



*Educate and raise the masses,
and thus alone a Nation is possible.*

- Swami Vivekananda



Jñāna Prabodhini
Mukta Vidya Kendra
Education For Life, Education for Livelihood !
शिक्षा जीवन के लिए, आजीविका के लिए !



Why Jnana Prabodhini Mukta Vidya Kendra?

The JPMVK's bouquet of courses are built upon a unique intellectual capital of faculty members.

Together, they have an experience of over four decades of Teaching, Research and Extension Activities in JP and JPSS. The courses are aligned with the state of the art domain expertise coupled with Practical Industry Based and Academia Oriented Know-how. We believe in not just transfer of information but also in imparting skills and inculcating values towards attitude formation.



*Education is the manifestation
of the perfection already in man.*

- Swami Vivekananda

Vision and the Visionary



Dr. V. V. alias Appaji Pendse along with a small team of educationists and social workers founded Jnana Prabodhini (JP) in 1962. In the initial 20 years, Jnana Prabodhini's experiments in formal and informal educational activities received wide attention and appreciation from many quarters. In 1983, senior educationists at JP further articulated Dr Pendse's vision, as under:

"Jnana Prabodhini's work should assume the status of an Open University as early as possible. Therefore, to impart education in subjects taught in global universities of the upcoming sciences and to devise their curricula, to award diplomas, degrees, post-graduate or research degrees including small modular courses, to provide facilities for the studies of such subjects to provide for practical experiences through all kinds of experiments and collecting resources, erecting laboratories or experimental fields, undertake projects and schemes and to run all and similar activities."

Mission



Jnana Prabodhini Mukta Vidya Kendra (JPMVK) is a new initiative of Jnana Prabodhini (JP) and Jnana Prabodhini Samshodhan Sanstha (JPSS). JP's educational activities began in 1962. Since its inception, the institute's educational philosophy is based on Swami Vivekananda's Vision of Education for India- Education for Man-Making and Nation-Building.

The JPMVK alias Open Learning Centre (OLC) aspires to reach out to citizens in general and young students in particular equipping them with appropriate knowledge, skills and most importantly attitudes and motivation in multi-disciplinary domains. These include; Psychology, Education, Entrepreneurship, Indian Philosophy, Quality of Life, Mental well-being and more.

A group of 70 highly accomplished alumni and well wishers of JP and JPSS came together in early 2024 to brainstorm the design of JPMVK and subsequent execution over the coming decade. JPMVK plans to offer a bouquet of courses in colleges and educational institutions implementing the NEP. It will also offer online courses (virtual, self-paced modules) to citizens on the lines of MOOC format.



Our Values



- **Inclusion** - to **reach** a diverse group of Citizens across the Country and the Globe
- **Innovation** - to **adopt** Innovative Teaching and Learning Methodologies
- **Integration** - to **integrate** Interdisciplinary Knowledge Systems and Indian Ethos
- **Impact** - to **create** an impact in gaining New Insights and Enhancing Opportunities for Livelihood

The Context

Two significant developments have impacted the field of education in India and across the globe.

- Firstly, the Corona pandemic of 2020-2022 forced citizens to go 'Digital' in acquiring new skills and knowledge. The pandemic that brought miseries and pain to innumerable citizens also opened new opportunities of learning and Education to students far and wide. Digital access at affordable costs could bridge some learning divide.
- In India, the design and implementation of the New Education Policy (NEP) is a watershed moment. NEP implementation in institutions across the country will enable the youth to educate themselves in disciplines of their liking, at their own pace and in places of their choice. The NEP opens up several opportunities for youth in India to move away from Examination Centered Education to 'Learning for Life'.



Our Offerings

In the coming three to five years, JPMVK proposes to deliver a bouquet of fifty uniquely designed courses. These courses are for a range of audience; college students under NEP gradation, Professionals in Engineering, Technology, Design, IT, Social Sciences disciplines, Farmers, Housewives, Mid-career professionals interested in exploring 'Second' or 'Third' innings.

These courses are also useful for retired private / public sector managers and finally any adult with a passion for life-long learning. The courses are reviewed by JPMVK's Curriculum Advisory Committee and later duly approved by the Board of Studies of respective institutions.



The Courses

 Fundamentals of Critical Thinking	 Project Management Techniques for effective CSR Implementation	 Innovation, Creativity and Problem Solving
 Learning to Performing	 Social Entrepreneurship for Amritkaal	 Entrepreneurs and Entrepreneurship
 Career Guidance and Counseling <i>(Basic and Advance)</i>	 Introduction to Futuristic Thinking	 Corporate Computerized Accounting <i>(For commerce graduates)</i>
 Youth and Psychological dimensions of Sexuality	 Social Leadership	 Mathematical Modeling for Everyone

Modes of Delivery



In person
(College campus)



Virtual
(Live and Pre-recorded)



Hybrid
- Virtual and
- Contact sessions

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