

VASANTA COLLEGE FOR WOMEN

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

ANNUAL REPORT 2020-21

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. 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. The current student strength is more than 2500.

The college incessantly serves the students with knowledge of Arts, Social Sciences, Education and Commerce along with proper emphasis on Indian culture and literature. The college runs UG Courses in nineteen subjects and PG Courses in eleven subjects as well as Ph.D. Program. The college also offers Certificate/Diploma & Advance Diploma Courses under UGC Career Oriented Courses alongwith BHU Special Course of Studies.

Commencement of New Courses

The college has started Diploma Course in (a) Office Management and Business Communication (Part Time) (b) Certificate Programme in Health Care Management (Part Time) (c) Microfinance and Entrepreneurship (Part Time) (d) PG Diploma in Gender & Women Studies from Academic Session 2020-21.

MoU

In this session, the college has re-newed the MoU's with Vasant Kanya Mahavidyalaya, DAV PG College and Arya Mahila PG College, Varanasi for mutual visits of academic staff, exchange of students, participation in Seminars/Workshop, Trainings and exchange of academic resources etc. Together the college has also signed the MoU with ASHWA and Masoom Muskan Society, a Varanasi based NGO. The college also collaborated with International Institute of Knowledge Management (Pvt.) Ltd., Sri Lanka to be the hosting partner of the 5th International Conference on Future of Women'2022, to be held on 24 – 25 February 2022 on Virtual Platform.

ISO Certification

The college has been awarded ISO Certification in three of its categories i.e. Quality Management (ISO 9001: 2015), Environment Management (ISO 14001:2015) and Energy Management (ISO 500001:2018). ISO refers to International Organization for Standardization. It is an independent organization that provides standards in terms of quality, safety, and efficiency of services provided by any institution.

Seminar/Workshop/Webinar

17-18 August 2021 : A two days National Webinar on **National Education Policy 2020: Prospects and Challenges** organized by Internal Quality Assurance Cell, Vasanta College for Women on Virtual Platform. The key speakers were Prof. Latika Sharma, Department of Education, Punjab University, Chandigarh, Prof. Jasraj Kaur, Head, Department of Education & Community Service, Punjabi University, Patiala, Prof. P. K. Sahoo, Former Head & Dean, Department of Education, Allahabad University, Prayagraj, UP and Prof. Dhananjay Yadav, Head, Department of Education, Allahabad University, Prayagraj, U.P

31 July 2021: One Day online National Workshop on **Intellectual Property Rights** on Virtual Platform organized by Internal Quality Assurance Cell, Vasanta College for Women. The speakers were Prof. Rakesh Raman, Dept. of Economics, BHU and Mr. Rohit Kumar, Lawyer, New Delhi.

30 July 2021: One day Webinar for faculty on "**Mentoring Students in Higher Educational Institutions**" organized by Internal Quality Assurance Cell, Vasanta College for Women. The speaker was Prof. Sandeep Kumar, Department of Psychology, BHU.

29 July 2021: One Day Legal Awareness Workshop on '**Legal Provisions and Protective Measures for Women**' organized on Virtual Platform by Women Development Cell under the aegis of IQAC. The speakers were Prof. G. P. Sahoo, Faculty of Law, BHU and Mr. Utkarsh Verma, Software Engineer, Infosys, Pune.

27 June 2021: A one day Webinar on '**Heritage Conservation: Principal and Methods**', organized by Dept. of AIHC & Archeology. Dr. Subhash Chandra Yadav, Regional Archeological Officer, Varanasi, UP State Archeology Department was the speaker.

03 June 2021: A one day virtual Webinar on '**Development of Brahmi Script**' organized by Dept. of AIHC & Archeology. Prof. Suman Jain, Dept. of AIHC & Archeology, BHU was the speaker.

14 April 2021: One day Virtual Workshop on '**Dr. B.R. Ambedkar's Economic Vision and Its Relevance in Present Scenario**', organized by Dept. of Economics. Prof. J.B. Komaraiah, Dept. of Economics, BHU was the speaker.

27 March 2021: One day online Webinar on '**Introduction of Primary Market & Secondary Market**' organized by Dept. of Commerce in collaboration with Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI). Ms. Sripriya Senthikumar, Financial Expert, AWOKE India Foundation (AIF) was the speaker.

