

Report

Promotion of Universal Values, National Values,  
Human Values, National Integration, Communal  
Harmony and Social Cohesion



**Banasthali Vidyapith**

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**Name of Activity: Shaheed Diwas****Date: 9 August 2018****Report:**

Shaheed Diwas in India is celebrated to pay homage to the brave souls who fought for the freedom, welfare and progress of India and sacrificed their lives. It is celebrated in Banasthali Vidyapeeth every year on 9<sup>th</sup> August. Students present many programs which are dedicated to the martyrs. The founder of Banasthali “Apaji” Hiralal Shastri himself was a veteran freedom fighter and a member of the Constituent Assembly and signatory to the Constitution of India. Banasthali’s philosophy goes beyond imparting formal education to women in various fields and includes value system, ethics, good citizenship, patriotism etc.

The glorious history of the struggle for India’s Independence is teemed with the instances of sacrifice. The Quit India movement is one of such examples of struggle for the independence of India. It began with the Do or Die “Karo ya Maro” Mantra on Aug 9, 1942 at Gowalia Tank Maidan in Mumbai by the Father of the Nation Mahatma Gandhi which shook the very foundation of the British Empire. The Do or Die clarion galvanized not one or two or three Indians for the freedom struggle but lakhs of them to come forward and sacrifice for the nation at large.

For the past several decades, Banasthali has been observing 09 August every year as Shaheed Diwas. On 09 August 2018, a number of students, staff and faculty members assembled at the Lakshmi Bhai Maidan to pay respect and homage to those brave souls who sacrificed themselves without an iota of skepticism for achieving freedom for the nation. A special wreath was placed in artistically decorated memorial to remember the Shaheeds and the event was followed by Banasthali Band performance and Banasthali Choir sang various patriotic songs.



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**Name of Activity: Holi**

**Date: 21 March 2019**

**Report:**

Holi, the festival of colours celebrated with fervor at Banasthali Vidyapith, a world's largest fully residential women's university with a number of students on its 850-acre campus situated amidst rural settings in Rajasthan and having a distinct educational ideology and offering a variety of programme from nursery up to doctoral level across a wide spectrum of disciplines to prepare enlightened citizens with strong value-base and for nurturing such enlightened citizens several national and cultural festivals are celebrated in the campus of Banasthali Vidyapith. During these celebrations, the students, staff and faculty members of Banasthali add a spectrum of colours and gaiety to campus life and indeed rise above caste and creed and develop mutual respect for all religions. Holi undoubtedly is a festival of multiple significances – mythological, cultural, and social. With Super moon and spring equinox coinciding, Holi celebrations at Banasthali started on 20 Mar 2019 late evening with the burning of Holika in front of Saraswati Mandir and Vani Mandir.

At sunrise on 21 March 2019, even the notoriously late sleepers in the hostels were up early to grab the breakfast and were all geared up with loads of colours in front of the respective hostels. With the hostel warden keeping the eyes sharper doing the customary wishes in the public address system, the riot of vibrant colours erupted with shouting of 'Bura na Mano Holi Hai'. It is remarkable that students were particular in choosing environment friendly colours and avoided spraying water. Everybody becomes every others friends when it comes to colour play. With the favorite songs played in the music system, the dancing goes frenzy. The menu in the mess for Holi typically includes munching Matris, sweety gujyas, puris, rajma chawal, dahi vadas, and cracky khakhras. It is for sure that the students and faculty celebrated Holi with beaming faces and pride that they were indeed part of a top ranking institution which is a jewel in the crown among the women's universities not only in India today but across the globe.





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**Name of Activity: Independence Day****Date: 15 August 2018****Report:**

Banasthali Vidyapith has value education central and all encompassing to its unique and time-tested five-fold educational ideology comprising of physical, practical, aesthetic, intellectual and moral aspects. There are formal components to cater to physical, practical, aesthetic and intellectual education but, the Vidyapith believes that value inculcation and character building are not possible within the confines of a classroom. To this end, Vidyapith has a rich tradition of celebrating a large number of cultural and national festivals including birth/death anniversary of great Indian personalities so that the students are able to derive inspiration from them. The entire academic calendar is full of such events adding so much fervor to the campus life besides having immense educational value

Independence Day is one of the most important national festivals of our country as it reminds us of our colonial past and of the modern, industrial and ever growing India. 15 August is celebrated as Independence Day with utmost zeal and zest. Plays, songs, and dances which instigated patriotic fervor were performed by the students. The bright sunshine and humid weather at Banasthali were no deterrent for the students of the world's largest fully residential women's university in celebrating Independence Day.

Having made enormous progress since 1947 in education, science, technology, medicine, infrastructure, military, and sports, India today is a global power and is marching forward on the path of development and prosperity. This indeed is an occasion for every Indian citizen to recall and remember the countless freedom fighters that fought fearlessly against the British might and sacrificed their lives.

On 15th August 2018, Independence Day at Banasthali, Prof Aditya Shastri Vice Chancellor unfurled the National Flag which was followed by the incantation of the National Anthem which was followed by parade inspection. After the parade inspection, he took the salute from the marching groups of students from Saraswati Mandir, Sharda Mandir, Banasthali Seva Dal, Scout,

NSS, Banasthali Band, Flying Club, and Horse Riding Club. The march past also included students carrying flags of different states of India as well as different countries where Banasthali has collaborative arrangements. Sharda Mandir had also hosted a colourful cultural program to mark the occasion.

Prof Aditya Shastri, Vice Chancellor, Banasthali Vidyapith in his address to the huge gathering of students, staff and faculty members talked about what freedom means in the modern world, citing example of the star badminton player PV Sindhu.





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**Name of Activity: Republic Day****Date: 26 January 2019****Report:**

26 January is celebrated as Republic Day and it includes several events that include parade, songs, and speeches which give birth to patriotic fervor. On 26th January 2019, Prof Aditya Shastri, Vice Chancellor, Banasthali Vidyapith unfurled the tricolor, followed by the incantation of the National Anthem that was followed by the parade inspection. After the parade inspection, he received salutes from the marching groups of Banasthali Seva Dal, Scout, NSS students, Banasthali Band, Flying Club, and Horse Riding Club. The march past also included students carrying flags of different states of India as well as of different countries.

Prof Aditya Shastri in his inspiring speech read out the preamble of our constitution and explained the same to the gathering. When he mentioned that the founder of Banasthali ‘Apaji’ Pandit Hiralal Shastri was a constituent assembly member who was also a signatory to the constitution and that a original copy of our constitution is kept preserved in Banasthali Library, there was a thunderous round of applause from the huge spectators who were overwhelmed by the ambience of the place and of the event. Prof Shastri also referred to the charismatic personality of Mahatma Gandhi, the father of the nation who left no stone unturned in making our country free. He also underlined the Gandhian philosophy of the simple living and high thinking and the practice of wearing of Khadi. The celebrations ended with the incantation of *Vande Mataram*.



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**Name of Activity: Vijayadashami**

**Date: 19 October 2018**

**Report:**

Vijayadashami or Dussehra conveys the message of celebrating the victory of good over evil and it is celebrated on the tenth day of Navratri festival. In the northern and southern states, it is celebrated to mark the victory of Lord Ram over the *dasanan* or Ravana. In eastern and northeastern states of India, it commemorates the victory of Goddess Durga over the demon king Mahishasura, and also marks the end of Durga Puja celebrations. Dussehra also marks the onset of preparations for the festival of lights – Diwali, which falls twenty days after the festival. With students coming from different parts of India Banasthali is a mini India echoing the lines of Gurudev Rabindranath Tagore in National anthem “Panjaba-Sindhu-Gujarata-Maratha Dravida-Utkala-Banga.” To reinforce the five-fold education - Panchmukhi Shiksha, Banasthali has established a rich tradition of celebrating various days of national and international significance throughout the year. Every year as per Hindu calendar, this important festival is celebrated on the tenth day of the month Ashvin. The rich ethnic diversity of India truly came alive when the entire Banasthali campus assembled on 19 October 2018 evening at Viduala Maidan where a huge effigy of Ravan had been installed to celebrate Dusshera. After the performance of rituals by Vice Chancellor Prof Aditya Shastri, the effigy went in flames accompanied by a dazzling display of fireworks.





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**Name of Activity: National Girl Child Day**

**Date: 24 January 2019**

**Report:**

Gender and identity are multidimensional categories of epistemological reality. It is constituted, controlled and perpetuated by social, psychological, economic, cultural and linguistic factors. Gender therefore cannot be conceived as a natural, essential and normative category. It is always a complex reality of construction which negates Cartesian dualism, project of enlightenment, sovereign self and biological theory of sex and sexuality. Similarly, the existence of identity also interrogates the phenomena of subject and subjectivity. Identity is always a constructed reality where different material conditions play significant roles in its making.

Banasthali Vidyapith, established in 1935, is the world's largest residential university for women, doing pioneer work in its field for more than eight decades.

The 'Banasthali story' has no parallel across the globe. It originated in only of its kind situation when a father lost his promising daughter before its hour and decided to train other girls the same way. Banasthali embarked upon its journey with only five students way back in 1935 when the concept of education for the girl child virtually didn't exist. The founders went door to door to recruit students. There was no question of charging any fee and they also went door to door to collect donations to carry out their dream. That small experiment, over the last eight decades, has blossomed into world's largest fully residential women's university having 15000 students on its 850-acre campus situated amidst rural settings in Rajasthan and having a distinct educational ideology and offering a variety of programmes from nursery up to doctoral level across a wide spectrum of disciplines to prepare enlightened citizens with strong value-base. The university is providing high quality education at most affordable cost to women hailing from all parts of India and from overseas. Of late, it has ventured into internationalization and has exchange programmes with several universities across the globe.

Gender equality is indeed more than a goal in itself as it is a precondition for meeting the challenges of reducing poverty, promoting sustainable development and building good governance. In order to emphasize the importance of women in the larger interests of the nation building task, Govt of India in 2009 had declared January 24 as National Girl Child Day. Further from 2015, the *Beti Bachao Beti Padhao Yojana* by Govt of India has added momentum to the National Girl Child day activities. India today however, continues to need a sustained campaign

to highlight the evils of female foeticide, female infanticide and girl discrimination in matters of health, nutrition, education and opportunities. This year the girl child day was celebrated on 24 January 2017 and on that day the university organizes several events addressing the condition, place, and position of girl child in Indian society.



**Name of Activity: International Women's Day**

**Date: 8 March 2019**

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The Women's Studies and Research Centre at Banasthali Vidyapith is indeed a hub of activities as the Centre organizes events throughout the year. The Women's Day celebration is aptly named *Jagriti* meaning Awakening. The proceedings started with welcome address by Sri Mohammad Tarique Iqbal followed by lighting of auspicious lamp on 08 Mar 2019 at Vani Mandir Banasthali by Prof Preeti Sharma Dean and other dignitaries.

The competitions conducted included on the spot Poster making with theme "Me too", "Period – a Taboo?", "Transgender and mainstream society" and "Women and Patriarchal laws". The *Nukkad Natak* (Street Play) also had the same themes as poster making. On 09 Mar 2019, the high voltage dramatic debate in Hindi as well as English picked on Goddess Sita, Princess Razia Sultan, Rani Lakshmi Bai and Nightingale of India Sarojini Naidu.

Open Mic poetry had several hard hitting presentations on issues concerning women. Prof BR Natarajan regaled the audience with a few thought provoking poetic lines in Hindi and Prof Manju Singh proposed vote of thanks. On 10 Mar 2019, team Jagriti had an interactive session with the rural women at Anaupcharik Mahila Shiksha Kendra.



**Name of Activity: Rashtriya Ekta Diwas**

**Date 31 October 2018**

**Report:**

After independence of India, Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel took the responsibility of integrating the 365 princely units in the independent India. The herculean task of integrating the princely units into Rajasthan State was assigned to Pt. Hiralal Shastri, the founder of globally famous Banasthali Vidyapith. Pt. Shastri completed this challenging task in very short period of time and received lot of appreciation from Sardar Vallabh bhai Patel. Pt. Shastri later took over as the first Chief Minister of Rajasthan. It was an occasion of great enthusiasm for Banasthali family when the Iron man of India visited Banasthali Vidyapith in 1947 and admired the missionary task of women's education and the five-fold education system (Panchmukhi Vikas) of Banasthali Vidyapith.

The *Rashtriya Ekta Diwas* was celebrated on 31 October 2018 by Banasthali Vidyapith in which several events were organized. An essay competition was organized on the contribution of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel in the making of modern India. Some students also recited their self composed poems on the biography of Sardar Patel.

**Name of Activity: Gandhi Jayanti****Date: 2 October 2018****Report:**

When Mahatma Gandhi, the father of the nation, came to Banasthali in 1946, he inscribed that “Banasthali is enshrined in my heart” and undoubtedly Banasthali draws its inspiration from the well known quote of Gandhi ji “What is really needed to make democracy function is not knowledge of facts but right education.”

The Gandhi Jayanti celebration at Banasthali Vidyapith began on October 1, 2018 with exhibitions on Gandhiji’s life, teaching, and philosophy. The exhibitions were organized both at Central Library and Vani Mandir. The exhibition was followed by an essay writing competition both in Hindi and English. Further, a competition on *Shlokas* recitation from the Bhagawat was organized at Vani Mandir. The Sunrise on 02 Oct 2018 saw a massive rally by the group of NSS volunteers from Pragya Mandir to Vani Mandir. Radio FM Banasthali 90.4 had a special broadcast on Gandhiji. A number of students, staff and faculty members assembled in front of Vani Mandir for a *Sarva Dharam Prartna* and *Bhajans* which included the favorite ones of Gandhiji such as *Raghupathi Raghav Rajaram* and *Vaisnav Jan to*. Towards the closure of the programme, some students of Vidyapith recited some poems on the life, teaching and philosophy of Gandhi



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**Name of Activity: Shri Krishna Janmastami**

**Date: 3 September 2018**

**Report:**

Appreciated not only in India but also in different parts of the world, Banasthali firmly believes that it is the foremost responsibility of any Indian educational institution to nurture humans with the tolerant and harmonious view of life as envisaged in the Indian culture, the spirit of which has beautifully been captured in the Indian Constitution by the founding fathers of the nation.

The Panchmukhi Shiksha – the five-fold education evolved over decades at Banasthali attempts a balance of the five aspects of education; Physical, Practical, Aesthetic, Intellectual and Moral and aims at all round harmonious development of personality. The mission and vision of Banasthali includes synthesis of spiritual values and scientific achievements of the East and the West.

On 3 Sep 2018 Janmasthanami day, The students of Banasthali Vidyapith definitely gave dahi-handi a miss, only to replace that tradition with the aesthetically appealing and visually mesmerizing decorated tableaux popularly referred as 'Jhankis'. Students dressed up in beautiful attires and present a glimpse of Krishna's eventful life which began with his birth in a jail to the phase where he took upon the most prestigious role of his life of being a mentor, a guide to a confused Arjun.

**Name of Activity: Navratra Sthapana**

**Date: 16 October 2018**

**Report:**

Many educational institutions in India today have name but only a few have legacy like Banasthali Vidyapith. The evolution of Banasthali is nothing short of a fairy tale in which the parents, a Gandhian freedom fighter Pt Hiralal Shastri and a recipient of Padma Shri in 1955, Padma Bhushan in 1975, Smt Ratan Shastri took up the mission with passion for setting up an institution at Banasthali to fulfill the desire of their beloved daughter Shantabai who died at a very young age but had sown the seeds of a school built with mud bricks made by her own hands for educating girls.

Every year, Navratra Sthapana day is celebrated at Banasthali as Foundation day and Shantabai birthday. On 16 Oct 2018, a great number of students and some faculty members gathered in front of Surya Mandir for the celebrations. After divine invocation, Banasthali choir sang *Jeevan ki Jyothi* followed by *Sankalp Path* in which shlok from *Yajur Ved*, *Rig Ved* and *Atharva Ved* were recited in a unique conversational way between Vice Chancellor Aditya Shastri and Pro Vice Chancellor Prof Ina Shastri as Vaktaa along with students and faculty as anuvaktaa.

Prof Chitra Purohit President Banasthali addressed the gathering reiterated the vision mission of the institution and highlighted the necessary as well as desired student – student, faculty – faculty and student – faculty interactions. The celebrations ended with recitation of Shanti Path.



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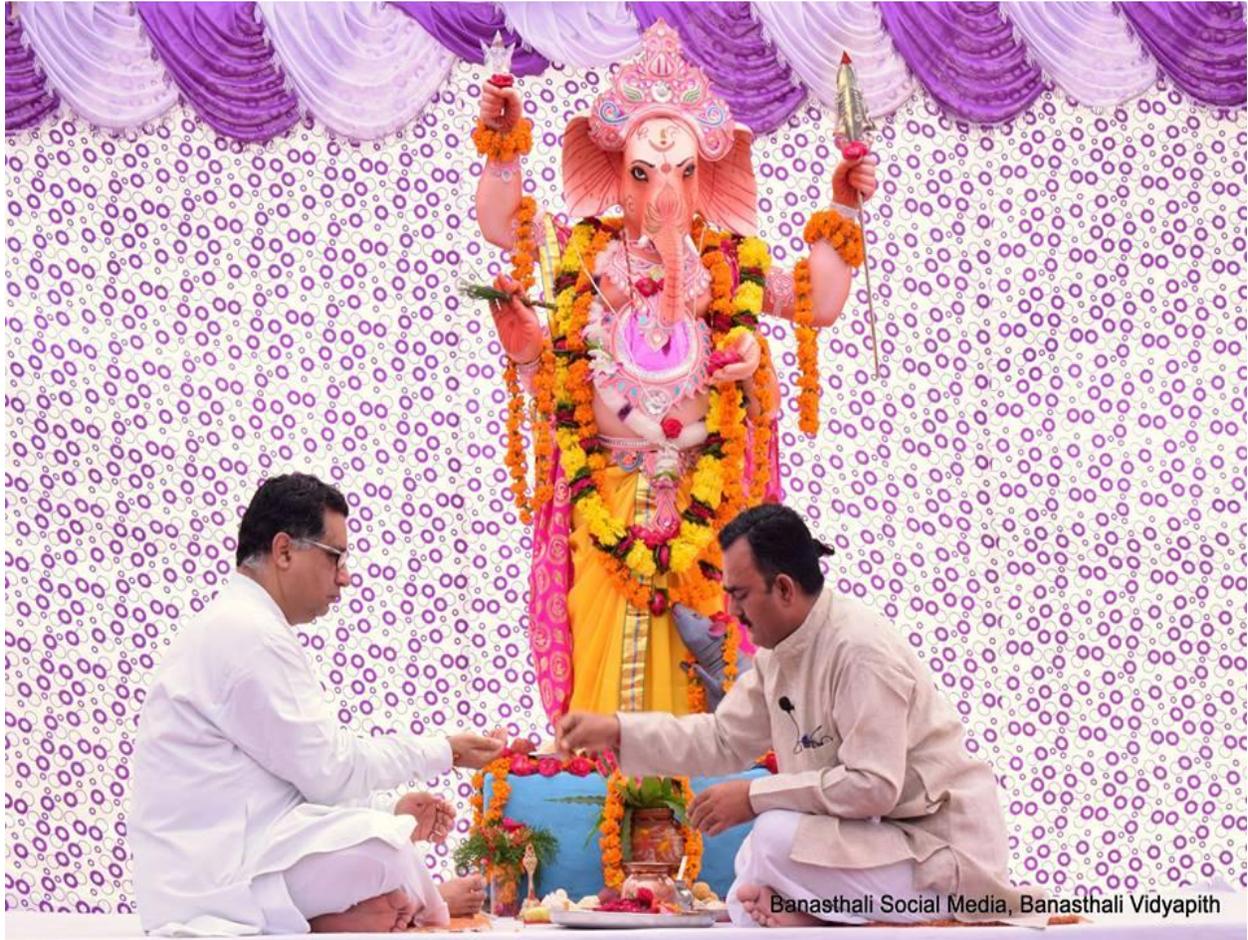
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**Name of Activity: Ganesh Chaturthi****Date: 13 September 2018****Report:**

Lord Ganesh is considered to be the God of wealth, knowledge, wisdom and prosperity. The essence of this festival lies in the fact that the devotees worship Ganesh to free their lives from the sins and substitute them with knowledge and action. Associated with Lord Ganapati or Ganesha - the most loved God who has 108 names Ganesh Chaturthi, popularly called 'Ganesh Puja' or 'Vinayak Chaturthi' is a Hindu festival which falls in the Vedic month of Bhadra (mid August-September). Ganesh is also called *Vighnaharta* as he is known to dispel the darkness of all problems of his devotees. It is a matter of pride that today Ganesh Chaturthi is not only celebrated in India but in several countries like Japan, Tibet, China, Cambodia, and in Thailand.

Appreciated by the world at large, Banasthali firmly believes that to be top ranking, it is the foremost responsibility of any Indian educational institution to nurture humans with the tolerant and harmonious view of life as envisaged in the Indian culture the spirit of which has been beautifully captured in the Indian Constitution by the founding fathers of the nation. The Panchmukhi Shiksha – the fivefold education evolved over decades at Banasthali attempts a balance of the five aspects of education, namely Physical, Practical, Aesthetic, Moral and Intellectual and aims at all round harmonious development of personality. The mission and vision of Banasthali includes synthesis of spiritual values and scientific achievements of the East and the West. The rich ethnic diversity of India truly comes alive when the campus celebrates Hariyali Teej, Janmashthami, Ganesh Chaturthi, Navratra Dandiya & Garba, Durgashthami, Dusshera, Diwali, Guru Nanak Jayanti, Eid al Fitr, Christmas, Lohri, Basant Panchami and Holi. During these celebrations, the students and faculty of Banasthali add a spectrum of colours and gaiety to campus life and indeed rise above caste and creed and develop mutual respect for all religions. In addition to being an auspicious religious festival, Ganesh Chaturthi has deep cultural significance too. It is a time for various colourful activities like singing, dancing and performing plays depicting the birth of Ganesha and enactment of the various legends associated with him. On the occasion of Ganesh Chaturthi 13 Sep 2018, entire Banasthali community comes together to the pandal in front of Vani Mandir where a huge idol of Lord Ganesh is installed to

celebrate this festival with pomp, grandeur and fanfare. After the Poojan performance by Vice Chancellor Prof Aditya Shastri, Banasthali choir rendered several bhajans both in Dhruwad and Khayal devoted to Lord Ganesha. The celebrations concluded with Arti.



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**Name of Activity: Basant Panchami****Date: 10 February 2019****Report:**

The festival of Basant Panchami also known as Shri Panchami and Saraswati Panchami is a seasonal festival to welcome spring and is observed in many regions of India. The celebrations are dedicated to Goddess Saraswati, the Goddess of knowledge, music, arts, science and technology.

Basant Panchmi is celebrated on the fifth day (Panchami Tithi) of the bright fortnight (Shukla Paksha) of the Hindu month Magh. It is said that from this day the spring season (Vasant Ritu) begins and the day is dedicated to worship of Goddess Saraswati. A legend says that it was on Basant Panchami day that Lord Ram tasted the half-eaten berries famously offered by Shabari out of her love and generosity.

Appreciating the significance of the day, freedom fighter Bharat Ratna Mahamana Madan Mohan Malviya founded the famous Banaras Hindu University BHU on this very day in 1916. The institutions established by the Birla Education Trust at Pilani including Birla Institute of Technology and Science - BITS also celebrate Basant Panchami as the Founders Day. Punjab on Basant Panchami goes indeed high with Kite Flying while the length and breadth of Bengal celebrates as Saraswati Puja.

