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About Buxar

Buxar is a historic city and Nagar Parishad in Bihar. According to local traditions, the name Buxar is derived from a lake in the town named Aghsar (effacer of Sin), which in course of time became Baghsar and took the present form that is Buxar. Another Vedic legend states that, a sage or rishi named Besira transformed himself to take the look of a Tiger to frighten Durvasa rishi, and doomed by him to retain the form of Tiger forever. In order to restore his Human's form, Besira bathed in the holy pond of Aghsar and worshipped Gaurishankar. To commemorate this event the spot was called Vyaghrasar and later became Baghsar. Now in present time it is known for the 1764 Battle of Buxar, the ancient Ramrekha Ghat, and for being on the Bihar-Uttar Pradesh border, with Bhojpur as a primary language.

About College

Buxar owes its historical importance almost exclusively to the colossal Vishwamitra Ashram, which still stands majestically today. Ancient accounts embedded in Valmiki's Ramayana, the Ramcharitmanas, and several Puranas describe the area as a holy center for the worship of Vishnu and Shiva. Known as Siddhashram, this town witnessed a remarkable outburst of intellectual activity during the time of Vishwamitra in the Vedic period.

The spirit of the modern age was later illustrated by the lives and thoughts of Sri Khakhi Baba (The Saketbasi) and Sri Mauni Baba (Janak Purbasi). Khakhi Baba was a renowned social reformer, a great religious teacher, and a pillar of philosophical wisdom in the region. Though deeply religious, he was not dogmatic; instead, he placed great emphasis on modern education, including co-education. To fulfill this vision, he laid the foundation of M.V. College, Buxar, on June 11, 1957. The Honorable Raja of Dumraon, who held deep affection for Khakhi Baba, donated ten bighas of land on the banks of the Ganges for the college. Along with the Raja, other devoted disciples provided the financial support necessary to construct the buildings. Sri Basistha Narayan Mishra, the elder son of Khakhi Baba, devoted his entire life to the institution, which became a constituent unit under Magadh University in 1975.

The college is skillfully designed and features a beautiful temple of Ram, Lakshman, and Janaki, along with various architectural flourishes. The temple of Kaldhatri (Gaiya Maiya) further reflects the beauty of ancient architecture. When the college first opened in 1957, it offered courses in the Social Sciences and Humanities. The Science faculty was later established in 1967, fulfilling a significant need for the community. Much of the credit for this expansion goes to the Principal at the time, Dr. Jitram Pathak. Currently, the college is led by Principal Professor Krishna Kant Singh.

About ICSSR

The Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR), based in New Delhi, is a leading institution established in 1969 by the Government of India to promote and support research in social sciences. Its primary aim is to foster the development of high-quality research in disciplines such as sociology, political science, economics, anthropology, and psychology, among others. ICSSR achieves this by offering funding for research projects, organizing seminars and conferences, providing fellowships, and facilitating academic exchanges. Through its various initiatives, ICSSR contributes significantly to enhancing the scope of social science research in India, fostering intellectual collaboration, and informing policy-making for societal betterment.

About Seminar

India, recognized as the world's largest democracy, stands at a pivotal point as it aspires to become 'Viksit Bharat' developed India by the centenary of its independence in 2047. As the country evolves, its electoral system must also undergo transformation to meet the contemporary demands of good governance, technological advancement, and participatory democracy. Persistent challenges, such as the frequency of elections, high expenditure, and administrative fatigue, necessitate critical reforms for political stability and governance efficiency. Recent government initiatives, including the proposal of 'One Nation, One Election' and rapid digitization in governance, highlight a national resolve to streamline democratic processes and harness digital empowerment.

Against this backdrop, this seminar proposes an in-depth exploration of synchronizing elections across all tiers and leveraging cutting edge digital technology for comprehensive electoral reforms. The seminar will serve as a platform to integrate academic insight, policy perspectives, and technical expertise to inform and support the vision of Viksit Bharat @2047.

