



Vidya Bharti

Akhil Bhartiya Shiksha Sansthan

Vidya Bhartis Mission

To develop a National System of Education which would help building a generation of youngmen and women that is : committed to Hindutva and infused with patriotic fervour; physically, vitally, mentally and spiritually fully developed; capable of successfully facing challenges of life; dedicated to the service of those of our brothers and sisters who dwell in villages, forests, caves and slums; and are deprived and destitute, so that they are liberated from the shackles of social evils and injustice and thus devoted, may contribute to build up a harmonious prosperous and culturally rich Nation.

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Our Ethos

It goes without saying that man's total development is possible only through a holistic education that has the ability to reflect his inherent divine spirit. It is also an established fact that developing such an education system is unlikely, unless it constitutes the fundamental spiritual aspect, an aspect that surely is the very basis of the evolution of the entire cosmology, including us, the human beings.

The World Education Commission, established under the Chairmanship of John Deyloer with a view to study and design an education model for the 21st Century, also confirmed this fact in its report titled "The Treasure Within.

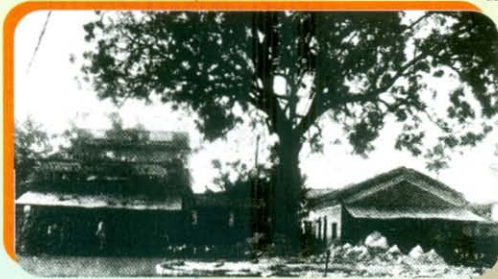
Bharat enjoys the status of being that Holy land which revealed to the rest of the world the secrets of man's existence and gave forth the scientific theory of five basic levels of human existence. It also taught the World how to enrich these levels through proper teachings (education) and a well-defined string of Samskaras, an ideal way of life.

Owing to such a florished education system, religiously followed for centuries together, a society comprising of citizens all endowed with innumerable values and virtues emerged on this land called Bharat.

When some foreign invaders tried to demolish our education system, this Holy land gave birth to a number of such great men of guts and grit like Samarth Guru

Ramdas, Swami Dayanand Saraswati, Lokmanya Tilak, Swami Vivekanand, Madan Mohan Malviya and many others who strived hard not only to preserve our national education system but also to enrich it with their respective valuable contributions. One such initiation is eminently known as "Vidya Bharati" an effort that began in 1952 at Gorakhpur with the foundation of a small school named Saraswati Shishu Mandir. It was a thought that took shape in minds of a few common yet special people who were devout followers of the Rashtriya Swayamsewak Sangh. These were the people

who had dreamt of taking the Motherland once again to the pinnacles of glory and fame. The noble thought of establishing a school was supported and patronized by the legendary spiritual thinkers like Shri Hanuman prasad Poddar alias bhaiji (the founder of Gita Press, Gorakhpur), Saint of saints Shri Prabhudatt Brahmchaari, Rajarshi Purushottam Das Tandon, Sh. Bhaurao Deoras and Nanaji Deshmukh. The objective behind the education model of Saraswati Shishu Mandir was simple and sacred. These Schools aimed not only at imparting the knowledge of alphabets & numerals only to their students but shaping them into true human beings by infusing into them the holy Samskaras and values essential for their intellectual and spiritual development. In pursuit of this mission, various physical, moral and intellectual activities became part and parcels of the curriculum. It was also ensured through intensive Grih-Sampark that the children got all kinds of moral teachings not only in the school but in their surroundings also.



Our Presence

Education is a divine pursuit. By God's grace, soon after the establishment of the first Shishu Mandir at Gorakhpur, a chain of such schools came into existence in the entire State of U.P. and Shishu Shiksha Management Committee was formed to look after their affairs. In the decade of a whole network of such schools began expanding to the States of Delhi, M.P, Punjab, Andhra Pradesh etc. and a number of state-level managing committees were formed. it was in 1977, when all such schools across the Nation were brought under one umbrella body b forming Vidya Bharti Akhil Bhartiya Shiksha Sansthan. Today, schools under the aegis of Vidya Bharati are running in all States except Mizoram and Lakshadweep. In many States, schools are being run in all districts and even in blocks. Currentyl, a total No. of 12363 educational institutions are being run under Vidya Bharati which includes 49 colleges, Sr. Sec. 935 Secondary, 2232 Middle 4639 Primary Schools and 2951 Pre-primary Schools 1557 Non-Formal/Single Teacher Schools are also functional. It is worth mentioning that the schools of Vidya Bharati have extended from the affluent metro cities to the slums and even to the remotest rural, tribal and the mountainous regions. There are 212 boarding schools as well where children stay round the clock and achieve education and moral values. A total No. of 200 scholls under Vidya Bharati are affiliated to the CBSE country's leading education board.

