, Head, Dept. of Psychology, BHU, organized by Dept. of Home Science.
- 12 March 2019: A lecture on **Quantitative Methods and Introduction to SPSS**, by Prof. Gyan Prakash Singh, Dept. of Statistics, Institute of Science, BHU, organized by Dept. of Geography.

PLACEMENT

A workshop was held on **Personal Excellence and Goal Setting**, by Placement Cell and IQAC (30 January 2019). The main speaker was Col. S.P. Sharma, Director, AIMS, Pune and a workshop was organized on **Employability Enhancement, Training and Placement** (31 March 2019). The main speaker was Mr. Pawan Chopra, Placement consultant, Bangalore.

Following students got placement during the academic session 2018-19.

Anamika Anchal B.Ed. (II Year)	Selected as Primary Teacher (BTC) in Robertsganj, UP
Kalpna Bisht MA (History) 2017-18 Pass out batch	Associate – Field Institute based in Rudraprayag- Uttarakhand as a part of Azim Premji Foundation for Development w.e.f. July 02, 2018 on the salary of Rs. 25189/- per month.
Nikita Singh M.Ed. (II Year)	Teacher, Army Public School
Priya Jaiswal M.Ed. (II Year)	Teacher, Army Public School
Rukmina Kumari M.Ed. (II Year)	TGT
Sunil Ph.D., English	Assistant Professor, through Uttarakhand Public Service Commission
Sunil Singh Yadav Ph.D, Economics	Assistant Statistical Officer, through UP Public Service Commission (March 2019)
Nikhil Pratap Singh Ph.D., English	TGT, English, Sant Atulanand Residential Academy, Varanasi (Contract basis)
Pratibha Pandey	Teacher

Students Achievements: Following students have cleared NET/JRF Examination in session 2018-19.

Class/Subject	Students Name
MA, Geography (IV Sem.) 2018-19	Pallavi Shukla, Niharika Awasthi, Lata Gopalia, Sumana Gorai, Shivambhi Roy
MA, History 2015-16 Batch	Rubeena Parveen, Jawa Madhur
BA, Pol. Sc. (III Year) 2016-17 Batch	Varsha Upadhyay
M.Ed. 2018-19 (Batch)	Babita Singh, Diksha Goud, Gunjan Yadav, Neetu Kumari, Purna, (JRF), Priya Yadav, Priya Kumari Jaiswal (JRF), Priyanka Kumari, Priyanka Patel, Rabinandani, Savita Kumari (JRF)

J Krishnamurti Study Centre

J. Krishnamurti Study Centre is the first centre in India on J. Krishnamurti sponsored by UGC, New Delhi. The purpose of the centre is to promote the teachings of J. Krishnamurti. In the session the centre organized two talks on '**Stress & Anxiety**' and '**Why is it so difficult to say: I Don't Know**' by French Linguist and Krishnamurti Scholar Jackie McInley. Two certificate courses were started with around 20 - 25 students from July 2018 and January 2019. In addition to this weekly interactive sessions with PG and B.Ed Students were organized regularly.

Medha: The College has signed an MoU with Medha in 2017. Since then, it is working on campus to make the students more employable by imparting training through its program, Career Advancement Bootcamp (CAB) along with offering internships and full-time job opportunities to the interested candidates. In this session 37 students were registered and 22 have completed their 30 hours program and were certified. Medha organized internal and external industry talks and visits with experts. This year, the students met Mr. Ashwini Kumar Singh, Founder of Tabula Groups Pvt. Ltd. and Student Aggregator and learnt about how the industry works, and future job opportunities for the students. Medha linked 4 students to internships with organizations like Pantaloons, Karvy Stock Broking Ltd., Aditya Birla Capital etc. Medha continues to find new employer partners with whom students can work. One of them Ms. Akanksha's Sahay has completed internships in HDFC Bank and Karvy Stock Broking Ltd.

