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I am very glad to share my experience as a first-year student of History in Vanita Vishram Women's University. I would like to say that it has been a great pleasure to study in VVWU. They offered an excellent guideline with respect to the subject keeping in mind the capability of every student that has enrolled for the course. History never piqued my interest this much before but here even the entire world's history was taught in such a manner that it made me curious than ever. Speaking of the content of core papers 1&2, it has been quite exhilarating. I was very scared on the very first day as I expected the syllabus to be very difficult to understand and even harder to remember. However, after our professor calmly led us through the different divisions of the syllabus, my mind was relaxed. Newer techniques were implemented which I experienced for the very first time. Appearing for an open book test was the most fun experience I had till date. Different methods of assessment, although kept me on toes but at the same time, they also offered me a wider perspective as to how can History as a subject be made interesting for learners.



Thank You.

-Payal Sirvi (F.Y.B.A. History)



Debate Competition

Plastic Free World: Boon or Bane



The School of Humanities and Social Sciences organized an intra-school debate competition on 31 December, 2021 at 10:00 am in the Marfatia Hall, Vanita Vishram, Surat.

Overall, 10 students from three schools of VVWU participated enthusiastically.

The competition was divided into two rounds. The first round was elocution round wherein all the students presented their views individually.

For the second-round students were divided into two groups – Plastic Free World : A Boon & Plastic Free World : A Bane.

The competition was judged by Dr. Pratima Shah from the Department of English and Dr. Navnit Chothani I/c Deputy Director of the School of Science & Technology.

The competition was coordinated by Dr. Vidushi Choksi & Ms. Ria Nadkarni from the School of Humanities & Social Sciences.

Winners: (Team A Supporting Plastic as Boon)

- Maitri Gundaria
- Priyanshi Ranpariya
- Maliha Shaikh
- Bhagyashree Kundu
- Archita Bambhani

Department of History

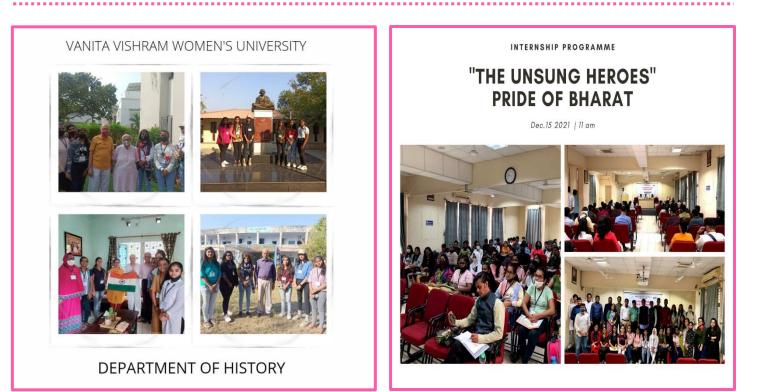


The Department of History planned an interdisciplinary activity named 'Solving Historical Mysteries through Time' in the month of January, 2022. The activity went on for a week from 3 January to 10 January, 2022 and the students tried to understood the importance of continuity in Historical events through time-line.

Department of History



15 Students from the Department of History enrolled themselves in an online Short Term Certificate Courses named Travel Consultancy & Front Desk Associate offered by the Gujarat Technological University (GTU) and Tourism Corporation of Gujarat Limited (TCGL)



The Department of History sent 15 students for a week-long internship programme from 15 to 22 December, 2021 launched by the Government of Gujarat under the banner of Azadi ka Amrut Mohatsav titled: "The Unsung Heroes".

Internal Examination

2021 - 22



The School of Humanities and Social Sciences conducted the first Internal Examination of Semester 1 of the School from 13 December, 2021 to 17 December, 2021 There were more than 200 students who gave the exams. The exams were conducted in a systematic and organized manner.

Department of English

A celebration of Indian art and culture, Hunar Haat was a vibrant exhibition of old and new arts prevalent in India. With the motive of learning about different cultures I visited the exhibition. I interacted with a few sellers and learnt about their skills. Many of them were exponents of a generational business promoting the age-old art work. Food from different states was lip-smackingly delicious as well.



Students' Corner

Jacquerie

"Jahan bhi azaad ruh ki jhalak pade, samajhna waha mera ghar hai."

