

VASANTA COLLEGE FOR WOMEN

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

ANNUAL REPORT 2022-23

Vasanta College for Women stands proudly as one of the oldest and esteemed educational institutions in Varanasi, established in 1913. Admitted to the privileges of prestigious Banaras Hindu University, the college runs under the renowned Krishnamurti Foundation India, dedicated to the cause of education. It is accredited by the UGC under section 2(f) and 12B of the UGC Act, 1956, and is committed to providing exceptional learning opportunities. The college attracts students from diverse regions, including Bihar, Jharkhand, Chattisgarh, Madhya Pradesh, West Bengal, Rajasthan, Delhi, and the North East, who benefit from the educational facilities we offer. Currently, our student strength is approximately 2700.

We take immense pride in imparting knowledge in various disciplines such as Arts, Social Sciences, Education, and Commerce, while also instilling a deep appreciation for Indian culture and literature. Our undergraduate courses cover nineteen subjects, and postgraduate courses in fourteen subjects, including Ph.D. program in four subjects. The college also provides certain Certificate/Diploma & Advanced Diploma Courses under UGC Career Oriented Programs and BHU Special Course of Studies, further enriching the academic experience for our students. With a legacy of over a century, Vasanta College for Women continues to nurture bright minds and empower them to become leaders of tomorrow. We remain dedicated to fostering a nurturing environment that inspires excellence in academia, creativity, and character development.

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, French*, Commerce, Education (B.Ed.)
2.	Post Graduate (PG)	Hindi, English, History, Geography, Economics, Psychology, Education (M.Ed.), Home Science, Political Science, AIHC & Archeology, Sociology, Urdu, Sanskrit, Philosophy
3.	Research (Ph.D.)	Hindi, English, Economics, Psychology

Certificate, Diploma and Advance Diploma Courses

S.No.		Name of the Course	Duration	Part/Full Time
1	UGC Career Oriented Courses	Certificate Course in Travel and Tourism Management	One Year	Part Time
2		Diploma in Travel and Tourism Management	One Year	Part Time
3		Advance Diploma in Travel and Tourism Management	One Year	Part Time
4		Certificate Course in Mass Communication	One Year	Part Time
5		Diploma in Mass Communication	One Year	Part Time
6		Advance Diploma in Mass Communication	One Year	Part Time
7	BHU Special Course of Studies	Diploma Course in Office Management & Business Communications	Two Year	Part Time
8		Certificate Program in Health Care Management	Six Month	Part Time
9		Diploma in Microfinance and Entrepreneurship	One Year	Part Time
10		PG Diploma in Gender & Women Studies	One Year	Full Time
11		UG Diploma in French (Part Time)	Two Year	Part Time

NAAC Visit

The NAAC - Peer Team Visit for its 3rd Cycle of Assessment and Accreditation was conducted on 11 - 12 July 2023. The Peer Team members includes Prof. Latha Pillai, Former Adviser, NAAC (Chairperson), Prof. Jaya Bhasin, Dean, Central University of Jammu, Samba, Jammu and Kashmir (Member Co-coordinator) and Dr. Rekha Kalia Bhardwaj, Former Principal, Hans Raj Mahila Mahavidyalaya, Punjab (Member). The college has been accredited with a CGPA of 3.41 on a seven point scale at **A+ Grade**

New Vocational Courses

The college has introduced several Add-on Courses for the current batch i.e. (a) Certificate Course in Sanskrit (b) Certificate Course in LGBTQ (c) Certificate Course in Yogic Principles and Practices in this session.

Establishment of Annie Besant Centre for Skill Development and Entrepreneurship

The college has established the Annie Besant Centre for Skill Development and Entrepreneurship. A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) has been signed with the Atal Incubation Centre at Banaras Hindu University for the same.

New Appointments

In this session, Mr. Yogendra Jain has been appointed as Assistant Professor in Economics (EWS Category) and Ms. Akanksha Chaurasia has been appointed as Assistant Professor in Psychology (OBC Category). Additionally Mr. Avanish Kumar Srivastava has been appointed as Junior Assistant (LDC) and Mr. Sanjeev Kumar Singh as Professional Assistant and Mr. Anand Kumar Yadav as Multi Tasking Staff (MTS).

Promotions through CAS

- Associate Professor to Professor (Stage 4 to Stage 5)**
(a) Mr. S.S. Baoni (b) Prof. Sujata Saha (c) Prof. Sanjeev Kumar (d) Prof. Archana Tiwari (e) Prof. Minakshi Biswal, (f) Prof. Asha Pandey

- 2 **Assistant Professor to Associate Professor (Stage 3 to Stage 4)**
(a) Dr. Jai Singh (b) Dr. Yogita Beri
- 3 **Assistant Professor (Stage 2 to Stage 3)**
(a) Dr. Vibha Singh (b) Dr. Rajesh Kumar Chaurasia (c) Dr. Shreya Pathak
- 4 **Assistant Professor (Stage 1 to Stage 2)**
(a) Dr. Brihaspati Bhattacharya

Academic Collaboration

The college has signed following MoUs to promote academic and cultural exchanges, career guidance, internships, personality development, women empowerment and skill development among students.

