

**Vasant Kanya Mahavidyalaya
Kamachha, Varanasi
Annual Report**

2016-17

Founded on the educational principles of the great visionary, Dr. Annie Besant, and situated in the midst of the scenic surroundings of the Indian Chapter of the Theosophical Society at Kamachha, Vasant Kanya Mahavidyalaya has been striving ahead in the field of women education for the past 60 years. Established in 1954 and adopting the motto "Education as Service", it seeks to develop the overall personality of its students as well as instill discipline and respect for values in them. At the undergraduate level, 14 subjects are taught in Arts and Social Sciences discipline. Postgraduate and Ph.D. courses are run in 5 subjects (Hindi, English, Home Science, Sociology & Psychology). Through inter-faculty and research studies, the College is marching ahead continuously in making a name for itself in the field of women education.

NAAC Visit

The NAAC Peer Team visited the College on 10th – 11th April, 2017 for its second cycle of reaccreditation. The team consisted of three experts comprising one Ex-Vice Chancellor. The team inspected the college for two days and interacted with faculty, students, alumni, office personnel, and other stakeholders. The College was accredited 'A' by NAAC. The Committee recommended introduction of more PG courses, skill oriented and job oriented courses along with inter-disciplinary and value added programmes. It also recommended the expansion of infrastructure for the academic and administrative development of the College.

Academic Achievements –

In the academic session 2016-17, 1215 students were enrolled in the undergraduate courses, 296 students in Post-graduate courses. In UG, 1208 students and in PG, 286 students appeared for the semester end examinations.

The College runs two certificate courses in Fashion Designing and Spoken English. This session 18 students were enrolled in Fashion Designing course and 3 students were enrolled in Spoken English course.

This session 5 new Research Scholars have been enrolled, one in Department of Home Science and 4 in Department of Sociology. At present the total number of research scholars is 60.

Scholarships, Medal and Prizes –

Each year, prestigious scholarships and gold medal awarded by alumni and retired teachers of the College, are given to meritorious students. During 2016-17, the following prizes and scholarships were given to 32 students-

S.No.	Scholarship Name	Students Name	Class	Subject
1.	Late Leelawati Devi Smriti Puraskar	Prachi Verma	B.A. III	Psychology
		Kavita Srivastava	B.A. III	Home Science
2.	Late Ramti Devi & Dr. Balkrishna Dubey Smriti Puraskar	Nandini	B.A. III	Philosophy
		Soumya Gupta	B.A. III	Philosophy
3.	Late Sushil Narayan Dubey Smriti Scholarship	Aayusha Soni	B.A. III	Economics
		Mansi	B.A. III	Economics
4.	Rani Smt. Lokeshwari Devi Smriti Puraskar	Ruhi Begum	B.A. III	Home Science
5.	Triveni Devi and Kishori Raman Prasad Memorial Prize	Astha Jaiswal	B.A. I	Political Science
6.	Late Ramnath Vyas	Nidhi Tiwari	B.A. II	Economics

	Scholarship	Nidhi Maurya	B.A. II	History
7.	Late Prabha Ramnath Vyas Scholarship	Surabhi Bajoria	M.A. II	Home Science
8.	Late Mangal Pandey Scholarship	Swati Sneha	B.A. II	Social Science
9.	Roop Narayan Attrey Memorial Scholarship	Priyanka Singh	B.A. II	Arts
10.	Late MV Kalvint Smriti Puraskar	Deepika Upadhyay	B.A. III	Music (Vocal)
11	Fellowship for Peace & Learning	Megha Motwani	B.A. III	Psychology
		Deepika Kumari	B.A. I	Sociology
		Urvashee Pandey	B.A. III	Political Science
		Kanchan Kumari	B.A. II	Sociology
		Richa Tiwari	B.A. III	Psychology
		Diksha Kumari	B.A. III	Psychology
		Ritika Pandey	B.A. III	Economics
		Priti Gupta	B.A. III	Economics
		Anchal Sindhiya	B.A. III	Psychology
		Priya	B.A. I	Home Science
12	Pt. Radheshyam Sharma Scholarship	Richa Tiwari	B.A. III	Psychology
		Kajal. Tiwari	B.A. III	Hindi
13	Smt. S.K. Dar Scholarship	Km. Sangeeta Pal	B.A. I	AIHC
		Km. Swati Sneha	B.A. II	Economics
		Km. Manpreet Kaur	B.A. III	Psychology
14	Smt. Savitri Srivastava Punya Smriti Puraskar	Km. Supriya Mishra	B.A. III	Hindi
		Km. Ankita Tripathi	B.A. III	Hindi
15	Smt Radha Sinha Memorial Scholarship	Km. Suryanshi Garg	B.A. III	AIHC
16.	Late Laldhari Pathak Smriti Puraskar	Km. Supriya Mishra	B.A. III	Hindi

The 99th Convocation of BHU was organized on 16 January, 2017. Following students were awarded BHU Gold Medal.