Our Influence

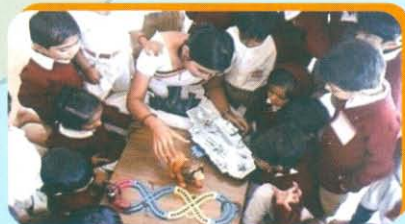
Mere existence is not enough. The schools of Vidya Bharati have created a niche for themselves in society in the field of education, all thanks to their dedication and commitment to society. B.N.S.D. Shiksha Niketan, Kanpur Vijnana Vihar, Gudilova (Vishakhapatnam) and Gita Niketan, Kurukshetra are among those institutions that enjoy the reputation of being the best in their respective areas. A large number of students from Vidya Bharati find place in the Merit list of the public examinations organized by different education boards. It is a well established thought in the society that the Vidya Bharati Schools definitely inculcate good moral values among their students. A number of Principals and senior teachers from our schools play vital role in the constitution and execution of various educational policies. Many of our teachers are contributing to the development of various text-book for students. Many schools have evolved as the centre of numerous social activities. Eminent sports authority School Games Fdeeration of India (SGFI) has also identified Vidya Bharati as a state unit and conserved it with permanent recognition. It has felicitated the organization for the unmatched display of discipline and sportsmanship by its players at the national school games. About 15 lakh alumni of the school of Vidya Bharati are currently shouldering the responsibilities in their respective professional fields with a large number of them actively giving their contributions inthe coveted fields of Administration, Education, Medicine, Engineering and Law. Various magazines and newspapers published by the schools and the state managing bodies of Vidya Bharati are carrying the message of moral values and virtues deep down to the roots of the society. At the national level, a magazines titled 'Vidya Bharati Pradeepika' and 'Bhartiya Shiksha Shodh Patrika' are published. 'Devputra', published by Vidya Bharati from indore, is known as one of the best magainzes for children with largest circulates

Our Sui Generis/Uniqueness

Having worked for over 60 years in the field of education, we have been able to erect may milestones. Some of them are :-

1. Shishu Vatika :

A Child's life is full of fun and bliss. The Child as well as the mentor must have a feeling of this bliss through education. The melody of Music, the beauty of the colours, the fun of games, all these are the beautiful aspects of a Shishu Vatika. Affection, Freedom, Bliss,



Creativity and beauty are a few unique features of a Shishu Vatika. It is a system of education where there is no burden of the books nor any stress of exams. Vidya Bharati has developed development of education or toys, moral stories, pictures and everything else.

2. The Fundamental Subjects :

With an aim to bring out an all round development of a child, Vidya Bharati has identified five fundamental subjects viz. Physical education, Yoga, Music, Sanskrit and Moral and Spiritual Education. Besides all the subjects of the prescribed curriculum, these five fundamentals are taught in the schools of Vidya Bharati. Vidya Bharati has also developed curriculum for these Fundamentals for different classes.

3. Gyn-Vigyan Mela :

The root of the development of man and society is science. Therefore, it is essential that teaching of Science should be interesting and practical based. In order to develop scientific aptitude among students, Vidya Bharati ensures that Gyan-Vigyan Melas are held from school level to the National level every year in which eminent scientists are also invited to motivate the students.

4. National Games :

Sports competitions are held every year from the school level to the national level, S.G.F.I has also identified Vidya Bharati Schools as a special state to contest at the national level.

5. Training Programs :

In order to run such a grand mission successfully, a large number of qualified, visionary teachers are required. To develop such teachers, training programmes are held with a duration ranging between 10 days and 2 months where fresh and in-service teachers are imparted trainings in various fields of education. Such training programmes are also held at the school level. Over recent past, some training programmes for members of the managing committees, parents and other employees have also been started.

6. Education for the Neglected :

It is unfortunate that crores of people in Bharat are illiterate even after seven decades of independence. Vidya Bharti has initiated teaching programmes for such neglected folks. A numbers of Samskar Kendras and single-teacher schools are being run for such deprived sectors of the society residing in slum areas and tribal regions. Students, parents, teachers and other stake-holders of Vidya Bharati schools make their contributions across the country on the day of Basant Panchmi and the funds thus generated are utilized to run the Sanskar Kendras and the single-teacher schools.

