



Kamala Nehru College University of Delhi

Two-Day International Conference

on

**LEVERAGING THE
NEW EDUCATION POLICY 2020
TOWARDS VIKSIT BHARAT**



19-20 March 2026

About the College



Established in 1964, Kamala Nehru College is a Constituent College of the University of Delhi and enjoys a place of prominence and esteem as one of the leading institutions of the University committed to academic excellence. It is recognized under Section 2(f) and 12(B) of the UGC Act and accredited with an 'A' Grade by the National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC). What began as Government College for Women in Defence Colony on 20 July 1964, with 457 students, evolved into Modern College for Women with 1600 students, and eventually into Kamala Nehru College in 1974, with a current strength of over 4000 students in 2026. An all-women's College, located on the historical site of Siri Fort and August Kranti Marg, and named after one of the women visionaries of modern India, KNC reflects the essence of a free nation.

The College offers fifteen under graduate courses across Social Sciences, Mathematics and Commerce and six post-graduate courses. It also offers French as Diploma and Advanced Diploma Course. Certificate courses and Add-on courses further enrich the curriculum, skill-set and employability of students.

KNC stands inspired by the ancient Vedic wisdom inscribed on the KNC emblem: 'Without Knowledge there is no Salvation.' This underlines the vision of KNC, which is to impart a well-integrated, value-based holistic education to young women, such that they evolve into confident, compassionate, ethical-minded, spiritually-enlightened, responsible global citizens of the nation and this earth, thus embodying the spirit of 'Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam'. Aligned with the National Education Policy 2020 and the national vision of Viksit Bharat 2047, the institution fosters a dynamic and inclusive academic-entrepreneurial ecosystem that nurtures creativity and critical thinking, while promoting multidisciplinary learning and skill development. Adopting a learner-centric approach, the College is committed to equipping students with core competencies that enables them to realize their dreams and aspirations, as well as contribute meaningfully to the realization of a developed and self-reliant India.

Message From The Principal



It gives me great pleasure to welcome scholars, academics, researchers, and students to the International Conference on "Leveraging the New Education Policy 2020 towards Viksit Bharat", being organized by Kamala Nehru College, University of Delhi, on 19-20 March 2026. Institutions of higher education play a vital role in advancing knowledge, encouraging intellectual inquiry, and fostering meaningful academic engagement. Conferences such as this provide an important platform for scholars and practitioners to exchange ideas, present research, and engage in dialogue on issues of national and global significance.

Kamala Nehru College has long been committed to promoting academic excellence, research engagement, and innovative teaching practices. The institution actively encourages interdisciplinary dialogue and scholarly initiatives that respond to contemporary educational and societal challenges.

This conference brings together scholars and researchers to reflect on emerging perspectives in education and its contribution to national development. Through plenary sessions, thematic discussions, and research paper presentations by academics and research scholars from across the world, the conference seeks to encourage thoughtful deliberation and collaborative scholarship.

I extend my sincere appreciation to the organizing committee for their dedication in conceptualizing and organizing this conference. I warmly welcome all participants and wish them a productive and enriching academic experience.

Prof. (Dr.) Pavitra Bhardwaj
Principal
Kamala Nehru College
University of Delhi

Concept Note

Education plays a central role in shaping the intellectual, social, and economic development of a nation. In India's journey towards the vision of Viksit Bharat 2047, strengthening the education system becomes a critical priority. The National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 envisions a system of education in the country that is rooted in Indian ethos and milieu, while at the same time preparing the students for the ever-changing prospects and challenges of the twenty-first century. It provides a comprehensive framework for transforming education through multidisciplinary learning, research and innovation, skill development, and the integration of Indian Knowledge System. These parameters seek to build a responsive and inclusive education system capable of addressing the evolving needs of society.

In this context, Kamala Nehru College - an institution aligned with national objectives in its vision, mission and goals - is organizing an International Conference on "Leveraging the New Education Policy 2020 towards Viksit Bharat" on 19–20 March 2026. The conference attempts to provide a platform for scholars, academics, policy-makers, practitioners and researchers to engage in critical discussions on the evolving role of higher education in supporting national development and educational transformation.