- Supriya Mishra for securing highest marks in Hindi.
- Neha Verma for securing highest marks in English.
- Swati Yadav for scoring highest marks in Sanskrit.

COLLEGE LIBRARY

This session 842 books were added in the library, out of which 712 were text books and 130 reference books. At present, the total number of books in the library is 25565 (23753 text books and 1812 reference books). Apart from this, the library has 11 journals, 20 magazines, 8 daily newspapers, 2 weekly newspapers and 79 CDs. The teachers can access e-journals through NLIST by INFLIBNET.

The library has been fully automated and uses customized programme LIBSYS. After full automation, the titles of books in the library can be easily accessed by the students through computers from anywhere in

the college. This has helped in saving the time and energy of the students which was earlier used to access the books manually. In the Reading Room of the Library, Xerox facility is available. Also computers with Wi-Fi connections are accessible to the students to enhance knowledge in concerned fields.

This session two book fairs were organized on 27-28 September, 2016 and 6-8 December, 2016.

COLLEGE MAGAZINE “VASANTSHREE”

The college takes the responsibility to groom the literary abilities of its students. It annually publishes a magazine entitled *Vasantshree*, which is the manifestation of the creative abilities of the students. Besides this, students are encouraged to put interesting materials on display on the notice boards placed at different places in the college campus. This serves as ready wall-magazines for the students.

This session 32nd edition of “Vasantshree” was published. Like every year there was substantial participation of students. In all 65 articles were contributed by the students, which comprised 20 articles and 45 poems.

LECTURES

Various lectures, workshops and visits were organized, both at the UG and PG levels, to impart latest information to the students and to spread awareness regarding the recent trends so as to enlighten and empower them in their academic pursuits.

The College organized a lecture by Prof. R.C.Tampi, Member, Theosophical Society on the topic *Art of Making Conscious Choice* on 20.10.2016.

Department of AIHC & Arch.

Department of AIHC & Archaeology conducted many curricular and co-curricular activities for the benefit of the students. Subject related documentary films were shown to the students and inter-disciplinary discussions helped them enhance their knowledge.

- Students of B.A. III year attended a lecture on *Bhakti : A Shramanic Study* on 15.02.2017 in the Dept. of Archaeology, BHU. The resource person was Prof. Jaimal Rai.
- Group Discussion on *Comparative Study of Administrative Pattern* was conducted on 6.03.2017.
- Students of B.A. III year enacted a Nukkad Natak in Sarnath on 16.02.2017 on the theme “Heritage Awareness”.

Department of English

- A lecture on *A Comparative Study of Indian and Western Aesthetics* was organized on 14.9.2016 . The resource person was Prof. R.N.Rai, former Head, Deptt. of English, BHU.
- A lecture on *Introducing American Literature* was organized on 15.09.2016. The resource person was Prof. Sanjay Kumar, Deptt. of English, BHU.
- A lecture on *Post-Modern Literary Theory* was organized on 23.01.2017. The resource person was Prof. Anita Singh, Deptt. of English, BHU.

Department of English organized a Seminar on *Relevance of Literature* on 28.02.2017 which covered three aspects – “Women in Literature”; “Nature in Literature”; “Literature in New Religion”. In all 80 students presented their papers in the seminar. The programme was judged by Dr. Bina Singh, Dr. Niharika Lal, Dr. Rajesh Verma, Dr. Supriya Singh and Ms. Purnima. The programme was coordinated by Ms. Shrija Tiwari.

Department of Economics

- A lecture on *Black Money: A Threat to Indian Economy* was organized on 18.10.16. The speaker was Dr. Mayank Singh, Asst. Professor, Deptt. of Economics, BHU.
- A lecture on *वस्तु सेवा कर* by Prof. R.K.Bhatt, was organized on 25.02.2017.

