

Indraprastha College for Women
University of Delhi



Report on 4th IP College Round Table Conference on Gandhi

6 April 2017

The 4th in the Series of IP College Round Table Conference (RTC) on Gandhi was organised on 6 April 2017 in the Conference Hall of the College. The Round Table Conference on Gandhi is a unique initiative taken by Indraprastha College for Women for providing a platform to students to explore and analyse the life and teachings of Gandhi and share their understanding through paper presentations.

The Theme of the 4th IP College RTC on Gandhi was *Gandhi, Environment and Sustainability*. A total of 13 research papers were presented during the 4th IP College RTC on Gandhi which covered various aspects of Gandhi's teachings on Environment and Sustainability. The student paper presentations were judged by Dr. Anuradha Veeravalli, Former Assistant Professor in Department of Philosophy, University of Delhi and by Dr. Babli Moitra Saraf, Principal of the College.



**THEME OF THE
4TH RTC ON
GANDHI:**

**Gandhi,
Environment
and Sustainability**

“Earth provides
enough to satisfy
every man's need
but not every man's
greed.”

- M.K. Gandhi



PREPARATION FOR THE CONFERENCE

The 4th IP College Round Table Conference (RTC) on Gandhi was Convened by Dr. Anindita Roy Saha (Department of Economics) and Co-Convened by Dr. Govind Singh (Department of Environmental Studies). The Conference Call for Papers was made on 4 January 2017 and interested students were given sufficient time to research and submit a preliminary abstract. A total of 20 abstracts were received in the first round. Based on their abstracts, each student/ group was allocated a Faculty-Mentor from among the RTC Core Team. The mentors helped the students in better framing their research objectives and in improving their methodology. After a second round of sorting, based on the ability of the students to meet the submission deadline, a total of 13 research papers were selected to be presented during the 4th RTC on Gandhi.

The 4th RTC, themed on 'Gandhi, Environment and Sustainability, was organised by an interdisciplinary Faculty Core Team comprising a total of 12 members from 7 different academic disciplines.

The 4th IP College RTC on Gandhi also benefitted from the experience shared by Dr. Jyoti Trehan Sharma of the Department of Political Science.

Dr. Bindu Das also contributed in her capacity as Faculty-Adviser of the Gandhi Study Circle of the College. The students of the Gandhi Study Circle played their part in the successful organisation of the RTC.

FACULTY CORE TEAM

S.No.	Title & Name	Department
1.	Dr. Abdul R. Ansari	Political Science
2.	Dr. Anindita Roy Saha Convener	Economics
3.	Dr. Bhavna Malhotra	Hindi
4.	Dr. Bindu Das	Philosophy
5.	Dr. Gagan Preet Singh	History
6.	Dr. Govind Singh Co-Convener	Environmental Studies
7.	Dr. Lianboi Vaiphei	Political Science
8.	Mr. Nawin K. Tiwary	Environmental Studies
9.	Dr. Praveen Dhanda	Political Science
10.	Dr. Shagufta	Political Science
11.	Dr. Shashank Chaturvedi	Political Science
12.	Dr. Surabhika Maheshwari	Psychology

DETAILS OF STUDENT PARTICIPANTS

The details of the student participants, along with the title of their research paper and details of their Faculty-Mentor have been enlisted below.