Right from its inception, Banasthali has embarked on a rich tradition of celebrating various days of national and international significance. On 10 February 2019, a grand celebration to mark Basant Panchami was organized befittingly in front of the lawns facing Vani Mandir. Prof Aditya Shastri, Vice Chancellor & Professor, Bansthali Vidyapith performed the traditional Puja. This was followed by a group of students rendering devotional songs dedicated to goddess Saraswati and a song to welcome the season Basant. Several dignitaries from abroad who had come to Banasthali also joined the celebrations.







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## **Name of Activity: Guru Nanak Dev Ji Jayanti**

**Date 23 November 2018**

### **Report:**

Guru Nanak Gurpurab is celebrated as the day to remember the first Sikh Guru who laid the foundation of Sikhism and is a reminder for the devotees to follow his teachings which spread the message of oneness and harmony and devote their life in the selfless service of God. Appreciated by the world at large, Banasthali firmly believes that to be top ranking, it is the foremost responsibility of any Indian educational institution to nurture humans with the tolerant and harmonious view of life as envisaged in the Indian culture the spirit of which has been beautifully captured in the Indian Constitution by the founding fathers of the nation. It is a matter of great pride that Banasthali library houses an original copy of the Constitution of India and the founder of Banasthali Pandit Hiralal Sastri as a member of the Constituent Assembly was a signatory to the same.

Guru Nanak the founder of Sikhism, firmly believed that there was one god and every human was capable of reaching him through sincere prayer, though he didn't encourage sacrificing family life to achieve this. All his teachings were compiled as hymns in the sacred book, the Guru Granth Sahib. To mark the occasion of Guru Nanak Jayanti, on 23 Nov 2018, entire Banasthali community came together to the pandal in front of Gyan Mandir where Banasthali choir rendered soul stirring Shabad Kirtan and Gurbani. After the Bhajans, the program ended with distribution of Prasad. The students and faculty who attended the Guru Nanak Jayanti celebrations left with beaming faces and pride that they were indeed part of a top ranking institution which is a jewel in the crown among the women's universities not only in India today but across the globe.





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**Name of Activity: Durga Astami****Date: 17 October 2018****Report:**

Durga signifies the innermost power of consciousness and the goddess is forever taking shape within and around us as the creative and transformative force that is the essence of the cosmic life for overcoming all difficulties.

With students coming from different parts of India, the 850 acre Banasthali campus itself is a mini India echoing the lines of Gurudev Rabindranath Tagore in National anthem “Panjaba-Sindhu-Gujarata-Maratha Dravida-Utkala-Banga.” To reinforce the fivefold education - Panchmukhi Shiksha, Banasthali has established a rich tradition of celebrating various days of national and international significance throughout the year.

Durga Ashtami also known as Maha Ashtami is the 8th day of Navaratri and is the most important day of 9 Divine Nights of Goddess worship (Navratri) in India. There are several mythological stories related to this day and the most common is that Durga Ashtami commemorates Goddess Durga's victory over the demon, Mahishasur.

The rich ethnic diversity of India truly came alive when the entire Banasthali campus celebrated Durga Asthami on Oct 17, 2018 morning at Brahm Mandir where a huge idol of the goddess had been installed. After the Poojan performance by Vice President Prof Siddharth Shastri, Banasthali choir renders several devotional songs in praise of goddess Shakti. The celebrations concluded with Arti. Since the day also marks 20th anniversary of Banasthali co-founder Smt Ratan Shastri remembrance, floral tributes were paid with a firm resolve to carry forward the mission and vision of the institution.

The students and faculty of Banasthali who came for Durga Ashtami celebrations left with beaming faces and pride that they were indeed part of a top ranking institution which is a jewel in the crown among the women's universities not only in India today but across the globe.







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**Name of Activity: Hariyali Teej**

**Date: 13 August 2018**

**Report:**

Since it is celebrated in the month of Shravan which marks the beginning of Monsoon in India, it is also known as Shravan Teej and Choti Teej symbolizing the union of Lord Shiva and Goddess Parvati. The term 'Hariyali' in Hariyali Teej stands for greenery associated with monsoon. This festival which also symbolizes happiness and prosperity is widely celebrated in states like Uttarakhand, Uttar Pradesh, Haryana, Rajasthan and Bihar. With students from various parts of India, it goes without saying that Banasthali is indeed a melting pot of various cultures.

Banasthali Vidyapith, welcomed Teej on 13 Aug 2018 with great vigor and celebrated the same in befitting traditional manner. Students adorned their hands with beautiful henna, accompanied by a larger dose of popular Bollywood numbers along with traditional Teej songs. Everyone dressed up in bright hues with green dominating to welcome the monsoon. Everyone took turns to joyfully swing on the swings outside every hostel.

But the biggest hit amongst the students was the food as usual. A special lunch was served, which consisted of mouthwatering Indian delicacies like paneer, chhole, puri, raita and dal makhani. The best part of the meal was the dessert – mouth water harvesting Ghevar which is something extra special to Rajasthan. Everyone was given a generous serving of ghevar which is specially prepared only on Teej.

When it comes to celebrating festivals as well as days of national and international importance, the enthusiasm by students of Banasthali is truly unbelievable.



**Name of Activity: National Science Day****Date: 28th February 2019****Report:**

The existence of human life is constituted by two major components namely; art and science. These two components play equal roles in the making of human existence possible. Thee harmonious blend of these two components creates the life of the people and make it meaningful. Science is as old as the existence of humanity. There has been relentless efforts made by thee people of India to introduce science in the life of common human being and for that Banasthali Vidyapith celebrates National Science Day. It is celebrated every year on 28<sup>th</sup> February to mark the discovery of Raman Effect by a noted Indian physicist sir C.V. Raman. The Department of Physics, Banasthali celebrated National Science Day on February 28, 2019. In Presence of Prof P.K. Dubey, Former Head of Department Physics, alumni of P.M.B Gujarat Science College Indore. The programme was inaugurated by Prof. G.N. Purohit, Former Dean, AIM & ACT who motivated the present intellectuals to work on different aspects of science. Prof. P.K. Dubey in his lecture underlines the importance of science and connected it with the daily life of the people. Further, he said that science is meant for the welfare of human beings. He also emphasized upon the implementation of new technologies for the development of science. Furthermore, he also articulated the fact that science and technology must be integrated together so that maximum good can be brought to the life of the people. Prof. Dubey informed the audience that the theme of 2019 Science Day is “Science for the people and the people for science”. Apart from the lecture, a debate and a quiz competition were also organized in which a number of students from different departments of the Banasthali Vidyapith participated with great zeal and acumen. After that the programme finally came to its closer. The participants of those events reported that they have greatly been benefited as the lecture and thee quiz competition along with debate have not only added significantly to their knowledge but they have also motivated them to continue striving for enjoying the knowledge of science.

**Name of Activity: World Water Day**

**Date: 22 March 2019**

**Report:**

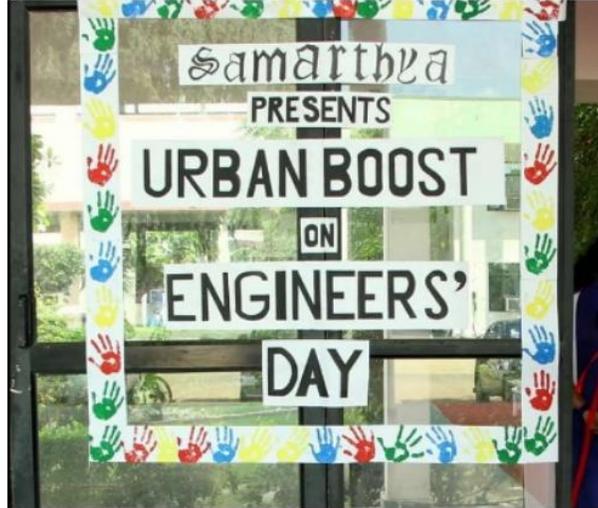
The phenomena of industrial growth, modernization, urbanization and the hegemony of the capitalist have entailed profoundly upon the natural as well as the cultural world. The uncontrolled growth in industrial advancement if on the one hand brought prosperity to the country then on the other it has exploited the natural resources who is owed by all but claimed by none. These aforesaid growths have a great negative impact on the presence of fresh water in the world. Keeping the inevitable need of water in the life of homosapiens United Nation observes World Water Day on March 22 every year. The day advocates for the sustainable management of freshwater resources. Banasthali Vidyapith organized World Water Day on March 22, 2019 which focused on the theme of World Water Day “Living no one behind”. Students of Banasthali Vidyapith in that event discussed the miserable condition of the marginalized group who are left without adequate water and group includes women, children, and refugees, indigenou and disabled people. Towards the end of the programme it was asserted that “Water service must also be given to the marginalized groups and their voices must be heard a decision making processes”.

**Name of Activity: National Engineer's Day**

**Date:** 15 September 2018

**Report:**

The history of ideas, intellectual tradition and the history of knowledge formation alone cannot make the existence of the human being possible. To make the existence of human being possible it is important to include the aspects of Engineering in day to day life. Engineering along with technology makes the human life livable and comfortable. To acknowledge the great contribution of engineering in the growth and developments of human life, “Engineer’s Day” is celebrated. It is also a momentous event to commemorate the birthday of the legendary engineer Sir Mokshagundam Visvesvaraya popularly known as Sir MV. On this particular day the role of both engineering and engineers are recollected and recounted. Banasthali Vidyapith celebrated Engineers’ Day on 15 September 2018 and focused on the main theme of the Engineer’s day “Digital Transformation - A New Industrial Revolution”.



**Name of Activity: Lohri**

**Date 13 January 2019**

**Report:**

Lohri is the festival that marks the beginning of the harvest season, which calls for a celebration in many states of north India, including Punjab, Haryana and Himachal Pradesh. The festival is mainly celebrated by the Hindu and the Sikh communities, wherein they light a holy bonfire, which signifies passing of the winter solstice. There are a number of traditions related to this Punjabi festival other than lighting of the holy bonfire like offering ceremonial prayers and even preparing delicious food. Moreover, before harvesting the crops, people offer their thanks to the God. According to the Indian calendar, Lohri falls in the month of Pausha, and according to the Gregorian calendar, it is celebrated on the 13th of January every year. Lohri is followed by the festival of kites, [Makar Sankranti](#), which marks the beginning of the summer months. Lohri traditions and festivities are quite vibrant and soulful. The festival is characterised by a tradition of lighting of a holy bonfire, which signifies 'Agni', the God of Fire. At Banasthali students gather around the bonfire with great vigor and celebrated the same in befitting traditional manner, warm up to the sparkling flames, offer prayers, sing songs, dance and throw in foods like gajak, chikki, jaggery, popcorn, sesame seeds (til), rewari and peanuts to pay homage to their roots, in a matter of speaking.



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**Name of Activity: Christmas**

**Date 25 December 2018**

**Report:**

Banasthali has a rich tradition of celebrating various days of both national and international importance all round the year. Christmas is the season of joy, holiday greetings exchanged, gift-giving, and families getting united. The Christmas celebrations took place in the college campus on 25th December 2018. On Christmas day, a special mass was conducted in the college.

Students conceptualise and create event to spread the holiday cheer – college inculcates values of inclusion, celebrating festivals and cultures from around the world - Part of the world class education offered by Banasthali Vidyapith. The college Christmas Festival included live performances, dance, music, etc. The celebrations also included a rhythmic performance from the college choir and an add-on surprise package by Santa Claus. The staff and students were completely spellbound with the Christmas gratification.

The students at Banasthali vidhyapith are taught to celebrate festivals and appreciate people from around the world. The Banasthali believes that providing the students with a very broad and balanced education will equip them for life and ultimately make them more open minded to people from all faiths and religious traditions.



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**Name of Activity: Indian Aviation Day****Date: 19 August 2018****Report:**

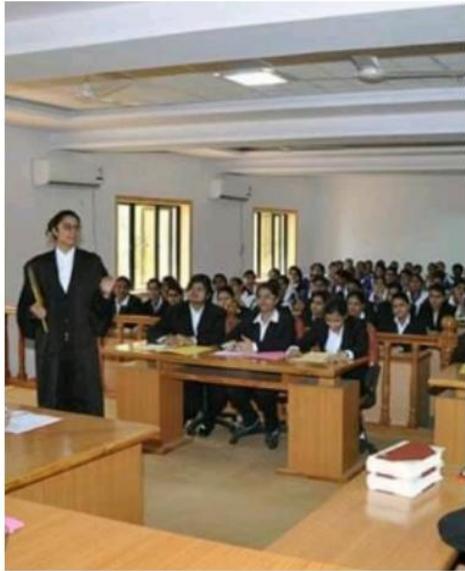
Banasthali Vidyapith believes in five-fold (Panchmukhi) educational ideology that includes physical, practical, intellectual, aesthetic and morel. This innovative educational ideology nurtures the holistic personality of its students with a strong value base. Flying has been an inseparable part of that comprehensive and innovative educational ideology since 1962. Banasthali Vidyapith observes National Aviation Day on 19 August every year. Vidyapith celebrated National Aviation day on 19 August 2018 in which the students of B.Sc aviation science participated actively with energy and enthusiasm. They focused on the development of aviation in India. Professor Aditya Shastri, Vice chancellor, Banasthali Vidyapith and Professor Ina Shastri, Pro-vice chancellor, Banasthali Vidyapith, expressed their best wishes and they also encouraged delegates, participants and guests to continue striving for their intellectual, academic and professional enrichment. Professor Seema Verma, Dean, School of Aviation, described a complete journey of Aviation at Banasthali. She underlined the entire journey of women aviators in Banasthali.



**Name of Activity: Constitution Day****Date 26 November 2018****Report:**

Constitution day is also known as Sanvidhan Divas. It is celebrated in India on 26 November to commemorate the adaptation of the constitution of India. One of the three original copies of the Indian Constitution is available in Banasthali Vidyapith whose founder Shri Hiralal Shastriji (Apaji) was one of the members of the constituent assembly which drafted the constitution.

Every citizen in India today knows for sure that the Constitution is supreme and the Fundamental Rights guaranteed under it indeed are sacrosanct. Jamnalal School of Legal Studies, Banasthali University is one of its kind law department in India established for empowering women in the legal domain. The constitution day was celebrated on 26 November 2018 in which several events were organized by the students and the faculty members of the Jamnalal School of Legal Studies. The vents which were organized include debate, panel discussion and quiz competition. The main theme of these events was “Indian Constitution”. The programme came to its end when the Head of the Department and the Dean of the faculty encouraged students with their words.



**Name of Activity: International Literacy Day**

**Date: 8 September 2018**

**Report:**

The growth, prosperity and development of a society, person and a nation depends upon many variables but education is one of the most important factors. It is candidly believed that a society cannot be imagined to be growing unless its population is literate and educated. UNESCO in 1966 clearly spelt that the message of literacy must be send to all parts of the world and for that purpose it has declared 8 September as International Literacy Day. Banasthali Vidyapith which has been marching on its mission of educating the half population of the country celebrated International Literacy Day on 8 September 2018. Vidyapith organized several events which focused on the central theme of “Literacy and Skills Development”. Prof BR Natarajan, from the department of Chemical Engineering highlighted the Indian scenario and pointed out that at the time of independence in 1947, literacy rate of India was just about 14% while it stands at 74.04% according to 2011 Census. Kerala tops with 93.9%.

**Name of Activity: Death anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi**

**Date: 30 January 2019**

**Report:**

Martyrs day in India is celebrated to pay homage to the victims who fought for the freedom, welfare and progress of the India and sacrificed their lives. It is celebrated every year all over the country on 30th January. India is the country among other 15 countries of the world where Martyrs Day is celebrated every year to pay homage to the freedom fighters. For the past several decades, Banasthali has been observing 30 January every year as Shramdan Divas. On 30 Jan 2018, a number of students, staff and faculty members assembled at the Lakshmi Bhai Maidan to pay respect and tribute to Gandhi Ji, the father of the nation. On that day Bapuji is remembered through his teachings, ideas and philosophy. Students, staff and faculty members are encouraged to follow the path shown by them and abide by the values he stood for. Vidyapith on that day cleans the area around academic blocks and everybody is encouraged to contribute to some labor in keeping the vicinity clean.

**Name of Activity: World Nature Conservation Day**

**Date: 28 July 2018**

**Report:**

World Nature Conservation Day is celebrated on July 28 every year, it recognizes that a healthy environment is the foundation for a stable and productive society and to ensure the well-being of present and future generations, we all must participate to protect, conserve, and sustainably manage our natural resources. We all depend on natural resources like water, air, soil, minerals, trees, animals, food, and gas to live our daily lives. To keep the balance in the natural world, we must also help various species to continue to exist. Banasthali Vidyapith organized World Nature Conservation Day on 28 July 2018 where exhibitions were displayed on different aspects of nature and conveyed the message that this planet has been converted into a place of concrete and ecological imbalance which has resulted into some complex problems. Towards the end of the programme it was conveyed that the people of society must be kind towards nature.

**Name of Activity: World Student day**

**Date: 15<sup>th</sup> October 2018**

**Report:**

The United Nations declared in 2010 to observe 15<sup>th</sup> October, the birth anniversary of the former President of India 'Avul Pakir Jainulabdeen Abdul Kalam or A.P.J Abdul Kalam; as the World Student's Day to honor his efforts in the field of science and technology as well as the role of a teacher that he played throughout his scientific and political careers. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam was a role model for the students and his life story that how a poor and deprived boy hailing from a village in Tamil Nadu, reached the highest constitutional post in India, only because of his hard work and sincerity; inspires millions of students across the globe even today.

World Students' Day 2019 was celebrated on Tuesday, October 15<sup>th</sup> 2018 to commemorate the birth anniversary of a great leader and scientist, Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam at Banasthali Vidyapith. Plays, speech contests, essay writing contests are organized in many department of vidhyapith. His speeches and his famous quotes are recited to inspire the youths and make them more confident in their endeavors. Science exhibitions were also organized to honor one of the greatest scientists and the 'Missile Man of India'.

**Name of Activity: National Nutrition Week**

**Date : 1-7 September 2018**

**Report:**

Nutrition is to body as soul to the self. It is a common saying that a sound mind lives in a sound body and in order to make the body sound it must be fed with proper nutrition. As far as nutrition and the condition of starvation in India is concerned there is a huge gap. Still in 2019 there are many children who die without food or without proper diet. To make people aware of the importance of nutrition, National Nutrition Week is observed every year from 1st September to 7th September. Nutrition determines physical health and the psychological well-being of the person. Banasthali Vidyapeeth organized National Nutrition Week from September 1 to September 7, 2018 with a focus on "Go Further with Food". The Department of Home Science organized several events; exhibition of models, panel discussions, debate competition, quiz competition and individual presentations. Students participated in these events and explored the complex area of nutrition. It was discussed that good nutrition is necessary because with a poor diet well-being is reduced. Good nutrition helps to manage healthy weight, maintains the immune system and provides energy.

**Name of Activity: Vishwa Karma Day**

**Date 17 September 2018**

**Report:**

Vishwakarma is highly regarded as the Patron God of all working professionals as it is widely believed that it was he who revealed the mysteries of science and technology to all humans. According to the Hindu mythology, Vishwakarma is the divine architect who designed the entire universe which included the heaven and the earth.

This day is not only celebrated by the engineering and architectural community, but also by other professionals like artisans, craftsmen, weavers, mechanics, smiths, welders, industrial workers and factory workers. In the eastern parts of India like Bengal, this pooja is celebrated every year on September 17.

At the national level, the Vishwakarma Rashtriya Puraskar VRP and National Safety Awards given every year reflect Government of India's recognition of the contribution by working men, women and industrial establishments to the noble task of nation building.

**Name of Activity: International Day for Older Persons**

**Date 1 October 2018**

**Report:**

The International Day for Older Persons was organized on 1<sup>st</sup> October 2018 by Banasthali Vidyapith to raise awareness about the problems faced by the old people in society. In order to sensitize the youth a procession and a poster exhibition was organized by the Vidyapith which highlighted the old people's role in the development of society, economy and politics but how they are highly vulnerable, with many falling into poverty, becoming disabled or facing discrimination. In this context the younger generation should take care of the health issues of old people in their own family and social vicinity. The students from various departments of Social Science, Humanities, Design, Engineering, and Life Science took participation in this procession and poster making.

**Name of Activity: World AIDS Day**

**Date 1 December 2018**

**Report:**

Banasthali Vidyapith as part of World AIDS Day organized a guest lecture on the subject of People living with HIV: Stigma and Discrimination. The lecture was delivered by Prof. Manju Singh, Head, and Department of Sociology in the Gyan Mandir Auditorium. She highlighted that globally, there are an estimated **thirty seven million people living with HIV**. One in five people living with HIV generally experiences verbal harassment or threats as per a survey quoted by United Nations. We should fight by raising awareness of HIV on campus, tackling discriminatory attitudes and raising vital funds for AIDS Trust. As health care has improved in the modern society, the appropriate cure to HIV may be achieved in near future. The care of HIV patients needs to be taken seriously by the society and particularly youths. The students and faculties of various departments were present on this occasion.

**Name of Activity: Shaheed Diwas**

**Date: 9 August 2017**

**Report:**

Shaheed Diwas is celebrated in Banasthali Vidyapeeth on 9 August every year. Students present many programs which are dedicated to the martyrs. The founder of Banasthali “Apaji” Hiralal Shastri himself was a great freedom fighter and the member of the Constituent Assembly. The cornerstone of Banasthali’s education philosophy is based on five-fold education. A cradle of many innovative ideas in women’s education, the Vidyapith has evolved and successfully implemented a unique five-fold educational ideology, *Panch Mukhi Shiksha*, comprising of physical, practical, aesthetic, intellectual and moral aspects of education that advocates an optimum blend of these components towards all-round development of students. The architects of this institution believed that an educational programme should be able to promote the development of a balanced and harmonious personality of the students.

Mahatma Gandhi was the key player who crushed the entire British Empire through his philosophy of non-violence. He is well known as the Father of the Nation. He worked relentlessly for his whole life to get the people of India. Gandhi Jee with his political, social, economic, linguistics and cultural vision paved the path of modern India. Banasthali Vidyapith has been organizing Shaheed Diwas on 09 August every year. On this occasion more than 400 students and faculty members assembled at the Lakshmi Bhai Maidan for paying gratitude to those freedom fighters who sacrificed their life for liberating and empowering the life of the people of India which was reeled in the darkness of servitude.

On 09 Aug 2017, a number of students and faculty members assembled at the Lakshmi Bhai Maidan to pay homage to those who did not care for their life but they accepted death with smile on their face for freedom and liberation of their mother land from the sackle of dominance and exploitation. A special wreath was placed in artistically decorated memorial to remember the Shaheeds which was followed by Banasthali Band performance and Banasthali Choir singing various patriotic songs. When it comes to preserving legacy and heritage, Banasthali always stands apart as it stands on twin pillars of nationalism and Indian culture. The Banasthali’s campus is inspiring, embodies institutional values and supports a vibrant community of healthy, resilient and connected students, staff and faculty members. The campus has a vibrant

atmosphere, conducive to overall development and adds to bring out the best in the students besides being safe and secure. Banasthali practices the ethos of nation-building and Indian Culture. Emphasis on Indian culture and thought characterized by simple living and Khadi (handspun and hand-woven fabric) wearing are hallmarks of life at the Vidyapith. Often acclaimed as a fabric of the elite, political and fashion circle, Khadi, is for Banasthali a way of life and an implementation of Gandhian philosophy of Sarvodaya. The message of simple living and high thinking by Ghandhiji was enshrined in the very concept of Banasthali by the founding members and still remain so.