- A lecture on ***Demonetization*** was organized on 28.02.2017. The speaker was Dr. Pankaj Soni, Asst. Professor, Deptt. of Economics, BHU.

Department of Home Science

Keeping in view the need of the curriculum as well as enhancing the skill of the students, various lectures, and workshops were organized by the Department of Home Science in the session 2016-17.

National Nutrition Week was celebrated from 1-7 September, 2016.

- A lecture on ***Malnutrition free India*** was organized on 7.9.2016. The resource person was Prof. C.P.Mishra, IMS, BHU.
- A lecture on ***Textile Testing and Quality Control*** was organized on 21.10.2016. The resource person was Mr. Biman Ray, IICT, Bhadohi.
- A lecture on ***Woven Fabric Analysis*** was organized on 15.11.2016. The resource person was Mr. O.P.Mishra, IIHT, Varanasi.
- A lecture cum demonstration on ***Graphic Design*** was held on 03.01.17 and 04.01.2017. Mr. V.K. Agrawal, Assistant Director, Northern Indian Textile Research Association (NITRA), Varanasi was the resource person.

Department of Hindi

A lecture on ***मुक्तिबोध की कविता*** was organized on 09.02.2017. The speaker was Dr. Sadanand Shahi, Deptt. of Hindi, BHU.

Department of History

1. A lecture on ***British Influence on Indian Renaissance*** was organized on 04.02.2017. The speaker was Dr. Mamta Bhatnagar, Deptt. of History, BHU.
2. A lecture on ***आज़ादी के पश्चात् भारतवर्ष में राष्ट्रवाद के बदलते परिदृश्य*** was organized on 03.03.2017. The speaker was Dr. Rakesh Pandey, Deptt. of History, BHU.

Department of Music

A lecture demonstration session was organized on ***प्रचलित रागों का प्रयोग सहित व्याख्यान***. Prof. Virendra Nath Misra, Dean, Faculty of Performing Arts, BHU was the resource person.

Department of Painting

1. A demonstration on the art of painting was organized on 22.02.2017 by Sri Anand Kumar, Faculty of Visual Arts, BHU.
2. A ***Painting Exhibition*** to showcase the creative work of students and teachers was organized on 23.02.2017.

Department of Political Science

1. A lecture on ***Rising Political Violence: Relevance of Gandhi*** was organized on 04.03.2017. Prof. Sonali Singh, Department of Political Science, BHU was the resource person.
2. A lecture on ***73rd Amendment with special reference to Chirai Gaon Block*** was organized on 31.03.2017. Dr. Kumud Ranjan, Department of Sociology, VKM was the resource person.

Department of Philosophy

1. A lecture on ***न्याय वैशेषिक दर्शन में प्रमाण*** was organized on 19.10.2016. Dr. Kamala Pandey, Retd. Associate Professor, Department of Sanskrit, VKM was the resource person.
2. A lecture on ***“विवेकानन्द का व्यावहारिक वेदान्त विषय”*** was organized on 17.02.2017. Prof. Devbrata Chaubey, SVDV, BHU was the resource person.

Department of Psychology

Throughout the session 2016-17, the Department of Psychology has endeavored to expose both B.A. & M.A. students to a variety of co-curricular activities, including guest lectures by eminent resource persons, educational and industry-academic interface visits and participation in Internship programmes in mental hospitals in different cities. Not only have these activities resulted in enhancing better understanding of the study courses, but also constituted an invaluable supplement to formal teaching, fostering motivation and interest beyond classroom learning:

1. A lecture on *Application of Additional Processes* was organized on 17.9.2016. Dr. Trayambak Tiwari, Asst Prof., BHU was the resource person.
2. A lecture on *Experimental Design in Psychology* was organized on 26.10.2016. Dr. Tushar Singh, Asst. Prof., BHU was the resource person.
3. A lecture on *Brain Imaging Technique* was organized on 26.10.2016. Dr. Yogesh Arya, Assistant. Prof., BHU was the resource person.
4. A lecture on *Rehabilitation Psychology* was organized on 28.02.2017. Dr. Usha Rani Verma, Clinical Psychologist was the resource person.
5. A lecture on *Neuro-cognitive Rehabilitation* was organized on 07.03.2017. Dr. Jay Kumar Ranjan was the resource person.
6. A lecture on *Positive Psychology* was organized on 23.03.2017. Prof. R.C.Mishra, BHU, was the resource person.