The conference aims to engage with themes including innovations in curriculum design, pedagogy, and Indian Knowledge System, the importance of skill development, employability, and economic leadership in a rapidly changing global environment, and the role of inclusive research-driven education in transforming students into global citizens.

The conference will bring together distinguished scholars and experts across disciplines with an aim to encourage constructive discourse. This will provide an opportunity for participants to present their research, exchange ideas, and engage in meaningful academic dialogue. By organizing this international conference, the institution seeks to foster scholarly engagement and contribute to ongoing academic and policy initiatives on educational reform.

Programme

Day 1 : 19 March 2026

Timings	Session	Venue
9:30 AM – 11:00 AM	Inaugural Session	Auditorium
11:00 AM – 11:30 AM	High Tea	Student's Activity Area
11:30 AM – 12:30 PM	Plenary Session 1	Auditorium
12:30 PM – 1:30 PM	Technical Session 1 Technical Session 2 Technical Session 3	Auditorium New Seminar Room Old Seminar Room
1:30 PM – 2:30 PM	Lunch	Student's Activity Area
2:30 PM – 3:30 PM	Plenary Session 2	Auditorium
3:30 PM – 4:30 PM	Technical Session 4 Technical Session 5 Technical Session 6	Auditorium New Seminar Room Old Seminar Room
4:30 PM – 4:45 PM	Tea	Student's Activity Area
4:45 PM – 6:00 PM	Technical Session 7 Technical Session 8 Technical Session 9	Auditorium New Seminar Room Old Seminar Room

Programme

Day 2 : 20 March 2026

Timings	Session	Venue
10:00 AM – 11:00 AM	Plenary Session 3	Auditorium
11:00 AM – 11:15 AM	High Tea	Student's Activity Area
11:15 AM – 12:30 PM	Technical Session 10 Technical Session 11 Technical Session 12	Auditorium New Seminar Room Old Seminar Room
12:30 PM – 1:30 PM	Plenary Session 4	Auditorium
1:30 PM – 2:30 PM	Lunch	Student's Activity Area
2:30 PM – 3:30 PM	Technical Session 13 Technical Session 14	New Seminar Room Old Seminar Room
3:30 PM – 5:00 PM	Valedictory Session	Auditorium
5:00 PM	Tea	Student's Activity Area

Inaugural Session



Chief Guest

Sh. B.R. Shankaranand

Akhil Bharatiya Sangathan Mantri
Bharatiya Shikshan Mandal



Guest of Honour
Prof. Balaram Pani
Dean of Colleges
University of Delhi



Keynote Speaker
Prof. Priyanka Upadhyaya
UNESCO Chair
Banaras Hindu University



Guest of Honour
Mr. Devendra Kumar
Founder
Ladli Foundation



Prof. (Dr.) Pavitra Bhardwaj
Principal
Kamala Nehru College



Guest of Honour
Prof. Manoj Prasad
Chairperson, Governing Body
Kamala Nehru College



Dr. Pooja
Co-Convenor, Conference
Kamala Nehru College

Inaugural Session

19 March 2026

Venue: Auditorium

Timings	Programme Details
9:30-9:35 AM	Lighting the Lamp and DU Kulgeet
9:35-9:38 AM	Welcome Address by the Principal
9:38-9:47 AM	Introduction and Felicitation of Guests
9:47-9:50 AM	Concept Note of the Conference
9:50-10:10 AM	Address by Keynote Speaker – Prof. Priyankar Upadhyaya
10:10-10:20 AM	Address by Guest of Honour – Prof. Manoj Prasad
10:20-10:30 AM	Address by Guest of Honour – Mr. Devendra Kumar
10:30-10:40 AM	Address by Guest of Honour – Prof. Balaram Pani
10:40-10:55 AM	Address by Chief Guest – Sh. B. R. Shankaranand
10:55-10:57 AM	Vote of Thanks
10:57-11:00 AM	National Anthem

