

## **Gandhi Study Circle Events Report 2024-2025**

**Convenors – Prof. Saumya Gupta, Dr. Natasha Nongbri**  
**Co-Convenors - Ms. Tarini Pandey, Dr. Khurshid Alam,**  
**Members - Dr. Akanksha, Dr. Kailash Rani, and Dr. Aarti**

### **Scholarship, Mentorship and Social Outreach**

#### **(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 Janki Devi Memorial College. A total of 13 students including 10 new students were given financial support from the ShikshaDaan-My Daughter is Precious Foundation in 2024-25. Thirty students were selected for the MCKS Vidya Scholarships given out by the MCKS Food for the Hungry Foundation. In all 43 students were granted scholarships for the 2024-25 session.

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

The Mentoring Project is organised in collaboration with GLOW Foundation. GLOW Mentors from corporate backgrounds held monthly meetings with GSC student-mentees and organised life skill sessions to instill confidence and help them make strategic life choices. An Orientation cum Communication Skill Session for MDIP Mentees was held on October 24, 2024 to introduce them to the mentoring programme and their respective mentors and to brief them about their role and responsibilities. The Communication Skill Session was conducted by Ms Manju Rai, Coach, Trainer, NPL Practitioner.

A Life Skill Workshop was held on November 16, 2024 on the topic 'Teaching as a Career'. The three speakers were Ms. Seema Seth, Founder Hans Nayi Disha, Ms Sonali Jha, Educationist and Freelance Media person, and Ms. Ojasvi Gulyani, Postgraduate in Sociology and B.Ed. student.

A Life Skill Workshop was held on January 28, 2025 on the topic, 'Emotional Resilience: Know your Emotions and how to Negotiate them', by Ms Garima Goyal, Energy, Emotion and Communication Coach.

A Valedictory cum Life Skill Workshop was held on April 7, 2025 on the topic 'How to Become Powerful' by Ms. Nirupama Subramanian, Co-Founder MDIP, Creator of Powerfulife, TedX Speaker, Author and Leadership facilitator.



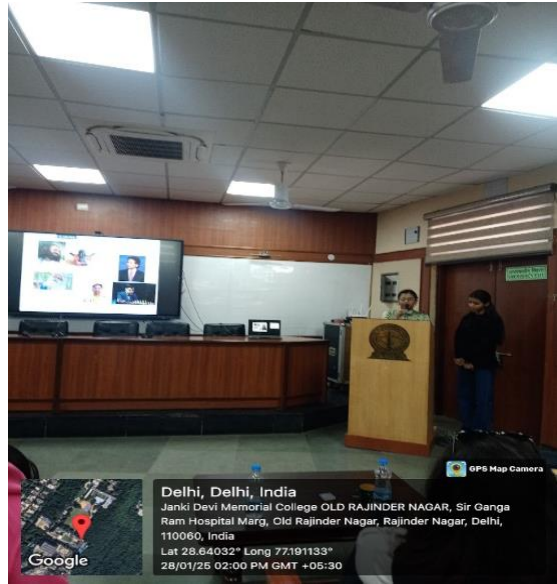
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## Shram Daan

The GSC students receiving scholarships contributed to college through Shram Daan or voluntary service between February and April 2025. This included volunteering for activities in college like gardening, library assistance and reading for visually challenged students in the Enabling Unit.



## Events and Activities:

### International Conference

Under the aegis of the Centre for Universal Values and Ethics, JDMC, the Gandhi Study Circle, as member, and along with Avani and Chetna organized and participated in a two-day International Conference on 'Indigenous Knowledge Systems and their relevance in Contemporary Times' sponsored by ICSSR on April 23-24, 2024. As a part of the conference, Avani conducted a plenary session on April 24, 2024 on 'Gandhian Philosophy and Indigenous Knowledge System'. The session had four speakers and was chaired by Dr Saumya Gupta, Department of History, JDMC. Prof Probal Roy Chowdhury, Dept of English, Director, Centre for New India Studies spoke on the theme 'Indigenous Education in the Eighteenth and Nineteenth Century India with special reference to Madras Presidency (1822-25 to 1934-35)' (online). Prof Vikas Gupta, Department of History, University of Delhi shared his insights on 'Textual and Experiential in Gandhian Learning: A Socio-Historical Perspective on Indian Knowledge System'. Prof Santosh Kumar Rai, Department of History, University of Delhi discussed 'Hand Spinning and Hand Weaving: Skills in Gandhian Perspective' and Dr Satyendra Srivastava, Department of Philosophy, Kirori Mal College, University of Delhi presented on 'Gandhian Notion of Seven Social Sins – An Ethical Reflection'. A parallel paper presentation session on the same theme was also held with eight presenters who presented and discussed a range of themes related to indigenous knowledge and Gandhian ethics.



## Orientation

On September 12, 2024, Gandhi Study Circle, JDMC hosted an Orientation session for new students. This session was inaugurated by the GSC Union President Ms Mantasha Imam who introduced the Gandhi Study Circle to the new students. The Orientation began with a brief overview of Gandhi's principles, particularly his commitment to non-violence (Ahimsa), truth (Satya), self-reliance (Swadeshi), and his vision for social and economic justice. The session further delved into the significance of GSC as a society and introduced students to its objectives, goals and activities. They were also informed about the GSC Financial Aid and Mentorship programmes. Attendees were encouraged to participate in the GSC's future activities. The event concluded with an introduction of the GSC Union and its core team. This session was joined by over 50 students. This orientation successfully laid the foundation for a deeper exploration of Gandhian principles and how they can be applied to address modern challenges.