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**Name of Activity: Holi**

**Date: 1 March 2018**

**Report:**

India is a land of cultural prosperity and richness where a number of national and cultural festivals are celebrated through out the year. Banasthali Vidyapith has value education central and all encompassing to its unique and time-tested five-fold educational ideology comprising of physical, practical, aesthetic, intellectual and moral aspects. There are formal components to cater to physical, practical, aesthetic and intellectual education but, the Vidyapith believes that value inculcation and character building are not possible within the confines of a classroom. To this end Vidyapith has a rich tradition of celebrating a large number of cultural and national festivals including birth/death anniversary of great Indian personalities so that the students are able to derive inspiration from them. The entire academic calendar is full of such events adding so much fervor to the campus life besides having immense educational value

Holi, the festival of colours celebrated with fervor at Banasthali Vidyapith, world's largest fully residential women's university with a large number of students on its 850-acre campus situated amidst rural settings in Rajasthan and having a distinct educational ideology and offering a variety of programmes from nursery up to doctoral level across a wide spectrum of disciplines to prepare enlightened citizens with strong value-base and for nurturing such enlightened citizens several national and cultural festivals are celebrated in the campus of Banasthali Vidyapith. During these celebrations, the students, staff and faculty members of Banasthali add a spectrum of colours and gaiety to campus life and indeed rise above caste and creed and develop mutual respect for all religions. Holi is indeed a festival of multiple significances – mythological, cultural, and social. With Super moon and spring equinox coinciding, Holi celebrations at Banasthali started on 20 Mar 2019 late evening with the burning of Holika in front of Saraswati Mandir and Vani Mandir. The next day students of different hostels play Holi with one another and they share joy, mirth, and happiness with one another.





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**Name of Activity: Independence Day****Date: 15 August 2017****Report:**

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Independence Day is one of the most important national festivals of our country as it reminds us of our colonial past and of the modern, industrial and ever growing India. 15 August is celebrated as Independence Day with utmost zeal and zest. Plays, songs, and dances which instigated patriotic fervor were performed by the students. The bright sunshine and humid weather at Banasthali was no deterrent for the students of the world's largest fully residential women's university who ensured that India Independence Day was indeed celebrated with patriotic fervor, gaiety and enthusiasm. With students coming from different states of India, Banasthali is indeed a melting pot of various cultures.

Having made enormous progress from 1947 in education, science, technology, medicine, infrastructure, military, sports India today is a global power and is marching forward to development and prosperity. This indeed is an occasion for every Indian citizen to recall and remember the countless freedom fighters who fought fearlessly against the British might and sacrificed their lives.

On 15th Aug 2018, for the Independence Day at Banasthali, Prof Aditya Shastri Vice Chancellor unfurled the National Flag which was followed by the singing of the National Anthem. After the parade inspection, he took the salute for the marching groups of students from Saraswati Mandir,

Sharda Mandir, Banasthali Seva Dal, Scout, NSS, Banasthali Band, Flying Club, and Horse Riding Club. The march past also included students carrying flags to represent different states of India as well as different countries where Banasthali has collaborative arrangements. Sharda Mandir had also hosted a colourful cultural program to mark the occasion.

Prof Aditya Shastri, Vice Chancellor, Banasthali Vidyapith in his address to the huge gathering of students, staff and faculty members talked about what freedom means in the modern world. He emphasized on the device we are slave to in the modern world namely the mobile phone. He also explained the students that discipline is not a hindrance to freedom but is the real freedom. He said that freedom in the true sense can only be achieved if one is free from all the worldly sufferings, because pain is inevitable if one is living, but suffering is a choice. He mesmerized one and all present there with his gift of gab.





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**Name of Activity: Republic Day**

**Date: 26 January 2018**

**Report:**

Banasthali Vidyapith stands on the twin pillars of Nationalism and Indian culture. Vidyapith emphasizes on the celebration of National Festivals; Independence Day, Republic Day, and Gandhi Jayanti and the celebration of these national festivals inculcate the sense of Nationalism among students, staff and faculty members. 26 January is celebrated as Republic Day and the event included parade, songs, and speeches which give birth to patriotic fervor. On 26th Jan 2018, Prof Aditya Shastri, Vice Chancellor, Banasthali Vidyapith unfurled the tricolor which was followed by the singing of the National Anthem. After the parade inspection, took the salute for the marching groups of Banasthali Seva Dal, Scout, NSS students, Banasthali Band, Flying Club, Horse Riding Club. The march past also included students carrying flags to represent different states of India as well as different countries. He encouraged everyone with his words and inspired the participants with his words of appreciation. He also reminded them that our forefathers have scarified a lot for achieving freedom for the political dominance, exploitation and hegemony of the British Rule. Finally, celebration ended with the singing of *Vande Mataram*.



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**Name of Activity: Vijayadashami**

**Date: 30 September 2017**

**Report:**

Vijayadashami or Dussehra conveys the message of celebrating the victory of good over evil and it is celebrated on the tenth day of Navratri festival. In the northern and southern states, it is celebrated to mark the victory of Lord Ram over the *dasanan* Ravana. In eastern and northeastern states of India, it commemorates the victory of Goddess Durga over the demon king Mahishasura, and also marks the end of Durga Puja celebrations. Dussehra also marks the onset of preparations for the festival of lights – Diwali, which falls twenty days after the festival. With students coming from different parts of India Banasthali is a mini India echoing the lines of Gurudev Rabindranath Tagore in National anthem “Panjaba-Sindhu-Gujarata-Maratha Dravida-Utkala-Banga.” To reinforce the five-fold education - Panchmukhi Shiksha, Banasthali has established a rich tradition of celebrating various days of national and international significance throughout the year. Every year as per Hindu calendar, this important festival is celebrated on the tenth day of the month Ashvin. The rich ethnic diversity of India truly came alive when the entire Banasthali campus assembled on 30 September 2017 evening at Viduala Maidan where a huge effigy of Ravan had been installed to celebrate Dusshera. After the performance of rituals by Vice Chancellor Prof Aditya Shastri, the effigy went in flames accompanied by a dazzling display of fireworks. The students, staff and faculty members who joined the celebration, left the celebration with beaming faces and pride that they are indeed the part of one of the top ranking institutions of the country and the world which stands on the twin pillars of Nationalism and Indian Culture.





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**Name of Activity: National Girl Child Day**

**Date: 24 January 2018**

**Report:**

Gender equality is indeed more than a goal in itself as it is a precondition for meeting the challenges of reducing poverty, promoting sustainable development and building good governance. According to Dr. Sharada Srinivasan, Associate Professor University of Guelph, Ontario, Canada who is a well known researcher in the area of female infanticide, “Stemming from a deep unwantedness of daughters, sex selection is today in India a national problem and Sex selection is in the first instance an extreme form of gender discrimination and an act of violence.”

In order to emphasize the importance of women in the larger interests of the nation building task, Govt of India in 2009 had declared January 24 as National Girl Child Day. Further from 2015, the Beti Bachao Beti Padhao yojana by Govt of India has added momentum to the National Girl Child day activities. India today however, continues to need a sustained campaign to highlight the evils of female foeticide, female infanticide and girl discrimination in matters of health, nutrition, education and opportunities. Banasthali is one institution for which Girl Child Day is just not one day but 24x7x365. On 24 Jan 2018, to mark National Girl Child Day, the Innovative Chemical Engineer’s Club – ICE organized a talk by Prof Harsh Purohit from the Management Studies, Banasthali.

**Name of Activity: International Women's Day**

**Date: 8 March 2018**

**Report:**

The Women's Studies and Research Centre at Banasthali Vidyapith is indeed a hub of activities as the Centre organizes events throughout the year. The Women's Day celebration is aptly named *Jagriti* meaning Awakening. The proceedings started with welcome address by Sri Mohammad Tarique Iqbal followed by lighting of auspicious lamp on 08 Mar 2019 at Vani Mandir Banasthali by Prof Preeti Sharma Dean and other dignitaries.

The *Nukkad Natak* (Street Play) also had the same themes as poster making. On 09 Mar 2018, was conducted.

**Name of Activity: *Rashtriya Ekta Diwas***

**Date 31 October 2017**

**Report:**

After independence of India, Sardar Vallabh bhai Patel took the responsibility of integrating the 365 princely units in the independent India. The herculean task of integrating the princely units into Rajasthan State was assigned to Pt. Hiralal Shastri, the founder of globally famous Banasthali Vidyapith. Pt. Shastri completed this challenging task in very short period of time and received lot of appreciation from Sardar Vallabh bhai Patel. Pt. Shastri, later took over as the first Chief Minister of Rajasthan. It was an occasion of great enthusiasm for Banasthali family when the Iron man of India visited Banasthali Vidyapith in 1947 and admired the missionary task of women's education and the five-fold education system (Panchmukhi Vikas) of Banasthali Vidyapith.

The *Rashtriya Ekta Diwas* was celebrated on 31 October 2018 by Banasthali Vidyapith in which several events were organized.

**Name of Activity: Gandhi Jayanti**

**Date: 2 October 2017**

**Report:**

When Mahatma Gandhi, the father of the nation, came to Banasthali in 1946, he stated” Bansathali is enshrined in my heart” and undoubtedly Banasthali draws its inspiration from the well known Gandhi quote “What is really needed to make democracy function is not knowledge of facts but right education.”

The Gandhi Jayanti celebrations at Banasthali started on 01 Oct 2017 with an exhibition on Gandhiji by the students at Central Library and also at Vani Mandir followed by an Essay Competition both in Hindi and English and *Shlokas* Recitation from Bhagawat Competition at Vani Mandir. Sunrise on 02 Oct 2017 saw a massive rally by NSS students from Pragya Mandir to Vani Mandir. With a reach of over 50 villages, Radio FM Banasthali 90.4 had a special broadcast on Gandhiji. Thousands of students and faculty assembled in front of Vani Mandir for a Sarva Dharam Prartna and Bhajans which included the favorite ones of Gandhiji such as Raghupathi Raghav Rajaram and Vaisnav Jan to. Towards the closure of the programme, some students of Vidyapith recited some poems on the life, teaching and philosophy of Gandhi. At Banasthali, celebrating Gandhi Jayanti is much more than a routine. If there is one educational institution in India today where thousands of students participate in Gandhi Jayanti celebrations, then beyond doubt it must be Banasthali.





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**Name of Activity: Shri Krishna Janmastami**

**Date: 17 August 2017**

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The Panchmukhi Shiksha – the fivefold education evolved over decades at Banasthali attempts a balance of the five aspects of education, namely Physical, Practical, Aesthetic, Moral and Intellectual and aims at all round harmonious development of personality. The mission and vision of Banasthali includes synthesis of spiritual values and scientific achievements of the East and the West.

Janmasthmi was celebrated On 17 August 2017 and the students of Banasthali Vidyapith definitely gave dahi- handi a miss, and replace that tradition with the aesthetically appealing and visually mesmerizing decorated tableaus popularly referred as ‘Jhankis’. Students dressed up in beautiful attires and gave a glimpse of Krishna's eventful life which began with his birth in a jail to the phase where he took upon the most prestigious role of his life of being a mentor, a guide to a confused Arjun.







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**Name of Activity: Navratra Sthapana**

**Date: 28 September 2017**

**Report:**

Many educational institutions in India today have name but only a few have legacy like Banasthali Vidyapith. The evolution of Banasthali is nothing short of a fairy tale in which the parents, a Gandhian freedom fighter Pt Hiralal Shastri and a recipient of Padma Shri in 1955, Padma Bhushan in 1975, Smt Ratan Shastri took up the mission with passion for setting up an institution at Banasthali to fulfill the desire of their beloved daughter Shantabai who died at a very young age but had sown the seeds of a school built with mud bricks made by her own hands for educating girls.

Every year, Navratra Sthapana day is celebrated at Banasthali as Foundation day and Shantabai birthday. On 28 September 2017, a great number of students and some faculty members gathered in front of Surya Mandir for the celebrations. After divine invocation, Banasthali choir sang *Jeevan ki Jyothi* followed by *Sankalp Path* in which shlok from *Yajur Ved*, *Rig Ved* and *Atharva Ved* were recited in a unique conversational way. Prof Chitra Purohit President Banasthali addressed the gathering reiterated the vision mission of the institution and highlighted the necessary as well as desired student – student, faculty – faculty and student – faculty interactions. She referred to Sir Winston Churchill famous speeches and actions for winning the war against a mighty enemy to inspire the gathering for achieving more and more glory in coming times. The celebrations ended with recitation of Shanti Path.

**Name of Activity: Ganesh Chaturthi****Date: 25 August 2017****Report:**

Lord Ganesh is considered to be the God of wealth, knowledge, wisdom and prosperity. The essence of this festival lies in the fact that the devotees worship Ganesh to free their lives of all the sins and substitute them with knowledge and action. Associated with Lord Ganpati or Ganesha - the most loved god who has 108 names Ganesh Chaturthi, popularly called 'Ganesh Puja' or 'Vinayak Chaturthi' is a Hindu festival which falls in the vedic month of Bhadra (mid August-September). Ganesh is also called 'Vighnaharta' as he is known to take away all the problems of his devotees. It is a matter of pride that today Ganesh Chaturthi is not only celebrated in India but in several countries like Japan, Tibet, China, Cambodia, Thailand etc in different names.

Appreciated by the world at large, Banasthali firmly believes that to be top ranking, it is the foremost responsibility of any Indian educational institution to nurture humans with the tolerant and harmonious view of life as envisaged in the Indian culture the spirit of which has been beautifully captured in the Indian Constitution by the founding fathers of the nation. The Panchmukhi Shiksha – the fivefold education evolved over decades at Banasthali attempts a balance of the five aspects of education, namely Physical, Practical, Aesthetic, Moral and Intellectual and aims at all round harmonious development of personality. The mission and vision of Banasthali includes synthesis of spiritual values and scientific achievements of the East and the West. The rich ethnic diversity of India truly comes alive when the campus celebrates Hariyali Teej, Janmasthmi, Ganesh Chaturthi, Navratra Dandiya & Garba, Durgasthmi, Dusshera, Diwali, Guru Nanak Jayanti, Eid al Fitr, Christmas, Lohri, Basant Panchami and Holi. During these celebrations, the students and faculty of Banasthali add a spectrum of colours and gaiety to campus life and indeed rise above caste and creed and develop mutual respect for all religions. In addition to being an auspicious religious festival, Ganesh Chaturthi has deep cultural significance too. It is a time for various colourful activities like singing, dancing and performing plays depicting the birth of Ganesha and enactment of the various legends associated with him. On the occasion of Ganesh Chaturthi **25 August 2017**, entire Banasthali community

comes together to the pandal in front of Vani Mandir where a huge idol of Lord Ganesh is installed to celebrate this festival with pomp, grandeur and fanfare. After the Poojan performance by Vice Chancellor Prof Aditya Shastri, Banasthali choir rendered several bhajans both in Dhrupad and Khayal devoted to Lord Ganesh. The celebrations concluded with Arti.





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**Name of Activity: Basant Panchami**

**Date: 22 January 2018**

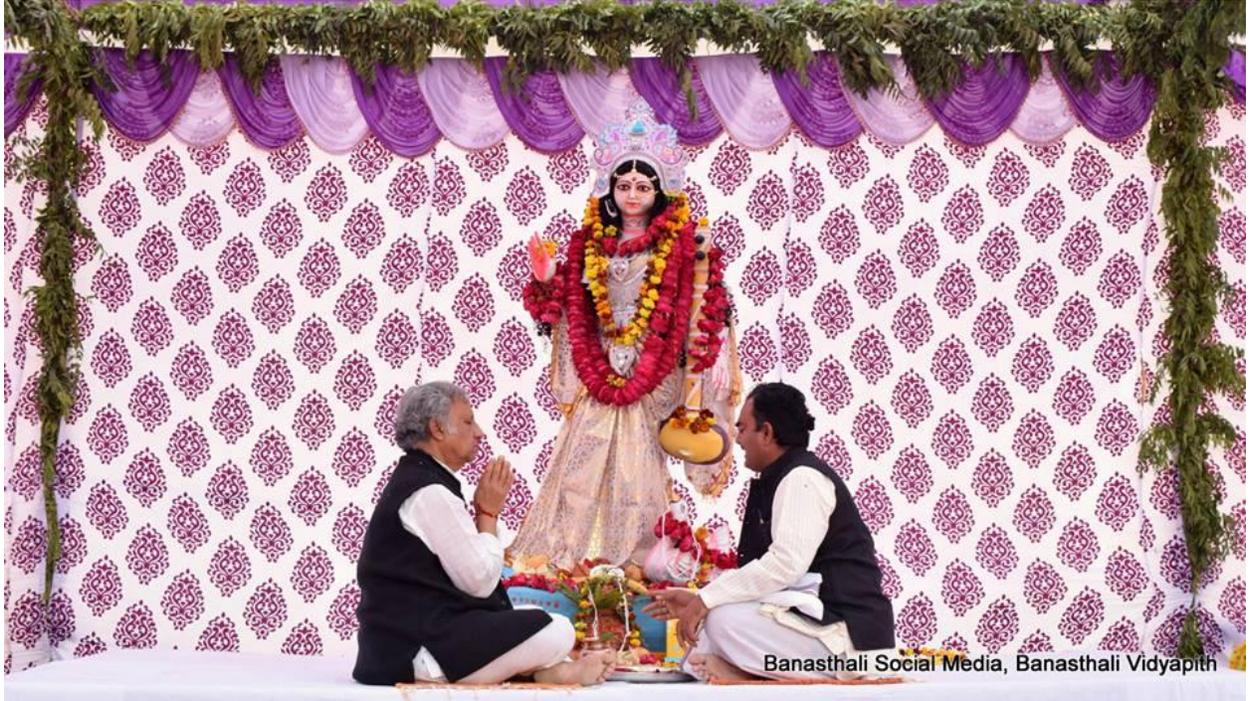
**Report:**

The festival of Basant Panchami also known as Shri Panchami and Saraswati Panchami is a seasonal festival to welcome spring and is observed in many regions of India. The celebrations are dedicated to Goddess Saraswati, the Goddess of knowledge, music, arts, science and technology.

Basant Panchmi is celebrated on the fifth day (Panchami Tithi) of the bright fortnight (Shukla Paksha) of the Hindu month Magh. It is said that from this day the spring season (Vasant Ritu) begins and the day is dedicated to worship of Goddess Saraswati. A legend says that it was on Basant Panchami day that Lord Ram, tasted the half-eaten berries famously offered by Shabari out of her love and generosity.

Right from its inception, Banasthali has embarked on a rich tradition of celebrating various days of national and international significance. On 22 January 2018, a grand celebration to mark Basant Panchami was organized befittingly in front of the lawns facing Vani Mandir. Prof Siddharth Shastri, Vice President & Professor of Economics Bansthali Vidyapith performed the traditional Puja. This was followed by a group of students rendering devotional songs dedicated to goddess Saraswati and a song to welcome the season Basant. Several dignitaries from abroad who had come to Banasthali also joined the celebrations.

When the celebrations ended with performance of aarti, the students and faculty who had come for the function left with beaming faces and pride that they were indeed part of an institution which is a jewel in the crown among the women's universities not only in India today but across the globe.



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## **Name of Activity: Guru Nanak Dev Ji Jayanti**

**Date 01 November 2017**

### **Report:**

Guru Nanak Gurpurab is celebrated as the day to remember the first Sikh Guru who laid the foundation of Sikhism and is a reminder for the devotees to follow his teachings which spread the message of oneness and harmony and devote their life in the selfless service of God.

Appreciated by the world at large, Banasthali firmly believes that to be top ranking, it is the foremost responsibility of any Indian educational institution to nurture humans with the tolerant and harmonious view of life as envisaged in the Indian culture the spirit of which has been beautifully captured in the Indian Constitution by the founding fathers of the nation. It is a matter of great pride that Banasthali library houses an original copy of the Constitution of India and the founder of Banasthali Pandit Hiralal Sastri as a member of the Constituent Assembly was a signatory to the same.

Guru Nanak the founder of Sikhism, firmly believed that there was one god and every human was capable of reaching him through sincere prayer, though he didn't encourage sacrificing family life to achieve this. All his teachings were compiled as hymns in the sacred book, the Guru Granth Sahib. To mark the occasion of Guru Nanak Jayanti, on 01 Nov 2017, entire Banasthali community came together to the pandal in front of Gyan Mandir where Banasthali choir rendered soul stirring Shabad Kirtan and Gurbani. After the Bhajans, the program ended with distribution of Prasad.

The students and faculty who attended the Guru Nanak Jayanti celebrations left with beaming faces and pride that they were indeed part of a top ranking institution which is a jewel in the crown among the women's universities not only in India today but across the globe.





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**Name of Activity: Durga Astami**

**Date: 29 September 2017**

**Report:**

Durga signifies the innermost power of consciousness and the goddess is forever taking shape within and around us as the creative and transformative force that is the essence of the cosmic life for overcoming all difficulties. With students coming from different parts of India, the 850 acre Banasthali campus itself is a mini India echoing the lines of Gurudev Rabindranath Tagore in National anthem “Panjaba-Sindhu-Gujarata-Maratha Dravida-Utkala-Banga.” To reinforce the fivefold education - Panchmukhi Shiksha, Banasthali has established a rich tradition of celebrating various days of national and international significance throughout the year.

Durga Ashtami also known as Maha Ashtami is the 8th day of Navaratri and is the most important day of 9 Divine Nights of Goddess worship (Navratri) in India. There are several mythological stories related to this day and the most common is that Durga Ashtami commemorates Goddess Durga's victory over the demon, Mahishasur.

The rich ethnic diversity of India truly came alive when the entire Banasthali campus celebrated Durga Asthami on 29 September 2017 morning at Brahm Mandir where a huge idol of the goddess had been installed. After the Poojan performance by Vice President Prof Siddharth Shastri, Banasthali choir renders several devotional songs in praise of goddess Shakti. The celebrations concluded with Arti. Since the day also marks 20th anniversary of Banasthali co-founder Smt Ratan Shastri remembrance, floral tributes were paid with a firm resolve to carry forward the mission and vision of the institution.

The students and faculty of Banasthali who came for Durga Ashtami celebrations left with beaming faces and pride that they were indeed part of a top ranking institution which is a jewel in the crown among the women's universities not only in India today but across the globe.





## **Name of Activity: Hariyali Teej**

**Date: 26 July 2017**

### **Report:**

Since it is celebrated in the month of Shravan which marks the beginning of Monsoon in India, it is also known as Shravan Teej and Choti Teej symbolizing the union of Lord Shiva and Goddess Parvati. The term 'Hariyali' in Hariyali Teej stands for greenery associated with monsoon. This festival which also symbolizes happiness and prosperity is widely celebrated in states like Uttarakhand, Uttar Pradesh, Haryana, Rajasthan and Bihar. With students from various parts of India, it goes without saying that Banasthali is indeed a melting pot of various cultures. Banasthali Vidyapith welcomed Teej on 26 July 2017 with great vigor and celebrated the same in befitting traditional manner. Students adorned their hands with beautiful henna, accompanied by a larger dose of popular Bollywood numbers along with traditional Teej songs. Everyone dressed up in bright hues with green dominating to welcome the monsoon. Everyone took turns to joyfully swing on the swings outside every hostel. But the biggest hit amongst the students was the food as usual. A special lunch was served, which consisted of mouthwatering Indian delicacies like Dal Bati and Churma. Everyone was given a generous serving of ghevar which is specially prepared only on Teej. When it comes to celebrating festivals as well as days of national and international importance, the enthusiasm by students of Banasthali is truly unbelievable.