1-14 मार्च 2021 : हिन्दी विभाग द्वारा महात्मा गाँधी अंतर्राष्ट्रीय हिंदी विश्वविद्यालय, वर्धा के संयुक्त तत्वावधान में पंडित मदनमोहन मालवीय राष्ट्रीय शिक्षक एवं शिक्षण अभियान, शिक्षा मंत्रालय, भारत सरकार के सौजन्य से **राष्ट्रीय शिक्षा नीति 2020: भाषा एवं साहित्य शिक्षण के आयाम** विषयक द्वि साप्ताहिक अंतर्राष्ट्रीय कार्यशाला का आयोजन।

25 February 2021: One day Investors Awareness Webinar on "**Financial Management and Investor Education**" organized by Dept. of Commerce in collaboration with Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI). Mr. Pravin Dwivedi, President, AWOKE India Foundation (AIF) was the speaker.

07 February 2021: One Day National Interdisciplinary Webinar on “New Perspectives and Innovative Approaches to Research” organized by Dept of English in collaboration with Arya Mahila PG College, Chetganj, Varanasi.

29 January 2021: A one day workshop on **Stress Management**, organized by Dept. of Education. Dr. Amba Pandey, School of International Studies, JNU and Swami Chidananda, Trustee, KFI was the Keyspeakers.

21 - 28 December 2020: One week Lecture Series on ‘**Contemporary Debates in Politics**’, organized by Dept. of Political Science. The speakers were Dr. Sudeshna Mukherjee, Associate Professor, Centre for Women’s Studies, Bangalore University; Prof. Abhinav Sharma and Prof. Sonali Singh, Dept. of Political Science, BHU; Prof. Manoj Mishra, Co-ordinator, Malviya Centre for Peace Research, BHU.

08 August 2020: International Web Talk on Rethinking Gender and Human Security: A Global Perspective organized by Women Development Cell.

31 July – 01 Sept. 2020: A two day International Virtual Conference on ‘**Gender Equity: Some Social Reflections in Present Scenario**’, organized by Dept. of Economics.

20 - 24 July 2020: An International Workshop on “Dilemmas of Difference: Research Perspectives in Gender, Body Politics and Ethics” organized by Dept. of English on Virtual Platform. ???

15 - 16 June 2020: A two day workshop on “Role of Karma in Understanding the Theory of Spirituality and Religion”, organized by Dept. of English in collaboration with Dept. of Sanskrit.

12 – 13 June 2020: An International Webinar on “Aspects, Traits and Trends in Performing Arts: An Overview” organized by Dept. of Music.

24-28 May 2020: A five day online International Workshop on “Humanistic Representations of Struggle and Survival in the Onslaught of Endemics/Pandemics: Across Literary Genres” was organized by Dept. of English in association with International association for Social Science and Humanities, Sri Lanka. The key speakers were Prof. Anita Singh, BHU, Prof. Rajneesh Dhawan, University of Fraser Valley, Canada, Prof Neerja A. Gupta, Principal, Bhavan’s Arts and Commerce College, Ahmedabad, Prof. Rekha Sethi, Indraprastha College for Women, Uni. of Delhi, Dr. Shelly Bhoil, Poet and Academician, Brazil, Prof. Gerise Herndon, Program Director of International Studies, Nebraska, University of Wesleyan, Prof. Ranu Uniyal, Head, Dept of English and Modern European Languages, University of Lucknow, Dr. Jaydeep Sarangi, New Alipore College, Kolkata, Ms. Nimmi Nalika Menika, Sri Lanka, IAS Fellow, Shimla and Mr. Isanka P. Gamage, Sri Lanka. The valedictory session was graced by Hon’bl Vice Chancellor, Prof. Kuldip Chand Agnihotri, Himachal Pradesh Central University, Dharamshala.

Faculty Activity/Achievement

Prof. Alka Singh, Dept. of English has nominated as Member, Advisory Board, World Congress on Women 2019 and Member, Advisory Board, Masoom Muskan Society, An NGO of Varanasi. She has been Member of Scientific Review Committee, 3rd International Conference on Future of Women and Member, Editorial Board, Research Today: An International Peer Reviewed Refereed Research Journal of Humanities & Social Sciences (ISSN No: 2319-6947). Prof. Alka Singh has been

awarded Purvanchal Ratna Alankaran Award 2020 awarded by Uttar Pradesh Patrakar Parishad in 2020. She has also nominated as External Expert, Study Council of Humanities and Social Sciences, Veer Bahadur Singh Purvanchal University, Jaunpur. She has nominated as Evaluation Panel Member, 6th World Conference on Women's Studies (WCWS 2020), The International Institute of Knowledge Management, Sri Lanka and Member, Executive Committee, Asian African Association for Women, Gender, and Sexuality, Sri Lanka.

