PROSPECTUS

Vasant Kanya Mahavidyalaya

Kamachha, Varanasi

(Run by Besant Education Fellowship)
(Admitted to the privileges of Banaras Hindu University)

Established - 1954





Our Inspiration : Dr. Annie Besant

A PROFILE

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"Let us turn to the education of girls, the future wives and mothers ..., those on whom (depends) the welfare of the family, and therefore largely the welfare of nation."

Dr. Annie Besant

कुलगीत

नमन माँ वसन्तदेवि जगतवन्दिते. प्रज्ज्वलिते ज्ञान-ज्योति सकल जनहिते। जो शिक्षा-वृक्षावलि तव सुरोपिता, विकसित है वह माँ अब पृष्प-फलयुता। शिक्षा का पूर्ण-रूप जो सिखा दिया, हृत्-पट पर वह हमने सब लिखा लिया।। 1 ।। नमन माँ तव शिक्षा-मन्दिर की सर्वशिक्षिता तव आशिष याचत हैं कार्य-सफलता। गृह प्रसन्न, नगर रम्य, देश सघन हो, बन्धुभाव-बद्ध जगत् शान्ति-रिसक हो।। 2 ।। नमन माँ देह सबल, चपल, कुशल, उच्च-भावना, भक्तिमती बुद्धि तीव्र ज्ञान-साधना। विश्व में ही विश्वनाथ को देखना जनहितार्थ जीवन ही धर्म मानना ।।3।। नमन माँ श्री एम.जी. कानेतकर

Vsant Kanya Mahavidyalaya (V.K.M.) An Introduction

Inspired and urged by the educational policies and nationalistic ideals of the great visionary, Dr. Annie Besant, the then General Secretary of the Indian chapter of the Theosophical Society, Dr. Rohit Mehta along with other members, laid the foundation of the college in 1954. The college was inaugurated on July 10, 1954, by Dr. C.P. Ramaswamy Iyer, the then Vice-Chancellor of Banaras Hindu University and a close aide of Dr. Besant.

According to Dr. Rohit Mehta, founder of the college, its aims and objectives were to safeguard the perpetual ideals and social values of the Indian tradition as well as to re-organise the existing educational system:

"Our endeavour in the Vasant Kanya Mahavidyalaya was to link up education with culture.... While seeing that the highest standards at the academic end are maintained, we felt that the girls should imbibe the finest cultural traditions of the land.... Our educational efforts was to synthesise full freedom with total sense of responsibility."

Adopting the motto Education as Service, the college is striving continuously to fructify the physical, intellectual, moral, spirtual and aesthetic capacities of its students and has been able to carve a niche for itself among the topmost institutions of the country dedicated to women's education. Successive Principals, by their skilfull administration, have strengthened and maintained the high standards laid down by Dr. Rohit Mehta, the first Manager and Smt. Leela Sharma, the first Principal. The institution aims to blend seemingly opposite principles of tradition and modernity. We provide ample opportunities for the innate blossoming of the students under our care.

Rules for Selection of Subjects to BA (Hons) 3-Years (6 Sem.) Course

Vasant Kanya Mahavidyalaya implements the 3-Year Honours Course syllabi of Banaras Hindu University (Central University). Following fourteen subjects of Arts and Social Sciences disiplines are taught at the College:

Arts Faculty - 1. English, 2. Sanskrit, 3. Hindi, 4. Philosophy, 5. Ancient Indian History Culture & Archeology, 6. Music Vocal, 7. Music Instrumental (Sitar), 8. Painting, 9. Home Science.

Social Sciences Faculty - 1. Economics, 2. History, 3. Political Science, 4. Sociology, 5. Psychology

B.A. Part I (I Semester) - Seat Allocation

Arts - 230 Social Sciences - 200

Paid Seats - 15% of the total seats

Selection of Subjects - (As per BHU rules) One Honours subject and two more Non-Honours subjects to be studied in I, II, III & IV Semesters. In the V & VI Semesters, only Honours subject is to be studied.