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**Name of Activity: National Science Day**

**Date: 28th February 2018**

**Report:**

Banasthali Vidyapith has a rich tradition of celebrating various days which are of national and international importance. Vidyapith does not only celebrate the cultural, national and religious festivals but it also celebrates some importance days which mark the historic moment in the rich cultural, social, political, economic and scientific history of India. National Science Day is one such days which represents a rich scientific history that India has nurtured since many centuries. National Science Day reminds everyone of the Raman Effect discovered by a very famous Indian physicist Sir C.V. Raman. This year, like other years the day was celebrated on Day on 28th February, 2018 by the Department of Physics, Banasthali Vidyapith. To celebrate the event, the Department organized science exhibitions, poster presentation by students, debate and quiz competition. These events were based on the theme of (Science and Technology for a Sustainable Future). A large number of students from different departments were participated in those events and highlighted the major theme of the event.

**Name of Activity: World Water Day**

**Date: 22 March 2018**

**Report:**

Water is an essential building block of life. It is more than just essential to quench thirst or protect health. Water is vital for creating jobs and supporting economic, social, and human development. The situation is alarming in the sense that according to recently released UNESCO Report, Water crisis in India will intensify by 2010. Presently, there are over 663 million people living without a safe water supply close to home, spending countless hours queuing or trekking to distant sources, and coping with the health impacts of using contaminated water. The Theme for the Silver Jubilee year 2018 is “Nature for Water” which aims to explore as to how one can use nature to overcome the water challenges of the 21st century.

On 22 Mar 2018, the department of Chemical Engineering organized World Water Day at SBI Auditorium. Prof BR Natarajan Head of Chemical Engineering welcomed the audience and gave an overview of the significance of the day including the extent of Fluoride contamination in Rajasthan which puts it on top of Fluorosis map of India today. He introduced the Chief Guest for the day Dr Suphiya Khan. Dr Khan in her inspiring speech gave details about the Global Water Scenario and Crisis with 20 thought provoking facts and shared her research work at the Water Research Laboratory at Banasthali with the audience.

**Name of Activity: National Engineer's Day**

**Date: 15 September 2017**

**Report:**

Both engineering and engineers play important roles in the making of human civilization possible. Whatever is visible be it a small object or a huge palace, it is all nothing but the product of engineering and structural thoughts of engineers. To acknowledge their contribution, we “Engineer’s Day” on September 15 every year. The day also commemorates the birthday of the legendary engineer Sir Mokshagundam Visvesvaraya popularly known as Sir MV who designed some great artifacts of civil engineering. Banasthali Vidyapith celebrated National Engineer's Day 15 September 2017 of Nav Mandir Auditorium. The event was organized by the students of B.Tech, M.Tech, B. Pharm, M. Pharm etc. and the event included the organization of debate competition, quiz competition and elocution. Students discussed the major theme of the relevance of engineering in the life of *homo sapiens*. They participated in those competitions with enthusiasm and energy.

**Name of Activity: Lohri**

**Date 13 January 2018**

**Report:**

Lohri is the festival that marks the beginning of the harvest season, which calls for a celebration in many states of north India, including Punjab, Haryana and Himachal Pradesh. The festival is mainly celebrated by the Hindu and the Sikh communities, wherein they light a holy bonfire, which signifies passing of the winter solstice. There are a number of traditions related to this Punjabi festival other than lighting of the holy bonfire like offering ceremonial prayers and even preparing delicious food. Moreover, before harvesting the crops, people offer their thanks to the God. Lohri traditions and festivities are quite vibrant and soulful. The festival is characterised by a tradition of lighting of a holy bonfire, which signifies 'Agni', the God of Fire. At Banasthali students gather around the bonfire with great vigor and celebrated the same in befitting traditional manner, warm up to the sparkling flames, offer prayers, sing songs, dance and throw in foods like gajak, chikki, jaggery, popcorn, sesame seeds (til), rewari and peanuts to pay homage to their roots, in a matter of speaking.





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**Name of Activity: Christmas**

**Date 25 December 2017**

**Report:**

Banasthali has a rich tradition of celebrating various days of both national and international importance all round the year. Christmas is the season of joy, holiday greetings exchanged, gift-giving, and families getting united. The Christmas celebrations took place in the college campus on 25th December 2018. On Christmas day, a special mass was conducted in the college.

Students conceptualise and create event to spread the holiday cheer – college inculcates values of inclusion, celebrating festivals and cultures from around the world - Part of the world class education offered by Banasthali Vidyapith. The college Christmas Festival included live performances, dance, music, etc. The celebrations also included a rhythmic performance from the college choir and an add-on surprise package by Santa Claus. The staff and students were completely spellbound with the Christmas gratification.

The students at Banasthali Vidyapith are taught to celebrate festivals and appreciate people from around the world. The Banasthali believes that providing the students with a very broad and balanced education will equip them for life and ultimately make them more open minded to people from all faiths and religious traditions.



**Name of Activity: Indian Aviation Day**

**Date: 19 August 2017**

**Report:**

Flying has been an inseparable part of Banasthali's broadbased learning programme since 1962. Banasthali started its flying activities with 3 aircrafts and since then training has been an uninterrupted activity. Banasthali Vidyapith observes National Aviation Day on 19 August every year. Vidyapith celebrated National Aviation day on 19 August 2018 in which the students of B.Sc. aviation science participated actively with energy and enthusiasm.

In the event a panel discussion was organized on "Women in Aviation- way to take off" started with dignitaries like Ms. Meenakshi Dua (Air India), Capt. Harpreet Singh (President, IWPA), Dr. Ibrahim Shaik (UAE), Dr. Dewakar Goyal (Airport Authority of India), and Dr. Baba Yerra (UAE). This panel was moderated by Dr. Chilka Sharma, Banasthali Vidyapith.

**Name of Activity: Constitution Day****Date 26 November 2017****Report:**

Indian democracy is guided, protected and enriched by the omnipotent presence of constitution. It is something that controls, regulates and monitors Indian society, judiciary and politics. Constitution of India is the soul of country without which the country cannot exist in its proper form and shape. Banasthali Vidyapith has a direct relationship with Indian Constitution as the founder of Vidyapith Shri Hiralal Shastriji (Apaji) was one of the members of the constituent assembly which drafted the constitution. Sanvidhan Divash or Constitution day is celebrated on 26 November every year. It was celebrated on 26 November 2017 by the Jannalal School of Legal Studies Banasthali Vidyapith. On that day students of the legal studies organized constitution exhibition in which they presented the history of constitution, its branches and the place of law in the life of the people.

**Name of Activity: International Literacy Day****Date: 8 September 2017****Report:**

To quote UNESCO Director-General Ms Audrey Azoulay “Literacy is more crucial than ever to meet the demands of increasingly globalized societies and changing labour markets”. The theme for 2017 is “Literacy and Employment”. The students of Bansthal Vidyapith organized debate competition on the topic of the major theme. They discussed the interrelationship between Literacy and Employment. The event was judged by Prof Preeti Sharma, Prof. Manju Singh and Prof. Nirmala Singh. They encouraged students with their encouraging words and motivated them to continue organizing such events because they may sharpen their argumentative and communicative skills. At the end while addressing the students and the audience Prof Sharma reinstated that the low literacy rate can enable India today to overcome grave challenges it is facing which include unemployment, underemployment, poverty and unequal distribution of

wealth. Literacy is a must for individual's higher socio – economic status, better employment prospects, lower population growth and better health care.

**Name of Activity: Death anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi**

**Date: 30 January 2018**

**Report:**

The Death anniversary of Gandhi ji is organized every year on 30th January. India is the country among other 15 countries of the world where Martyrs Day is celebrated every year to pay homage to the freedom fighters. For the past several decades, Banasthali has been observing 30 January every year as Shramdan Divas. On 30 Jan 2018, a number of students, staff and faculty members to pay respect and tribute to Gandhi Ji, the father of the nation. On that day Bapuji is remembered through his teachings, ideas and philosophy. Students, staff and faculty members are encouraged to follow the path shown by them and abide by the values he stood for. Vidyapith on that day cleans the area around academic blocks and everybody is encouraged to contribute some amount of labor in keeping the vicinity clean.

**Name of Activity: World Nature Conservation Day**

**Date: 28 July 2017**

**Report:**

The phenomena of industrial growth, modernization, urbanization and the hegemony of the capitalist have entailed profoundly upon the natural as well as the cultural world. The uncontrolled growth in industrial advancement if on the one hand brought prosperity to the country then on the other it has exploited the natural resources who is owed by all but claimed by none. These aforesaid growths have a great negative impact on the presence of fresh water in the world. Keeping the inevitable need of water in the life of *homo sapiens* United Nation observes World Water Day on 28 July every year. The day advocates for the sustainable management of natural resources. Banasthali Vidyapith organized World Water Day on 28 July 2017 which focused on the theme of World Nature Conservation Day “Nature and Culture”. Students of Banasthali Vidyapith in that event discussed the miserable condition of the marginalized group who are left without adequate water and group includes women, children, refugees, indigenous and disabled people. Towards the end of the programme it was asserted that “Water service must also be given to the marginalized groups and their voices must be heard a decision making processes”.

**Name of Activity: World Student day**

**Date: 15<sup>th</sup> October 2017**

**Report:**

A.P.J. Abdul Kalam was a role model for the students and his life story that how a poor and deprived boy hailing from a village in Tamil Nadu, reached the highest constitutional post in India, only because of his hard work and sincerity; inspires millions of students across the globe even today. World Students' Day 2019 was celebrated on Tuesday, October 15<sup>th</sup> 2018 to commemorate the birth anniversary of a great leader and scientist, Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam at Banasthali Vidyapith. Plays, speech contests, essay writing contests are organized in many department of vidhyapith. His speeches and his famous quotes are recited to inspire the youths and make them more confident in their endeavors. Science exhibitions were also organized to honor one of the greatest scientists and the 'Missile Man of India'.

**Name of Activity: National Nutrition Week**

**Date : 1-7 September 2017**

**Report:**

National Nutrition Week is observed every year from 1st September to 7th September to make people aware about the importance of nutrition for the Human Body and well being of health. The objective of the National Nutrition Week is to enhance the nutritional practice awareness among people of the community through the adoptable training, timely education, seminars, different competitions, road shows and many other campaigns and to make a healthy Nation. The one week campaign involves one day training, preparing the nutritious food with the healthy stuff, an exhibition by the students of Home Science, comment on wheat and soyabean to let them known about nutritious value, various competitions, and nutrition lecture to Mothers, road shows and seminars.

**Name of Activity: Vishwa Karma Day**

**Date 17 September 2017**

**Report:**

Vishwakarma is highly regarded as the Patron God of all working professionals as it is widely believed that it was he who revealed the mysteries of science and technology to all humans. According to the Hindu mythology, Vishwakarma is the divine architect who designed the entire universe which included the heaven and the earth.

This day is not only celebrated by the engineering and architectural community, but also by other professionals like artisans, craftsmen, weavers, mechanics, smiths, welders, industrial workers and factory workers. In the eastern parts of India like Bengal, this pooja is celebrated every year on September 17.

At the national level, the Vishwakarma Rashtriya Puraskar VRP and National Safety Awards given every year reflect Government of India's recognition of the contribution by working men, women and industrial establishments to the noble task of nation building.

**Name of Activity: International Day for Older Persons**

**Date: 1 October 2017**

**Report:**

Banasthali Vidyapith as part of International Day for Older Persons organized a guest lecture on the subject of Opportunities and Challenges of Ageing. The lecture was delivered by Prof. Manju Singh, Head, and Department of Sociology in the Gyan Mandir Auditorium. She highlighted that older people have always played a significant role in society as leaders, caretakers and custodians of tradition. As health care has improved in the modern society, the population of older people is growing. In this context, their needs regarding proper food, health and care needs to be taken seriously by the society and particularly youths. The students and faculties of various departments were present on this occasion.

**Name of Activity: World AIDS Day**

**Date 1 December 2017**

**Report:**

The **World AIDS Day** was organized on 1<sup>st</sup> December 2017 by Banasthali Vidyapith to draw the attention related to AIDS. In order to raise awareness, Banasthali Vidyapith organized a door to door meeting of students with the people of Jagatpura village. Before the interaction, the students of Social Work oriented the other students about the tools of interaction. The student met the local residents and highlighted that how this disease damages our immune system. And following initial infection a person may not notice any symptoms or may experience a brief period of the influenza illness. Students further highlighted that this disease has affected the children and youth. And with proper measures and precaution it can be prevented. The students and faculties of various departments participated in this meeting.

**Name of Activity: Shaheed Diwas**

**Date: 9 August 2016**

**Report:**

Shaheed Diwas is celebrated in Banasthali Vidyapeeth on 9 August every year. Students present many programs which are dedicated to the martyrs. The founder of Banasthali “Apaji” Hiralal Shastri himself was a great freedom fighter and the member of the Constituent Assembly. The cornerstone of Banasthali’s education philosophy is based on five-fold education. A cradle of many innovative ideas in women’s education, the Vidyapith has evolved and successfully implemented a unique five-fold educational ideology, *Panchmukhi Shiksha*, comprising of physical, practical, aesthetic, intellectual and moral aspects of education that advocates an optimum blend of these components towards all-round development of students. The architects of this institution believed that an educational programme should be able to promote the development of a balanced and harmonious personality of the students.

Mahatma Gandhi was the key player who crushed the entire British Empire through his philosophy of non-violence. He is well known as the Father of the Nation. He worked relentlessly for his whole life to get the people of India. Gandhi Jee with his political, social, economic, linguistics and cultural vision paved the path of modern India. Banasthali Vidyapith has been organizing Shaheed Diwas on 09 August every year. On this occasion more than 400 students and faculty members assembled at the Lakshmi Bhai Maidan for paying gratitude to those freedom fighters who sacrificed their life for liberating and empowering the life of the people of India which was reeled in the darkness of servitude.

On 09 Aug 2017, a number of students and faculty members assembled at the Lakshmi Bhai Maidan to pay homage to those who did not care for their life but they accepted death with smile on their face for freedom and liberation of their mother land from the sackle of dominance and exploitation. A special wreath was placed in artistically decorated memorial to remember the Shaheeds which was followed by Banasthali Band performance and Banasthali Choir singing various patriotic songs. When it comes to preserving legacy and heritage, Banasthali always stands apart as it stands on twin pillars of nationalism and Indian culture. The Banasthali’s campus is inspiring, embodies institutional values and supports a vibrant community of healthy, resilient and connected students, staff and faculty members. The campus has a vibrant

atmosphere, conducive to overall development and adds to bring out the best in the students besides being safe and secure. Banasthali practices the ethos of nation-building and Indian Culture. Emphasis on Indian culture and thought characterized by simple living and Khadi (handspun and hand-woven fabric) wearing are hallmarks of life at the Vidyapith. Often acclaimed as a fabric of the elite, political and fashion circle, Khadi, is for Banasthali a way of life and an implementation of Gandhian philosophy of Sarvodaya. The message of simple living and high thinking by Ghandhiji was enshrined in the very concept of Banasthali by the founding members and still remain so.







**Name of Activity: Holi**

**Date: 13 March 2017**

**Report:**

Holi, the festival of colours celebrated with full energy and enthusiasm at Banasthali Vidyapith with innumerable students coming from different parts of India, in its great campus which is full of natural beauty. The celebration of Holi in the campus adds a spectrum of colours and gaiety to the campus life and it indeed obliterates the boundary of caste and creed and develop mutual respect for all religions. Holi undoubtedly is a festival of multiple significances – mythological, cultural, social and biological. Holi celebrations at Banasthali started on 12 Mar 2017 late evening with the burning of Holika in front of Saraswati Mandir and Vani Mandir which symbolizes the burning of seven deadly sins.

At sunrise on 13 March 2017, even the notoriously late sleepers in the hostels were up early to grab the breakfast and were all geared up with loads of colours in front of the respective hostels. With the hostel warden keeping the eyes sharper doing the customary wishes in the public address system, the riot of vibrant colours erupted with shouting of 'Bura na Mano Holi Hai'. It was remarkable that students were particular in choosing environment friendly colours and avoided spraying water.



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**Name of Activity: Independence Day****Date: 15 August 2016****Report:**

15 August was celebrated as Independence Day with utmost zeal and zest. Plays, songs, and dances which instigated patriotic fervor were performed by the students. The bright sunshine and humid weather at Banasthali was no deterrent for the students of the world's largest fully residential women's university who ensured that India Independence Day was indeed celebrated with patriotic fervor, gaiety and enthusiasm. With students coming from different states of India, Banasthali is indeed a melting pot of various cultures.

Having made enormous progress from 1947 in education, science, technology, medicine, infrastructure, military, sports India today is a global power and is marching forward to development and prosperity. This indeed is an occasion for every Indian citizen to recall and remember the countless freedom fighters who fought fearlessly against the British might and sacrificed their lives.

On 15th Aug 2016, for the Independence Day at Banasthali, Prof Aditya Shastri Vice Chancellor unfurled the Tiranga which was followed by singing of the National Anthem. After the customary parade inspection, he took the salute for the marching groups of students from Saraswati Mandir, Sharda Mandir, Banasthali Seva Dal, Scout, NSS, Banasthali Band, Flying Club, and Horse Riding Club. The march past also included students carrying flags to represent different states of India as well as different countries where Banasthali has collaborative arrangements.





**Name of Activity: Republic Day**

**Date: 26 January 2017**

**Report:**

Banasthali Vidyapith has value education central and all encompassing to its unique and time-tested five-fold educational ideology comprising of physical, practical, aesthetic, intellectual and moral aspects. There are formal components to cater to physical, practical, aesthetic and intellectual education but, the Vidyapith believes that value inculcation and character building are not possible within the confines of a classroom. To this end, Vidyapith has a rich tradition of celebrating a large number of cultural and national festivals including birth/death anniversary of great Indian personalities so that the students are able to derive inspiration from them. The entire academic calendar is full of such events adding so much fervor to the campus life besides having immense educational value

26 January was celebrated as Republic Day and the event included parade, songs, and speeches which which gave birth to patriotic fervor. On 26th Jan 2019, Prof Aditya Shastri, Vice Chancellor, Banasthali Vidyapith unfurled the tricolor which was followed by the singing of the National Anthem. After the parade inspection, took the salute for the marching groups of Banasthali Seva Dal, Scout, NSS students, Banasthali Band, Flying Club, Horse Riding Club. The march past also included students carrying flags to represent different states of India as well as different countries.

Prof Aditya Shastri in his inspiring speech read out the preamble of our constitution and explained the same to the gathering. Prof Aditya Shastri in his inspiring speech read out the preamble of our constitution and explained the same to the gathering. When he mentioned that the founder of Banasthali 'Apaji' Pandit Hiralal Shastri was a constituent assembly member who was a signatory to the constitution and that a original copy of our constitution is kept preserved in Banasthali Library, there was a thunderous round of applause. Prof Aditya Shastri said that they have been framed keeping the students in mind as much as the tradition of wearing of Khadi for the rest of their lives. The celebrations ended with the singing of *Vande Mataram*, the national song of India.



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**Name of Activity: Vijayadashami****Date: 11 October 2016****Report:**

Vijayadashami or Dussehra conveys the message of celebrating the victory of good over evil and it is celebrated on the tenth day of Navratri festival. In the northern and southern states, it is celebrated to mark the victory of Lord Ram over the *dasanan* Ravana. In eastern and northeastern states of India, it commemorates the victory of Goddess Durga over the demon king Mahishasura, and also marks the end of Durga Puja celebrations. Dussehra also marks the onset of preparations for the festival of lights – Diwali, which falls twenty days after the festival. With students coming from different parts of India Banasthali is a mini India echoing the lines of Gurudev Rabindranath Tagore in National anthem “Panjaba-Sindhu-Gujarata-Maratha Dravida-Utkala-Banga.” To reinforce the five-fold education - Panchmukhi Shiksha, Banasthali has established a rich tradition of celebrating various days of national and international significance throughout the year. Every year as per Hindu calendar, this important festival is celebrated on the tenth day of the month Ashvin. The rich ethnic diversity of India truly came alive when the entire Banasthali campus assembled on 11 October 2016 evening at Viduala Maidan where a huge effigy of Ravan had been installed to celebrate Dusshera. After the performance of rituals by Vice Chancellor Prof Aditya Shastri, the effigy went in flames accompanied by a dazzling display of fireworks. The students, staff and faculty members who joined the celebration, left the celebration with beaming faces and pride that they are indeed the part of one of the top ranking institutions of the country and the world which stands upright on the twin pillars of Nationalism and Indian Culture.







**Name of Activity: National Girl Child Day****Date: 24 January 2017****Report:**

Gender and identity are multidimensional categories of epistemological reality. It is constituted, controlled and perpetuated by social, psychological, economic, cultural and linguistic factors. Gender therefore cannot be conceived as a natural, essential and normative category. It is always a complex reality of construction which negates Cartesian dualism, project of enlightenment, sovereign self and biological theory of sex and sexuality. Similarly, the existence of identity also interrogates the phenomena of subject and subjectivity. Identity is always a constructed reality where different material conditions play significant roles in its making.

Banasthali Vidyapith, established in 1935, is the world's largest residential university for women, doing pioneer work in its field for more than eight decades.

The 'Banasthali story' has no parallel across the globe. It originated in only of its kind situation when a father lost his promising daughter before its hour and decided to train other girls the same way. Banasthali embarked upon its journey with only five students way back in 1935 when the concept of education for the girl child virtually didn't exist. The founders went door to door to recruit students. There was no question of charging any fee and they also went door to door to collect donations to carry out their dream. That small experiment, over the last eight decades, has blossomed into world's largest fully residential women's university having 15000 students on its 850-acre campus situated amidst rural settings in Rajasthan and having a distinct educational ideology and offering a variety of programmes from nursery up to doctoral level across a wide spectrum of disciplines to prepare enlightened citizens with strong value-base. The university is providing high quality education at most affordable cost to women hailing from all parts of India and from overseas. Of late, it has ventured into internationalization and has exchange programmes with several universities across the globe.

Gender equality is indeed more than a goal in itself as it is a precondition for meeting the challenges of reducing poverty, promoting sustainable development and building good governance. In order to emphasize the importance of women in the larger interests of the nation building task, Govt of India in 2009 had declared January 24 as National Girl Child Day. Further from 2015, the *Beti Bachao Beti Padhao Yojana* by Govt of India has added momentum to the

National Girl Child day activities. India today however, continues to need a sustained campaign to highlight the evils of female foeticide, female infanticide and girl discrimination in matters of health, nutrition, education and opportunities. This year the girl child day was celebrated on 24 January 2017 and on that day the university organizes several events addressing the condition, place, and position of girl child in Indian society.

**Name of Activity: International Women's Day**

**Date: 8 March 2017**

**Report:**

The Women's Studies and Research Centre at Banasthali Vidyapith is indeed a hub of activities as the Centre organizes events throughout the year. The Women's Day celebration is aptly named *Jagruti* meaning Awakening. The proceedings started with welcome address by Sri BR Natrajan followed by lighting of auspicious lamp on 08 Mar 2017 at Vani Mandir Banasthali.

Open Mic poetry had several hard hitting presentations on issues concerning women. On 09 Mar 2017, interactive session with the rural women at Anaupcharik Mahila Shiksha Kendra was held.

**Name of Activity: Rashtriya Ekta Diwas**

**Date 31 October 2016**

**Report:**

After independence of India, Sardar Vallabh bhai Patel took the responsibility of integrating the 365 princely units in the independent India. The herculean task of integrating the princely units into Rajasthan State was assigned to Pt. Hiralal Shastri, the founder of globally famous Banasthali Vidyapith. Pt. Shastri completed this challenging task in very short period of time and received lot of appreciation from Sardar Vallabh bhai Patel. Pt. Shastri, later took over as the first Chief Minister of Rajasthan. It was an occasion of great enthusiasm for Banasthali family when the Iron man of India visited Banasthali Vidyapith in 1947 and admired the missionary task of women's education and the five-fold education system (Panchmukhi Vikas) of Banasthali Vidyapith.