## Gandhi Jayanti

On October 3, 2024, Gandhi Study Circle celebrated Gandhi Jayanti in memory of the father of the nation. This session was compered by GSC volunteers Himanshi and Sukhmanpreet. The session was inaugurated by our Principal Prof. Swati Pal who lighted the lamp and was felicitated by a planter. The event commenced with a solemn tribute to Mahatma Gandhi, where participants, including students, faculty, and community members, observed a two-minute silence to honor his memory and legacy. The event continued with a speech by the Principal who emphasized Gandhi's principles of non-violence (Ahimsa), truth (Satya), and self-reliance (Swadeshi). A short documentary on Mahatma Gandhi by Encyclopedia Britannica Films (EB) Films (1955) was screened followed by brief comments and discussion by Dr Natasha Nongbri and Dr Akanksha Kumar on Gandhi's influence on modern social and political movements. Prof Saumya Gupta concluded the event by highlighting the relevance of these ideals in contemporary society, encouraging participants to integrate these values into their daily lives. The event concluded with a pledge to uphold Mahatma Gandhi's values of peace, equality, and non-violence in all aspects of life. The celebration not only paid tribute to Gandhi's legacy but also inspired everyone to continue his mission of fostering harmony and justice in society.



## Letter to Bapu

An Intra-college Letter writing Competition titled 'Letter to Bapu' was organized on October 14, 2024. This was organized under the aegis of the Centre for Universal Values and Ethics. The competition invited students to write heartfelt letters addressing 'Bapu' or, 'Father of Nation', Mahatma Gandhi, sharing their views on contemporary issues and Gandhi's teachings. The event witnessed enthusiastic participation from students across various departments, all eager to express their thoughts on topics like non-violence, truth and social justice. The prize winners were :

- First Prize: Anjali [History (Hons) 2nd Year]
- Second Prize: Rajnandinee [BA (Prog.) 3rd Year]
- Third Prize : Annu [B.Com. (Hons) 2nd Year]



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(दिल्ली विश्वविद्यालय)

सार्वभौमिक मूल्य और नैतिकता केन्द्र एवं  
आईक्यूएसी के तत्वाधान में

**गांधी स्टडी सर्कल**  
द्वारा अयोजित

एक अंतर महाविद्यालय पत्र लेखन  
प्रतियोगिता

**विषय:-**  
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## Martyrs' Day

A lecture was organised on January 31, 2025 to commemorate Martyrs Day which was delivered by Prof. Dilip Simeon, an independent historian and public intellectual. He spoke on the theme 'Gandhi : Riddle or Compass? A personal encounter.' This lecture was organised under the aegis of the Centre for the Study of Indian Knowledge Systems (formerly the Centre for Universal Values and Ethics). Dr Simeon spoke about how he personally encountered Gandhi's ideas in his life and their relevance in the contemporary world. He emphasized more on Gandhi's idea of Ahimsa and explained how Gandhi's life was a message for all of us. The seminar concluded with Dr Simeon answering questions asked by students. The talk was an insightful one.

**JANKI DEVI MEMORIAL COLLEGE**  
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**GANDHI STUDY CIRCLE**  
Under the aegis of IQAC and Centre for the Study of  
Indian Knowledge Systems

**On the occasion of Martyrs' Day**  
*invites you to a lecture*  
by  
**PROF. DILIP SIMEON**  
Historian and Public Intellectual

**Topic- Gandhi: Riddle Or Compass?  
A Personal Encounter**

Date: 31st January 2025  
Time: 11 AM  
Venue: Seminar Hall

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| MANTASHA MAM<br>(President)       | DR. SAHAYA GUPTA<br>DR. NATASHA HONDIRI              | DR. PREENA ARORA<br>(CUVE Director) | PROF. PAYAL NAGPAL<br>(IQAC Coordinator) | PROF. SWATI PAL<br>(Principal) |
| KASHISH KASHI<br>(Vice President) | DR. KIRUSHI ALAM<br>DR. KALASH DEAN                  |                                     |  |                                |
|                                   | DR. AAKANSHA KUMAR<br>DR. ABHI<br>(Teacher Convener) |                                     |  |                                |

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## Gandhi Fellowship

The Gandhi Study Circle in collaboration with Piramal Foundation organised a session titled ‘A Journey of impact and growth: From JDMC to Gandhi Fellowship and beyond!’ on February 12, 2025. The speaker, Ms. Rakhi Malik, an alumna of JDMC spoke about the Gandhi Fellowship and the opportunities it offered and encouraged students to pursue such fellowships to gain new experiences and grow professionally.



## Annual Educational Trip to Gandhi Smriti Darshan Samiti

The Gandhi Study Circle, JDMC organised its annual educational trip to Birla House on April 26, 2025. Our group visited the historic Birla House, now known as Gandhi Smriti Darshan Samiti, located on Tees January Road, New Delhi. This site holds immense historical importance as it was the residence where Mahatma Gandhi spent the last 144 days of his life and was tragically assassinated on 30 January 1948. As we entered the premises, we were welcomed by a serene environment and an aura of peace. The museum houses a rich collection of photographs, relics, and paintings depicting important events from Gandhiji's life. We walked along side the preserved path, marked with footsteps, which Gandhi ji took to his evening prayer on the day of his assassination. The exact spot where he fell, marked by a memorial pillar, was a deeply emotional experience. Inside the house, we explored his simple room, left untouched, with only the bare essentials — a mattress, spinning wheel, a low writing table, and a few of his personal belongings. The multimedia exhibits and the Eternal Gandhi Multimedia Museum were especially engaging, offering an interactive experience and journey of his life. Overall, the visit to Birla House was a profoundly inspiring experience. We also met vice chairperson of Birla house, Shri Vijay Goel who provided a closer glimpse of Mahatma Gandhi's life and talked about the relevance of his ideals even today.