Plenary Session - 1

Day 1 : 19 March 2026

Theme: NEP 2020 & Viksit Bharat 2047

Time: 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM

Venue: Auditorium



Prof. Anjoo Sharan Upadhaya

Distinguished Professor
MIT World Peace University
(Chair)



Prof. Sharad Soni

Associate Dean
School of International
Studies and Chairperson
Centre for Inner Asian
Studies
Jawaharlal Nehru University



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Tribhuvan University, Nepal



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Secretary
Viksit Bharat, Ambassador Club
University of Delhi

Coordinator
Prof. Shubhra Sinha

Rapporteur
Bhavya Sharma
Moli Chauhan

Plenary Session - 2

Day 1 : 19 March 2026

Theme: Inclusive, Global & Research Driven Education

Time: 2:30 PM - 3:30 PM

Venue: Auditorium



Prof. Rekha Saxena
Senior Professor and Head
Department of Political Science
University of Delhi
(Chair)



Prof. Manoj Prasad
Professor
University of Delhi, India



Prof. Gobinda Chakrabarti
Professor
Dhaka University, Bangladesh



Prof. George I. H. Cooke
Professor
University of Colombo, Sri Lanka



Sh. Anshul Mishra, IAS
Additional Director
AIIMS, New Delhi

Coordinator
Prof. Pratibha Bhalla

Rapporteur
Aashvee
Anshika Upadhyaya

Plenary Session - 3

Day 2 : 20 March 2026

Theme: Skills, Employability & Economic Leadership

Time: 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM

Venue: Auditorium



Prof. Dinesh Kumar

Hon'ble Vice Chancellor

Shri Vishwakarma Skill University, Palwal

(Chair)



Prof. Takaaki Oiwa

Professor

Yamaguchi University
Japan



Prof. V. B. Singh

Professor

Jawaharlal Nehru University
India



Prof. Amita Gupta

Director

DSSEED, University of Delhi
India



Mr. Shailesh Kumar, IRS

Principal Commissioner
Delhi Customs, New Delhi

Coordinator

Prof. Sheetal Kapoor

Rapporteur

Sonal Gupta
Shivani Singh

Plenary Session - 4

Day 2 : 20 March 2026

*Theme: Curriculum, Pedagogy &
Knowledge Systems for Viksit Bharat*

Time: 12:30 PM - 1:30 PM

Venue: Auditorium



Sh. Mantha Srinivasu
Joint Secretary
University Grants Commission
(Chair)



Prof. Arvind Mishra
Professor
Jawaharlal Nehru University



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Professor and Head
Department of Higher and
Professional Education
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Coordinator
Prof. Sarita Sharma

Rapporteur
Navya Soni
Deeksha Patel

Valedictory Session



Chief Guest

Prof. Sanjay Srivastava
Hon'ble Vice Chancellor
Mahatma Gandhi Central University
Bihar



Guest of Honour

Prof. Rajni Abbi
Director, South Campus
University of Delhi



Guest of Honour

Sh. Shiv Ratan
Joint Secretary
Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports
Govt. of India



Guest of Honour

Dr. Surya Narayan Mishra
Registrar, NIEPA



Prof. (Dr.) Pavitra Bhardwaj

Principal
Kamala Nehru College



Dr. Kamalakanta Roul

Convenor, Conference
Kamala Nehru College

Valedictory Session

20 March 2026

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3:30-3:35 PM	Lighting the Lamp and DU Kulgeet
3:35-3:40 PM	Address by the Principal
3:35-3:45 PM	Introduction and Felicitation of Guests
3:45-3:57 PM	Address by Guest of Honour – Prof. Rajni Abbi
3:57-4:10 PM	Address by Guest of Honour– Dr. Surya Narayan Mishra
4:10-4:20 PM	Address by Guest of Honour – Sh. Shiv Ratan
4:20-4:45 PM	Valedictory Address by Chief Guest – Prof. Sanjay Srivastava
4:45-4:50 PM	Conference Report
4:50-4:55 PM	Vote of Thanks
4:55-5:00 PM	National Anthem

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