The *Rashtriya Ekta Diwas* was celebrated on 31 October 2018 by Banasthali Vidyapith in which several events were organized. An essay competition was organized on the contribution of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel in the making of modern India. Some students also recited their self composed poems on the biography of Sardar Patel.

## **Name of Activity: Gandhi Jayanti**

**Date: 2 October 2016**

### **Report:**

When Mahatma Gandhi, the father of the nation, came to Banasthali in 1946, he stated” Bansathali is enshrined in my heart” and undoubtedly Banasthali draws its inspiration from the well known Gandhi quote “What is really needed to make democracy function is not knowledge of facts but right education.”

The Gandhi Jayanti celebrations at Banasthali started on 01 Oct 2016 with an exhibition on Gandhiji by the students at Central Library and also at Vani Mandir followed by an Essay Competition both in Hindi and English and *Shlokas* Recitation from Bhagawat Competition at Vani Mandir. Sunrise on 02 Oct 2016 saw a massive rally by NSS students from Pragya Mandir to Vani Mandir. With a reach of over 50 villages, Radio FM Banasthali 90.4 had a special broadcast on Gandhiji. Thousands of students and faculty assembled in front of Vani Mandir for a Sarva Dharam Prartna and Bhajans which included the favorite ones of Gandhiji such as Raghupathi Raghav Rajaram and Vaisnav Jan to. Towards the closure of the programme, some students of Vidyapith recited some poems on the life, teaching and philosophy of Gandhi







**Name of Activity: Shri Krishna Janmastami**

**Date: 25 August 2016**

**Report:**

Appreciated by the world at large, Banasthali firmly believes that to be top ranking, it is the foremost responsibility of any Indian educational institution to nurture humans with the tolerant and harmonious view of life as envisaged in the Indian culture the spirit of which has been beautifully captured in the Indian Constitution by the founding fathers of the nation.

The Panchmukhi Shiksha – the fivefold education evolved over decades at Banasthali attempts a balance of the five aspects of education, namely Physical, Practical, Aesthetic, Moral and Intellectual and aims at all round harmonious development of personality. The mission and vision of Banasthali includes synthesis of spiritual values and scientific achievements of the East and the West.

Janmasthanmi was celebrated On 26 August 2016 and the students of Banasthali Vidyapith definitely gave dahi- handi a miss, and replace that tradition with the aesthetically appealing and visually mesmerizing decorated tableaux popularly referred as ‘Jhankis’. Students dressed up in beautiful attires and gave a glimpse of Krishna's eventful life which began with his birth in a jail to the phase where he took upon the most prestigious role of his life of being a mentor, a guide to a confused Arjun.











**Name of Activity: Navratra Sthapana**

**Date: 10 October 2016**

**Report:**

Many educational institutions in India today have name but only a few have legacy like Banasthali Vidyapith. The evolution of Banasthali is nothing short of a fairy tale in which the parents, a Gandhian freedom fighter Pt Hiralal Shastri and a recipient of Padma Shri in 1955, Padma Bhushan in 1975, Smt Ratan Shastri took up the mission with passion for setting up an institution at Banasthali to fulfill the desire of their beloved daughter Shantabai who died at a very young age but had sown the seeds of a school built with mud bricks made by her own hands for educating girls.

Every year, Navratra Sthapana day is celebrated at Banasthali as Foundation day and Shantabai birthday. The celebrations ended with recitation of Shanti Path.

**Name of Activity: Ganesh Chaturthi****Date: 5 September 2016****Report:**

Lord Ganesh is considered to be the God of wealth, knowledge, wisdom and prosperity. The essence of this festival lies in the fact that the devotees worship Ganesh to free their lives of all the sins and substitute them with knowledge and action. Associated with Lord Ganpati or Ganesha - the most loved god who has 108 names Ganesh Chaturthi, popularly called 'Ganesh Puja' or 'Vinayak Chaturthi' is a Hindu festival which falls in the vedic month of Bhadra (mid August-September). Ganesh is also called 'Vighnaharta' as he is known to take away all the problems of his devotees. It is a matter of pride that today Ganesh Chaturthi is not only celebrated in India but in several countries like Japan, Tibet, China, Cambodia, Thailand etc in different names. Appreciated by the world at large, Banasthali firmly believes that to be top ranking, it is the foremost responsibility of any Indian educational institution to nurture humans with the tolerant and harmonious view of life as envisaged in the Indian culture the spirit of which has been beautifully captured in the Indian Constitution by the founding fathers of the nation. The Panchmukhi Shiksha – the fivefold education evolved over decades at Banasthali attempts a balance of the five aspects of education, namely Physical, Practical, Aesthetic, Moral and Intellectual and aims at all round harmonious development of personality. The mission and vision of Banasthali includes synthesis of spiritual values and scientific achievements of the East and the West. In addition to being an auspicious religious festival, Ganesh Chaturthi has deep cultural significance too. It is a time for various colourful activities like singing, dancing and performing plays depicting the birth of Ganesha and enactment of the various legends associated with him. On the occasion of Ganesh Chaturthi 5 Sep 2018, entire Banasthali community comes together to the pandal in front of Vani Mandir where a huge idol of Lord Ganesh is installed to celebrate this festival with pomp, grandeur and fanfare. After the Poojan performance by Vice Chancellor Prof Aditya Shastri, Banasthali choir rendered several bhajans both in Dhrupad and Khayal devoted to Lord Ganesha. The celebrations concluded with Arti.





## **Name of Activity: Basant Panchami**

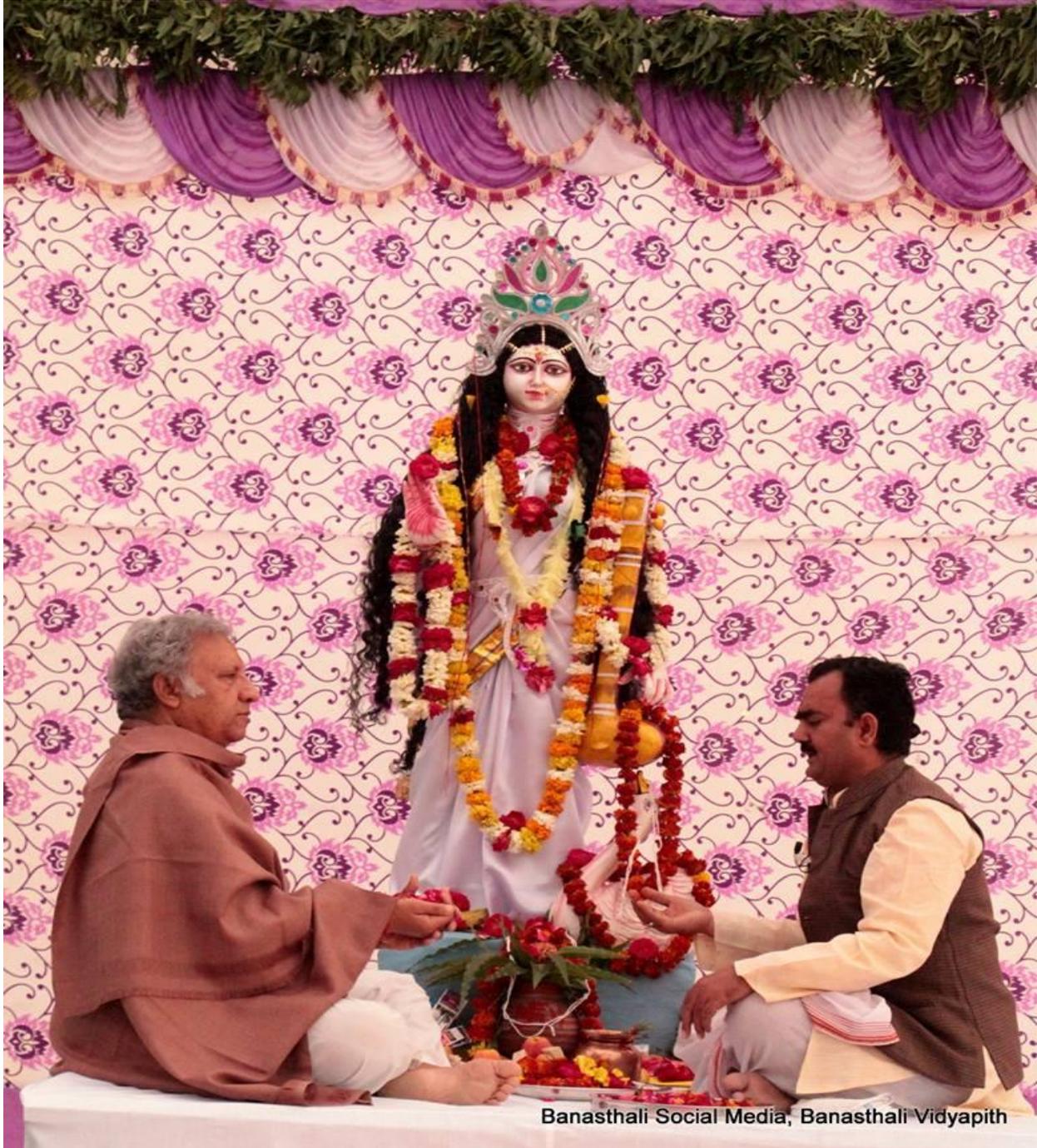
**Date: 1 February 2017**

### **Report:**

The festival of Basant Panchami also known as Shri Panchami and Saraswati Panchami. is a seasonal festival to welcome spring and is observed in many regions of India. The celebrations are dedicated to Goddess Saraswati, the Goddess of knowledge, music, arts, science and technology. Basant Panchmi is celebrated on the fifth day (Panchami Tithi) of the bright fortnight (Shukla Paksha) of the Hindu month Magh. It is said that from this day the spring season (Vasant Ritu) begins and the day is dedicated to worship of Goddess Saraswati. A legend says that it was on Basant Panchami day that Lord Ram, tasted the half-eaten berries famously offered by Shabari out of her love and generosity.

Appreciating the significance of the day, freedom fighter Bharat Ratna Mahamana Madan Mohan Malviya founded the famous Banaras Hindu University BHU on this very day in 1916. The institutions established by the Birla Education Trust at Pilani including Birla Institute of Technology and Science - BITS also celebrate Basant Panchami as the Founders Day. Punjab on Basant Panchami goes indeed high with Kite Flying while the length and breadth of Bengal celebrates as Saraswati Puja.

Right from its inception, Banasthali has embarked on a rich tradition of celebrating various days of national and international significance. On 1 **February 2017**, a grand celebration to mark Basant Panchami was organized befittingly in front of the lawns facing Vani Mandir. Prof Siddharth Shastri, Vice President & Professor of Economics Bansthali Vidyapith performed the traditional Puja. This was followed by a group of students rendering devotional songs dedicated to goddess Saraswati and a song to welcome the season Basant. Several dignitaries from abroad who had come to Banasthali also joined the celebrations. When the celebrations ended with performance of aarti, the students and faculty who had come for the function left with beaming faces and pride that they were indeed part of an institution which is a jewel in the crown among the women's universities not only in India today but across the globe.



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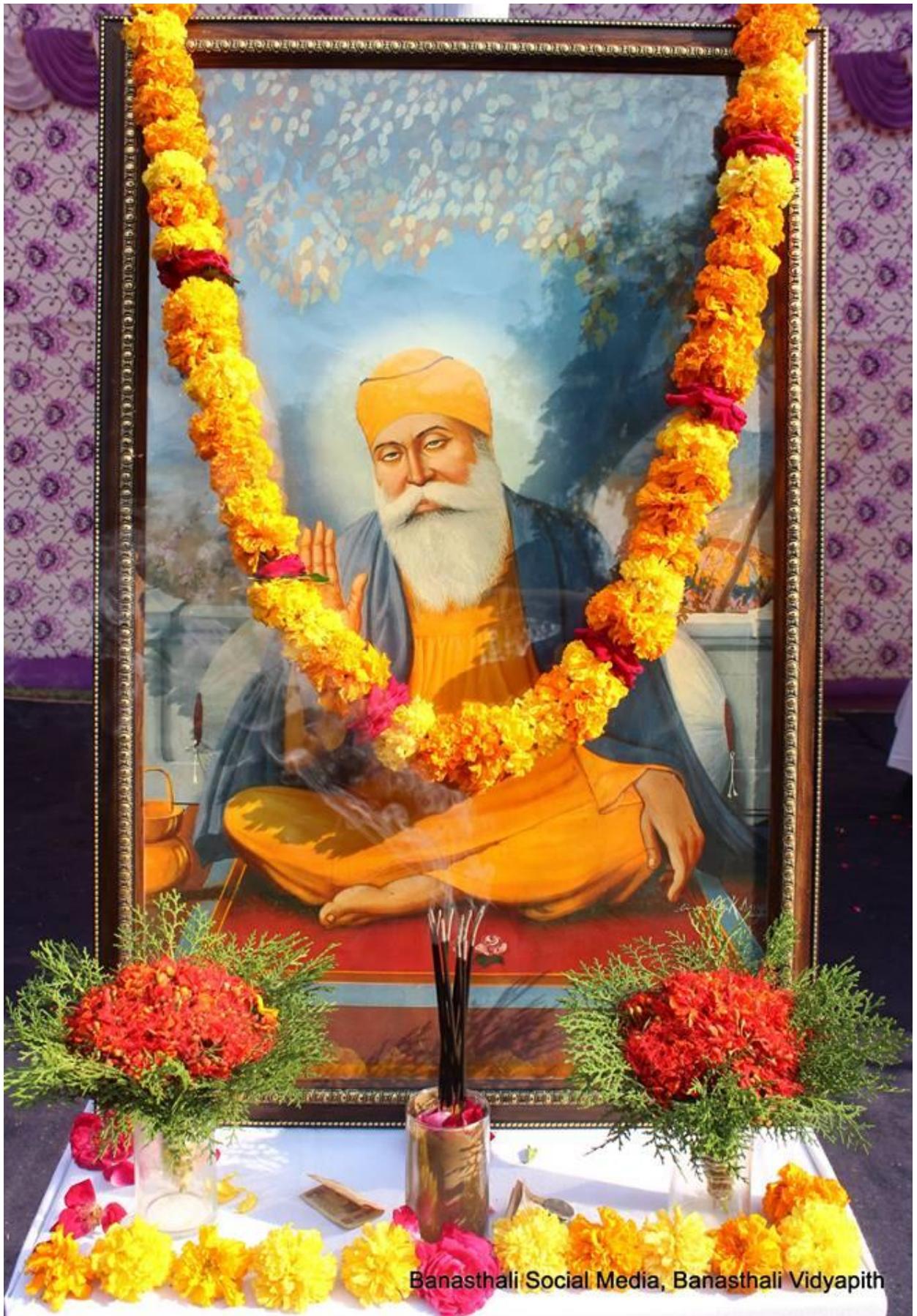


**Name of Activity: Guru Nanak Dev Ji Jayanti****Date 14 November 2016****Report:**

Guru Nanak Gurpurab is celebrated as the day to remember the first Sikh Guru who laid the foundation of Sikhism and is a reminder for the devotees to follow his teachings which spread the message of oneness and harmony and devote their life in the selfless service of God. Appreciated by the world at large, Banasthali firmly believes that to be top ranking, it is the foremost responsibility of any Indian educational institution to nurture humans with the tolerant and harmonious view of life as envisaged in the Indian culture the spirit of which has been beautifully captured in the Indian Constitution by the founding fathers of the nation. It is a matter of great pride that Banasthali library houses an original copy of the Constitution of India and the founder of Banasthali Pandit Hiralal Sastri as a member of the Constituent Assembly was a signatory to the same.

Guru Nanak the founder of Sikhism, firmly believed that there was one god and every human was capable of reaching him through sincere prayer, though he didn't encourage sacrificing family life to achieve this. All his teachings were compiled as hymns in the sacred book, the Guru Granth Sahib. To mark the occasion of Guru Nanak Jayanti, on 14 Nov 2016, entire Banasthali community came together to the pandal in front of Gyan Mandir where Banasthali choir rendered soul stirring Shabad Kirtan and Gurbani. After the Bhajans, the program ended with distribution of Prasad.

The students and faculty who attended the Guru Nanak Jayanti celebrations left with beaming faces and pride that they were indeed part of a top ranking institution which is a jewel in the crown among the women's universities not only in India today but across the globe.



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**Name of Activity: Durga Astami**

**Date: 09 October 2016**

**Report:**

Durga signifies the innermost power of consciousness and the goddess is forever taking shape within and around us as the creative and transformative force that is the essence of the cosmic life for overcoming all difficulties.

With students coming from different parts of India, the 850 acre Banasthali campus itself is a mini India echoing the lines of Gurudev Rabindranath Tagore in National anthem “Panjaba-Sindhu-Gujarata-Maratha Dravida-Utkala-Banga.” To reinforce the fivefold education - Panchmukhi Shiksha, Banasthali has established a rich tradition of celebrating various days of national and international significance throughout the year.

Durga Ashtami also known as Maha Ashtami is the 8th day of Navaratri and is the most important day of 9 Divine Nights of Goddess worship (Navratri) in India. There are several mythological stories related to this day and the most common is that Durga Ashtami commemorates Goddess Durga's victory over the demon, Mahishasur.

The rich ethnic diversity of India truly came alive when the entire Banasthali campus celebrated Durga Asthami on Oct 09, 2016 morning at Brahm Mandir where a huge idol of the goddess had been installed. After the Poojan performance by Vice Chancellor Prof. Aditya Shastri, Banasthali choir renders several devotional songs in praise of goddess Shakti. The celebrations concluded with Arti. Since the day also marks 20th anniversary of Banasthali co-founder Smt Ratan Shastri remembrance, floral tributes were paid with a firm resolve to carry forward the mission and vision of the institution.

The students and faculty of Banasthali who came for Durga Ashtami celebrations left with beaming faces and pride that they were indeed part of a top ranking institution which is a jewel in the crown among the women's universities not only in India today but across the globe.







**Name of Activity: National Science Day**

**Date: 28th February 2017**

**Report:**

Martin Heidegger, a noted philosopher of the intellectually rich tradition of German idealism has stated that art and aesthetics add beauty to life but science allows that beauty to survive. It is indicative of the fact that life without science is impossible. To make science integrated to common human life and also to recollect the contribution of Sir C.V Raman National Science Day was celebrated by the Department of Physics, Banasthali Vidyapith on 28th February, 2017, with lot of vibrancy, enthusiasm and intellectual engagement. The Department organized the exhibition of science models based upon the theme of the year “Science and Technology for Specially Abled Person”. The models presented by students represented the reality of integrating science and technology in such a way that they may be helpful for making the life for specially abled person meaningful, comfortable and easy.

**Name of Activity: World Water Day**

**Date: 22 March 2017**

**Report:**

Industrial revolution, modernization, urbanization and the growth of the capitalist have some negative impact on nature. The uncontrolled growth in industrial advancement if on the one hand brought prosperity to the country then on the other it has exploited the natural resources who is owed by all but claimed by none. These growths have led the world towards one dimensional development and therefore the model of the economic growth has become exclusive and unsustainable. The exclusive and unsustainable models have exploited the natural resources particularly water without which no life is possible. Society can be easily divided to two groups; one that have water and use it extravagantly and another who leads life without water. Keeping the inevitable need of water in the life of homosapiens United Nation observes World Water Day on March 22 every year. The day advocates for the sustainable management of freshwater resources. Banasthali Vidyapith organized World Water Day on March 22, 2017 which focused on the theme of World Water Day “Why Waste Water”. Students of Banasthali Vidyapith in that event discussed the reducing and reusing waste water. They also debated on the theme of “Wasting water and Wastewater”. They were of the opinion that wastewater is available resource to achieve sustainable development.

Towards the end of the programme it was voiced that we must use reuse and recycle water so that the condition of water crisis can be improved.

**Name of Activity: National Engineer's Day**

**Date: 15 September 2016**

**Report:**

September 15 is celebrated every year in the country since 1967 as “Engineers’ Day” to commemorate the birthday of the legendary engineer Sir Mokshagundam Visvesvaraya popularly known as Sir MV.

On 15 September 2016, Innovative Chemical Engineers’ ICE Club President Miss Sakshi Bajania welcomed the august gathering at Nav Mandir auditorium. Miss Pragati Sharma anchored the entire proceedings and invited Prof Himadri Ghosh Director School of Design, Prof Jaya Dwivedi, Dean School of Life Sciences to commence the celebration with innovative e-lamp lighting. Banasthali alumnus Ms Shraboni Sen presently Large Deals Sales Specialist & Associate Partner IBM Mumbai and Proud Banasthalite Ms Deepika Sharma presently Data Scientist Smart City Projects also shared their thoughts on engineering and society. Treasurer of ICE Club Aditi Tibrewal proposed the vote of thanks.

**Name of Activity: Lohri**

**Date 13 January 2017**

**Report:**

Lohri is the festival that marks the beginning of the harvest season, which calls for a celebration in many states of north India, including Punjab, Haryana and Himachal Pradesh. The festival is mainly celebrated by the Hindu and the Sikh communities, wherein they light a holy bonfire, which signifies passing of the winter solstice. There are a number of traditions related to this Punjabi festival other than lighting of the holy bonfire like offering ceremonial prayers and even preparing delicious food. Moreover, before harvesting the crops, people offer their thanks to the God. According to the Indian calendar, Lohri falls in the month of Pausha, and according to the Gregorian calendar, it is celebrated on the 13th of January every year. Lohri is followed by the festival of kites, [Makar Sankranti](#), which marks the beginning of the summer months. Lohri traditions and festivities are quite vibrant and soulful. The festival is characterised by a tradition of lighting of a holy bonfire, which signifies 'Agni', the God of Fire. At Banasthali students gather around the bonfire with great vigor and celebrated the same in befitting traditional manner, warm up to the sparkling flames, offer prayers, sing songs, dance and throw in foods like gajak, chikki, jaggery, popcorn, sesame seeds (til), rewari and peanuts to pay homage to their roots, in a matter of speaking.



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**Name of Activity: Christmas**

**Date 25 December 2016**

**Report:**

Banasthali has a rich tradition of celebrating various days of both national and international importance all round the year. Christmas is the season of joy, holiday greetings exchanged, gift-giving, and families getting united. The Christmas celebrations took place in the college campus on 25th December 2016. On Christmas day, a special mass was conducted in the college.

Students conceptualise and create event to spread the holiday cheer – college inculcates values of inclusion, celebrating festivals and cultures from around the world - Part of the world class education offered by Banasthali Vidyapith. The college Christmas Festival included live performances, dance, music, etc. The celebrations also included a rhythmic performance from the college choir and an add-on surprise package by Santa Claus. The staff and students were completely spellbound with the Christmas gratification.

The students at Banasthali Vidyapith are taught to celebrate festivals and appreciate people from around the world. The Banasthali believes that providing the students with a very broad and balanced education will equip them for life and ultimately make them more open minded to people from all faiths and religious traditions.





**Name of Activity: Indian Aviation Day**

**Date: 19 August 2016**

**Report:**

Banasthali Vidyapith believes in five-fold (Panchmukhi) educational ideology that includes physical, practical, intellectual, aesthetic and morel. This innovative educational ideology nurtures the holistic personality of its students with a strong value base. Flying has been an inseparable part of that comprehensive and innovative educational ideology since 1962. Banasthali Vidyapith observes National Aviation Day on 19 August every year. Vidyapith celebrated National Aviation day on 19 August 2016 in which the students of B.Sc aviation science participated actively with energy and enthusiasm. They focused on the development of aviation in India. Professor Aditya Shastri, Vice chancellor, Banasthali Vidyapith and Professor Ina Shastri, Pro-vice chancellor, Banasthali Vidyapith, expressed their best wishes and they also encouraged delegates, participants and guests to continue striving for their intellectual, academic and professional enrichment. Professor Seema Verma, Dean, School of Aviation, described a complete journey of Aviation at Banasthali. She underlined the entire journey of women aviators in Banasthali.