- 1 Adore India
- 2 Ambition Institute of Technology, Varanasi
- 3 Arya Mahila PG College, Varanasi
- 4 ASHVA (NGO), Lanka, Varanasi
- 5 Atal Incubation Centre_MFIE_IM_BHU
- 6 Babasaheb Bhimrao Ambedkar University, Lucknow
- 7 Central Institute of Higher Tibetan Studies (CIHTS), Sarnath, Varanasi
- 8 DAV PG College, Varanasi
- 9 ICFAI Business School, Lucknow
- 10 Indira Gandhi National Centre of Arts, New Delhi
- 11 International Institute of Knowledge Management (Pvt.) Ltd., Sri Lanka
- 12 Jnana Pravaha, Centre for Cultural Studies and Research, Varanasi
- 13 Kirori Mal College, University of Delhi
- 14 Masoom Muskan Society (An NGO), Bhelupur, Varanasi
- 15 Nebraska Wesleyan University, Lincoln, Nebraska, USA
- 16 Remen's Garments, Lalpur, Varanasi
- 17 Saksham Trust New Delhi
- 18 Shri Shankaracharya Mahavidyalaya, Bhilai Nagar, Durg, Chhattisgarh
- 19 Sri Sathya Sai University of Human Excellence, Kalaburagi
- 20 Vasant Kanya Mahavidyalaya, Kamachha, Varanasi
- 21 YSIID Solutions Pvt. Ltd.

Infrastructure Development

A new Computer lab, equipped with 100 computers and networking facilities has been installed in the second floor of the library. A Conference Hall has been constructed to facilitate various academic and administrative events. Three Air Conditioners (11 Ton + 11 Ton + 5.5 Ton) have been installed in the Assembly Hall to enhance comfort during gatherings and events. Various upkeep and maintenance has been undertaken, including Campus Beautification, painting and the installation of a new Generator (3 Phase) to support the lift and additional load requirements. CCTV Cameras have been installed to enhance security measures, Solar Panels and Solar Street lights to promote sustainable energy usage. The Sports Ground has been updated as Synthetic Court etc.

Seminar/Workshop/Webinar

- 24 - 25 March 2023: ICSSR Sponsored Two days National Seminar on “Diversity, Pluralism and Education in India: Continuity, Challenges and Road Ahead” organized by Dept. of Education. The

speakers were Prof. A. K. Singh, NIEPA, Prof. P.N. Singh, Director, IUCTE, Dr. Banwari Lal Natiyal, Chairperson, NCTE, Prof. S.C. Roy, Dean, NIRIE, NCERT, Shillong, Prof. S.K. Swain, Dean. Faculty of Education, BHU, Prof. Harikesh Singh, Former Vice Chancellor, Chappra University.

- 06 - 13 February 2023: Seven Days Workshop on “Translation Studies: Literary, Scientific and Technical”, organized by Dept. of English in collaboration with National Translation Mission, CIIL, Mysore. The main speakers were Prof Harish Narang, JNU, New Delhi, Prof. Awanish Rai, DDU, Gorakhpur, Prof. Banibrata Mahanta, BHU, Prof. Rekha Sethi, IP College, New Delhi, Prof. Vinod Kumar Jha, Sido Kanho Murmu University, Mr. Winston Cruz, CRP, NTM-CIIL, Mysore, Dr. Tariq Khan, Officer In Charge, NTM, CIIL, Mysore, Dr. Umesh Kumar, BHU, Dr. Sukhada, IIT, BHU.
- 06 February 2023: One day Seminar on “Shaping Career in a Digital Age” organised by Dept. of Commerce in collaboration with Dayanand Sagar University, Bangalore. The main speaker was Prof. Mohan Srinivasan, DSU, Bangalore
- 23 - 24 January 2023: Two day Workshop on Importance of Employability Skills on “Techniques to Identify, Plan and Achieve your Future Success?”, Organised by Dept. of Commerce in collaboration with Young Skilled India. The main speaker was Mr. Niraj Srivastava, CEO, Young Skilled India.
- 16 - 20 January 2023: Five days Virtual Workshop on “Social Science Teaching” organized by Dept. of Education. The speakers were Prof. P.S.Ram, Prof. R.P.Pathak, Dr. Somu Singh, Dr. Saroj Bagheshwar, Dr. Neeti Bhola, Ms. Jyoti Singh, TGT, Science, Ms. Divya Jalan, PGT, Commerce, Ms. Saba Tarannum, PGT, and Economics
- 16 - 22 December 2022: One Week Intensive Workshop cum Preparatory Course on Logical Reasoning for NET Aspirants organized by Dept. of Philosophy. The main speakers were Prof. Archana Tiwari, Dr. Rajesh Chaurasia and Dr. Arvind Jaiswal from Philosophy Dept., VCU.
- 19 November 2022: One day Seminar on “Neo-Banking & Fintech: The Career Possibilities” organised by Department of Commerce in collaboration with ICFAI Business School, Gurgaon. The main speaker was Dr. Prapti Paul, ICFAI Business School, Gurgaon
- 11 Nov. 2022: One Day Symposium on “Eternal Spiritual Science of Kriyāyoga” organized by Dept. of Philosophy. The main speaker was Smt. Joyati Kapur, Founder Working President, Yogiraj Shyamacharan Mission.
- 04 - 05 November 2022: ICSSR, New Delhi sponsored two day National Seminar on “Folklores of India: Texts And Contexts”, organized by Dept. of English. The keynote speakers were Dr. Anupama Hoskote, Founder and Director, Dhatu Puppet Theatre, Bengaluru, Prof. Sushila Singh, Professor Emeritus, BHU, Sri Prayag Shukla, Poet, Fiction Writer, Dr. Sucharita Gupta, Vocal Artist in Banaras Gharana, Prof. Saroj K Mahananda, Jamia Milia Islamia, New Delhi, Dr. Santanu Banerjee, Kazi Nazrul University, Asansol, Ms. Ananya Bhattacharya, Co-Founder of Bangalanatak.com
- 20 October 2022: One day Webinar on Financial Literacy and Money Management organised by Dept. of Commerce in association with CEIL. The main speaker was Sri Siddhartha Goenka, SEBI Certified Financial and Product Expert.
- 10 - 16 April 2022: Seven days Virtual Workshop on “Language Teaching” organized by Dept. of Education. The speakers were Prof. Ram Janma Sharma, Ex. Head, Dept. of Language NCERT,

New Delhi, Dr. Usha Sharma, In-charge, National Centre for Literacy Cell, NCERT, New Delhi, Dr. Arunabh Saurabh, RIE, NCERT, Bhopal, Dr. Pinki Malik, School of Education, SLBSNSU, New Delhi, Dr. Babu Ram Tripathi, Visiting Professor, Ancient & Modern Language Dept., Central University of Tibetan Studies, Sarnath, Dr. Alka Rani Saxena, Faculty of Education, BHU, Prof. K. Bharathbooshan, Former Dean, School of Education, SLBS National Sanskrit University, New Delhi.

