

Annual Report (2018-19)

Gandhi Study Circle (JDMC)

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In the academic year 2018-19, GSC (JDMC) undertook the following activities:

Mentorship:

- GSC-JDMC inaugurated a new mentorship programme with the **GLOW (Growing Leadership of Women) Foundation** for mentoring bright underprivileged students. This programme is providing mentorship to seven girls. Each girl is assigned a mentor to inculcate the leadership ability in her. Mentors are highly successful women professionals from the corporate and social service sector who work on areas of gender equality and education of underprivileged girls willing to give their time for social well-being. The programme envisages monthly meetings between mentor and mentee as well as leadership development workshops (First meeting was held on January 28th, 2019 and second meeting is scheduled on March 1st, 2019).

Scholarship:

- Six students were provided 100 percent scholarship for the academic year by the **My Daughter is Precious (MDIP) Foundation** for the academic year 2018-19.
- Ten students are to be provided 100 percent scholarship for the academic year by the **MCKS- Food for Hungry Foundation** for the academic year 2018-19.

Peace and Conflict Studies:

- Dr. Nishikant Kolge from CSDS will deliver a lecture on **Gandhi and Caste** (15th March, 2019).
- Himanshu Thakkar, co-ordinator of SANDRP (South Asia Network on Dams, Rivers and People) spoke on **Are Rivers Luxury?: Who Needs Rivers?** (October 3rd, 2018)
- Prof. Madhulika Banerjee from Department of Political Science (DU) delivered a lecture on **Gandhi Live: Is Knowledge Swaraj Possible**. (September 14th, 2018).
- Prof. Kaushikee from the Nelson Mandela Centre of Jamia Millia Islamia University on **Peace and Conflict Resolution: An Introduction**. (August 31st, 2018).

Craft Promotion:

- As part of college annual fest **SYMPHONY, 2019**, the GSC collaborated with **SUUT**, an initiative to promote the cause of handlooms. We had three days' exhibition of products viz. sarees, dupattas and suit pieces weaved by the women artisans from Bihar, Bengal, M.P. and Rajasthan (January 8th -10th, 2019).

Faculty and Students' participation in Programmes on Gandhi:

- Five GSC members participated in the essay writing competition on **‘Relevance of Gandhian Thought Today’** held at Ramlal Anand College as part of Gandhi Week held by Gandhi Bhawan. Shipra Suman (History Hons, 2nd Year) won a consolation prize in the event (February 1st, 2019)
- Participation in **Martyrs’ Day celebrations at JDMC** where the students of GSC spoke on relevance of Gandhi in present time (Jan 30th, 2019).
- Inauguration of GSC-Book Club and release of an AV-CD Mahatma made by the students of Sarang Music Society JDMC as part of Gandhi Jayanti celebrations (October 3rd, 2018)
- Screening of a lecture titled **‘Is Mahatma Gandhi Relevant Today?’** by Late Anupam Mishra (renowned Gandhian and environmentalist) (October 3rd, 2018).
- Paper presentation in the conference on International Non-violence day, **Gandhian Philosophy of Non-Violence**, by Dr. Ruchi Shree. The paper was titled ‘Contemporary Relevance of Gandhi’ (October 2nd, 2018)
- Participation in the Swachhta Campus Rally and Peace March organized by Gandhi Bhawan, University of Delhi (October 1st, 2018)