**Name of Activity: Constitution Day**

**Date 26 November 2016**

**Report:**

Constitution day is also known as Sanvidhan Divas. It is celebrated in India on 26 November to commemorate the adaptation of the constitution of India. One of the three original copies of the Indian Constitution is available in Banasthali Vidyapith whose founder Shri Hiralal Shastriji (Apaji) was one of the members of the constituent assembly which drafted the constitution. Every citizen in India today knows for sure that the Constitution is supreme and the Fundamental Rights guaranteed under it indeed are sacrosanct. Jamnalal School of Legal Studies, Banasthali University is one of its kind law department in India established for empowering women in the legal domain. The constitution day was celebrated on 26 November 2016 in which several events were organized by the students and the faculty members of the Jamnalal School of Legal Studies. The vents which were organized include debate, panel discussion and quiz competition. The main theme of these events was “Indian Constitution”. The programme came to its end when the Head of the Department and the Dean of the faculty encouraged students with their words.

**Name of Activity: International Literacy Day**

**Date: 8 September 2016**

**Report:**

The growth, prosperity and development of a society, person and a nation depends upon many variables but education is one of the most important factors. It is candidly believed that a society cannot be imagined to be growing unless its population is literate and educated. UNESCO in 1966 clearly spelt that the message of literacy must be send to all parts of the world and for that purpose it has declared 8 September as International Literacy Day. Banasthali Vidyapith which has been marching on its mission of educating the half population of the country celebrated International Literacy Day on 8 September 2016. Vidyapith organized several events which focused on the central theme of “Literacy and Empowerment” Prof S. Paul Malhotra from the Department of English articulated that the low literacy rate can enable India today to overcome grave challenges it is facing which include unemployment, underemployment, poverty and unequal distribution of wealth. Literacy is a must for individual’s higher socio – economic status, better employment prospects, lower population growth and better health care.

**Name of Activity: Death anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi**

**Date: 30 January 2017**

**Report:**

Martyrs day in India is celebrated to pay homage to the victims who fought for the freedom, welfare and progress of the India and sacrificed their lives. It is celebrated every year all over the country on 30th of January. India is the country among other 15 countries of the world where Martyrs Day is celebrated every year to pay homage to the freedom fighters.

The nation paid homage to all the martyrs and freedom fighters of our country who sacrificed their lives for the nation. For the past several decades, Banasthali Vidyapith has been observing 30 January 2017 every year as Shramdaan Divas. On that day many students, staff and faculty members engaged themselves in cleaning the area around where they live. Students also cleaned the area around academic blocks.

**Name of Activity: World Nature Conservation Day**

**Date: 28 July 2016**

**Report:**

Industrial revolution, modernization, urbanization and the growth of the capitalist have some negative impact on nature. The uncontrolled growth in industrial advancement if on the one hand brought prosperity to the country then on the other it has exploited the natural resources who is owed by all but claimed by none. These growths have led the world towards one dimensional development and therefore the model of the economic growth has become exclusive and unsustainable. The exclusive and unsustainable models have exploited the natural resources particularly water without which no life is possible. Society can be easily divided to two groups; one that have water and use it extravagantly and another who leads life without water. Keeping the inevitable need of water in the life of *homosapiens* United Nation observes World Water Day on July 28 every year. The day advocates for the sustainable management of freshwater resources. Banasthali Vidyapith organized World Water Day on July 28, 2016 which focused on the theme of World Water Day “Why Waste Water”. Students of Banasthali Vidyapith in that event discussed the reducing and reusing waste water. They also debated on the theme of “Wasting water and Wastewater”. They were of the opinion that wastewater is available resource to achieve sustainable development.

**Name of Activity: World Student day**

**Date: 15<sup>th</sup> October 2016**

**Report:**

The United Nations declared in 2010 to observe 15<sup>th</sup> October, the birth anniversary of the former President of India 'Avul Pakir Jainulabdeen Abdul Kalam or A.P.J Abdul Kalam; as the World Student's Day to honor his efforts in the field of science and technology as well as the role of a teacher that he played throughout his scientific and political careers; encouraging millions of students through his speeches books and wherever and whenever was possible for him.

A.P.J. Abdul Kalam was a role model for the students and his life story that how a poor and deprived boy hailing from a village in Tamil Nadu, reached the highest constitutional post in India, only because of his hard work and sincerity; inspires millions of students across the globe even today.

World Students' Day 2019 was celebrated on Tuesday, October 15<sup>th</sup> 2018 to commemorate the birth anniversary of a great leader and scientist, Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam at Banasthali Vidyapith.

Plays, speech contests, essay writing contests are organized in many department of vidhyapith. His speeches and his famous quotes are recited to inspire the youths and make them more confident in their endeavors. Science exhibitions were also organized to honor one of the greatest scientists and the 'Missile Man of India'.

**Name of Activity: National Nutrition Week****Date : 1-7 September 2016****Report:**

Nutrition is to body as soul to the self. It is a common saying that a sound mind lives in a sound body and in order to make the body sound it must be fed with proper nutrition. As far as nutrition and the condition of starvation in India is concerned there is a huge gap. Still in 2019 there are many children who die without food or without proper diet. To make people aware of the importance of nutrition, National Nutrition Week is observed every year from 1st September to 7th September. Nutrition determines physical health and the psychological well-being of the person. Banasthali Vidyapeeth organized National Nutrition Week from September 1 to September 7, 2016 with a focus on "Food and Health". The Department of Home Science organized several events; exhibition of models, panel discussions, debate competition, quiz competition and individual presentations. Students participated in these events and explored the complex area of nutrition. It was discussed that good nutrition is necessary because with a poor diet well-being is reduced. Good nutrition helps to manage healthy weight, maintains the immune system and provides energy.

**Name of Activity: Vishwa Karma Day**

**Date 17 September 2016**

**Report:**

Vishwakarma is highly regarded as the Patron God of all working professionals as it is widely believed that it was he who revealed the mysteries of science and technology to all humans. According to the Hindu mythology, Vishwakarma is the divine architect who designed the entire universe which included the heaven and the earth.

This day is not only celebrated by the engineering and architectural community, but also by other professionals like artisans, craftsmen, weavers, mechanics, smiths, welders, industrial workers and factory workers. In the eastern parts of India like Bengal, this pooja is celebrated every year on September 17.

At the national level, the Vishwakarma Rashtriya Puraskar VRP and National Safety Awards given every year reflect Government of India's recognition of the contribution by working men, women and industrial establishments to the noble task of nation building.

**Name of Activity: International Day for Older Persons**

**Date 1 October 2016**

**Report:**

In order to raise the opportunities and challenges of ageing in today's world, Banasthali Vidyapith organized a door to door meeting of students with the local residents of Haripura village. The student met the older people and tried to understand their problems. The elders told in their interaction that how the society is ignoring their role and presence in family. Further the students' brought to the notice of family members that how the experienced old people are important in moving the society and their health issues should be taken seriously.

**Name of Activity: World AIDS Day**

**Date 1 December 2016**

**Report:**

As part of World AIDS Day on 1 December, Banasthali Vidyaipath organized essay and elocution competition on the theme of Civil Society Role in Protecting the Rights of HIV Patients. Students highlighted that More than twenty three million people have died following the consequences of AIDS since the last quarter of twentieth century. The suicidal tendency, death of patients due to poverty, and lack of proper food are common among HIV patents.

Many patients face life-changing stigma and discrimination. Further students in these activities highlighted the need to promote the basic needs and rights of HIV patients and to mobilize civil society to protect those rights. The students from various departments of Social Science, Humanities, Design, Engineering, and Life Science took participation in this competition.

**Name of Activity: Shaheed Diwas**

**Date: 9 August 2015**

**Report:**

Shaheed Diwas is celebrated in Banasthali Vidyapeeth on 9 August every year. Students present many programs which are dedicated to the martyrs. The founder of Banasthali “Apaji” Hiralal Shastri himself was a great freedom fighter and the member of the Constituent Assembly. The cornerstone of Banasthali’s education philosophy is based on five-fold education. A cradle of many innovative ideas in women’s education, the Vidyapith has evolved and successfully implemented a unique five-fold educational ideology, *Panchmukhi Shiksha*, comprising of physical, practical, aesthetic, intellectual and moral aspects of education that advocates an optimum blend of these components towards all-round development of students. The architects of this institution believed that an educational programme should be able to promote the development of a balanced and harmonious personality of the students.

Mahatma Gandhi was the key player who crushed the entire British Empire through his philosophy of non-violence. He is well known as the Father of the Nation. He worked relentlessly for his whole life to get the people of India. Gandhi Ji with his political, social, economic, linguistics and cultural vision paved the path of modern India. Banasthali Vidyapith has been organizing Shaheed Diwas on 09 August every year. On this occasion more than 400 students and faculty members assembled at the Lakshmi Bhai Maidan for paying gratitude to those freedom fighters who scarified their life for liberating and empowering he life of the people of India which was relend in the darkness of servitude. On 09 Aug 2017, a number of students and faculty members assembled at the Lakshmi Bhai Maidan to pay homage to those who did not care for their life but they accepted death with smile on their face for freedom and liberation of their mother land from the sackle of dominance and exploitation. A special wreath was placed in artistically decorated memorial to remember the Shaheeds which was followed by Banasthali Band performance and Banasthali Choir singing various patriotic songs. When it comes to preserving legacy and heritage, Banasthali always stands apart as it stands on twin pillars of nationalism and Indian culture.





**Name of Activity: Holi**

**Date: 24 March 2016**

**Report:**

Holi, the festival of colours celebrated with full energy and enthusiasm at Banasthali Vidyapith with innumerable students coming from different parts of India, in its great campus which is full of natural beauty. The celebration of Holi in the campus adds a spectrum of colours and gaiety to the campus life and it indeed obliterates the boundry of caste and creed and develop mutual respect for all religions. Holi undoubtedly is a festival of multiple significances – mythological, cultural, social and biological. Holi celebrations at Banasthali started on 12 Mar 2017 late evening with the burning of Holika in front of Saraswati Mandir and Vani Mandir which symbolizes the burning of seven deadly sins. At sunrise on 13 March 2017, even the notoriously late sleepers in the hostels were up early to grab the breakfast and were all geared up with loads of colours in front of the respective hostels. With the hostel warden keeping the eyes sharper doing the customary wishes in the public address system, the riot of vibrant colours erupted with shouting of ‘Bura na Mano Holi Hai’. It was remarkable that students were particular in choosing environment friendly colours and avoided spraying water.





**Name of Activity: Independence Day****Date: 15 August 2015****Report:**

15 August is celebrated as Independence Day with utmost zeal and zest. Plays, songs, and dances which instigated patriotic fervor were performed by the students. The bright sunshine and humid weather at Banasthali was no deterrent for the students of the world's largest fully residential women's university who ensured that India Independence Day was indeed celebrated with patriotic fervor, gaiety and enthusiasm. With students coming from different states of India, Banasthali is indeed a salad bowl of various cultures. Having made enormous progress from 1947 in education, science, technology, medicine, infrastructure, military, sports India today is a global power and is marching forward to development and prosperity. This indeed is an occasion for every Indian citizen to recall and remember the countless freedom fighters that fought fearlessly against the British might and sacrificed their lives.

On 15th August 2015, the Independence Day at Banasthali, Prof Aditya Shastri Vice Chancellor unfurled the *Tiranga* which was followed by the singing of the National Anthem. After the parade inspection, he took the salute for the marching groups of students from Saraswati Mandir, Sharda Mandir, Banasthali Seva Dal, Scout, NSS, Banasthali Band, Flying Club, and Horse Riding Club. The march past also included students carrying flags to represent different states of India as well as different countries where Banasthali has collaborative arrangements. Sharda Mandir had also hosted a colourful cultural program to mark the occasion.

Prof Aditya Shastri, Vice Chancellor, Banasthali Vidyapith addressed to the huge gathering of students.







**Name of Activity: Republic Day**

**Date: 26 January 2016**

**Report:**

26 January was celebrated as Republic Day with pomp and show in our country. A cultural event comprising songs, dances, speeches, and plays which instigated patriotic fervor was performed by the students. On 26th Jan 2016, Republic Day at Banasthali Vidyapith, Prof Chitra Purohit unfurled the tricolor which was followed by the singing of the National Anthem. After the parade inspection, he took the salute for the marching groups of Banasthali Seva Dal, Scout, NSS students, Banasthali Band, Flying Club, and Horse Riding Club. The march past also included students carrying flags to represent different states of India as well as different countries. Prof Chitra Purohit, Banasthali Vidyapith addressed the huge gathering of students.







**Name of Activity: Vijayadashami**

**Date: 24 October 2015**

**Report:**

Vijayadashami or Dussehra conveys the message of celebrating the victory of good over evil and it is celebrated on the tenth day of Navratri festival. In the northern and southern states, it is celebrated to mark the victory of Lord Ram over the *dasanan* Ravana. In eastern and northeastern states of India, it commemorates the victory of Goddess Durga over the demon king Mahishasura, and also marks the end of Durga Puja celebrations. Dussehra also marks the onset of preparations for the festival of lights – Diwali, which falls twenty days after the festival. With students coming from different parts of India Banasthali is a mini India echoing the lines of Gurudev Rabindranath Tagore in National anthem “Panjaba-Sindhu-Gujarata-Maratha Dravida-Utkala-Banga.” To reinforce the five-fold education - Panchmukhi Shiksha, Banasthali has established a rich tradition of celebrating various days of national and international significance throughout the year. Every year as per Hindu calendar, this important festival is celebrated on the tenth day of the month Ashvin. The rich ethnic diversity of India truly came alive when the entire Banasthali campus assembled on 24 October 2015 evening at Viduala Maidan where a huge effigy of Ravan had been installed to celebrate Dusshera.





**Name of Activity: National Girl Child Day**

**Date: 24 January 2016**

**Report:**

Gender equality is indeed more than a goal in itself as it is a precondition for meeting the challenges of reducing poverty, promoting sustainable development and building good governance. In order to emphasize the importance of women in the larger interests of the nation building task, Govt of India in 2009 had declared January 24 as National Girl Child Day. Further from 2015, the Beti Bachao Beti Padhao yojana by Govt of India has added momentum to the National Girl Child day activities. India today however, continues to need a sustained campaign to highlight the evils of female foeticide, female infanticide and girl discrimination in matters of health, nutrition, education and opportunities. Banasthali is one institution for which Girl Child Day is just not one day but 24x7x365. On 24 Jan 2016, to mark National Girl Child Day, the Innovative Chemical Engineer's Club – ICE organized a talk.

**Name of Activity: International Women's Day**

**Date: 8 March 2016**

**Report:**

The United Nations theme for this year is Think Equal Build Smart Innovate for Change. It is known that innovation and technology provide unprecedented opportunities, yet trends indicate a growing gender digital divide and women are under represented in the field of science, technology, engineering, mathematics and design. It prevents them from developing and influencing gender - responsive innovations to achieve transformative gains for society.

The Women's Studies and Research Centre at Banasthali for which the Coordinator is Prof Manju Singh is indeed a hub of activities all round the year. The IWD celebration is aptly named Jagriti meaning Awakening. The proceedings started with welcome address by Prof Preeti Sharma followed by lighting of auspicious lamp on 08 Mar 2016 at Vani Mandir.

**Name of Activity:** *Rashtriya Ekta Diwas*

**Date:** 31 October 2015

**Report:**

After independence of India, Sardar Vallabh bhai Patel took the responsibility of integrating the 365 princely units in the independent India. The herculean task of integrating the princely units into Rajasthan State was assigned to Pt. Hiralal Shastri, the founder of globally famous Banasthali Vidyapith. Pt. Shastri completed this challenging task in very short period of time and received lot of appreciation from Sardar Vallabh bhai Patel. Pt. Shastri, later took over as the first Chief Minister of Rajasthan. It was an occasion of great enthusiasm for Banasthali family when the Iron man of India visited Banasthali Vidyapith in 1947 and admired the missionary task of women's education and the five-fold education system (Panchmukhi Vikas) of Banasthali Vidyapith.

**Name of Activity:** *Gandhi Jayanti*

**Date:** 2 October 2015

**Report:**

The Gandhi Jayanti celebration at Banasthali Vidyapith began on October 1, 2015 with exhibitions on Gandhiji's life, teaching, and philosophy. The exhibitions were organized both at Central Library and Vani Mandir. The exhibition was followed by an essay writing competition both in Hindi and English. Further, a competition on *Shlokas* recitation from the Bhagawat was organized at Vani Mandir. The Sunrise on 02 Oct 2015 saw a massive rally by NSS students

from Pragya Mandir to Vani Mandir. With a reach of over 50 villages, Radio FM Banasthali 90.4 had a special broadcast on Gandhiji. Thousands of students and faculty members assembled in front of Vani Mandir for a Sarva Dharam Prartna and Bhajans which included the favorite ones of Gandhiji such as *Raghupathi Raghav Rajaram* and *Vaisnav Jan to*. Towards the closure of the programme, some students of Vidyapith recited some poems on the life, teaching and philosophy of Gandhi.











**Name of Activity: Shri Krishna Janmastami**

**Date: 6 September 2015**

**Report:**

Banasthali Vidyapith has value education central and all encompassing to its unique and time-tested five-fold educational ideology comprising of physical, practical, aesthetic, intellectual and moral aspects. There are formal components to cater to physical, practical, aesthetic and intellectual education but, the Vidyapith believes that value inculcation and character building are not possible within the confines of a classroom. To this end, Vidyapith has a rich tradition of celebrating a large number of cultural and national festivals including birth/death anniversary of great Indian personalities so that the students are able to derive inspiration from them. The entire academic calendar is full of such events adding so much fervor to the campus life besides having immense educational value

The Panchmukhi Shiksha – the fivefold education evolved over decades at Banasthali attempts a balance of the five aspects of education, namely Physical, Practical, Aesthetic, Moral and Intellectual and aims at all round harmonious development of personality. The mission and vision of Banasthali includes synthesis of spiritual values and scientific achievements of the East and the West.

Janmasthmi was celebrated on 6 September 2015 and the students of Banasthali Vidyapith definitely gave dahi- handi a miss, and replace that tradition with the aesthetically appealing and visually mesmerizing decorated tableaux popularly referred as ‘Jhankis’. Students dressed up in beautiful attires and gave a glimpse of Krishna's eventful life which began with his birth in a jail to the phase where he took upon the most prestigious role of his life of being a mentor, a guide to a confused Arjun.







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**Name of Activity: Navratra Sthapana**

**Date: 22 October 2015**

**Report:**

Many educational institutions in India today have name but only a few have legacy like Banasthali Vidyapith. The evolution of Banasthali is nothing short of a fairy tale in which the parents, a Gandhian freedom fighter Pt Hiralal Shastri and a recipient of Padma Shri in 1955, Padma Bhushan in 1975, Smt Ratan Shastri took up the mission with passion for setting up an institution at Banasthali to fulfill the desire of their beloved daughter Shantabai who died at a very young age but had sown the seeds of a school built with mud bricks made by her own hands for educating girls.

Every year, Navratra Sthapana day is celebrated at Banasthali as Foundation day and Shantabai birthday. On **22 October 2015**, a great number of students and some faculty members gathered in front of Surya Mandir for the celebrations. After divine invocation, Banasthali choir sang *Jeevan ki Jyothi* followed by *Sankalp Path* in which shlok from *Yajur Ved*, *Rig Ved* and *Atharva Ved* were recited. The celebrations ended with recitation of Shanti Path.

**Name of Activity:** Ganesh Chaturthi

**Date:** 18 September 2015

**Report:**

Lord Ganesh is considered to be the God of wealth, knowledge, wisdom and prosperity. The essence of this festival lies in the fact that the devotees worship Ganesh to free their lives of all the sins and substitute them with knowledge and action. Associated with Lord Ganpati or Ganesha - the most loved god who has 108 names Ganesh Chaturthi, popularly called 'Ganesh Puja' or 'Vinayak Chaturthi' is a Hindu festival which falls in the vedic month of Bhadra (mid August-September). Ganesh is also called 'Vighnaharta' as he is known to take away all the problems of his devotees. It is a matter of pride that today Ganesh Chaturthi is not only celebrated in India but in several countries like Japan, Tibet, China, Cambodia, Thailand etc in different names.

Appreciated by the world at large, Banasthali firmly believes that to be top ranking, it is the foremost responsibility of any Indian educational institution to nurture humans with the tolerant and harmonious view of life as envisaged in the Indian culture the spirit of which has been beautifully captured in the Indian Constitution by the founding fathers of the nation. The Panchmukhi Shiksha – the fivefold education evolved over decades at Banasthali attempts a balance of the five aspects of education, namely Physical, Practical, Aesthetic, Moral and Intellectual and aims at all round harmonious development of personality. The mission and vision of Banasthali includes synthesis of spiritual values and scientific achievements of the East and the West. The rich ethnic diversity of India truly comes alive when the campus celebrates Hariyali Teej, Janmasthmi, Ganesh Chaturthi, Navratra Dandiya & Garba, Durgasthmi, Dusshera, Diwali, Guru Nanak Jayanti, Eid al Fitr, Christmas, Lohri, Basant Panchami and Holi. During these celebrations, the students and faculty of Banasthali add a spectrum of colours and gaiety to campus life and indeed rise above caste and creed and develop mutual respect for all religions.

In addition to being an auspicious religious festival, Ganesh Chaturthi has deep cultural significance too. It is a time for various colourful activities like singing, dancing and performing plays depicting the birth of Ganesha and enactment of the various legends associated with him.

On the occasion of Ganesh Chaturthi 18 Sep 2015, entire Banasthali community comes together to the pandal in front of Vani Mandir where a huge idol of Lord Ganesh is installed to celebrate this festival with pomp, grandeur and fanfare. After the Poojan performance by Vice Chancellor Prof Aditya Shastri, Banasthali choir rendered several bhajans both in Dhrupad and Khayal devoted to Lord Ganesha. The celebrations concluded with Arti. The students and faculty who attended the Ganesh Chaturthi celebrations left with beaming faces and pride that they were indeed part of a top ranking institution which is a jewel in the crown among the women's universities not only in India today but across the globe.







**Name of Activity:** Basant Panchami

**Date:** 12 February 2016

**Report:**

The festival of Basant Panchami also known as Shri Panchami and Saraswati Panchami. is a seasonal festival to welcome spring and is observed in many regions of India. The celebrations are dedicated to Goddess Saraswati, the Goddess of knowledge, music, arts, science and technology. Basant Panchmi is celebrated on the fifth day (Panchami Tithi) of the bright fortnight (Shukla Paksha) of the Hindu month Magh. It is said that from this day the spring season (Vasant Ritu) begins and the day is dedicated to worship of Goddess Saraswati. A legend says that it was on Basant Panchami day that Lord Ram, tasted the half-eaten berries famously offered by Shabari out of her love and generosity.

Appreciating the significance of the day, freedom fighter Bharat Ratna Mahamana Madan Mohan Malviya founded the famous Banaras Hindu University BHU on this very day in 1916. The institutions established by the Birla Education Trust at Pilani including Birla Institute of Technology and Science - BITS also celebrate Basant Panchami as the Founders Day. Punjab on Basant Panchami goes indeed high with Kite Flying while the length and breadth of Bengal celebrates as Saraswati Puja.