Medha, (a Lucknow based NGO) provide skills training, career counseling and workplace exposure, ongoing job placement and alumni support to students at their existing educational institution. Since 2011, it has worked with over 13,000 students across 65 educational institutions, placed them into internships and full-time jobs with 500 leading employers, and built public-private partnerships with various departments within the Governments of Uttar Pradesh, Haryana, Bihar, and Meghalaya. Medha is supported by leading global foundations and corporations like the Michael & Susan Dell Foundation, Citigroup, and Accenture,

LEaders Accelerating Development (LEAD) : The LEaders Accelerating Development (LEAD) Program of Deshpande Foundation, Hubballi, Karnataka fosters innovative and entrepreneurial thinking within the students by exposing them to social issues and encouraging them to volunteer their time and effort into the community. LEAD ignites their talent to come up with creative solutions. Through this platform the students implement bold solutions to small and big problems in their communities and simultaneously build their self-confidence and leadership skills.

As per MoU, 230 students were enrolled in the session 2018-19 and got Rs. 3,05,220/- financial support by LEAD Foundation to initiate different projects like **Hygiene Kit** (Riddhima Dwivedi & Monika Singh), **Say No to Plastic** (Monika Singh), **Free Education** (Angika Mishra), **Education and Game in Government School** (Varsha Patel), **Hygiene India** (Khushi, Shadhavi, Sakshi & Anjali) and **Education in Anganwadi and Village** (Nandani, Charu and Pooja) etc. Aakarshita, Anjali, Vriti Kishor & team of VCW celebrated Dussehra in *Rajkiya Vridha Kendra, Varanasi*. On International Women's Day, Riddhima, Monika and Priyanka started their project "**My Hygiene My Right**" by providing Female Hygiene Kit in presence of Prof. T.N. Singh, Vice Chancellor, MG Kashi Vidhyapeeth, Varanasi and won best LEADer Award (National Award) in presence of Dr. Narayana Murthy Co-founder, Infosys, Mr. Bharat Desai, CEO & Chairman, Syntel Company, Dr. Gururaj Deshpande, Founder, Deshpande Foundation. Vasanta College won Best Supporting College Award. On 22 November 2018, the LEADers and Faculty Coordinators had an Interactive session with the legend Dr. Raghunath Anant Mashelkar, Padma Vibhushan and Former Director General, Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR), New Delhi.

Internal Complaint Committee (ICC)

The UGC (*Prevention, Prohibition and Redressal of Sexual Harassment of Women Employees and Students In Higher Education Institution*) Regulation, 2015 stipulated that the Colleges should regularly organize training programmes/workshops for the officers, functionaries, faculty and students, to sensitize them and ensure knowledge and awareness of the rights, entitlements, and responsibility enshrined in the *Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace (Prevention, Prohibition and Redressal) Act, 2013*. In this connection the Internal Complaint Committee (ICC) of the college organized a *Legal Awareness Program* on 07 & 17 September 2018 by Mr. Ajay Suman, Deshpande Foundation, Varanasi for students and staff and a lecture on 22 September 2018 on *Legal Rights of Women* by Mr. Deepak Singh, Advocate, High Court, Allahabad. A competition was organized on 3 October 2018 on law related to women for generating awareness about Legal Rights of Women under the sponsorship of National Commission for Women, Govt. of India. Out of 262 students Ms. Priyanka Gupta, BA III Year (Pol. Sc.) got first prize of Rs. 2000, Ms. Divya Darshan, BA III Year (Pol. Sc.) got second prize of Rs. 1500 and Ms. Subharmita Das and Ms. Anjaly Pandey, BA I Year (History), and Chandani Yadav, MA I Year (Economics), got third prize of Rs. 1000 each.