Special Lectures

- 28 April 2023: Special Lecture on Entrepreneurship Skills organised by Department of Commerce under the aegis of IQAC. The main speaker was Dr. Shweta Jain, Dean & Program Head, IBS, Jaipur
- 11 April 2023: Online Special lecture on «Le défi et la préparation dans l'enseignement et l'apprentissage de Poésies françaises », organized by Dept. of French. The main speaker was Dr. Gitanjali Singh, Assistant Professor, Deptt. Of French Studies, BHU.
- 15 March 2023: ICPR Periodic Lecture- 4 on “Linguistic Character of Reality”, organized by Dept. of Philosophy. The main speaker was Prof. D. N. Tiwari, Former Professor and Head, Dept. of Philosophy and Religion, BHU.
- 15 March 2023: ICPR Periodic Lecture -3 on “Role of Language in Advaita Vedānta”, organized by Dept. of Philosophy. The main speaker was Prof. S. Vijaya Kumar (Retd.), Dept. of Philosophy and Religion, BHU.
- 03 March 2023: ICPR Periodic Lecture -2 on “How to do things with words?”, organized by Dept. of Philosophy. The main speaker was Prof. Rishikant Pandey, Head, Dept. of Philosophy, University of Allahabad.
- 24 February 2023: ICPR Periodic Lecture -1 on “Role of Literal and Non-Literal Expressions in Philosophy”, organized by Dept. of Philosophy. The main speaker was Prof. A.K. Rai, Former Head, Dept. of Philosophy and Religion, BHU.
- 09 February 2023: Online special lecture on “Career in French language: Opportunity and Challenges”, organized by Dept. of French. The main speaker was Mr. Yashwant Bhaskar, Senior French Language Expert, TCS, Pune.
- 23 - 30 January 2023: Six days Lecture Series on “Music, Art and Drama”, organized by Dept. of Education. The speakers were Dr. J.N. Goswami, Dr. Sanjay Kumar Verma, Dr. Bilambita Banisudha, Mr. Stayendra Baoni, Dr. Jaya Roy, Mr. Arpit Sidhore, Theatre Expert
- 20 January 2023: Non-violence: A Dialogue with Ramachandra Gandhi, Saadat Hasan Manto and Mahasweta Devi organized by Dept. of Philosophy. The main speaker was Prof. Daniel Raveh, Professor of Indian and Comparative Philosophy, Tel Aviv University, Israel.
- 20 January 2023: Special Lecture on “Non-Violence: A Dialogue with Ramchandra Gandhi, Sadt Hasan Manto and Mahashweta Devi” organized by Dept. of English in collaboration with Dept of Philosophy. The main speaker was Prof. Daniel Raveh, Prof. of Indian and Comparative Philosophy, Tel Aviv University, Israel.

- 09 November 2022: A Special Lecture on “Manto and Partition Saga- Bloodshed, Hysteria, Bitterness” organized by Dept. of English. The keynote speaker was Dr. Tajinder Kaur, Associate Professor & Head, Ramgharia Girls’ Collge, Ludhiana
- 08 August 2022: One Day Student Knowledge Sharing Program on Entrepreneurship Skills, organised by Dept. of Commerce. The main speaker was Dr. ShaliniJkhandelwal, Faculty Member, ICFAI Business School, Gurgaon
- 15, 16, 22, 23, 29 July 2022: A Special Lecture Series On “Madness in Literature: International Exchange Programme”, organized by Dept. of English. The main speaker was Dr. Injela Zaini, Washington DC, USA.
- 02 July 2022: Online Special lecture on « L’importance de la littérature dans la préparation de DELF et DALF», organized by Dept. Of French. The main speaker was Dr. Gitanjali Singh, Assistant Professor, Dept. Of French Studies, BHU.

Students Awards/Achievements

- Ms. Bhumika Sharma, MA, English (Final year) has received 'Best Student Presentation Award' for her paper titled “Mirror on the wall, who is the perfect Woman of them all?” in the 6th International Conference on Future of Women, organised by TIIM, Sri Lanka and co-hosted by Vasanta College for Women, Rajghat, Varanasi on 23-24 February 2023.
- Mahi Sharma (May 2022), Vyakhya Srivastava (May 2022), Ishika Yadav (May 2022), Mansi Khanna (Dec. 2022), students of B.Com qualified in Company Secretary Executive Entrance Test.
- AnamikaTripathi has been offered the position of Intern with HR Lab Headhunters LLP (HR Lab) in 01.06.2022
- Kamakshi Pandey, B.Com selected for representing 28 UP BN NCC, BHU at Balia for PRE-TSC-I, Thal Sainik Camp.
- Mansi Khanna, B.Com got selected as District Coordinator with Young Skilled India Pvt. Ltd. in March 2023.
- Sneha Kumari, B.Com was awarded with 2nd prize in painting competition organised by Pandit Mahamana Foundation, BHU in April 2023.
- Shourya Goel, Vanija Anand and Avani Pandey, B.Com won first prize in National Level Business Plan Competition organised at DAV PG College, Varanasi in May 2023.
- Umme Kulsum, B.Com selected as mentor of Graphic Designing, Social Media Marketing and Communication Skills in Exotic Learning, Lucknow in April, 2022
- Shivangi Gupta, BA (I Year) got 3rd prize in Face Painting Competition in the 6th International Shrinath Hindi Festival organized by Shrinath University, Jamshedpur, Jharkhand on 20-22 Dec. 2022.
- Sakshi Sagar, BA, (I Year,) win 2nd prize in Rangoli Making Painting Competition, VIVIDHA: Inter College Youth Fest- 2023 organized by SUNBEAM College for Women, Bhagwanpur on 12.02.2023.