Right from its inception, Banasthali has embarked on a rich tradition of celebrating various days of national and international significance. On 12 February 2016, a grand celebration to mark Basant Panchami was organized befittingly in front of the lawns facing Vani Mandir. Prof Chitra Purohit, Bansthali Vidyapith performed the traditional Puja. This was followed by a group of students rendering devotional songs dedicated to goddess Saraswati and a song to welcome the season Basant. Several dignitaries from abroad who had come to Banasthali also joined the celebrations. When the celebrations ended with performance of arti, the students and faculty who had come for the function left with beaming faces and pride that they were indeed part of an institution which is a jewel in the crown among the women's universities not only in India today but across the globe.





**Name of Activity: Guru Nanak Dev Ji Jayanti**

**Date 04 November 2015**

**Report:**

Guru Nanak Gurpurab is celebrated as the day to remember the first Sikh Guru who laid the foundation of Sikhism and is a reminder for the devotees to follow his teachings which spread the message of oneness and harmony and devote their life in the selfless service of God.

Appreciated by the world at large, Banasthali firmly believes that to be top ranking, it is the foremost responsibility of any Indian educational institution to nurture humans with the tolerant and harmonious view of life as envisaged in the Indian culture the spirit of which has been beautifully captured in the Indian Constitution by the founding fathers of the nation. It is a matter of great pride that Banasthali library houses an original copy of the Constitution of India and the founder of Banasthali Pandit Hiralal Sastri as a member of the Constituent Assembly was a signatory to the same. Guru Nanak the founder of Sikhism, firmly believed that there was one god and every human was capable of reaching him through sincere prayer, though he didn't encourage sacrificing family life to achieve this. All his teachings were compiled as hymns in the sacred book, the Guru Granth Sahib. To mark the occasion of Guru Nanak Jayanti, on 04 Nov 2015, entire Banasthali community came together to the pandal in front of Gyan Mandir where Banasthali choir rendered soul stirring Shabad Kirtan and Gurbani. After the Bhajans, the program ended with distribution of Prasad. The students and faculty who attended the Guru Nanak Jayanti celebrations left with beaming faces and pride that they were indeed part of a top ranking institution which is a jewel in the crown among the women's universities not only in India today but across the globe.

**Name of Activity: Durga Astami****Date: 23 October 2015****Report:**

Durga signifies the innermost power of consciousness and the goddess is forever taking shape within and around us as the creative and transformative force that is the essence of the cosmic life for overcoming all difficulties. With students coming from different parts of India, the 850 acre Banasthali campus itself is a mini India echoing the lines of Gurudev Rabindranath Tagore in National anthem “Panjaba-Sindhu-Gujarata-Maratha Dravida-Utkala-Banga.” To reinforce the fivefold education - Panchmukhi Shiksha, Banasthali has established a rich tradition of celebrating various days of national and international significance throughout the year. Durga Ashtami also known as Maha Ashtami is the 8th day of Navaratri and is the most important day of 9 Divine Nights of Goddess worship (Navratri) in India. There are several mythological stories related to this day and the most common is that Durga Ashtami commemorates Goddess Durga's victory over the demon, Mahishasur. The rich ethnic diversity of India truly came alive when the entire Banasthali campus celebrated Durga Asthami on Oct 23, 2015 morning at Brahm Mandir where a huge idol of the goddess had been installed. After the Poojan performance by Vice Chancellor Prof Aditya Shastri, Banasthali choir renders several devotional songs in praise of goddess Shakti. The celebrations concluded with Arti. Since the day also marks 20th anniversary of Banasthali co-founder Smt Ratan Shastri remembrance, floral tributes were paid with a firm resolve to carry forward the mission and vision of the institution.

The students and faculty of Banasthali who came for Durga Ashtami celebrations left with beaming faces and pride that they were indeed part of a top ranking institution which is a jewel in the crown among the women's universities not only in India today but across the globe.





**Name of Activity: National Science Day**

**Date: 28th February 2016**

**Report:**

Banasthali has a rich tradition of celebrating various days which are of both national and international importance. The Department of Physics, Banasthali Vidyapith organized the celebrations of Science Day on 28th February 2016 with lot of vibrancy, when the work of Dr. C.V. Raman and his contribution to the discovery of the Raman Effect were remembered. The Department organized debate, quiz and elocution competition which were based upon the theme of “Scientific Issues for Development of the Nation”. Participants debated the topic with great zeal, acumen and with great oration. They express their views candidly and articulated the fact that a nation can never develop without engaging itself properly with scientific issues. The programme witnessed its closer when the Head of the Department expressed his thanks to all the participants and also encouraged them to continue participating in such events.

**Name of Activity: World Water Day**

**Date: 22 March 2016**

**Report:**

Water is an essential building block of life. It is more than just essential to quench thirst or protect health. Water is vital for creating jobs and supporting economic, social, and human development. The situation is alarming in the sense that according to recently released UNESCO Report, Water crisis in India will intensify by 2010. Presently, there are over 663 million people living without a safe water supply close to home, spending countless hours queuing or trekking to distant sources, and coping with the health impacts of using contaminated water. The Theme for the Silver Jubilee year 2018 is “Nature for Water” which aims to explore as to how one can use nature to overcome the water challenges of the 21st century.

On 22 Mar 2018, the department of Chemical Engineering organized World Water Day at SBI Auditorium. Prof BR Natarajan Head of Chemical Engineering welcomed the audience and gave

an overview of the significance of the day including the extent of Fluoride contamination in Rajasthan which puts it on top of Fluorosis map of India today. He introduced the Chief Guest for the day Dr Suphiya Khan. Dr Khan in her inspiring speech gave details about the Global Water Scenario and Crisis with 20 thought provoking facts and shared her research work at the Water Research Laboratory at Banasthali with the audience.

**Name of Activity: National Engineer's Day**

**Date: 15 September 2015**

**Report:**

Banasthali Vidyapith as part of the celebration of National Engineer's Day on 15 September remembered the contribution of Sir M V Visvesvaraya (1861-1962) to the field of engineering, society and planning in a function organized in the Gyan Mandir Auditorium. Dean of the Faculty of Life Science presided the event and said in his address that Visvesvaraya drafted a ten year plan for India's development and linked India's economic backwardness to low output of production and lack of government support to industries, career, education and construction programme. Students of the School of Life Science and Social Sciences gave a combined presentation on the life and works of Visvesvaraya. The presentation included his journey as a Civil Engineer, Diwan of Mysore to the author of three books: *Reconstructing India* (1920), *Unemployment in India: Its Causes and Cure* (1932), and *Planned Economy for India* (1936). The students highlighted that Visvesvaraya's contribution to the idea of planning and modernizing India cannot be ignored. Faculties and students from department of Engineering Science, Computer Science and other departments were present on this occasion.

**Name of Activity: Lohri**

**Date 13 January 2016**

**Report:**

Lohri is the festival that marks the beginning of the harvest season, which calls for a celebration in many states of north India, including Punjab, Haryana and Himachal Pradesh. The festival is mainly celebrated by the Hindu and the Sikh communities, wherein they light a holy bonfire, which signifies passing of the winter solstice. There are a number of traditions related to this Punjabi festival other than lighting of the holy bonfire like offering ceremonial prayers and even preparing delicious food. Moreover, before harvesting the crops, people offer their thanks to the God. According to the Indian calendar, Lohri falls in the month of Pausha, and according to the Gregorian calendar, it is celebrated on the 13th of January every year. Lohri is followed by the festival of kites, [Makar Sankranti](#), which marks the beginning of the summer months. Lohri traditions and festivities are quite vibrant and soulful. The festival is characterised by a tradition of lighting of a holy bonfire, which signifies 'Agni', the God of Fire. At Banasthali students gather around the bonfire with great vigor and celebrated the same in befitting traditional manner, warm up to the sparkling flames, offer prayers, sing songs, dance and throw in foods like gajak, chikki, jaggery, popcorn, sesame seeds (til), rewari and peanuts to pay homage to their roots, in a matter of speaking.







**Name of Activity: Christmas**

**Date 25 December 2015**

**Report:**

Banasthali has a rich tradition of celebrating various days of both national and international importance all round the year. Christmas is the season of joy, holiday greetings exchanged, gift-giving, and families getting united. The Christmas celebrations took place in the college campus on 25th December 2018. On Christmas day, a special mass was conducted in the college.

Students conceptualise and create event to spread the holiday cheer – college inculcates values of inclusion, celebrating festivals and cultures from around the world - Part of the world class education offered by Banasthali Vidyapith. The college Christmas Festival included live performances, dance, music, etc. The celebrations also included a rhythmic performance from the college choir and an add-on surprise package by Santa Claus. The staff and students were completely spellbound with the Christmas gratification.

The students at Banasthali vidhyapith are taught to celebrate festivals and appreciate people from around the world. The Banasthali believes that providing the students with a very broad and balanced education will equip them for life and ultimately make them more open minded to people from all faiths and religious traditions.





**Name of Activity: Indian Aviation Day****Date: 19 August 2015****Report:**

Flying has been an inseparable part of Banasthali's broadbased learning programme since 1962. Banasthali started its flying activities with 3 aircrafts and since then training has been an uninterrupted activity. Banasthali Vidyapith observes National Aviation Day on 19 August every year. Vidyapith celebrated National Aviation day on 19 August 2015 in which the students of B.Sc aviation science participated actively with energy and enthusiasm.

In the event a panel discussion was organized on "Women in Aviation- way to take off" started with dignitaries like Air Marshal Padma Bandhopadhyay, Kirti Gupta (Air India), Dr. Ibrahim Shaik (UAE), Dr. Dewakar Goyal (Airport Authority of India), and Dr. Baba Yerra (UAE). This panel was moderated by Dr. Chilka Sharma, Banasthali Vidyapith.

**Name of Activity: Constitution Day****Date 26 November 2015****Report:**

Indian democracy is guided, protected and enriched by the omnipotent presence of constitution. It is something that controls, regulates and monitors Indian society, judiciary and politics. Constitution of India is the soul of country without which the country cannot exist in its proper form and shape. Banasthali Vidyapith has a direct relationship with Indian Constitution as the founder of Vidyapith Shri Hiralal Shastriji (Apaji) was one of the members of the constituent assembly which drafted the constitution. Sanvidhan Divash or Constitution day is celebrated on 26 November every year. It was celebrated on 26 November 2015 by the Jamnalal School of Legal Studies Banasthali Vidyapith. On that day students of the legal studies organized constitution exhibition in which they presented the history of constitution, its branches and the place of law in the life of the people.

**Name of Activity: International Literacy Day**

**Date: 8 September 2015**

**Report:**

The growth, prosperity and development of a society, person and a nation depend upon many variables but education is one of the most important factors. It is candidly believed that a society cannot be imagined to be growing unless its population is literate and educated. UNESCO in 1966 clearly spelt that the message of literacy must be send to all parts of the world and for that purpose it has declared 8 September as International Literacy Day. Banasthali Vidyapith which has been marching on its mission of educating the half population of the country celebrated International Literacy Day on 8 September 2015. Vidyapith organized several events which focused on the central theme of “Literacy and Health”.

**Name of Activity: Death anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi**

**Date: 30 January 2016**

**Report:**

Martyrs day in India is celebrated to pay homage to the victims who fought for the freedom, welfare and progress of the India and sacrificed their lives. It is celebrated every year all over the country on 30th January. India is the country among other 15 countries of the world where Martyrs Day is celebrated every year to pay homage to the freedom fighters. For the past several decades, Banasthali has been observing 30 January every year as Shramdan Divas. On 30 Jan 2016, a number of students, staff and faculty members assembled at the Lakshmi Bhai Maidan to pay respect and tribute to Gandhi Ji, the father of the nation. On that day Bapuji is remembered through his teachings, ideas and philosophy. Students, staff and faculty members are encouraged to follow the path shown by them and abide by the values he stood for. Vidyapith on that day cleans the area around academic blocks and everybody is encouraged to contribute to some labor in keeping the vicinity clean.

**Name of Activity: World Nature Conservation Day**

**Date: 28 July 2015**

**Report:**

The phenomena of industrial growth, modernization, urbanization and the hegemony of the capitalist have entailed profoundly upon the natural as well as the cultural world. The uncontrolled growth in industrial advancement if on the one hand brought prosperity to the country then on the other it has exploited the natural resources who is owed by all but claimed by none. These aforesaid growths have a great negative impact on the presence of fresh water in the world. Keeping the inevitable need of water in the life of homosapiens United Nation observes World Water Day on July 28 every year. The day advocates for the sustainable management of freshwater resources. Banasthali Vidyapith organized World Water Day on 28 July 2015 which focused on the theme of World Nature Conservation Day “Nature and Sustainable Development”. Students of Banasthali Vidyapith in that event highlighted the fact that nature plays an important role in the sustainable development model. Further, it was also articulated by them that the millennium development goals of the U.N can only be achieved if nature is appropriately used by the people of different strata, groups and sections of society.

**Name of Activity: World Student day**

**Date: 15<sup>th</sup> October 2015**

**Report:**

The United Nations declared in 2010 to observe 15<sup>th</sup> October, the birth anniversary of the former President of India 'Avul Pakir Jainulabdeen Abdul Kalam or A.P.J Abdul Kalam; as the World Student's Day to honor his efforts in the field of science and technology as well as the role of a teacher that he played throughout his scientific and political careers; encouraging millions of students through his speeches books and wherever and whenever was possible for him.

A.P.J. Abdul Kalam was a role model for the students and his life story that how a poor and deprived boy hailing from a village in Tamil Nadu, reached the highest constitutional post in India, only because of his hard work and sincerity; inspires millions of students across the globe even today.

World Students' Day 2019 was celebrated on Tuesday, October 15<sup>th</sup> 2018 to commemorate the birth anniversary of a great leader and scientist, Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam at Banasthali Vidyapith.

Plays, speech contests, essay writing contests are organized in many department of vidhyapith. His speeches and his famous quotes are recited to inspire the youths and make them more confident in their endeavors. Science exhibitions were also organized to honor one of the greatest scientists and the 'Missile Man of India'.

**Name of Activity: National Nutrition Week**

**Date : 1-7 September 2015**

**Report:**

National Nutrition Week is observed every year from 1st September to 7th September to make people aware about the importance of nutrition for the Human Body and well being of health. The objective of the National Nutrition Week is to enhance the nutritional practice awareness among people of the community through the adoptable training, timely education, seminars, different competitions, road shows and many other campaigns and to make a healthy Nation. The one week campaign involves one day training, preparing the nutritious food with the healthy stuff, an exhibition by the students of Home Science, comment on wheat and soyabean to let them known about nutritious value, various competitions, and nutrition lecture to Mothers, road shows and seminars.

**Name of Activity: Vishwa Karma Day**

**Date 17 September 2015**

**Report:**

Vishwakarma is highly regarded as the Patron God of all working professionals as it is widely believed that it was he who revealed the mysteries of science and technology to all humans. According to the Hindu mythology, Vishwakarma is the divine architect who designed the entire universe which included the heaven and the earth.

This day is not only celebrated by the engineering and architectural community, but also by other professionals like artisans, craftsmen, weavers, mechanics, smiths, welders, industrial workers and factory workers. In the eastern parts of India like Bengal, this pooja is celebrated every year on September 17.

At the national level, the Vishwakarma Rashtriya Puraskar VRP and National Safety Awards given every year reflect Government of India's recognition of the contribution by working men, women and industrial establishments to the noble task of nation building.

**Name of Activity: International Day for Older Persons**

**Date 1 October 2015**

**Report:**

As part of International Day for Older Persons on 1 October, Banasthali Vidyaipath organized essay and elocution competition on the theme of Civil Society Role in Protecting the Rights of Older Persons. Students highlighted that between 2017 and 2030, the number of persons aged 60 years or over is projected to grow by forty six per cent. And in this context, the population ageing is poised to become significant social transformations of this century. Further students in these activities highlighted the need to promote the rights of older persons and to mobilize civil society to protect those rights. The students from various departments of Social Science, Humanities, Design, Engineering, and Life Science took participation in this competition .

**Name of Activity: World AIDS Day**

**Date 1 December 2015**

**Report:**

The World AIDS Day was organized on 1<sup>st</sup> December 2015 by Banasthali Vidyapith to raise awareness about the problems faced by the HIV patients in society. In order to sensitize the youth a poster exhibition was organized by the Vidyapith which highlighted that **people living with HIV are experiencing poverty, hardship and inequalities**. In this context the younger generation should take care of their challenges and should actively educate the society to remove the stigma related to the HIV patients. The students from various departments of Social Science, Humanities, Design, Engineering, and Life Science took participation in this procession and poster making.

**Name of Activity: Shaheed Diwas**

**Date: 9 August 2014**

**Report:**

Shaheed Diwas is celebrated in Banasthali Vidyapeeth on 9 August every year. Students present many programs which are dedicated to the martyrs. The founder of Banasthali “Apaji” Hiralal Shastri himself was a great freedom fighter and the member of the Constituent Assembly. The cornerstone of Banasthali’s education philosophy is based on five-fold education. A cradle of many innovative ideas in women’s education, the Vidyapith has evolved and successfully implemented a unique five-fold educational ideology, *Panchmukhi Shiksha*, comprising of physical, practical, aesthetic, intellectual and moral aspects of education that advocates an optimum blend of these components towards all-round development of students. The architects of this institution believed that an educational programme should be able to promote the development of a balanced and harmonious personality of the students.

Mahatma Gandhi was the key player who crushed the entire British Empire through his philosophy of non-violence. He is well known as the Father of the Nation. He worked relentlessly for his whole life to get the people of India. Gandhi Jee with his political, social, economic, linguistics and cultural vision paved the path of modern India. Banasthali Vidyapith has been organizing Shaheed Diwas on 09 August every year. On this occasion more than 400 students and faculty members assembled at the Lakshmi Bhai Maidan for paying gratitude to those freedom fighters who sacrificed their life for liberating and empowering the life of the people of India which was reeled in the darkness of servitude.

On 09 Aug 2017, a number of students and faculty members assembled at the Lakshmi Bhai Maidan to pay homage to those who did not care for their life but they accepted death with smile on their face for freedom and liberation of their mother land from the sackle of dominance and exploitation. A special wreath was placed in artistically decorated memorial to remember the Shaheeds which was followed by Banasthali Band performance and Banasthali Choir singing various patriotic songs. When it comes to preserving legacy and heritage, Banasthali always stands apart as it stands on twin pillars of nationalism and Indian culture. The Banasthali’s campus is inspiring, embodies institutional values and supports a vibrant community of healthy,

resilient and connected students, staff and faculty members. The campus has a vibrant atmosphere, conducive to overall development and adds to bring out the best in the students besides being safe and secure. Banasthali practices the ethos of nation-building and Indian Culture.

**Name of Activity: Holi**

**Date: 6 March 2015**

**Report:**

Holi, the festival of colours celebrated with full energy and enthusiasm at Banasthali Vidyapith with innumerable students coming from different parts of India, in its great campus which is full of natural beauty. The celebration of Holi in the campus adds a spectrum of colours and gaiety to the campus life and it indeed obliterates the boundry of caste and creed and develop mutual respect for all religions. Holi undoubtedly is a festival of multiple significances – mythological, cultural, social and biological. Holi celebrations at Banasthali started on 12 Mar 2017 late evening with the burning of Holika in front of Saraswati Mandir and Vani Mandir which symbolizes the burning of seven deadly sins.

At sunrise on 13 March 2017, even the notoriously late sleepers in the hostels were up early to grab the breakfast and were all geared up with loads of colours in front of the respective hostels. With the hostel warden keeping the eyes sharper doing the customary wishes in the public address system, the riot of vibrant colours erupted with shouting of ‘Bura na Mano Holi Hai’. It was remarkable that students were particular in choosing environment friendly colours and avoided spraying water.







**Name of Activity: Independence Day****Date: 15 August 2014****Report:**

15 August is celebrated as Independence Day with utmost zeal and zest. Plays, songs, and dances which instigated patriotic fervor were performed by the students. The bright sunshine and humid weather at Banasthali was no deterrent for the students of the world's largest fully residential women's university who ensured that India Independence Day was indeed celebrated with patriotic fervor, gaiety and enthusiasm. With students coming from different states of India, Banasthali represents the multiplicity of culture, community and humanity. Having made enormous progress since 1947 in education, science, technology, medicine, infrastructure, military, sports India today is a global power and is marching forward to development and prosperity. This indeed is an occasion for every Indian citizen to recall and remember the countless freedom fighters who fought fearlessly against the British might and sacrificed their lives.

On 15th August 2015, the Independence Day at Banasthali, Prof Aditya Shastri Vice Chancellor unfurled the *Tiranga* which was followed by the singing of the National Anthem. After the parade inspection, he took the salute for the marching groups of students from Saraswati Mandir, Sharda Mandir, Banasthali Seva Dal, Scout, NSS, Banasthali Band, Flying Club, and Horse Riding Club. The march past also included students carrying flags to represent different states of India as well as different countries where Banasthali has collaborative arrangements. Sharda Mandir had also hosted a colourful cultural program to mark the occasion.

Prof Aditya Shastri Vice Chancellor Banasthali in his address to the huge gathering of students today talked of what freedom means in the modern world. He also referred to some examples of people who have made the country proud with their perspiration, determination and commitment. Further, he also made the students see that discipline is not a hindrance to freedom but is the real freedom. He said that freedom in the true sense can only be achieved if one is free from all the worldly sufferings, because pain is inevitable if you're living, but suffering is a choice.

**Name of Activity: Republic Day**

**Date: 26 January 2015**

**Report:**

26 January was celebrated as republic day with pomp and show. A cultural event comprised of songs, dances, speeches, and plays which which instigated patriotic fervor were performed by the students. On 26th Jan 2015, for Republic Day at Banasthali, Prof Chitra Purohit unfurled the tricolor which was followed by singing of the National Anthem. After the customary parade inspection, took the salute for the marching groups of Banasthali Seva Dal, Scout, NSS students, Banasthali Band, Flying Club, Horse Riding Club. The march past also included students carrying flags to represent different states of India as well as different countries.





**Name of Activity: Vijayadashami****Date: 3 October 2014****Report:**

Vijayadashami or Dussehra conveys the message of celebrating the victory of good over evil and it is celebrated on the tenth day of Navratri festival. In the northern and southern states, it is celebrated to mark the victory of Lord Ram over the *dasanan* Ravana. In eastern and northeastern states of India, it commemorates the victory of Goddess Durga over the demon king Mahishasura, and also marks the end of Durga Puja celebrations. Dussehra also marks the onset of preparations for the festival of lights – Diwali, which falls twenty days after the festival. With students coming from different parts of India Banasthali is a mini India echoing the lines of Gurudev Rabindranath Tagore in National anthem “Panjaba-Sindhu-Gujarata-Maratha Dravida-Utkala-Banga.” To reinforce the five-fold education - Panchmukhi Shiksha, Banasthali has established a rich tradition of celebrating various days of national and international significance throughout the year. Every year as per Hindu calendar, this important festival is celebrated on the tenth day of the month Ashvin. The rich ethnic diversity of India truly came alive when the entire Banasthali campus assembled on 3 October 2014 evening at Viduala Maidan where a huge effigy of Ravan had been installed to celebrate Dusshera. After the performance of rituals by Vice Chancellor Prof Aditya Shastri, the effigy went in flames accompanied by a dazzling display of fireworks.

The students, staff and faculty members who joined the celebration, left the celebration with beaming faces and pride that they are indeed the part of one of the top ranking institutions of the country and the world which stands on the twin pillars of Nationalism and Indian Culture.

**Name of Activity: National Girl Child Day****Date: 24 January 2015****Report:**

Gender equality is indeed more than a goal in itself as it is a precondition for meeting the challenges of reducing poverty, promoting sustainable development and building good governance.