Faculty Achievements

- **Dr. Alka Singh** has been nominated as Chairperson, Internal Complaints Committee, Rajarshi School of Management and Technology, Varanasi and External Member, Internal Complaints Committee, Tata Consultancy Services, Varanasi. She has delivered a Resource Lecture from 03-29 Sept. 2018 in Faculty Induction Programme for Newly Inducted Faculty organized by Faculty of Education, BHU and a resource talk in the Faculty Induction Program, organized by Central Institute of Higher Tibetan Studies, Sarnath under PMMMNMTT Scheme of MHRD, Govt. of India (22 February 2019) and in a one day workshop she was resource person along with Prof. Lindsey Churchill, Department of History and Geography, University of Central Oklahoma, OK (14 March 2019). She has been invited as Guest of Honour to address on the theme of the National Workshop on *The Semiotics of Theatre and Drama: Text, Stage and SpectActor*, organized by Mahila Maha Vidyalaya, BHU (25-29 April 2019) and as a panelist in the 4th LEAD Valedictory, Varanasi organized by LEAD, Deshpande Foundation (NGO), Varanasi (31 March 2019).
- **Dr. Ranjana Seth** was invited as Keynote Speaker in one day National Seminar on "Contemporary Issues and Priorities for Indian Economy" (25 Oct. 2018) and International Consultative workshop on "Child Labour Issues and the Way Forward" organised by DAV PG College, Varanasi (1 April 2019). She also chaired a Technical

Session in National Seminar on “Indian Economy: Issues and Challenges” organised by AMPG College, Varanasi (30 March 2019). As Coordinator, she organized a Quiz Competition on Legal Rights of Women sponsored by National Commission for Women, at Vasanta College for Women, Varanasi.

- **Dr. Vibha Joshi** chaired a Technical Session in National Seminar on Bhartiya Samaj mein Vridhjan (10 Jan. 2019); Presented a paper on “Women’s Population Ageing: An Analysis” in a National Seminar on “Older Persons in Indian Society” sponsored by Dept. of Higher Education, MP, Bhopal organized by Mankunwar Bai Arts & Commerce Autonomous Women’s College, Jabalpur, MP (10 Jan 2019); delivered two lectures as a resource person in “Different Dimensions of Research” workshop organised by Govt. TRS College, Rewa, MP, sponsored by Department of Higher Education, M.M. Govt. (16-17 March 2019); Keynote Speaker in a one day National Seminar on “Contemporary Issues and Priorities for Indian Economy” organised by DAV PG College, Varanasi (25 Oct. 2018); Chaired a Technical Session in a National Seminar on “Indian Economy: Issues and Challenges”, organised by AMPG College, Varanasi (30 March 2019).
- **Dr. Usha Devi, Dept. of Sanskrit** was the Member of Jury, Sanskrit Speech Contest in Spandan, BHU, organized on 22 February 2019.
- **Dr. Sanjay Verma, Dept. of Music (Instrumental)** participated in Music Workshop organized in Belgium (1 June-03 July 2018). He also performed in Tirupati Balaji Temple, Andhra Pradesh (30 May 2018) and 8th National Dhrupad Mahotsav, Udaypur (17 October 2018).
- **Dr. Bandana Jha** has been nominated by Foreign Ministry, Govt. of India to participate in 11th World Hindi Conference organized in Mauritius during 18-20 August 2018. She has been nominated as Court Member, BHU and JNU, New Delhi. She has also been nominated as Visitors Nominee in Indira Gandhi National Tribal University, MP by President of India. She has developed the Course-Curricular for MA Students of Mahatma Gandhi International Hindi University, Wardha, Gujarat.
- **Dr. Anjana Singh** has been nominated as subject expert in the Selection Committee held on 28 August 2018 by MG Kashi Vidyapeeth, Varanasi.
- **Dr. Ved Prakash Rawat** delivered a lecture on *Drug Addiction & Substance Involvement for adolescents* on 25 February 2019 in Kendriya Vidyalaya, BHU.
- **Dr. Saurabh Kumar Singh**, developed a curriculum of BA, MA and M.Phil of University of Amity, Lucknow.

