

**INDRAPRASTHA COLLEGE FOR WOMEN**

**GANDHI STUDY CIRCLE**

**Report 2015-16**

**Advisor: Ms. Bindu Das**

**President: Ms. Narayani Tignath**

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## **Khula Manch**

24 and 25 August 2015

Topics:

24 August 2015: Is capital punishment justified?

25 August 2015: Is too much of social media creating an identity crisis in the youth?

Khula Manch aims to give students a platform to speak and share their views on a given theme in front of a group of people. It helps students to enhance their communication skills, and also to create awareness among students about important issues. Each participant is given two minutes to speak.

Students participated enthusiastically in the event, articulating the varied dimensions of each of the two topics.

**‘Swadeshi: The Sure Means of Eradication of Poverty and Corruption’** (Lecture IV of the Commemorative Lecture Series)

Professor Ashok Vohra, University of Delhi

3 September 2015

In continuation of the commemorative lecture series that was started in 2014-15, “Commemorating the Centenary of Mahatma Gandhi’s Return to India from South Africa (1915-2015)”, the Gandhi Study Circle organized Lecture IV of the series. Professor Ashok Vohra from the Department of Philosophy, University of Delhi spoke on ‘Swadeshi: the Sure Means of Eradication of Poverty & Corruption’.

Professor Vohra has published several research papers and articles in national and international research journals, anthologies and newspapers. He is the author of *Wittgenstein’s Philosophy of Mind* (London, Sydney, 1986) and is the co-author of *Radhakrishnan: His Life and Ideas* (New York, 1990).

Professor Vohra spoke eloquently about how one could become financially strong, Swadeshi as a natural duty for patriotic individuals, and about how it could help in the eradication of corruption. Students participated very enthusiastically in the question answer session that followed.



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Commemorating the Centenary of Mahatma Gandhi's  
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## The Gandhi Study Circle

Cordially Invites You to

### 'SWADESHI: THE SURE MEANS OF ERADICATION OF POVERTY & CORRUPTION'

(LECTURE IV OF THE COMMEMORATIVE SERIES)

BY

**ASHOK VOHRA**

(RETD. PROFESSOR, DEPARTMENT OF PHILOSOPHY,  
UNIVERSITY OF DELHI)

ON THURSDAY, 3<sup>RD</sup> SEPTEMBER 2015 AT 11:00 AM  
IN THE CONFERENCE HALL

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## **Pink Chain Campaign 2015**

### **Cancer Awareness Programme**

Chief Guest: Dr. Kiran Bedi, Social Activist and Ramon Magsaysay Awardee

11 September 2015

The Pink Chain Campaign is an initiative of Punarjeevan to raise about the wide spreading disease: cancer. The campaign includes public demonstration of self-examination techniques, distribution of pamphlets, and speaker sessions to disseminate information about breast cancer.

In collaboration with the National Service Scheme, the Gandhi Study Circle organized a session in college to spread awareness and initiate a dialogue about breast cancer. The Chief Guest for the occasion was the social activist and Ramon Magsaysay Awardee Dr. Kiran Bedi. The Principal, Dr. Babli Moitra Saraf, addressed the gathering.

In her address to the gathering of over 500 students, Dr. Bedi spoke about how she emotionally connects to this cause because of a family member being affected by the disease. She emphasized on the need for prioritizing health through regular physical activity, regular health checkups and mammography. Dr. Abhishek Shankar, the founder and chief coordinator of the Pink Chain Campaign addressed the gathering and apprised the audience of how the campaign was planned across thirty three colleges, with over one thousand volunteers. Dr. Ravi Mehrotra, Director at the Institute of Cytology and Preventive Oncology, Noida made an informative presentation about the symptoms, prevention and the cure of breast cancer. Dr. Piyush Ranjan, AIIMS Delhi, addressed the questions raised by the audience. Dr. Preetha Rajaramanan, the South Asia program Director for USA Center for Global Health participated in a panel discussion with Dr. Abhishek Shankar, Dr. Ravi Mehrotra and Dr. Piyush Ranjan on the prevention of breast cancer, the maintenance of a healthy lifestyle and misconceptions about cancer. Brochures for cancer awareness were distributed at the end of the session.

