

## **Gandhi Study Circle**

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With its primary objective to discover the relevance of Gandhi's philosophy and 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 2018-19 :-

- To mark the 100th birth anniversary of Nelson Mandela, a Public Lecture on "***Nelson Mandela in the Footsteps of Gandhi: Centenary Tributes***" was jointly organized by Gandhi Smriti and Darshan Samiti (GSDS) and Zakir Husain Delhi College July 27, 2018.
- An interactive workshop on "Stress Management and Inter-personal Conflict Resolution" was organized for the students on July 30, 2018, The workshop was conducted by Shri Atul Priyadarshi an expert trainer from Patna. During the workshop, Shri Atul Priyadarshi focussed on different aspects of stress management such as 'individual stress', 'emotional stress', 'physical stress', 'behavioural stress' and how that affects the psyche of a person both at the workplace as well as at home.
- on August 9<sup>th</sup>, 2018, Shri Kumar Prashant, an eminent Gandhian activist and Director, Gandhi Peace Foundation was invited as a guest lecturer to speak on '***Gandhi in Today's India.***'
- On August 29, 2018, a '**One Day Trip**' to Gandhi Darshan and Gandhi Museum was organized in collaboration with the ***National Gandhi Museum and Gandhi Darshan*** to make students familiar with the Gandhian values and ethics.
- One of the significant initiatives at bringing Gandhi closer to the youth has been the introduction of "***Charkha Spinning Classes***" since 2017. With the help of Gandhian activist Mrs. Indubala, Charkha spinning classes formally began this year from September 2018 in the college with over 30 students enrolling themselves for learning this skill..
- A discussion on '***Revisiting Gandhi's legacy: Reflection on the question of caste and class***' was organized on September 27<sup>th</sup>, 2018. The eminent historian Nishikant Kolge, the author of '***Gandhi against Caste***', spoke on this occasion.
- Over a dozen students from Gandhi Study Circle participated in the two day event organized by Gandhi Bhavan, University of Delhi to celebrate the 150<sup>th</sup> birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi on October 2, 2018.
- To mark the 150th birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi, the society began a week -long celebration from October 3, 2018 by organizing various activities including quiz competition, movie screening among others. The play on *Godse@Gandhi.com* organized in collaboration with Aman Society was a special attraction.
- A group of 4 students from the society *presented a paper on 'Gandhian Philosophy of Non-Violence'* in one day seminar on '***Nonviolent Communication and Non-Violent Conflict Resolution*** organized by the Gandhi Darshan Samiti on November 16, 2018.

- On January 30<sup>th</sup>, 2019, the society organized a Gandhi Samvad on '**Challenges of Nation Building**' in which eminent sociologist and social activist **Prof. Anand Kumar** spoke on current dilemmas confronting the nation today.
- Members of the society also represented Zakir Husain Delhi College in a week long celebration organized under the theme '**Gandhi week**' organized by Gandhi Bhawan, University of Delhi from January 30<sup>th</sup>- 5<sup>th</sup> February, 2019.
- Members of the society also participated in a day-long event '**A day with Kasturba**', organized by National Gandhi Museum, New Delhi on February 8,2019.
- On 14-15 February 2019, the society organized its **Annual Inter-College Festival**. The event began with a Gandhi Bhajan: Vaishnav Jan To on the first day followed by a Public Lecture by Professor Madhulika Banerjee on '**Aaj Ke Gandhi**'.Several other activities including **Quiz on Gandhi, debate competition and round table discussion were** organized to commemorate Gandhi and his legacy in the two day event. 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.
- In the new academic session, 2019, the society conducted its **Orientation Programme** on July 31<sup>st</sup>, 2019 where the *relevance of Gandhi in the contemporary world* was discussed. The programme was followed by an election of the office bearers.
- To mark the 150<sup>th</sup> Birth Anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi ,a week-long Gandhi celebration (**GANDHI UTSAV**) is being organized from September 27-October 1), 2019 .A series of event including *Panel Discussion, Stage Play, Quiz, Debate, Charkha Exhibition ,Painting Competition, Round Table ,Documentary/Film Screening* is being organized to commemorate the legacy of Mahatma Gandhi.

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