

## **Supporting Documents for: Criterion 7**

# 7.1.8 - Describe the Institutional efforts/initiatives in providing an inclusive environment i.e., tolerance and harmony towards cultural, regional, linguistic, communal socioeconomic and other diversities

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1.	Clubs, Societies and Committees:	2-10
	Indian Music Society, Devbhoomi,	
	Kalakriti: Art & Craft Society, Classical	
	Dance Club: Nrityam, Folk Dance	
	Society: Thirkan, Students' Union	
	Advisory Committee (Hunar and	
	Pallavi), Bookmarked – the Book Club	
2.	A focus on linguistic diversity by	https://www.vivekanandacollege.edu.in/aca
	teaching Hindi, English, Sanskrit,	<u>demics/courses</u>
	French, and German	
3.	Publications like Isha	https://www.vivekanandacollege.edu.in/col
		legepublications/isha
4.	Outreach programs by SOCDC and	10-13
	NSS focus on underprivileged	
	communities.	
5.	Promoting tolerance and harmony	13-15
	through committees such as the	
	Vivekananda Committee, Gandhi Study	
	Circle, and Ambedkar & Social Justice.	

1. Exposure to diverse cultural traditions via clubs like Indian Classical Dance, Club: Nrityam, Indian Folk Dance, Indian Music Society, and Art & Craft. Kalakriti

#### 1a Indian Music Society



On the occasion of Pallavi- the annual cultural fest of Vivekananda College on 03-04-2024, Dhwani - the Indian music society organised an Inter-college Bhajan Singing Competition. Prof. Neeta Mathur, Department of Music and Mrs. Anita Bakshi, Department of Mathematics were the judges. The participating who secured positions were:-

- Vivek Budgali (Zakir Hussain Delhi College) secured 1<sup>st</sup> position.
- Deepanwitha (Vivekananda college) secured 2<sup>nd</sup> position.
- Diksha Sharma (Atma Ram Sanatan Dharma College) secured 3<sup>rd</sup> position).

This event was successfully organized under the guidance of Dr. Deepa Varshney, Associate Professor, Music Department and Convenor, Indian Music Society.



#### 1b. Devbhoomi

Devbhoomi VNC, the cultural society of Vivekananda College, University of Delhi, has been actively participating in various cultural events and performances throughout the academic year. On 22nd August 2023, the society organized and performed at the event "Meri Mati Mera Desh". On 6th October 2023, Devbhoomi VNC performed at Satyawati College as part of the G20 Cultural-Cum-Academic Activities. The performance was well-received and praised, with the society receiving a momento for their outstanding contribution. On 6th November 2023, the society took part in "Light Delight," an event organized by Vivekananda College to celebrate Diwali. On 9th November 2023, Devbhoomi VNC participated in the "Samlaun" dance competition organized by the Devbhoomi Family, where they presented a cultural dance from Uttarakhand. On 23rd January 2024, Devbhoomi VNC participated in the NAAC visit at Vivekananda College. The society set up a stall and presented a dance performance representing the cultures of Himachal Pradesh and Uttarakhand. Finally, on 28th February 2024, Devbhoomi VNC took part in the "Phulari" dance competition organized by Daulat Ram College, where they secured second place.









#### 1c. Kalakriti: Art & Craft Society

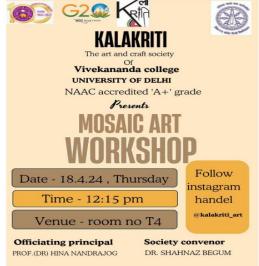
This society organized several creative events and activities from June 2023 to January 2024, aiming to promote artistic expression. Notable events included a Logo Making Competition on 16th June, an Art Exhibition at Nehru Yuva Utsav on 27th June, Lippan Art Competition on 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2024, and a Painting Competition, where a society member secured 1st place. The society also decorated for events like the Viksit Event on 6th July and the Yuva Utsav on 27th June. On 22nd August, an Art Exhibition under the "Meri Mati, Mera Desh" campaign was organized at the college. Other highlights include an Art & Craft Exhibition Stall at BR Ambedkar College during the G20 Summit, Face Painting and Handmade Jewelry Stalls at the Miraki event, and a Wall Hanging Competition on 6th December. The society also created Warli Art for a wall painting displayed from 16th to 22nd January 2024 and decorated for the NAAC Visit on 22nd January. In

