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ABOUT THE COLLEGE

Vasanta College for Women, Krishnamurti Foundation India, Rajghat maintains its rich legacy for more than hundred years. It is one of the oldest institutions of Varanasi. The college is situated in the premises of Krishnamurti Foundation India, at the confluence of river Ganga and Varuna. The college has a picturesque campus and a natural environment on the banks of river Ganga. It is located in the close vicinity of the famous excavation site and archaeological mounds of Rajghat. It is in between two famous Ghats: Adi Keshava and newly constructed NaMo/Khidkiya. A women's college, established prior to Independence on 7 July 1913 by Dr. Annie Besant who was a leading figure of the Indian National Movement and a pioneer in envisioning the need of education for women, especially in India. The college is admitted to the privileges of Banaras Hindu University, recognized by UGC under sections 12B and 2(f). The college runs under the aegis of Krishnamurti Foundation India, a world renowned foundation, devoted to the cause of education. Based on J. Krishnamurti's teachings, the college remains committed to developing creative and critical thinking, nurturing innovation and excellence through education with a focus on the holistic growth of the students.

CONCEPT NOTE

India is land of diversities, evolved out of centuries of complex historical events. The processes of cultural survival and migrations over centuries have contributed to a diverse socio cultural and pluralist Indian society. While diversity is a culturally enriching factor, social and economic disparities, and conflicting socio cultural conditions are also disturbing realities of such a society. This demands that a pluralistic and inclusive culture is fostered among its citizens conducive for harmonious and sustainable future.

A deeper understanding of pluralistic nature of Indian society is mandated. Education needs to foster a pluralistic culture conducive to enhancing the educational experiences of all students. Curriculum needs to take into account of the diverse needs and pluralist backgrounds of learners. This requires vast changes in educational policies, teachers' attitudes, instructional materials, assessment methods, and teaching styles.

Pluralism is a socio political philosophy which acknowledges the right to diversity of all linguistic, religious and cultural varieties. Pluralistic concepts support attitudes of openness, tolerance and understanding towards the cultures, social structures and values of different communities. Pluralism in education attempts to embrace religious, philosophical and pedagogical diversity, their commitments and interests in the nurturing of next generation. It advocates a complete transformation of the educational practices in which a conscious effort is to deconstruct what we have been taught to think, believe, and teach and reconstruct newer perspectives.

The proposed national seminar aims at national discourse and dialogue on *Cultural Diversity, Pluralism and Education in Indian Contexts : the Continuity, Challenges and the Road Ahead*. The seminar shall contribute towards providing a platform for academicians to share their views and thoughts on the educational imperatives and challenges in a pluralistic Indian society. The overall objective of the seminar would be to develop an interdisciplinary understanding of pluralism in contemporary India and suggest reforms in education to address it.

Sub themes of the seminar are:

- * Understanding Diversity and Pluralistic Composition of Indian Society : Historical and Social Perspectives.
- * Pluralism: Philosophical, Political, Religious and Educational Perspectives.
- * Pluralism and Education in Contemporary Scenario.
- * Educational Pluralism: The Policy Perspective.
- * Pluralism vis-a vis Multi-culturalism in Education.
- * Pluralism and Curriculum Concerns at different levels of Education.
- * Pluralism in Education: Pedagogical Approaches and Educational Practices.
- * Multi Media and ICT in Pedagogy for Pluralism.
- * Pluralism and Education: Cross Cultural Competence, Social Tolerance and Cohesiveness.
- * Pluralism in Education : National Integration & Development.
- * Pluralism in Education for Inclusive Society.
- * Pluralism and Education: Gender Perspectives.
- * Pluralism and Education : Conflict Resolution and World Peace.

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