



7.3 - Institutional Distinctiveness

Holistic approach to Women Empowerment: through,

- **Academic Excellence**
- **Social Responsibility**





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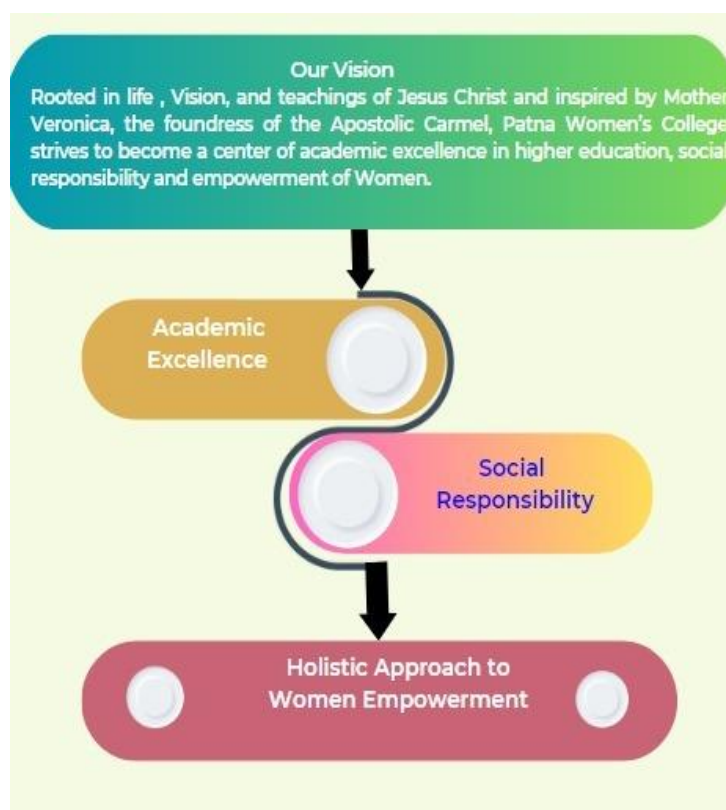
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- Academic Excellence
- Social Responsibility

Introduction

A distinctive feature of Patna Women's College, the first college for the women of Bihar from its inception, (1940) has been its thrust on **Women Empowerment**. Through a wide range of multi-faculty academic programmes, co-curricular and extra-curricular activities, and community outreach services, the institution makes incessant efforts to provide the learners a plethora of stimulating experiences so as to nurture empowered women leaders who are academically sound, psychologically balanced and socially committed to create an identity for themselves.



Empowerment through academic Excellence and social Responsibility



Academic Excellence

- Taking into consideration the need for the **academic competency** and future exposure of the students in competitive sector, the Curriculum of all the programmes have been designed to equip oneself with **knowledge and skill**. The College follows Outcome Based Education on **CBCS** pattern to meet the **global, national, regional and local developmental needs** of the learners.
- To develop a comprehensive and **holistic world view**, the institution has provided an opportunity for the integration of multiple disciplines. Keeping in view this need of the learners the college provides a career oriented 40 Add-on Certificate courses to the students in different fields of influence ranging from computer – based courses, foreign language courses, national stock exchange office management, human resource management, travel and tourism management, and public relations, applied yoga, clinical nutrition and dietetics, stress management and textile ornamentation. Such a wide variety of options develops all aspects and capabilities of learners and makes education more fulfilling, well-rounded and useful.
- The College provides a wide range of opportunities and an all round support to the students for their **skill development**. Every programme has implemented a **Skill Enhancement Course** providing an opportunity and knowledge for a career in their respective field of study.
- With the aim to empower young women learners several Programmes are conducted by the respective departments and various clubs of the college, for the development of efficient skill among the women, in the fields of **Career Development, IPR and Placement Preparedness**.
- **Mother Veronica Excellence and Innovation Centre (MVEIC)** is the state of art Career Hub and Business Incubation Centre which promotes entrepreneurship skills of the students several start-up training programmes in collaboration with the well placed Alumni and



prominent entrepreneurs are conducted from time to time under the aegis of MVEIC in order to make the learners **confident, research oriented and Entrepreneurs**.