- Sakshi Sagar, BA (I Year) win 1st prize in Painting Competition on WORLD EARTH DAY organized by Mahamana Foundation Trust, Pune at BHU on 22.04.2023.

Faculty Publication

- 2023: Dr. Alka Singh & Dr. Sunita Arya, "Nature on Center Stage 2.0", New Delhi: ARS Books, ISBN: 9789394348080
- 2022, Prof. Sujata Saha (Ed.), Indian Women Thinkers in the Contemporary Indian Society, Kanishka Publishers & Distributors, New Delhi, ISBN 978-93-91450-11-3
- 2022, Prof. Sujata Saha, 'Madhyamik Stariya Adhyapak Shiksha hetu Prastavit Pravesh Pareeksha', In National Education Policy 2020: Prospects and Challenges, Bharti Publications, New Delhi, ISBN 978-93-94779-12-9
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- 2022, Prof. Asha Pandey (Ed.), Indian Women Thinkers in the Contemporary Indian Society, Kanishka Publishers & Distributors, New Delhi, ISBN 978-93-91450-11-3
- 2022, Prof. Asha Pandey (Ed.), National Education Policy 2020: Prospects and Challenges, Bharti Publication, New Delhi. ISBN NO. 978-93-94779-12-9
- 2023, Dr. Jai Singh, "Types of Assessment", In Assessment for Learning, edited by "Mete, j., and Datta, I., New Delhi Publisher, New Delhi. ISBN- 9788119006304.
- 2023, Dr. Jai Singh, "Sample Size in Social Science Research and Python Programme for Its Computation", In International Journal of Research in Social Sciences (IJRSS) ISSN: 2249-2496.
- 2022, Dr. Amrita Katyayni, "Uttar Pradesh Madhyamik Siksha Parishad ki Pathyapustak "Manjari" ka Laingik Pakshapat ke Paripekshya me samalochnatmak Addhyan", In The journal of Education and Indian Perspective, Vol.13, No.1, ISSN No.0976-934X
- 2022, Dr. Amrita Katyayni (Co Author), Critical Pedagogy in NCF-2005: A Compass for Transformative Education in India. ISSN No. 0974-5955
- 2023, Dr. Amrita Katyayni (Ed.) 'Teaching Learning and the Virtual World', Kanishka Publishers, New Delhi, ISBN 9789391450021
- 2022: Dr. Saurabh K. Singh & Dr. Manjari Shukla "Exploring the Multiverse of Short Stories and Women Writing: A Compendium of Colloquiums", New Delhi: ARS Books, ISBN: 9789394348028
- 2022: Dr. Saurabh K. Singh, "The Politics of Puppetry: Studying the Play Amar Singh Rathore: Kathputli-Ka-Khel as a Challenge to Hegemonic Caste Construction", In *Anvesak* (UGC - CARE), Vol. 52, No. 1. January - June 2022, ISSN: 0378-4568. PP. 495-504.

- 2022: Dr. Saurabh K. Singh, "Theories from Colony: An Introduction to Ngugi Wa Thiong'o's Notions of Poor theory, Globalectics, and Cyborality", In Rabindra Bharati Journal of Philosophy (UGC CARE), Vol. XXIV, No. 11, ISSN: 0973-0087, PP. 44-52.
- 2022: Dr. Saurabh K. Singh, "Dialectics of Gendered/Sexual Identities in William Shakespeare's Twelfth Night", In *Critical Essays on William Shakespeare's Twelfth Night*, Atlantic Publication: New Delhi, ISBN: 9788126933501, PP 36-48.
- Dr. Sunita Arya, "Narratives of Liberation From Consciousness to Self Identity", Authors Press, ISBN: 9789355295194
- Dr. Sunita Arya, "The interface between Real and Reel: Pre & Post-Covid 19 Pandemic through Science Fiction", In *Posthumanism and Post Pandemic*, Authors Press: New Delhi, ISBN:9789355294029, pg 95-101.
- 2022: Dr. Sunita Arya, "A Fine Balance: A Post- Colonial study of Rohinton Mistry's Novel", In *Post-colonialism: Widening Horizons of African-American Literature*, Authors Press: New Delhi, ISBN: 9789355293961, pg 165-173.
- 2022: Dr. Sunita Arya, "The Cannons of Dissent: Exposition of African and American Works Through Antiquity", In *Revisiting Post-Colonial Literature: Thematic and Contextual Concerns*, Perception Publishing House, ISBN: 9789392189074, pg. 21-31.
- 2022: Dr. Rachana Pandey, "Online Education and Equitability: A Gender Perspective", In *National Education Policy 2020: Prospects & Challenges*, (Eds.) Prof. Minakshi Biswal, Prof. Asha Pandey, Dr. Shreya Pathak, Bharti Publications: New Delhi, ISBN: 978-93-94779-12-9, pp. 74-83
- 2022: Dr. Rachana Pandey, "Theatre of the Immigrant– A Dialogue with Director and Writer Jatinder Verma", In *Literary Voice: A Peer Reviewed Journal of English Studies* (UGC CARE), Vol. 1, No. 18, ISSN: 2277-4521.
- 2022, Dr. Vibha Singh Patel, "Sister Nivedita's Conception of Education", In *Indian Women Thinkers in the Contemporary Indian Society*, Kanishka Publishers & Distributors, New Delhi, ISBN 978-93-91450-11-3
- 2022, Dr. Vibha Singh Patel, Covid-19 Ke Dauran Shikshan-Adhigam Prakriya Evam Mulyankan Ka Badalata Swarup: Ek Darshanik Awalokanatmak Drishtikon, In *Teaching Learning and the Virtual World*, Kanishka Publishers, New Delhi, ISBN 9789391450021
- 2022, Ms. Ranjita Marak (Ed.) 'Teaching Learning and the Virtual World', Kanishka Publishers, New Delhi, ISBN 9789391450021
- 2022, Ms. Ranjita Marak, Challenges in implementation of Multilingual Education (MLE) in India: An Analysis from Policy Perspective, Bharti Publication, New Delhi, ISBN 978-93-94779-12-9
- 2022, Dr. Poonam Srivastava, "Indian Education System: An Analysis by sister Nivedita", In *Indian Women Thinkers in the Contemporary Indian Society*, Kanishka Publishers & Distributors, New Delhi, ISBN 978-93-91450-11-3
- 2022, Dr. Poonam Srivastava, "Covid-19 Pandemic: School Education in India", In *Teaching Learning and the Virtual World*, Kanishka Publishers, New Delhi, ISBN 9789391450021

