



MANIBEN NANAVATI WOMEN'S COLLEGE

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IN FOCUS

INSTITUTIONAL THEME FOR THE YEAR 2020-2021

Embracing the New Normal Lifestyle

The beginning of the year 2020 saw the sudden outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic caused by the Coronavirus that soon hit the world with thousands of affected people dying across the world. The gruesome scenario left the world shocked, helpless and totally clueless about how to control its monstrous effect that spreading like the wild bushfire resulting into unprecedented situations. The pandemic affected one and all- the young and old, rich and poor, men and women and transgenders. It shattered the economies and lifestyles of nations. The world witnessed a chaotic situation with thousands of people being rendered jobless, poor, starved and dying because of lack off facilities in medical and health sectors and the ensuing state of complete lockdown. India has been the worst affected. In spite of the strict measures taken by the central and state governments, the situation was totally uncontrollable. Health, employment, economy, lifestyle and education slumped like never before and human survival became the matter of biggest challenge ever.

While the trials of vaccines are still being under tests, the Unlockdown- I phase began in June 2020 in India. The experts proclaimed that we have to learn to live with corona virus for the next few hours. The New Normal started setting in but it was not that easy with the world turning to internet for solutions to live a normal lifestyle. New collocations such as "Work From Home," "Online Classes," "Digital Payments," "Virtual Meetings" and others started opening up the interiors of household on one side and on the other side, the old stereotypes started breaking resulting into role reversals that redefined the gender patterns in families and societies.

At Maniben Nanavati Women's College, the institutional theme for the academic year 2020-2021 is chosen to be "Embracing the New Normal Lifestyle." Most of the

activities, projects, initiatives, campaigns and deliberations planned by departments and committees will focus upon studying, investigating and researching upon this adopted theme. The institution thus, extends its solidarity and support to the cause of spreading awareness for contributing to the nation by being responsible citizens during these troubled times . We remain committed to this cause. May the Almighty lead us to the Light!

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COMMEMORATING 150 YEARS OF MAHATMA GANDHI: GENDER DIVERSITY FOR PEACEFUL COEXISTENCE

A Major Breakthrough

At Maniben Nanavati Women's college, it has always been the collaborative efforts of the students, teaching and non-teaching faculty, management and all the stakeholders of the college to initiate and introduce new ideas, policies and actions to enrich and empower all the stakeholders, especially our students.

Srishti , the College annual magazine is one such feature that has continuously been an object of "much-wanted and waited" desire every year since its inception in the year 2000. Attempts to make it a more interesting and insightful publication by continuously striving to upgrade its quality and attain heights of excellence have always been a top priority for all Nanavatites. In 2006, we attempted to make it theme based with a view to sensitize our youth towards the serious concerns of society. The idea was to involve our youth to address global issues in the form of introducing them and enabling them to understand the 17 Sustainable Development Goals created by the United Nations Organization during its Rio de Janeiro Council Meet in 2012.

Based on this idea of making the college magazine a theme based publication, the Internal Quality Assurance Cell came up with the suggestion in one of its informal meetings in February 2019 to adopt an institutional theme that could commemorate the 150th birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi. The idea was unanimously welcomed and applauded by all. In fact, suggestions poured in to say that adopting an institutional theme should remain a continuous practice. After serious deliberations, it was decided to incorporate the theme with the theme of gender diversity.

Thus the academic year 2019 -2020 got its theme -Commemorating 150 Years of Mahatma Gandhi: Gender Diversity Through Peaceful Co-existence." The theme also coincides with what our institution stands for- respect for all genders . It is noteworthy that

Smt. Maniben Chandulal Nanavati, our role model was a freedom fighter, philanthropist, social worker, humanitarian and a great promoter of Khadi. An ardent follower of Gandhian values and principles, she worked with Mahatma Gandhi, her role model, during the Indian independence movement and spent her whole life in serving the underprivileged and down trodden sections of society. The institution till date follows her legacy and upholds the Gandhian ideology in fulfilling its mission statement- 'Empowerment of Women Through Access to Higher Education.'