- **Mother Veronica Development Foundation (MVDF)** provides scholarship and skill development assistance to meritorious but economically backward students of the college. They are **empowered** through basic IT Skills, communication skills, life skills and other employment skills
- Keeping abreast with the technological development in the field of education, to adopt new methods in teaching learning process and a blended mode of teaching, the Institution has designed its own customized **Learning Management System PWC –LINK** for the effective online teaching –learning –evaluation process
- The Institution aims to instill values in the stakeholders. To this end, **personality Development Classes** are held every month. This enables them to be other centered and develop a delicate conscience.
- Introduction of Research under **College with Potential for Excellence (CPE) Scheme**, **Basic Scientific Research (BSR)** and **DBT - Star College Scheme** has fostered a research culture both at Undergraduate and Post Graduate level. Selected papers from every department are published in the in house **Journals: Explore, IRIS and Quest**
- The Institution fosters **Creativity and innovation** among the learners. In order to provide such situations the institution organizes, dance and musical events all through the year. To hone acting skills, an Add on Course on **Performing Arts, Dakhal Society (theatre)** and to nurture debating skills **Tark Society(debate)** are in place that enable students to be competent to face global challenges.
- The college leaves no stone unturned in its quest to empower women. The College is a ray of hope to the young women students who are struggling to complete their education by promoting various **scholarship** offered by both the state government and the college. It instills a spirit of ambition to excel and the college motto 'to go ahead and conquer knowledge motivates to be competent committed and compassionate human being.



- Among its multifarious activities, of the institution, Gender **Sensitization** holds a prominent place. Every year Three-day International Women's Day celebrations are held in the campus where a number activities related to gender sensitization are held under the aegis of '**WE**' **Gender Cell** of the institution. Besides gender awareness programmes are held from to time in the campus which necessarily instills the essence of women empowerment among the young women students who are the future of tomorrow.

Social Responsibility

Vision of the college '*Rooted in the life, vision and teachings of Jesus Christ and inspired by Mother Veronica, the foundress of the Apostolic Carmel, Patna Women's College strives to become a centre of academic excellence in Higher Education, **Social Responsibility and Empowerment of Women.***' The vision of the college which flows down to the mission statement emphasizes on to train the students in social service and to create women leaders for social change. The practice of social outreach follows the institutional core value of 'Social Responsibility and Empowerment of the Marginalized'.

The Vision of the Patna Women's College has been translated into action through PWC-PRAYAS (**Promotion of Responsible Action for Youth and Society**) under **Institutional Social Responsibility (ISR)**. It's a movement to connect campus to community through different social outreach programmes and support services especially meant for the marginalized sections of the society. The basic objective of the practice is to provide assistance; remedial classes, financial aid and psychological support to the different categories of marginalized and thereby empower underprivileged sections of the society and also to the needy students of our college. All the students of Patna Women's College involved in various ISR initiatives have the opportunity to earn a maximum of **4 Non-Academic Credits**.

Outreach Programmes

School Mentorship Programme

Patna Women's College runs a mentorship programme in the 20 government secondary schools of Patna. Under this programme different departments have been assigned with mentee schools. The



students under the guidance of ISR Coordinators provide classroom teaching, mentoring, career guidance, personality development training and support in other co-curricular/ extra-curricular activities.

The programme was started in 2021 and is aimed towards empowering socially and economically disadvantaged students of the government schools through quality education weekly provided by the college students.

It is a two-way learning process wherein the school children get benefitted through the mentoring by college students and the college students get a community orientation towards social responsibility.

Carmel Community College

Carmel Community College, functioning in the campus of Patna Women's College is the first of its kind in Bihar. Its sole principle is to impart employability-oriented education to those women of our society who are either deprived from the conventional college education or are school/college drop-outs. Carmel Community College offers 3 skill-oriented courses namely

(i) Health Care, (ii) Beauty Care and (iii) Tailoring. The trainee women passing out from the Carmel Community College have gained self-confidence and competency to work in the competitive world of employment.

Inter College Women's Association

ICWA is an Inter-college initiative for the upliftment of children and women belonging to marginalized sections of our society. ICWA volunteers of the college under the guidance of teachers undertake literacy campaigns and social upliftment programmes in the neighbourhood areas for the slum children and women. ICWA involves:

Literacy Project: 'Each One Teach One' coaching imparted to the underprivileged school children by the student volunteers of the college

Special Homes Project: Aiding two remand homes of the city run for Women and Boys with services related to health, sanitation and rehabilitation



Garima Grih

An IT Cell has been furnished by the college with computers and other necessities at Garima Grih, a hostel for the transgender community members. The student volunteers visit the aforesaid hostel on Saturdays to conduct IT classes for the transgender friends providing them with the basic IT knowledge. This noble initiative has given a moral boost and sense of confidence to the transgender community members.

