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ABOUT THE COLLEGE

One of the most prestigious institutions of Eastern U.P. and affiliated to D.D.U. Gorakhpur University, Gorakhpur. Digvijai Nath P.G. College, Gorakhpur was established by Maharana Pratap Shiksha Parishad, Gorakhpur (U.P.) on 25 August, 1969. It is situated in the heart of Gorakhpur city on the main road side of the Civil Lines area. It is about 1.2 km from Gorakhpur Railway station and 1.0 Km. from Roadways bus station.

His Holiness Late Digvijai Nathji ji Maharaj, the former Head Priest of Gorakhnath Temple, Gorakhpur was the founder of our college. He was the great pioneer of educational renaissance in Eastern U.P.. His aim behind the establishment of the institution was to spread the light of knowledge and inculcate social and national values based on ancient Indian culture and traditions among the people of Eastern U.P. .

His Successor Late Pujjya Mahant Avedyanath ji Maharaj not only developed multifarious educational faculties but also ensured their all-round development commitment, dedication and effort to achieve new academic heights. At present his Holiness Yogi Adityanath ji Maharaj is the Head Priest of Gorakhnath Temple. Under his inspiring guidance and patronage Maharana Pratap Shiksha Parishad, and Digvija Nath P.G. College, Gorakhpur are flourishing ceaselessly. Now more than three dozen institutions are being run by Maharana Pratap Shiksha Parishad Gorakhpur. To visualize the vision of the founders we are heading to provide quality education by facilitating effective teaching and learning techniques with highest priority to develop national character among the students.

ABOUT GORAKHPUR

The city of Gorakhpur was an important centre of Aryan Civilization. It is situated on the river bank of Rapti in the eastern part of Uttar Pradesh. Gorakhpur takes its name and fame from, ascetic Sri Guru Gorakshnath who was an eminent profounder saint of Nath Sampraday. A famous Shrine Gorakhnath was built on his honour on the same spot where he practiced austerities. Gorakhpur is also identified with the Gita Press, the world famous publisher of Hindu Religious books. The most famous publication of Gita Press is Kalyan Magazine. Gorakhpur is also famous for historic Chauri-Chaura incident. The world famous Buddhist centre Kushinagar is 50 km. from here and 15th century enlightened master and mystic poet Kabir Das’s
Samadhi place is 27 km from here. Gorakhpur is also located near Nepal border. It is 273 Km. east from State Capital Lucknow. The weather of Gorakhpur becomes very pleasant in the month of October.

**About Seminar**

India and Nepal, the two SAARC countries are the unique example of friendship and cooperation having the salient features of open border, historical, social, cultural and civilization similarities with each other. Undoubtedly, these two sister states are bound to be friendly because of their geographical, historical, cultural and linguistic proximity. Apart from these, being a buffer state between India and China it has a deep strategic importance for our national security. Even the internal ups and downs within Nepal affect the bilateral relationship of these two countries and that’s why all these things are the matter of deep concern for our country.

After the fall of dynastic rule and massacre of king-family, Nepal is fighting for a matured democracy. A decade long violent movements have ruined the economy and polity of Nepal. Nepal has witnessed the change of eighteen governments within last twenty-five years and eight Prime Ministers within last nine years but it may not be the example of a healthy democracy. Having in view, the bilateral relations between the two countries, only a politically stable and economically sound Nepal may be in the interest of the India.

Increasing role of China and intervention of Pakistani intelligence agency ISI are also affecting the relationship of these two countries. Undoubtedly the activities of ISI have increased manifold in the tarai regions of Nepal. ISI is utilizing the advantage of open border between the India and Nepal by sending terrorists, arms and fake currency to damage our country.

Inspite of many bilateral treaties, especially regarding trade and river waters we have witnessed many unpleasant episodes in our bilateral relation during last decades. After a long gap of seventeen years Prime Minister Modi’s two official visits to Kathmandu in 2014 clearly indicates the priority of a strong bilateral relationship of NDA Government. Nepali Prime Minister Mr. Coirala’s visits on the occasion of
The oath ceremony of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and latest visit of prime minister Pushp Kumar Dahal to New Delhi may create some new dimensions in our bilateral relations.

With all these factors and dimensions the specific proximity of our city Gorakhpur to the open and unhurdled border of Nepal, inspires the academicians of this region to discuss and debate the prospect of bilateral relations between these two sister states and this National Seminar is just the outcome of this venture.

**Sub themes**-

1. Determinants of Indo-Nepal Relations.
3. Role of China in Indo-Nepal Relations.
5. Strategic and Diplomatic Options for India.

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