

4th Round Table Conference (RTC) on Gandhi

Theme: Gandhi, Environment and Sustainability

6 April 2017

Concept Note

Gandhi's teachings on non-violence were not limited to conflicts among human beings but also highlighted the need for living in harmony with Nature and Natural Resources. His teachings are therefore even more relevant today, at a time when the world is grappling with an imminent environmental crisis in the form of global warming and climate change.

In 1909, through the publication of the *Hind Swaraj*, Gandhi had already envisioned and identified the insatiable and unending pursuit of material pleasure and development in the Western Society as a threat to Planet Earth and its Resources. Warning against the destructive development model adopted by the West, Gandhi had noted, "God forbid that India should ever take to industrialisation after the manner of the West. The economic imperialism of a single tiny island kingdom is today keeping the world in chains. If an entire nation of 300 million took to similar economic exploitation, it would strip the world bare like locusts."

Throughout his life, Gandhi advocated the principle of sustainable development and called for harmony between society, development and environment. Gandhi's life is indeed a message that he has left for the entire world, for adopting sustainable living and lifestyles with minimal impact on 'our common environment.'

The **4th IP College Round Table Conference on Gandhi** invites papers from students on the theme ***Gandhi, Environment and Sustainability***. Students are encouraged to explore Gandhian ideology to present research insights which may also serve as useful inputs for environmental protection and sustainable development in the present day.

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Conference Convenor

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Rules and Regulations:

- Papers will be accepted in English/Hindi
- Duration of presentation: Maximum 15 minutes
- Presentation may be made individually or in team of two
- Late date of submission of completed research papers is 18 February, 2017
- Paper can be submitted to either:
 - **Ms. Bindu Das**, Coordinator, Gandhi Study Circle
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 - **Dr. Govind Singh**, Asst. Professor, Department of Environmental Studies
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 - Or to Respective **Teachers-in-Charge**
- Entries will be assessed by an internal jury and may be adjudicated by an external jury during the RTC
- First Prize: Rs. 5,000/-, Second Prize: Rs. 4,000/-, Third Prize: Rs. 3,000/-. Other prizes may also be announced