Faculty Publications

- 2019, Dr. Alka Singh, मुक्तिबोध : मुक्ति के लिए बेचैन आत्मा, In *मुक्तिबोध का रचनात्मक संघर्ष*, Harsh Publications, New Delhi, Pp: 98-106, ISBN: 978-93-81491-98-0
- 2019, Dr. Alka Singh, *Refashioning Body Image and Challenging Disability Myths: A Critical Study of the Film Margarita With A Straw*, International Seminar Proceedings, **Future of Women’19**, organized by TIKM, Sri Lanka.
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- Ms. Aparna Pandey, BA (Music), secured 2nd Position in Solo Song, Hindi in **Vividha, An Inter-College Competition**, organized by Sunbeam College for Women, Bhagwanpur, Varanasi.
- 12 August 2018: Students participated in **All India Essay Writing Competition**, organized by UN Information Centre, New Delhi, Heartfulness Education Trust and Shri Ram Chandra Mission
- 18 August 2018: **Student Induction Program** was organized for the newly admitted students.
- 31 August 2018: A quiz program **Inquisitive Minds -IQM 2018**, organized by Career Launcher for students of BA & B.Com (all year).
- 19 September 2018: **Talent Show** organized by Cultural Committee for Students.
- 27 September 2018: **World Tourism Day** Celebration by Dept. of Travel, Tourism and Mass Communication.
- 29 September 2018: Students of AIHC & Archaeology participated in the Quiz Competition on **Kashi**, organized by Jnana Pravah, Varanasi.
- 01 October 2018: **Founder’s Day, Mahatma Gandhi and Sri Lal Bahadur Shastri Jayanti** Celebration.

- 04 October 2018: **Blood Donation Camp** was organized by NSS, NCC, Alumni and IQAC Cell in collaboration with Pandit Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Hospital, Pandeypur and Sri Shiv Prasad Gupt Government Hospital, Kabirchaura, Varanasi.
- 05 October 2018: A quiz competition **Jaipuria Quiz League**, sponsored by Jaipuria Institute of Management, Lucknow.
- 23-28 October 2018: Students of AIHC & Archaeology participated in the Workshop on **Stone Age: Man, Tools & Subsistence** conducted by Prof. Vidula Jayaswal and Prof. Prakash Sinha, Organised by Jnana Pravah, Varanasi.
- 01 & 03 November 2018: During Vigilance Awareness Week, Elocution was organized on **Eradicate Corruption: Build a New India**, and a quiz related to **Vigilance and General Awareness**, organized in collaboration with Union Bank of India, Rajghat Fort, Varanasi and NTPC Limited, Lucknow.
- 19 November 2018: **AD Shroff Memorial Elocution** was organized for the students.
- 22-28 January 2019: A one week **Guiding Camp** was organized for students of Dept. of Education, under the supervision of Mrs. Rameshwari Verma and Shakeela Bano.
- 28 January 2019: College Annual Cultural Festival **Jhankar 2019**, was organized for students.
- 08 February 2019: A **Voting Awareness Program** was organised for students of Dept. of Political Science at Kotwan Village, Chiraigaon Block, Varanasi.
- 12-17 February 2019: Students of AIHC & Archaeology participated in the Workshop **Indian Cave Architecture**, conducted by Prof. A. P. Jamkhedkar, Chairman ICHR, New Delhi, Organised by Jnana Pravah, Varanasi.
- 21 February 2019: on International Mother Language Day, **'Matribhasha Diwas** was celebrated.
- 22-26 February 2019: Students participated in Inter-college Youth Festival **Spandan 2019**, organized by BHU
- 05 March 2019: An aptitude test **KRACKAT** was organized for the students, in collaboration with IIT, BHU.
- 07 March 2019: 3rd Students' Colloquium on **"Negotiating Context, Form and Theory in Indian English Fiction: Post 2000"** organized by Dept. of English
- 10-17 March 2019: Students of Dept. of Music, attended workshop on **उद्धत गुलाल**, organized by Bidushi Sucharita Gupta at Maitri Bhavan, An Inter-Religious Dialogue Centre, Bhelupur, Varanasi
- 16 March 2019: Students participated in Debate on the topic, **"United Nation has failed in its Primary Objective of Maintaining International Peace and Security"** Organized by Faculty of Social Sciences, BHU
- 16 March 2019: Students of Dept. of Sanskrit win first prize in **कालीदास श्लोकान्त्याक्षरी**, organized by Janana Pravah, Varanasi.