Dr. Bandana Jha, Dept. of Hindi appointed as Co-coordinator, Maithili Adhyayan Kendra, Faculty of Arts, BHU for three years. She has also nominated by President of India as the member of the Board of Management of Babasaheb Bhimrao Ambedkar University, Lucknow for three year from August 2021.

Dr. Ved Prakash Rawat, Dept. of Psychology was appointed as (i) National Mental Health Counsellor by National President of Indian academy of Health Psychology during covid-19, (2) National Mental Health Counsellor Appointed by the Professor Anshumali (State Liaison Officer of Uttar Pradesh-NSS) and Dr. Ashok Shroti (Regional Director -Government of India-NSS) as Initiating "Muskarayega India" Campaign during Covid-19. He has been awarded Best Program Officer, NSS in 2020.

Dr. Sunita Arya, Dept. of English Commissioned as Lieutenant according to NCC Act 1949 18 (5)

Dr. Subhash Meena recognized as Peer Reviewer "Personality and Individual Differences", The Official Journal of the International Society for the Study of Individual Differences (ISSID), October 2020, ELSEVIER

Dr. Rachana Pandey received the Best Paper Award for her paper entitled 'Artists on Work, Art and Society', in 4th International Conference on Future of Women: Global Dimensions, New Strategies and Visions, 25-26 February 2021, Sri Lanka.

Dr. Akankshi Srivastava, Dept. of Psychology has been awarded Prof. Kali Prasad Memorial Research Prize for best Ph.D. in Psychology, University of Lucknow, 2020

Students Achievements

Harshita Jaiswal, BA (III Year), secured 1st rank in 6th Asian Yoga Sports Championship 2021 and 2nd rank in 2nd International Yoga Sports Cup 2021, held online on 26 June 2021 at Singapore.

Km. Zeenat Qureshi, MA (I Year), AIHC & Archeology has been awarded with Microgrants 2020 from The Black Trowel Collective Microgrants - \$200

Ms. Anjali Verma, Dept. of Psychology placed as HR Associate at **Impact Analytics**, 08.02.2021.

Ms. Ritika Roy, BA, III Year (English Hons.) selected as Trainee BPS in Tata Consultancy Services Limited (TCSL) for a period of 12 month on stipend of Rs. 10,250 (26.07.2021)

Sunidhi Sharma, B.A. (I Year), got first position in Poster Making and Ms. Apurva Shrivastava, BA (I Year), got second position in Video making competition organized at regional level in Unnat Bharat Abhiyan.

Ms. Supriya Tripathi, BA (I Year) got first position in an online Essay Writing Competition organized by UP State Archeology Department, Varanasi.

Vaishnavi Sinha, B.Com, won excellence award in quiz on 'Safety and Awareness in Current Scenario', 20 July 2020.

Shruti Srivastava, B.Com, won 3rd Rank in online quiz competition organized by Elcom Club of Department of Electronics and Communication Engineering, M.J.P. Rohilkhand University, Bareilly, 26 - 28 July 2020.

Khushi Gupta, B.Com (III Year), was given interview for an International Newspaper 'The Mt. Kenya Times' on Women's Day for being under the Top-50 Most Influential Women of India, 08 March 2021.

Km. Anwasha, Km. Harsha Roy, Km. Priya and Km. Ritu Das, Dept. of English, qualified Graduate Aptitude Test in Engineering (GATE) 2021.