In order to emphasize the importance of women in the larger interests of the nation building task, Govt of India in 2009 had declared January 24 as National Girl Child Day. Further from 2015, the Beti Bachao Beti Padhao yojana by Govt of India has added momentum to the National Girl Child day activities. India today however, continues to need a sustained campaign to highlight the evils of female foeticide, female infanticide and girl discrimination in matters of health, nutrition, education and opportunities. Banasthali is one institution for which Girl Child Day is just not one day but 24x7x365. On 24 Jan 2015, to mark National Girl Child Day,

**Name of Activity: International Women's Day**

**Date: 8 March 2015**

**Report:**

The United Nations theme for this year is Think Equal Build Smart Innovate for Change. It is known that innovation and technology provide unprecedented opportunities, yet trends indicate a growing gender digital divide and women are under represented in the field of science, technology, engineering, mathematics and design. It prevents them from developing and influencing gender - responsive innovations to achieve transformative gains for society.

The Women's Studies and Research Centre at Banasthali for which the Coordinator is Prof Manju Singh is indeed a hub of activities all round the year. The IWD celebration is aptly named Jagriti meaning Awakening. The proceedings started with welcome address by Prof Harsh Purohit followed by lighting of auspicious lamp on 08 Mar 2015 at Vani Mandir Banasthali.

**Name of Activity: *Rashtriya Ekta Diwas***

**Date 31 October 2014**

**Report:**

After independence of India, Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel took the responsibility of integrating the 365 princely units in the independent India. The herculean task of integrating the princely units

into Rajasthan State was assigned to Pt. Hiralal Shastri, the founder of globally famous Banasthali Vidyapith. Pt. Shastri completed this challenging task in very short period of time and received lot of appreciation from Sardar Vallabh bhai Patel. Pt. Shastri, later took over as the first Chief Minister of Rajasthan. It was an occasion of great enthusiasm for Banasthali family when the Iron man of India visited Banasthali Vidyapith in 1947 and admired the missionary task of women's education and the five-fold education system (Panchmukhi Vikas) of Banasthali Vidyapith.

The *Rashtriya Ekta Diwas* was celebrated on 31 October 2018 by Banasthali Vidyapith in which several events were organized. An essay competition was organized on the contribution of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel in the making of modern India. Some students also recited their self composed poems on the biography of Sardar Patel.

**Name of Activity:** Gandhi Jayanti

**Date:** 2 October 2014

**Report:**

A 1946 quote of Mahatma Gandhi says "Banasthali is enshrined in my heart" and undoubtedly Banasthali draws its inspiration from the well known Gandhi quote "What is really needed to make democracy function is not knowledge of facts but right education."

The Gandhi Jayanti celebration at Banasthali Vidyapith began on October 1, 2014 with exhibitions on Gandhiji's life, teaching, and philosophy. The exhibitions were organized both at Central Library and Vani Mandir. The exhibition was followed by an essay writing competition both in Hindi and English. Further, a competition on *Shlokas* recitation from the Bhagawat was organized at Vani Mandir. The Sunrise on 02 Oct 2014 saw a massive rally by NSS students from Pragya Mandir to Vani Mandir. With a reach of over 50 villages, Radio FM Banasthali 90.4 had a special broadcast on Gandhiji. Thousands of students and faculty members assembled in front of Vani Mandir for a Sarva Dharam Prartna and Bhajans which included the favorite ones

of Gandhiji such as *Raghupathi Raghav Rajaram* and *Vaisnav Jan to*. Towards the closure of the programme, some students of Vidyapith recited some poems on the life, teaching and philosophy of Gandhi.

**Name of Activity: Shri Krishna Janmastami**

**Date: 18 August 2014**

**Report:**

Banasthali Vidyapith has value education central and all encompassing to its unique and time-tested five-fold educational ideology comprising of physical, practical, aesthetic, intellectual and moral aspects. There are formal components to cater to physical, practical, aesthetic and intellectual education but, the Vidyapith believes that value inculcation and character building are not possible within the confines of a classroom. To this end, Vidyapith has a rich tradition of celebrating a large number of cultural and national festivals including birth/death anniversary of great Indian personalities so that the students are able to derive inspiration from them. The entire academic calendar is full of such events adding so much fervor to the campus life besides having immense educational value

The Panchmukhi Shiksha – the fivefold education evolved over decades at Banasthali attempts a balance of the five aspects of education, namely Physical, Practical, Aesthetic, Moral and Intellectual and aims at all round harmonious development of personality. The mission and vision of Banasthali includes synthesis of spiritual values and scientific achievements of the East and the West.

Janmasthami was celebrated on 18 August 2014 and the students of Banasthali Vidyapith definitely gave dahi- handi a miss, and replace that tradition with the aesthetically appealing and visually mesmerizing decorated tableaus popularly referred as ‘Jhankis’. Students dressed up in beautiful attires and gave a glimpse of Krishna's eventful life which began with his birth in a jail to the phase where he took upon the most prestigious role of his life of being a mentor, a guide to a confused Arjun.

**Name of Activity: Navratra Sthapana**

**Date: 1 October 2014**

**Report:**

Many educational institutions in India today have name but only a few have legacy like Banasthali Vidyapith. The evolution of Banasthali is nothing short of a fairy tale in which the parents, a Gandhian freedom fighter Pt Hiralal Shastri and a recipient of Padma Shri in 1955, Padma Bhushan in 1975, Smt Ratan Shastri took up the mission with passion for setting up an institution at Banasthali to fulfill the desire of their beloved daughter Shantabai who died at a very young age but had sown the seeds of a school built with mud bricks made by her own hands for educating girls.

Every year, Navratra Sthapana day is celebrated at Banasthali as Foundation day and Shantabai birthday. On **1 October 2014**, a great number of students and some faculty members gathered in front of Surya Mandir for the celebrations. The celebrations ended with recitation of Shanti Path.

**Name of Activity: Ganesh Chaturthi**

**Date: 29 September 2014**

**Report:**

Lord Ganesh is considered to be the God of wealth, knowledge, wisdom and prosperity. The essence of this festival lies in the fact that the devotees worship Ganesh to free their lives of all the sins and substitute them with knowledge and action. Associated with Lord Ganpati or Ganesha - the most loved god who has 108 names Ganesh Chaturthi, popularly called 'Ganesh Puja' or 'Vinayak Chaturthi' is a Hindu festival which falls in the vedic month of Bhadra (mid August-September). Ganesh is also called 'Vighnaharta' as he is known to take away all the

problems of his devotees. It is a matter of pride that today Ganesh Chaturthi is not only celebrated in India but in several countries like Japan, Tibet, China, Cambodia, Thailand etc in different names.

Appreciated by the world at large, Banasthali firmly believes that to be top ranking, it is the foremost responsibility of any Indian educational institution to nurture humans with the tolerant and harmonious view of life as envisaged in the Indian culture the spirit of which has been beautifully captured in the Indian Constitution by the founding fathers of the nation. The Panchmukhi Shiksha – the fivefold education evolved over decades at Banasthali attempts a balance of the five aspects of education, namely Physical, Practical, Aesthetic, Moral and Intellectual and aims at all round harmonious development of personality. The mission and vision of Banasthali includes synthesis of spiritual values and scientific achievements of the East and the West.

The rich ethnic diversity of India truly comes alive when the campus celebrates Hariyali Teej, Janmashthami, Ganesh Chaturthi, Navratra Dandiya & Garba, Durgasthami, Dusshera, Diwali, Guru Nanak Jayanti, Eid al Fitr, Christmas, Lohri, Basant Panchami and Holi. During these celebrations, the students and faculty of Banasthali add a spectrum of colours and gaiety to campus life and indeed rise above caste and creed and develop mutual respect for all religions.

In addition to being an auspicious religious festival, Ganesh Chaturthi has deep cultural significance too. It is a time for various colourful activities like singing, dancing and performing plays depicting the birth of Ganesha and enactment of the various legends associated with him. On the occasion of Ganesh Chaturthi 29 Sep 2018, entire Banasthali community comes together to the pandal in front of Vani Mandir where a huge idol of Lord Ganesh is installed to celebrate this festival with pomp, grandeur and fanfare. After the Poojan performance by Vice Chancellor Prof Aditya Shastri, Banasthali choir rendered several bhajans both in Dhrupad and Khayal devoted to Lord Ganesha. The celebrations concluded with Arti..

The students and faculty who attended the Ganesh Chaturthi celebrations left with beaming faces and pride that they were indeed part of a top ranking institution which is a jewel in the crown among the women's universities not only in India today but across the globe.

**Name of Activity: Basant Panchami**

**Date: 24 January 2015**

**Report:**

The festival of Basant Panchami also known as Shri Panchami and Saraswati Panchami. is a seasonal festival to welcome spring and is observed in many regions of India. The celebrations are dedicated to Goddess Saraswati, the Goddess of knowledge, music, arts, science and technology.

Basant Panchmi is celebrated on the fifth day (Panchami Tithi) of the bright fortnight (Shukla Paksha) of the Hindu month Magh. It is said that from this day the spring season (Vasant Ritu) begins and the day is dedicated to worship of Goddess Saraswati. A legend says that it was on Basant Panchami day that Lord Ram, tasted the half-eaten berries famously offered by Shabari out of her love and generosity.

Appreciating the significance of the day, freedom fighter Bharat Ratna Mahamana Madan Mohan Malviya founded the famous Banaras Hindu University BHU on this very day in 1916. The institutions established by the Birla Education Trust at Pilani including Birla Institute of Technology and Science - BITS also celebrate Basant Panchami as the Founders Day. Punjab on Basant Panchami goes indeed high with Kite Flying while the length and breadth of Bengal celebrates as Saraswati Puja.

Right from its inception, Banasthali has embarked on a rich tradition of celebrating various days of national and international significance. On 24 January 2015, a grand celebration to mark Basant Panchami was organized befittingly in front of the lawns facing Vani Mandir. Prof Chitra Purohit, Bansthali Vidyapith performed the traditional Puja. This was followed by a group of students rendering devotional songs dedicated to goddess Saraswati and a song to welcome the season Basant. Several dignitaries from abroad who had come to Banasthali also joined the celebrations.

When the celebrations ended with performance of aarti, the students and faculty who had come for the function left with beaming faces and pride that they were indeed part of an institution which is a jewel in the crown among the women's universities not only in India today but across the globe.







**Name of Activity: Durga Astami**

**Date: 02 October 2014**

**Report:**

Durga signifies the innermost power of consciousness and the goddess is forever taking shape within and around us as the creative and transformative force that is the essence of the cosmic life for overcoming all difficulties.

With students coming from different parts of India, the 850 acre Banasthali campus itself is a mini India echoing the lines of Gurudev Rabindranath Tagore in National anthem “Panjaba-Sindhu-Gujarata-Maratha Dravida-Utkala-Banga.” To reinforce the fivefold education - Panchmukhi Shiksha, Banasthali has established a rich tradition of celebrating various days of national and international significance throughout the year.

Durga Ashtami also known as Maha Ashtami is the 8th day of Navaratri and is the most important day of 9 Divine Nights of Goddess worship (Navratri) in India. There are several mythological stories related to this day and the most common is that Durga Ashtami

commemorates Goddess Durga's victory over the demon, Mahishasur.

The rich ethnic diversity of India truly came alive when the entire Banasthali campus celebrated Durga Asthami on Oct 02, 2014 morning at Brahm Mandir where a huge idol of the goddess had been installed. After the Poojan performance by Vice President Prof Siddharth Shastri, Banasthali choir renders several devotional songs in praise of goddess Shakti. The celebrations concluded with Arti. Since the day also marks 20th anniversary of Banasthali co-founder Smt Ratan Shastri remembrance, floral tributes were paid with a firm resolve to carry forward the mission and vision of the institution.

The students and faculty of Banasthali who came for Durga Ashtami celebrations left with beaming faces and pride that they were indeed part of a top ranking institution which is a jewel in the crown among the women's universities not only in India today but across the globe.

**Name of Activity: National Science Day**

**Date: 28th February 2015**

**Report:**

A noted philosopher of the Western intellectually rich philosophical tradition has stated that art and aesthetics add beauty to life but science allows that beauty to survive. It is indicative of the fact that life without science is impossible. To make science integrated to common human life and also to recollect the contribution of Sir C.V Raman National Science Day was celebrated by the Department of Physics, Banasthali Vidyapith on 28th February, 2017, with lot of vibrancy, enthusiasm and intellectual engagement. The Department organized the exhibition of science models based upon the theme of the year “Science and Technology for Specially Abled Person”. The models presented by students represented the reality of integrating science and technology in such a way that they may be helpful for making the life for especially abled person meaningful, comfortable and easy.

**Name of Activity: World Water Day**

**Date: 22 March 2015**

**Report:**

The phenomena of industrial growth, modernization, urbanization and the hegemony of the capitalist have entailed profoundly upon the natural as well as the cultural world. The uncontrolled growth in industrial advancement if on the one hand brought prosperity to the country then on the other it has exploited the natural resources who is owed by all but claimed by none. These aforesaid growths have a great negative impact on the presence of fresh water in the world. Keeping the inevitable need of water in the life of homosapiens United Nation observes World Water Day on March 22 every year. The day advocates for the sustainable management of freshwater resources. Banasthali V idyapith organized World Water Day on March 22, 2015 which focused on the theme of World Water Day “Water and A Sustainable Development”. Students of Banasthali Vidyapith in that event highlighted the fact that water plays an important role in the sustainable development model. Further, it was also articulated by them that the millennium development goals of the U.N can only be achieved if water is appropriately used by the people of different strata, groups and sections of society.

**Name of Activity: National Engineer's Day****Date: 15 September 2014****Report:**

On September 15, celebrated as “Engineers’ Day” since 1967 to commemorate the birthday of the legendary engineer Sir Mokshagundam Visvesvaraya, Banasthali Vidyapith organized various academic activities on the theme of ‘Science, Engineering and Society’ under the aegis of School of Life Science in the Gyan Mandir Auditorium. The activities included poster making, painting, essay writing and elocution. In these activities studnts tried to highlight that how science and engineering is viable to the social and economic progress. However, it should not hamper the nature, atmosphere and environment and strengthen the idea of sustainable development. Students from Engineering Science, Pharmacy, Life Sciences, Humanities and Social Science, actively participated in all these activities.

**Name of Activity: Lohri**

**Date 13 January 2015**

**Report:**

Lohri is the festival that marks the beginning of the harvest season, which calls for a celebration in many states of north India, including Punjab, Haryana and Himachal Pradesh. The festival is mainly celebrated by the Hindu and the Sikh communities, wherein they light a holy bonfire, which signifies passing of the winter solstice. There are a number of traditions related to this Punjabi festival other than lighting of the holy bonfire like offering ceremonial prayers and even preparing delicious food. Moreover, before harvesting the crops, people offer their thanks to the God. According to the Indian calendar, Lohri falls in the month of Pausha, and according to the Gregorian calendar, it is celebrated on the 13th of January every year. Lohri is followed by the festival of kites, Makar Sankranti, which marks the beginning of the summer months. Lohri traditions and festivities are quite vibrant and soulful. The festival is characterised by a tradition of lighting of a holy bonfire, which signifies 'Agni', the God of Fire. At Banasthali students gather around the bonfire with great vigor and celebrated the same in befitting traditional manner, warm up to the sparkling flames, offer prayers, sing songs, dance and throw in foods like gajak, chikki, jaggery, popcorn, sesame seeds (til), rewari and peanuts to pay homage to their roots, in a matter of speaking.

**Name of Activity: Christmas**

**Date 25 December 2014**

**Report:**

Banasthali has a rich tradition of celebrating various days of both national and international importance all round the year. Christmas is the season of joy, holiday greetings exchanged, gift-giving, and families getting united. The Christmas celebrations took place in the college campus on 25th December 2018. On Christmas day, a special mass was conducted in the college.

Students conceptualise and create event to spread the holiday cheer – college inculcates values of inclusion, celebrating festivals and cultures from around the world - Part of the world class education offered by Banasthali Vidyapith. The college Christmas Festival included live performances, dance, music, etc. The celebrations also included a rhythmic performance from the college choir and an add-on surprise package by Santa Claus. The staff and students were completely spellbound with the Christmas gratification.

The students at Banasthali Vidyapith are taught to celebrate festivals and appreciate people from around the world. The Banasthali believes that providing the students with a very broad and balanced education will equip them for life and ultimately make them more open minded to people from all faiths and religious traditions.

**Name of Activity: Indian Aviation Day**

**Date: 19 August 2014**

**Report:**

Banasthali Vidyapith believes in five-fold (Panchmukhi) educational ideology that includes physical, practical, intellectual, aesthetic and morel. This innovative educational ideology nurtures the holistic personality of its students with a strong value base. Flying has been an inseparable part of that comprehensive and innovative educational ideology since 1962. Banasthali Vidyapith observes National Aviation Day on 19 August every year. Vidyapith celebrated National Aviation day on 19 August 2014 in which the students of B.Sc. aviation science participated actively with energy and enthusiasm. They focused on the development of aviation in India. Professor Aditya Shastri, Vice chancellor, Banasthali Vidyapith and Professor Ina Shastri, Pro-vice chancellor, Banasthali Vidyapith, expressed their best wishes and they also encouraged delegates, participants and guests to continue striving for their intellectual, academic and professional enrichment. Professor Seema Verma, Dean, School of Aviation, described a complete journey of Aviation at Banasthali. She underlined the entire journey of women aviators in Banasthali.

**Name of Activity: Constitution Day****Date 26 November 2014****Report:**

Constitution day is also known as Sanvidhan Divas. It is celebrated in India on 26 November to commemorate the adaptation of the constitution of India. One of the three original copies of the Indian Constitution is available in Banasthali Vidyapith whose founder Shri Hiralal Shastriji (Apaji) was one of the members of the constituent assembly which drafted the constitution. Every citizen in India today knows for sure that the Constitution is supreme and the Fundamental Rights guaranteed under it indeed are sacrosanct. Jamnalal School of Legal Studies, Banasthali University is one of its kind law department in India established for empowering women in the legal domain. The constitution day was celebrated on 26 November 2014 in which several events were organized by the students and the faculty members of the Jamnalal School of Legal Studies. The vents which were organized include debate, panel discussion and quiz competition. The main theme of these events was “Indian Constitution”. The programme came to its end when the Head of the Department and the Dean of the faculty encouraged students with their words.

**Name of Activity: International Literacy Day**

**Date: 8 September 2014**

**Report:**

The growth, prosperity and development of a society, person and a nation depends upon many variables but education is one of the most important factors. It is candidly believed that a society cannot be imagined to be growing unless its population is literate and educated. UNESCO in 1966 clearly spelt that the message of literacy must be send to all parts of the world and for that purpose it has declared 8 September as International Literacy Day. Banasthali Vidyapith which has been marching on its mission of educating the half population of the country celebrated International Literacy Day on 8 September 2016. Vidyapith organized several events which focused on the central theme of “Literacy and Gender Equality”. Prof Sidharth Shastri from the Department of Economics articulated literacy is a must for individual’s higher socio – economic status, better employment prospects, lower population growth and better health care.

**Name of Activity: Death anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi**

**Date: 30 January 2015**

**Report:**

Martyrs day in India is celebrated to pay homage to the victims who fought for the freedom, welfare and progress of the India and sacrificed their lives. It is celebrated every year all over the country on 30th of January. India is the country among other 15 countries of the world where Martyrs Day is celebrated every year to pay homage to the freedom fighters.

The nation paid homage to all the martyrs and freedom fighters of our country who sacrificed their lives for the nation. For the past several decades, Banasthali Vidyapith has been observing 30 January 2015 every year as Shramdaan Divas. On that day many students, staff and faculty members engaged themselves in cleaning the area around where they live. Students also cleaned the area around academic blocks.

**Name of Activity: World Student day**

**Date: 15<sup>th</sup> October 2014**

**Report:**

The United Nations declared in 2010 to observe 15<sup>th</sup> October, the birth anniversary of the former President of India 'Avul Pakir Jainulabdeen Abdul Kalam or A.P.J Abdul Kalam; as the World Student's Day to honor his efforts in the field of science and technology as well as the role of a teacher that he played throughout his scientific and political careers; encouraging millions of students through his speeches books and wherever and whenever was possible for him.

A.P.J. Abdul Kalam was a role model for the students and his life story that how a poor and deprived boy hailing from a village in Tamil Nadu, reached the highest constitutional post in India, only because of his hard work and sincerity; inspires millions of students across the globe even today.

World Students' Day 2019 was celebrated on Tuesday, October 15<sup>th</sup> 2018 to commemorate the birth anniversary of a great leader and scientist, Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam at Banasthali Vidyapith.

Plays, speech contests, essay writing contests are organized in many department of vidhyapith. His speeches and his famous quotes are recited to inspire the youths and make them more confident in their endeavors. Science exhibitions were also organized to honor one of the greatest scientists and the 'Missile Man of India'.

**Name of Activity: National Nutrition Week**

**Date : 1-7 September 2014**

**Report:**

National Nutrition Week is observed every year from 1st September to 7th September to make people aware about the importance of nutrition for the Human Body and well being of health. The objective of the National Nutrition Week is to enhance the nutritional practice awareness among people of the community through the adoptable training, timely education, seminars, different competitions, road shows and many other campaigns and to make a healthy Nation. The one week campaign involves one day training, preparing the nutritious food with the healthy stuff, an exhibition by the students of Home Science, comment on wheat and soyabean to let them known about nutritious value, various competitions, and nutrition lecture to Mothers, road shows and seminars.

**Name of Activity: Vishwa Karma Day**

**Date 17 September 2014**

**Report:**

Vishwakarma is highly regarded as the Patron God of all working professionals as it is widely believed that it was he who revealed the mysteries of science and technology to all humans. According to the Hindu mythology, Vishwakarma is the divine architect who designed the entire universe which included the heaven and the earth.

This day is not only celebrated by the engineering and architectural community, but also by other professionals like artisans, craftsmen, weavers, mechanics, smiths, welders, industrial workers and factory workers. In the eastern parts of India like Bengal, this pooja is celebrated every year on September 17.

At the national level, the Vishwakarma Rashtriya Puraskar VRP and National Safety Awards given every year reflect Government of India's recognition of the contribution by working men, women and industrial establishments to the noble task of nation building.

**Name of Activity: International Day for Older Persons**

**Date: 1 October 2014**

**Report:**

The International Day for Older Persons was organized on 1<sup>st</sup> October 2014 by Banasthali Vidyapith to raise awareness about the problems faced by the old people in society. In order to raise the opportunities and challenges of ageing in today's world, Banasthali Vidyapith organized a door to door meeting of students with the people of Jagatpura village. Before the interaction, the students of Social Work oriented the other students about the tools of interaction. The student met the older people and tried to understand their problems. The elders told in their interaction that how the society is ignoring their role and importance in family. Further the students' brought to the notice of family members that how the experienced old people are important in moving the society and their health issues should be taken seriously. The students and faculties of various departments participated in this meeting .

**Name of Activity: World Aids Day**

**Date 1 December 2014**

**Report:**

The World AIDS Day was organized on 1<sup>st</sup> December by Banasthali Vidyapith to draw the attention related to AIDS and HIV patients. In order to raise awareness, Banasthali Vidyapith organized a door to door meeting of students with the people of Haripura village. Before the interaction, the students discussed the methods and techniques of interaction. The student met the local people and highlighted that how this disease damages our immune system and we should question the stigma faced by the patients. And following initial infection a person may not notice any symptoms or may experience a brief period of the influenza illness. Students further highlighted that this disease has affected the children and youth. And with proper measures and precaution it can be prevented. The students and faculties of various departments participated in this meeting.

