

Annual Report (2017-18)

Gandhi Study Circle (JDMC)

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The Gandhi Study Circle JDMC is a decade old co-curricular society that strives to popularise Gandhian values in contemporary times. Believing that our collective future depends upon what we do in the present, the Gandhi Study Circle JDMC continued its attempt to understand and translate Gandhian ideas in contemporary times through pedagogy, social outreach and promotion of Gandhian values. Accordingly, GSC-JDMC's main thrust areas are the **Peace and Conflict Studies Certificate Course, scholarship for the underprivileged students, promotion of Gandhian values through engagement with self help groups and cooperatives, and conducting events and excursions to Gandhian sites.**

In the academic year 2017-18, the GSC (JDMC) the following Lectures and Workshops were conducted for the redesigned Short-term Peace and Conflict Studies course.

Peace and Conflict Resolution: An Introduction on 13th September 2017 by Prof. Kaushikee from the Nelson Mandela Centre of Jamia Millia Islamia University. The workshop familiarized the students with the twin concepts of 'peace' and 'conflict', their management and resolution.

Martin Buber and Gandhi: Dialogue as a Mode of Conflict Resolution by Ms Swaha Das from Indraprastha College (DU) on 18th September. 2017 This workshop traced the roots of Israel-Palestine Conflict and the debate between Buber and Gandhi on separate homeland for the Jewish.

Gandhi's Ethics of Speech: Prayer as Inner Dialogue, by Dr. Rakesh Pandey from CSDS (Centre for Study of Developing Societies) New Delhi on 10th November 2017. This workshop focused on Gandhi's legacy/heritage, its contemporary relevance, Gandhi as an idea rather than merely as a person.

Dynamics of Peace. by Dr. Rityusha Mani Tiwary on 2nd Feb, 2018, delivered a lecture on She familiarized the students with the ideas of renowned peace theorists viz. Johan Galtung and Joh Burton.

Tolstoy, Gandhi and the Hind Swaraj, by Dr. Hari Nair, Birla Institute of Technology (BITS), Pilani on, on 26 February 2018

In March 2018, GSC is planning to organize a day-long seminar on Peace and Conflict Studies.

As part of our endeavour to promote sustainable agriculture, organic farming and women's livelihood. the Gandhi Study Circle - JDMC collaborated with **Ekta Organics**, a cooperative of women farmers and entrepreneurs from Uttarakhand, UP to exhibit sustainably grown, 100% organic agricultural products during JDMC's Annual Festival **SYMPHONY 2018**. The **GSC-Ekta Organics Stall** was very successful; the faculty, students and guests interacted with the farmers, learnt about organic farming and bought traditional products and the women farmers who had come from Almora too got an experience of marketing their products to a city clientele.

As part of its **Social Outreach programme**, GSC-JDMC continued its collaboration with the MCKS-Food for the Hungry Foundation, to provide Scholarships (comprising 100% tuition support) to 22 girls for the academic year 2017-18.

On the occasion of **Martyrs' Day** on 30th Jan, 2018, GSC-JDMC organized an excursion trip for the students to Gandhi Peace Foundation (GPF) to attend 43rd Mahatma Gandhi Memorial Lecture, delivered by the former Vice President of India Dr. **Hamid Ansari**, with the title, ***Who was Gandhi***. GSC-JDMC students also joined the walk to Rajghat after the lecture.

Images



Prof. Kaushikee (Nelson Mandela Centre, Jamia) to speak on ***Peace and Conflict: An Introduction*** on 13th September, 2017



Ms. Swaha Das from IP College for a lecture on *Dialogue as a Mode of Conflict Resolution: Martin Buber and Gandhi*, on 18th September, 2017



Dr. Rakesh Pandey from CSDS for a lecture on ***Gandhi's Ethics of Speech: Prayer as Inner Dialogue*** on 10th November, 2017.



Dr. Rityusha Tiwary (Shaheed Bhagat Singh college, DU) delivering a lecture on **Dynamics of Peace**



On 30th Jan, 2018, the GSC (JDMC) girls joined the March to Rajghat



5th Feb, 2018, **MCKS Representatives** at JDMC to conduct interviews for scholarship



GSC-Ekta Organics Stall at Symphony 2018