addition to exhibitions, the society was involved in creating Rangoli for various occasions, including the Book Exhibition at the Library on 13th September, Hindi Diwas on 13th September, the Alka Rani Memorial Lecture on 29th September, and the Convocare Event on 11th October. These activities reflect the society's active participation in cultural events, fostering creativity and artistic engagement within the college.









1d. Nrityam: The dance society

From August 2023 to February 2024, Nrityam, the dance society of Vivekananda College, University of Delhi, organized and participated in various cultural activities. On 22nd August 2023, the society performed a Group Dance during Cultural Day, motivating freshers to join the society, with 33 registrations received. On 10th October 2023, the society performed at the G20-Cultural-Cum-Academic Event at BR Ambedkar College, presenting a classical dance themed "Samudra Manthan," in collaboration with Vivekananda College. The same theme was also showcased at the NRITYA Classical Dance Competition organized by IIT Roorkee on 13th October 2023, where several members participated in solo performances as well. Later, on 13th October 2023, the society members performed at the Mental Health Event (MERAKI 2023) organized by Convocare, where they presented a semi-classical dance on the songs "Sajdaa" and "Tere Naina." On 24th November 2023, Nrityam organized a Semi-Classical Dance Workshop for the college students, where participants learned a choreography to the song "Dagabaaz Re." On 23rd January 2024, the society performed a Group Dance and Solo Dance during the NAAC Visit, where they represented the society during the peer review process. Finally, on 13th February 2024, Nrityam members showcased their talents at the Dance Performance in the Intercollege Panja Tournament, held at Shankar Lal Concert Hall in North Campus, where participants were awarded certificates and refreshments.





#### 1e Folk Dance society: Thirkan

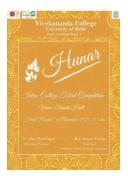
The Folk Dance Society of Vivekananda College participated in multiple inter-college folk dance competitions, showcasing their talent and cultural heritage. At IIT Kanpur (19th–22nd October 2023), the team received a special mention for their performance. On 2nd February 2024, they performed at BR Ambedkar College, University of Delhi, followed by their victory on 9th February 2024, securing 1st prize at Satyam College of Education. Continuing their success, they performed at Ganga Institute of Technology and Management, Jhajjar, on 22nd February 2024, Daulat Ram College, University of Delhi, on 28th February 2024, and Maharaja Agrasen College, University of Delhi, on 1st March 2024. The team's consistent participation and remarkable performances highlight their dedication to preserving and promoting folk culture.





# 1f. Talent Competition by Students' Union Advisory Committee

To celebrate the talent and versatility of the first year students, the Students' Union Advisory Committee organises the Intra College Talent Competition "Hunar" every year.



#### 1g. Annual Cultural Festival: Pallavi

The Student Union Advisory Committee of Vivekananda College organized "Pallavi – The Annual Cultural Festival" on 3rd and 4th April 2024. The event brought together an array of cultural and entrepreneurial activities, showcasing the talents of students through inter-college competitions, exhibitions, and performances. The festival commenced with a traditional lamplighting ceremony by the Officiating Principal, Dr. Hina Nandrajog, alongside the convenor, Dr. Muskaan, core committee members, and senior teachers. Approximately 2,000 students attended the two-day event, making it a resounding success. Young entrepreneurs also set up stalls across the campus, adding vibrancy to the celebration.