Riding the wave of femininity and feminist literature, even before Simone de Beauvoir birthed her theory, an Indian novelist challenged the patriarchal hegemony with her novels, prose, and poetry. She dared to write in an era where a woman's voice meant nothing. She openly challenged the heteronormative sexual politics and brought about a revolution in Indian literature by introducing feministic literature. She began her writing career at a ripe age of 17 years when she wrote a collection of poems titled "Thandiyan Kirnan." Till this day, one of her most popular poems has been "Aj Akhan Waris Shah Nu" which literally translates to "Ode to Waris Shah." The poem vividly describes the horrors of partition and sufferings of emigrants and refugees.

Quite paradoxically, her writings never aligned with her personal life. In her writings she used to talk openly about sexuality, lost identities, and psychological nakedness. She, through her writings, explored the power of physical and sexual love but never did she go beyond the bounds of platonic relationships in her personal life. She was quite in vogue for her relationship with the well-reputed poet, Sahir Ludhianvi. A very platonic and quaint relationship was shared by the two. This reflected in her poems as well.

Though being an imminent writer in her times, our litterateur is still known majorly for her love affairs rather than her glorious career which included her being awarded with titles of highest honour. She was the first female writer to be awarded with Sahitya Akademi Award. Along with that she also has awards like Padma Shri, Padma Vibhushan, Bharitya Jnanpith, and Shatabdi Samman up her sleeve. She belonged to the movements of romance and progressivism. Partition of India, exploration of a woman's self, and social taboos such as failed marriages and infidelity were some of her favourite topics to write on. Her revolutionary ideas regarding these topics made her a litterateur who wrote way ahead of her time. She is none other than Amrita Pritam. Though she wrote in vernacular languages, impact of her words was visible internationally.

> Yukta Desai M.A. English

Class Presentation



Students' Creative Corner



By - Khushi Shrimali



Students' Achievements!!



Ms. Zeeya Shah from the Department of Psychology participated in the Football Women's League & stood 3rd. She was also selected for the National Camp & participated too in the Nationals.



Ms. Rinkal Yadav from the Department of History stood first in the University Level of "National Environment Youth Parliament (NEYP) 2022" held on 12-01-2000.



Ms. Filza Kadri a state-level Table-tennis player won the following awards:

- Gold Medal in under 19 Junior Girls Category
- Bronze Medal in Women's Single Event
- First Open Gujarat State Ranking Table-tennis Tournament under 19

Teachers' Achievements!!



- Dr. Imran Surti published 2 books entitled "Representation of History in Rahi Masoom Reza's A Village Divided and Amitav Ghosh's The Glass Place & "Representation of Holocaust and Partition: A study of Select Texts".
- He delivered a talk on "Relevance of Gandhi with Reference to Hind Swaraj" as a Guest Speaker in the School of International & Public Affairs, Florida International University on 25th October, 2021.
- Has been awarded a Minor Research Project titled "Vanita Vishram The Untold Story" by Vanita Vishram Women's University.

Dr. Vidushi Choksi got her Ph.D. thesis published in a book form in December, 2021 titled Holocaust and Partition: A Celluloid Test for History. The publication is funded by (ICHR) Indian Council of Historical Research, New Delhi. The book is published by Himalaya Publication House, Mumbai.

• Has been awarded a Minor Research Project titled "Vanita Vishram – The Untold Story" by Vanita Vishram Women's University.





- Dr. Sakshi Seth Grover from the Department of Psychology has completed her Doctorate in December 2021, from the Delhi University. She did her research on: Glass ceiling effect: women as prisoners? The topic was a combination of social, gender and organizational psychology.
- Mr. Aditya Farsole has been awarded a Minor Research Project titled "Evaluation of an Assertiveness Training Program on Assertiveness and Self-Esteem of Students of Vanita Vishram" by Vanita Vishram Women's University.





Ms. Ria Nadkarni has been awarded a Minor Research Project titled "Evaluation of an Assertiveness Training Program on Assertiveness and Self- Esteem of Students of Vanita Vishram" by Vanita Vishram Women's University.

IN UPCOMING!!!

EVENTS BY THE DEPARTMENTS

Psychology – A Workshop on "Careers in Psychology"

History – "Solving Historical Mysteries through Dance"

English – "*Katha*: The Art of Story-Telling"

::COMPETITION::

Photography Competition: Landscape Photography

Interested students are requested to register by clicking on the link below

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NEWS ALERT!

School of Humanities & Social Sciences will be forming an Intra-School Student Council!!

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