Objectives of Seminar

- Examine the strengths, challenges, and limitations of India's existing electoral framework in achieving efficient and inclusive democracy.
- Understand its feasibility, constitutional implications, administrative requirements, and potential impact on governance and political stability.
- Assess how digital tools such as e-governance platforms, online voter services, block chain, and AI can enhance transparency, efficiency, and voter participation.
- Align electoral reforms with India's long-term developmental goals of becoming a developed nation by 2047.
- Discuss necessary amendments in electoral laws, Representation of People Acts, and constitutional provisions to implement synchronized elections and digital reforms.
- Identify strategies to increase voter turnout, especially among youth, women, and marginalized communities through digital empowerment.
- Provide a platform for academicians, policymakers, election officials, and civil society to exchange ideas and recommendations.

Sub-Themes of Seminar

- Evolution of India's Electoral System.
- One Nation, One Election (ONOE) : Opportunities and Challenges
- Constitutional and Legal Framework.
- Electoral Practices since independence.
- Digital Democratic Empowerment.
- Inclusive and Accessible Elections.
- Electoral Financing and Transparency.
- Role of Media and Literature in Electoral Literacy.
- Strengthening Democratic Institutions.
- Federalism and Political Implications.
- Electoral Reforms for Viksit Bharat @ 2047
- Role of Election Commission to develop ethical and democratic values.
- Digital India and Electoral Reforms.
- Role of the Election Commission of India in Electoral Restructuring.
- Role of regional diversity in elections.
- भारत की चुनाव प्रणाली का विकास।
- एक राष्ट्र, एक चुनाव : अवसर और चुनौतियाँ।
- संवैधानिक एवं कानूनी ढांचा।
- स्वतंत्रता के पश्चात से चुनावी प्रक्रियाएँ।
- डिजिटल लोकतांत्रिक सशक्तिकरण।
- समावेशी एवं सुलभ चुनाव।
- चुनावी वित्तपोषण और पारदर्शिता।
- चुनावी साक्षरता में मीडिया एवं साहित्य की भूमिका।
- लोकतांत्रिक संस्थाओं की सुदृढ़ता एवं चुनाव आयोग ।
- संघवाद और राजनीतिक निहितार्थ।
- विकसित भारत / 2047 के लिए चुनावी सुधार।
- नैतिक और लोकतांत्रिक मूल्यों के विकास में चुनाव आयोग की भूमिका।
- डिजिटल भारत और चुनावी सुधार।
- चुनावी पुनर्गठन में चुनाव आयोग की भूमिका।
- चुनाव में क्षेत्रीय विविधता की भूमिका।

How to reach Maharshi Vishwamitra Mahavidyalya (M.V. College), Buxar

M.V. College, located in Buxar, Bihar is well-connected through various modes of transportation. **Here's a guide to help participants reach the college conveniently:**

By Train : Buxar is a major railway station in Bihar, situated on the lines on Patna- Deen Dayal Upadhyaya section of Howrah – Delhi main line in zone of eastern central Indian railway. It is well-connected to major cities such as Varanasi, Patna, Delhi, Kolkata and Lucknow.

Nearest Railway Station : Buxar (Station Code – BXR)

Distance to the College : Approximately 2.5 Km

How to Reach : Auto-rickshaws and taxis are readily available outside the station.

Travel time to the College is about 15-20 minutes.

By Road : Buxar is accessible via National Highway NH-922

From Varanasi: 125 km (approx 3-4 hours)

From Patna: 125 km (approx 3-4 hours)

Date and Venue

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For Registration



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The abstract and paper should include the authors' designation, affiliation, email ID, and contact number.

Last Date for Registration and fee payment, 25 April 2026.

Last date for Abstract submission (200-250 words) 15 April 2026.

Full Paper submission Deadline (3000-4000 words) 20 April 2026.