

# GANDHI STUDY CIRCLE

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With its primary objective to spread the message of Gandhi especially among the youth and society Gandhi Study Circle held many public events and activities during the academic session 2017-18.

- The society conducted its *Orientation Programme* on August 18, 2018 where the relevance of Gandhi in the contemporary world was discussed. The programme was followed by an election of the office bearers.
- A *Discussion* on “*Understanding Charkha and its relevance today*” was held on September 8, 2017.
- ON 18<sup>th</sup> September 2017 in a Seminar on “*Friendship with Gandhi*’ eminent Gandhian Scholar Shri Kumar Prashant spoke on the greater need for engaging Gandhi in our contemporary turbulent times.
- In the latter half of September an exhibition on “*Gandhi’s Life and journey*” was organized in collaboration with *National Gandhi Museum* to make students familiarize with the Gandhian values.
- On 10<sup>th</sup> October Richard Attenborough’s classical movie “*Gandhi*” was screened followed by a panel discussion.
- One of the significant initiatives at bringing Gandhi close to youth has been the introduction of “*Chrakha Spinning Classes*” from this year. With the help of Gandhian activist Mrs. Indubala, Chrakha spinning classes formally began from 18<sup>th</sup> September 2017 in the college and over 50 students enrolled for learning this skill.
- To commemorate the completion of 100 years of the Champaran movement of Mahatma Gandhi in 2017 a Two–day *National conference on “ Revisiting Champaran: Challenges of Satyagraha in 21<sup>st</sup> Century*” was organized by Gandhi Study Circle in collaboration with *Gandhi Smriti Darshan Samiti* , *Indialogue Foundation* and *Zakir Husain Delhi College (Evening)* on October 16-17, 2017 . Over 300 people participated in the two - day deliberations. In total there were **3 panels/sessions** running concurrently for most of two days. Some of the prominent delegates contributing to the two-day proceedings included eminent scholars- Prof Mrinal Miri, Shiv Visvanathan, Prof Yogendra Yadav, Prof.Bidyut Chakrabarty, Prof Shri Prakash Singh, Prof. Ramin

Jahanbegloo, Prof. Rizwan Qaiser, Dr.Hilal Ahmed, Prof. Mridula Mukherjee, Prof. Bindu Puri, Prof. Sangit Ragi, Prof. Ashok Acharya, Afroz Alam, Swami Agnivesh, and Arvind Mohan among others. Besides, a total of 20 young scholars and activists coming from different universities/ NGO's, civil society across the country also presented papers during the conference.

- In the month of January 2018, the society organized an online “*essay competition*” on the theme “**Gandhi Ke Sapno Ka Bharat**”. The medium for the essay competition was English and Hindi.
- On 20<sup>th</sup> February 2018 Gandhi Study Circle of Zakir Husain Delhi College organized its *Annual Inter-College Festival*. A number of activities *including essay writing competition, Quiz, debate and Poster Making Competition* were organised to commemorate Gandhi and his legacy on this day. The major attraction of the fest was the *charkha display* where the volunteers displayed charkha and taught other students its importance and its working. The fest concluded with the *prize distribution* ceremony and the resolve to carry forward the message of Gandhi.

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