

## **Institutional Distinctiveness (2019-20)**

### **Preservation of Heritage and Enhancing Employability:**

Since time immemorial Mithila has been a seat of learning of *Nyaya*, Philosophy, Vedic Culture and *Adwait Darshan*. It is recognized as a land of culture and philosophy since ancient times. This is very much reflected in the value system as inscribed in the life style of people in this area. While other parts of Bihar have witnessed violent struggles in the recent past between sections of populace, no such occurrences have been witnessed in this part of the state because of the positive and accommodating attitude of the local intellectuals towards intransigence of worldly pursuits.

Mithila is the birth place of Goddess *Sita*. It is a famous pilgrim for the whole world. It is also the birth and work place of *Shri Janaka, Yagnavalkya, Gargi, Maitreyi, Gautam, Kanada, Kumarila, Bharti Mandan, Vachaspati, Udayana, Gangesa, Upadhyaya, Vidyapati*, etc. Tradition of producing prodigies has not stopped in Mithila, it continues till date, which shows the trait of continuity in future too. The famous debate between Mandan Mishra and Aadi Shankara has been recorded in the pages of history. The poems of Vidyapati are still sung with devotion in not only Mithila but all over the country.

Famous modern Hindi poet Ramdhari Singh Dinkar belongs to this land. Apart from being a poet, he was also a true patriot. He was born at Simaria in Begusarai. Baba Nagarjun holds a special mention because he was the pioneer of modernism in Mithilanchal .

The university is careful about the rich legacy of the land and working dedicatedly to preserve and promote the indigenous knowledge, local art, culture, music and paintings, etc. Students are also encouraged to use these knowledge for economic resurgence of the area benefitting the local community too.

It is worth mentioning few alumni of LNMU who have brought laurels to the University in present time.

- Padmashri Pt. Ram Chatur Mallik
- Padmashri Ram Gopal Bajaj, Retd. Director of National School of Drama.
- Padmabhushan Sharda Sinha, internationally acclaimed Maithili folk singer.
- Prof. Vaidyanath Labh, the Vice Chancellor, Nava Nalanda Mahavira, is the recipient of Lifetime Achievement Award by the Institute of Entertainment, Yoga & Science Society, New Delhi.

Some of the highlights of the University:

- Maharaja Kameshwar Singh Library has heritage value because of rare, precious and valuable collections of more than 71000 books.
- The academic building known as *Nargauna Palace* has a royal ambiance.
- Palatial administrative buildings inherited from the erstwhile King of this region gives a majestic look to the campus.

Heritage and its conservation is not having just heuristic value rather it has provided plethora of opportunities to our young students to excel in the area which inherently promotes local arts and culture but also provide good opportunities to the students. Courses such as Sikki Arts, Music, Classical Dance invariably also enhances employability of students.