Highlights of Day One (3rd April 2024): Cultural societies hosted a range of competitions, including:

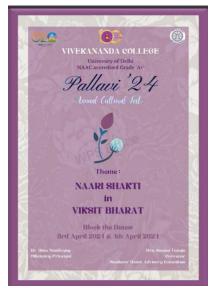
- Kalakriti: Lippan Art Competition (Room G-2)
- Dhwani: Bhakti Tarang (Sharda Hall)
- Nrityam: Nupur Dance Competition (Open Stage)
- Quiz Society: Viksit Bharat and G-20 Quiz (Room G-4)
- E-Cell: Idea Quest (Lab 3)
- Financio: Finesse 2.0 (Sharda Hall)
- Bookmarked: Book Cover Design (Room G-3)
- SOCDC: Mind Mastery (Room 9)
- Fashion Society: Alluring Dazzlers, Semblance (Open Stage)

Highlights of Day Two (4th April 2024): The second day showcased more competitions by various societies:

- Devbhoomi Family: Udbhav (Open Stage)
- Dramatist Society, Buniyaad: Zehniat (Courtyard)
- Debating Society, Ennoia: Bhor E Swaraj (Room 4)
- Open Mic Society: Poetry Competition (Sharda Hall)
- Creative Writing Society, Ehsaas: Elysian (Room 24)
- Eartha VNC: Sustainium Saga (Room 21)
- Eco Club: Save the City PPT (Lab 10)
- CONSOC: Corporate Error (Open Stage)

- Click 'O' Mania: Break the Pattern (Room 9)
- Folk Dance Society, Thirkan: Bawra (Open Stage)
- Western Dance Society, Vivacious: Orphic (Open Stage)

Pallavi 2024 successfully celebrated cultural diversity, talent, and innovation, providing a platform for students to develop and showcase their skills in a joyous and collaborative atmosphere.





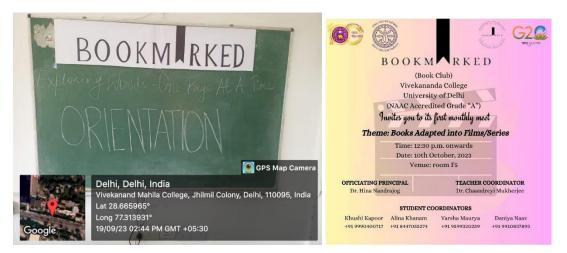




#### 1h. Bookmarked promote inclusivity and linguistic appreciation.

The academic year began with an Orientation Program about the club held on 19th September 2023, welcoming new students and familiarizing them with the college's vibrant culture. On 10th October 2023, the college hosted an event centered around Book Adaptations, exploring literary works and their creative transformations. The festive spirit continued with a Halloween Celebration on 27th October 2023, bringing students together for themed activities and spooky

fun. The year concluded on a heartfelt note with a Valentine's Day Event on 16th February 2024, celebrating love and friendship among the college community.



### 4 Outreach programs by SOCDC and NSS focus on underprivileged communities.

4a. The Social Outreach and Community Development Committee (SOCDC) of Vivekananda College has actively collaborated with the Slum Swaraj Foundation (SSF), an NGO dedicated to raising awareness among children in Jhilmil Colony, opening avenues for self-development, and reducing inter-generational academic poverty through regular educational camps. Additionally, SOCDC has partnered with the Delhi Legal State Authority (DLSA) to promote legal, health, and environmental awareness among families residing in the slums of Jhilmil Colony. To engage freshers, SOCDC organized two orientation programs on 22nd August and 19th September 2023, successfully recruiting new volunteers. Several impactful activities were conducted throughout the academic year:

- Camp Visit: On 30th September 2023, 60 SOCDC student volunteers conducted physical classes for children in Jhilmil Colony.
- Game Stall: On 6th November 2023, SSF volunteers set up a game stall as part of the Diwali Delight celebrations, engaging 16 participants.
- Donation Drive: From 22nd November to 2nd December 2023, SOCDC organized a cloth donation drive, with active participation from 12 student volunteers.
- Seminar on Cyber Law: On 30th January 2024, SOCDC, in collaboration with DLSA, hosted a seminar to raise awareness about cyber laws.
- Donation Drive: On 7th February 2024, 17 SOCDC volunteers distributed stationery items and eatables to children in Jhilmil Colony.