Students of B.A. II year, M.A. I and II year, attended 3-4 weeks internship programmes in Clinical Psychology. They were trained to prepare case-history, diagnostic techniques and counseling therapy. The cities covered were Lucknow, Varanasi, Ranchi and Guwahati.

Department of Sanskrit

1. A lecture on *संस्कृत साहित्य में छन्दोधारा* was organized on 15.02.2017. Prof. Dhananjay Kumar Pandey, Head, Vaidik Darshan Vibhag, SVDV, was the resource person.
2. A lecture on *भारतीय दर्शन में प्रमाण* by Dr. Kamla Pandey on 19.10.2016.
3. Students of the Department participated in Group Discussion held on 07.09.2016.
4. Four Students participated in *Kalidas Sholka Antakshari* conducted by Jnana-Pravaha, Varanasi.
5. Two Students participated in the *Shlok recitation Competition* organized in Sankat Mochan.

Department of Sociology

1. A lecture on *Historicism and Empiricism* was organized on 04.11.2016. Prof. P.N. Pandey, Deptt. of Sociology, BHU, was the resource person.
2. A lecture on *Land Reforms* was organized on 28.01.2017. Dr. Indu Upadhyay, Assistant Prof., Deptt. of Economics was the resource person.
3. A lecture on *Evaluation Land Reforms* was organized on 31.01.2017. Dr. Indu Upadhyay, Deptt. of Economics the resource person.
4. A lecture on *S-R Theory and Learning* was organized on 21.02.2017. Dr. Sudha Srivastava, Associate Prof., Deptt of Psychology, was the resource person.
5. A lecture on *Post Modernity and its Consequences* was organized on 03.03.2017. Prof. A.K. Kaul, Deptt. of Sociology, BHU was the resource person.
6. A lecture on *Tabulation & Graphical Presentation of Data* was organized on 31.03.17. Dr. Vijay Kumar, Assistant Professor, Deptt. of Economics was the resource person.

CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Student Advisory & Discipline Committee

The following activities were organized by Student Advisory & Discipline Committee in order to develop the personality of the students:

- 1) Km. Shrija Tiwari of B.A. II (Eng. Hons.) participated in the Banaras Youth Parliament held on Dec 28-29, 2016. She was a member of the AIPPM Committee as a representative of an NGO called Pratham Foundation and was given the High Commendation Award. The event was held at Dharendra Mahila P.G. College, Varanasi.
- 2) A lecture on *Feel better today, stay healthy tomorrow* was organized on 03.03.2017. The speaker was Dr. Garima Upadhyay, Assistant Professor, Deptt. of Home Science, VKM. The lecture was organized in order to inculcate healthy food habits among the students. An attempt was made to spread awareness of the adverse effects of junk food, the two varied spectrum of malnutrition of adolescents, the key concept of healthy diet and ways to improve and adopt healthy dietary practices was emphasised. Students were informed about methods of assessment of obesity (like BMI, waist-hip ratio etc.)
- 3) A lecture on *Drug Abuse and Drug Addiction*, by Dr. Kalpana Anand, Asst. Professor, Department of Sociology was held on 6.3.17, focussing on the various kind of drugs available, causes leading to the taking of drugs, its ill consequences etc. The speaker also gave suggestions as to how drug abuse can be avoided.
- 4) Twenty five students of the college participated in 12 events of "Vividha", an inter-college youth festival held on February, 05, 2017 at Sunbeam College for Women, Bhagwanpur, Varanasi. They won third prizes in Nukkad Natak, Business Plan, Debate and Painting and Ms. Bhagyashree Ghosh (B.A. III, Eng. Hons) won first prize in extempore speech and Youth Icon award.
- 5) A programme on cleanliness was organized in the College in collaboration with "JICA" (Ganga Action Plan), Nagar Nigam, Varanasi and the NSS units of the College on February 07, 2017. The students were addressed by the City Commissioner, Shri Hari Pratap Shahi, Shri Sunil Jagi and other members of the Nagar Nigam team and encouraged to participate in the cleanliness drive by downloading the Swachhata App as well spreading awareness around them. The programme was attended by Prof. Sushila Singh, Manager, VKM, Principal Dr. Rachna Srivastava and faculty members.