## **Gandhi Jayanti**

October 2015

The Gandhi Study Circle coordinated with the Students' Union in the celebration of Gandhi Jayanti in college. The event started with the lighting of the lamp by the Principal, Dr. Babli Moitra Saraf. The Indian Music Society of college gave a beautiful rendition of the Ramdhun. Pragati Tripathi presented a paper on 'Gandhi's Return to India from South Africa'. Ashwini Thakur and Akansha Verma, members of the Gandhi Study Circle hosted a power point presentation on 'Swachh Bharat Abhiyan' highlighting Gandhi's vision of a clean India, and the initiatives taken by the college to work towards this vision.

## **Swachh Bharat Abhiyan**

October 2015

The Gandhi Study Circle actively participated in the Swachh Bharat Abhiyan, along with other students of the Students' Union. Students formed groups, and cleaned different areas of the college, including the corridors and classrooms, the auditorium and its surrounding area, the grounds, the hostel and the cafeteria. A workshop on cleanliness for the children of the non-teaching staff. The office bearers and members of the Gandhi Study Circle spoke about the importance of hygiene, and the inculcation of daily habits of cleanliness for good health.

## **‘Gandhi’s Moral Compass and the Creative Political Processes’**

Lecture V of the Commemorative Lecture Series

Professor Rizwan Qaiser, Jamia Milia Islamia

27 October 2015

Professor Rizwan Qaiser of the Department of History and Culture, Jamia Milia Islamia was the invited speaker for Lecture V of the Commemorative Lecture Series. Professor Qaiser spoke on ‘Gandhi’s Moral Compass and the Creative Political Processes’. Professor Qaiser’s erudite lecture focused on the significance of Gandhi’s philosophy and action in bridging the chasms among individuals and communities. He drew attention to the uses of Gandhi’s techniques of Ahimsa.



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### 'GANDHI'S MORAL COMPASS AND THE CREATIVE POLITICAL PROCESSES'

(LECTURE V OF THE COMMEMORATIVE SERIES)

BY

**RIZWAN QAISER**

(PROFESSOR, DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY AND CULTURE,  
JAMIA MILIA ISLAMIA)

ON TUESDAY, 27<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER, 2015 AT 12:00 PM  
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## **Martyrs' Day**

30 January 2015

In collaboration with the Students' Union, the Gandhi Study Circle participated in the observance of Martyrs' Day in college. The Ramdhun was sung, followed by the observance of two minutes of silence in remembrance of Martyrs. Narayani Tignath, the President of the Gandhi Study Circle read aloud the essay, 'The Eloquent Sounds of Silence' by Pico Iyer. The essay speaks of how through silence, one may delve deep beyond one's own self, and beyond what mere thought allows.

## **'Tees January 1948'**

Lecture VI of the Commemorative Lecture Series

Professor Shahid Amin, University of Delhi

30 January 2016

Professor Shahid Amin of the Department of History, University of Delhi was the invited speaker for Lecture VI of the Commemorative Lecture Series. The title of his lecture was 'Tees January 1948'. Among his publications are *Event, Metaphor, Memory: Chauri Chaura 1922-1992* (1995) and *Writing Alternative Histories: A View from India* (2002).

Professor Amin showed short films about Gandhi's death, and spoke to a very engaged audience of students and faculty members.



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# TEES JANUARY 1948

(LECTURE VI OF THE COMMEMORATIVE SERIES)

BY

**SHAHID AMIN**

(PROFESSOR, DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY,  
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ON SATURDAY, 30<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY, 2016 AT 11:00 AM  
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