- 19 March 2019: One day student Colloquium on 'Understanding Post Cold War Politics' by Dr. Priyanka Singh, Department of Political Science, DAV PG College, organized by Dept. of Political Science.
- 2 April 2019: A documentary film show on **Subhash Chandra Bose** by Prof. Kapil Kumar, Department of History, IGNOU, organized by Department of History.

Library

The College Library is fully computerized with barcode facility. Issue and return of books are done with barcode scanner. The library has 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 BA, B.Com, B.Ed., MA, Travel & Tourism Management and Mass Communication students. The teachers have donated their publication for Institutional repository for our library. The Knowledge Center is equipped with 41 computers with INTERNET facility 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 total collection of books in the library till 31st March 2019 is 44,362. The library has created Periodical Section and subscribed 42 Journals, 11 magazines and 11 newspapers. The text book and reference book sections are providing the books to the users for their academic work. Photocopy section is also there in the Library. The library subscribed NLIST service of INFLIBNET which offers online access to 6,000+ ejournals and 31,35,000+ ebooks. The college is also registered 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 library organized User Education Programme and Computer Literacy Programme in the month of August and September 2018 for BA- I Year, B.Com- I Year, B.Ed- I Year, M.Ed- I Year, and MA- I Year students respectively. The library also organized Information Literacy Programme, Ethics in Academic Writings and Publications for the PG Students and Research Scholars in the month of February 2019.

Alumni Association

An Alumni Meet always provides a platform and acts as a bridge between the old and the present. The Alumni Meet was held on 17th February 2018, which was attended by 300 registered members approximately. The association honoured its most senior members like Prof. Jyoti Verma, Dept. of Psychology, Patna University, Mrs. Sehnaz Hassain, a journalist Mrs. Prerna Agarwal, a business women, and Dr. Kusum Giri, an alumni faculty member of the college. They shared their invaluable experiences and passed a new energy to present generation. An interactive session was organized with one of our alumni faculty, Dr. N. Sharda Iyer, Former Head, Dept. of English. To the development of the Institution through financial means and in the endeavours toward hygiene and health of the students, the alumni association donated a Sanitary Napkin Vending Machine along with Disposal Machine to the college. The machine has been successfully installed and functioning in the premises. The General Body Meeting of the association was held on 26th October 2018. In the meeting, it was decided to focus activities related to Institutional Social Responsibility. In this regard, the members of association visited Kashi Kushtha Seva Sangh, Sarnath on 30th October 2018, where the association donated Blankets, Medical Items, Biscuits and items of daily use in this old age home. Apart from this, the Association took initiative for more activities like Blood Donation Camp, which was organized on October 4, 2018 in collaboration with Deen Dayal Upadhyay Hospital & Shiv Prasad Gupt Divisional Hospital, Kabirchaura, Varanasi. All the registered members were invited in the camp and more than 64 units blood were collected. The future proposed agenda of the association is to start scholarships for the needy students.