Compulsory Subject -

For students of Art Faculty - They will opt compulsory subject in BA I, II, III & IV Semesters viz., Hindi/English/Sanskrit. But students offering Hindi/English/Sanskrit as Hons & Non-Honours subjects will not be eligible to opt Hindi/English/Sanskrit as their compulsory subject. In the V Semester, Students of Arts Faculty will study Hindi as compulsory language.

For Students of Social Sciences Faculty - They will opt one Indian language viz., Hindi/Sanskrit as compulsory subject in BA I & II Semesters whereas in BA III & IV Semesters on Foreign language viz., English is to be studied.

Soft Skill Subject - Students of Arts faculty in BA III & IV Semesters will opt one Soft Skill subject viz., Yoga / Logic / Painting / Sanskrit/Music Vocal/Music Instrumental.

Environmental Studies - As per rule, it is essential that all students at the undergraduate level should undertake environmental studies.

Career Oriented Courses - Students can opt for following Career Oriented Courses run at the College:

- 1. Spoken English Course
- 2. Fashion Designing

Both the courses are sanctioned by the UGC and the Certificates and Degrees are awarded by BHU.

Rules for admission and subjects available for 2 Year (4 Sem.) M.A. Course

Postgraduate classes are held in the five following subjects at the college and students can seek admission as per the rules of the concerned departments of Banaras Hindu University.

Subjects: English, Hindi, Home Science, Sociology, Psychology.

Except in Home Science (20 Seats), in each of the above five subjects, 30 students are admitted. 15% paid seats are available in each of the five subjects.

Ph.D.: In English, Hindi, Sociology, Psychology & Home Science Ph.D. registration is done as per the rules of B.H.U.

Rules for Admission

Since Vasant Kanya Mahavidyalaya is admitted to the privileges of Banaras Hindu University, students are admitted to the college by the Central Admission Committee formed by the university. Selected students have to fill application forms of the college also. It is mandatory for students to appear for an interview before the College Admission Committee along with their original mark sheets, migration and transfer certificates and fees. It is essential for a student to be accompanied by the guardian/father/mother. No change in the choice of

subjects is possible once a student is admitted to the college.

Fees

The college fees has to be deposited by the student at the time of admission in one installment.

Annual Fees (BA)		7600/-
Annual Fees (BA)-Practical Subjects	-	8200/-
Annual Fees (MA)	-	9600/-
Annual Fees (MA)-Practical Subjects	·	10400/-
Application Form (including Prospectus)		100/-

Provision for Re-imbursement of Caution Money:

- 1. The Caution Money deposited by the students at the time of admission shall be re-imbursed to them after passing the B.A. III (VI Sem.) or M.A. II (IV Sem.) examination. After the declaration of the B.A. III (VI Sem.) and M.A. II (IV Sem.) results, students must apply for a refund within two months alongwith the admission fees receipt.
- 2. Those students who, due to various reasons, leave the college before completing the course can also apply for a refund after completion of three years from the date on which they were admitted to the college.
- 3. The caution Money will be refunded through money order.

Rules for Examinations

Examinations are held according to the schedule of the Banaras Hindu University. Examination centres in the university campus are also decided by the University.

Admit card is issued to the student only after she has correctly filled the examination form of B.H.U. and submitted the examination fee within the stipulated time.

Rules Pertaining to Examination Results:

As per rules of Banaras Hindu University.

Eligibility Essential for Appearing in the Examination:

- 1. Only Regular Students are eligible to appear for the examination of the university at the end of each semester.
- 2. As per the rules of the Banaras Hindu University, 100% attendance

- in each subject is desirable. On taking admission after the commencement of regular classes, attendance will be calculated from the date of admission to the college. 25% remission can be granted only on the following conditions:
- (i) If, in cases of prolonged illness, a medical certificate by a registered medical practitioner along with an application is submitted immediately on joining the classes.
- (ii) Participation in camps of NCC/NSS (on the basis of a certificate issued by the Officer-in-Charge)
- (iii) Participation in inter-state and inter-university sports competitions (endorsed and certified by the Principal).
- (iv) Representing the university in the Youth Festival (endorsed and certified by the Principal).
- (v) Going on an educational tour (endorsed and certified by the Principal).
- (vi) All decisions regarding remission in attendance will be taken finally by the Academic Council of the Banaras Hindu University.
- Those students will not be permitted to appear for the examination against whose names any fee, library book or any other college property, is found to be pending.
- 3. Admission of students found guilty of breaking the discipline of the college will be cancelled and they will not be permitted to appear for the final examinations.