7. Vanyasi Shiksha :

The tribals of India are the people who have been living inclose communion with Mother Nature for thousands of years and have thus been able to preserve their unique identity and their commitment to the



motherland. But during the years of colonial rule in India, the wicked invaders conspired to shatter their fidelity to the nation through temptation of various kinds. Vidya Bharati has accepted this challenge and presently approximately 2000 schools are being run in different tribal belts through which our tribal brothers have been able to join the mainstream and regained their lost confidence.

8. Education for Girls (Balika Shiksha):

A sound family system is a unique identity of the Bhartiya Culture. The womenfolk are the centre of this family system. Therefore it is essential that girls in schools are trained into the Indian Family system and thus obtain skills to bear the family responsibilities in future. Vidya Bharati has come up with a special curriculum for teaching the girl child.



9. Education for country folk (Grameen Kshetra Ki Shiksha) :



The every increasing urbanization has given birth to host of problems including pollution, power crisis and a continuous migration of people from the countryside. There is an urgent need to develop an education system that is based on the locally available resources and can impart vocational education to the children residing in our villages so that they may not have to migrate in search of employment in future. Vidya Bharati has developed an independent educational structure for villages and currently about....rural schools are working across the

country.

Our Spheres / Horizons

1. The Academic Council (Vidvat Parshad) :

The proclaimed objective of Vidya Bharati is to develop a National Education System that is based on eternal Bhartiya Heritage in relevance to the modern context. Vidvat Parishad has been formed that comprises of a large number of eminent educationists and scholarly people. This council remains in action through various seminars held at different levels ranging from the school level to the national level.



2. The Alumni Council (Poorva Chhatra Parishad) :

How effective an educational institution is, cannot be judged merely by its infrastructure or activities. The alumni are the true reflection of an institution. Vidya Bharati has identified this force and now Alumni Councils are being formed in every school. Some Alumni forums at the state level have also emerged during the recent past.

3. Bhartiya Shiksha Shodh Sansthan :

It is necessary that the material being taught and practices being followed in schools get improved every passing day through continuous scientific research and modification. The teachers need be motivated to come forward with their creative suggestions. In order to take the research task to the grass-root level, and All India Research



Institute named Bharatiya Shiksha Shodh Sansthan is functioning at Lucknow and is associated with Kanpur and Lucknow universities. Here, monthly research seminars are held and a research journal is published biannually.

4. Samskriti Bodh Pariyojna :

In order to transmit the cultural heritage of Bharat to the new generations, Vidya Bharati initiated a programme in 1980 for the students of 4th std to 12th std. It is known as Samskriti Gyan Pariksha. About 17 lakh Students across the country appear at this exam every year which is held in 12 different languages of our nation. Samskriti Bodh Pariyojna Comprises of activities like quiz contest and essay writing along with a written examination.



Our Organisational Set-up

Each school is run under the supervision of a local management committee. 8-10 schools located in close proximity together form a Samkul, which is in consonance with the cluster system or Sahodaya Movement. There are one or more than one registered educational committees in each State, dividing the country into 11 Regions. These Regional Centres work under the respective Regional Organising Secretaries and Secretaries, who, continuously remain in contact with the state committees.

The National Body Vidya Bharati and the co-ordinators of different subjects at the national level provide their guidance to the State committees. The central office of Vidya Bharati is located in Delhi with its two sub-offices at Lucknow and Kurukshetra respectively.

Our Appeal

You too can put forth your contribution in this noble mission run by Vidya Bharati by :

- Participating in various programmes, seminars, workshops etc. organized by Vidya Bharati;
- Extending your valuable suggestions towards the development of various educational activities;
- Contributing in the resource developments in the schools associated with Vidya Bharati;
- Sending your original articles on educational issues to be included in the magazines/journals published by Vidya Bharati and also by subscribing to these magazines and journals;
- Making an effort to synchronise your school's/institution's programmes with those of the Vidya Bharati;
- Being associated with the Vidvat Parishad or Bhartiya Shiksha Shodh Sansthan; if you are an educational thinker; and by
- being associated with the Alumini Council of your respective school or that of your state.

Thanks