- 2022, Dr. Rajesh Chaurasia, Hkkjrh; n" kZu dh vk;/kfRedrk ij ,d lelkef;d fuca/k, In Darshanik Traimasik, Vol. 4, pp. 114-131, ISSN 0974-8849
- 2023, Dr. Rashika Jain, "An Insight into Financial Soundness of Private and Public Banks", In Abhigyan Journal, Vol. 41, No. 1, April - June

Co-curricular Activities

Throughout the year, the Co-Curricular Committee organized more than eighteen events, in which over six hundred students actively participated.

- 06 May 2023: Students of B.Com., Shourya Goel, Avani Pandey and Vanija Anand, won the first prize in the Business Plan Competition organized by DAV PG College, Varanasi. Another team comprising Khushi Kumari, Chandrani Mukharjee, and Mahek Goel were awarded the consolation prize.
- 04 May 2023: Vinati Pandey, B.A. III, secured the third prize in the 3rd Atal Bihari Vajpayee Memorial Debate Competition 2023, organized by Rhetorica, Faculty of Social Sciences, BHU.
- 25 April 2023: INTACH organized a program titled "Lesser Known Heritage of India" at Sunbeam Women's College. The aim of the program was to raise students' awareness about their role in the conservation and preservation of our cultural and living heritage. Khushboo Kumari, Priyanka Rakshit, and Rukhsana, awarded the first prize for their outstanding efforts.
- 19 April 2023: In an effort to enhance awareness of various issues related to the G20, a Quiz on G-20 was organized. Thirty-five teams participated in the competition and the team of Neekita Manoj Singh and Divya Pandey (B.Com) emerged as the winners. Additionally Priyanshi Pandey (B.Com), Archee Anand (MA), and Anubhuti Gaur and Ayati Varshney (BA, I Year) secured the second prize.
- 21 February 2023: On International Mother Language Day, students from different states showcased their linguistic abilities, performing in languages such as Sanskrit, Kannad, Marathi, Rajasthani, Gujarati, Maithali, Hindi, Malayalam, Oriya, Bengali, Urdu, and more. Faculty and staff members from different states also interacted with the students, sharing their perspectives on the rich cultural heritage and language diversity.
- 11-12 February 2023: Students participated in the Vividha Youth Fest organized by Sunbeam College for Women, Bhagwanpur. A total of forty-one students participated in the competition, showcasing their talents across various events. Notably, Anshika Singh won the first prize in Mandala Art, while Iqra Sheikh, Khushi Kumari, Archee Mishra, and Saba Parveen secured the first prize in Paper Dress Designing. Additionally, Shreya Singh and Sakshi Sagar earned the second prize in Rangoli making.
- 23 December 2022: Students participated in the IIT BHU Model United Nation at BHU, which aimed to help students understand the procedures and protocols of the United Nations by debating various important global issues. Shambhavi Kumari was awarded an Honorable Mention for her outstanding performance.

- 22 December 2022: Student Induction Programme was organized to familiarize new students with the college's rich history, infrastructure, student-related activities throughout the year, working of committees, cells, clubs, and grievance redressal channels etc.
- 20 - 22 December 2022: Students participated in the 6th International Hindi Festival organized by Srinath University, Jamshedpur. Thirty five students participated in nineteen different events and secured ranks in five events. Shivangi Singh and Shivangi Gupta, got third position in Mukhde pe Mukhda; Abhineet Katyayan got third prize in Bhasha Roopantaran; Anchal Yadav and Vedika got third prize in Vyaktitva Jhanki; Apoorva Srivastav got first prize in Vak Chaturya and Anima Aditi, got first prize.
- 24 November 2022: A team of six students participated in the one-day Heritage Volunteer Training Programme organized by INTACH and Sunbeam College for Women, Bhagwanpur, Varanasi.
- 20 December 2022: To encourage maximum participation, the Co-curricular Committee organized an Orientation Programme for various events. One such program was to orient students for a one-day workshop on Mindfulness, which took place on 25th December 2022 at BHU. Twenty-three students successfully completed the workshop.
- 19 November 2022: Live streaming of the Inaugural of 'Kashi Tamil Samagam' was displayed to the students and faculties, aiming to strengthen the centuries-old connection between two ancient knowledge centers of the country, in line with the PM vision of "Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat."
- 10 November 2022: Students participated in the Inter-Institute Competition Adharshila 2022 organized by SMS, Varanasi. Students participated in six competitions, where Neha Bharti and Khusboo Kumari got second prize in Rangoli making competition.
- 03 - 06 November 2022: A team of four students participated in the Ardh Kranti Satyagrah organized by NGO Ardhkranti at Shashtri Ghat, Varanasi. Shreya Tiwari, M.A. Sociology, secured the first position in the debate on 'Poverty,' while Deepshikha Singh secured the third position.
- 09 - 10 September 2022: Twenty students from our college participated in BHU Youth Parliament 2022. Shambhavi Kumari, B.A. II, received an Honorable Mention, and Vinati Pandey, B.A. III, was honored with the 'Best Delegate Award' by Mr. Temjen Imma, Minister of Higher and Technical Education.