Faculty Publication

- 2020, Prof. Alka Singh (Ed.), *Nature on Center Stage: A Collection of Short Stories in English and Hindi*, Varanasi: ABS Publication, 2020. ISBN. 078-84166-32-8.
- 2020, Prof. Alka Singh (Ed.), *Studies in English Literature: A Compendium of Colloquiums*, Germany: Scholars' Press, ISBN: 978-613-8-84008-4.
- 2021, Dr. Shashi Kala Tripathi, "मध्यवित्तीय पारिवारिक स्त्री की कश्मकश और सूर्यबालाँ", In *सोच विचार*, January Ed., Year 12, Vol. 7, Pg. 24 - 26, ISSN: 2319 – 4375
- 2020, Dr. Shashi Kala Tripathi, "पूर्णकालिक निबन्धकार: कुबेरनाथ राय", In *कुबेरनाथ राय: अनुशीलन और मूल्यांकन*, Edited by Mandhata Rai, Kolkata: Pratishruti Publication, ISBN: 9789384012 144.
- 2020, Dr. Bandana Jha 'Phanishwer Nath Renu Ki Kahaniyon Me Lok Rang', in *Gagnanchal*, May - August, New Delhi: ICCR, ISSN 0971-1430
- 2020, Dr. Bandana Jha, 'Vimarsh Se Ittar: Chitra Mudgal Ka Nala Sopara Upanyas ', in *Gveshna*, July-September, Agra: Kendriya Hindi Sansthan, ISSN 0435-1460.
- 2020, Dr. Bandana Jha, 'Vidyapati Ke Geeton Me Shiv Ka Swaroop', in *Shodh Sarita*, Vol. 7, Issue 28, Oct. –Dec. 2020, ISSN 2348-2397.
- 2020, Dr. Meenu Awasthi, आत्मकथा के संदर्भ में: अपनी खबर, In *शोध सरिता*, Vol.7, Issue 28, Oct. – Dec., ISSN: 2348 2397
- 2020, Dr. Manjari Shukla, "Toward a New Dawn", In *Reinvigorated Human Beings and Post Pandemic World*, New Delhi: Bharti Publication, ISBN: 978-93-89657-52-4, 11 September.
- 2020, Dr. Rachana Pandey, *Gender, Performance and Practices: Indian Theater and Society*, Germany: Scholars' Press, ISBN: 13: 978-613-884091-6, pp.140.

Fellowship/Scholarship

The Shanti Tatha Vidhya Foundation, Varanasi has awarded its fellowship to nine students of our college amounting Rs. 77,741/- . Similarly Rashtriya Sanskrit Sansthan, New Delhi has also given a scholarship of Rs. 48000/- to 12 students of Department of Sanskrit. Following Research Scholars have been awarded national fellowships from different National Funding Agencies:

S.No.	Name of Research Scholar	Subject	Name of Fellowship	Name of Funding Agency
1	Anjali Verma	Psychology	Doctoral Fellowship	ICSSR, New Delhi
2	Anita Gupta	Hindi	Junior Research Fellowship	UGC, New Delhi
4	Latesh Kumari	Hindi	Junior Research Fellowship	UGC, New Delhi

The college has given following scholarships to the financially weak/meritorious students through its own funds and donations.

S.No.	Name of Scholarship	Amount	No. of Students
1	Achyut Patwardhan Scholarship	500/- each	89
2	Vasanta College Scholarship	5000/- each	23
3	Minakshi Krishna Scholarship	5000/- each	20
4	Prema Srinivasan Scholarship	5000/- each	07
5	Prakash Narayan Shukla and Madhuri Shukla Scholarship (for the students of English)	5000/- each	03
6	B.Ed. Meritorious Students Scholarship	2600/- each	02
7	Dr. Asha Rani / Dr. Saroj Bageshwar Scholarship (One meritorious student each from B.Ed. and M.Ed.)	5000/- each	02
8	Dar Sahab Scholarship	500/- each	02
9	Roy Chaudhary Scholarship	500/- each	01
10	Giri Scholarship	500/- each	01
11	Jahnvi Vasudev Scholarship	5000/-each	01

Career Counseling and Placement Cell

An online career counseling programme on 'Career Opportunities in Teaching' was organized on 23 December 2020. The speakers were Mr. Jitendra Kumar, Principal, Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya, Raisen, MP and Mr. Manish Kumar Pandey, TGT, Social Sciences, Kendriya Vidyalaya, Mughalsarai. A one day online career counseling programme on 'Career Opportunities in Banking' was organized on 09 January 2021. It was addressed by Mr. Saurabh Singh, Assistance Vice President, Utkarsh Small Finance Bank. One day online Career Counseling Programme on 'Academic Excellence in Coming Time' was addressed by Dr. Rakhi Gupta, Assistant Professor, Faculty of Commerce, BHU on 11 January 2021. On April 8, 2021, a programme was organized on the 'How to Crack NET with Self Study'. It was addressed by Dr. Laxmi Kant Singh, Assistant Professor, Dept. of History, DAV PG College, Varanasi.

Facility for Physically Challenged Students

As per the directives of UGC and MHRD, purchase of Wheel chair, Ramp and Lift installation has been done for Physically Challenged students in the college. Toilet has been constructed and an effort was made to manage their classes on ground floor.

Solar Plant

The 10 KVA Solar Plant has been installed in the college to cover electricity consumption of Admin Building.