Manthan

In this outreach program the student volunteers from the Department of Geography under the supervision of their teachers provide remedial teaching to the under privileged school children at the NGO, Manthan, Khagaul, Patna. The students visit the centre on Saturdays to train the children in their school subjects. and prepare them for the Board exams.

Joy of Giving

Every year as philanthropic effort, **The Joy of Giving Week** is observed in the college. The student and the staff collect cash and needful items during the week that is distributed among the poor, disaster victims, orphans, destitute women and leprosy patients.



Photo Gallery (Academic Excellence)

Sl. No.	Event
1.	Cultural Exchange Programme : Korean Culture and Social Collaboration
2.	Yoga
3	Jewellery making and textile ornamentation
4.	Placement drive: 23 rd September, 2019
5.	<i>PRARAMBH</i> – Students Career Counselling Workshop
6.	UDAAN – Broadening the entrepreneurial mindset Exploring the New Horizons : Broadening the Entrepreneurial Mindset
7.	Career Counselling Session
8.	Placement and Recruitment Drive
9.	Lecture Series for Student Career Development
10.	Self Employment skill Products by the MVDF students
11.	Exhibition of self employment of skill products
12.	IT classes for MVDF Students
13.	Dashboard of the Learning Management System - PWC-LINK and Talent LMS
14.	Personality Class
15.	Presentation of Research Papers
16.	Creativity through dance
17.	Creativity through music
18.	Creativity through theatre
19.	Creativity through exhibitions
20.	Debate Competition on Technology Today: A scourge or a Blessing
21.	The Annual Media Quiz
22.	Poster Contest: 'Wetlands and Biodiversity'
23.	Geographical Information System
24.	College Band Parade on Annual Sports Day
25.	Annual Sports Day
26.	Onward march: Sports Day
27.	Aerobics Drill

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Sl. No.	Event
28.	Sports Day
29.	Performance by the students on Annual Sports Day
30.	High Jump
31.	Sports dance
32.	Taekwondo Stunts
33.	20 th Valentine Throw ball Championship
34.	A.P.J. Abdul Kalam Kabaddi Championship
35.	Table Tennis
36.	Ten Station multi gym
37.	Group drills
38.	International Women's Day Celebrations

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Cultural Exchange Programme: Korean Culture and Social Collaborations



Yoga

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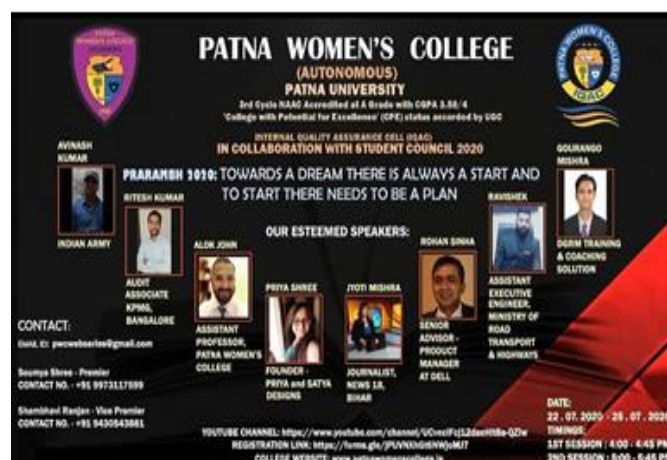
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Jewellery making and textile ornamentation



Placement drive: 23rd September, 2019



PRARAMBH - Career Counselling workshop 22nd to 25th July, 2020

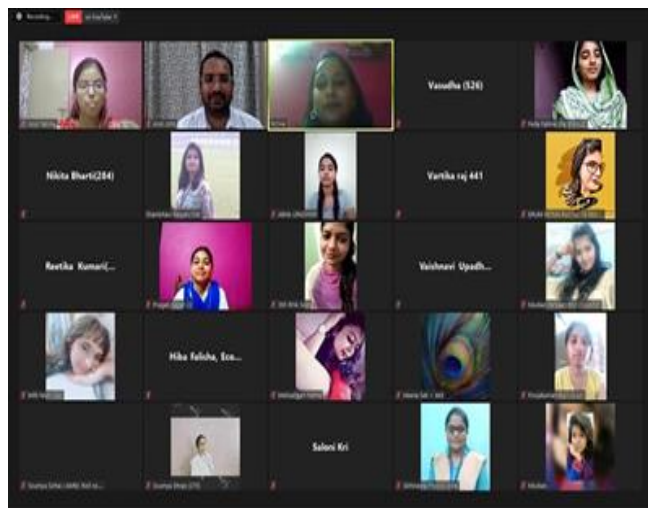
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UDAAN: Exploring the New Horizons: Broadening the Entrepreneurial Mindset, Students Entrepreneurship Development Programme from 14th to 19th September, 2020