These initiatives underscore SOCDC's commitment to social development and creating meaningful change in underprivileged communities.







#### 4b. NSS outreach activities

The NSS unit of Vivekananda College organized the event "Meri Maati, Mera Desh" on 22nd August 2023, featuring patriotic performances by cultural societies, including a dance and the NSS song, celebrating India's heritage and unity. The "Ek Bharat Shrestha Bharat" event was held on 19th September 2023 in Sharda Hall from 1 PM to 3 PM, with 27 volunteers actively participating in the activities. The "Seema Samvad" event, organized by NSS VNC in collaboration with Seema Jagran Munch, was held on 17th October 2023 in Sharda Hall from 2:30 PM to 5:30 PM, featuring chief guests Lt. Jn. Vishnu Kant, Lt. Jn. Dr. Nitin, and Commander Tripti Dubey. This is committed to carry out necessary research towards appropriate measures for the complete security of India's diverse borders and appropriate solutions to the challenges in the path of all-round development of border citizens. The NSS Unit of Vivekananda College, in collaboration with the North East Cell, organized a Donation Drive from 6th to 9th November 2023 to support those affected by the floods in Sikkim and Manipur. The three-day drive took place on the college premises and aimed to provide relief materials and assistance to the flood-stricken regions.

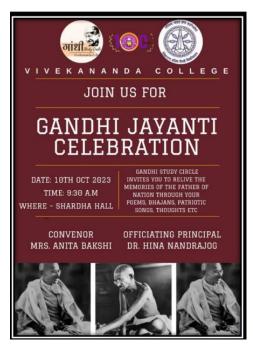


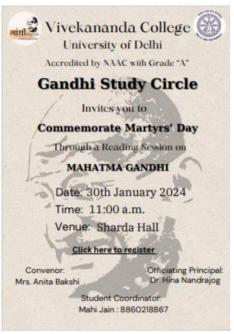




# 5. Promoting tolerance and harmony through committees such as the Vivekananda Committee, Gandhi Study Circle, and Ambedkar & Social Justice.

5a. Gandhi Study Circle has been quite proactive and productive in meeting the goal of socio-economic, linguistic and communal inclusiveness through its various activities and cultural programmes. Keeping in tune with its commitment to an inclusive environment and fostering tolerance and harmony among diversities, Gandhi Study Circle celebrated Gandhi Jayanti on 10 th October,2023 by Reliving the memories of the Father of the nation through poems, bhajans, patriotic songs, thoughts etc. Also, Martyr's day was commemorated on 30<sup>th</sup> January, 2024 in Sharda hall of the college through a Reading Session. The program aimed to honour the indomitable spirit and value of those who fought for justice and liberty.





#### 5b. Vivekananda Committee

An interactive discussion on the topic "The Essence of Education Is Concentration Of Mind" (famous quote of Swami Vivekananda ji) was held in the room no. 65 (12.00 P.M. onwards) on 31st October, 2023. The event started with *Vaidik* hymns and *Kulgeet* by the students of Music department of the College. It was followed by the speeches, self-composed poems and an audiovideo presentation based on Swami Vivekanand ji's thoughts on the concentration of mind. The students also participated in an interesting quiz round on the life and philosophy of Swamiji. Prof. Neeta Mathur, convenor of Vivekananda committee and Mrs Anita Bakshi, senior faculty in Mathematics Department also shared valuable thoughts from Swamiji's life and thoughts. This event was anchored by Ms. Sonali Sinha (B.A. Prog. II yr.) and coordinated by Ms. Saumya Singh (Student coordinator). Ms Preeti Chachia was the teacher coordinator and Prof. (Dr.) Neeta Mathur was the convener of this event. The session received enthusiastic participation from both students and faculty.