Faculty Achievements/Awards

- Prof. Alka Singh has been facilitated on International Women's Day by Vasanta Kanya Mahavidyalaya, Kamachha, Varanasi, Kendriya Vidyalaya, Cantonment and Arya Mahila PG College, Varanasi. She was delivered a talk on "New Education Policy" on 13.09.2022 and on "Constitution" on 18 January 2023 broadcasted by All India Radio, Varanasi.
- Prof. Minakshi Biswal has been nominated as Best Educationist Award by KTK Outstanding Achievers and Education Foundation, New Delhi on 20.02.2022 and by New Global Research Foundation, Pt. Deen Dayal Upadhyay Nagar on 05.09.2022.

- Dr. Parveen Sultana was awarded Francisco De Goya Award, at S-P-A-C-E International Online Art Exhibition 2022 organized by creARTors collective, Mumbai, India and The Amrita Sher-gil Award, in National Online Art Exhibition & Competition 2022.
- Prof. Bandana Jha was honored with the prestigious 'Shabd Shilpi Samman - 2022' by Uttar Pradesh Bhasha Sansthan, Lucknow. Additionally, Government of India nominated her as a Member Delegate to attend the "12th World Hindi Conference," held in Nandi, Fiji from 15 - 17 February 2023. The University Grants Commission nominated her as a 'Member of Expert Committee' on "Development of Women's Studies in Indian Universities and Colleges in the Light of NEP 2020" on 27 April 2023.
- Dr. Sanjay Verma performed at “Kashi-Tamil-Sangamam” BHU (09.12.2022), Dhrupad Center, Kathmandu, Nepal (08.10. 2022), Kirateshwar Sangeetashram” Kathmandu, Nepal. (09 Oct 2022), 49th International Dhrupad Mela - 2023, Varanasi (15.02.2023) and Doordarshan Kendra, Varanasi on 24 May 2023.
- Dr. Sunita Arya has been nominated as member of Editorial Board of Edwin Group of Journals, M.P, India (25 September 2022)
- Dr. Vibha Singh Patel secured Third Position in 2 KM Run & Walk in Teaching Staff Category by Khelo India 10 Ka Dum Organized by University Sport Board, BHU on 17.03.2023
- Dr. Praveen Kumar Singh has been awarded Guru Excellence Award 2022 by Guru Foundation, Rohtak on 04.12.2022 and Rashtriya Shikshak Ratna Samman By Navya Foundation, Asansol, West Bengal on 07.03.2023.
- Dr. Rachana Pandey has received the ICWP Masterclass Grant (worth \$250), by The International Centre for Women Playwrights (ICWP), 501-c-3, a non profit organization, Ohio, USA.

Career Counselling and Placement Cell Activities

On September 14, 2022, A seminar on the Certificate Programme in Banking-Finance & Insurance was conducted by CENTUM Learning Ltd. Mr. Amit Kumar, Deputy Director of the Directorate of Enforcement, Ministry of Finance, Govt. of India, delivered a motivational talk on “Civil Services Examinations” on August 28, 2022. An orientation programme on “Employability Skills” was held on August 26, 2022 with Mr. Pradeep K. Kharwar from NAANDI Foundation as the speaker. From Sept. 08 -19, 2022, an Employability Skill Programme was conducted by Mahindra Pride Classroom in collaboration with Naandi Foundation. Ms. Aryama Sanyal delivered a career counselling talk on “Opportunities at the Airport” on December 17, 2022. On February 06, 2023, a seminar on “Shaping Career in the Digital Age” was organized by Prof. Mohan Srinivasan. Study at Home Pvt. Ltd., Varanasi conducted a programme on “Success Mantra” on December 21, 2022. Lastly, on February 23, 2023, Mr. Pankaj Yadav delivered a lecture on “Strategy & Planning for the preparation of UPTET/CTET”.

Activities of NCC

Throughout the year, NCC cadets actively participated in various activities aimed at their holistic development. These included sessions on the aims, objectives of NCC, national integration and awareness, drill and ceremonial drill with arms, weapon training, personality development and leadership, disaster management, social services and community development, environmental awareness and conservation, as well as map reading, among others.

- On June 5th, 2022, To celebrate the World Environment Day and to raise awareness about environmental issues and promote a pollution-free society, the NCC unit organized a plantation program. Cadets planted saplings at designated locations, contributing to a greener environment.
- To promote cycling, health benefits, pollution-free environment and stress-free lifestyle, the NCC and NSS units jointly organized the Fit India Freedom Rider Rally on June 9th, 2022.
- To celebrate the International Yoga Day on June 21st, 2022, the cadet actively participated in the event held at the Amphitheatre in BHU, spreading the message of total well-being.
- On July 26th, 2022, an interactive session on interview tips, hygiene, and grooming was conducted by NCC and NSS units for all the students of the college.
- Under the aegis of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav, in commemoration of the 75th anniversary of India's independence, the NCC and NSS units jointly celebrated the “Har Ghar Tiranga Campaign” on August 12th, 2022. This initiative involved distributing flags and creating awareness among the people.
- A patriotic cultural program was presented on August 13th, 2022 organized jointly by NCC, NSS, and the Cultural committee of the college. The program showcased the ideals of India's independence, its cultural heritage, and the spirit of unity in diversity.
- NCC cadets actively participated in the Independence Day parade held in the college on August 15th, 2022. Following the parade, the NCC cadets, along with the NSS unit, took part in a Prabhat pheri to commemorate the occasion.
- To celebrate the National Nutrition Month, the NCC cadets, along with the Alumni Association of the college, organized a slogan and poster writing competition and a nutrition rally at Namohat on September 20th, 2022. The aim was to educate women about the importance of nutrition.
- On October 31st, 2022, to celebrate Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel's birth anniversary as National Unity Day, the NCC and NSS units organized a "Run for Unity" program.
- Janjatiya Gaurav Diwas was celebrated on November 15th, 2022. The event included debate, painting, and essay writing competitions.
- On December 10th, 2023, newly admitted students of the college were informed and enrolled in the NCC. Due to a delayed session start, the admissions in NCC were also delayed. A total of 87 students were enrolled after physical test.
- National Women's Day was celebrated by NCC wing on February 13th, 2023. A Nukkad Natak (street play) on women empowerment was performed and a rally was organized from the college to Namohat, where cadets enacted the Nukkad Natak, captivating the audience..

