



## Gandhi Study Circle, Indraprastha College for Women, University of Delhi

A report of activities in two parts from July 2018 to April 2019

### Part 1: July-November 2018

Date: 28 September 2018

Venue: AV Lecture Theatre, Indraprastha College for Women

In collaboration with Loktantrashala, the School for Democracy, the Gandhi Study Circle organized a lecture by **Professor Apoorvanand**, Department of Hindi, University of Delhi. He spoke on the topic “Gandhi: kaun or kiska”. As the lecture was organized on the birth anniversary of Bhagat Singh, he drew a comparison between MK Gandhi and Bhagat Singh, both of whom are seen as followers of two opposite ideologies. Professor Apoorvanand traced the significance of Gandhi in the light of his death. The lecture was a response to the questions: Who is Gandhi? And to whom does Gandhi belong?



Date: 12 October 2018

Venue: Seminar Room, Indraprastha College for Women

**Sopan Joshi**, a freelance journalist, delivered a lecture on theme 'Experiments with Journalism: The Counterintuitive Ideas of Mahatma Gandhi'. Joshi explained how successfully experimented with journalism in South Africa and India though he was by training a lawyer. He also alluded to the work of the historian Isabel Hoffmeyr on *Gandhi's Printing Press*.



Time: 31 October 2018

Venue: Conference Room, Indraprastha College for Women

In collaboration with the Discussion Forum, the Gandhi Study Circle invited **Professor Nishikant Kolge**, researcher at the Centre for the Study of Developing Societies and the author of *Gandhi against caste* (OUP, 2017). He delivered a lecture on the theme ‘The contemporary Dalit movement and the Gandhi-Ambedkar debate’. He spoke about the necessity of engaging with Gandhi as well as with Ambedkar. Rather than mix Gandhi and Ambedkar, it was more appropriate to engage with each on their own terms and learn from their best practices.



### Student participation

**Amisha Pareek** (BA Hons Political Science, Semester 3) presented a study on ‘Gandhi and Ambedkar: Philosophy of non-violence’ and **Gurnoor Kaur** (BA Hons. Political Science Semester 5) presented a study on “Swachh Bharat: a Vision of Gandhi” at the seminar on “Gandhian Philosophy of Nonviolence” organized by Gandhi Bhawan, University of Delhi on 1-2 October 2018

**Amisha Pareek** (BA Hons. Political Science, Semester 3) presented a paper “Gandhi's Views on National Language as a Tool for Freedom” and **Aditi Pandey** along with **Smriti Pandey** (BA Programme Semester 3) presented a paper on “Gandhi's Concept and Views on Language” at the National Seminar on “Mahatma Gandhi aur Rashtravasha ka Swaroop” organized by Gandhi Bhawan, University of Delhi and National Council for Promotion of Urdu Language, Government of India.

Part 2: January-April 2019

Date: 30 January 2019, Martyr's Day

Venue: Auditorium, Indraprastha College for Women

On the occasion of Martyr's Day, the Gandhi Study Circle prepared an audio-visual presentation on George Orwell and Gandhi. Orwell's birthplace Champaran was also the site of the satyagraha of 1917, Gandhi's first satyagraha in India after his arrival from South Africa in 1915. The presentation also drew attention to the participation of the students of Indraprastha College of Women in the national movement.



Date: 5 February 2019

Venue: Audiovisual Room, Indraprastha College for Women

The Gandhi Study Circle invited **Dr. Hilal Ahmed**, Associate Professor at the Centre for the Study of Developing Societies to deliver a lecture on ‘Gandhi’s Engagement with Religion’. Dr. Ahmed is the author of *Muslim Political Discourse in Postcolonial India: Monuments, Memory, Contestation* (Routledge, 2014). A film *Beacons of Hope* documenting Dr. Ahmed’s life story and his achievements was also screened.



### Student Participation

Aditi Pandey and Smriti Pandey (BA Programme, Semester 4) participated in an elocution organized by SOL, University of Delhi, Gandhi Bhawan and Gandhi Hindustani Sahitya Sabha on Unity in Diversity vs. Diversity in Unity on 2 February 2019.

Amisha Pareek (BA (Hons.) Political Science, Semester 4) presented a paper on ‘Swachh Bharat Mission: Gandhian Movement or Mere Sloganeering?’ in a national conference on Gandhian Vision and Environment at Aditi Mahavidyalaya on 6-7 March 2019.

Gurnoor Kaur (BA (Hons.) Political Science, Semester 6) presented a paper titled “The Meaning of Swaraj”, and won the first prize in an inter-college paper presentation at Zakir Hussein College (Evening) on 6 March 2019.

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