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**K. G. JOSHI COLLEGE OF ARTS &
N. G. BEDEKAR COLLEGE OF COMMERCE
(AUTONOMOUS), THANE (W)**

Department of History and Department of Sanskrit

Jointly Organizes

**ONE DAY NATIONAL CONFERENCE
ON**

**Evolving Knowledge and Education Systems in India :
Ancient to Contemporary Times**

6th January 2024

Venue

Thorale Bajirao Peshwe Sabhagraha,
Joshi-Bedekar College (Autonomous)
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Evolving Knowledge and Education Systems in India : Ancient to Contemporary Times

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About the College

K. G. Joshi College of Arts and N. G. Bedekar College of Commerce (Autonomous) is run by Vidya Prasarak Mandal (VPM), Thane. The Vidya Prasarak Mandal was established in 1935. Dr. Vijay V. Bedekar is the Chairman of VPM, Thane who is Medical Practitioner by profession and well-known Indologist. He also run the Institute for Oriental Study, Thane for promoting the study and research in Indology.

VPM's K.G. Joshi College of Arts & N.G. Bedekar College of Commerce (Autonomous) Thane was the first institution of higher learning to be established in Thane City in 1969. The college was reaccredited by National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC) with 'A' grade in 2nd cycle and in November 2016 during 3rd cycle. The college is one of the Community and Lead colleges of the University of Mumbai and has got the Best College Award of University of Mumbai (2011-12). The college is also ISO 9001-2015 Certified. The college received prestigious EICON title of the year 2018 as 'Best College for Arts and Commerce in Thane'. The college also received prestigious EICON title for the year 2019 as 'Best College for Academic Excellence'. It was ranked by India Today Media Group. The college was conferred with Academic Autonomy by UGC in December 2020. In March 2021, Asia Today Research and Media honoured college as Best College for Arts and Commerce with 'Innovation, Research and Academic excellence' in Thane District. Since last 18 years, the Institute has maintained the tradition hosting a National / International Conference keeping up with the research culture and academic excellence.

About History and Sanskrit Departments

The Department of History was established in 1975. The Department offers specialization at Third Year and also Post-Graduation. The papers related to Ancient, Medieval, Modern, Contemporary India as well as World History, Heritage Tourism, Research Methodology, History of Marathas, Museology and Archival Science are taught by the Department. The Department organizes Value- added Courses in *Modi* Script, Architecture and Heritage every year.

The Department of Sanskrit was formed in 1982. The Department offers specialization in the Third Year. It teaches courses associated with Ancient to Modern Sanskrit Literature, Manuscripts, Vedic Literature and Philosophical Literature among others. The Department regularly conducts Value-Added Courses such as Sanskrit *Sambhashan Varg*, *Bhagwadgeeta Santha Varga*, *Mulyavardhit* Sanskrit and Functional Grammar.

Both the Departments are planning to start Value-Added Courses in *Brahmi* and *Kharoshthi* scripts jointly. These two Departments regularly organize subject related guest lectures, seminars, workshops and study tours.

Theme Note

Unique systems of knowledge and education have evolved in India gradually and phenomenally over a period of several centuries. The scientific knowledge of urban planning evident in Harappan civilization and mastery over literature during the Vedic period contributed immensely not only to India but to the whole world. During Vedic period knowledge developed through the *Vedas*, *Upanishads*, *Shaddarshana*, *Puranas* and great epics like *Ramayan* and *Mahabharat* in Sanskrit. Even Secular literature found in Ayurveda, Grammar and Mathematics during ancient times led to the development of Sanskrit language as well as other ancient languages like Pali and Prakrit. The Muslim rule and later British colonial imperial rule have also left their mark on this process of continuous development of knowledge and education.

With the movement of the wheels of time, through ancient, medieval, modern and contemporary periods, India has not only developed its own knowledge and education systems but has also adopted need-based changes during the course of time.

The education and knowledge systems in India have undergone changes from time-to-time. The origins of these systems can be traced to ancient times and it has adopted the new trends in mediaeval, modern and contemporary period. For instance, during mediaeval age with the arrival of Islamic rule the languages like Arabic and Persian were learnt and the Islamic knowledge and education system was introduced. During British rule English language and western knowledge was studied. In post-independence era the successive governments of India have contributed and made changes to knowledge and education systems by way of appointing various Commissions and Expert Committees and forming bodies like UGC and RUSA.

The modern age education system of India in the 21st century is constituted of a new approach to learning from online education to skill development courses, digital learning platforms, grading system as well as the educational technology in the classrooms and the recently introduced National Education Policy 2020 (NEP). This Conference is an effort to unravel the historical development and changes in the Indian knowledge and education systems. In addition, it is also an endeavor to encourage and promote Sanskrit. The theme of the Conference is conceptualized by keeping in mind the changes needed to be brought in the knowledge and education systems in view of NEP 2020.

Sub Themes

- Vedas and *Shaddarshanas*
 - Gurukul to Modern education system
 - Knowledge and *Purusharthas*
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- Linguistic Diversity and Grammar
 - Sanskrit Literary Sources
 - Ancient Shastras and Philosophy
 - Development of Mathematics, Science and Astrology
 - Art and Architecture
 - Accounting Principles and Methods
 - Currency and Finance System
 - Trade, Commerce and Management
 - Varied education experiments
 - Skill-based education
 - Formal and Informal Knowledge and Education Systems
 - Education through Moral Values
 - Rural Women Education
 - Empowerment of Depressed classes and women through Education
 - Any other related area

About the Pre-Conference Workshop

Pre-Conference One Day Workshops will be held to encourage participation from Teachers & Students.

- Visit to Institute of Oriental Studies, Thane : 23rd June 2023
- Paper Presentation of Students : 12th July 2023

Call for Papers and Participation

Participants are requested to submit their papers in the following format:

1. Full paper with abstract not exceeding 2500 words
2. Format of the paper :
Paper Size : A4
Font : Times New Roman
Font size : 14 for title & 12 for contents, line spacing should be 1.5
3. Paper should be mailed to historysanskritcon@gmail.com
4. Decision of the Editorial Committee will be final regarding the selection of the paper.

Important Dates:

- Last date for submission of abstracts : 30th September, 2023
 - Notification of acceptance : 7th October, 2023
 - Last date for submission of paper : 15th November, 2023
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Mode of Payment:

The payment should be made in the form of crossed cheque / demand draft of a nationalised bank drawn in favour of 'VPM's K. G. Joshi College of Arts & N. G. Bedekar College of Commerce (Autonomous), Thane' payable at Thane. The payment can also be made in cash / NEFT.

NEFT Details : Bank of India, Shivaji Path, Thane Branch

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Registration & Fees:

	Only Participation	Participation & Publication Peer Reviewed Journal
Academicians	INR 1500	INR 2000
Students / Research Scholar	INR 1000	INR 1200

For publication in Scopes / UGC Care Listed Journal separately charges are applicable.

Accommodation:

Accommodation is the sole responsibility of the participant.

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