Environment Club Activities

- May - June 2023: A Story Writing Competition **Nature on Centre Stage 4.0** on “An Escape into The Nature” organized By Environment Club alongwith Dept. of English and Pitara Club: A School of Happiness.

- 18 Nov. & 03 December 2022: “Walk & Talk (series)” for a walk through K trail to the Downhill (No. 1), organised by Environment Club, Vasanta College for Women, Rajghat, Varanasi
- 16 September 2022: An Awareness Programme on “Ecokaari’s Upcycling Initiative, Ecokaari Plastic Offset and Livelihoods Generation Program”, organised by Environment Club. The facilitator in the programme was Ms. Shivalika Mohan.
- 30 July 2022: “You & I Fundraising Event” was organised by Environment Club in association with Pitara: School of Happiness and Institutional Social Responsibility Cell.
- 5 June 2022: On World Environment Day, a Plantation Programme “Each One Plant One” was organised jointly by Environment Club, Department of English and Pitara: School of Happiness.
- 5 May 2022: An online Quiz Competition “Nature through the Lens” was organised by Environment Club in collaboration with Pitara Club: School of Happiness and Photography Club. Winners were Pratiksha Kumari, BA, II Year, (Economics), Purnendu Kumari, (B.Ed), Priya Singh (M.Ed) and Ms. Beauty Singh, BA II Year (French).
- 2 May 2022: “The Logo Making Contest” for the Environment Club was organised by Environment Club.
- 26 April 2022: “Online Quiz on Environmental Awareness” was organised by Environment Club.

Photography Club Activities

- 15 August 2022: On Independence Day, under the aegis of Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav, A photography Contest on “Indian Flag from Various angles in different spaces” was organised by Photography Club. Winners is Zainab Ansari, MA, I Year, English
- 5 May 2022: An online Quiz Competition “Nature through the Lens” was organised jointly by Photography Club, Environment Club and Pitara Club: School of Happiness. Winners were Pratiksha Kumari, BA, II Year, (Economics), Purnendu Kumari, (B.Ed), Priya Singh (M.Ed) and Ms. Beauty Singh, BA II Year (French).

Spectrum LGBTQIA+ Club Activities

- 10-15 April 2023: A five day online Add-on Course on “Gender Sensitisation: Towards a Humane Understanding of LGBTQ Identities” under the aegis of Dept. of English and Spectrum LGBTQIA+ Club.

Pitara Club Activities

- May - June 2023: A Story Writing Competition Nature on Centre Stage 4.0 on “An Escape into The Nature” organized By Pitara Club: A School of Happiness in association with Environment Club and Dept. of English.
- 08 September 2022: On World Literacy Day, an event “Just in a Minute” was organised by Pitara Club. The event was judged by Prof. Sanjeev Kumar, Head, Dept. of History, VCW.

- 30 July 2022: “You & I Fundraising Event” was organised by Environment Club in association with Pitara: School of Happiness and Institutional Social Responsibility Cell.
- 05 June 2022: On World Environment Day, a Plantation Programme "Each One Plant One" was organised jointly by Pitara Club: School of Happiness in collaboration with Environment Club and Dept. of English.
- 05 May 2022: An online contest on “Thoughts Over Your Favourite Drink” was organized on Instagram Page of Pitara. 10 Best Entries were shared as Post on Pitara Page.

The Enabling Cell Activity

During the session 2022-2023, the Enabling Cell at Vasanta College for Women made significant efforts to support students with visual impairments in their academic pursuits. To enhance accessibility and provide technological solutions to students with disabilities, the Enabling Cell signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Saksham Trust, a non-profit organization based in New Delhi. The Enabling Cell initiated the Accessible Book Creation Volunteer Project in collaboration with the Trust. This project had two primary objectives: raising awareness among faculty and students about the needs of students with disabilities and converting various books used in different subjects into an accessible format. The cell organized sensitization programs for teachers and students on 28 March 2022 and 07 April 2022, respectively. The events featured esteemed speakers, Mr. Dipendra Manocha (Founder Trustee, Saksham Trust), and Ms. Sreeja Paramsvaran (Project Manager, Saksham Trust). Through the event, student volunteers were invited to join the project. Through Saksham's digital portal, these dedicated volunteers converted multiple books from various fields such as English, Economics, and Education into an accessible format. The project was completed in two phases, with Saksham subsequently uploading the converted books onto the national digital library for individuals with print disabilities.

In an ongoing effort to create an inclusive environment for students with disabilities, the Enabling Cell took another significant step by signing an MoU with the Centre for Disability Research and Training, Kirori Mal College, University of Delhi, on 24th November 2022. This collaboration aimed to identify the challenges faced by students with disabilities within the college and work towards finding effective solutions for them. These initiatives by the Enabling Cell exemplify the college's commitment to promoting inclusivity and providing necessary support to students with disabilities, ensuring equal opportunities for their academic success.