National Cadet Corps (NCC)

In the session 2018-19, 98 students were enrolled in the NCC. Students were involved in different NCC activities such as Drill Practice, Weapon Training, and Map Reading etc. The Commanding Officer (CO) GRK Sessa Sai, 28 UP Girls Battalion, NCC, BHU delivered a special lecture on Observance of Surgical Strike, praising the army for its achievements in September 2018. The cadets of 2nd Year attended 10 days NCC Camp in BHU. One of the Cadet Ms. Anjali Kumari attended **Thal Sainik Camp Delhi 2018**, held during 17-28 September 2018, organized by Directorate General National Cadet Corps.

National Social Service (NSS)

NSS volunteers generally work in villages, slums and voluntary agencies to complete 120 hours of regular activities during an academic year. As per the fundamental principles of National Service Scheme, a volunteer is expected to remain in constant touch with the community. Five Units of NSS of Vasanta College for Women actively participated in seven days NSS Camp organized during March 9-15, 2019. The activities conducted in this camp included Swachhata Campaign in college campus, Medicinal Plantation, HIV/AIDS and Health Awareness Program, Distribution of Sanitary Pads in Sarai Mohana and Kotwa Village. Clothes are distributed in Kushth Seva Ashram, Sarnath, Varanasi. Visit of Kiran Rehabilitation Centre, Madhopur, are the other activities undertaken by the camp during this period. In association with NGO Sampark, Literacy Mission was campaigned in Rajapur Village.

Sports

Throughout the year, students actively participated in different sports events with plethora of energy, enthusiasm and sportsmanship. Many students participated in Inter-Faculty Sports events like Athletics, Swimming, Taekwondo, Badminton, Basketball, Volleyball etc. organized by BHU. Our students participated in following sports event/tournament, organized by different bodies and got selected / awarded.

Name/Class	Name of the event	Organized by	Period	Award
Harshita Jaiswal BA (I Year)	All India Yoga Sports Championship	Uttar Pradesh Yoga Sports Association, Agra	21-22 Oct. 2018	Silver Medal
Harshita Jaiswal BA (I Year)	Open National Yoga Sports Championship	Uttar Pradesh Yoga Sports Association, Agra		Selected for Inter Yoga Sports Federation World Championship 2018 held in Beijing during 1-2 December 2018
Priya Kumari BA (III Year)	Inter Faculty Karate Tournament	Banaras Hindu University		selected for Inter University Karate Team
Kabaddi Team	Mary Kom Kabaddi Tournament	Vasant Kanya Mahavidyalaya, Varanasi	8 February 2019	
Volleyball Team	Madame Blavatsky Volleyball Tournament	Vasant Kanya Mahavidyalaya, Varanasi	8 February 2019	

On Annual Sports Day, (11 February 2019) students gave energetic and enthralling performance on Yoga, pyramid formation, drill and taekwondo and best performing students

were awarded medals and certificates. On Women's Day (08 March 2019), a demonstration was organized on **Self Defence Techniques** by a black belt holders of Karate Team under '**Aparajita**' program in collaboration with Amar Ujala, Varanasi. It was attended by more than 100 students of different departments.

Pitara

Pitara, a Students' Club, (Estd. March, 2018), provides a platform to the students to discover themselves and give expressions to their creativity and talents. With time, the club started with a handful of people is connected with one thousand students at present, also having Facebook and Instagram Page with a number of followers. The first event Masti Ki पाठशाला Not just a Literary Club - Breaking the boundary of four walls, this event took place on 28 August 2018, included music, dancing, performances, poetry recitation and other fun activities. A Sequel of previous event "Skills and Thrills: Igniting Innovations" was organized on 12 Oct. 2018 to bring out other gems of Pitara like theatre, photography, painting, arts and crafts. On February 20, 2019, Pitara conducted its first Open mic called "ALFAAZ" in collaboration with Kashi Writes, a Varanasi based writing platform initiated by Neha Ojha. YOURQUOTE OPEN MIC was an open event conducted by Pitara on 6 March 2019 to proved a landmark in the journey of Pitara. The event has received great response from the students who came from Allahabad, Gorakhpur, Patna and other cities to participate. Another event "KALAMKAAR OPEN MIC" was organized on 12 March 2019 in collaboration with the Kalamkaar – a Varanasi based creative platform. Started as a creative club for learning and activities, Pitara has now turned into a big family. For the successful conduct of various events the teachers constantly encourage and support students to showcase their creativity and talents.