Workshop on *An Introduction to Theosophy*

A workshop on *An Introduction to Theosophy* was held on 20.03.17. This workshop was the first in the series of three workshops on the topic. Principal, Dr. Rachna Srivastava designed the workshop keeping in mind the objective of introducing young fellow colleagues and students, to the concept and principles of Theosophy. The proceedings of the workshop witnessed the graceful presence of Sri S. Sundaram, President BEF; Sri Pradeep Gohil, General Secretary, Theosophical Society; Smt. Manju Sundaram and Dr. Abha Srivastava; Prof. Sushila Singh, Manager VKM.

The workshop was structured in three sessions. First session had two lectures. Prof. Sushila Singh and Dr. Abha Srivastava respectively spoke about the principles of Theosophy, which are: (a) Universal brotherhood; (b) Comparative study of Religion and Science & (c) to know the latent powers hidden in man and nature. Prof Sushila Singh said that the three principles of Theosophy are inter-connected as the ultimate aim of it is to investigate, analyze and empower nature in order to maintain inner unity in the visible diversity of the world. She said that the scientific branches and different philosophical schools that emerged from time to time unfolded this inherent unity in their discussions. Religious Systems were also meant to channelize human efforts towards understanding the basic concept of oneness of souls. But when we fail to learn this underlying objective of all sciences, philosophies and religions, an imbalanced approach emerges which disturbs the realm of absolute coherence in nature. She focused on the role of Theosophy which emphasized on comparative study of different cultural beliefs to uncover the unlimited powers of Mother Nature and its beautiful creation 'humans'. She suggested some books to the students for further reading.

Dr. Abha Srivastava said that students should be introduced to a habit of learning Theosophical principles. It may evolve them into a tolerant, civilized and compassionate global citizen. She said that Theosophy believes in the synchronization among souls. World suffers most when this rhythmic chain breaks.

To ensure peace of mind and harmony in all worldly orders, every soul has to practice to see the same soul existent in the body of its neighbor.

In the post lunch session, students interacted with the General Secretary T.S, Mr. Pradeep Gohil; President B.E.F, Sri S.Sundaram and eminent vocalist and an ardent follower of Theosophy, Smt Manju Sundaram. Mr. Gohil detailed the circumstances in which Madam Blavatsky held the flag of Theosophy through her much controversial publication 'The Secret Doctrine'. Her marching against religious dogmatism and chauvinism was not welcomed by the world but she, together with Col. Olcott and Mrs. Besant kept on courting liberation for the spirited world. Citing various quotes from every-day life, Mrs Sundaram suggested solution to the students regarding their problems with Theosophical insight. The discussion also included meaning and message of Theosophical symbolism.

The workshop witnessed participation of 25 students who registered and took the membership of Theosophical Society, India. Asked about the impact of the workshop on their personality, they said that 'it gave them an insight into the reading and understanding of all religions. They felt matured and tolerant towards the beliefs of all and felt an increased amount of compassion for citizens of the globe. The successful completion of the first phase of the workshop also enriched faculty members of the college.

Following workshops were conducted by various departments in the session 2016-17:

Department of AIHC & Archaeology

- Students of B.A. II & III year of Department of AIHC & Archaeology participated in a workshop entitled *Creating Heritage Awareness and Volunteerism* organized by INTACH on 21.10.2016.

Department of Home Science

- A workshop on *Skill up-gradation programme for deaf and dumb students* was conducted on 8.9.2016.
- A two day workshop on *Development of accessories by patwa work & paper cutting technique* was conducted on 28-29.9.16. Ms. Arpita Rai was the resource person.
- A workshop on *Pattern Grading* was organized on 21.01.17. Ms. Ranjita Keshari, Institute of Professional Studies (IPS), Allahabad was the resource person.
- A workshop on *Folk Art* was organized on 11.02.2017. Dr. Shrishti Purwar, Faculty, IPZS, Allahabad was the resource person.
- A workshop on *Tuffed Weaving* was organized on 17,18,24 and 25 March, 2017.

Department of Music (Instrumental)

- A workshop on *सितार का ध्वनि शास्त्र* by Sri Radheyshyam Sharma was conducted on 30.03.2016.
- A workshop on *विभागीय गतिविधियों से सम्बन्धित भित्ति चित्रों पर चर्चा* by Dr. Meenu Pathak, Associate Professor was conducted on 06.04.2017.

Department of Sociology

- A workshop on *Crime in India* was organized on 03.03.2017. Dr. Kalpana Anand, Assistant Professor, Dept. of Sociology, was the resource person.