Career Counseling session by Ms. Melinda M. Pavek, U.S. Consul General, Kolkata and Mr. Adrian J. Pratt Public Affairs Officer, USA

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Placement Drive on "Internship Based Hiring Programme by Career Labs Skill Assure (CLSA)". 21.01.2023



Lecture Series for Student Career Development

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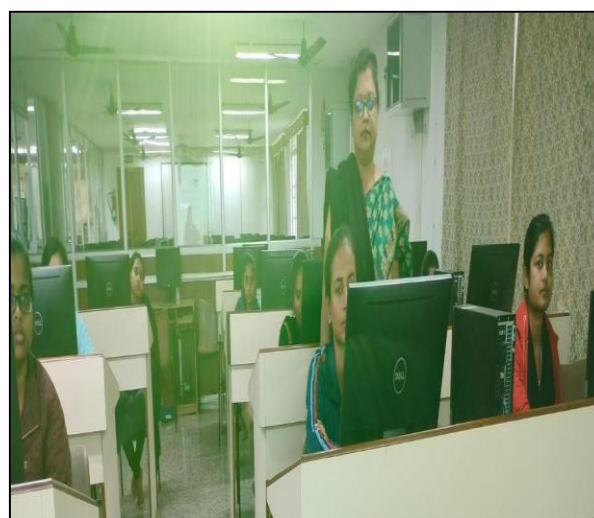
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Self Employment skill Products by the MVDF students



Exhibition of self employment of skill products



IT classes for MVDF Students

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Dashboard of the PWC-LINK LMS (2021 onwards)



Dashboard of the Talent LMS (2020 – 2021)

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Personality Class 25.10.2021



Personality class 25.08.2021



Presentation of Research Papers under CPE Scheme and BSR

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Creativity through dance



Creativity through music

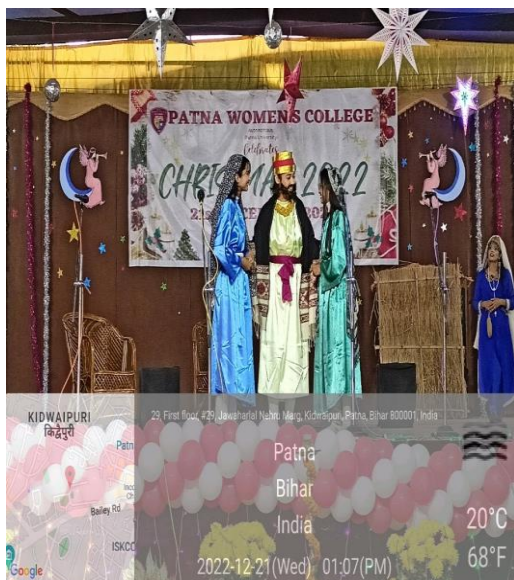
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Creativity through theatre



Creativity through exhibitions

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Debate Competition on Technology Today: A scourge or a Blessing (18.8.2018)



The Annual Media Quiz 16.08.2019

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Poster Contest: 'Wetlands and Biodiversity' : 03.02.2020



Geographical Information System

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College Band Parade on Annual Sports Day (19.02.2021)



Annual Sports Day (29.11.2018)



Onward march: Sports Day (29.11.2018)

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Aerobics Drill (29.11.2018)



Sports Day 18.01.2020: carrying the sports lamp



Performance by the students on Annual Sports Day (17.12.2022)

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High Jump (10.11.2022)



Sports dance (17.12.2022)



Taekwondo Stunts performed by the students of Patna Women's College on Annual Sports Day (17.12.2022)

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20th Valentine Throw ball Championship (14.02.2023)



APJ Abdul Kalam Kabaddi Championship(23.10.2021)



Table Tennis



Ten station multi gym

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Group drills Annual sports day (18.01.2020)

