

## **Annual Report (2019-20)**

### **Gandhi Study Circle (JDMC)**

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

#### **Distinguished Speaker Series Seminar: Gandhi in His Times and Ours**

GSC-JDMC commemorated Mahatma Gandhi's 150<sup>th</sup> birth anniversary and JDMC's Diamond Jubilee, by organizing a DSS Seminar in collaboration with the History Department, on the theme **Gandhi in His Times and Ours on October 4, 2019**. Prof. Sudhir Chandra's keynote address emphasized the relevance of Gandhian morality and ethics in present times, and dwelt upon the close association of our founder Shri Brij Krishan Chandiwalla with Mahatma Gandhi. **Renowned historians and academicians**, Prof. Alok Rai (DU, rtd.), Prof. Shahid Amin (DU, rtd), Dr. Nishikant Kolge (CSDS), and Dr. Rinku Lamba (JNU) were the other prominent panelists in the Seminar.

An Intercollege Photography Competition on the occasion of 150 years of Gandhi Jayanti was organized by GSC-JDMC, in collaboration with Lumière: the Film and Photography Club, JDMC. The best entries were part an exhibition on Gandhi in Our Present.

#### **Scholarship Programme:**

GSC-JDMC was successful providing scholarship and tuition support to 31 under-privileged students on means-cum merit basis for the academic year 2019-20.

- 16 students were supported by the **ShikshaDaan-My Daughter is Precious (MDIP) Foundation**.
- 15 students received support from the **MCKS- Food for Hungry Foundation**.

#### **Mentorship Programme:**

The Mentorship Initiative of GSC-JDMC in partnership with the **GLOW (Growing Leadership of Women) Foundation** was able to successfully mentor 16 bright students from underprivileged backgrounds, inculcating the leadership quality in them. Eight highly successful women professionals from the corporate and social service sector mentor two students each through monthly meetings as well as communication and leadership development workshops.

#### **Programmes and Events**

**Handloom and Handicraft Stall, RUAAB – SEWA during the** college annual festival **SYMPHONY, January 8-10 2020**. GSC collaborated with Ruaab, an initiative of the well-known cooperative Self Employed Women's Association (SEWA).

**Bal Swaraj: An Interactive Session and a Photo Exhibition on Gandhi** in collaboration with Delhi Commission for the Protection of Child Rights (DCPCR) and Internal Quality Assurance Cell, JDMC on November 6 2019. Mr. Priyank Kannongo, Chairperson of National Commission for Protection of Child Rights, Mr. Uttam Kumar Sinha (Joint Director, National Gandhi Museum,) and Ms. Ratna Saxena (Centre for Research and Advocacy for Child Rights and Persons), Mr. Shashank Shekar (Advocate and Social Worker) and Ms. Jyothi D. Rathee from the DCPCR addressed the issue of sexual exploitation of women and children.

**Walk-the-Talk With Gandhiji:** LetterFarms and Gandhi Smriti and Darshan Samiti, New Delhi in collaboration with GSC-JDMC organized a unique postcard writing competition on August 14, 2019 to celebrate the 72<sup>nd</sup> Independence Day. Over 150 postcards were written addressing various social changes needed in the country.

**Talk on ‘Gandhi and Caste’** delivered by Dr. Nishikant Kolge, CSDS on March 15, 2019.

### **Gandhi Study Circle Covid-19 Food-relief Report**

Following the pandemic and subsequent nationwide lockdown, GSC-JDMC and its donors supported a local initiative in Rani Bagh, East Delhi to provide ration kits to the eighty-three underprivileged migrant labour families who had been the most affected by the health and financial crisis.

### **Student Activities and Participation**

S. Sriteja, (Pol Sc. Hons. III year) awarded for Best Interjection and Best Opinion, Versha Soni (Pol Sc. Hons. III year), awarded for Best Opinion, Himanshi Garg, Avanti Agarwal (BA History Hons. III year), Priyanka Sharma (Pol Sc. Hons. III year) awarded with Participation Certificates by Delhi Commission for the Protection of Child Rights (DCPCR) for the Bal Swaraj event.

Shivangi Garg, (BA History Hons. III year) participated and presented a research paper at **6th Round Table Conference on the theme ‘Gandhi After Gandhi,’** at Indraprastha College, University of Delhi on 16 October 2019.

Himanshi Garg (History Hons, III year) and Priyanka (Political Science Hons. III year) participated in the **Essay-writing Competition jointly organized by Gandhi Hindustani Sahitya Sabha and Gandhi Bhawan,** University of Delhi on February 2019.

**Trip to Rajghat, National Gandhi Museum and Gandhi Smriti Museum:**  
Students of GSC-JDMC visited Rajghat to seek inspiration from and pay homage to Bapu. S. Sriteja, Aparajita, Priyanka, Ritu and Tanu documented these trips through photo-stories.