Educational Tours

- ❖ Students of B.A. III year of Department of AIHC & Archaeology, visited Sarnath and Gurudham on 16.02.2017 and 02.02.2017 respectively.
- ❖ Students of B.A. and M.A. of Department of Hindi visited Lamhi village, birth place of Munshi Premchand on 25.01.2017.
- ❖ Students of Department of Home Science visited Bimal Chandra Ghosh Memorial Deaf and Dumb school on 27.02.2017.
- ❖ Students of B.A. II and III year of Department of History visited Sarnath.
- ❖ Students of B.A. Final and M.A. Final Sociology visited SAARC NGO on 28.01.2017.
- ❖ Students of B.A. Painting (Hons.) visited Faculty of Visual Arts, BHU, on 6.2.2017.

- ❖ Students of M.A I year and B.A. III year of Department of Psychology visited Diesel Locomotive Works, on 17.09.2016.
- ❖ Students of M.A. I year and II year of Department of Psychology, visited *Deva International Society for Child Care*, Baijnatha, Varanasi on 14.2.2017.
- ❖ Students of M.A. II year, Psychology and B.A. III year, Economics visited Parle-G Factory, Ramnagar and Propel Plastic Industries, Ramnagar on 16.2.2017.
- ❖ Students of Department of Political Science visited Chiraigaon Block and Narayanpur Village and learned about the working of Village Panchayat and Local Bodies.
- ❖ Students of Department of Sanskrit visited Jnana Pravaha on 18.02.2017.

SARJANA

Sarjana is the creative forum of the College, which chisels and shapes the creativity of the students. In the session 2016-17, Sarjana was organized in two phases. First phase was conducted from 23-26 September, 2016 and the second phase on 27.01.17, 11.02.17 and 13.02.17. Different competitions such as – mehndi, poster, poetry, speech, quiz, collage making, debate, turn coat, essay writing, solo song, mono-acting, skit, dance competitions were held. About 450 students participated in these events and 170 students won prizes.

The concluding session of *Sarjana* was organized on 21.03.2017. It commenced with the performance of students of Music Deptt. which was followed by a motivating address by the Principal. Sarjana Report was presented by Dr. Shubhra Sinha. Students presented various programmes like dance, mimicry and group songs. Prizes were given to students for their performances. Bhagyashree was declared “Sarjana Queen”, “Sarjana Spirit” was awarded to Ms. Suryanshi Garg and “Vishisht Sarjana” award was given to Ms. Anjali Bind. B.A. II year students won the running shield.

SPANDAN

The Youth Festival ‘Spandan 2017’ was organized from 26-30 March, 2017, in which 100 students of College participated in 29 events. The results of Spandan are as follows:

<u>Prize</u>	<u>Events</u>
First	Expressions
Second	Light Vocal Solo, Classical Solo, Turn Coat
Third	Mehndi, Hindi Essay, Creative Dance

ALUMNI MEET “AVARTAN”

The 12th alumni meet *Avartan* was held on 22 March, 2017. The programme commenced with garlanding of the picture of Dr. Annie Besant by the Manager, Prof. Sushila Singh and Principal, Dr. Rachna Srivastava. Thereafter, the Principal welcomed the alumni and informed them about the newly designed College website. She also informed about the activities of the College throughout the year. College Magazine “Vasantshree” was distributed. Convener, Dr. Sangita Deodiya, made a power-point presentation regarding *Avartan*. Three alumni of the College, Ms. Supriya Mishra (Hindi Hons), Ms. Swati Yadav (Sanskrit Hons.) and Ms. Neha Verma (English Hons.) who received BHU Gold medal, were honoured during the programme.

ANNUAL SPORTS MEET

Annual Sports Meet was organized from 01.03.2017 to 02.03.2017. On 01.03.2017, Madame Blavatsky Volleyball Tournament was inaugurated by Regional Sports Officer, Sri Bhagwan Rai. In all, 7 teams from different colleges of the city participated in this tournament. On the first day of the meet, apart from Blavatsky tournament, 100 mt Race, Long Jump, Shotput, Chess, Kho-Kho, Kabaddi competitions were organized.

On 02.03.2017, Sri Pulkit Khare, Chief Development Officer, Varanasi was the Chief Guest in the concluding session of Madame Blavatsky Volleyball tournament. Sri P.C.Srivastava, Vice Chairman, VDA was the special guest. Sri Khare in his address to the students, laid stress on the importance of sports in overall development. Sri P.C.Srivastava congratulated students for their active participation and explained sports as an integral part of students’ education. The final match of Blavatsky Tournament was played between Vasant

Kanya Mahavidyalaya and Arya Mahila P.G. College, in which the latter stood winner. In all 300 students participated in different sports.