Fellowship/Scholarship: Ms. Anjali Verma, Research Scholar, Dept. of Psychology has been awarded a centrally administered Doctoral Fellowship of Rs. 2,60,000/- by ICSSR, New Delhi for a period of two years w.e.f. 01 January 2019 to work on study entitled "**Effect of Spirituality, Mindfulness and Social Support in the Well-being of Old Age people or elderly**". Following Research Scholars were awarded Fellowships from different National Funding Agencies:

S. No.	Name of Research Scholar	Subject	Fellowship details	Name of Funding Agency
1	Ranjeet Kumar Singh Patel	Economics	Senior Research Fellowship	UGC, New Delhi
2	Sunil Singh Yadav	Economics	Senior Research Fellowship	UGC, New Delhi
3	Pawan Kumar Yadav	Economics	Senior Research Fellowship	UGC, New Delhi
4	Sunil Kumar	English	Senior Research Fellowship	UGC, New Delhi
5	Meera	Hindi	Senior Research Fellowship	UGC, New Delhi
6	Neha Gaur	Hindi	Senior Research Fellowship	UGC, New Delhi
7	Latesh Kumari	Hindi	Junior Research Fellowship	UGC, New Delhi

The college has given the scholarships among the needy/Meritorious students of UG/PG 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	02
4	P. Sankar Rao Scholarship (for Music students)	5000/- each	04
5	Vasanta College Scholarship	5000/- each	30
6	Dr. Asha Rani / Dr. Saroj Bageshwar Scholarship (One meritorious student each from B.Ed. and M.Ed.)	5000/- each	02

Educational Tours/Visits

From 01 – 06 April 2019, a six days educational tour was organized for students to visit Nainital, Almora, Ranikhet, Mukteshwar, Nainadevi and Corbate National Park etc. A six days educational tour was also organized from 03-08 April, 2109 for Dehradun, Rishikesh and Haridwar, for the students of Travel and Tourism Management, Mass Communication and B.Ed. Apart from those, following tours/visits was organized for the students in this academic year.

Department	Date	Name of Place
AIHC & Archaeology	21 February 2019	Salkhan Fossils Park, Sonbhadra, (Oldest Fossil Park in the World, 110 billion years old)
	21 February 2019	Rock Shelter of Panchmukhi, Sonbhadra, (Thousand years old Prehistoric Rock Painting of India)
	21 February 2019	Ahaura, Mirzapur, (Rock cut Inscription of Great Ashoka of 300 BCE)
	18 March 2019	Chunar Fort, Mirzapur, Sonwa Mandap and Solar Watch of British Period, Bunglow of Warren Hastings , First Governor of British India
Economics	05 February 2019	Industrial Visit to Royal Masale, Ganga Pulp and Paper Pvt. Ltd.
	05 February 2019	M.P. Industries (Parle-G), Ramnagar, Varanasi
Education	13 September 2018	J. Krishnamurti Study Centre, KFI, Varanasi
	15 September 2018	Rajghat Besant School, Varanasi
	10 October 2018	Buddha Temple, Sarnath, Varanasi
	09 March 2019	UNESCO Chair for Peace and Intercultural Understanding, Malaviya Centre for Peace Research, FSS, BHU
	30 Jan – 01 Feb 2019	Govt. Children Shelter Home, Ramnagar, Varanasi
Geography	03 November 2018	Vindhyachal, Mirzapur
History & Political Science	01-02 October 2018	Banwasi Seva Ashram, Sonbhadra
Home Science	11 March 2019	Kiran Rehabilitation Centre, Madhopur, Varanasi
	18 March 2019	Chunar, Mirzapur
Sanskrit	16 March 2019	Bharat Kala Bhawan, BHU
Travel & Tourism & Mass Comm.	28 Feb - 1 March 2019	Pragyaraj (Allahabad)
Psychology	18 February 2019	Krishnamurti Study Centre, Rajghat & Krishnamurti Rural Centre, Rajghat, Varanasi