International Women's Day Celebrations



Women's Day Celebrations: Opening Ceremony March 2023



Tribute to women



Interactive session on the topic: Women as entrepreneurs Posters by students: Women breaking Glass Ceiling

**Photo Gallery (Social Responsibility)**

Sl. No.	Event
1.	School Mentorship Programme : Remedial classes
2.	Exhibition of the products produced by the tailoring students of Community College
3.	Students of Health Care of Community College at the OJT
4.	Students of Beauty Care at Bridal make up Mehendi Competition
5.	Each one Teach One
6.	Yoga and classroom teaching
7.	Remedial classes at Manthan – NGO
8.	Remedial classes for the Ragpickers children
9.	IT classes for the Transgenders
10.	Adult Literacy classes
11.	Sharing of goods collected during the Joy of Giving with orphanages, old age homes
12.	Sharing of goods collected during the Joy of Giving with Leprosy patients at Anukampa Bhawan, Dibra.

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School Mentorship Programme

Remedial classes being conducted in government schools



School Mentorship Programme

Rajkiya Kanya UchchMaadhyamik Vidyalay, Lalbahdur Sashtri



Exhibition of the products produced by the Tailoring students of Community College

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Students of Health care of community college at the On-the-Job Training (OJT)



Students of Beauty Care at Bridal make up and Mehendi Competition

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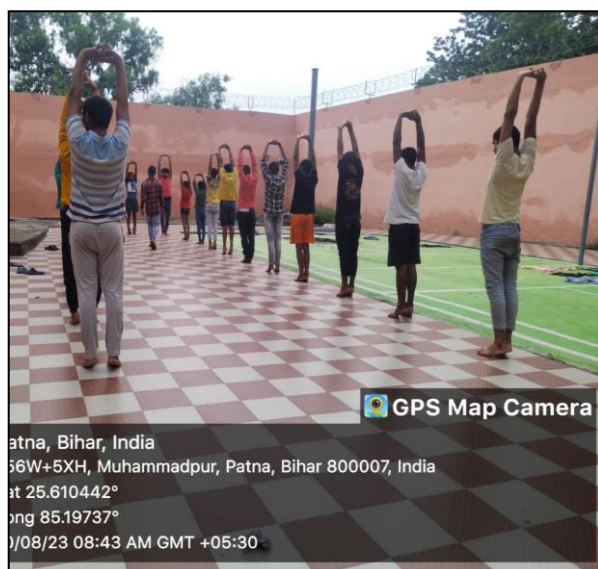
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Students engaged in teaching the children of slums under 'Each One Teach One' Concept



Yoga class and classroom teaching is being conducted at the Special Homes

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Remedial Classes for the children at Manthan



Remedial classes for the Rag picker Children

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IT classes being conducted for the Transgenders



Adult Literacy programme

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Sharing of goods collected during the of Joy of Giving with Orphanages, old Age Home



Sharing of goods collected during the of Joy of Giving with Leprosy patients at Anukampa Bhawan, Dibra



Conclusion

Patna Women's College stands as a beacon of women's empowerment, education, and progress. Through its various initiatives and activities, the college has consistently demonstrated its commitment to uplifting women and fostering their holistic development. The institution has taken significant strides in promoting gender equality and providing opportunities for women to thrive in diverse fields.

The college's emphasis on quality education, innovative programs, and a nurturing environment has enabled countless women to break barriers and achieve excellence. Its curriculum goes beyond academics, encompassing leadership skills, self-confidence, and critical thinking, preparing students to navigate a rapidly changing world with confidence.

One of the notable aspects of Patna Women's College is its extensive range of women empowerment activities. These activities encompass seminars, workshops, awareness campaigns, and skill-building programs that address various aspects of women's lives. From promoting financial literacy and entrepreneurship to discussing health and social issues, the college actively engages its students in meaningful conversations and initiatives.

Through partnerships with NGOs, corporate organizations, and government bodies, Patna Women's College has managed to create a network that supports women's empowerment at local, regional, and national levels. The college's commitment to creating an inclusive environment, where women from diverse backgrounds can thrive, is truly commendable.

As we look to the future, it's clear that Patna Women's College will continue to play a vital role in shaping the lives of countless women. By providing quality education, fostering leadership skills, and promoting a sense of social responsibility, the college will undoubtedly contribute to the advancement of women's rights and empowerment in society.