SANSKRIT MATRIMANDALAM

Sanskrit Matri Mandalam promotes practical application of Sanskrit, along with its academic use. During the session, in order to promote language skill of students, 2 workshops from 15.09.2016 to 24.09.2016 and 26.09.2016 to 11.10.2016 were held on appreciation of variety of Sanskrit meters.

WOMEN STUDY CELL “UDAAN”

The women study cell of the College *Udaan*, seeks to spread awareness among the students about their rights and duties. It aims to empower them by evoking self-respect in them so that they can contribute to the development of the nation at large. A poetry recitation competition on “Being a Woman” was held on 15.09.2016. Sixty five students participated. A street play on “Women Empowerment” was held on 22.03.2017.

PROGRESSION OF ANNIE BESANT SPIRIT

The birth anniversary of Dr. Annie Besant was celebrated on 01.10.2016. On this occasion, Dr. Sarvesh Singh, HOD, Hindi Deptt., DAV PG College, gave a lecture on *Contribution of Annie Besant in Indian Society and Politics*.

PLACEMENT CELL

The Placement Coordination Cell of BHU informs the Placement Cell of the College regarding various placement opportunities. The information regarding the eligibility, date and venue is given to the students. The records of participants as well as selected students of various disciplines are maintained by the Placement Cell.

- This session, 18 students of M.A II, Department of Home Science, were selected for internship in National Institute of Textile Research Association (NITRA)
- Seventeen students of M.A. I were selected for an internship training programme in Umrai Fashion Mart, Lohta, Varanasi.
- Six students are working as freelancers in association with Ghanshyam Silk, Lahartara.
- A lecture entitled “Organizations in the field of teaching” was organized on 11.02.2017 by Career Launcher in BHU.
- A recruitment drive was organized by HCL Tech. Ltd. on 11.02.2017 in Gurgaon. The Placement Cell conveyed the information to the students.
- A recruitment drive was organized by *Srijan* on 14.9.2016 in BHU. About 50 students of the College attended the same.
- SVVPL conducted a recruitment drive programme on 14.10.16 in BHU. The students of the College actively participated in the same.
- The Faculty of Management Science organized a workshop entitled *Pratibha* on 11.01.2017. Prof. H.P. Mathur, FMS, BHU was the resource person. The workshop dealt with resume writing and personality development. The students of the College actively participated in the same.
- A placement drive was organized by ABP News on 01.04.2017 at Prabandh Bhawan, IMS, BHU. The students of the College actively participated in the same.

GUIDANCE AND COUNSELLING CELL

During the academic session 2016-17, activities of the Guidance and Counseling Cell of the College consisted of exposing students to lectures on relevant and upcoming career opportunities, focusing on strategic activities for success, calling in experts in various fields for lively discussion and interaction, building stress management confidence and communication skills. Additionally, throughout the year many of the students

were given assistance/counseling to aid them to deal successfully with problems occurring at the personal, academic or career levels. The following are the activities of the Cell:

1. A lecture on "Career in Teaching" by Ms. Priyanka was held on 8.9.2016.
2. Information about Mock- CAT Written Test (I Phase) was given by students from IIT, BHU on 22.02.2017.
3. Information about Mock- CAT Written Test (II Phase) was given by IIT, BHU personnel on 25.02.2017.
4. A lecture on "How to prepare for NET examination" was organized on 03.03.2017. The resource persons were Dr. Vijay Kumar, Asst. Professor, Economics and Dr. Usha Kushwaha, Associate Professor, Philosophy.

NATIONAL SERVICE SCHEME

In the current session, the five units of NSS organized two one-day and one seven-day camps. The first one day camp was held on 25.10.16 which was based on National Unity. A programme on ***Role of youth in nation building*** was organized in which students cleaned the college campus. Principal, Programme Officers and all volunteers planted trees and pledged to spread the message of energy and environment conservation as well as create a polythene - free environment. In the second session, members of Deshpande Foundation, through their lectures, made students aware about leadership qualities. In the third session, Dr. Vijay Kumar delivered a lecture on ***Employment opportunities in the area of banking***.