Students' Welfare and Advancement Programme

Library: Students may use the library according to library rules. Text Books, reference books, magazines and journals are provided to them. There is also a reading-room in the library where students can sit and study. There is a provision of book-bank o for the financially weak students from where they can get books for the whole year.

Student's Welfare Fund: Financially weak students may avail the benefits of the Students' Welfare Fund.

Canteen facility: Canteen facility is also available in college premises.

Scholarships: Scholarships awared by the Deptt. of Public Welfare of the state government are:

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- 1. Scholarship for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes
- 2. Scholarship for Other Backward Classes
- 3. Scholarship for General category Students below poverty line
- 4. Scholarship for Minorities
- 5. Merit Scholarship, Allahabad
- 6. Chatra Kalyan Nidhi, Lucknow

Several scholarships/Prizes are awarded by the college also:

- 1. Pt. Radheshyam Sharma Memorial scholarship
- 2. Smt. Shyam Kishori Dar Scholarship
- 3. Smt. Radha Sinha Merit Scholarship
- 4. Shri Shiv Mangal Pandey Memorial scholarship
- 5. Late Roop Narayan Atreya Memorial Scholarship
- 6. Rani Lokeshwari Devi Memorial Meritorious Scholarship
- Smt. Savitri Srivastava Memorial Prize
- 8. Shri Mukund Vishnu Kalvint Memorial Prize
- Late Laldhari Pathak Swatantrata Sangram Senani Memorial Gold Medal and Cash prize
- 10. Late Leelavati Devi Memorial Prize
- 11. Late Ramnath Vyas Scholarship
- 12. Late Prabha Ramnath Vyas Scholarship
- 13. Late Sushil Narayan Dubey Memorial Prize
- 14. Late Ramti Devi & Balkrishna Dubey Memorial Prize
- 15. Fellowship for Peace & Learning (FFPL)
- 16. Shri Kishori Raman Prasad Smriti Puraskar

Extra Curricular activities

The overall personality of the student is developed and her hidden potentials are brought to light with the aid of extra-curricular activities.

Awareness of social problems is created among the students. Efforts are made to establish a coordination between traditional values and modern thought.

Sarjana Manch: In order to bring out the talent of the students, a Sarjana Manch has been established in the college. During the Sarjana

Week, various competitions such as debate, essay-writing, speech, recitation, dramatics, vocal music, instrumental music, dance, flower arrangement etc. are organized at the inter-class level. The class that secures the highest points is awarded the Sarjana Shield of the college.

Competitions: Students practicipate in several academic and cultural competitions organized by various educational and social institutions (Centre for Women's Studies, (BHU), Amity University, Jnana-Pravaha, Sharda Bhavan, Innerwheel Club, Banaras Jaycees, Lions Club, Bharat Vikas Parishad, Gita Samiti, (BHU) etc. Students have also successfully represented the college in Youth Festival and Spandan. Students of the college participate in Banaras Hindu University in several sports competition organised by Banaras Hindu University.

National Service Scheme: There are five units of the NSS in the college, affiliated to the NSS unit of the Banaras Hindu University. According to the programme of NSS, students participate in camps, rallies, cleanliness programmes, national integrtion programmes, blood donation camp etc. Certificates are issued to those students who actively participate in NSS programmes for two years.

Sports - Students can play games like Volley Ball and Badmintion at the college. An inter-college competition, Madame Blavatsky Tournament, in volleyball, is organized by the college each year.

College Publications: Vasant Shree-Magazine containing articles and creative writings of the students each year. Yugchetna Seminar Research Papers.

Educational Tours: Teachers take students on educational tours and this enables the students to attain first-hand knowledge about the working conditions and procedure of various institutions.

Matri Mandalam: A voluntary organization, dedicated to promote Sanskrit, provides an academic-cum-cultural platform to the students and teachers.

