



# Kamala Nehru College University of Delhi

## Two-Day International Conference

on

**LEVERAGING THE  
NATIONAL 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 National 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 heartfelt gratitude towards the Indian Council for Social Science Research (ICSSR) for their continued support and collaboration. Their invaluable financial support and encouragement have been instrumental in organising this conference.

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 and Patron  
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 National 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. Priyankar 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**

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

# 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 Upadhyaya**

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



**Dr. Gopichand Merugu**

Joint Secretary

University Grants Commission

**Coordinator**

Prof. Shubhra Sinha



**Prof. Ganga Thapa**

Professor

Tribhuvan University, Nepal

**Rapporteur**

Bhavya Sharma  
Moli Chauhan



**Dr. Devender Bhardwaj**

Secretary

Viksit Bharat Ambassador Club  
University of Delhi

# 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



**Dr. George I. H. Cooke**  
Diplomatic Historian  
Founder Chairman  
Awarelogue Asian Institute  
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



**Dr. Mantha Srinivasu**  
Joint Secretary  
University Grants Commission  
**(Chair)**



**Prof. Arvind Mishra**  
Professor  
Jawaharlal Nehru University



**Prof. Aarti Srivastava**  
Professor and Head  
Department of Higher and  
Professional Education  
NIEPA



**Prof. Rajnish Kumar Mishra**  
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**Prof. Ram Prasad Prajapati**  
Professor  
Jawaharlal Nehru University

**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, ITS**  
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**

**Venue: Auditorium**

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

# *Organising Committee*

## *Kamala Nehru College*

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Department of Commerce

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Bursar, Kamala Nehru College

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Department of Commerce

**Dr. Urna Sarkar Dutta**  
Department of Sociology

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**Prof. V. K. Jain**  
Former Vice Chancellor, Tezpur University

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