The second one day camp was organized on 08.11.16. Students participated in a speech competition on ***Iron Man: Sadar Vallabh Bahi Patel and Moulana Abul Kalam - Inspirational personalities for the youth*** and presented the life-sketch and philosophy of these two great leaders. A patriotic poetry recitation competition was also held. In total, 25 students participated in different competitions. They also took out a peace march and candle rally.

A seven day camp was organized from 03.02.17 to 09.02.17. On 03.02.2017, a discussion on ***Voter Awareness*** was held in which volunteers expressed their views on the importance of voting. A group discussion on various aspects of personality development was conducted by the Programme Officers.

On 04.02.17, a workshop on Yoga and Taekwondo was held. Volunteers participated in various games like Kabaddi, Kho-kho etc. with great enthusiasm. Poster and Slogan writing competitions on environment conservation, voters' awareness and Beti bachao beti padao were organized.

On 05.02.2017, a poetry recitation competition was organized in which volunteers recited poems which were self composed as well as composed by other poets. A speech competition on ***My dream college*** was held in which volunteers participated enthusiastically. A lecture by Dr. Shipra Dhar, renowned gynecologist on ***Women's Health*** was organized. Poster and slogan writing competitions were also held.

On 06.02.2017, a seminar on ***Importance of Ganga: its conservation and challenges*** was organized. Sri Hariparsad Sahi, Municipal Commissioner was the chief guest. Volunteers were informed of the ***Ganga Action Plan Project*** and ***Swachhta App***. Students of ***Rangbhoomi Group of Arts*** presented Nukkad Natak on cleanliness.

On fifth day 07.02.17, a ***Heartfulness Meditation*** camp was organized. Volunteers of all the five units took out ***Voter awareness and cleanliness awareness*** rally. They visited slum areas in Sant Raghuwar Nagar, Shivpurwa, Sunderpur and Ranipur and not only spread awareness regarding hygiene and cleanliness but also cleaned up the areas.

Students spread awareness about cleanliness, cashless transactions and environment conservation through Nukkad Natak,. Volunteers also distributed food, clothes, pen, pencils, and books in the slum areas they visited.

On 08.02.17, the sixth day of the camp started with ***Heartfulness Meditation*** by Dr. Shyam Narayan and Shri Sunil Chogi of Ram Krishna Mission. Dr. Seema Verma delivered a lecture on ***Music and discipline***, Mr. R.P. Sonkar on ***Career building and stress management***, Dr. Vijay Kumar on ***Scope of Economics as a career and day to day life***, Mrs. Priyanka on ***Problems related to Nutrition*** and Dr. Sapna Bhushan on ***Manav Samvedna evam Kavya***.

The closing ceremony on 09.02.2017 was presided over by Dr. P.K. Sharma, Programme Co-ordinator, NSS, BHU and the Principa. Various cultural programmes were presented. 250 volunteers of the five units of NSS participated in the camp.

ANNIVERSARIES AND DAYS

Besides organizing curricular, co-curricular and extra-curricular activities, the college promotes other activities also like celebration of various days and jayantis to inculcate a sense of discipline and respect for tradition and values among students.

- Deptt. of Hindi celebrated **Tulsi Jayanti** on 10.09.2016. On this occasion, the students of Hindi Department organized a seminar on the theme **रामचरितमानस का आदर्श**. Prof. Baliraj Pandey, Former Head of the Deptt of Hindi, BHU was the chief guest.
- Deptt.of Hindi observed **Hindi Diwas** on 14.09.2016 and a lecture was delivered by Dr. Satyapal Sharma, Asst. Prof., Dept of Hindi, BHU on **हिन्दी की चुनौतियाँ एवं प्रासंगिकता**. Students of the department attended the lecture.
- **अन्तर्राष्ट्रीय मातृ भाषा दिवस** was celebrated on 21.02.2017. Prof. Chandrakala Tripathi, Deptt. of Hindi, BHU was the Chief Guest. On this occasion, students participated in various slogan writing and poster making competitions.

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Faculty Achievements

- Dr. Shanta Chatterjee, Associate Professor, Deptt. of Sanskrit, received “**Matri Shakti Samman**” from Shreemad Jagad Guru Vishwaradhya Gyan Simhasan Mahapeetham.
- Dr. Anju Lata Singh, Asst. Professor, Deptt. of Psychology, received “**Best paper Award**” in the 5th International Conference on Recent Advances in Cognition and Health, organized by Deptt. of Psychology, BHU.