S.No.	Details of the Student(s)	Title of the Paper	Faculty-Mentor
1.	Aishwarya Shri <i>B.A. Prog. Sem VI</i>	The Idea of Development: Exploring Gandhi's Relevance in Today's India	Dr. Shashank Chaturvedi <i>Political Science</i>
2.	Nidhi Jain <i>B.A. (H.) Pol. Sci. Sem VI</i> Anisha Pathak <i>B.A. (H.) Pol. Sci. Sem IV</i>	Gandhi – On Real Progress: Moral Sustainability and Environment	Dr. Abdul R. Ansari <i>Political Science</i>
3.	Parul Kumari Priya Seth <i>B.A. (H.) History Sem IV</i>	Gandhian Relevance to Environmental Sustainability	Dr. Gagan Preet Singh <i>History</i>
4.	Shubhangi Chaturvedi Sakshi Jain <i>B.Sc.(H.) Comp. Sci Sem IV</i>	Gandhi - The Progenitor of the Concept of Sustainable Development	Mr. Nawin K. Tiwary <i>Environmental Studies</i>
5.	Garima Chaudhary Divya Meena <i>B.A. (H.) Pol. Sci. Sem II</i>	Ecological Economics of Gandhi	Dr. Shashank Chaturvedi <i>Political Science</i>
6.	Apoorva Jagbharia Glory Ringkangmai <i>B.A. (H.) Pol. Sci. Sem II</i>	The Idea of Sustainable Development in Gandhian Philosophy: A Study of Gandhi's influence on Deep Ecology and Green Politics	Dr. Abdul R. Ansari <i>Political Science</i>
7.	Nivedita Tuli <i>BMMMC Sem IV</i>	Situating Gandhi: The East-West Debate in Gandhian Naturopathy	Dr. Gagan Preet Singh <i>History</i>
8.	Anubhuti Bhattacharya Dhriti Mehta <i>B.A. (H.) Pol. Sci. Sem IV</i>	The Great Scavenger – Plotting Manual Scavenging and Reuse of Night Soil in Gandhi's Vision	Dr. Surabhika Maheshwari <i>Psychology</i>
9.	Ved Vriti <i>BMMMC Sem IV</i>	Gandhian View on Sustainable Villages and Prakriti Dharma	Dr. Surabhika Maheshwari <i>Psychology</i>
10.	Amulya Hans <i>B.A. Prog. Sem IV</i>	Gandhi's Teachings About Village Revival	Dr. Lianboi Vaiphei <i>Political Science</i>
11.	Neelanchal Tiwari Himani Sharma <i>B.A. Prog Sem II</i>	Gandhi and the Puzzle of Poverty and Sustainable Development	Dr. Abdul R. Ansari <i>Political Science</i>
12.	Tanvi Gupta Varya Srivastava <i>B.A. (H.) Pol. Sci. Sem II</i>	Relevance of Gandhi in India's National Environmental Policy	Dr. Govind Singh <i>Environmental Studies</i>
13.	Aditi Srivastava Akansha <i>B.A. (H.) Pol. Sci.. Sem IV</i>	Traditional Water Harvesting Techniques and Sustainable Agriculture: A Gandhian Vision	Dr. Praveen Dhanda <i>Political Science</i>

QUOTABLE QUOTES

“The great Nature has intended us to earn our bread by the sweat of our brow.”

“Civilisation is like a mouse gnawing while it is soothing us.”

“I am not at all concerned with appearing to be consistent. In my search after Truth, I have discarded many ideas and learnt many new things.”

“Every person should be his own scavenger.”

“Be the change you want to see in the world.”

4TH RTC ON GANDHI

The 4th RTC on Gandhi began with a brief introduction to the conception of the Round Table Conference on Gandhi and with a brief note on the organisational strategy behind the 4th RTC on Gandhi by Dr. Govind Singh, Co-Convener of the 4th RTC. This was followed by welcoming Dr. Anuradha Veeravalli and Dr. Babli Moitra Saraf, the Distinguished Judges for the Student-Paper presentations. The podium was then handed over to Ms. Nihita Kumari to initiate and conduct the consecutive student-paper presentations. Ms. Nihita Kumari is pursuing her Master’s in Sanskrit from the University of Delhi and has been a prize-winner in all the earlier three RTCs on Gandhi.

The students presented their thought provoking papers, one after the other, on the theme of Gandhi, Environment and Sustainability. A total of 13 papers were presented and each student/ students group was allocated 10 minutes to make the presentation. At the beginning of each presentation, the full research paper of the respective student/ student group was submitted to the Judges. The Judges were also informed about the time taken by each student/ student group in delivering the presentation. The student presentations covered various aspects of Gandhian thoughts on Environment and Sustainability. Significant among these were Gandhi’s thoughts on decentralized development, environmental policy, naturopathy and upliftment of *dalits* and scavengers.

All the papers were appreciated by the Distinguished Judges who also provided their inputs and suggestions on each paper after the students concluded their presentations. The Judges congratulated the students for bringing forward useful and multipronged insights into Gandhi’s views on Environment and Sustainability, despite the apparent limited scope of literature on the topic. The First Prize was awarded to **Anubhuti Bhattacharya** and **Dhriti Mehta** who were mentored by Dr. Surabhika Maheshwari. The Second Prize was awarded to **Nivedita Tuli** and the Third Prize was awarded to **Apoorva Jagbharia** and **Glory Ringkangmai**. They were mentored by Dr. Gagan Preet Singh and Dr. Abdul R. Ansari respectively. The Conference concluded with the proposal of the Vote of Thanks to the Distinguished Judges, RTC Core Team, all present and the supporting staff by Dr. Anindita Roy Saha, Convener of the 4th RTC on Gandhi.



Prize Winners along with the Distinguished Judges: (from L to R) Ms. Glory Ringkangmai, Ms. Apoorva Jagbharia, Dr. Babli Moitra Saraf, Dr. Anuradha Veeravalli, Ms. Dhriti Mehta, Ms. Anubhuti Bhattacharya and Ms. Nivedita Tuli.



Student Participants and Faculty Core Team along with the Distinguished Judges of the 4th RTC on Gandhi.