

## **Gandhi Study Circle Annual Report 2021-22**

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The Gandhi Study Circle (JDMC), a decade old co-curricular society, is a constituent unit of the Centre for Universal Values and Ethics, Janki Devi Memorial College. Believing that our collective future depends upon our present actions, the Gandhi Study Circle JDMC attempts to stress upon Gandhian tenets through pedagogy, social outreach, promotion of Gandhian values especially emphasis on material simplicity and stress on service as a core societal responsibility. With the Covid-19 pandemic raging on the programmes, events, and activities in the academic year 2021-22 continued to be conducted online due to Covid protocols.

### **I. Social Outreach, Scholarship, and Mentorship Programme**

#### **(i) Scholarship**

One of GSC-JDMC's flagship programmes has been to provide financial aid for those who need it most. GSC-JDMC serves as a bridge between charitable organisations desirous of contributing to the educational uplift of students from low-income families, especially underprivileged meritorious girl students at JDM College. Online interviews for shortlisted students for MDIP were held in the last week of July and early August 2021. A total of 15 students were given financial support from the ShikshaDaan-My Daughter is Precious Foundation in 2020-21. Online interviews for the MCKS Vidya Scholarships were held in mid November 2021. Twenty students were selected for the MCKS Vidya Scholarships given out by the Food for the Hungry Foundation.

#### **(ii) Mentorship**

The Mentoring Project is organized in collaboration with GLOW Foundation. GLOW Mentors from corporate backgrounds held monthly meetings with the GSC mentees and organized life skill sessions to instill confidence and help them make strategic life choices.

Orientation Programme for MDIP Mentees was held on October 25, 2021.

The Life skill sessions held online so far:

Life skill Session I: November 18, 2021 – "Goal Setting and Planning" by Ms. Aparna Mathur

Life skill Session II: January 17, 2022 – "Building Emotional Resilience" by Facilitator Ms. Garima Goyal.

## **II. Cultural Events and Webinar**

(i) The Gandhi Jayanti Celebrations held on October 1, 2021 began with a cultural programme to mark the 152nd birth anniversary of the Mahatma. It was followed by an international webinar on the topic 'Remembering Gandhi in the 75<sup>th</sup> year of independence'. The two distinguished speakers at the webinar were Professor Akeel Bilgrami from Columbia University and Professor Anand Kumar (Retd.) from Jawaharlal Nehru University. Prof Akeel Bilgrami spoke on the topic 'Gandhi in his Time and Ours: Reflections on Secularism and Multiculturalism' while Prof Anand Kumar spoke on 'India after 75 years of independence and the Gandhian way'. A vibrant discussion followed moderated by Dr Saumya Gupta.

## **III. Student competitions and events**

**(i) An Online Intra-college Poster making Competition was held between 17-19 September, 2021** as part of 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav' to commemorate the 75 Years of India's Independence. The theme of the competition was 'Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav: What 75 years of Independence means to you?' The competition received many entries. Tanya Nagpal (Sociology Hons III yr) secured the first prize, Aditi Sharma (Pol. Sc. Hons III yr) won the second prize and Tanvi (BA Program II yr) won the third prize.

**(ii) An Online Orientation for the new GSC members for the academic year 2021-22 was held on January 8, 2022.**