Committees Related to the Students' Welfare Cell

The following committees are formed at the college to counsel the students, to solve their problems:

1. Students' Welfare Advisory & Discipline Committee, 2. Guidance and Counselling Committee, 3. Committee to look into the problems are lated to Attendance, 4. Scholarship Committee, 5. Canteen Management Committee, 6. Medical Help Committee, 7. Sports Committee, 8. Cultural committee-(a) Sarjana, (b) Spandan, 9. College Competition Committee, 10. Alumni Committee, 11. Grievance Redressal Cell, 12. Placement Cell, 13. Udaan-Women's Study Cell.

Rules of the College and Important Information

- (a) The Time-table is displayed on the college notice-board.
 Students are to attend classes according to the same.
 - (b) Other information of the college (academic, extra curricular) are also displayed on the college notice-board. Students are to see the notice-board regularly.
- 2. It is the responsibility of the student to be aware of the attendance in each class at the end of every month. If the attendance is below 75% in any class at the end of the session, she will not be permitted to appear for the final examination.
- Those students who want to take leave due to personal reasons should give an application through their guardian/warden. After getting the application signed by the concerned subject teachers, it is to be submitted in the college office.
- 4. On being absent from the college due to sickness, the student must submit an application alongwith a medical certificate. The application must be signed by the concerned subject teachers and countersigned by the Principal. Thereafter it is to be submitted in the college office.
- If a student fails to submit an application and remains absent for 15 days continuously, then her admission may be cancelled due to absence of proper information.
- If due to special conditions a student wishes to leave classes and go home, she has to give a written application. It is only after the

- application has been duly signed by a teacher-member of the concerned committee, she will be permitted to leave the college premises.
- Canteen facility is available in the college. Thus, leaving the college premises for snacks is strictly prohibited.
- The Theosophical Society campus is separate from the college.
 Students are strictly prohibited from entering the Theosophical Society campus.
- No function can be organized in the college without the prior permission of the Principal. Raising of funds is strictly prohibited.
- 10. Students wanting to participate in educational tours or sports competition or any other competition outside the city, must submit an application through their guardians/warden at least four days prior to their journey. The application must be submitted to the Principal and signed by the concerned subject teachers.
- 11. On the occasion of national festivals, anniversaries of luminaries and programmes organized by the college, the attendance of students is mandatory.
- 12. Ragging, in any form, insider or outside the college campus, is strictly prohibited. Students who are found to indulge in ragging will be expelled from the college, as per rules.
- Students are prohibited to bring mobile phones to college and will be fined Rs. 500/- if found to be doing so.
- 14. Vehicle Stand: There is a facility of vehicle-stnad for students coming to college by cycles and scooters. Those students who do not park their vehicle in the stand will be fined Rs. 500/-.
- 15. Students can forward their problems to the Principal through the students' representatives and the Student Welfare Advisory Committee.
- 16. Students are required to wear the uniform at college programmes or while representing to the college in extra-curricular activities elsewhere.
 - College Uniform: The college uniform is white salwar, white kurta with short sleeves and round neck and maroon bandhni, dupatta.
- 17. The student must carry her identity card in/outside the college

premises and also while representing the college. The identity card is compulsory in the examination hall also.

It is the moral responsibility of the students to maintain cleanliness of the college campus.

Information for Guardians:

Guardians must ascertain that their daughter/ward is following the rules of the college. If a student is found breaking the rules, she may be expelled from the college.

100% attendance of students in each class of each subject is desirable. It is the duty of the guardian to be aware of the students' attendance at the end of each month. The student will not be permitted to appear for the final examination if her attendance is below 75%.

15th August and 26th January are national festivals. It is the moral duty of students to attend the programmes organized on these days. Guardians should encourage their wards to attend these programmes.

It is mandatory for each student to attend the various knowledgeenhancing programmes, national seminars, anniversaries of renowned people and other extra-curricular programmes organized at the college from time to time.

Vasant Balika Vihar (Hostel)

Limited seats are available in the hostel run by the Besant Education Fellowship in the college premises. During the time of admission to the college, the Central Admission Committee allots these seats on the basis of merit. Students desirous of attaining a hostel seat must verify the availability of the same before seeking admission in the College.

All informations about the college can be obtained from the College website www.vkm.org.in.