Sports Activities

The Annual Sports Day was celebration alongwith the inauguration of the Synthetic Court (Basketball, Lawn Tennis, and Badminton) was done on 28 February 2023. Mr. Vibhor Bhriguvanshi, a renowned coach with national and international experience was the chief guest for the event. Various sports activities such as Yoga, Zumba, Pyramid formation, and Taekwondo were organized to encourage students about physical fitness. The students were awarded with gold, silver, and bronze medals for their outstanding performance.

In the Block Level Rural Sports Tournament held on 2nd September 2022, Akanksha Pal (BA, II Year), Kajal Paswan (BA, II Year), Tarushee Gupta (BA III Year), Mariyam Fatima (BA III Year), Saumya Dubey (BA, II Year), and Ankita Kumari (BA, III Yer) secured first position in volleyball tournament. In the District Level Rural Sports Tournament held on 7th September 2022, they secured the second position. Moving on to the University Level, our college students undergo selection trials organized by BHU and often get selected to participate in various sports activities organized by the university. Ms.

Kamakshi Pandey (B.Com I Year) participated in the All India Inter-University Karate Tournament organized by Atal Bihari Vajpayee Vishwavidyalaya, Bilaspur, Chhattisgarh, from 17 - 22 January 2023 and secured 6th position. Ms. Saumya Kumari represented BHU in the Inter-University East Zone competition for Handball organized by the University of Science and Technology, Meghalaya, from 28 - 31 January 2023.

Library

The college has a well-equipped library to cater the academic needs of its students, faculty, and staff members. The library's collection covers a wide range of subjects, including Education, History, A.I.H.C., Home Science, Sociology, Psychology, Music, Painting, Economics, Commerce, Political Science, Philosophy, Culture, Sanskrit, English, Hindi, Urdu and French Literature. The library's collection is regularly updated to ensure that the users have access to the latest and most relevant resources. Located in the heart of the campus, the library consists of different sections, including the Acquisition Section, Technical Section, Circulation Section, Reference Section, Periodical Section, Textbook Section, Digital Library, Reading Room and Photocopy Section. The library offers various services to its users, such as a digital library, reading room and photocopy section, to facilitate research and learning. The management strives to maintain a conducive environment for learning and provides ample resources and facilities to help its users achieve their academic goals.

The library offers membership to all students, faculty members, staff members and research scholars providing them with bar-coded library membership cards. With the support of trained professionals, the library serves the information needs of over 3,000 users. Its operating hours are from 10:00 am to 05:00 pm. As on March 31, 2023, the library boasts a collection of 48,090 books and 16 CDs/DVDs. The book collection covers various categories, including general books, fiction and leisure books, textbooks, language books, reference books, and competitive books. Additionally, the library subscribes 52 journals, 7 magazines and 12 newspapers. Through NLIST, Digital Library Consortium and INFLIBNET, the library provides access to over 6,150 e-journals and 3,164,309 e-books. Users are registered in the National Digital Library of India (NDLI), which provide a convenient single-window search for all digital resources. Library operations are automated using SLIM21, encompassing Circulation, Cataloguing, and OPAC modules for efficient housekeeping. Users can easily find the latest book additions, check the status of books (issued/on-shelf), and view their own overdue books. The SLIM21 OPAC allows users to search the Library Catalogue by authors, titles, subjects, and keywords. The library collection is fully bar-coded, facilitating smooth circulation and user-friendly transactions. The library staff members regularly assist newly admitted students in utilizing information resources. A dedicated section for the digital library is equipped with 41 computers for accessing open-source publications and e-resources. Photocopy services are also available at nominal charges, with a single photocopying machine. To prevent data loss and disruption caused by power failures, the library has installed a 10 KVA inverter to provide backup power to all computers. Wi-Fi facilities, printers, and scanners are also provided for user convenience. In terms of security, the library is equipped with 8 CCTV cameras to monitor and minimize any unwanted activities. Furthermore, the college library recently organized the User Education Programme and Computer Literacy Programme from 30 January 2023 to 3 February 2023, specifically targeting first-year students of B.A., B.Com., B.Ed., M.A., and M.Ed. programs.

Fellowship/Scholarship

Rashtriya Sanskrit Sansthan, New Delhi has also given scholarship to our students. Following Research Scholars have been awarded national fellowships from different National Funding Agencies.

S.No.	Name of	Subject	Name of Fellowship	Funding Agency
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	Research Scholar			
1	Sima Saren	English	Junior Research Fellowship	UGC, 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	1000/- each	55
2	Vasanta College Scholarship	1000/- each	31
4	Prema Srinivasan Scholarship	5000/- each	07
5	Prakash Narayan Shukla and Madhuri Shukla Scholarship (for the students of English)	7500/- each	02
6	B.Ed. Meritorious Students Scholarship	2600/- each	02
8	Dar Sahab Scholarship	500/- each	02
9	Roy Chaudhary Scholarship (Music – Vocal)	500/- each	01
10	Giri Scholarship	500/- each	01
11	Jahnavi Vasudev Scholarship (Sanskrit)	5000/- each	02
12	Dr. Deepti Pande Scholarship (History)	5000/- each	02
13	College scholarship for Employee Ward	5000/- each	04
14	Smt. Jayati Chatterjee Scholarship	5000/- each	02
15	Dr. Deepti Pande Scholarship	10,000/- each	02
16	Dr. Manju Wahi Scholarship	5000/- each	04
17	Dr. Sujata Saha Scholarship	1600/- each	02

Retirement

Prof. Rita Shah and Prof. Shashikala Tripathi were retired after completing the Superannuating age.

Death of Staff

In the session, Dr. Lalita Arora, Former Lecturer in the Department of History passed away, an irreparable loss to the family of the college. May her soul rest in peace.