Collaboration for Medical Treatment

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

Vasantashram: The Hostel

The girls of Vasantashram dynamically participated in various activities throughout the session with immense enthusiasm and zeal. The year commenced with introduction and welcome of Fresher's batch in the last week of August. It was a two day interactive session

between the old and the new batch with the purpose to introduce the Fresher's batch, make them feel the amiable and homely environment in the Ashram and let them exhibit their hidden talent and potential. This includes many literary and cultural activities. Being a member of SPIC MACAY, Vasantashram, along with Rajghat Besant School, organized a programme in the month of August where Dr. Jayanti Kumaresh performed on Saraswati Veena and Sri. Sarfraz Chishti and group performed Sufi Qanwwali. Vidushi Meeta Pandit performed Hindustani Classical vocal in December and Dr. Pratik Chaudhuri performed on Sitar on 20th April, 2019. Girls also participated in 5 days workshop of Phad painting from September 10 -14, 2018 organized under the aegis of SPIC MACAY. Girls participated in a two day workshop of Rakhi making, where they learned to make handmade rakhi with general items of daily use and avoid use of plastic and expensive material. Various Vocational Courses like Grooming classes, Music classes (Instrumental and Vocal both) and Taekwondo Training Programme by Varanasi Taekwondo Association for basic defensive skills were organized for all the girls. Jyotika Daimari, MA (Economics) won Black Belt in Taekwondo. On 13th February, 2019, Vasantashram girls watched Rabindranath Tagore's play Dak Ghar directed by Shri Tarun Pradhan and played by a team of artists from Midnapur, West Bengal. It was organized by Nagari Natya Mandal Nyas in collaboration with National School of Drama, New Delhi under their one week celebration of 20th Bharat Rang Mahotsava from February 8-13, 2019. On 30th March, girls went for a trip to Water Park. The annual activities ended with a farewell party for the final year students in April, 2019.

SPIC Macay

Society for the Promotion of Indian Classical Music and Culture Amongst Youth (SPIC MACAY), is a non-political nationwide voluntary movement that organizes programmes of classical music and dance, folk arts, crafts, yog, classic cinema screenings, heritage walks, etc. inside school and college campuses throughout the world to make students more aware about Indian and world heritage. Masters of different forms from classical music, dance, folk music and dance and world heritage come to the college and perform for the students. In this series a Saraswati Veena Recital was played by Dr. Jayanti Kumaresh and Sufi Qawwali by Sri Sarfraz Chishti in August 2018. Vidushi Meeta Pandit was also performed Hindustani Vocal (Classical) in December 2018 and Dr. Pratika Choudhary on Sitar Recital (April 2019). A workshop on Phad Painting was organized during 10-14 Sept. 2018 by Sri Prakash Joshi.

Farewell

In this academic session, Dr. Sheela Singh, Dept. of AIHC & Archeology retired along with Mr. Shambhu Nath Tiwari, Peon. A farewell program was organized on April 24, 2019 for them. The college has also offered farewell to Mr. Shyambali, Library Assistant. He has been selected as Librarian at Kendriya Vidyalaya. At the end of the session a farewell party was organized for the students on April 23, 2019. Principal of the college extended best wishes to them on behalf of vasanta family. Students shared their experiences about college. Various cultural programs were performed by the students.

Obituary

The loss of Sri Kabir Jaitirtha, Trustee, KFI and Dr. Mangla Singh, Associate Professor, Dept of Geography was indeed unfortunate. The college prayed for the departed soul and offered condolence.